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the twinkle(s) in my eye.....**

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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Transition metal-catalyzed processes have been proven to be extremely useful for the synthesis of a wide variety of hetero- and carboannulated ring systems. Palladium-based methodologies are especially convenient, since the metal complexes accommodate a number of different functional groups, are not generally moisture or oxygen sensitive, and catalyze some very novel transformations in good yield.

Recent work in the Larock group has shown that the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes with appropriately substituted aryl iodides provides a simple route to indoles, benzofurans, benzopyrans, isoquinolines, isocoumarins, and indenenes. This dissertation serves to expand and improve the synthetic scope of this methodology and is organized into five different papers that are suitable for publication. The author of this manuscript was the primary investigator and author for each paper.

### Dissertation Organization

Chapter 1 concerns the synthesis of indenones from *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzaldehydes via the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes. The reaction provides easy entry to the indenone nucleus, possibly through a Pd(IV) intermediate, but the regiochemistry of the product must be controlled sterically and isomerization is a problem with certain indenones.

Chapter 2 describes the synthesis of isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -pyrones from appropriately substituted esters via the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes. The reaction regiochemistry must again be controlled sterically and the reaction is thought to proceed through a seven-membered palladacyclic salt. The  $\alpha$ -pyrone synthesis represents the first example of annulation onto internal alkynes by vinylic halides or triflates.

Chapter 3 is a publication describing the extension of this methodology to a variety of different aromatic heterocycles. The significant contributions made by the author include the regioselective synthesis and desilylation of more hindered silylated benzofurans and the synthesis of isochromenes from *o*-iodobenzyl alcohols.

Chapter 4 examines the synthesis of phenanthrenes from *o*-iodobiphenyl by the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes. The reaction represents a new, efficient route to the phenanthrene substructure and could possibly be extended to other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The mechanism of the reaction is believed to involve either electrophilic palladation onto an aromatic ring or oxidative insertion into an aryl C-H bond by a vinylic palladium intermediate.

Chapter 5 involves the synthesis of other miscellaneous hetero- and carbocycles from vinylic halides, an expansion of the  $\alpha$ -pyrone chemistry mentioned in Chapter 2. Although the chemistry provides a simple route to a number of useful organic substructures, it currently requires the use of cyclic vinylic halides to obtain annulated products in good yield.

The general conclusion will discuss the current scope and limitations of the methodology by examining the common threads that tie all the chapters together.

Finally, a compilation of pertinent  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are contained in appendices A-E of this manuscript. These same supplementary spectra are also available through the American Chemical Society as described at the end of each chapter.

## CHAPTER 1: SYNTHESIS OF INDENONES VIA PALLADIUM-CATALYZED ANNULATION OF INTERNAL ALKYNES

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### Abstract

A number of 2,3-disubstituted-1-indenones have been prepared in fair to good yields by treating *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzaldehyde with various internal alkynes in the presence of a palladium catalyst. Synthetically, the methodology provides an especially convenient route to stable hindered indenones containing aryl, silyl, and *tert*-alkyl groups. The reaction is believed to proceed through a palladium(IV) intermediate, and the regiochemistry of the reaction is controlled sterically.

### Introduction

Indenones are useful intermediates in the synthesis of a variety of molecules, including the *C*-nor-*D*-homosteroid ring system,<sup>1</sup> photochromic indenone oxides,<sup>2</sup> 2,4- and 3,4-

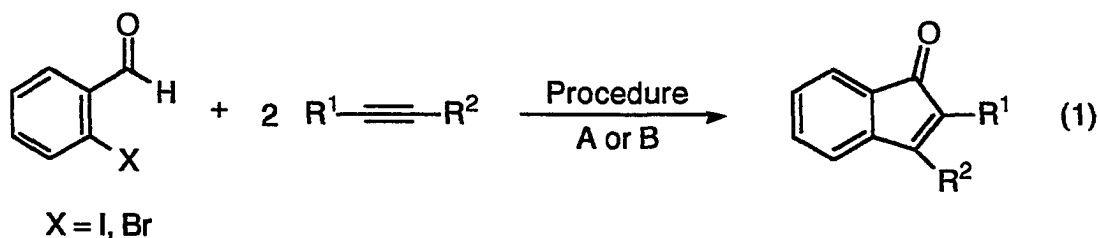
disubstituted-1-naphthols,<sup>3</sup> gibberellins,<sup>4</sup> indanones,<sup>5</sup> and indenenes.<sup>6</sup> Indenones themselves have also been used as alcoholic fermentation activators,<sup>7</sup> fungicides,<sup>8</sup> and potential estrogen binding receptors.<sup>9</sup> Among the most recent synthetic targets have been the hindered fungicidally active 2-cyano-3-alkyl-1-indenones<sup>8</sup> and various 2,3-diaryl-1-indenones.<sup>3,9-11</sup>

Although traditional indenone syntheses have largely relied upon Friedel-Crafts-type cyclizations and the addition of Grignard reagents to 2-substituted indanediones, a number of organometallic approaches utilizing alkynes have been reported over the last few years. These approaches tend to be stoichiometric in the metal and/or use carbon monoxide to form the carbonyl group of the indenone. Many different metal complexes have been employed, including nickel,<sup>12</sup> rhodium,<sup>13</sup> iron,<sup>14</sup> manganese,<sup>15</sup> and palladium.<sup>10-12</sup>

Heck first reported the palladium-catalyzed formation of 2,3-diphenyl-1-indenone from *o*-iodobenzaldehyde and diphenylacetylene as a single example in 1989.<sup>10</sup> A stoichiometric approach to 2,3-disubstituted-1-indenones from (*o*-formylaryl)mercury and -palladium complexes and internal alkynes has also been recently reported.<sup>11</sup> Because of our own current interest in this type of annulation process,<sup>16-19</sup> we have explored the scope and limitations of this chemistry and wish now to report improved reaction conditions for the palladium-catalyzed synthesis of a wide variety of 2,3-disubstituted-1-indenones.

## Results and Discussion

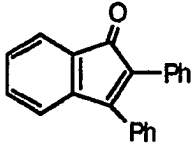
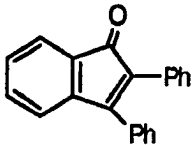
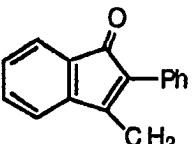
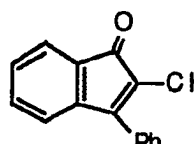
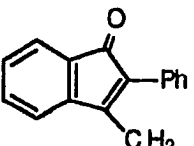
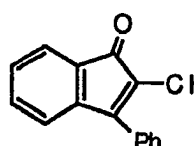
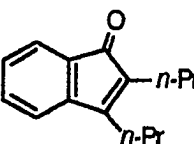
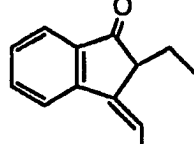
We have developed two general procedures for the annulation of internal alkynes by *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzaldehyde, the use of which depends on the alkyne undergoing annulation: procedure A, 5 mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 4 equiv of NaOAc, 1 equiv of *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl, 10 ml of DMF at 100 °C; procedure B, 5 mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 1 or 4 equiv of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 1 equiv of *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl, 10 ml of *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMA) at 100 °C (eq. 1). Our results using these procedures are summarized in Table 1. Procedure A works well for diarylalkynes (entries 1,

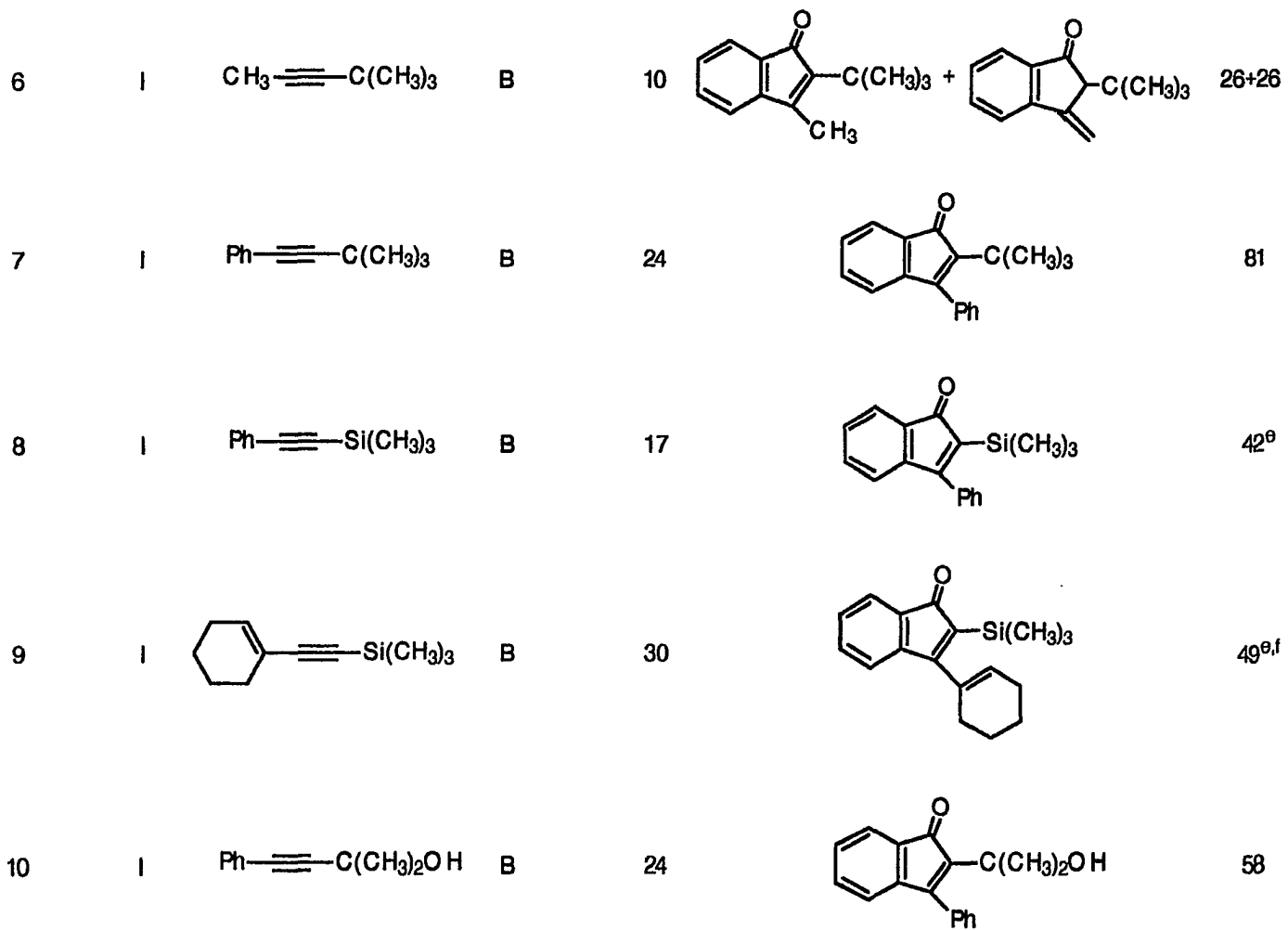


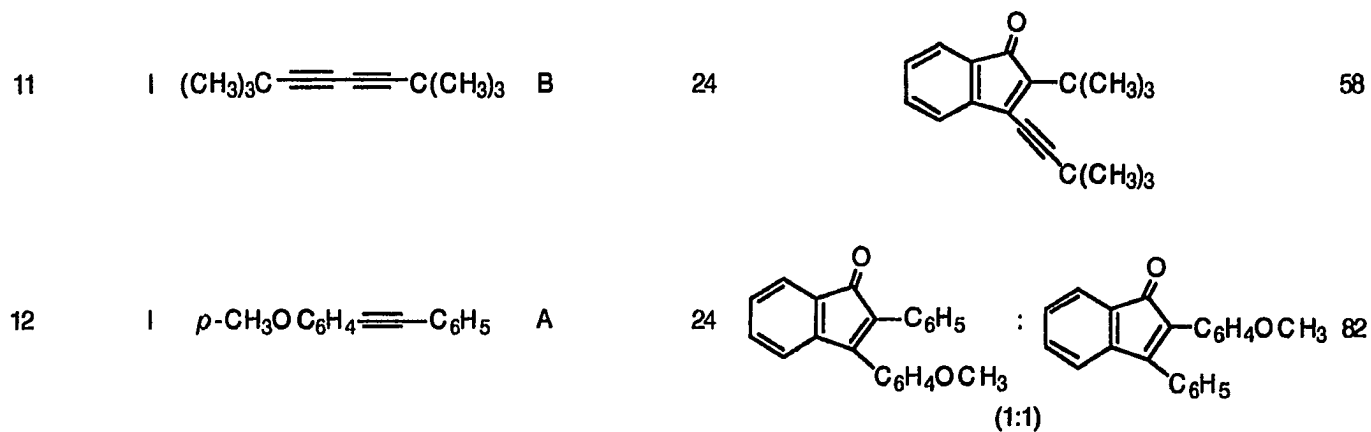
2, and 12) and provides an 84% isolated yield of 2,3-diphenyl-1-indenone, a 26% improvement in yield over the previously reported procedure.<sup>10</sup> Procedure B seems to be a more general procedure for a variety of alkynes containing aryl, silyl, and *tert*-alkyl groups (entries 3-11). Either *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzaldehyde can be employed successfully in the annulation process, although the iodide generally provides slightly higher indenone yields and fewer side products. Although the majority of reactions have been run on a 0.5 mmol scale, increasing the scale to 5.0 mmol for the transformation depicted in entry 10 of Table 1 resulted in an almost identical yield (55% versus 58%).

Isomerization of the product is a problem with certain indenones. Isomerization to  $\beta,\gamma$ -enones is observed with some indenones bearing a primary alkyl group in the 3-position (entries 5 and 6). The  $\beta,\gamma$ -enones are relatively unstable and this type of isomerization is known to occur under a variety of conditions during the synthesis of indenones.<sup>2,7,9</sup> The ease of isomerization has been attributed to indenone antiaromaticity and a number of different mechanisms have been postulated for the isomerization depending on the reaction conditions. The rate of isomerization was dependent on the indenone being formed. 2-Phenyl-3-methyl-1-indenone isomerized at such a slow rate that the resultant  $\beta,\gamma$ -enone showed up only after a few days, whereas 2,3-di-*n*-propyl-1-indenone and 2-*tert*-butyl-3-methyl-1-indenone rapidly isomerized to a mixture within minutes. The latter indenone, possessing a bulky group in the 2-position isomerized more extensively, possibly due to a relief in strain (entry 6).

**Table 1. Synthesis of Indenones from *o*-Halobenzaldehydes and Internal Alkynes (eq.1)**

entry	halide (X)	alkyne	procedure <sup>a</sup>	time (h)	product(s) <sup>b</sup>	yield (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	I	Ph—C≡C—Ph	A	13		84
2	Br	Ph—C≡C—Ph	A	36		82
3	I	Ph—C≡C—CH <sub>3</sub>	B	1.5	 :  (1:1)	62
4	Br	Ph—C≡C—CH <sub>3</sub>	B	1	 :  (1:1)	56
5	I	<i>n</i> -Pr—C≡C— <i>n</i> -Pr	B	3	 + 	52+26 <sup>d</sup>





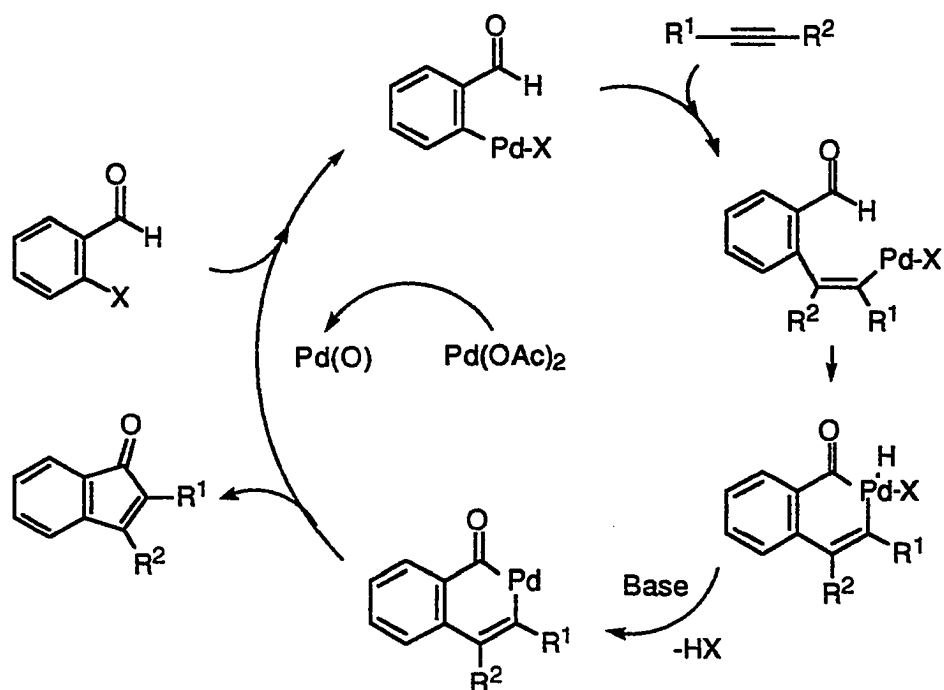
<sup>a</sup> See the text and experimental section for the detailed procedures. <sup>b</sup> A colon (:) indicates that the products were inseparable and a plus (+) indicates that they were separated. <sup>c</sup> Yields refer to isolated compounds purified by chromatography. <sup>d</sup> The second compound is tentatively assigned based on a crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum and its yield is based on GC measurements. <sup>e</sup> One equiv of base used. <sup>f</sup> Temperature is 80 °C.



This annulation process is highly regioselective for alkynes containing tertiary alkyl, trimethylsilyl, or other hindered groups, with the major isomer having the more sterically demanding group in the 2-position of the indenone (entries 6-11). Less hindered alkynes, such as 1-phenyl-1-propyne, tend to produce a 1:1 mixture of regioisomers (entries 3 and 4). Electronic effects through aromatic rings appear to be minimal (entry 12). The regiochemistry was established for the products of entries 3,<sup>12</sup> 6,<sup>12</sup> and 12<sup>20</sup> by comparison with known compounds, and was determined by subsequent desilylation for the silyl derivatives (see below). On the basis of these results, the regiochemistry shown was assumed for the products of entries 7, 10, and 11. The reported <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for 3-phenyl-1-indenone was inconsistent with the spectrum obtained after desilylation of the product of entry 8.<sup>21</sup> The reported position for the 2-proton was at a chemical shift greater than 7.1 ppm. The proton shift observed for the compound described here was at 6.0 ppm, in agreement with those of other known indenones.<sup>1,12,22</sup>

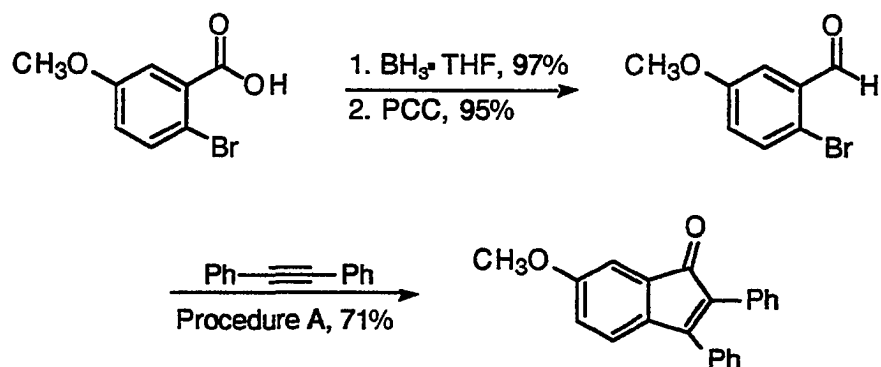
We believe that this annulation process proceeds as shown in Scheme 1: (1) reduction of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> to the actual catalyst Pd(O), (2) oxidative addition of the aryl halide to Pd(O), (3) arylpalladium coordination to the alkyne and then insertion of the alkyne to form a vinylpalladium intermediate, (4) a second oxidative insertion into the aldehyde C-H bond to form a palladium(IV) intermediate, (5) elimination of HX by base, and (6) regeneration of the Pd(O) catalyst by reductive elimination to the indenone. A similar mechanism involving oxidative addition of an aldehyde to an organopalladium(II) intermediate has been proposed for the palladium-catalyzed reactions of *o*-bromobenzaldehyde with methyl acrylate.<sup>23</sup> Another possible mechanism involves addition of the C-Pd bond of the vinylpalladium intermediate across the C=O bond of the aldehyde to produce a palladium(II) alkoxide, followed by β-hydride elimination. However, there does not appear to be any precedent for either of these steps.

Although the synthetic applications of this process are somewhat limited in scope due to

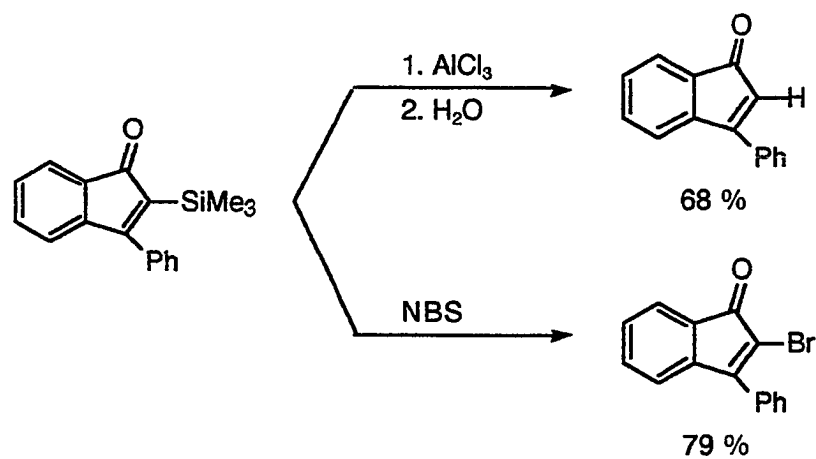
**Scheme 1**

isomerization and a lack of regiochemical control, this chemistry proves to be very convenient and useful for the synthesis of some indenones that are difficult to obtain by traditional methods.<sup>1</sup> For example, 2,3-diphenyl-6-methoxy-1-indenone was readily prepared regioselectively in 65% overall yield from commercially available 2-bromo-5-methoxybenzoic acid, employing our alkyne annulation as the key step (Scheme 2). This compound has previously been prepared as a potential estrogen binding receptor from 3-methoxybenzoic acid in 23% overall yield as a 16:1 mixture of regioisomers via cyclodehydration.<sup>24</sup>

The silyl-substituted indenones are also synthetically useful, as the silyl moiety can be removed or readily converted to other functional groups. For example, 3-phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1-indenone was easily converted to 3-phenyl-1-indenone in the presence of aluminum chloride, followed by water, or brominated to produce 2-bromo-3-phenyl-1-

**Scheme 2**

indenone using NBS (Scheme 3).

**Scheme 3**

In conclusion, a useful synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted-1-indenones has been developed using the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes by *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzaldehyde. The procedure utilizes readily available starting materials. The reactions proceed under relatively mild conditions, and give fair to good indenone yields. Although the

reaction is somewhat limited in scope synthetically, it is particularly suited for the synthesis of hindered alkyl, aryl, or silyl 2,3-disubstituted-1-indenones and allows the regiochemistry of the aryl ring of the indenone to be readily controlled, alleviating a problem frequently encountered during traditional Friedel-Crafts type cyclizations and 2-substituted indanedione chemistry.<sup>1,8,9,20</sup>

### Experimental Section

**General.** All  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz respectively. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using commercially prepared 60 mesh silica gel plates (Whatman K6F), and visualization was effected with short wavelength UV light (254 nm), or basic  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution [3 g  $\text{KMnO}_4$  + 20 g  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  + 5 ml  $\text{NaOH}$  (5%) + 300 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ]. All melting points are uncorrected.

**Reagents.** All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous forms of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaOAc}$ , and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  were purchased from Fischer-Scientific. All palladium compounds were donated by Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Kawaken Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. 2-Bromobenzaldehyde, 2-iodobenzyl alcohol, 4-iodoanisole, phenylacetylene, 1-phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 1-(1-cyclohexenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 2-chloro-2-methylpropane, borane-THF,  $\text{CuI}$ , NBS, and PCC were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc. 1-Phenyl-1-propyne, 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne, and 4-octyne were purchased from Farchan Scientific Co. Diphenylacetylene was purchased from Eastman Kodak Co. 2-Bromo-5-methoxybenzoic acid was purchased from Lancaster Synthesis, Inc. The following starting materials were prepared.

**2-Iodobenzaldehyde.** 2-Iodobenzyl alcohol (11.5 g, 0.05 mol) and PCC (15.75 g, 0.075 mol) were vigorously stirred in 100 ml of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at rt for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with 400 ml ether and filtered through Florisil. The solvent was evaporated under

reduced pressure and the resulting solid was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 93% of the desired compound as a white solid with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>25</sup>

**2-Bromo-5-methoxybenzaldehyde.** To 2-bromo-5-methoxybenzoic acid (0.5 g, 2.17 mmol) in THF (1 ml) purged with N<sub>2</sub> and cooled to 0 °C was added borane-THF (2.85 mmol) over a period of 10 min. After 5 h, the reaction was quenched with 1.3 ml of a 1:1 THF/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture and the aqueous phase was saturated with 0.55 g of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with 3 x 10 ml of ether and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield 0.46 g (97%) of 2-bromo-5-methoxybenzyl alcohol as a clear liquid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.03 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.80 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.71 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 3, 8.7 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.06 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, aryl). This alcohol (0.46 g, 2.13 mmol) and PCC (1.34 g, 6.23 mmol) were stirred at rt for 10 h in 8.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was diluted with 40 ml ether and filtered through Celite. The organic phase was concentrated by evaporation of the solvent at reduced pressure to yield a brown solid. EtOAc was added to the solid and the solution was filtered through silica gel to yield 0.43 g (95%) of the desired compound as a white solid (mp 75-76 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.76 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 3, 8.7 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.33 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 10.22 (s, 1 H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 55.7, 112.6, 117.9, 123.0, 133.8, 134.5, 159.2, 191.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1699 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum *m/z* 213.9633 (calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Br, 213.9630).

***tert*-Butylphenylacetylene.**<sup>26</sup> AlCl<sub>3</sub> (0.114 g, 0.086 mmol) was placed in 25 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> under N<sub>2</sub> at -78 °C. 1-Phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (1.5 g, 8.6 mmol) and 2-chloro-2-methylpropane (1.59 g, 17.24 mmol) in 25 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added dropwise. The reaction was complete in 4.25 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water, extracted with ether, and filtered through Florisil. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and

vacuum distillation (104 °C/24 mm Hg) afforded 0.89 g (65%) of a clear liquid whose spectral data were identical with previous reports.<sup>27</sup>

**4-Methoxydiphenylacetylene.**<sup>28</sup> 4-Iodoanisole (2.34 g, 10 mmol), phenylacetylene (1.02 g, 10 mmol), CuI (17.3 mg, 0.09 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (6.7 mg, 0.0095 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub> (11.7 mg, 0.045 mmol), and diethylamine (60 ml) were stirred for 3 d at rt. The reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with 100 ml ether, extracted with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to give 1.45 g of the desired compound with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>29</sup>

**General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed Formation of 2,3-Disubstituted Indenones.** Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (6 mg, 0.027 mmol), the base (2.0 mmol unless otherwise noted), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl (150 mg, 0.54 mmol, Lancaster), the aldehyde (0.5 mmol), and the alkyne (1 mmol) were placed in a 4 dram vial which was heated in an oil bath at 100 °C for the necessary period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC (15:1 hexane/EtOAc) to establish completion. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with 30 ml ether, washed with 2 x 45 ml portions of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure (may have contained a small amount of solvent) and the product was isolated by chromatography on a silica gel column. The following compounds were prepared by the above procedure.

**2,3-Diphenyl-1-indenone (Entries 1 and 2, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 2:1 hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to afford the desired compound with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>10</sup>

**2-Methyl-3-phenyl-1-indenone and 2-Phenyl-3-methyl-1-indenone (Entries 3 and 4, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1

hexane/EtOAc to yield a 1:1 mixture of phenylmethyindenones with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>12</sup>

**2,3-Di-*n*-propyl-1-indenone (Entry 5, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 25:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (sextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.64 (sextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.13 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.2-7.4 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.2, 14.5, 21.2, 22.5, 24.8, 28.2, 118.9, 121.8, 127.8, 131.1, 133.1, 134.7, 145.8, 157.6, 198.5; IR (neat) 1703 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum *m/z* 214.1356 (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 214.1358).

**2-*n*-Propyl-3-propylidene-1-indanone (Entry 5, Table 1).** The structure of this apparently unstable compound was tentatively assigned based on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture. It possessed an R<sub>f</sub> slightly lower than that of the indenone and partially decomposed to a red, very low R<sub>f</sub> material during chromatography.<sup>9</sup> The isolated compound was contaminated with a small amount of the corresponding indanone and the yield is based on GC measurements.

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-methyl-1-indenone (Entry 6, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 25:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield the desired compound with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>12</sup>

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-methylidene-1-indanone (Entry 6, Table 1).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.00 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.82 (s, 1 H, CH), 5.28 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 5.87 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, vinyl), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.72 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.1, 35.2, 61.1, 109.7, 120.5, 122.9, 128.9, 134.6, 137.3, 143.3, 149.9, 205.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1710 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum *m/z* 200.1200 (calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O, 200.1201).

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-phenyl-1-indenone (Entry 7, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a yellow solid (mp 114-116 °C, from *n*-hexane):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.16 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.47 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.0-7.6 (m, 8 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  30.6, 33.6, 120.3, 121.7, 127.8, 128.03, 128.08, 128.1, 129.8, 133.3, 135.3, 141.4, 147.6, 153.9, 198.4; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1699 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; mass spectrum  $m/z$  262.1362 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ , 262.1358).

**3-Phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1-indenone (Entry 8, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield an orange oil:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.05 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.87 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.2-7.6 (m, 8 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.15, 120.7, 122.1, 127.5, 128.3, 129.00, 129.04, 132.2, 132.9, 134.6, 134.8, 147.1, 170.6, 201.6; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1697 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; mass spectrum  $m/z$  278.1126 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSi}$ , 278.1127).

**3-(1-Cyclohexenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1-indenone (Entry 9, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 25:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a yellow oil:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.23 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.75 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.2 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.78 (m, 1 H, vinyl), 7.02 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.20 (dt,  $J = 0.9, 6.9$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.31 (dt,  $J = 1.2, 6.6$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.40 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.05, 21.8, 22.3, 24.9, 28.1, 120.2, 121.8, 126.6, 128.7, 132.2, 132.5, 132.8, 133.3, 146.6, 173.7, 202.2; IR (neat) 1697 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; mass spectrum  $m/z$  282.1437 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSi}$ , 282.1440).

**2-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-1-indenone (Entry 10, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield an orange-yellow solid (mp 103-104 °C, from *n*-hexane):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.35 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.00 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.64 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.1-7.6 (m, 8 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  30.5, 71.1, 121.2, 122.4, 127.3, 128.5, 128.5, 128.6, 129.7, 133.5, 133.9, 138.3, 146.7, 153.9,



199.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3500 (OH), 1697 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum m/z 264.1145 (calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 264.1150). This reaction gave a 55% isolated yield when run on a 5.0 mmol scale.

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-(*tert*-butylethynyl)-1-indenone (Entry 11, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 25:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield an orange solid (mp 95-97 °C, from ethanol): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.37 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.1-7.4 (m, 4 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.0, 29.6, 30.4, 33.9, 74.1, 118.2, 119.5, 121.2, 128.3, 130.0, 133.4, 135.9, 144.0, 145.8, 197.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1697 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum m/z 266.1667 (calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 266.1671).

**2-(*p*-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-1-indenone and 3-(*p*-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1-indenone (Entry 12, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a 1:1 mixture of indenones with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>20</sup>

**2,3-Diphenyl-6-methoxy-1-indenone.** This compound was isolated in 71% yield after 30 h from the reaction of 2-bromo-5-methoxybenzaldehyde with diphenylacetylene using procedure A. The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 2:1 hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to yield the desired compound with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>24</sup>

**3-Phenyl-1-indenone.** 3-Phenyl-2-trimethylsilyl-1-indenone (44 mg, 0.158 mmol) and AlCl<sub>3</sub> (23 mg, 0.172 mmol) were stirred in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (dried over 4 Å sieves) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> and the temperature was raised to rt after 3.5 h. After 6 h, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with ether. The ether solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 68% of the desired compound as an orange-yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.01 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 7.26-7.7 (m, 9 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 121.5, 122.6, 122.9, 127.3, 128.9, 129.2, 130.4, 132.3, 132.8, 133.0, 143.9, 162.7, 197.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1699 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum m/z 206.0727 (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O, 206.0732).

**2-Bromo-3-phenyl-1-indenone.** 3-Phenyl-2-trimethylsilyl-1-indenone (61 mg, 0.219 mmol) and NBS (78 mg, 0.44 mmol) were refluxed in 5.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (dried over 4 Å sieves) for 52 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated, ether was added to the mixture, and the residual solid was decanted. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 48.9 mg (79%) of the desired compound as an orange solid (mp 112-113 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.1-7.7 (m, 9 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 117.9, 121.2, 123.6, 128.1, 128.6, 128.8, 129.8, 130.2, 131.0, 133.7, 144.4, 156.7, 189.7 ; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1717 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass spectrum *m/z* 283.9835 (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OBr<sup>79</sup>, 283.9837).

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## CHAPTER 2: SYNTHESIS OF ISOCOUMARINS AND $\alpha$ -PYRONES VIA PALLADIUM-CATALYZED ANNULATION OF INTERNAL ALKYNES

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### Abstract

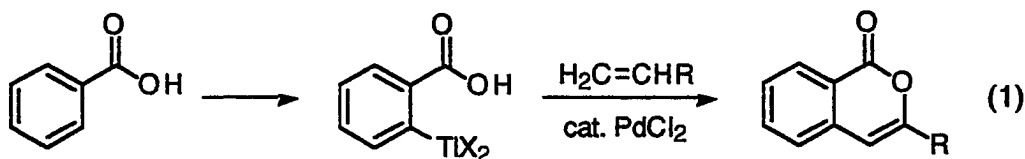
A number of 3,4-disubstituted isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -pyrones have been prepared in good yields by treating halogen- or triflate- containing aromatic and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters respectively, with internal alkynes in the presence of a palladium catalyst. Synthetically, the methodology provides an especially simple and convenient, regioselective route to isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -pyrones containing aryl, silyl, ester, *tert*-alkyl and other hindered groups. The reaction is believed to proceed through a seven-membered palladacyclic salt in which the regiochemistry of the reaction is controlled by steric factors.

### Introduction

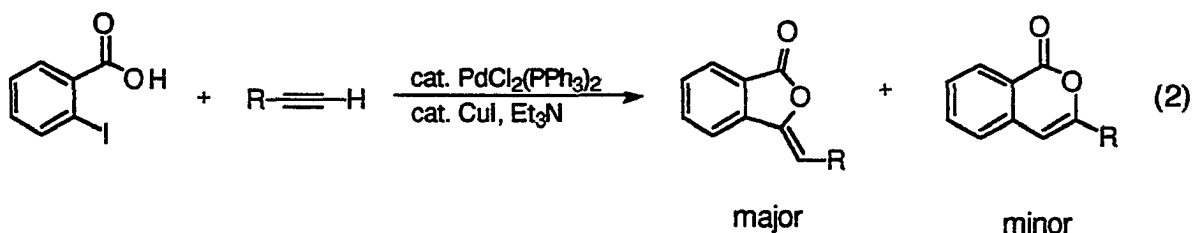
Isocoumarins<sup>1</sup> and  $\alpha$ -pyrones<sup>2</sup> are useful intermediates in the synthesis of a variety of important hetero- and carbocyclic molecules, including isocarbostyrils, isoquinolines, isochromenes, pyridones, and various aromatic compounds. These carbon skeletons also occur

as structural subunits in numerous natural products that exhibit a wide range of biological activity.<sup>3,4</sup>

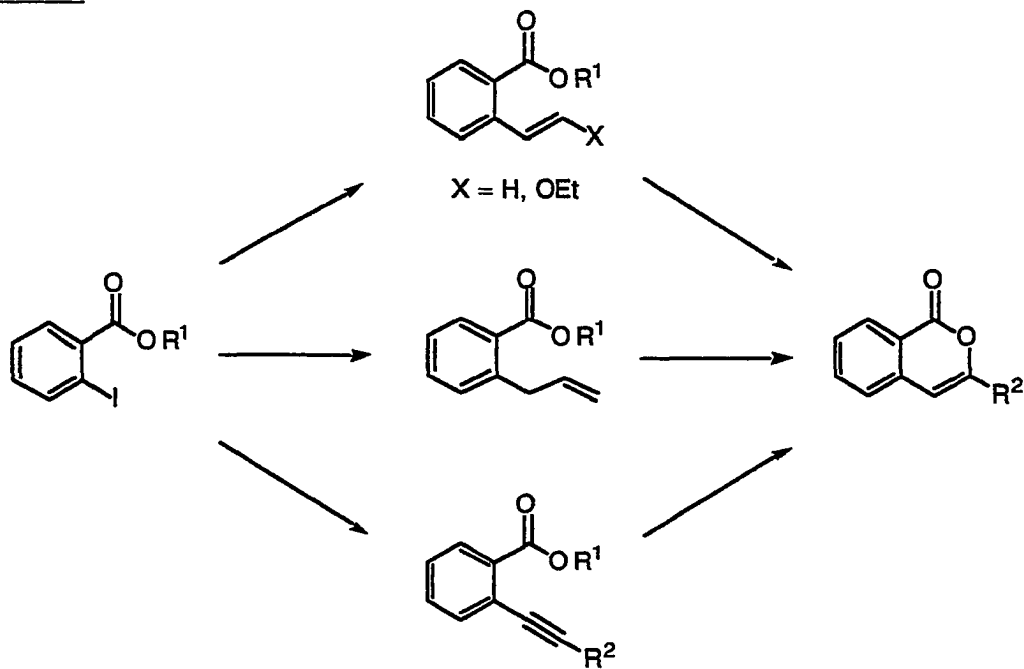
Although traditional approaches to the synthesis of these ring systems have been diverse,<sup>5,6</sup> a number of organometallic approaches utilizing palladium have been reported over the last few years. Isocoumarins have been prepared by the *ortho*-thallation of benzoic acids and subsequent palladium-catalyzed olefination using simple olefins, allylic halides and vinylic halides or esters (eq. 1).<sup>7</sup> Unsubstituted or 3-substituted isocoumarins have been prepared by



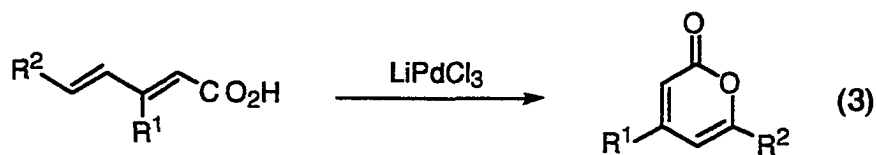
the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 2-halobenzoate esters or 2-halobenzonitriles with alkenes,<sup>8</sup> vinylic stannanes,<sup>9</sup> or terminal alkynes,<sup>10</sup> and subsequent cyclization, or  $\pi$ -allylnickel cross-coupling and palladium-catalyzed cyclization<sup>11</sup> (Scheme 1). Attempts to couple *o*-iodobenzoic acid and terminal alkynes produced unsaturated phthalides as major products and only minor amounts of the 3-substituted isocoumarins (eq. 2).<sup>12</sup>



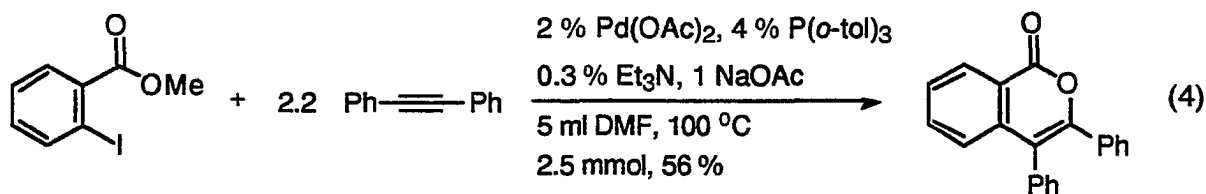
$\alpha$ -Pyrones have been synthesized by the cyclization of open chain penta-2,4-dienoic

**Scheme 1**

acids using lithium chloropalladite (eq. 3)<sup>13</sup> or formed as unstable multi-insertion products from the reaction of palladium complexes with internal alkynes.<sup>14</sup>



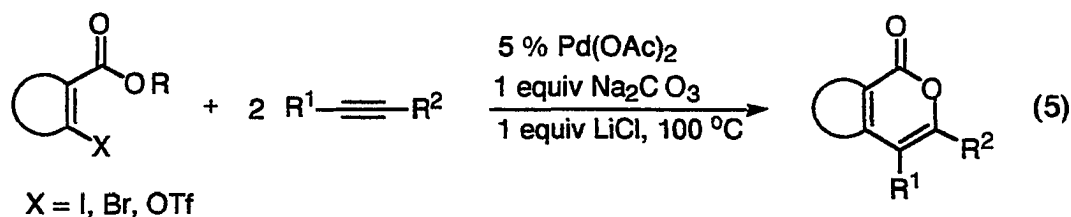
In 1989 Heck reported the direct formation of 3,4-diphenylisocoumarin in 56% yield from the palladium-catalyzed coupling of methyl 2-iodobenzoate and diphenylacetylene (eq. 4).<sup>15</sup> Di-*p*-anisylacetylene and 1-phenyl-1-hexyne afforded only 38% and 29% yields respectively of the corresponding isocoumarins. Because of our own interest in this type of annulation process,<sup>16</sup> we have explored the scope and limitations of this chemistry and now



wish to report reaction conditions for the synthesis of a variety of 3,4-disubstituted isocoumarins and extension of this process to the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -pyrones.

### Results and Discussion

We have developed a simple procedure for the annulation of internal alkynes by appropriate halogen- or triflate substituted esters as shown below (eq. 5). Our results using this



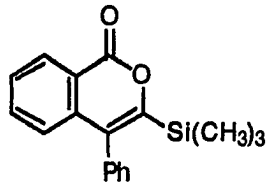
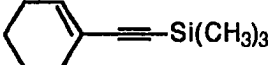
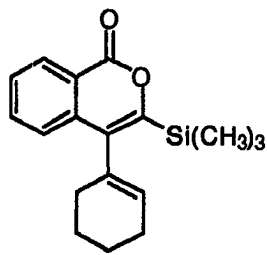
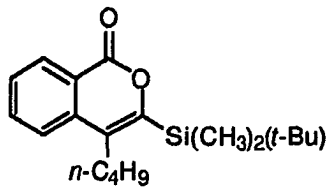
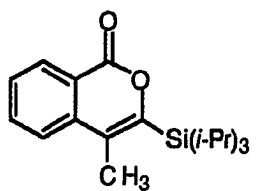
procedure for the synthesis of isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -pyrones are summarized in Table 1.

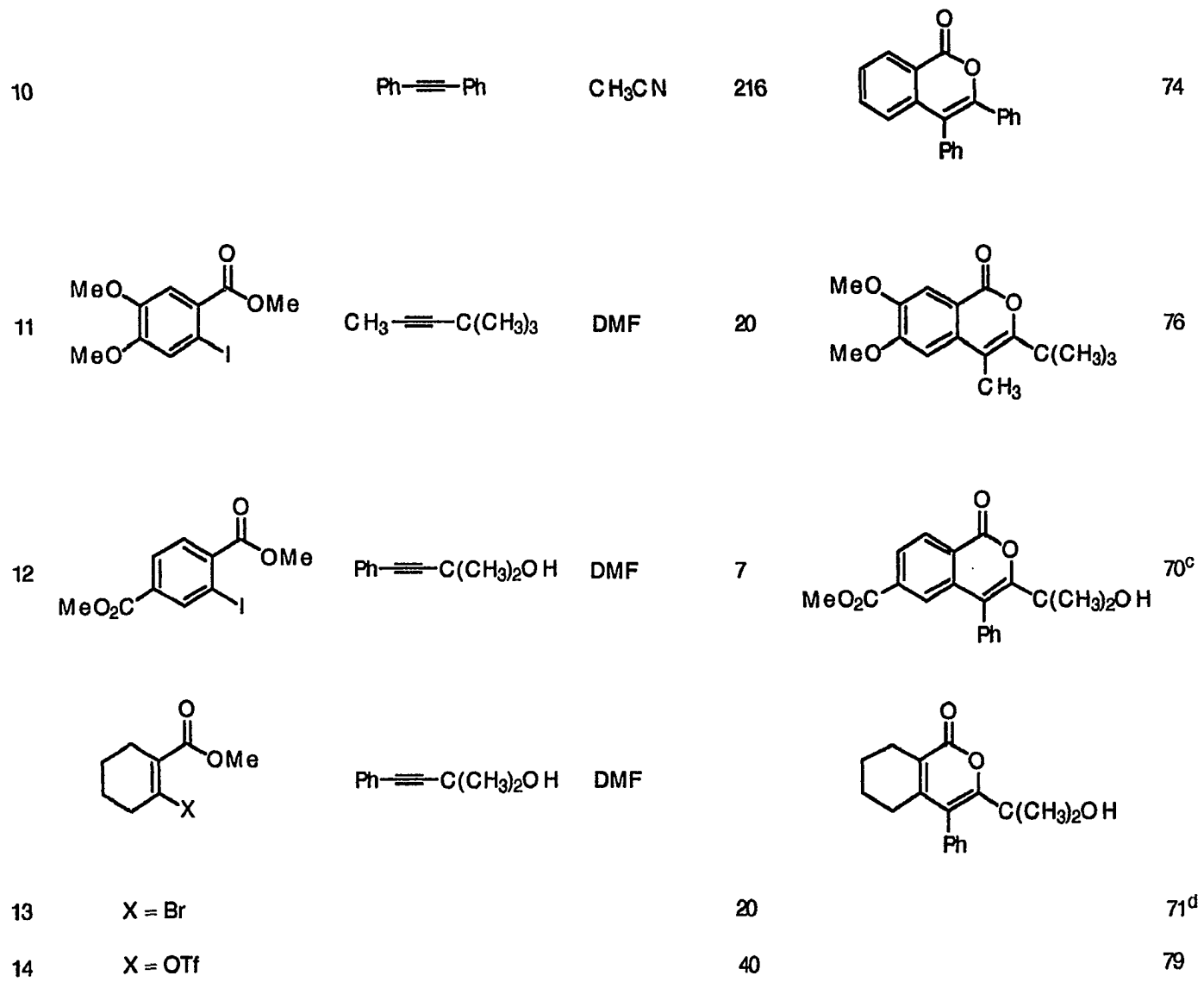
Isocoumarins can be prepared from either *o*-iodo- or *o*-bromobenzoate esters, although the *o*-iodobenzoate esters generally provide shorter reaction times and higher yields (entries 1 and 2, Table 1). The corresponding aryl triflate was also reacted with similar alkynes under these same conditions, but failed to produce any isocoumarin product, even after 6 days (entry 3, Table 1). Surprisingly, the nature of the R group on the ester had very little effect on the reaction rate or product yield as shown in equation 6. Even the neopentyl, phenyl, and

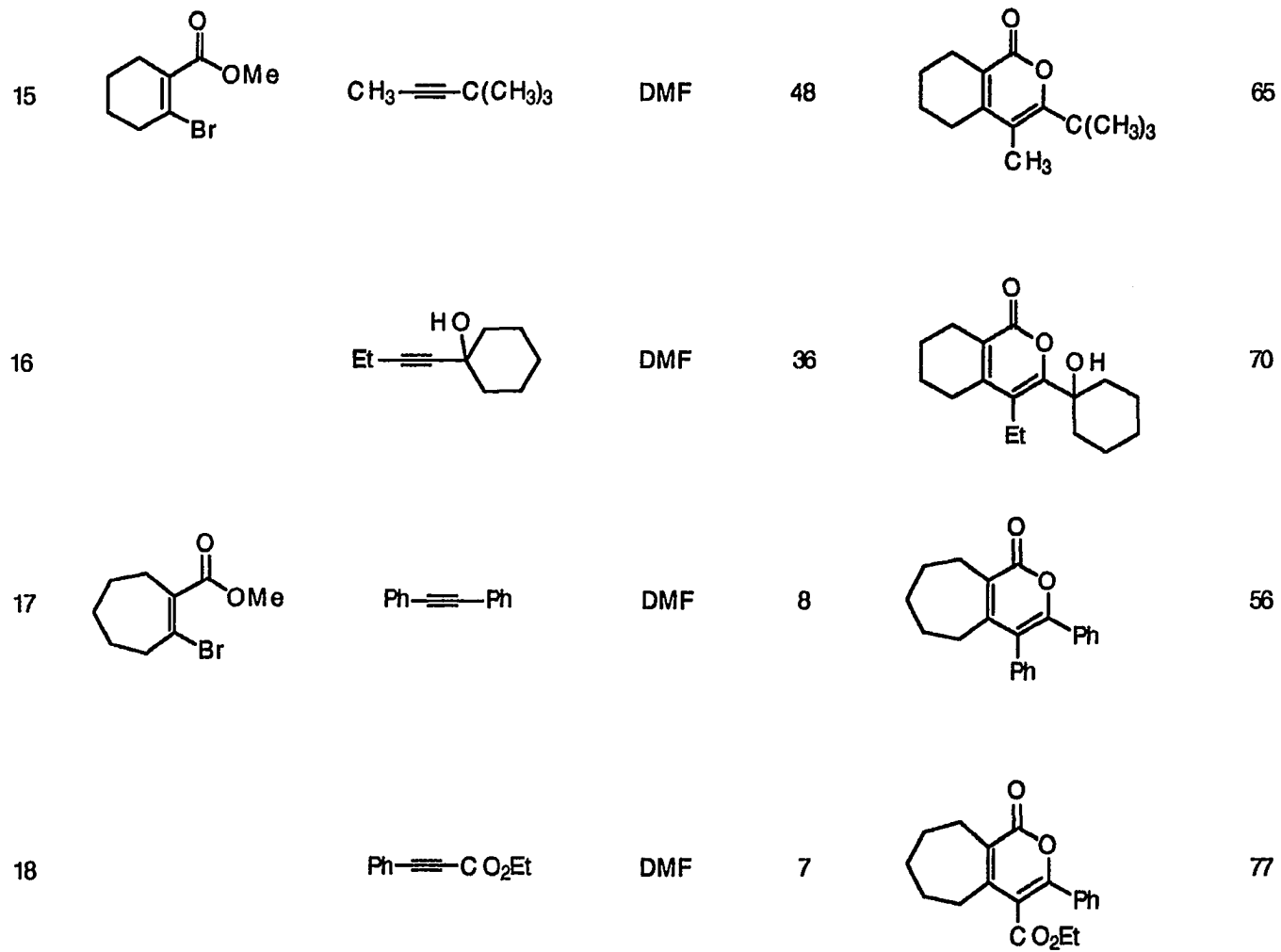


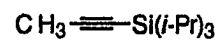
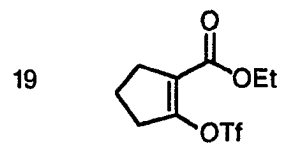
**Table 1. Synthesis of Isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -Pyrone Via Annulation of Internal Alkynes (eq. 5)<sup>a</sup>**

entry	ester	alkyne	solvent	time (h)	product(s)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
		$\text{CH}_3\text{—}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	DMF			
1	X = I			24		72
2	X = Br			96		31
3	X = OTf			144		0
		$\text{Ph—}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OH}$	DMF			
4				40		77
			DMF			
5				48		63

6	$\text{Ph}-\text{C}\equiv\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	84		63
7		$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	84		51
8	$n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9-\text{C}\equiv\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2(t\text{-Bu})$	DMF	30		72
9	$\text{CH}_3-\text{C}\equiv\text{Si}(i\text{-Pr})_3$	DMF	24		76

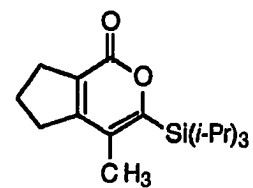






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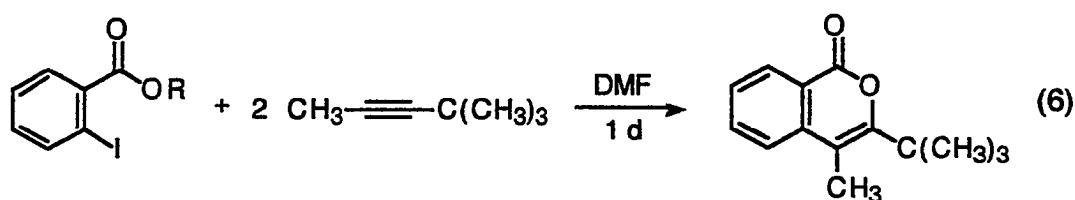
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<sup>a</sup> See the text and Experimental Section for the detailed procedures. <sup>b</sup> Yields refer to isolated compounds purified by chromatography. <sup>c</sup> 10% Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was used. <sup>d</sup> Two equivalents of base were used.



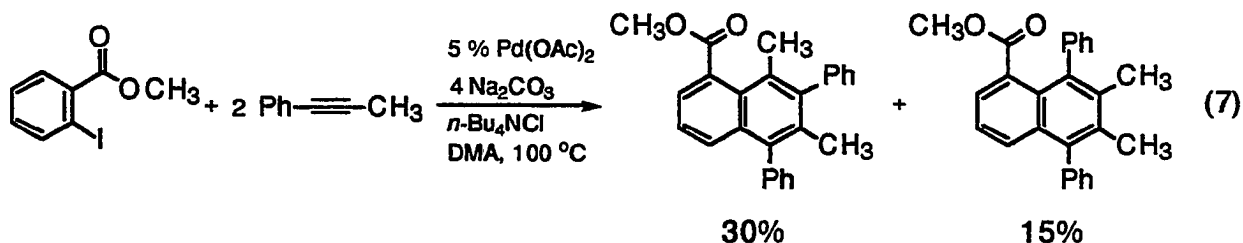
R = Me, 72 %; Et, 68 %; *i*-Pr, 71 %; *t*-Butyl, 82 %; neopentyl, 64 %; phenyl, 75 %

*tert*-butyl *o*-iodobenzoate esters cyclized in approximately the same time and yield as the corresponding methyl ester. It is necessary to use an ester in the annulation process, as attempted annulation using the parent carboxylic acid, *o*-iodobenzoic acid, resulted in disappearance of the starting material and formation of only a trace amount of the desired product.

In contrast to the isocoumarin chemistry,  $\alpha$ -pyrones can be prepared in good yield from either substituted (*Z*)-2-bromo- or (*Z*)-2-trifluoromethylsulfonyloxycycloalk-1-ene-1-carboxylate esters (entries 13 and 14, Table 1). The latter are conveniently prepared from the corresponding  $\beta$ -keto esters. Interestingly, the  $\alpha$ -pyrone annulation process seems to be limited to cyclic starting materials, since attempted annulation using acyclic vinylic iodides failed to produce any product. It is also unclear why aryl triflates fail to react under these same reaction conditions to produce isocoumarins, whereas  $\alpha$ -pyrones are formed readily from vinylic triflates.

Both annulation processes are highly regioselective for alkynes containing tertiary alkyl, trialkylsilyl, or other hindered groups, with the major product isomer having the more sterically demanding group in the position adjacent to the heteroatom; however, high-yielding, clean reactions are generally limited to these types of alkynes. Exceptions to this generality are annulation onto alkynes such as diphenylacetylene (entries 10 and 17, Table 1) and ethyl phenylpropiolate (entry 18, Table 1). Attempted annulation of less substituted alkynes, such as

4-octyne, lead to complex reaction mixtures. Highly substituted naphthalene derivatives were also formed in some cases, such as in the reaction of 1-phenyl-1-propyne and methyl 2-iodobenzoate under slightly different reaction conditions (eq. 7). The regiochemical assignment



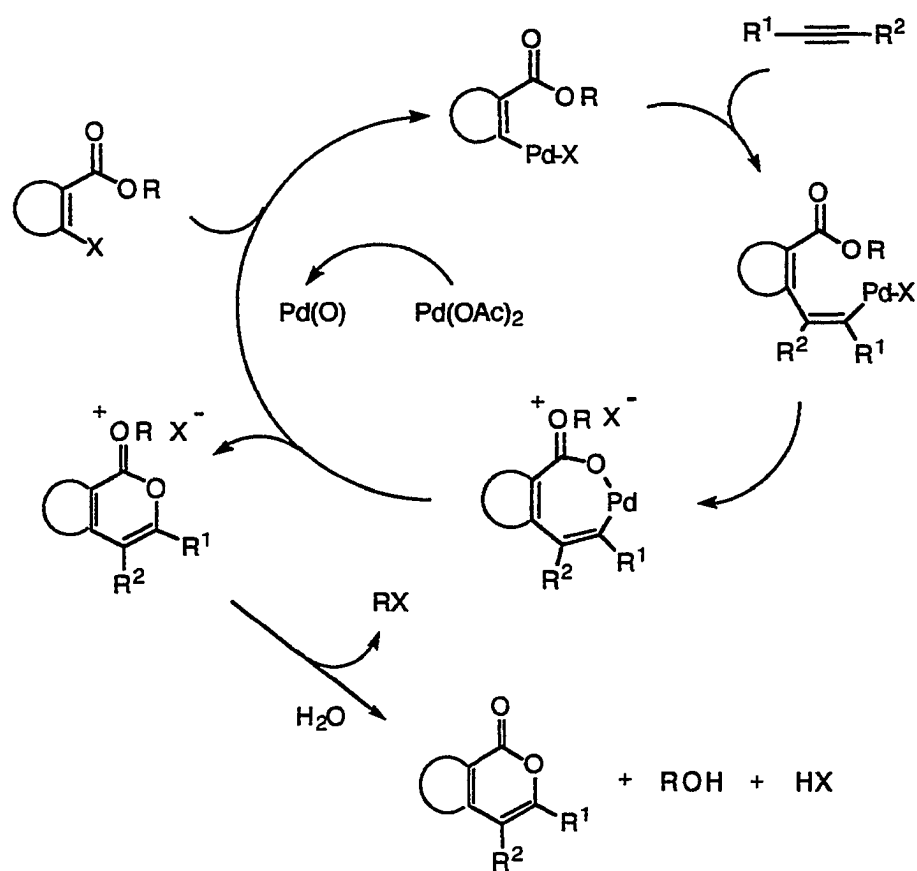
of the naphthalene isomers was based on  $^1\text{H}$  NMR deshielding of the methyl group by the ester carbonyl group in the major isomer and the assumption that the second alkyne insertion proceeds regioselectively as described in our indole synthesis.<sup>16a</sup>

Alkynes containing a terminal trimethylsilyl group could be annulated in good yield, albeit at a slower rate, by changing the solvent from dimethylformamide to acetonitrile, if the alkyne had a large alkyl group, such as phenyl or 1-cyclohexenyl, on the opposite side of the triple bond (entries 6 and 7, Table 1). Gas chromatographic analysis indicated that acetonitrile prevented desilylation of the alkyne under the reaction conditions. However, for similar alkynes having smaller alkyl groups on the opposite side of the triple bond, such as 1-(trimethylsilyl)propyne, acetonitrile failed to prevent desilylation of the alkyne and hence resulted in low product yields. Therefore, progressively more steric hindrance had to be incorporated into the silyl moiety of these alkynes in order to maintain clean, high-yielding reactions (entries 8 and 9, Table 1). Also, since the majority of reactions have been run on a 0.5 mmol scale, the transformation depicted in entry 9 of Table 1 was increased to 5.0 mmol which resulted in an almost identical yield (72% versus 76%).

The regiochemistry was established for the products of entries 6,<sup>17</sup> 9,<sup>7</sup> and 19<sup>18</sup> of Table 1 by comparison with known compounds following desilylation (see below). Based on these results, the regiochemistry was assumed for all other products containing a tertiary center. The regiochemistry for the ester derivative of entry 18, Table 1 was assigned based on our previous annulation work.<sup>7</sup>

The annulation of 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne by  $\beta$ -naphthyl 2-iodobenzoate resulted in a 73 % yield of 3-*tert*-butyl-4-methylisocoumarin and recovery of 53 % of  $\beta$ -naphthol. Based on

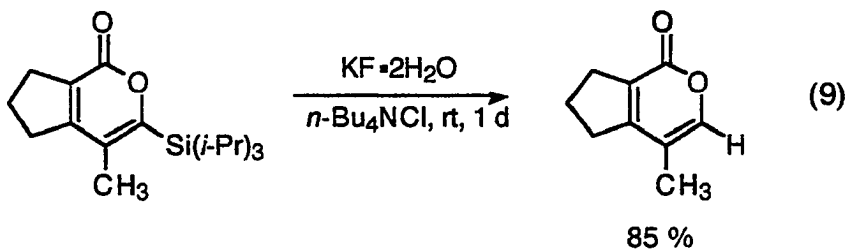
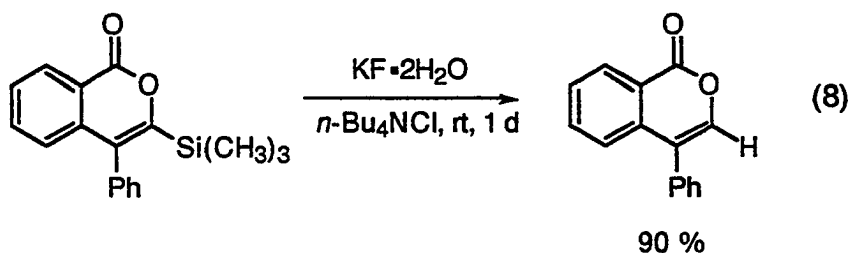
### Scheme 2





these results, we believe that this annulation process proceeds as shown in Scheme 2 by a sequence involving (1) reduction of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  to the actual catalyst  $\text{Pd}(\text{O})$ , (2) oxidative addition of the starting halide or triflate to  $\text{Pd}(\text{O})$ , (3) aryl- or vinylpalladium coordination to the alkyne and then insertion of the alkyne to form a vinylpalladium intermediate, (4) attack of the carbonyl oxygen on the vinylpalladium intermediate to form a seven-membered palladacyclic salt, and (5) regeneration of the  $\text{Pd}(\text{O})$  catalyst by reductive elimination and formation of the salt. Loss of the R group of the ester is thought to occur during the aqueous workup, since the  $\beta$ -naphthyl ester should preclude the loss of the R group via an  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  or  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  type process and  $\beta$ -naphthol is actually isolated; however, it is still unclear whether this same mechanism operates throughout the entire range of different R groups where the onium salt can also break down to the observed lactone and the corresponding organic halide by  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  or  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  processes.

Although the process is limited to the annulation of hindered internal alkynes, the methodology proves to be very convenient and general for the synthesis of 4-substituted isocoumarins or bicyclic  $\alpha$ -pyrones via the silylated products, as the silyl moiety can readily be



cleaved at room temperature in the presence of potassium fluoride dihydrate and tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (eqs. 8 and 9).<sup>19</sup>

In conclusion, a useful synthesis of 3,4-disubstituted isocoumarins and bicyclic  $\alpha$ -pyrones has been developed using the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes via appropriate halogen- and/or triflate- substituted esters. The procedure utilizes readily available starting materials. The reactions proceed under relatively mild conditions, and give good yields. Although the reaction is somewhat limited in scope synthetically, it is particularly suited for the synthesis of the 4-substituted ring systems via the corresponding silyl alkynes.

### Experimental Section

**General.** All <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz respectively. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using commercially prepared 60 mesh silica gel plates (Whatman K6F), and visualization was effected with short wavelength UV light (254 nm), or basic KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution [3 g KMnO<sub>4</sub> + 20 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + 5 ml NaOH (5%) + 300 ml H<sub>2</sub>O].

**Reagents.** All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, LiCl and KF·H<sub>2</sub>O were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride was purchased from Lancaster Synthesis, Inc. All palladium compounds were donated by Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Kawaken Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. 1-Phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 1-(triisopropylsilyl)propyne, and 1-(1-cyclohexenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc. Methyl 2-iodobenzoate, ethyl 2-iodobenzoate, 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne, 4-phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol, and 1-(1-butynyl)cyclohexanol were purchased from Farchan Scientific Co. Diphenylacetylene and ethyl phenylpropiolate were purchased from Eastman Kodak Co. Dimethyl iodoterephthalate and 4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid were purchased from Trans World

Chemicals, Inc. The following starting materials were prepared using literature procedures: 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1-hexyne,<sup>20</sup> methyl (Z)-2-bromocyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate,<sup>21</sup> methyl (Z)-2-bromocyclohept-1-ene-1-carboxylate,<sup>21</sup> methyl 2-trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate,<sup>22</sup> ethyl 2-trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-1-cyclopentene-1-carboxylate,<sup>22</sup> and methyl 2-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzoate.<sup>23</sup> The following starting materials were prepared.

**Isopropyl 2-iodobenzoate.** 2-Iodobenzoic acid (5 g, 20 mmol), 20 ml of isopropyl alcohol, and 2 ml of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were refluxed for 8 h. The reaction was poured into 50 ml of cold water and extracted with ether (3 x 20 ml). The organic phase was washed with water (2 x 20 ml), 5% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 20 ml), brine (2 x 20 ml), and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent afforded 4.78 g (82%) of the desired product: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.26 (septet, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H, CH), 7.10 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 0.9, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.7, 69.3, 93.6, 127.6, 130.4, 132.1, 135.7, 140.9, 166.0; IR (neat) 1726 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 289.9800 (calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>, 289.9804).

The hindered 2-iodobenzoate esters and methyl 4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodobenzoate were prepared using the procedure of Neises and Steglich.<sup>24</sup>

***tert*-Butyl 2-iodobenzoate.** Obtained in 65% yield: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.62 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 0.6, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.9 (dd, *J* = 0.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.0, 82.5, 127.7, 130.3, 131.8, 137.2, 140.8(2), 166.0; IR (neat) 1726 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 303.9952 (calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>, 303.9960).

**Neopentyl 2-iodobenzoate.** Obtained in 79% yield: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.04 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.04 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.0 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

$\delta$  26.5, 31.4, 74.8, 93.9, 127.7, 130.6, 132.3, 135.2, 141.1, 166.3; IR (neat) 1736 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  318.0118 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{IO}_2$ , 318.0017).

**Phenyl 2-iodobenzoate.** Obtained in 85% yield:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.1-8.2 (m, 9 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  94.5, 121.4, 126.0, 127.9, 129.4, 131.3, 133.1, 134.0, 141.3, 150.5, 164.7; IR (neat) 1745 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS for daughter ion  $[\text{M}-\text{OPh}]^+$   $m/z$  230.9312 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{IO}_2$ , 230.9307).

**$\beta$ -Naphthyl 2-iodobenzoate.** Obtained in 78% yield:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.1-8.5 (m, 11 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  94.6, 118.6, 120.9, 125.8, 126.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 129.4, 131.5, 133.2, 133.6, 134.0, 141.6, 148.2, 164.9; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1742 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  373.9795 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_2$ , 373.9804).

**Methyl 4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodobenzoate.** Obtained in 76% yield:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.89 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.90 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.35 (s, 1 H, aryl), 7.41 (s, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  51.8, 55.6, 55.8, 84.3, 113.3, 123.2, 125.4, 148.1, 151.4, 165.2; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1719 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  321.9703 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_4$ , 321.9702).

**General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed Formation of 3,4-Disubstituted Isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -Pyrones.**  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (6 mg, 0.027 mmol), the base (0.5 mmol unless otherwise noted),  $\text{LiCl}$  (22 mg, 0.52 mmol), the ester (0.5 mmol), and the alkyne (1.0 mmol) were placed in a 4 dram vial. The appropriate solvent was added (10 ml) and the vial was heated in an oil bath at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$  for the necessary period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC to establish completion. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with ether, washed with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was isolated by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc) on a silica gel column. The following compounds were prepared by the above procedure.

**3-*tert*-Butyl-4-methylisocoumarin** (entries 1-3, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 94-96 °C, from *n*-hexane):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.46 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.34 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.45 (dt,  $J = 0.9, 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.73 (dt,  $J = 1.2, 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.10 (dd,  $J = 0.9, 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.9, 29.6, 37.2, 107.3, 120.1, 122.4, 127.0, 129.1, 134.3, 139.8, 159.2, 162.5; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1720 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  216.1150 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ , 216.1150).

**3-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-phenylisocoumarin** (entry 4, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 129-130 °C, from *n*-hexane):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.47 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.08 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.20-7.60 (m, 7 H, aryl), 8.31 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.8, 73.3, 114.2, 119.8, 125.2, 127.8, 128.2, 128.7, 129.5, 130.6, 134.2, 134.5, 139.5, 156.7, 161.7; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3587 (OH), 1716 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  280.1097 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ , 280.1099).

**4-Ethyl-3-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)isocoumarin** (entry 5, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 151-153 °C, from *n*-hexane/EtOAc):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.23 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.60-2.16 (m, 10 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.18 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.07 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.73 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.27 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  15.0, 18.4, 21.4, 25.0, 36.1, 75.0, 115.1, 120.6, 123.1, 127.3, 129.4, 134.4, 138.6, 156.8, 162.2; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3455 (OH), 1711 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  272.1405 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ , 272.1412).

**4-Phenyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)isocoumarin** (entry 6, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 38:10:1.5 *n*-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 159-160 °C, from *n*-hexane/EtOAc):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.01 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.2-7.7 (m, 7 H, aryl), 8.34 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -1.4, 121.1, 124.8, 128.4, 128.5 (2), 128.8, 129.1, 131.2, 134.2, 134.4, 137.5, 160.6, 163.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1719 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 294.1079 (calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 294.1076).

**4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)isocoumarin (entry 7, Table 1).**

The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 38:10:1.5 *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 89-91 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.27 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60-2.4 (m, 8 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.73 (bs, 1 H, vinyl), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.7, 21.6, 22.5, 25.4, 30.5, 121.6, 124.1, 128.1, 129.2, 130.6, 130.9, 131.9, 134.1, 136.7, 158.9, 163.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1723 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 298.1387 (calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 298.1389).

**4-*n*-Butyl-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)isocoumarin (entry 8, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.39 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.0 (s, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.53 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.65 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.51 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.3, 13.9, 17.8, 23.1, 26.7, 27.8, 33.0, 121.8, 122.9, 126.9, 128.1, 129.5, 134.1, 136.4, 158.3, 163.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1719 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 316.1861 (calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 316.1859).

**4-Methyl-3-(triisopropylsilyl)isocoumarin (entry 9, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 112-114 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.51 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH), 2.28 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.53 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.2, 14.3, 18.6, 121.3, 122.2, 122.7, 128.2, 129.1, 134.2, 137.3, 157.9, 163.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1721 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 316.1860 (calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 316.1859).

**3,4-Diphenylisocoumarin (entry 10, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed with 12:6:0.5 *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc, followed by 15:1 hexane/EtOAc (mp 169-171 °C, from *n*-hexane; lit<sup>15</sup> mp 168.5-170 °C) to give the desired compound whose spectral properties were identical with those previously reported.<sup>15</sup>

**3-*tert*-Butyl-6,7-dimethoxy-4-methylisocoumarin (entry 11, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed with 2:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a solid (mp 127-128 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.35 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.91 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.80 (s, 1 H, aryl), 7.55 (s, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.0, 29.5, 36.8, 55.8, 55.9, 103.2, 106.8, 108.8, 113.1, 135.4, 148.5, 154.5, 158.1, 162.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1705 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 276.1362 (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 276.1362).

**Methyl 3-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-phenyl-6-isocoumarin carboxylate (entry 12, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed with 2:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a solid (mp 159-160 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.48 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.84 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.31 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.49 (m, 4 H, aryl), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.6, 52.4, 73.1, 114.0, 122.5, 126.4, 127.9, 128.3, 128.7, 129.1, 130.3, 133.3, 135.2, 139.4, 157.5, 160.6, 165.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3490 (OH), 1728 (C=O), 1721 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 338.1146 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 338.1154).

**3-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroisocoumarin (entries 13 and 14, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 1:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 134-135 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.38 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.5-1.8 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.92 (bt, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.50 (bt, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.1-7.3 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.35-7.5 (m, 3 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.1, 21.4, 23.4, 28.2, 29.5, 73.0, 116.9, 120.7, 127.8, 128.3, 130.0,

134.4, 152.2, 159.5, 161.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3486 (OH), 1712 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 284.1408 (calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 284.1421).

**3-*tert*-Butyl-4-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroisocoumarin** (entry 15, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.37 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.6-1.8 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.03 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.2-2.5 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.9, 21.1, 21.8, 23.4, 27.2, 29.1, 37.0, 110.9, 119.9, 153.2, 161.9, 163.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1714 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 220.1464 (calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 220.1463).

**4-Ethyl-3-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroisocoumarin** (entry 16, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 169-170 °C, from *n*-hexane/EtOAc): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.5-1.9 (m, 10 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.0 (dt, *J* = 4.5, 13.8 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.4 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.5 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.6 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.7 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.7, 18.2, 21.3, 21.8, 23.6, 24.9, 25.9, 35.8, 35.9, 74.8, 118.3, 121.0, 153.2, 159.7, 162.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3457 (OH), 1711 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 276.1733 (calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 276.1725).

**3,4-Diphenyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydrocyclohepta[c]pyran-1(5*H*)-one** (entry 17, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 124-126 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.50 (quintet, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.63 (quintet, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (quintet, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.4 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.89 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.0-7.4 (m, 10 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.3, 25.8, 26.6, 31.1, 32.1, 119.8, 126.5, 127.62, 127.69, 128.7, 128.8, 130.6, 132.7, 135.4, 149.3, 154.4, 157.9, 163.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1711 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 316.1463 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 316.1463).



**Ethyl 4-phenyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydrocyclohepta[c]pyran-1-(5H)-one-3-carboxylate (entry 18, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white-yellow solid (mp 69-71 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.64 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.88 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.62 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.84 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.3-7.5 (m, 3 H, aryl), 7.5-7.7 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.0, 25.4, 25.8, 26.3, 31.4, 31.9, 61.7, 114.5, 126.8, 127.5, 128.2, 130.3, 131.8, 154.2, 156.6, 161.9, 166.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1701 (C=O), 1731 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 312.1354 (calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 312.1362).

**6,7-Dihydro-4-methyl-3-(triisopropylsilyl)cyclopenta[c]pyran-1-(5H)-one (entry 19, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 80-82 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.47 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH), 2.03 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06 (quintet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.8 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 11.8, 14.5, 18.5, 21.9, 30.0, 33.2, 123.7, 126.5, 158.9, 163.2, 164.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1714 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 306.2010 (calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 306.2015).

**4-Phenylisocoumarin.** 4-Phenyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)isocoumarin (70 mg, 0.24 mmol), KF·2H<sub>2</sub>O (68.7 mg, 0.73 mmol), tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (212 mg, 0.76 mmol), and 1.5 ml acetonitrile were stirred for 24 h at rt. The reaction mixture was added to 15 ml of water, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 15 ml), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent and chromatography (4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) afforded a 90 % yield of the desired compound as a white solid (mp 94-95 °C, lit<sup>17</sup> mp 96-97 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3-7.7 (m, 9 H, aryl), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 120.5, 121.2, 124.5, 128.2, 128.4, 128.8, 129.7, 129.9, 132.9, 134.6, 136.6, 142.1, 161.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1727 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 222.0687 (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 222.0681).

**6,7-Dihydro-4-methylcyclopenta[c]pyran-1-(5H)-one.** 6,7-Dihydro-4-methyl-3-(triisopropylsilyl)cyclopenta[c]pyran-1-(5H)-one (68 mg, 0.22 mmol), KF·2H<sub>2</sub>O

(62 mg, 0.66 mmol), tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (233 mg, 0.84 mmol), and 1.5 ml of acetonitrile were stirred for 24 h at rt. Removal of the solvent and chromatography (4:1 hexane/EtOAc) afforded an 85 % yield of the desired compound as a white solid (mp 90-91 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.94 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.09 (quintet, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.79 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.19 (bs, 1 H, vinyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.9, 22.2, 29.9, 32.8, 114.1, 126.4, 146.2, 160.0, 161.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1710 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 150.0683 (calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 150.0681).

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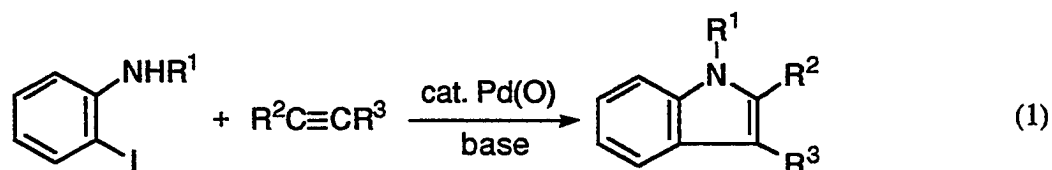
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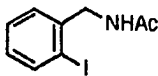
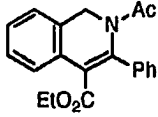
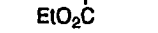
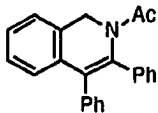
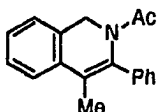
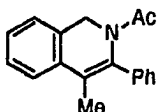
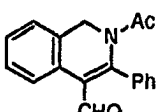
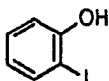
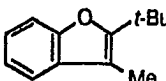
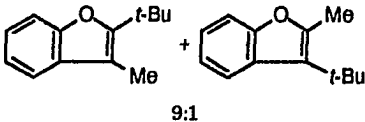
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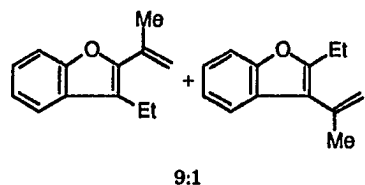
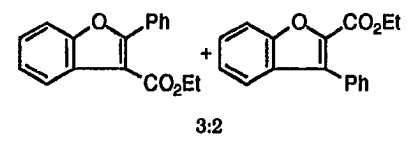
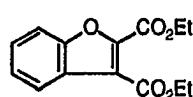
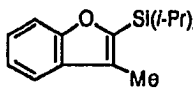
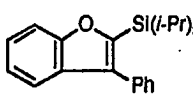
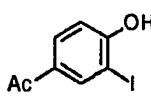
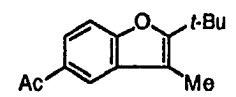
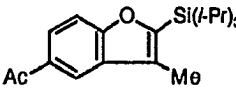
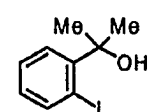
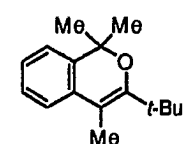


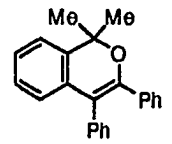
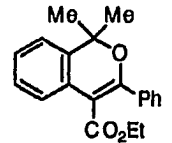
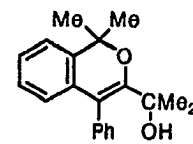
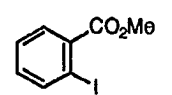
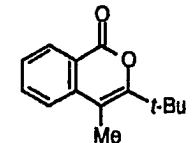
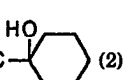
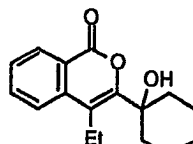
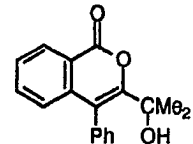
of other heterocycles. We now report that this chemistry provides a valuable new route to a wide variety of heterocycles, including 1,2-dihydroisoquinolines, benzofurans, benzopyrans, and isocoumarins. Our preliminary results are summarized in Table I.

In general, we have employed reaction conditions very similar to those reported earlier by us for the annulation of alkynes,<sup>3a</sup> vinylic cyclopropanes and cyclobutanes,<sup>4</sup> allenes<sup>5</sup> and 1,3-dienes.<sup>6</sup> 5 Mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, plus sodium or potassium acetate or carbonate, in the presence of

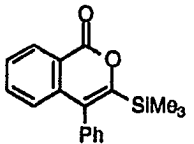
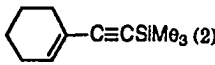
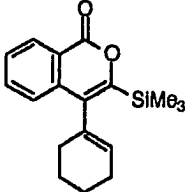
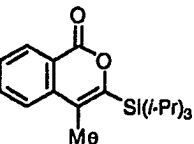
**Table I. Palladium-Catalyzed Heteroannulation of Alkynes.<sup>a</sup>**

entry	annulating agent (equiv)	alkyne (equiv)	chloride source	base (equiv)	PPh <sub>3</sub>	temp (°C), time (h)	product(s)	% isolated yield	
1		(1)	PhC≡CCO <sub>2</sub> Et (2)	LiCl	NaOAc (2)	-	100, 24		80
2		(1)		LiCl	KOAc (2)	-	100, 24		80
3		(1)	PhC≡CPh (2)	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NCl	KOAc (2)	-	120, 24		83
4		(1)	PhC≡CMe (2)	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NCl	KOAc (2)	-	100, 48		58
5		(1)		<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NCl	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	+	100, 48		62
6		(1)	PhC≡CCHO (2)	LiCl	NaOAc (2)	-	100, 24		56
7		(1)	<i>t</i> -BuC≡CMe (5)	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NCl	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5)	+	100, 24		66
8		(1)	(1.1)	LiCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5)	+	135, 24		93 <sup>b</sup>

9		(1)	$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\overset{\text{Me}}{\text{C}}\equiv\text{CEt}$ (1.1)	LiCl	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (5)	+	135, 24	 9:1	69 <sup>b</sup>
10		(1)	$\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$ (1.1)	LiCl	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (5)	+	135, 24	 3:2	69 <sup>b</sup>
11		(1)	$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}\text{C}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$ (1.1)	LiCl	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (5)	+	135, 24		48 <sup>b</sup>
12		(1.6)	$\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CSi}(i\text{-Pr})_3$ (1)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 72		90
13		(2.8)	$\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSi}(i\text{-Pr})_3$ (1)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 504		70
14		(1)	$t\text{-BuC}\equiv\text{CMe}$ (5)	$n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl}$	KOAc (5)	+	100, 24		75
15		(1)	$\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CSi}(i\text{-Pr})_3$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 24		62
16		(1)	$t\text{-BuC}\equiv\text{CMe}$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	-	100, 20		52

17		(1) $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CPh}$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	-	100, 24		52
18		(1) $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	-	80, 8		61
19		(1) $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CC}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	-	100, 15		57
20		(1) $t\text{-BuC}\equiv\text{CMe}$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 24		72
21		(1) $\text{EtC}\equiv\text{C}$ -  (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 48		63
22		(1) $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CC}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 40		77



23	(1)	$\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 84		63 <sup>c</sup>
24	(1)	 $\text{C}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 84		51 <sup>c</sup>
25	(1)	$\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CSi}(\text{i-Pr})_3$ (2)	LiCl	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	-	100, 24		76

<sup>a</sup> Entries 1-7 were run on a 0.25 mmol scale and entries 8-25 on a 0.50 mmol scale. A representative procedure for the 0.5 mmol scale follows: 5 mol %  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ , aryl iodide (0.5 mmol),  $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl}$  or LiCl (0.5 mmol), base (0.5, 1.0 or 2.5 mmol), DMF (10 ml), and where necessary 5 mol % PPh<sub>3</sub>, were placed in a 4 dram vial and heated at the appropriate temperature for the indicated time.

<sup>b</sup> Dimethylacetamide (20 ml) was used as the solvent.

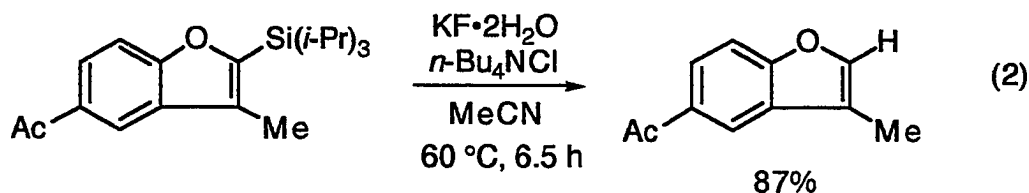
<sup>c</sup> Acetonitrile (10 ml) was used as the solvent.

LiCl or *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl, and occasionally 5 mol % PPh<sub>3</sub>, in DMF as solvent generally gives the best results. Temperatures of 80-140 °C are necessary to effect annulation in reasonable reaction times.

We initiated our studies using *o*-iodobenzylamine, but annulation with this substrate proved sluggish and even at elevated temperatures only low yields of 1,2-dihydroisoquinolines could be obtained. By employing the corresponding acetamide, instead of the free amine, we were able to obtain vastly improved results (entries 1-6).<sup>7</sup> Alkynes containing aryl or carbonyl-containing groups gave the best results, and proved highly regioselective.

We next turned to oxygen nucleophiles. Heteroannulation using *o*-iodophenol proved more difficult than analogous reactions of *o*-iodoaniline (entries 7-13). Generally, higher temperatures are required and the process appears limited to hindered alkyl acetylenes or acetylenes bearing vinylic, aryl, carbonyl or silyl groups. At the higher temperatures required, reduced regioselectivity is sometimes observed. While the heteroannulation of 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne by *o*-iodoaniline<sup>3</sup> and *o*-iodophenol (entry 7) at 100 °C gave exclusively 2-*t*-butyl-3-methylindole and 2-*t*-butyl-3-methylbenzofuran respectively, the analogous, higher-yielding reaction of *o*-iodophenol run at 135 °C gave a 9:1 mixture of regioisomers (entry 8). The annulation of 2-methyl-1-hexen-3-yne (entry 9) and ethyl phenylpropiolate (entry 10) at 135 °C also afforded mixtures of regioisomers. Hindered silylalkynes give high yields of the corresponding 2-silylbenzofurans (entries 12 and 13). This process nicely complements the palladium-catalyzed coupling of *o*-iodophenol and terminal alkynes, which affords 2-substituted benzofurans,<sup>8,9</sup> because the silyl-substituted benzofurans are readily desilylated to 3-substituted benzofurans by fluoride salts (eq. 2).

Although alcohols are not particularly good nucleophiles in palladium-based methodology, *o*-iodobenzyl alcohols have proven effective for the synthesis of benzopyrans (entries 16-19), best results again being obtained using hindered alkyl, aryl or carbonyl-containing alkynes.



We have also examined the annulation of internal alkynes by *o*-iodobenzoic acid and derivatives. The acid itself gives only low yields of isocoumarins and many side products. Heck et al. have shown previously that diphenylacetylene could be annulated by methyl *o*-iodobenzoate, although the analogous reaction of 3-hexyne gave very poor results.<sup>10,11</sup> Under our conditions, we have been able to achieve good yields of isocoumarins from methyl *o*-iodobenzoate and hindered alkyl-, silyl- or aryl-substituted internal alkynes (entries 20-25). With certain silylalkynes, cleaner reactions could be obtained using acetonitrile as the solvent (entries 23 and 24), although longer reaction times were required.

Although the regiochemistry of every product has not been rigorously established, it appears that these reactions follow the pattern established in our indole synthesis<sup>3</sup> and prior alkyne addition chemistry<sup>2</sup> of adding the aryl group to the less hindered end of the alkyne and the palladium moiety to the more hindered end. Regioselectivity is often high, but successful annulation often requires the presence of a hindered alkyl, silyl or an aryl group on the C–C triple bond.

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## Experimental Section

**General.** All  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz respectively. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using commercially prepared 60 mesh silica gel plates (Whatman K6F), and visualization was effected with short wavelength UV light (254 nm), or basic  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution [3 g  $\text{KMnO}_4$  + 20 g  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  + 5 ml  $\text{NaOH}$  (5%) + 300 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ].

**Reagents.** All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous  $\text{KOAc}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaOAc}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiCl}$  and  $\text{KF}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , as well as DMA, DMF, and  $\text{Et}_2\text{NH}$  were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride was purchased from Lancaster Synthesis, Inc. All palladium compounds were donated by Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Kawaken Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. Diethyl acetylenedicarboxylate, 1-phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 1-(triisopropylsilyl)propyne, 1-(1-cyclohexenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 2-iodophenol, iodobenzene, triisopropylsilylacetylene,  $\text{CuI}$ , and triphenylphosphine were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc. Methyl 2-iodobenzoate, 1-phenyl-1-propyne, 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne, 4-phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol, 2-methyl-1-hexene-3-yne, and 1-(1-butynyl)cyclohexanol were purchased from Farchan Scientific Co. Diphenylacetylene and ethyl phenylpropiolate were purchased from Eastman Kodak Co. The following starting materials were prepared using literature procedures: 4-hydroxy-3-iodoacetophenone,<sup>12</sup> *N*-acetyl-2-iodobenzylamine,<sup>13</sup> and 3-phenyl-2-propynal.<sup>13</sup> The following starting materials were also prepared.

**2-(2-Iodophenyl)-2-propanol.** Magnesium (1.15 g, 47.4 mmol) was placed in 20 ml of dry ether. Methyl iodide (2.62 ml, 41.8 mmol) was added slowly to the flask to form the Grignard reagent. The flask was heated for an additional 15 minutes after formation and methyl 2-iodobenzoate (5 g, 19.08 mmol) in 10 ml ether was added. The mixture was heated at reflux

for an additional hour. The mixture was quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and 5%  $\text{HCl}$ , extracted with ether, and dried over  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ . The crude product was chromatographed with 8:1 hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$  to yield 53% of the carbinol:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.76 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.51 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.89 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.62 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.95 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.7, 73.5, 93.1, 126.6, 128.0, 128.5, 142.6, 148.4; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3375 (OH)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}$ : 261.9855. Found: 261.9930.

**1-Phenyl-2-(triisopropylsilyl)acetylene.** Iodobenzene (2.5 mmol), triisopropylsilylacetylene (2.5 mmol),  $\text{CuI}$  (0.25 mmol), and  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (0.0125 mmol) were placed in 15 ml of  $\text{Et}_2\text{NH}$  at rt for 4 d. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was filtered through silica gel with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The solvent was removed and the resultant oil was distilled to yield 58% of the desired alkyne:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.13 (m, 21 H, CH and  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.2-7.4 (m, 3 H, aryl), 7.4 (m, 2 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.3, 18.6, 90.3, 107.2, 123.5, 128.0, 128.2, 132.0; IR (neat) 2953, 2155  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{Si}$ : 258.1804. Found: 258.1798.

**General procedure for the palladium-catalyzed heteroannulation of alkynes.** Palladium acetate (0.025 mmol),  $\text{LiCl}$  (0.50 mmol) or  $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl}$  (Lancaster, 0.50 mmol), the appropriate base (0.5-2.50 mmol), the aryl iodide (0.50-1.5 mmol), the alkyne (0.5-2.5 mmol), the solvent (10 or 20 ml) and, where indicated,  $\text{PPh}_3$  (0.025 mmol) were added to a 2 or 4 dram vial equipped with a stirring bar and heated at the appropriate temperature for the necessary period of time. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether, washed successively with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and water, dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated. The products were purified by flash column chromatography. The following compounds were prepared using this general procedure.

**Ethyl 2-Acetyl-1,2-dihydro-3-phenylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate** (entry 1):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.92 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.54 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.04 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,

2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26-7.60 (m, 8 H, aryl), 7.76 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.5, 24.5, 40.2, 61.1, 122.2, 123.4, 125.9, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7, 129.3, 129.5, 131.9, 138.9, 140.7, 167.4, 171.2; IR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1717 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 321.1365. Found: 321.1364.

**2-Acetyl-1,2-dihydro-3,4-diphenylisoquinoline** (entry 2): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.56 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.17 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.09-7.37 (m, 14 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.0, 46.0, 118.1, 125.0, 125.2, 126.9, 127.2, 127.5, 127.7, 128.1, 129.6, 129.9, 130.7, 132.8, 133.6, 136.3, 136.5, 137.2, 170.1; IR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1659 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 325.1467. Found: 325.1458.

**2-Acetyl-1,2-dihydro-4-methyl-3-phenylisoquinoline** (entry 3): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.47 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.00 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.2-7.45 (m, 9 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.6, 24.1, 45.7, 122.6, 123.6, 123.7, 124.8, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 129.9, 133.7, 136.1, 137.6, 137.8, 171.0; IR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1732 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: 263.1311. Found: 263.1310.

**2-Acetyl-1,2-dihydro-4-formyl-3-phenylisoquinoline** (entry 4): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.84 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.12 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 (m, 4 H, aryl), 7.85 (m, 4 H, aryl), 8.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 9.75 (s, 1 H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.9, 48.9, 123.4, 124.9, 125.8, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.9, 131.3, 131.7, 134.0, 140.1, 155.9, 171.1, 190.8; IR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1736 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 277.1103. Found: 277.1101.

**2-*t*-Butyl-3-methylbenzofuran** (entry 7): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.49 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.25 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.40 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.0, 29.5, 34.3, 107.3, 110.3, 118.4, 121.7, 123.0, 131.5, 152.8, 159.7; IR (neat) 2961, 1477 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O: 188.1204. Found: 188.1201.

**3-Ethyl-2-isopropenylbenzofuran and 2-ethyl-3-isopropenylbenzofuran (9:1 mixture)** (entry 9): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14 (s, 3 H,

CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.77 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.15 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 5.44 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 7.15 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.6, 17.6, 21.0, 110.8, 115.0, 118.0, 119.3, 122.0, 124.2, 130.0, 134.6, 151.4, 153.4; IR (neat) 2964, 1287 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O: 186.1045. Found: 186.1044.

**Ethyl 2-phenylbenzofuran-3-carboxylate and ethyl 3-phenylbenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3:2 mixture)** (entry 10): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.34 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.34 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28 (m, 4 H, aryl), 7.42 (m, 10 H, aryl), 7.98 (m, 4 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.2, 14.3, 14.3, 21.0, 60.3, 60.6, 111.0, 122.6, 123.9, 125.1, 127.1, 128.0, 129.5, 129.6, 130.1, 153.7, 160.8, 163.9, 171.1; IR (neat) 1716 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 266.0943. Found: 266.0944.

**Diethyl benzofuran-2,3-dicarboxylate** (entry 11): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.48 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.49 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.2, 14.3, 61.6, 62.2, 112.2, 118.2, 122.7, 124.6, 125.4, 127.9, 145.6, 154.0, 158.8, 162.5; IR (neat) 1726 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 262.0841. Found: 262.0843.

**3-Methyl-2-(triisopropylsilyl)benzofuran** (entry 12): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.13 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 18 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (septet,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H, CH), 2.33 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.15-7.30 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.51 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.4, 11.6, 18.6, 111.0, 119.0, 121.5, 123.3, 126.3, 129.9, 155.1, 157.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2944, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>OSi: 288.1909. Found: 288.1908.

**3-Phenyl-2-(triisopropylsilyl)benzofuran** (entry 13): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.02 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 18 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (septet,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H, CH), 7.10-7.60 (m, 9 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.7, 18.7, 111.1, 120.0, 122.1, 124.3, 127.6, 128.0, 129.5, 130.0, 133.3, 133.7, 156.1, 157.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2945, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OSi: 350.2066. Found: 350.2093.

**5-Acetyl-2-*t*-butyl-3-methylbenzofuran** (entry 14):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.37 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.27 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.59 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.79 (dd,  $J = 1.8, 8.4$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.99 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.9, 26.7, 29.4, 34.4, 108.1, 110.2, 119.7, 124.2, 131.7, 131.8, 155.6, 161.5, 197.9; IR (neat) 1688 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ : 230.1307. Found: 230.1302.

**5-Acetyl-3-methyl-2-(triisopropylsilyl)benzofuran** (entry 15):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.13 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 18 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.51 (septet,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H, CH), 2.37 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.67 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.93 (dd,  $J = 1.8, 8.7$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.17 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.3, 11.5, 18.5, 26.7, 110.8, 120.5, 124.8, 127.0, 130.2, 131.7, 157.5, 160.3, 197.7; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1675 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ : 330.2051. Found: 330.2012.

**3-*t*-Butyl-1,1-dimethyl-4-methylisochromene** (entry 16):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.27 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.52 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.12 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.0-7.3 (m, 4 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.7, 26.1, 29.0, 36.3, 75.5, 104.0, 120.8, 121.5, 125.6, 127.0, 134.2, 136.8, 155.7; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 2921, 1621  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ : 230.1671. Found: 230.1674.

**1,1-Dimethyl-3,4-diphenylisochromene** (entry 17):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.79 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.88 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.0-7.4 (m, 13 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.1, 77.6, 115.6, 122.1, 123.5, 126.8, 127.1, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 128.5, 128.7, 131.6, 131.9, 135.9, 136.3, 137.0, 148.1; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 2918, 1616  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ : 312.1514. Found: 312.1523.

**Ethyl 1,1-dimethyl-3-phenylisochromene-4-carboxylate** (entry 18):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.74 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.00 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.1-7.6 (m, 8 H, aryl), 7.9 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.5, 27.0, 60.4, 79.5, 108.2, 122.2, 122.8, 127.1, 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 129.6,



134.9, 135.6, 157.4, 168.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2928, 1708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 308.1412. Found: 308.1419.

**1,1-Dimethyl-3-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-phenylisochromene** (entry 19): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.28 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.0-7.6 (m, 8 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.9, 29.3, 72.9, 112.3, 121.8, 123.6, 126.7, 127.1, 127.3, 128.5, 131.3, 132.4, 135.7, 136.9, 153.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3500, 2920 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 294.1620. Found: 294.1625.

**3-*t*-Butyl-4-methylisocoumarin** (entry 20): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.46 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 0.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.73 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.1 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.9, 26.6, 37.1, 107.3, 120.1, 122.4, 127.0, 129.1, 134.3, 139.8, 159.2, 162.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1720 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 216.1150. Found: 216.1150.

**4-Ethyl-3-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)isocoumarin** (entry 21): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60-2.16 (m, 10 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.07 (q, *J* = 7.2, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.73 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.0, 18.4, 21.4, 25.0, 36.0, 75.0, 115.0, 120.6, 123.0, 127.3, 129.4, 134.4, 138.7, 156.8, 162.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1711 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 272.1412. Found: 272.1405.

**3-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-phenylisocoumarin** (entry 22): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.47 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.08 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.2-7.6 (m, 7 H, aryl), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.8, 73.3, 114.2, 119.8, 125.3, 127.8, 128.2, 128.7, 129.3, 130.5, 134.2, 134.5, 139.5, 156.7, 161.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1716 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 280.1099. Found: 280.1097.

**4-Phenyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)isocoumarin** (entry 23): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.01 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.1-7.7 (m, 7 H, aryl), 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1

H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -1.4, 121.1, 124.8, 128.4, 128.5 (2), 128.8, 129.1, 131.2, 134.1, 134.4, 137.5, 160.6, 163.2; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1719 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ : 294.1076. Found: 294.1079.

**4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)isocoumarin** (entry 24):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.27 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.6-2.4 (m, 8 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.73 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.7, 21.6, 22.5, 25.3, 30.4, 121.5, 124.1, 128.1, 129.2, 130.6, 130.9, 131.9, 134.1, 136.7, 158.9, 163.3; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1713 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ : 298.1389. Found: 298.1387.

**4-Methyl-3-(triisopropylsilyl)isocoumarin** (entry 25):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 18 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.51 (septet,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH), 2.28 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.53 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.2, 14.3, 18.6, 121.3, 122.2, 122.7, 128.2, 129.1, 134.2, 137.3, 157.9, 163.4; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1721 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ : 316.1859. Found 316.1860.

**5-Acetyl-3-methylbenzofuran**. 5-Acetyl-3-methyl-2-(triisopropylsilyl)benzofuran (69.5 mg, 21 mmol),  $\text{KF}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (62 mg, 0.66 mmol), tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (220 mg, 0.79 mmol), and 1.5 ml  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  were heated at 60  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 6.5 h. The mixture was diluted with ether, washed with water, and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 87% of the desired product:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.27 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.67 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.45 (m, 2 H, aryl and vinyl), 7.90 (dd,  $J$  = 1.2, 8.7 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.16 (s, 1 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.8, 26.7, 111.1, 116.3, 120.6, 124.8, 129.0, 132.0, 142.6, 157.7, 197.6; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1675 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ : 174.0680. Found: 174.0685.

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## CHAPTER 4: SYNTHESIS OF PHENANTHRENES VIA PALLADIUM-CATALYZED ANNULATION OF INTERNAL ALKYNES

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### Abstract

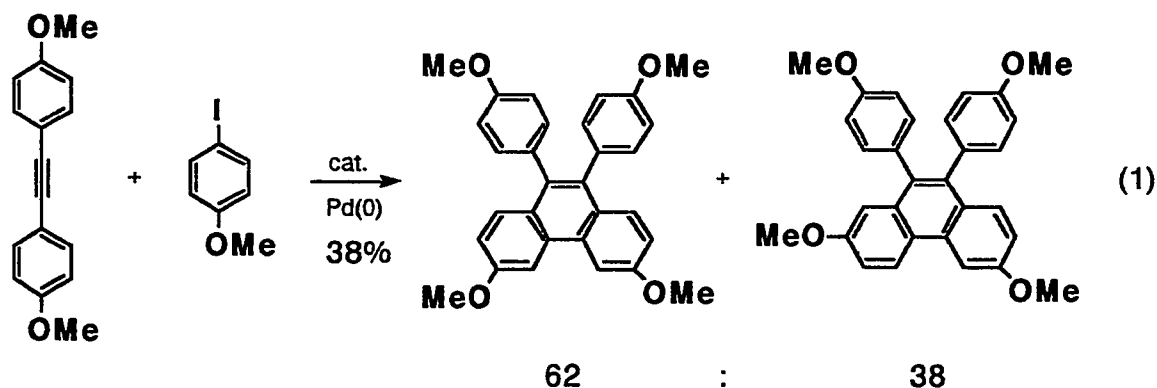
A number of 9,10-disubstituted phenanthrenes have been prepared in good yields by treating 2-iodobiphenyl with various internal alkynes in the presence of a palladium catalyst. Synthetically, the methodology provides an especially efficient and convenient route to hindered phenanthrenes containing aryl, silyl, ester, ketal, and hydroxyl groups. The mechanism of intramolecular ring closure could either involve electrophilic palladation onto an aromatic ring or oxidative insertion into an aryl C-H bond via a vinylpalladium intermediate.

### Introduction

The transition-metal mediated annulation reactions of alkynes are of great current interest and have been proven useful for the synthesis of a variety of hetero- and carbocyclic ring systems.<sup>1</sup> A palladium-based methodology is especially convenient, since the metal complexes are readily available, accommodate a number of different functional groups, and are

not generally oxygen or moisture sensitive.<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, the development of such a methodology towards the synthesis of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons has only recently been demonstrated.

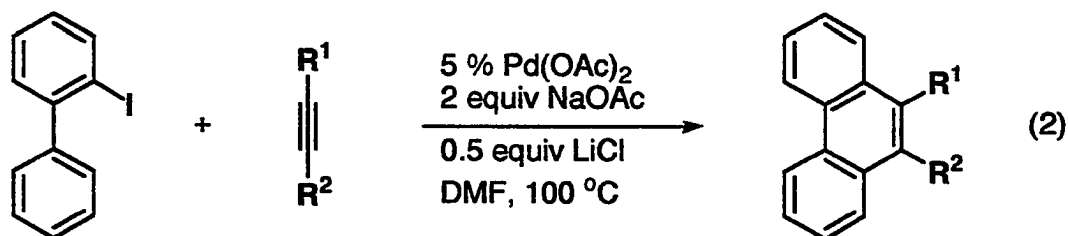
Erker has shown that acenaphthylene derivatives can be synthesized from alkenes and alkynes under palladium-catalysis from 1,8-diiodonaphthalene.<sup>3</sup> An even more interesting reaction by the same group is the synthesis of 9,10-disubstituted phenanthrenes<sup>4</sup> in fair to good yield from aryl iodides and diarylacetylenes via a palladium-catalyzed domino coupling process.<sup>5</sup> Although extremely efficient, a drawback to the latter reaction is the formation of phenanthrene regioisomers in substituted systems (eq. 1).



Another efficient route to such systems was envisioned by Heck in 1989, when it was reported that 9,10-diphenylphenanthrene was formed as a 1:1 adduct from the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 2-iodobiphenyl and diphenylacetylene.<sup>6</sup> Unfortunately, the yield of the reaction under their reported conditions was only 14%. Because of our own interest in similar annulation processes,<sup>7</sup> we now wish to report substantially improved reaction conditions that effectively accomplish this transformation in good yield with a variety of internal alkynes.

## Results and Discussion

We have developed a simple procedure for the annulation of internal alkynes by 2-iodobiphenyl as shown below (eq. 2). Our results using this procedure for the synthesis of



9,10-disubstituted phenanthrenes are summarized in Table 1.

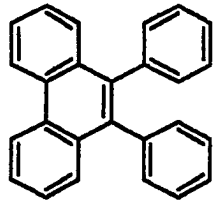
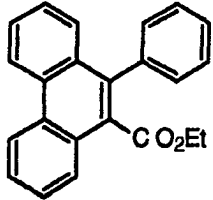
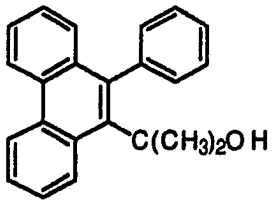
As with our previous work, the annulation process works best for alkynes containing hindered alkyl, trialkylsilyl, or other similar groups (entries 3-6, Table 1). Notable exceptions to this generality include annulation onto diaryl alkynes (entries 1 and 7, Table 1) and ethyl phenylpropionate (entry 2, Table 1). Reacting diphenylacetylene with 2-iodobiphenyl under these conditions generated an 89 % yield of 9,10-diphenylphenanthrene, a 75 % improvement in yield over the previously reported procedure.

Since desilylation of trimethylsilylalkynes to terminal acetylenes competed with the annulation process, both the desired phenanthrene product and Sonogashira-type coupling products<sup>8</sup> were produced in these reactions (entry 6, Table 1). Recent research<sup>9</sup> and previous results<sup>10</sup> with similar chemistry have shown that this problem can be somewhat remedied by increasing the size of the silyl group, where the best choice of the silyl group is determined by the type of R group on the opposite side of the triple bond.

This reaction may proceed by either of two possible paths involving (1) reduction of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> to the actual catalyst Pd(O), (2) oxidative addition of the starting halide to Pd(O),

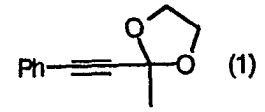


**Table 1. Synthesis of Phenanthrenes from 2-Iodobiphenyl and Internal Alkynes (eq. 2)<sup>a</sup>**

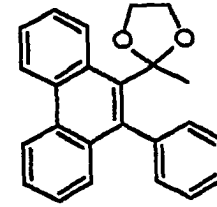
entry	2-iodobiphenyl (equiv)	alkyne (equiv)	time (h)	product(s)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	(1)	Ph—C≡C—Ph (1)	20		89
2	(1.1)	Ph—C≡C—CO <sub>2</sub> Et (1)	24		76
3	(1.1)	Ph—C≡C—C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH (1)	22		82

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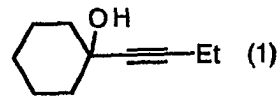
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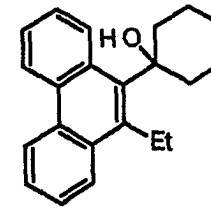
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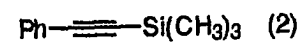


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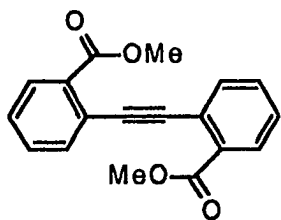


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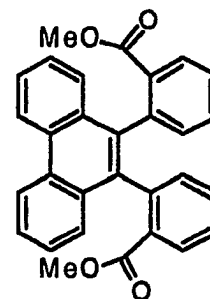
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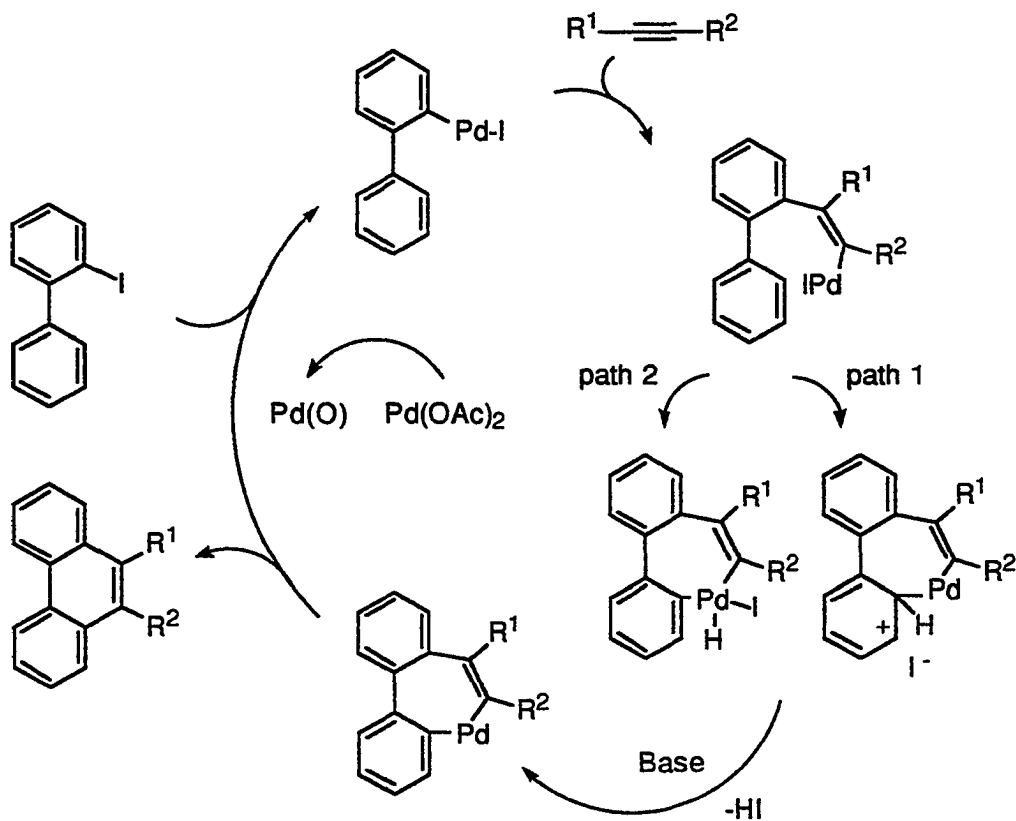
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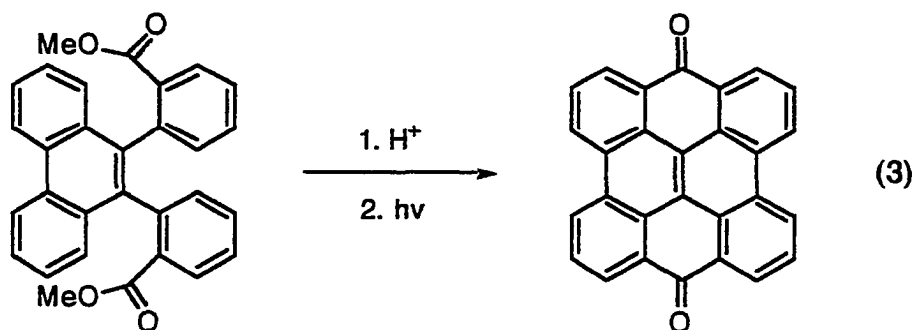
<sup>a</sup> See the text and experimental section for the detailed procedure. <sup>b</sup> Yields refer to isolated compounds purified by chromatography. <sup>c</sup>(2-Phenylphenyl)phenylacetylene was also isolated as a separate side product in 32 % yield.

(3) arylpalladium coordination of the alkyne and then insertion of the alkyne to form a vinylpalladium intermediate, (4) either electrophilic palladation of the vinylpalladium onto the adjacent aromatic ring (path 1) or oxidative addition of the neighboring aryl C-H bond to the vinylpalladium intermediate to form a palladium(IV) intermediate (path 2), (5) elimination of HI by base, and (6) regeneration of Pd(O) catalyst by reductive elimination to form the phenanthrene (Scheme 1).

**Scheme 1**



Synthetic applications of this chemistry are currently under investigation with regard to functionalization of the silyl-substituted phenanthrenes, the synthesis of phenanthrenes substituted in the 1-8 positions, and the synthesis of mesonaphthodianthrone derivatives from the acid-catalyzed closure of 9,10-di(2-carbomethoxyphenyl)phenanthrene precursors (eq. 3).



### Experimental Section

**General.** All <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz respectively. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using commercially prepared 60 mesh silica gel plates (Whatman K6F), and visualization was effected with short wavelength UV light (254 nm), or basic KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution [3 g KMnO<sub>4</sub> + 20 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + 5 ml NaOH (5%) + 300 ml H<sub>2</sub>O]. All melting points are uncorrected.

**Reagents.** All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous forms of NaOAc and LiCl, as well as DMF, THF, ethylene glycol, diethylamine, and benzene, were purchased from Fisher Scientific. All palladium compounds were donated by Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Kawaken Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. 1-Phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetylene, 4-phenyl-3-butyne-2-one, pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate, and CuI

were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc. Methyl 2-iodobenzoate, 4-phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol and 1-(1-butynyl)cyclohexanol were purchased from Farchan Scientific Co.

Diphenylacetylene and ethyl phenylpropiolate were purchased from Eastman Kodak Co. The following starting materials were prepared.

**2-(2-Phenyl-1-ethynyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane.** 4-Phenyl-3-butyn-2-one (1 g, 6.9 mmol), ethylene glycol (2.15 g, 34.7 mmol), and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (0.35 g, 1.38 mmol) were placed in 42 ml of benzene. Using a Dean-Stark apparatus, water was removed at reflux over a period of 24 h. The flask was cooled, diluted with 50 ml of ether, and washed with 2 x 50 ml of water. The aqueous phase was extracted with another 25 ml of ether, the ether fractions were combined and dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). Removal of the solvent and column chromatography (8:1 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 1.24 g (96%) of the desired product:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.79 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.01 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.13 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.29 (m, 3 H, aryl), 7.41 (m, 2 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.4, 64.6, 82.7, 87.2, 101.1, 121.9, 128.1, 128.5, 131.7; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 2229 ( $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  188.0838 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ , 188.0837).

**Di(2-carbomethoxyphenyl)acetylene.** Methyl 2-iodobenzoate (2.62 g, 10 mmol), CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2$  (70.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), and  $\text{Et}_2\text{NH}$  (60 ml) were placed in a 500 ml flask purged with  $\text{N}_2$  for 5 min (important!). An acetylene balloon was placed over the flask for 24 h. After completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ether was added to the flask and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, and dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ). Removal of the solvent and column chromatography (8:1 hexane/EtOAc) afforded a 54% yield of the desired alkyne:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.96 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.39 (dt,  $J = 1.5, 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, aryl), 7.51 (dt,  $J = 1.5, 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, aryl), 7.71 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, aryl), 7.97 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  52.1, 93.0, 123.8, 128.0, 130.4, 131.7 (2), 134.3, 166.5; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1716 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  294.0895 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ , 294.0892).

**General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed Formation of 9,10-Disubstituted Phenanthrenes.** Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (6 mg, 0.027 mmol), NaOAc (164 mg, 2.0 mmol), LiCl (10.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-iodobiphenyl (0.5-0.6 mmol), and the alkyne (0.5-0.55 mmol) were placed in a 4 dram vial which was heated in an oil bath at 100 °C for the necessary period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC to establish completion. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with either ether, THF, or methylene chloride, washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was isolated by chromatography on a silica gel column. The following compounds were prepared by the above procedure.

**9,10-Diphenylphenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc (the product was placed on the column with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the desired compound with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>6</sup>

**Ethyl 10-phenylphenanthrene-9-carboxylate.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a white solid (mp 128-130 °C, from 5:1 ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.10 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43 (m, 6 H, aryl), 7.63 (m, 4 H, aryl), 7.9 (m, 1 H, aryl), 8.71 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.7, 61.0, 122.5, 122.6, 122.7, 122.8, 125.8, 126.7, 126.9, 127.3, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 129.8, 130.2, 130.5, 130.6, 130.7, 136.3, 138.0, 169.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1717 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* 326.1311 (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 326.1307).

**9-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-10-phenylphenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a solid (mp 152-153 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>6</sub>-acetone) δ 1.53 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.98 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 7.25-7.7 (m, 9 H, aryl), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.83 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 9.3 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>6</sub>-acetone) δ 34.4, 75.7, 122.7, 123.3, 123.4, 125.6, 126.4, 126.8, 127.0, 127.8, 128.5, 130.6, 131.6, 131.8,

131.9, 132.1, 133.6, 135.8, 141.0, 143.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3371 (OH) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 312.1508 (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O, 312.1514).

**9-Ethyl-10-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield a solid (mp 146-148 °C, from *n*-hexane): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.47-2.1 (m, 8 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.7 (dt, *J* = 4.8, 14.4 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (br s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.4-7.7 (m, 4 H, aryl), 8.13 (m, 1 H, aryl), 8.5-8.7 (m, 3 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.7, 22.2, 24.5, 25.1, 37.8, 77.1, 122.5, 122.9, 124.1, 124.6, 124.8, 125.7, 126.4, 127.4, 130.2, 130.3, 130.6, 132.2, 137.1, 140.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3354 (OH) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 304.1827 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O, 304.1828).

**9-(2-Methyl-2-(1,3-dioxolanyl))-10-phenylphenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, followed by 15:1 hexane/EtOAc, to yield a white solid (mp 128-130 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.02 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.52 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.2-7.7 (m, 10 H, aryl), 8.6-8.8 (m, 2 H, aryl), 8.9 (m, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.4, 63.4, 110.4, 122.0, 122.5, 126.0, 126.32, 126.35, 127.5, 128.2, 128.3 (2), 128.7, 129.8, 130.2, 131.0, 132.5, 134.4, 136.3, 142.5; IR (Nujol) 1189 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 340.1463 (calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 340.1469).

**9-Phenyl-10-trimethylsilylphenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using hexane: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.12 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.2-7.8 (m, 10 H, aryl), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, aryl), 8.79 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.8, 122.1, 123.0, 125.6, 125.7, 126.2, 126.8, 127.4, 127.7, 127.8, 129.5, 128.8, 130.7, 131.4, 131.7, 134.5, 134.7, 142.3, 146.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2896, 1485 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 327.1566 (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Si, 327.1569).

**9,10-Di(2-carbomethoxyphenyl)phenanthrene.** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using methylene chloride and the product was rinsed with cold methanol to yield a white solid in 62 % yield. Due to the insolubility of the product, it was identified with a



melting point (263-264 °C) and mass spectrum ( $m/z$  446.1513, calcd for  $C_{30}H_{22}O_4$ , 446.1518). Reactions with substituted biaryls that give similar soluble phenanthrenes have yielded appropriate spectral data.<sup>9</sup>

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## CHAPTER 5: SYNTHESIS OF VINYLIC HETERO- AND CARBOCYCLES VIA PALLADIUM-CATALYZED ANNULATION OF INTERNAL ALKYNES

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### Abstract

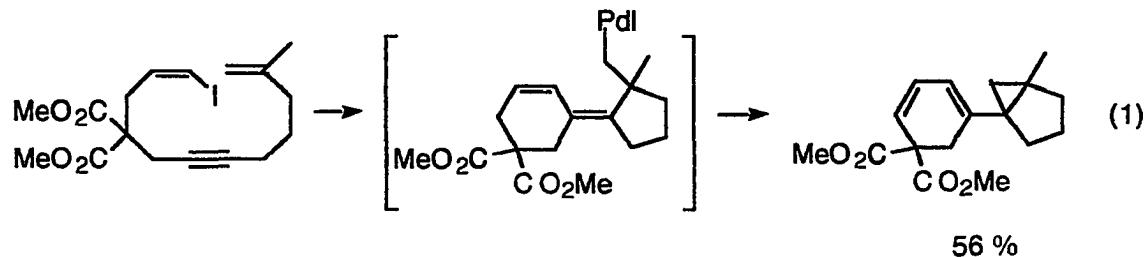
A number of vinylic hetero- and carbocycles have been synthesized in good yield by treating appropriate functionally-substituted vinylic halides with internal alkynes in the presence of a palladium catalyst. Synthetically, the methodology provides a convenient, regioselective route to a variety of vinylic hetero- and carbocyclic ring systems containing aryl, silyl, ester, acetal, and *tert*-alkyl groups.

### Introduction

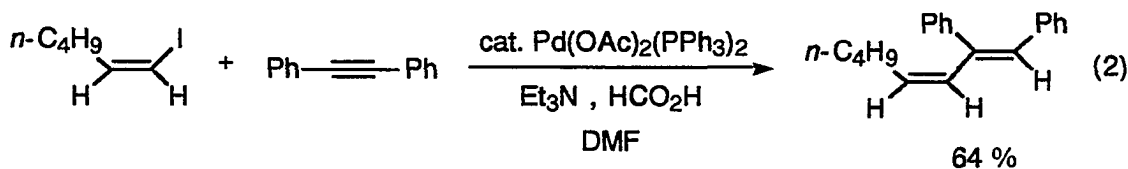
The transition-metal mediated annulation reactions of alkynes are of great current interest.<sup>1</sup> Palladium-based methodology is especially convenient, since the metal complexes are readily available, accommodate a wide range of functionality, and are not generally oxygen or moisture sensitive. Consequently, a considerable number of aromatic heterocyclic ring

systems have been synthesized from aromatic halides or triflates using palladium chemistry.<sup>2,3</sup>

However, relatively little is known about the annulation reactions of alkynes with analogous vinylic substrates. A few recent examples have demonstrated that intramolecular cascade reactions can be used to annulate vinylic halides onto internal alkynes. These processes are useful for the synthesis of polycyclic ring systems and involve internal propagation of a vinylpalladium intermediate along an alkene and/or alkyne chain, and eventually trapping of the intermediate with either carbon monoxide, terminal alkynes, organometallic reagents, or internal alkenes (eq. 1).<sup>4</sup>

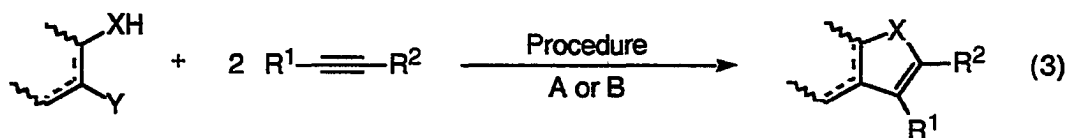


Another reported annulation process is the palladium-catalyzed hydrovinylation of internal alkynes to form 1,3-dienes.<sup>5</sup> In this case, the vinylpalladium intermediate formed by mono-insertion of the alkyne is reduced by triethylammonium formate (eq. 2).



In conjunction with our studies directed towards the synthesis of aromatic heterocycles via the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes,<sup>3,4,6</sup> we were interested in extending

this chemistry to vinylic halides, since no examples of this type of chemistry are currently known (eq. 3).<sup>7</sup> We now wish to report that under suitable reaction conditions, a number of



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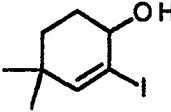
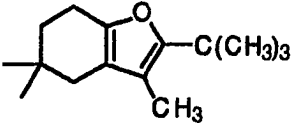
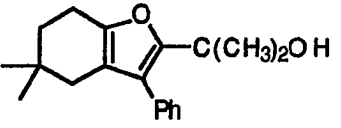
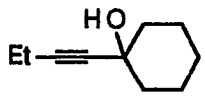
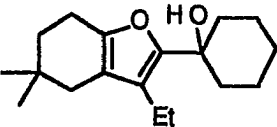
interesting vinylic hetero- and carbocycles can be easily prepared in good yield using this methodology.

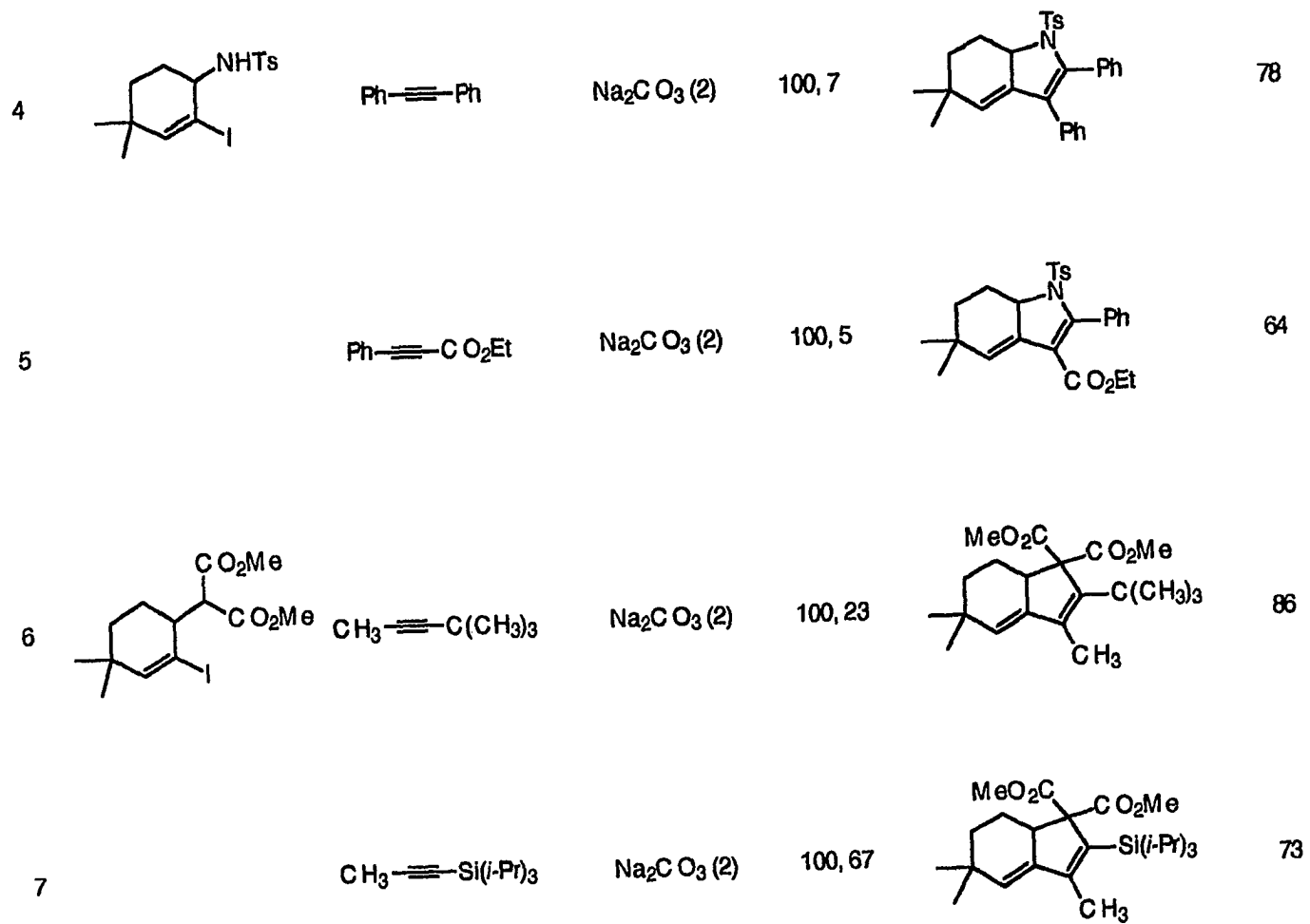
## Results

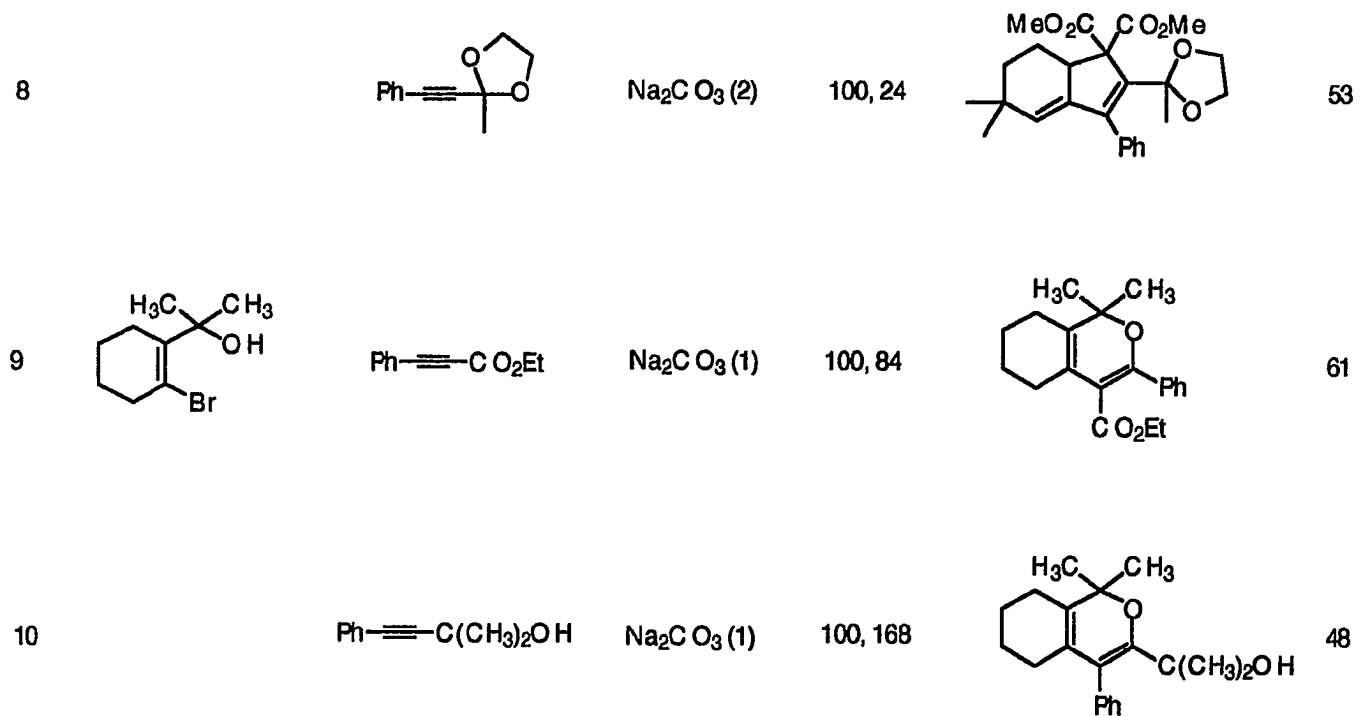
In general, we have employed two sets of reaction conditions very similar to those reported by us for the annulation of alkynes,<sup>3a,6</sup> vinylic cyclopropanes and cyclobutanes,<sup>8</sup> allenes,<sup>9</sup> and 1,3-dienes<sup>10</sup>: procedure A - 5 mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 2-4 equiv of NaOAc, 1 equiv of LiCl, in DMF at 100 °C; procedure B - 5 mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 1-2 equiv of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 1 equiv of LiCl, in DMF at 100 °C. Our preliminary results using these procedures are shown in Table 1.

**Furans.** In order to probe the feasibility of the annulation process, we initiated our study using 2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol as the starting halide. We felt that this compound was an ideal candidate for the annulation process since similar carboxylic acid-containing, cyclic vinylic halides had previously worked well in our α-pyrone chemistry.<sup>7</sup> This substrate was also easily prepared by alpha iodination<sup>11</sup> and subsequent 1,2-reduction<sup>12</sup> of the corresponding enone (eq. 4).

**Table 1. Synthesis of Vinylic Heterocycles Via Annulation of Internal Alkynes (eq 3)<sup>a</sup>**

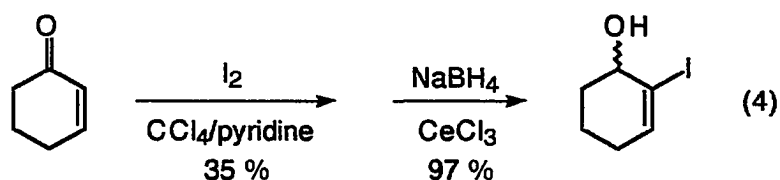
entry	starting halide	alkyne	base (equiv)	temp (°C), time (h)	product(s)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1		$\text{CH}_3\text{—}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	NaOAc (2)	100, 24		69
2		$\text{Ph—}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OH}$	NaOAc (4)	100, 52		73
3			NaOAc (4)	100, 24		51



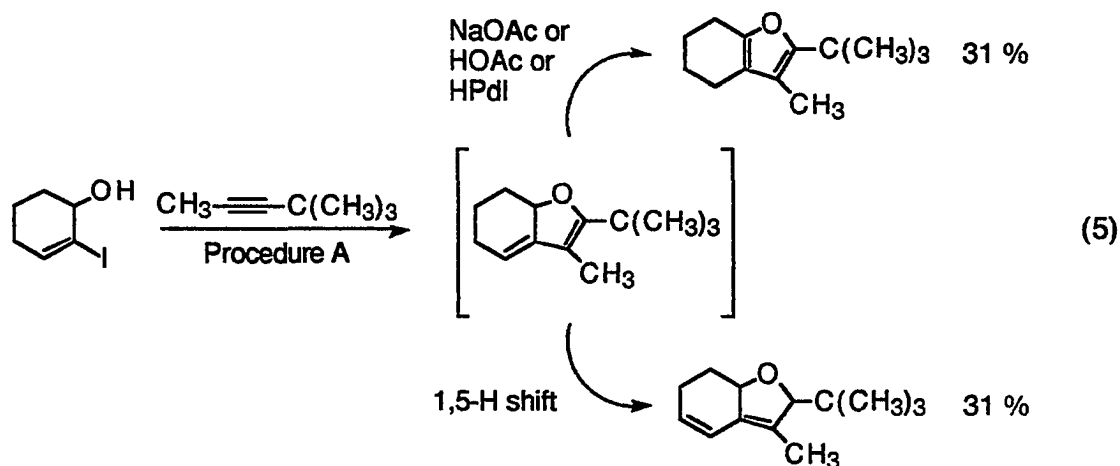


<sup>a</sup> See the text and Experimental Section for the detailed procedures. <sup>b</sup> Yields refer to isolated compounds purified by chromatography.





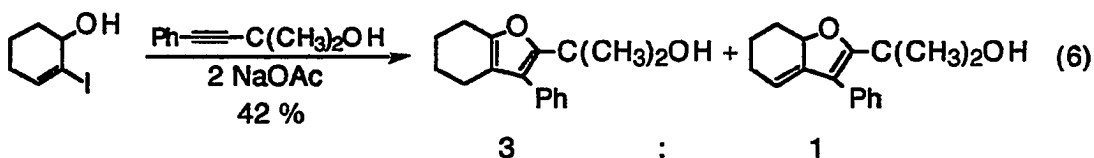
From our experiments, we discovered that the products formed from the reaction of 2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol with internal alkynes depended on the starting vinylic halide, the reaction conditions, and the internal alkyne undergoing annulation. For example, the reaction of 2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol with 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne using procedure A unexpectedly gave a 62 % overall yield of the two isomerized products shown in equation 5. The initially



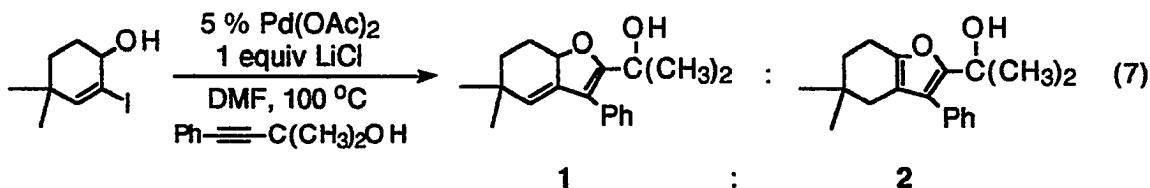
formed heterocyclic intermediate presumably isomerizes to the furan by either base-catalyzed rearrangement by NaOAc<sup>13</sup> or an addition-elimination sequence involving acetic acid or a palladium hydride. The other product is presumably formed by a thermally allowed 1,5-hydrogen shift. The product from the reaction of 4,4-dimethyl-2-butyne and 4,4-dimethyl-2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol was cleanly the furan which could be isolated in 69 % yield (entry 1,

Table 1). The presence of the two methyl groups now prevents the 1,5-hydrogen shift from occurring.

On the other hand, the reaction of 4-phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol and 2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol under the same reaction conditions resulted in only a 42 % yield of an inseparable 3:1 mixture of the corresponding furan and the unisomerized product (eq. 6). It is



unclear why no product resulting from a 1,5-hydrogen shift was observed. Using 4,4-dimethyl-2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol as the starting vinylic halide and choosing the proper base and reaction time, the inseparable mixture of furan and unisomerized product can be avoided and completely converted to the furan (eq. 7; entry 2, Table 1 and entry 4, Table 2). Procedure



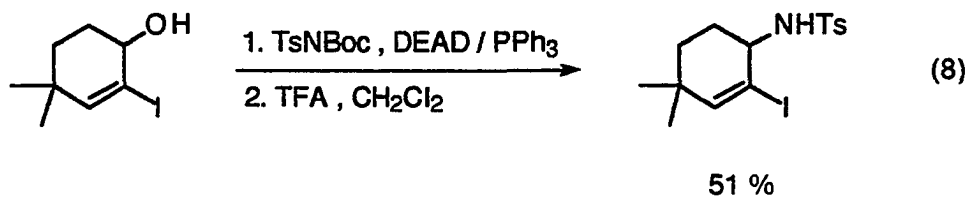
Using  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  was intriguing, as it actually inhibited the isomerization process and reversed the product ratio (entry 5, Table 2). The reaction of this same alcohol with 1-(1-butynyl)cyclohexanol also gave the furan, but only in a 51 % yield (entry 3, Table 1).

**Nitrogen Heterocycles.** The synthesis of nitrogen heterocycles was next examined. First, 1-iodo-3,3-dimethyl-6-(tosylamino)cyclohexene was prepared in two steps

**Table 2. Reaction of 4,4-Dimethyl-2-iodocyclohexen-ol with 4-Phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyne-2-ol (eq 7).**

entry	base (equiv)	time (h)	1: 2 ratio	% isolated yield
1	NaOAc (2)	10	45 : 55	64
2	NaOAc (2)	24	17 : 83	72
3	NaOAc (4)	24	15 : 85	71
4	NaOAc (4)	52	0 : 100	73
5	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	24	87 : 13	73

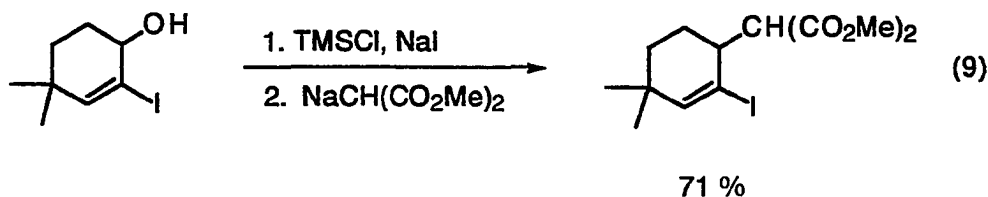
from the corresponding alcohol via the Mitsunobu reaction (eq. 8).<sup>14</sup> We had envisioned that



this substrate would react with internal alkynes using procedure A to form pyrroles, in analogy with the furan chemistry. However, reacting the starting sulfonamide with diphenylacetylene under these conditions gave a 55 % yield of a complex mixture, consisting mainly of unisomerized product and no pyrrole. Fortunately, since the nitrogen heterocycle was more difficult to isomerize and procedure B appeared to inhibit isomerization (entry 5, Table 2), we

were able to cleanly obtain a 78 % yield of the unisomerized product using that procedure (entry 4, Table 1). The regioselective reaction of this same sulfonamide with ethyl phenylpropiolate gave similar results (entry 5, Table 1).

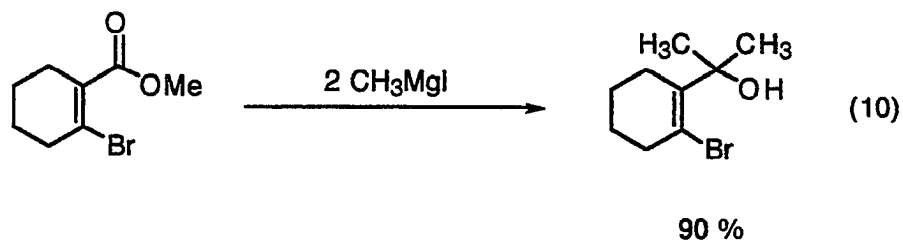
**Carbocycles.** We were also able to successfully synthesize carbocycles using this methodology. The starting material, dimethyl (2-iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexenyl)malonate, was synthesized in 71 % yield from the alcohol by malonate displacement of the corresponding iodide (eq. 9). Treatment of this substrate with 4,4-dimethyl-2-pentyne, 1-(triisopropylsilyl)propyne, and 2-(phenylethynyl)-2-methyl-1,3-



dioxolane using procedure B gave good to excellent yields of the pure, unisomerized carbocycles (entries 6-8, Table 1). It is interesting to note that using the sterically-hindered ketal reverses the regiochemistry normally seen with similar unprotected ketone-containing alkynes.<sup>2,3a</sup>

**Pyrans.** Pyrans were also accessible in fair to good yields from the reaction of internal alkynes with 2-(2-bromo-1-cyclohexenyl)-2-propanol ( entries 9 and 10, Table 1). Having the bromide as a leaving group significantly decreased the reaction rate and also gave slightly lower yields. The starting bromo carbinol was prepared by Grignard addition to methyl 2-bromocyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate (eq. 10).

As with our previous chemistry, the annulation process is highly regioselective for alkynes containing hindered alkyl, trialkylsilyl, or other similar groups with a tertiary center



(entries 1-3, 6-8, and 10, Table 1); however, high-yielding, clean reactions are again generally limited to these types of alkynes. An exception to this generality is the regioselective annulation of various substrates onto ethyl phenylpropiolate (entries 5 and 9, Table 1). The regiochemistry for the products is assumed to have the more sterically-demanding group in the 2-position of these ring systems in accordance with the pattern established in our previous alkyne addition reactions.

The foregoing studies demonstrate that a useful synthesis of vinylic hetero- and carbocycles has been developed using the palladium-catalyzed annulation of sterically-hindered internal alkynes. The procedure utilizes easily synthesized starting materials. The reaction proceeds under relatively mild conditions and gives good yields. Unfortunately, a number of these reactions have also been run with comparable acyclic vinylic halides and have produced either complex mixtures or no identifiable products at all. Thus, we are currently trying to overcome this limitation and continue to expand the scope of this process.

### Experimental Section

**General.** All  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz respectively. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using commercially prepared 60 mesh silica gel plates (Whatman K6F), and visualization was effected with short

wavelength UV light (254 nm), or basic  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution [3 g  $\text{KMnO}_4$  + 20 g  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  + 5 ml  $\text{NaOH}$  (5%) + 300 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ]. All melting points are uncorrected.

**Reagents.** All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous forms of  $\text{NaOAc}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiCl}$ , and sodium borohydride were purchased from Fisher Scientific. DMF, THF, pyridine, trifluoroacetic acid, methylene chloride, methanol, acetonitrile, and  $\text{CCl}_4$  were purchased from Fisher Scientific. All palladium compounds were donated by Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Kawaken Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. 2-Cyclohexen-1-one, 4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one, cerium(III) chloride heptahydrate, diethyl azodicarboxylate, 1-(triisopropylsilyl)propyne, triphenylphosphine, trimethylsilyl chloride, dimethyl malonate, methyl iodide, magnesium, and  $\text{I}_2$  were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc. 4,4-Dimethyl-2-butyne, 4-phenyl-2-methyl-3-butyne-2-ol and 1-(1-butyne)cyclohexanol were purchased from Farchan Scientific Co. Diphenylacetylene and ethyl phenylpropiolate were purchased from Eastman Kodak Co. The following starting materials were prepared according to literature procedures: 2-(2-phenyl-1-ethynyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane,<sup>15</sup> methyl-2-bromocyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate,<sup>16</sup> and *N*-Boc *p*-toluenesulfonamide.<sup>14</sup> The following starting materials were prepared as indicated.

**2-Iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-ol.**  $\text{I}_2$  (13.16 g, 104 mmol) dissolved in 130 ml of 1:1  $\text{CCl}_4$ /pyridine was added under  $\text{N}_2$  to a solution of 2-cyclohexen-1-one dissolved in 100 ml of 1:1  $\text{CCl}_4$ /pyridine at 0-5 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h as the temperature was raised from 0 °C to rt. The mixture was diluted with 500 ml of ether, washed with water (2 x 125 ml), 1 N  $\text{HCl}$  (2 x 200 ml), water (100 ml), 20 %  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  (2 x 100 ml), and dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ). After filtration and concentration, the solid was chromatographed using 2:1 hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$  and recrystallized from hexane/ether to yield 4.0 g of 2-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-one (35 %). This compound (1.09 g, 4.9 mmol) and cerium(III) chloride heptahydrate (1.86 g, 5.0 mmol) were dissolved in 13 ml of  $\text{MeOH}$ . Sodium borohydride (193 mg, 5.07 mmol) was added in one

portion (careful !) with stirring under  $N_2$ . After 10 min, the gas evolution ceased and the reaction was quenched with saturated  $NH_4Cl$ , followed by 5 % HCl. The product was extracted with ether, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 1.06 g (97%) of the product as a clear oil with spectral properties identical to those previously reported.<sup>17</sup>

**2-Iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol.** 4,4-Dimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one (3.24 g) was placed in 100 ml of 1:1  $CCl_4$ /pyridine and  $I_2$  (13.16 g, 104.2 mmol) in 130 ml of 1:1  $CCl_4$ /pyridine was added over 10 min at rt. The mixture was stirred in the dark for 72 h. The mixture was diluted with 300 ml of ether, washed with 20 %  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (2 x 100 ml), water (100 ml), 1 N HCl (4 x 100 ml), and dried ( $MgSO_4$ ). The solvent was removed to yield 86 % of the desired iodoenone:  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.20 (s, 6 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.93 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.68 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.46 (s, 1 H, vinyl). This compound (2.50 g, 10 mmol) and cerium(III) chloride heptahydrate (3.72 g, 10 mmol) were dissolved in 25 ml of MeOH. Sodium borohydride (380 mg, 10 mmol) was added in one portion (careful !) with stirring under  $N_2$ . After 10 min, the gas evolution ceased and the reaction was quenched with saturated  $NH_4Cl$ , followed by 5 % HCl. The product was extracted with ether, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , and chromatographed using 4:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 2.34 g (97 %) of the product as a clear oil:  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.99 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.03 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.52 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.63 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.89 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.04 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.12 (br s, 1 H, OH), 4.12 (q,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1 H, CH), 6.23 (s, 1 H, vinyl);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  27.9, 28.8, 28.9, 32.3, 37.3, 71.4, 102.5, 150.0; IR ( $CHCl_3$ ) 3421 (OH), 1618 ( $C=C$ )  $cm^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  252.0013 (calcd for  $C_8H_{13}IO$ , 252.0011).

**1-Iodo-3,3-dimethyl-6-(tosylamino)cyclohexene.** Triphenylphosphine (4.67 g, 17.9 mmol) and *N*-Boc *p*-toluenesulfonamide (2.43 g, 8.91 mmol) were dissolved in 80 ml of dry THF. 2-Iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol (1.65 g, 6.5 mmol) was added, followed by diethyl azodicarboxylate (2.29 ml, 14.6 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 4 h,

concentrated, and the product was purified by chromatography using 8:1 hexanes/EtOAc to yield the crude 6-(*N*-Boc-*N*-tosylamino)-1-iodo-3,3-dimethylcyclohexene:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.03 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.08 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.42 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.67 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.09 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.43 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.51 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.97 (br s, 1 H, NH), 6.22 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1 H, vinyl), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, aryl), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, aryl). All of this compound was placed in 70 ml of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  containing 2.18 ml of trifluoroacetic acid and stirred for 30 h at rt. After completion, the solvent was removed and the product was purified by chromatography using 8:1 hexanes/EtOAc to afford the desired tosylamide in 51 % overall yield:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.95 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.99 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.52 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.95 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.75 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.58 (br s, 1 H, NH), 6.24 (s, 1 H, vinyl), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, aryl), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.4, 27.2, 28.5, 29.4, 31.1, 37.2, 57.6, 94.7, 127.6, 129.4, 137.5, 143.3, 153.1; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3247 (NH)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{I}$ ) 278.1213 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ , 278.1215).

**Dimethyl (2-iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexenyl)malonate.** One g (3.96 mmol) of 2-iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol and 0.88 g (5.94 mmol) of NaI were placed in 10 ml of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  under  $\text{N}_2$ . Trimethylsilyl chloride (0.75 ml, 5.94 mmol) was added at rt all at once and the reaction was stirred for 24 h in the dark. The reaction was quenched with water. Ether was added. The organic layer was separated and washed with 10 ml of 10 %  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ , 20 ml of water, and 20 ml of brine, and then dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ). The product was purified by chromatography using hexane to yield 1.08 g (76 %) of 1,6-diiodo-3,3-dimethylcyclohexene:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.98 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.05 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.22 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1 H, CH), 1.80 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.02 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.00 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1 H, CH), 6.08 (s, 1 H, vinyl). Dimethyl malonate (0.83 g, 6.26 mmol) in 1 ml of 2:1 DMF/THF was added to NaH (150 mg, 6.26 mmol) in 8 ml of 1:1 DMF/THF and stirred for 15 min. 1,6-Diiodo-3,3-dimethylcyclohexene (1.14 g, 3.13 mmol) in 4 ml of 1:1 DMF/THF was added



all at once and stirred for 13 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and extracted with ether. The ether layer was separated and dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ). The product was isolated by chromatography using 8:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 1.06 g (93 %) of dimethyl (2-iodo-4,4-dimethyl-2-cyclohexenyl)malonate:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.00 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.02 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.48 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.89 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.16 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.97 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.74 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.76 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.07 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1 H, CH), 6.31 (br s, 1 H, vinyl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.4, 27.4, 28.2, 34.2, 36.7, 43.4, 51.6, 52.1, 55.4, 99.0, 150.7, 167.5, 168.3; IR (neat) 1755 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 1732 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 1618 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{I}$ ) 239.1290 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4$ , 239.1283).

**2-(2-Bromo-1-cyclohexenyl)-2-propanol.** Magnesium (0.27 g, 11.29 mmol) was placed in 5 ml of dry ether. Methyl iodide (0.66 ml, 10.52 mmol) was added slowly to the flask to form the Grignard reagent. The flask was heated an additional 15 minutes and methyl (Z)-2-bromocyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate (1.00 g, 4.56 mmol) in 3 ml of dry ether was added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 1 h and the mixture was quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . The product was extracted with ether, washed with water and brine, and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The crude product was chromatographed using 8:1 hexane/EtOAc to yield 0.9 g (90 %) of the carbinol:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.43 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.63 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.22 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.56 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.34 (s, 1 H, OH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.4, 24.3, 27.8, 28.3, 38.9, 73.8, 117.3, 140.5; IR (neat) 3453 (OH), 1630 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  218.0306 (calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}$ , 218.0304).

**General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed Formation of Vinylic Heterocycles.**  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (3 mg, 0.0135 mmol), the base (2.0 mmol), LiCl (10.6 mg, 0.25 mmol), the starting vinylic halide (0.25 mmol), and the alkyne (0.50 mmol) were placed in a 2 dram vial which was heated in an oil bath at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$  under  $\text{N}_2$  for the necessary period of time. The reaction was monitored by TLC to establish completion. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with ether, washed with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and filtered.

The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was isolated by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column. The following compounds were prepared by the above procedure.

**2-*t*-Butyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-3,5,5-trimethylbenzofuran** (entry 1, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using hexane to yield a clear oil:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.97 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.30 (s, 9 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.52 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.93 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.05 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.48 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.3, 20.5, 28.2, 28.7, 30.2, 33.7, 34.6, 36.2, 111.4, 118.0, 145.1, 154.8; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1646 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 1456 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  220.1832 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}$ , 220.1827).

**4,5,6,7-Tetrahydro-2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-5,5-dimethyl-3-phenylbenzofuran** (entry 2, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 hexane/EtOAc:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.95 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.45 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.58 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.98 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.08 (s, 1 H, OH), 2.58 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.2-7.4 (m, 5 H, aryl);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.6, 27.9, 29.9, 30.2, 34.8, 36.0, 70.5, 118.1, 120.9, 126.8, 127.9, 129.9, 134.3, 146.6, 152.3; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3460 (OH), 1683 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 1605 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 1494 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  284.1773 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ , 284.1776).

**3-Ethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5,5-dimethylbenzofuran** (entry 3, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 hexane/EtOAc:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.98 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.30-2.05 (m, 13 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.11 (t,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.40-2.60 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  15.6, 17.2, 20.6, 22.0, 25.5, 28.0, 30.2, 34.7, 35.9, 37.2, 72.0, 117.8, 120.9, 146.5, 151.8; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3457 (OH), 1647 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 1575 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 1453 ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  276.2086 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2$ , 276.2089).

***N*-Tosyl-6,7-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-7a*H*-indole** (entry 4, Table 1). The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.92 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.03 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.5-2.0 (m, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.39 (s, 3 H,

CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.65 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.36 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.91 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1 H, vinyl), 6.8-7.4 (m, 14 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.5, 28.0, 28.1, 30.2, 33.0, 36.1, 64.5, 124.3, 126.7, 127.0, 127.1, 127.7, 128.2, 128.3, 129.2, 129.7, 130.5, 131.2, 132.4, 133.6, 138.4, 142.5, 143.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1603 (C=C), 1540 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS  $m/z$  455.1919 (calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S, 455.1919).

***N*-Tosyl-3-carboethoxy-6,7-dihydro-2-phenyl-5,5-dimethyl-7a*H*-indole (entry 5, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.85 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.09 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.5-2.0 (m, 3 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.66 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.90 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.50 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.62 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1 H, vinyl), 7.1-7.4 (m, 9 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.5, 21.5, 28.0, 30.2, 31.0, 33.1, 35.7, 60.0, 65.6, 116.3, 126.6, 126.7, 127.9, 129.0, 129.3, 129.8, 130.7, 133.1, 134.5, 144.2, 153.6, 163.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1713 (C=O), 1597 (C=C), 1537 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS  $m/z$  451.1823 (calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S, 451.1817).

***2-t*-Butyl-1,1-dicarbomethoxy-6,7-dihydro-3,5,5-trimethyl-7a*H*-indene (entry 6, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 8:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.94 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.17 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.40 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.65 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.85 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.95 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.82 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.17 (s, 1 H, vinyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.1, 22.4, 29.9, 31.3, 31.7, 32.2, 34.2, 37.7, 50.6, 51.4, 52.0, 68.9, 123.3, 137.7, 144.4, 147.7, 169.7, 172.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1761 (C=O), 1737 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS  $m/z$  334.2144 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 334.2144).

**1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-6,7-dihydro-2-triisopropylsilyl-3,5,5-trimethyl-7a*H*-indene (entry 7, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.95 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.00-1.12 (m, 24 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.60 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.90 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.94 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.95 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.62 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.24 (s, 1 H, vinyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.5,

14.9, 19.6, 19.7, 22.5, 29.7, 31.0, 32.3, 37.6, 50.8, 51.2, 52.1, 71.9, 125.5, 138.2, 144.9, 154.2, 169.9, 172.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1721 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup> - CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) 391.2300 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si, 391.2304).

**1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-6,7-dihydro-2-(2-methyl-2-(1,3-dioxolanyl))-5,5-dimethyl-3-phenyl-7aH-indene (entry 8, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.98 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.57 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.63 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.86 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.28 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.59 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.94 (m, 1 H, vinyl), 7.07 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.23 (m, 3 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.9, 25.9, 29.5, 30.1, 31.0, 32.4, 37.1, 47.5, 51.9, 63.5, 63.7, 72.7, 108.9, 126.9, 127.1, 127.6, 131.3, 137.3, 137.6, 141.8, 144.1, 169.5, 169.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1724 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 426.2047 (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 426.2042).

**Ethyl 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1,1-dimethyl-3-phenylisochromene-4-carboxylate (entry 9, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 83:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.83 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.56 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.94 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.24 (m, 3 H, aryl), 7.35 (m, 2 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.7, 22.2, 22.4, 24.3, 24.5, 25.5, 60.2, 79.3, 110.3, 122.9, 127.3, 127.6, 128.1, 128.9, 135.4, 153.4, 153.7, 168.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1713 (C=O), 1646 (C=C), 1586 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z 312.1732 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 312.1725).

**5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-3-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-1,1-dimethyl-4-phenylisochromene (entry 10, Table 1).** The reaction mixture was chromatographed using 15:1 hexane/EtOAc: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.18 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (s, 6 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.54 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.10 (m, 2 H, aryl), 7.25 (m, 3 H, aryl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.3, 22.5, 24.2, 24.3, 26.1, 29.0, 72.3,

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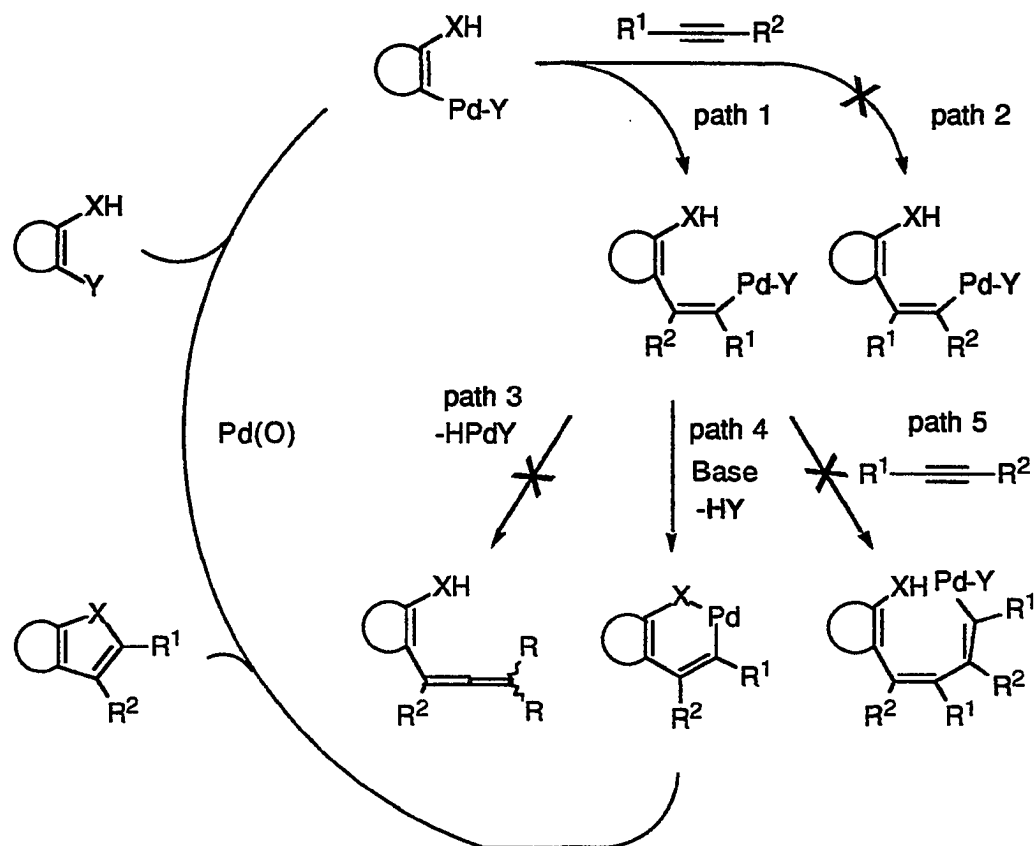
## GENERAL CONCLUSION

In this dissertation, it has been demonstrated that the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes with a variety of aryl and vinylic halides and triflates provides an efficient route to a number of hetero- and carbocyclic ring systems, including indenones, isocoumarins, benzofurans, isochromenes, phenanthrenes, furans, and other miscellaneous aromatic and vinylic ring systems.

The common thread that ties chapters 1-5 together is that the methodology generally requires hindered or symmetrical alkynes containing tertiary centers to obtain high-yielding, usable, clean reactions. This restriction can perhaps best be explained by examining how a hindered tertiary alkyne limits the available reaction pathways for the annulation process as shown in Scheme 1. Following oxidative addition of the aryl or vinyl halide or triflate to Pd(O), there are two possible paths (paths 1 and 2) by which alkyne insertion can take place. Since the addition of aryl- or vinylpalladium species to unsymmetrical hindered alkynes containing tertiary centers is regioselective and leads to vinylpalladium intermediates in which the sterically more hindered group is located at the carbon atom  $\sigma$ -bonded to the palladium, path 2 is eliminated and only one vinylpalladium intermediate is formed. The resultant vinylpalladium intermediate could then either  $\beta$ -hydride eliminate to form an allene (path 3), close to form a palladacycle (path 4), or insert another alkyne (path 5). The tertiary center prevents the  $\beta$ -hydride elimination (path 3). It also shields the vinylpalladium intermediate, thus simultaneously discouraging insertion of another alkyne (path 5) and allowing more time for the annulation products to form (path 4). Path 4 should also be favored by using better nucleophiles.

Cyclic vinylic halides or triflates are also currently necessary in order to obtain good yields with those systems. It is unclear why these reactions proceed well, whereas similar reactions with acyclic systems give complex mixtures or no discernible products. Perhaps the



**Scheme 1**

cyclic systems are more stable under the reaction conditions and/or are unable to  $\beta$ -hydride eliminate following insertion into Pd(O). More work needs to be done to elucidate these and other factors governing these reactions.

In summary, a useful and convenient synthesis of hetero- or carbocycles has been developed using the palladium-catalyzed annulation of internal alkynes from aromatic or cyclic vinylic halides or triflates. The reactions proceed under relatively mild conditions and use

easily accessible starting materials. The process works best with hindered alkynes containing tertiary centers and usually gives yields ranging from 50 - 80 %.

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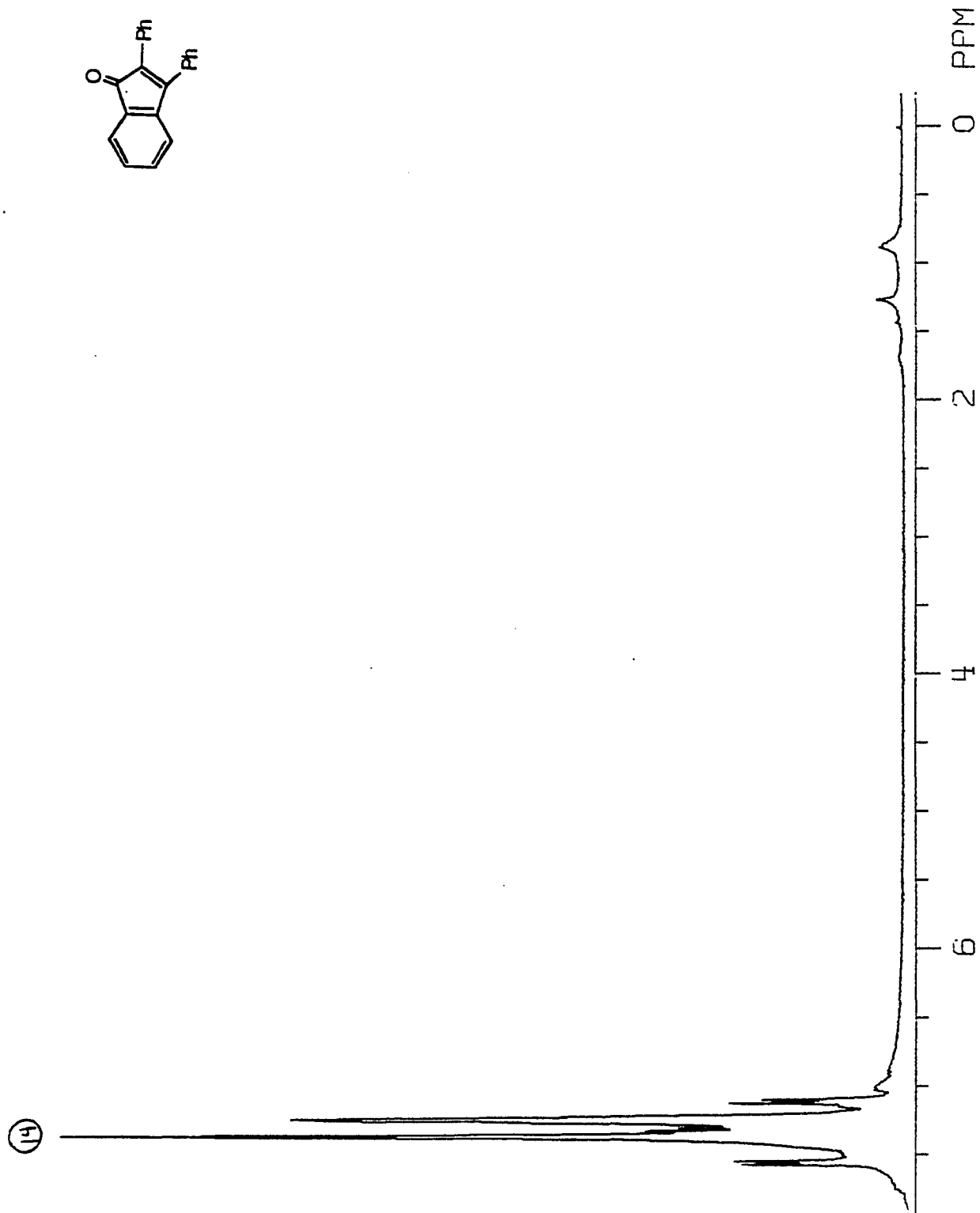
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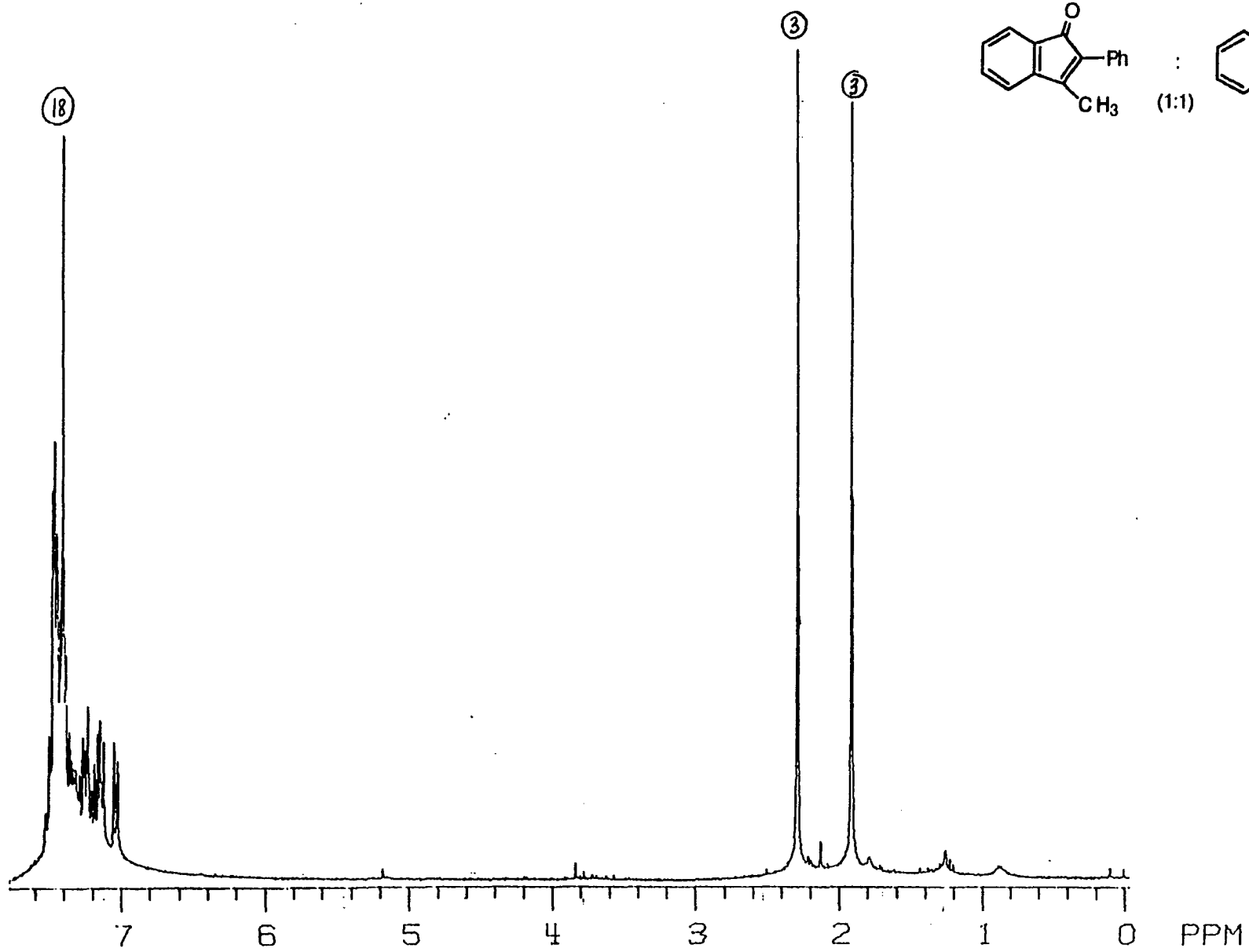
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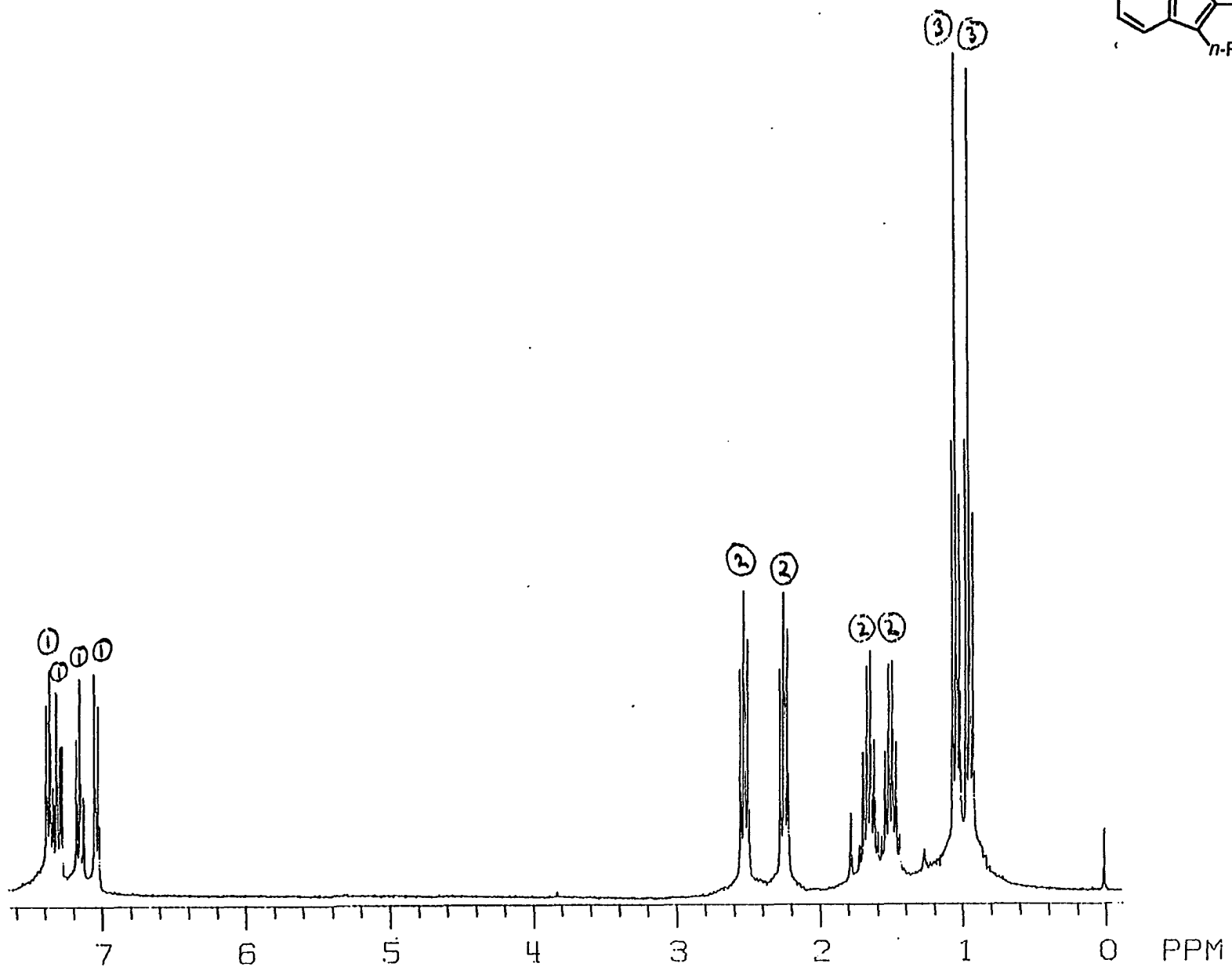
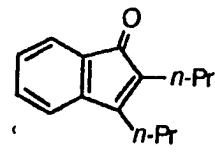
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**APPENDIX A: CHAPTER 1  $^1\text{H}$  AND  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR INDENONE SPECTRA**



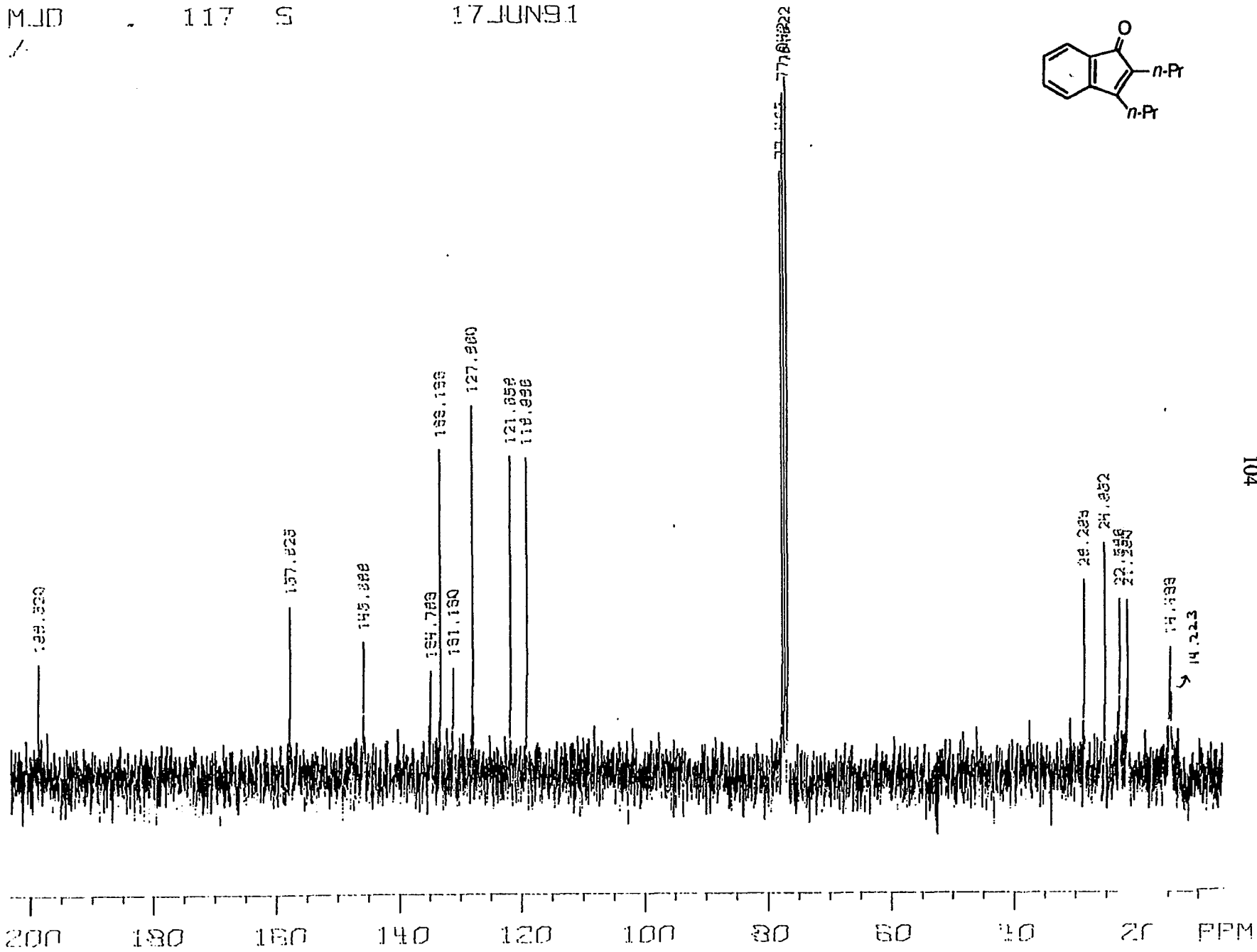
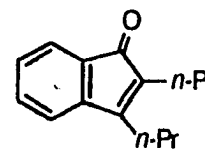




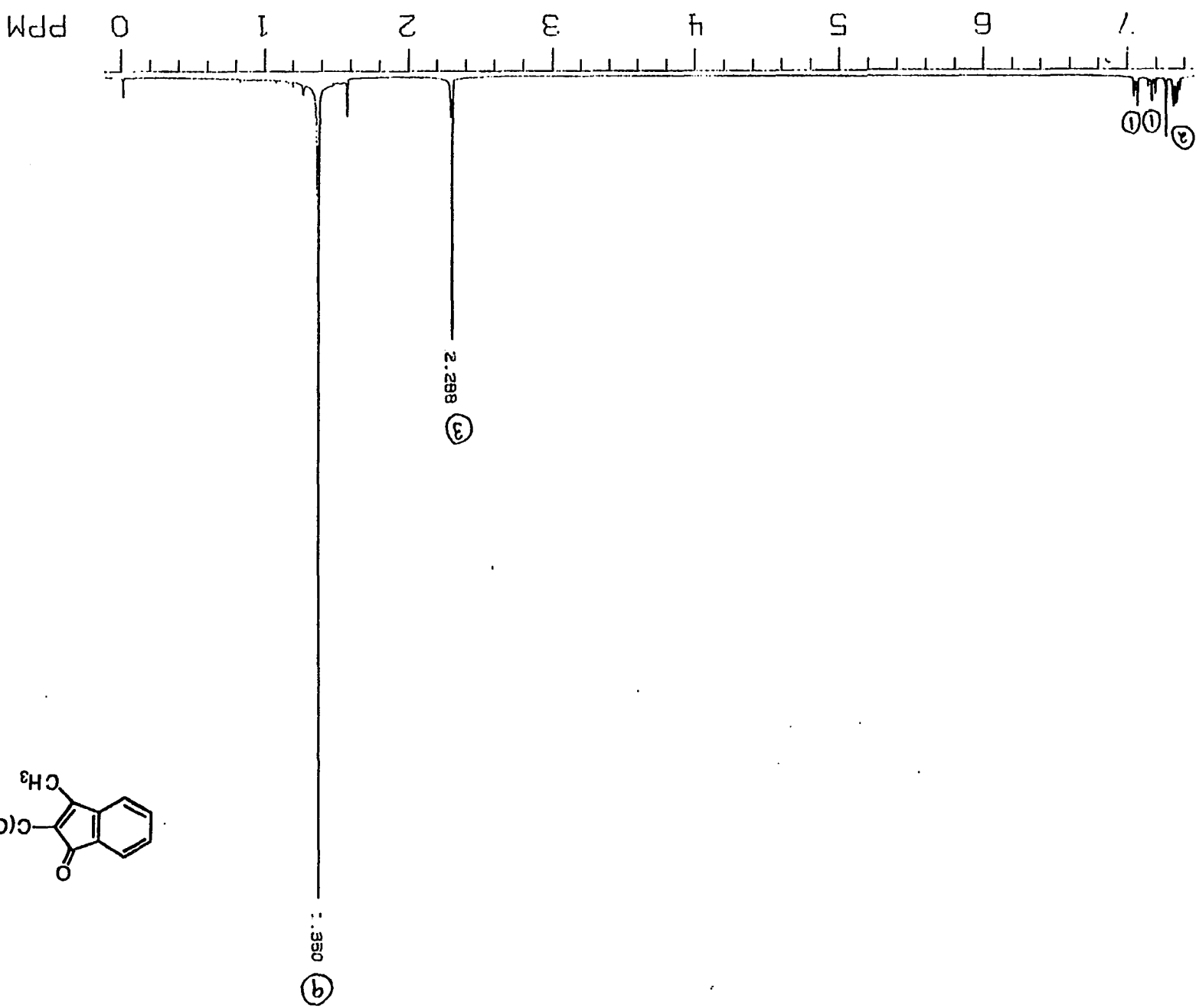
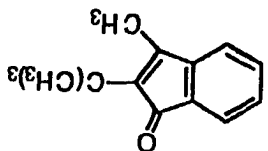
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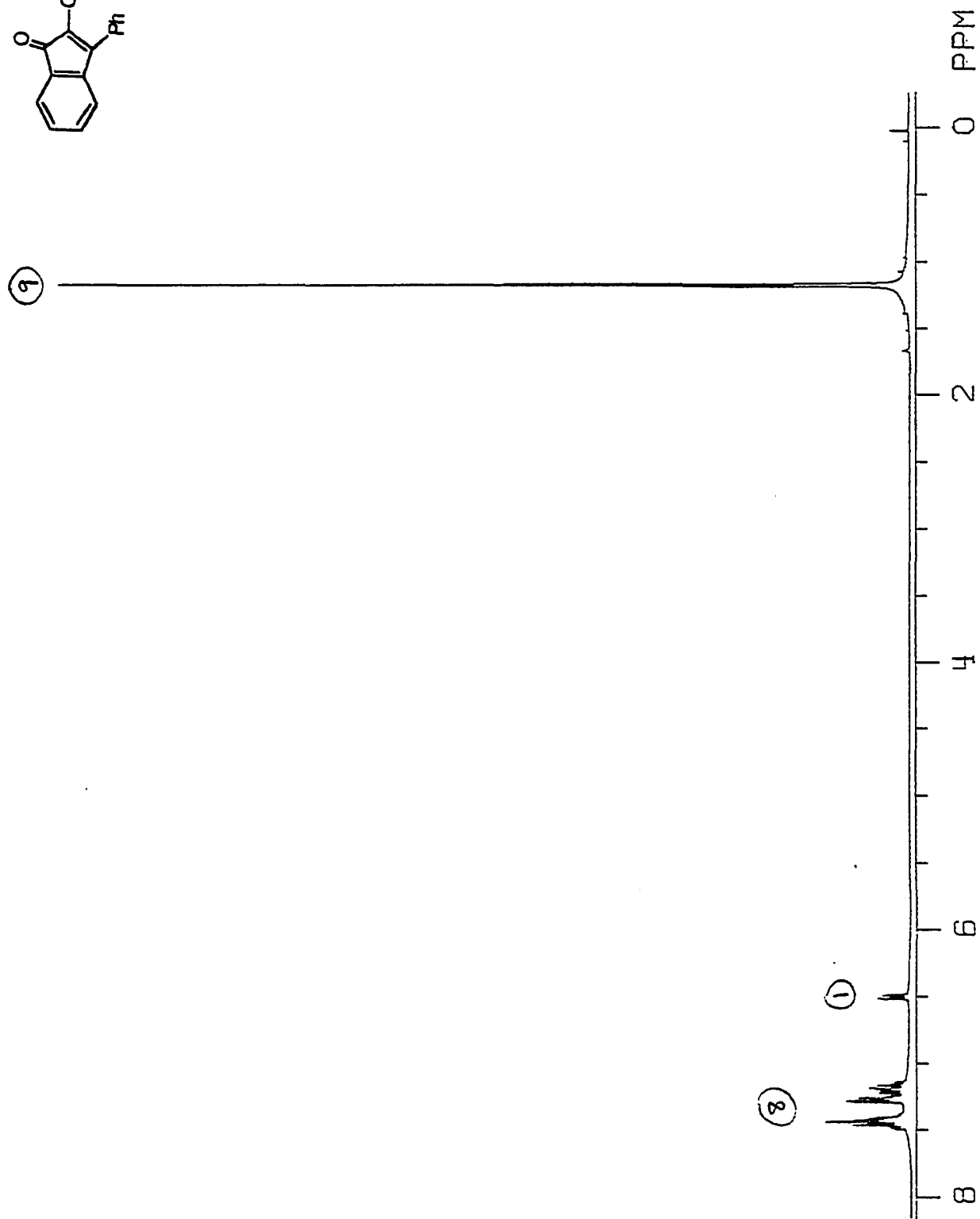
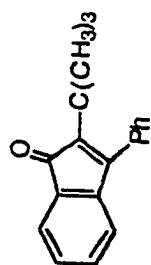
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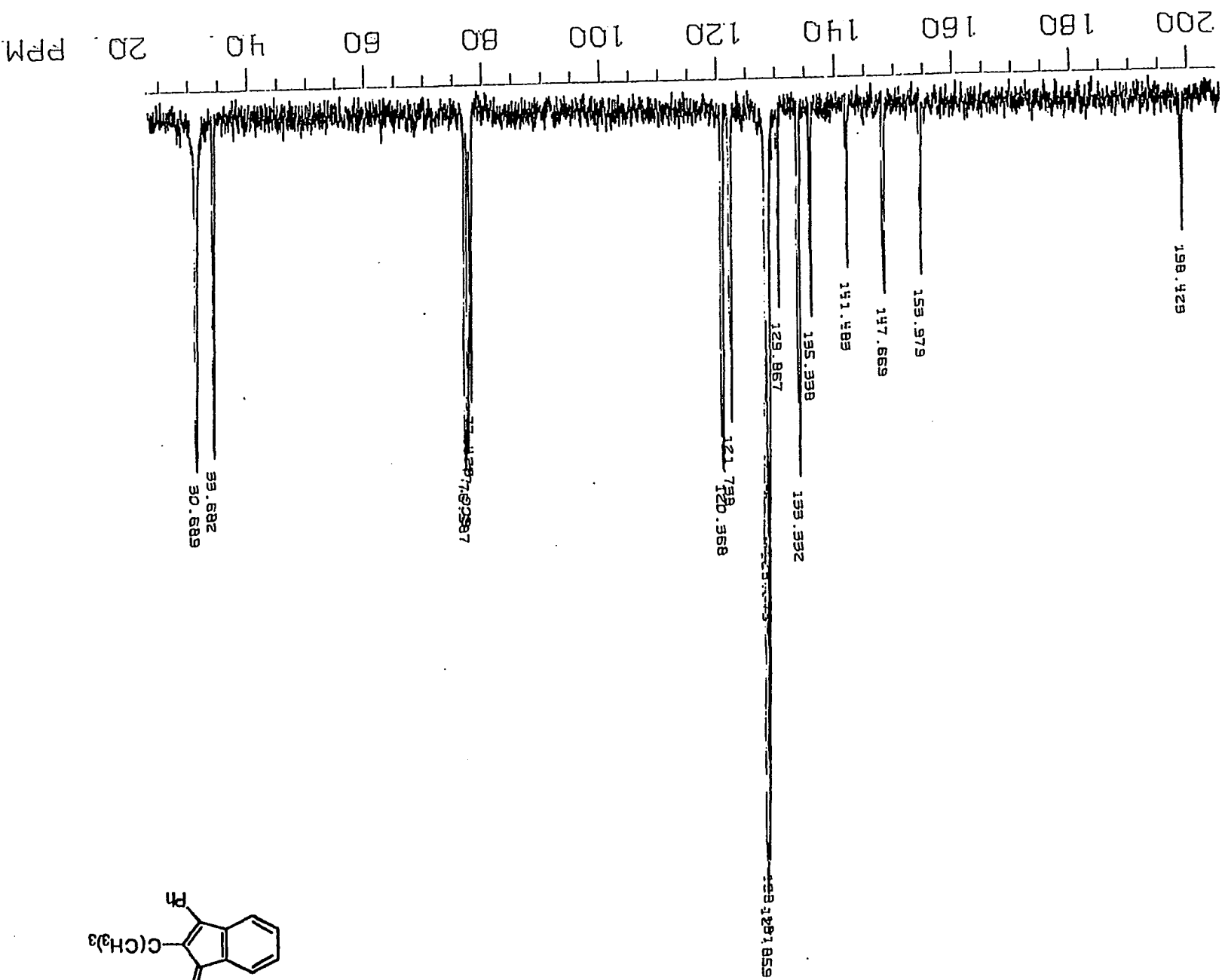
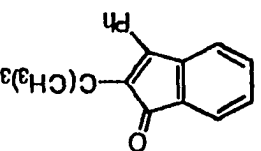
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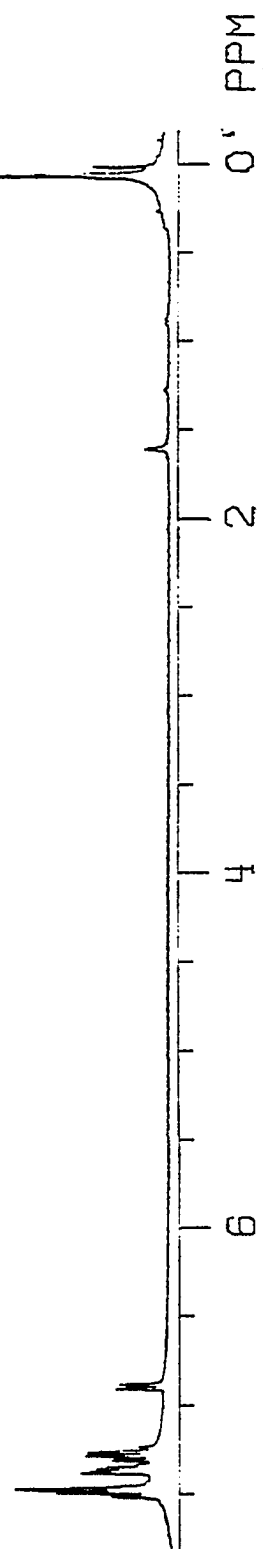
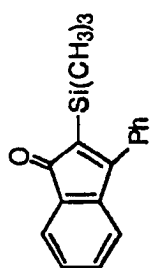




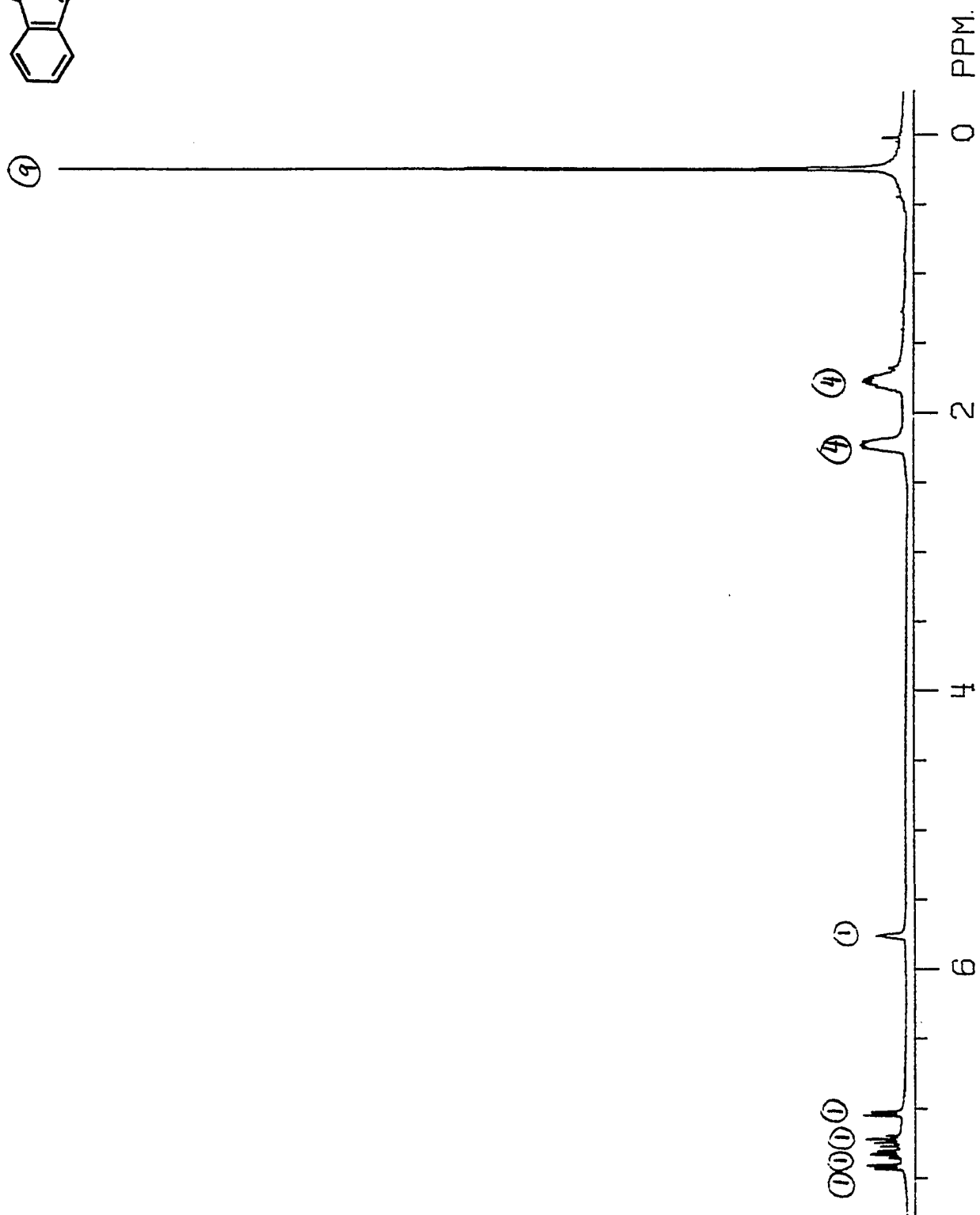
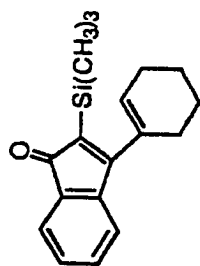


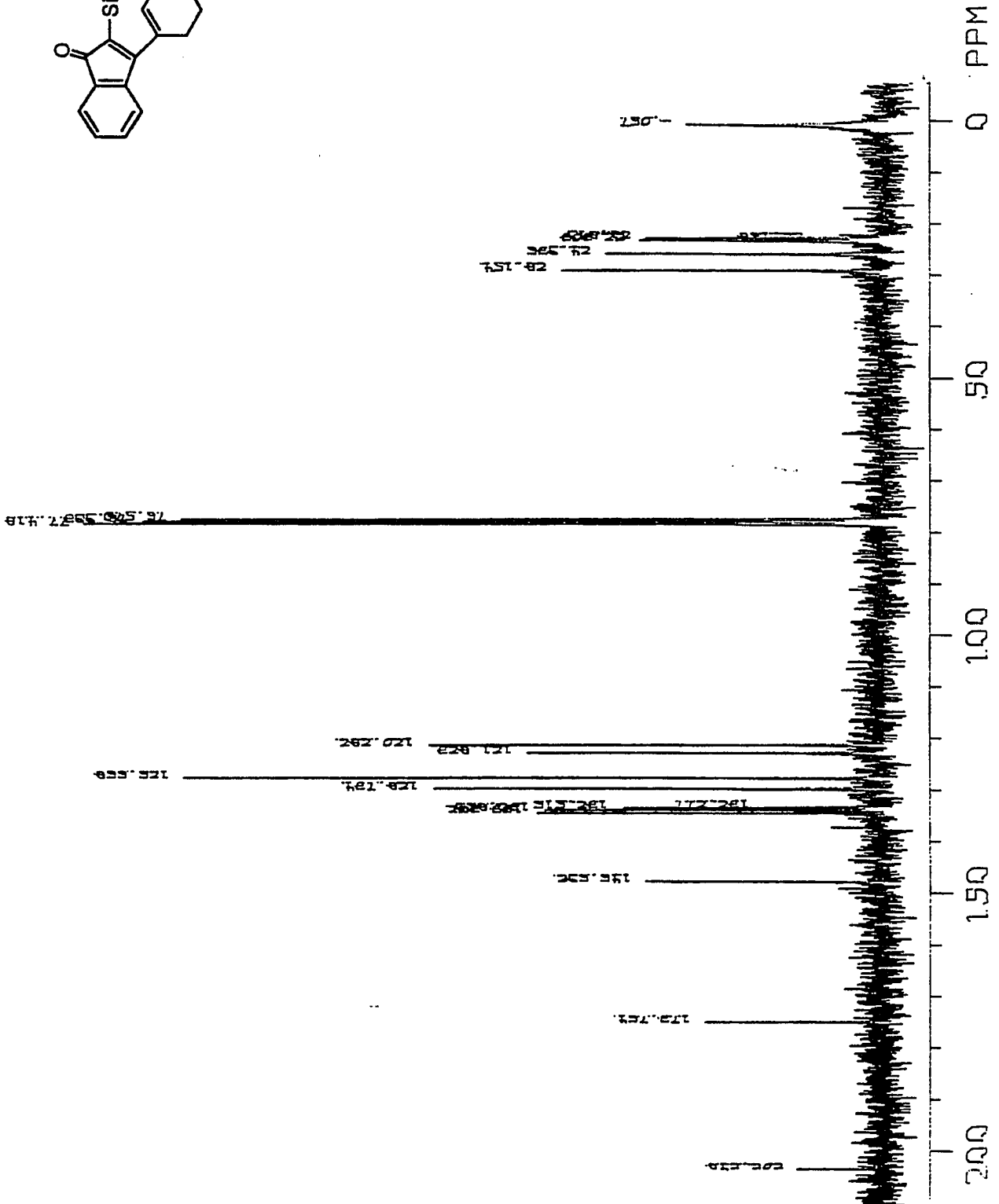
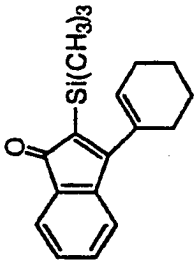


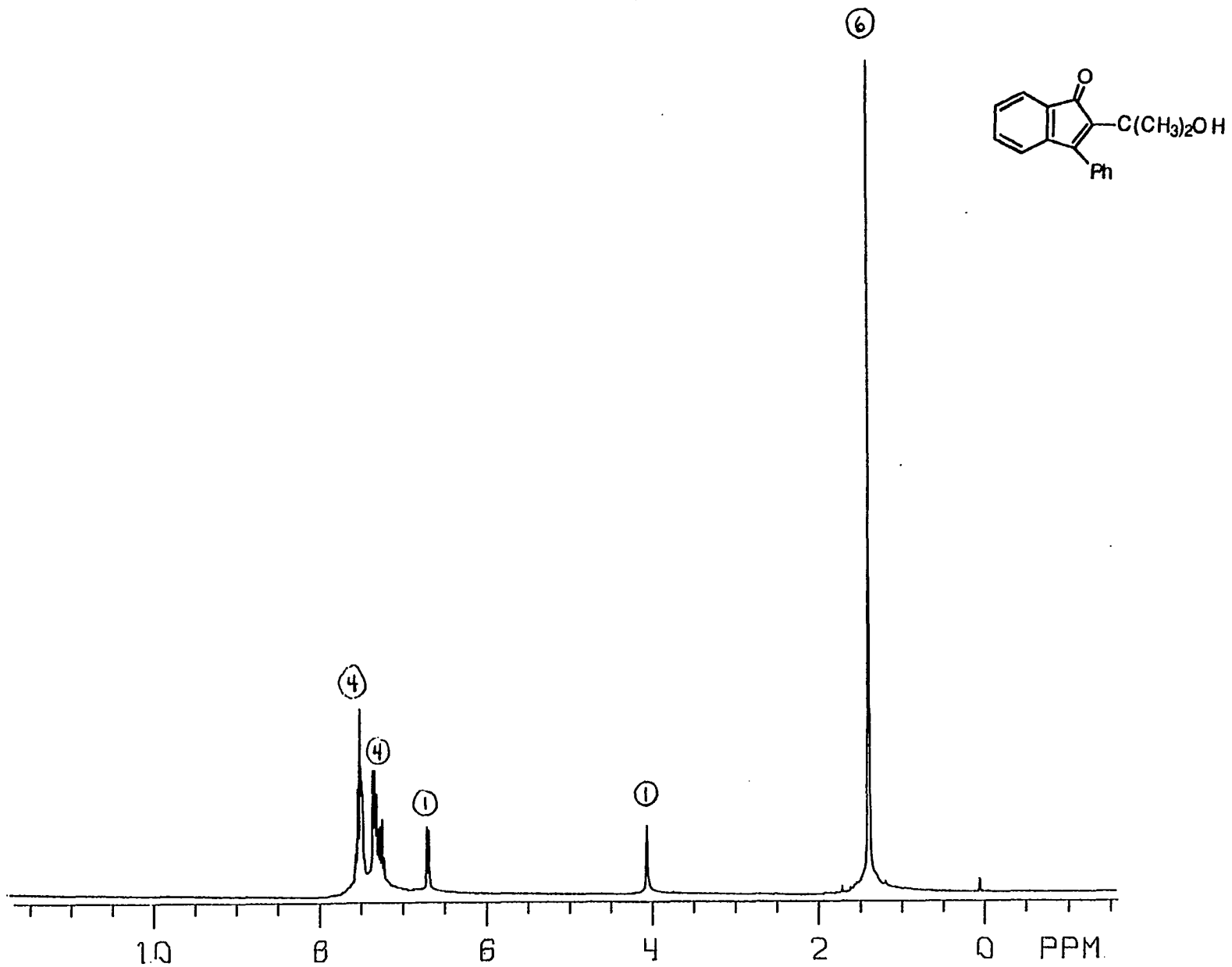










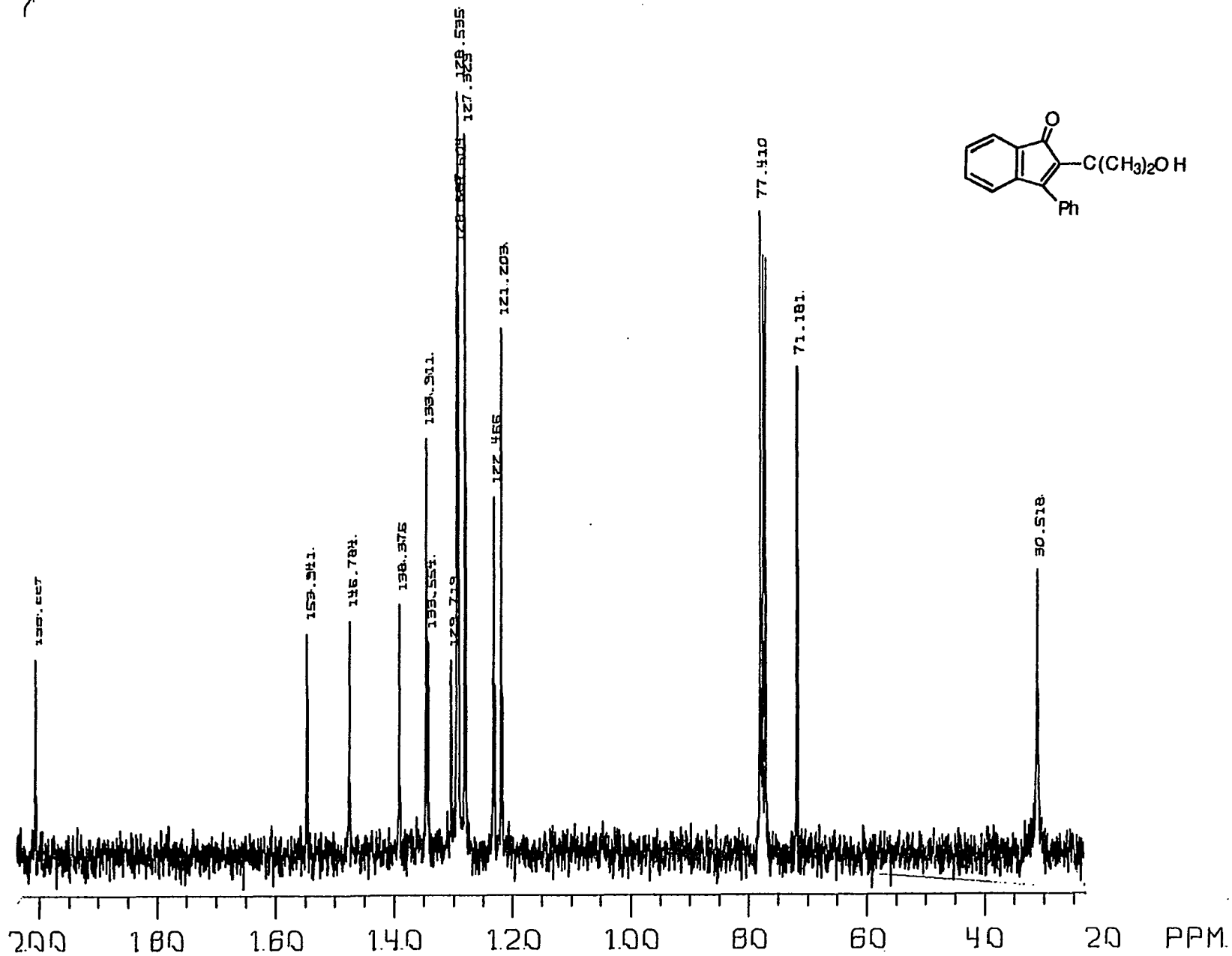


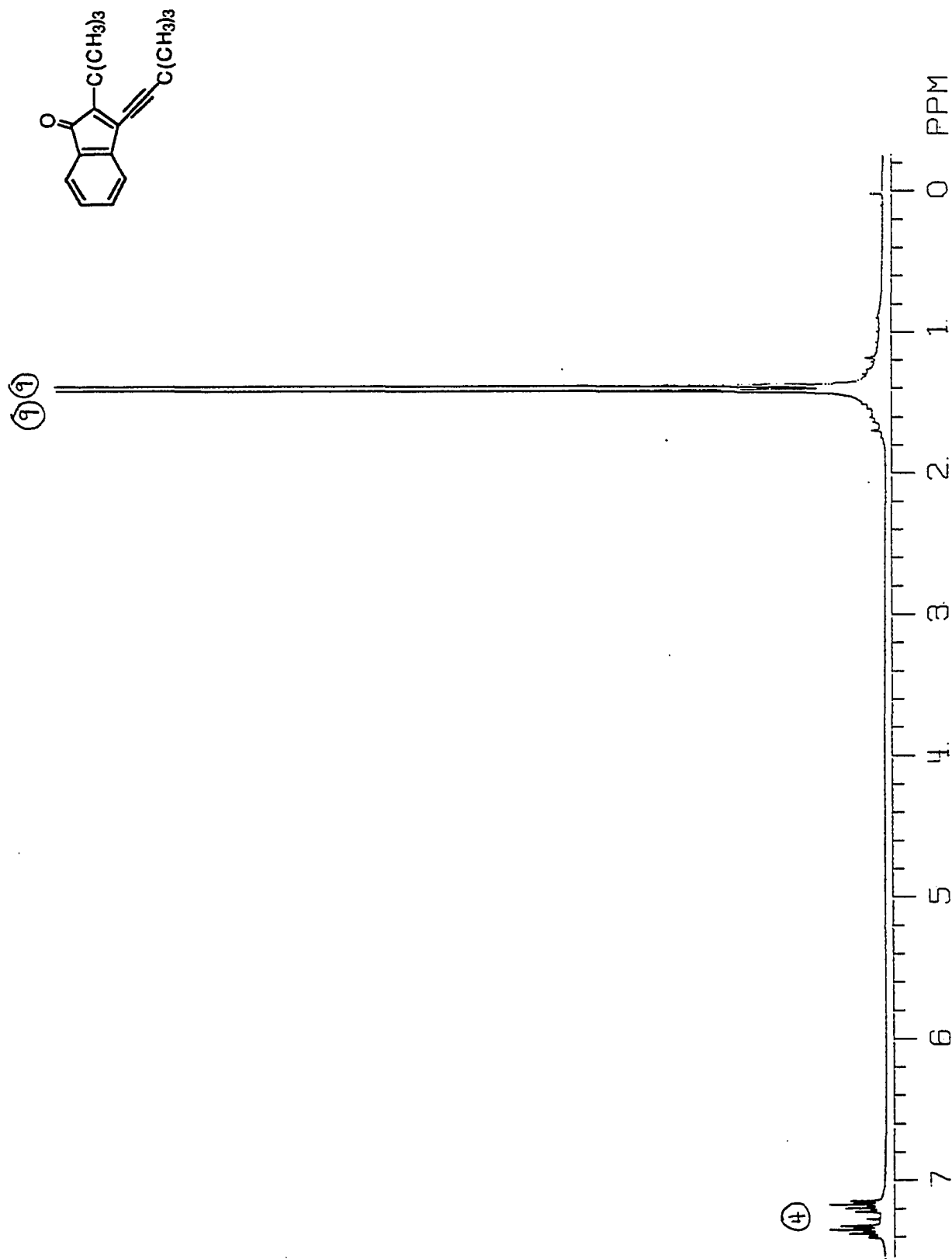


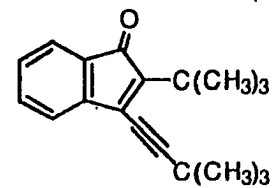
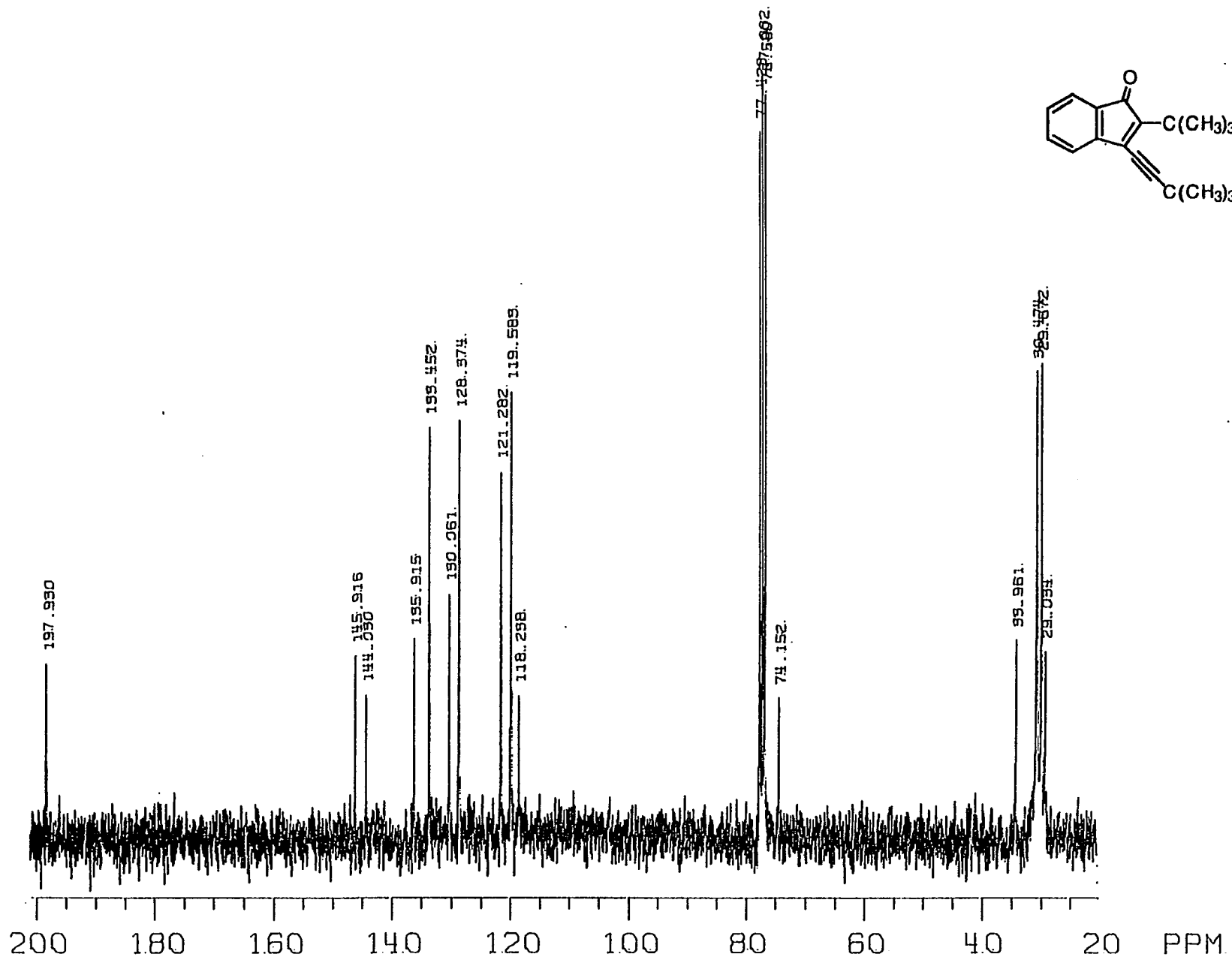
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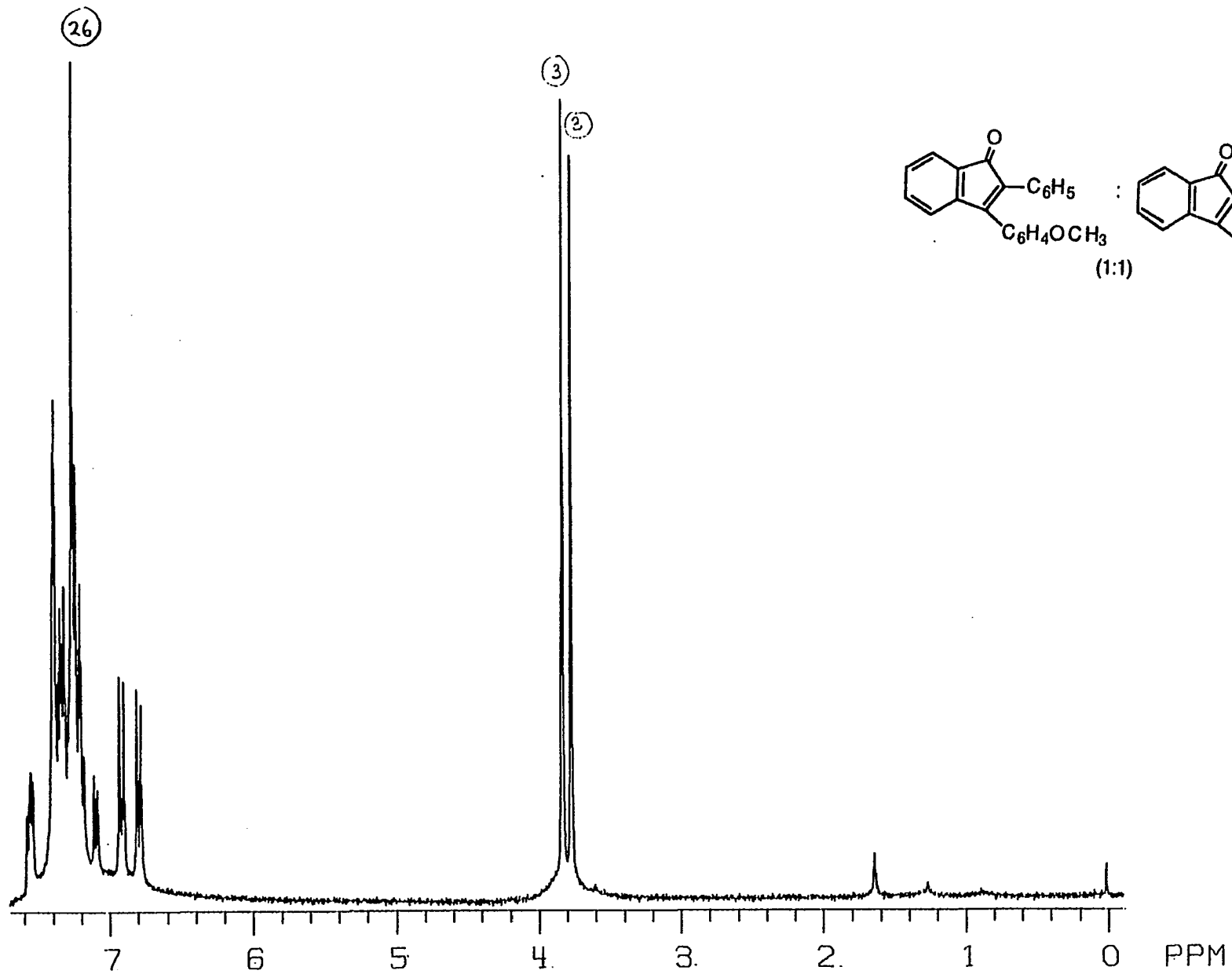
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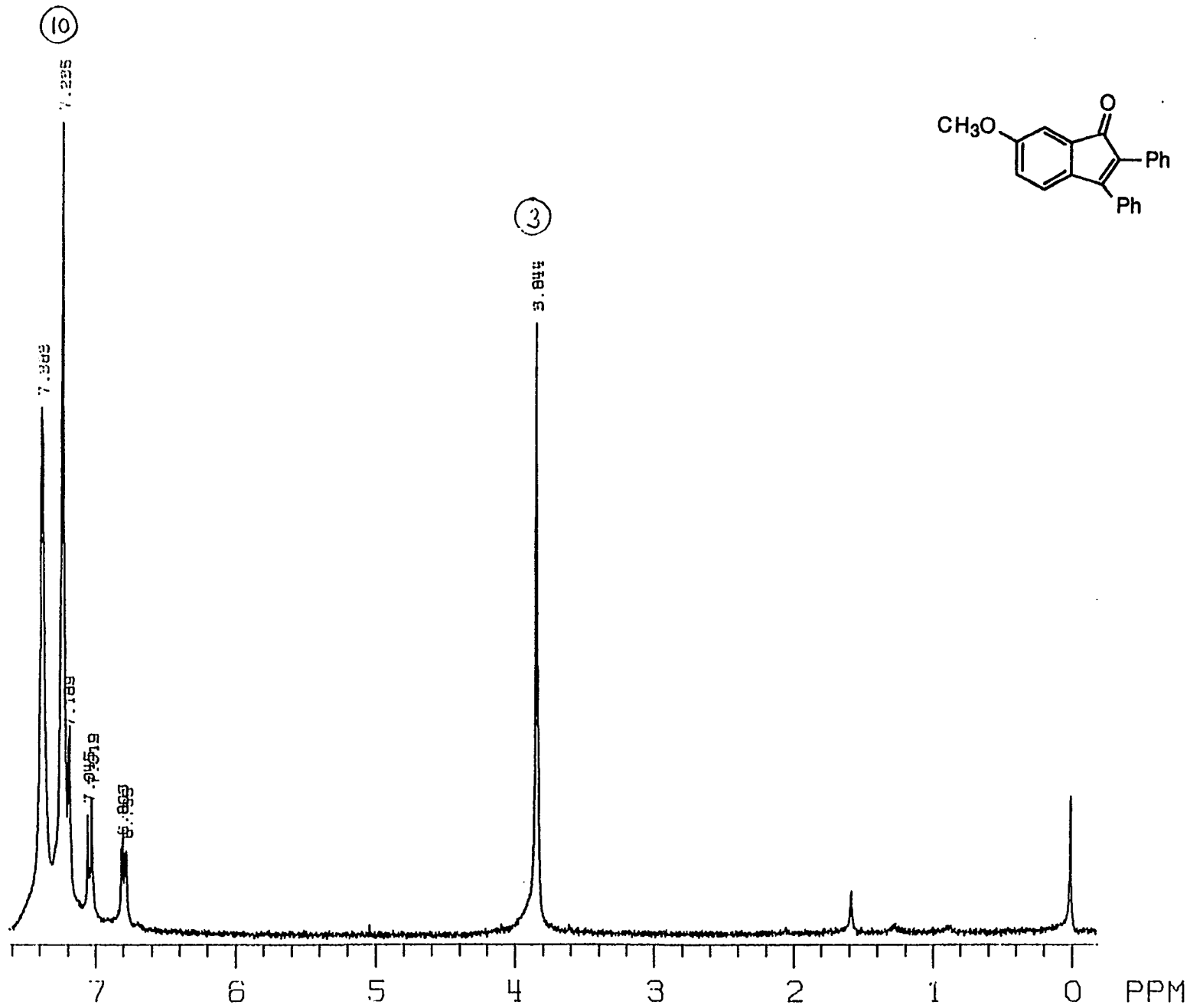
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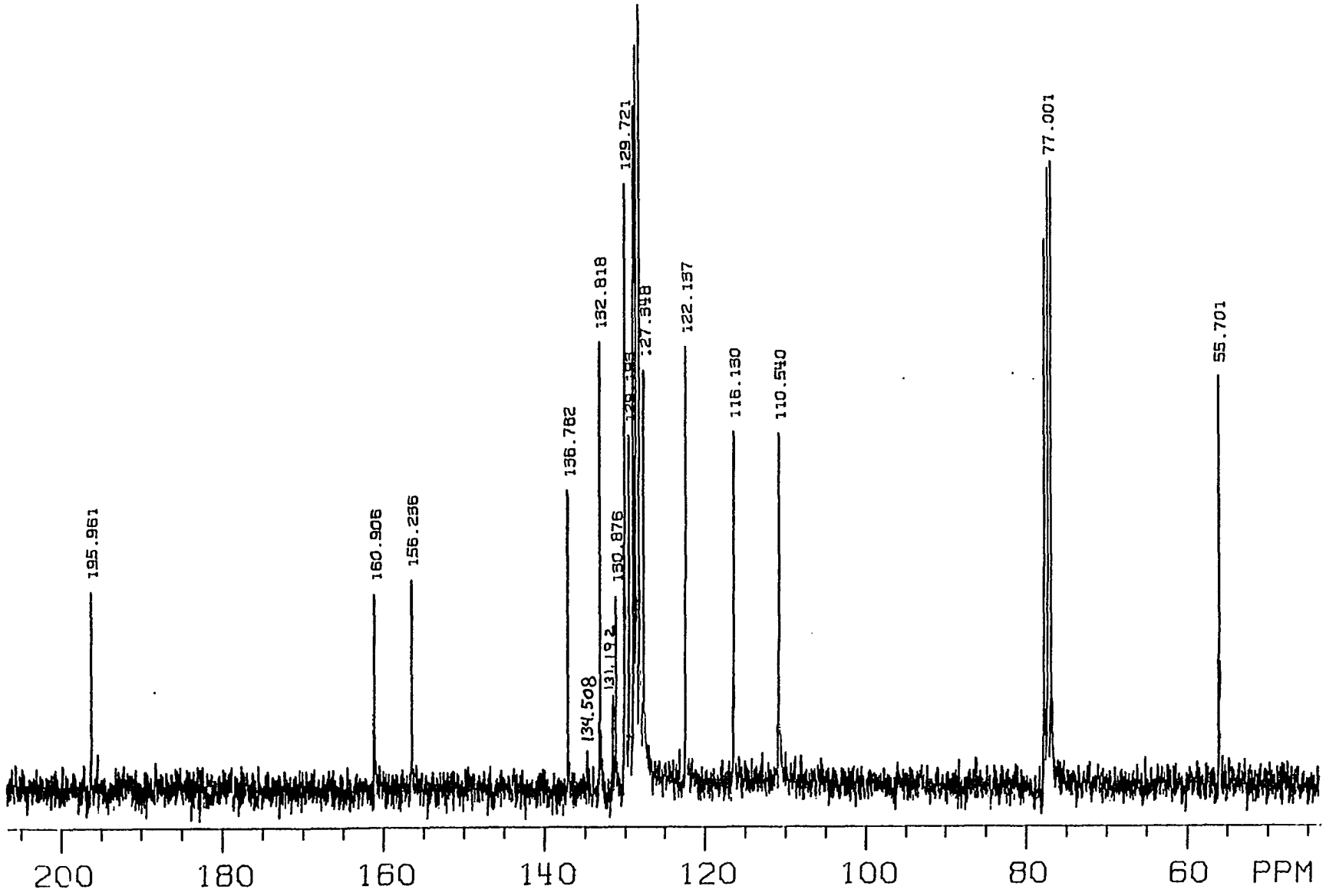
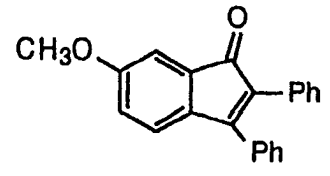


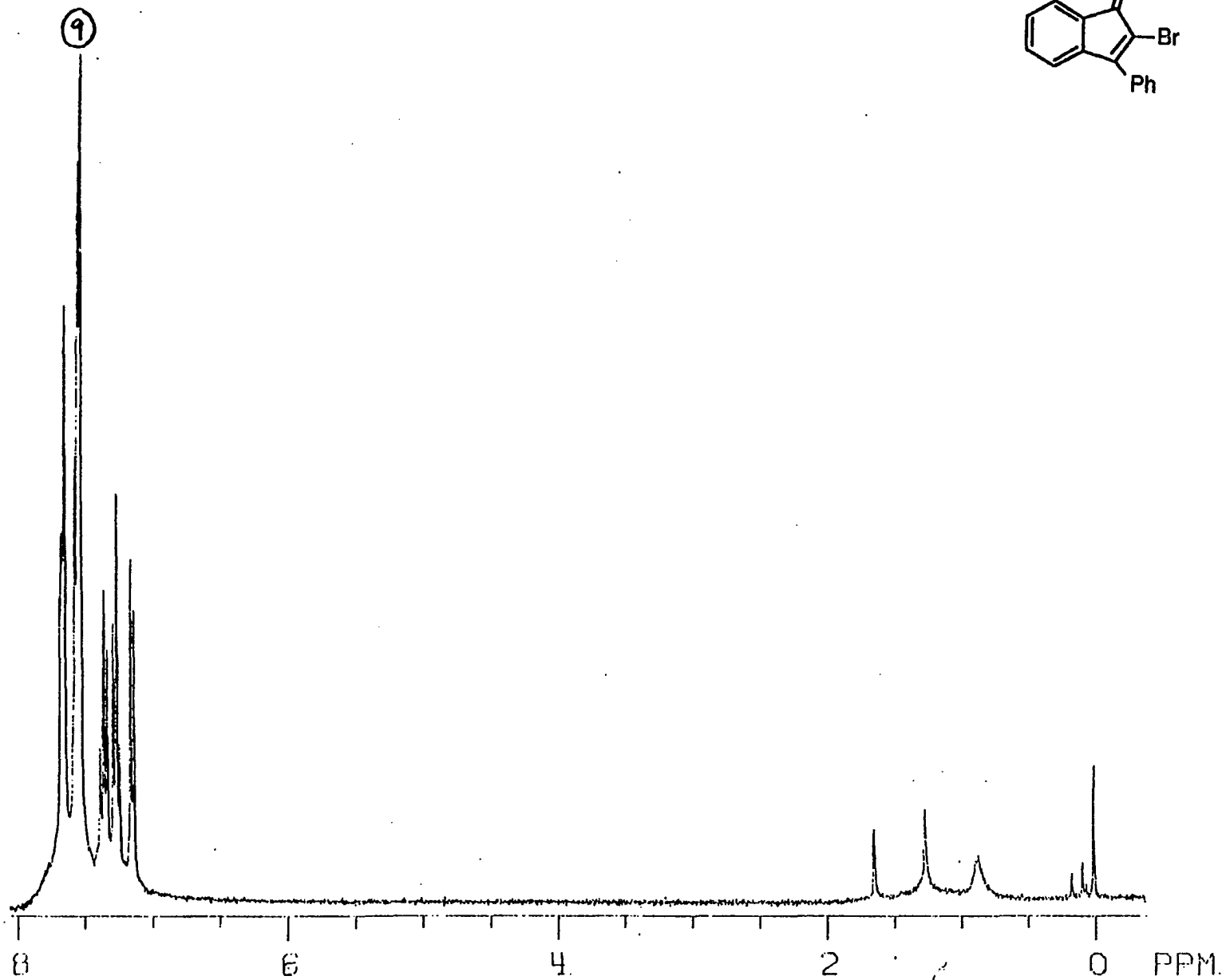
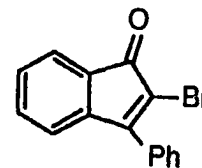












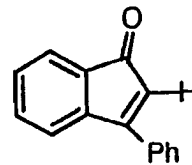
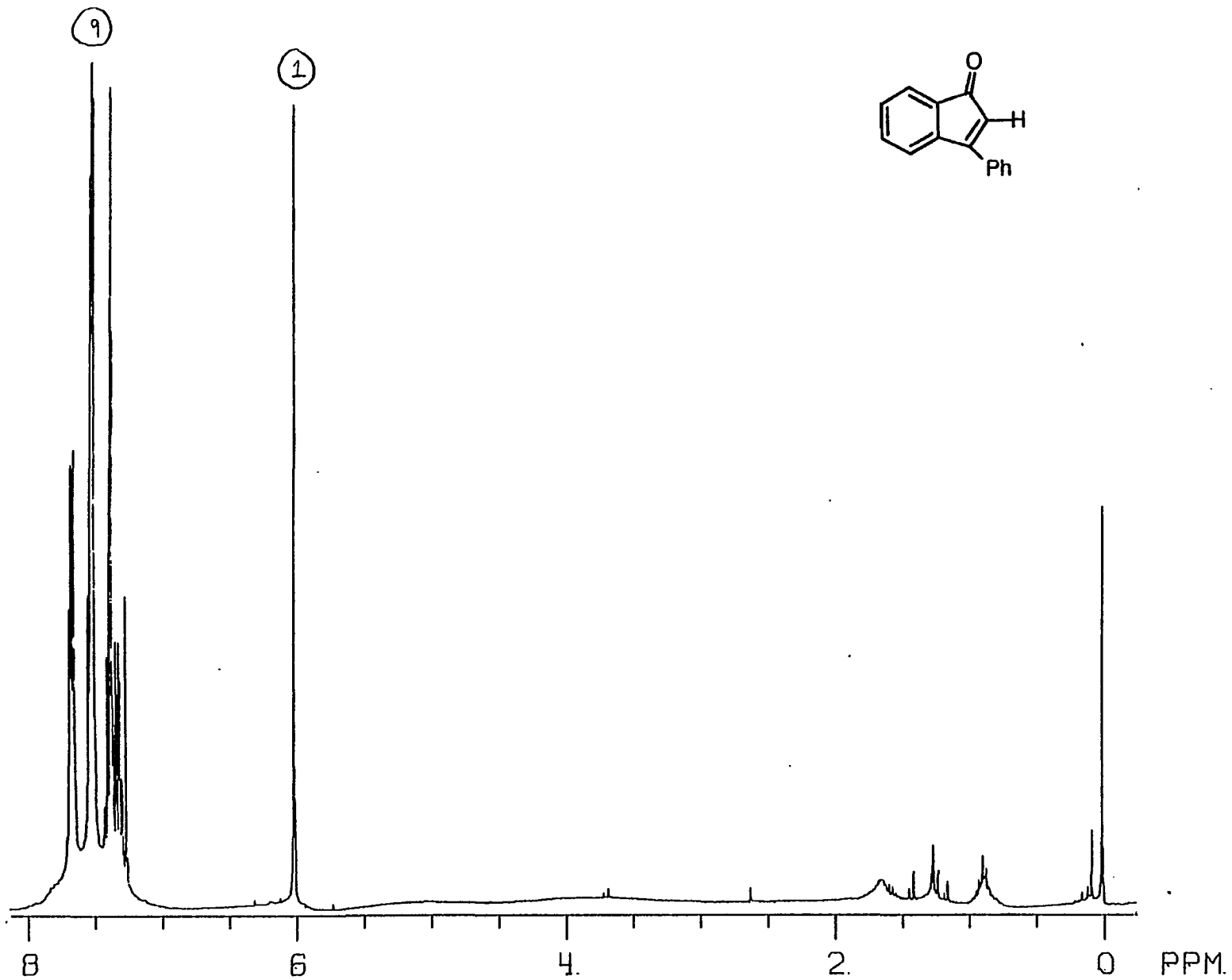




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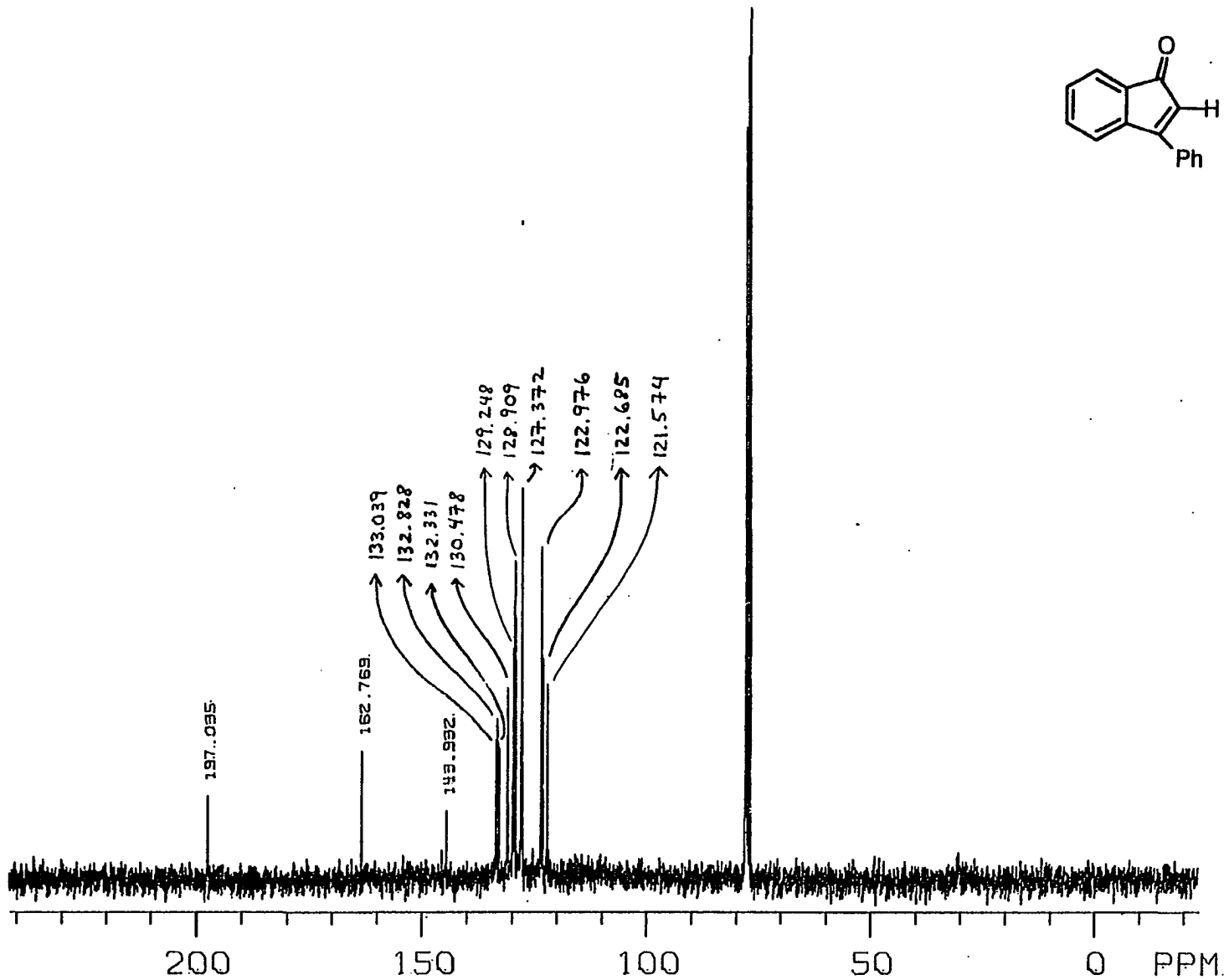
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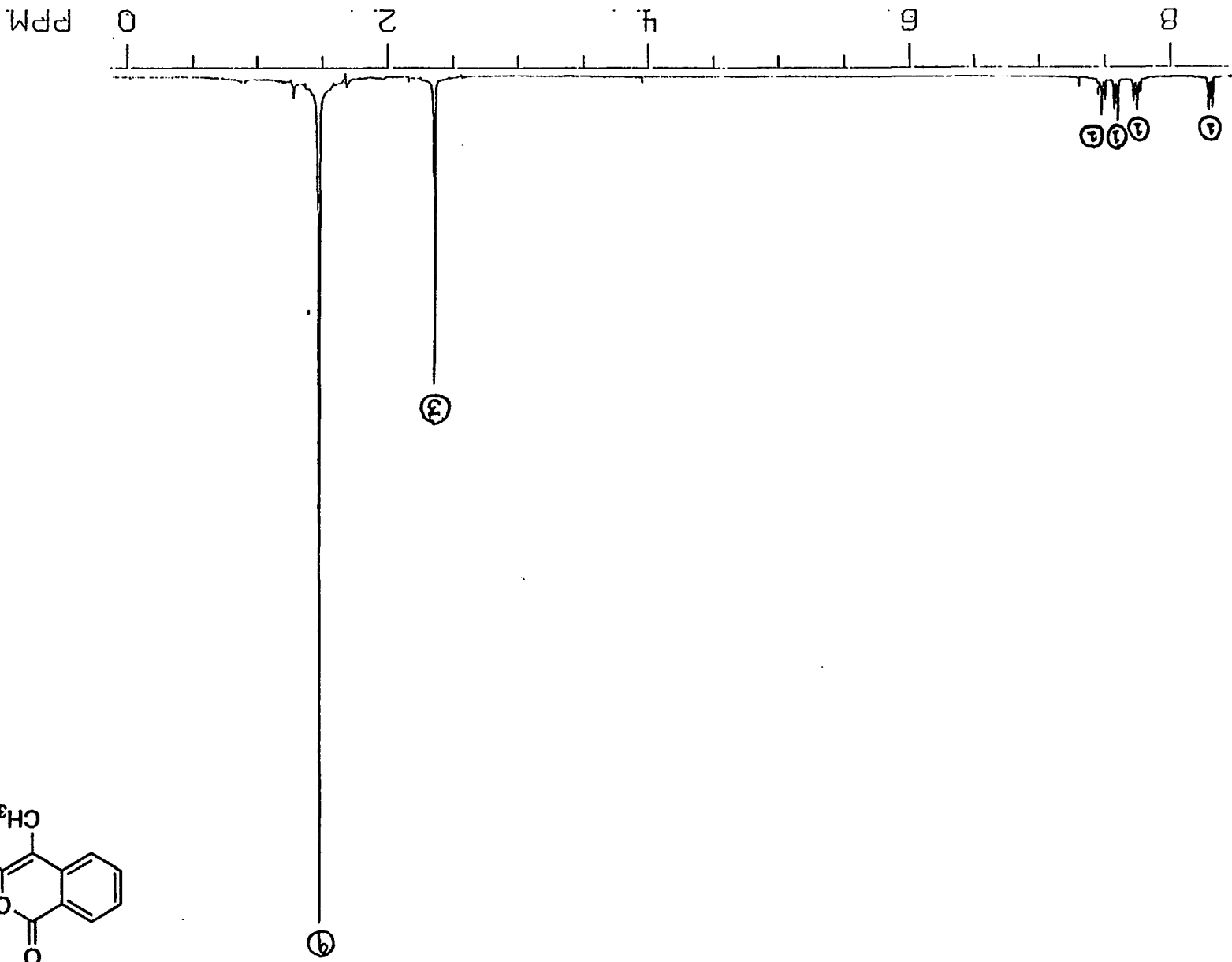
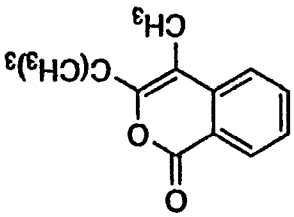
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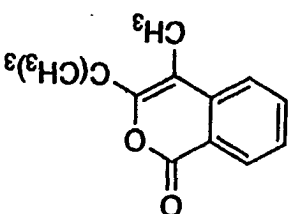
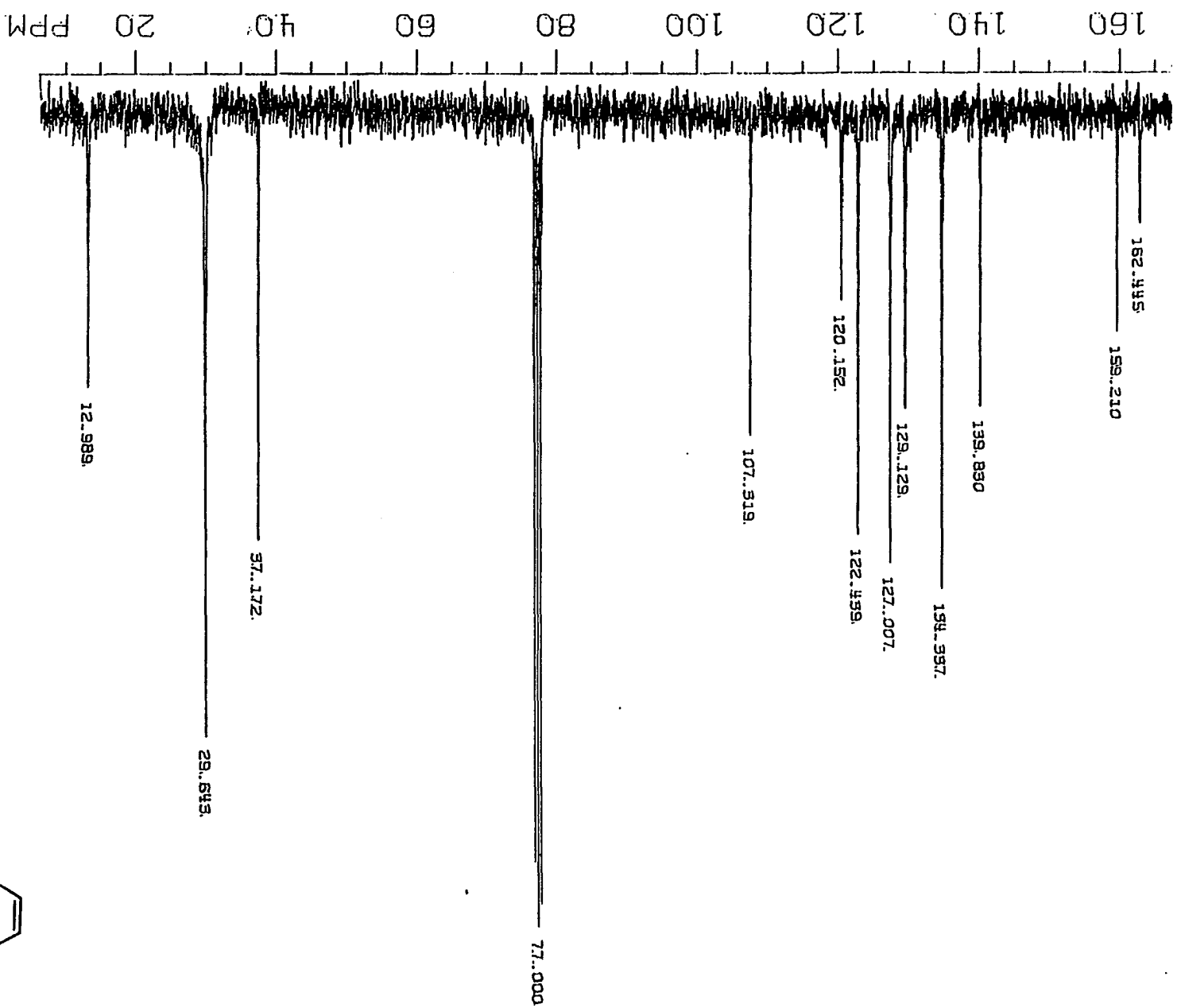
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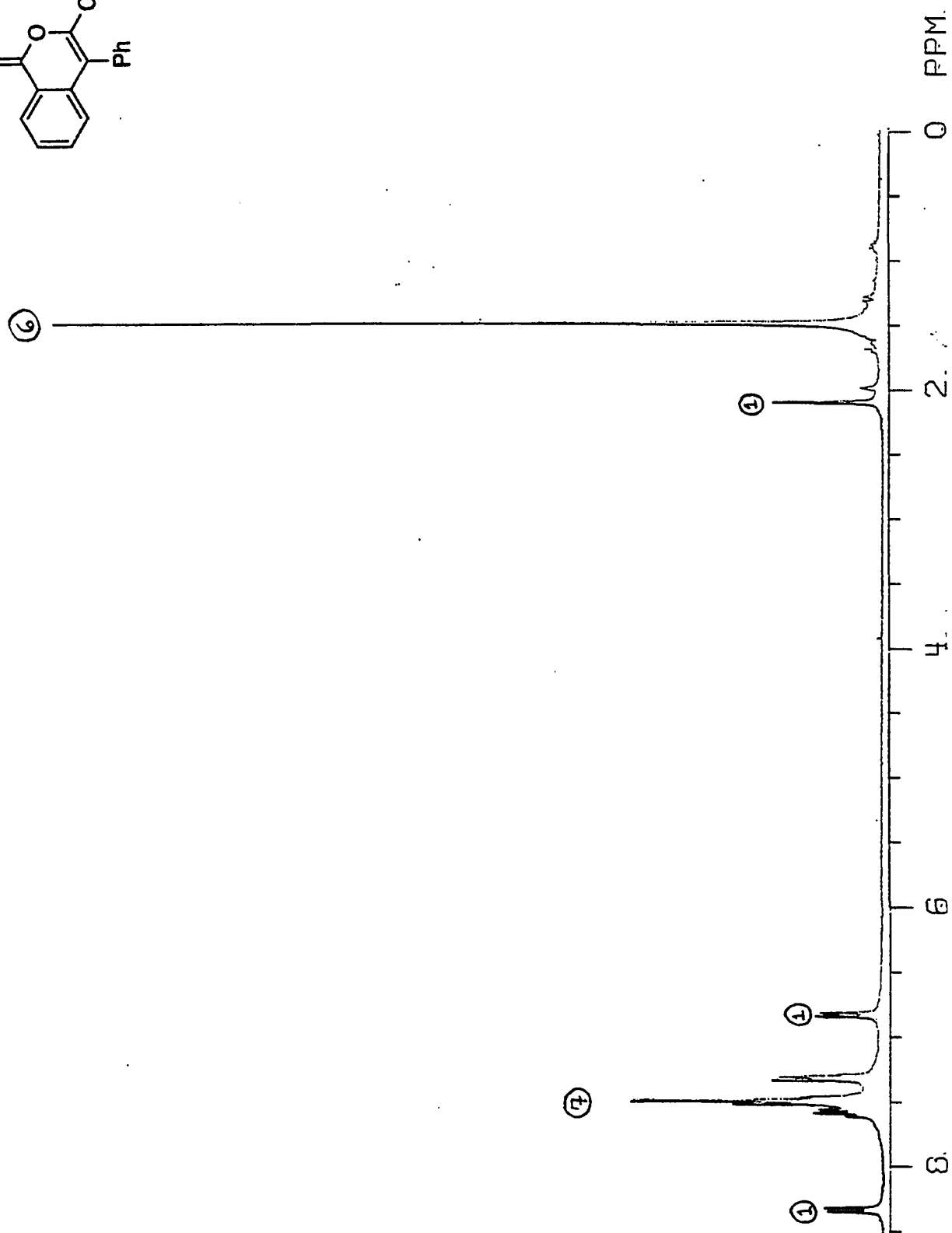
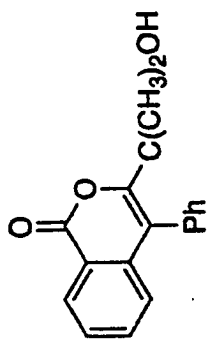


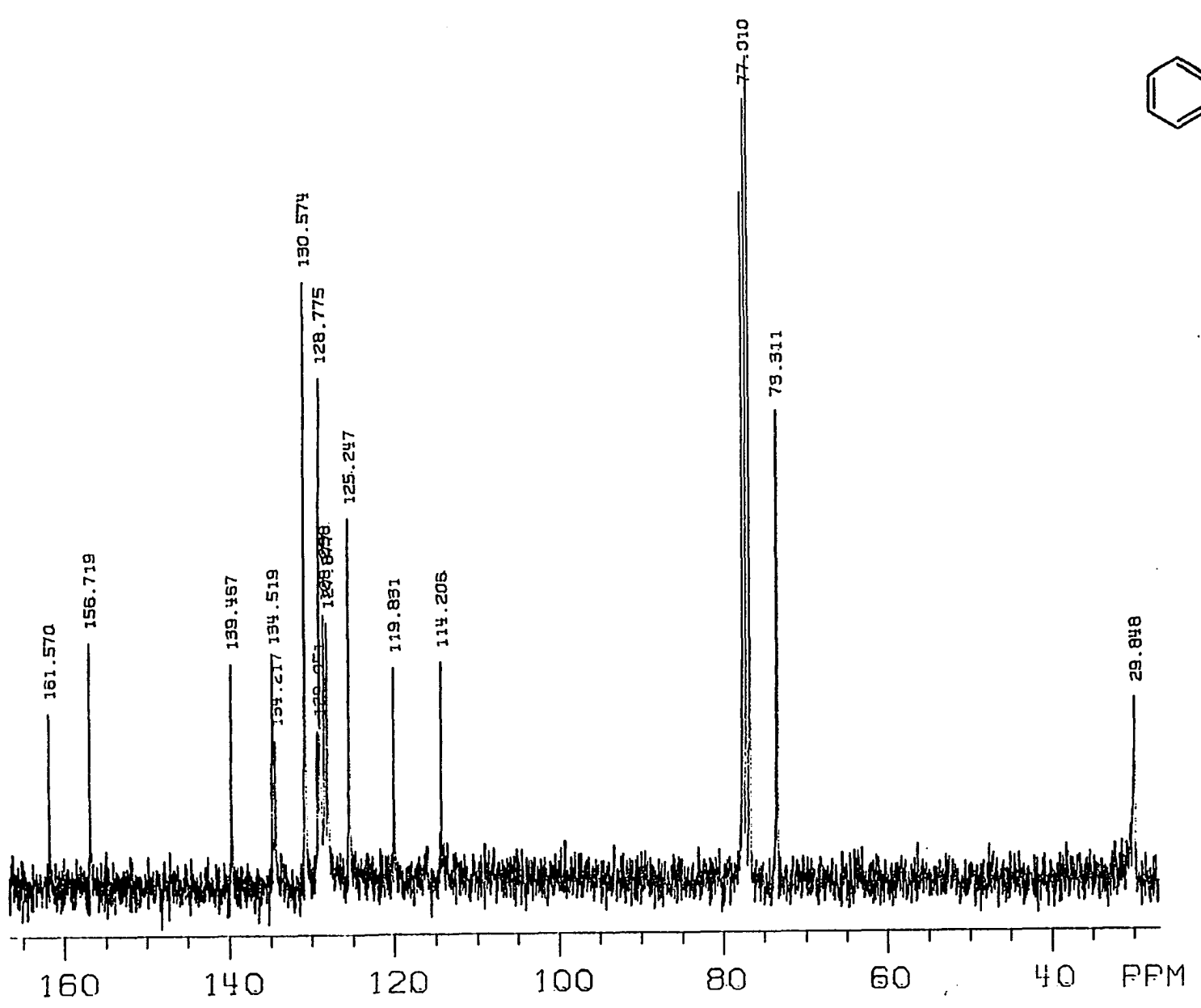
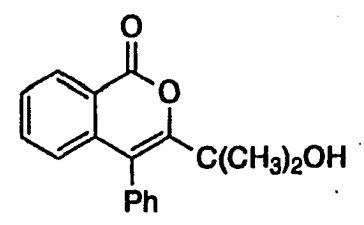
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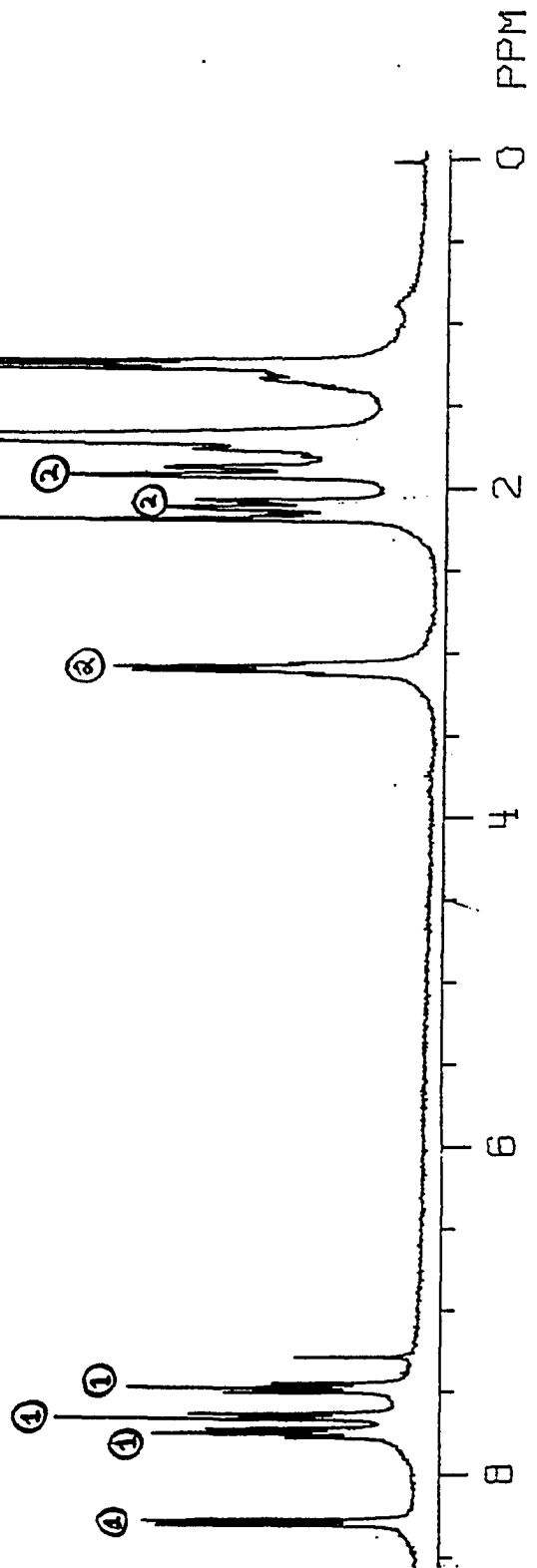
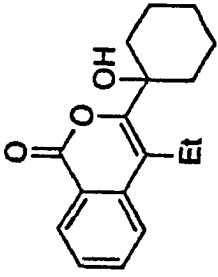
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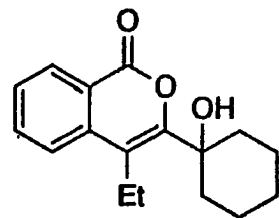
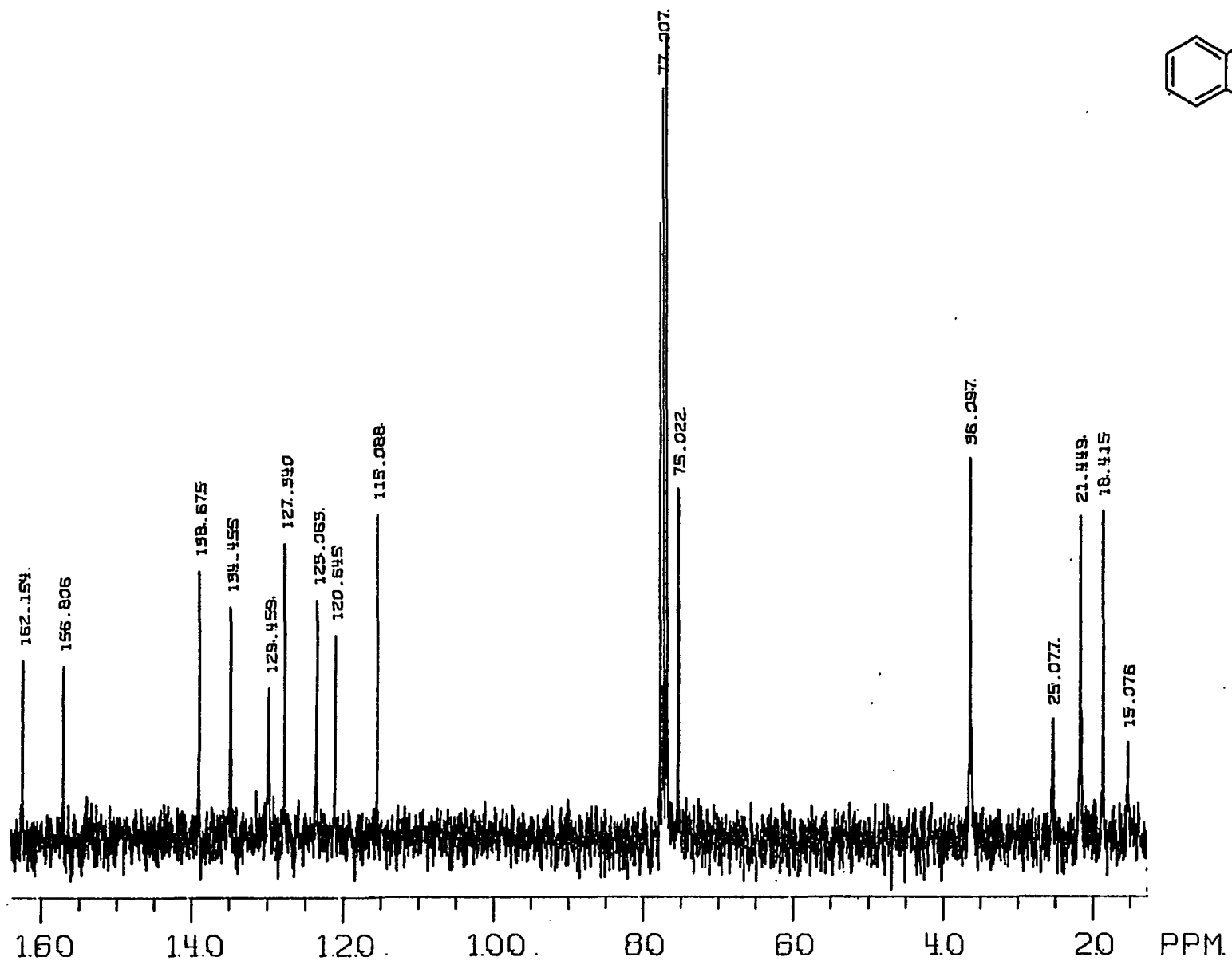


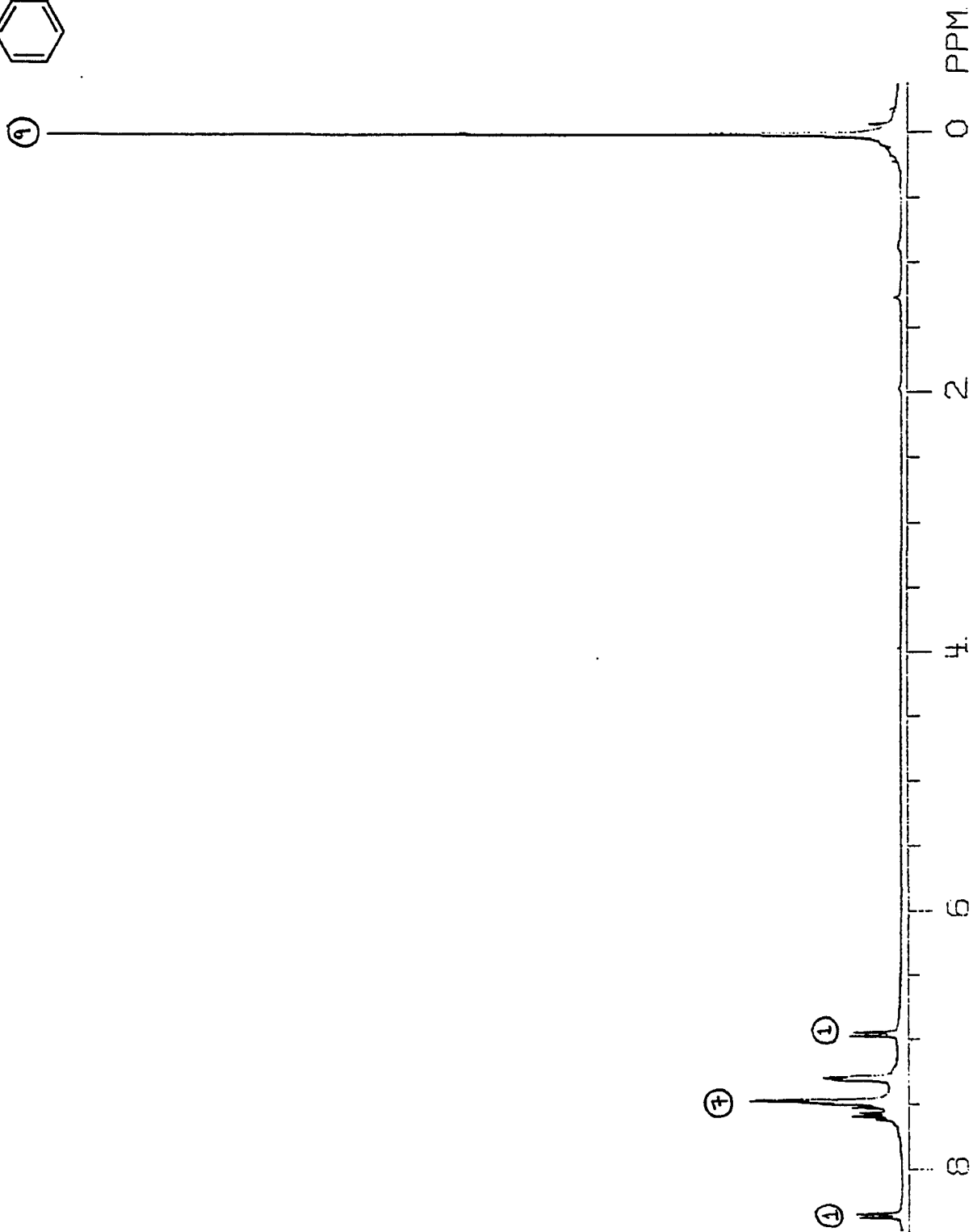
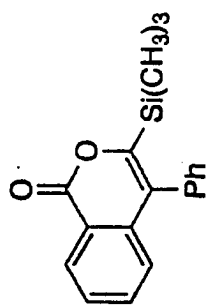


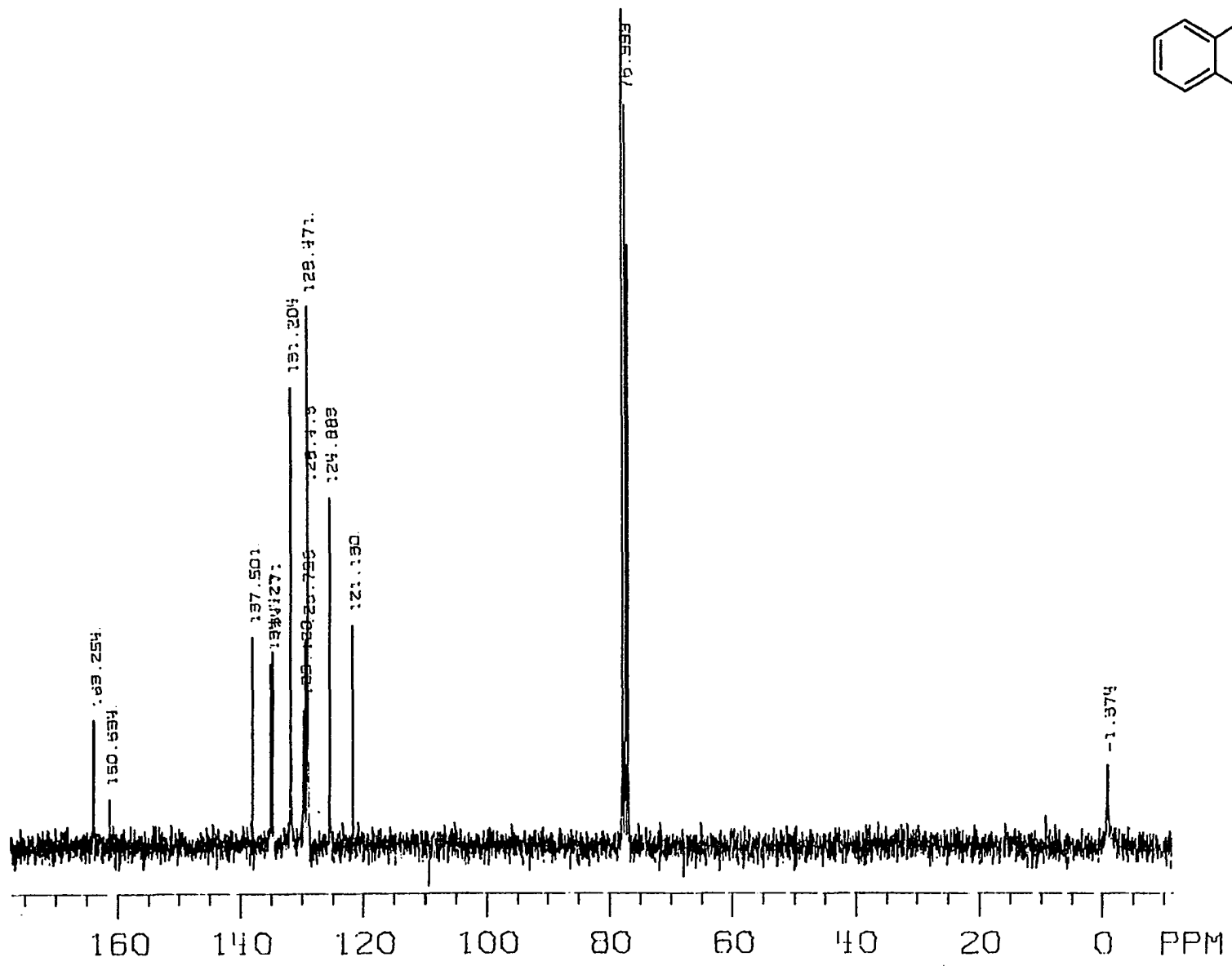
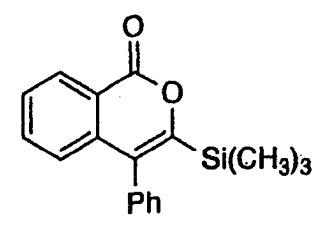


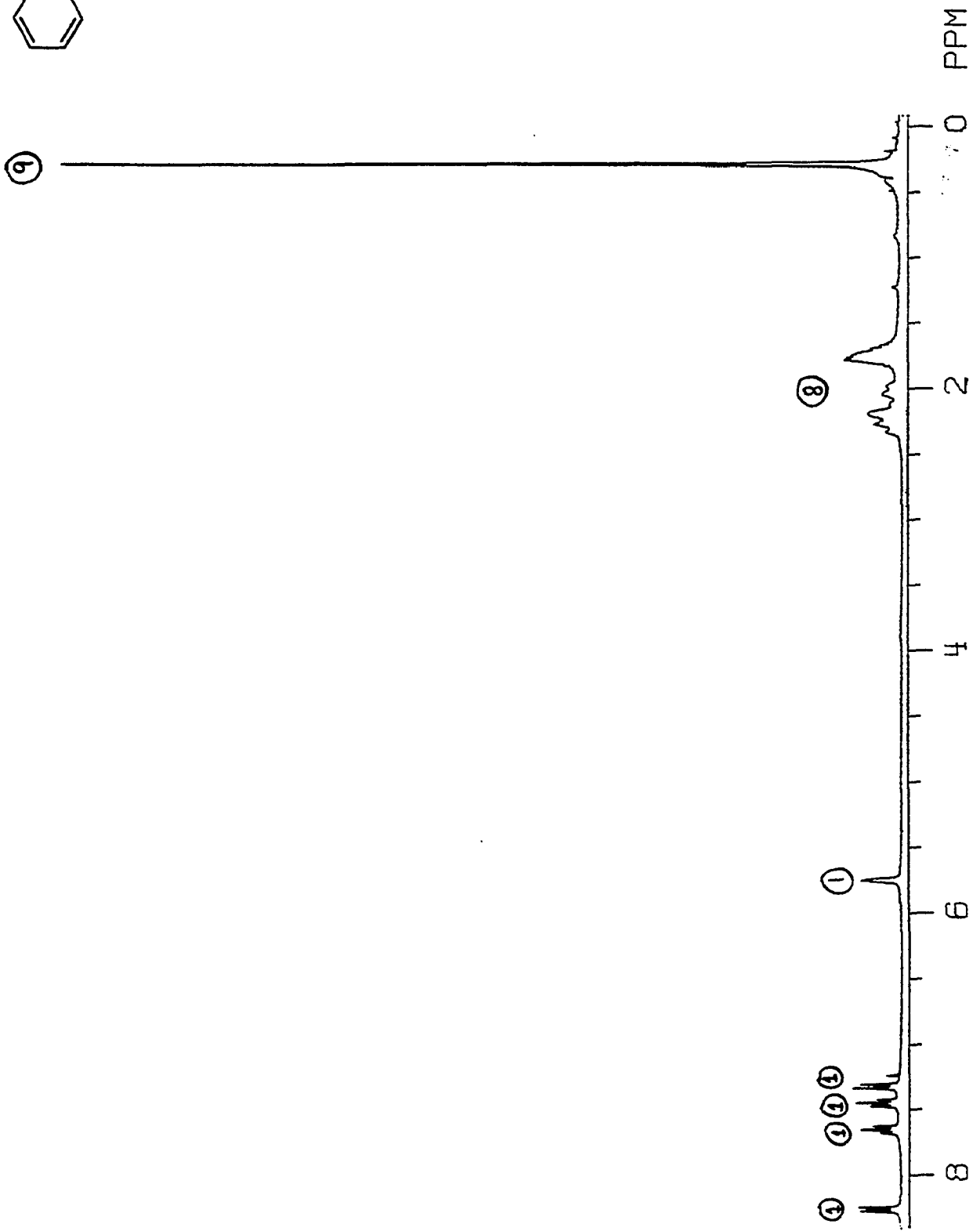
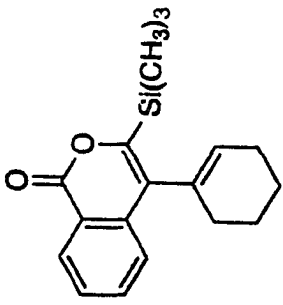


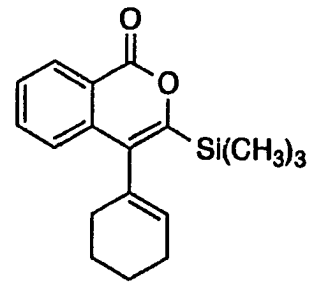
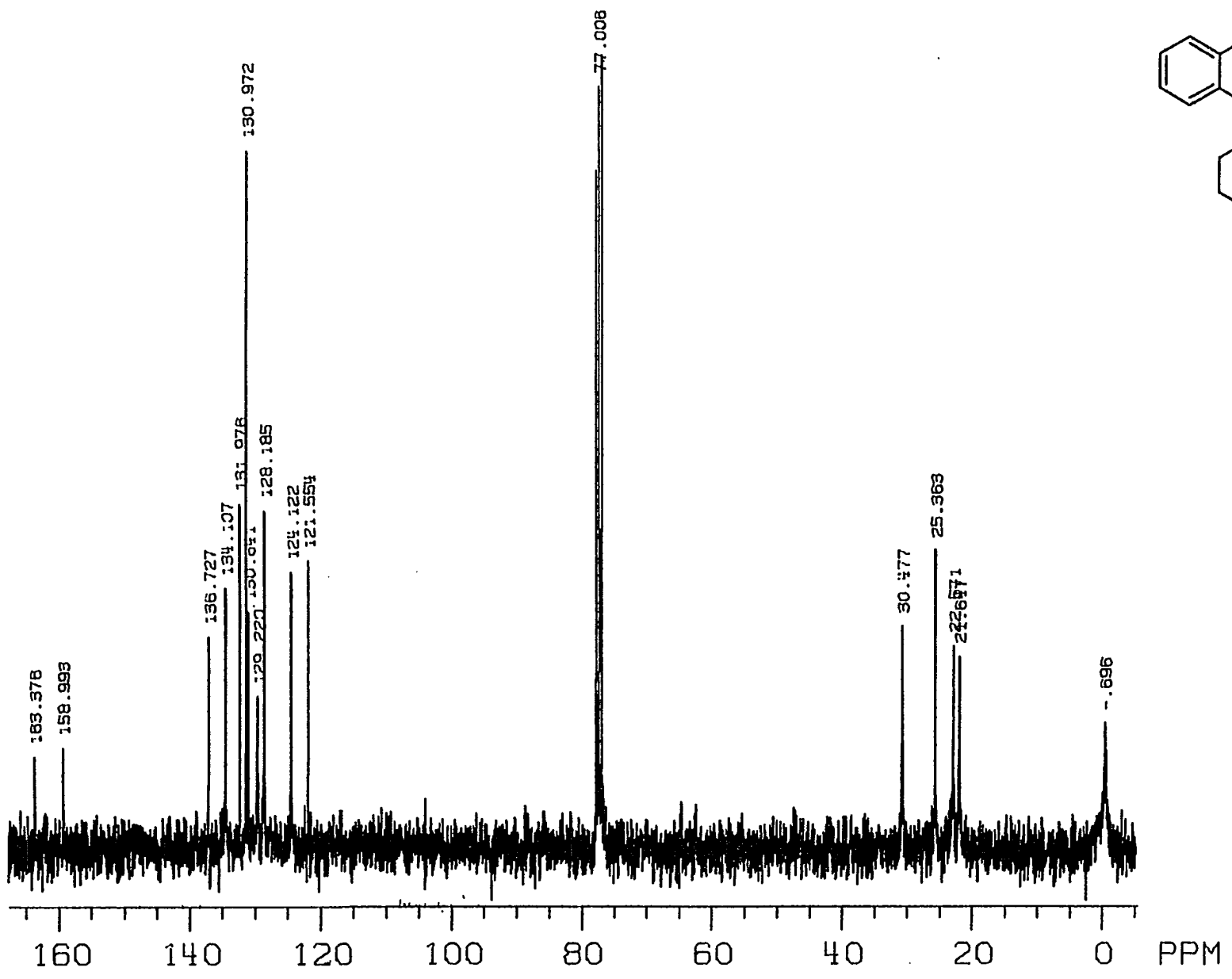


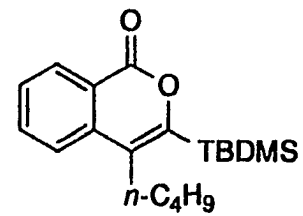
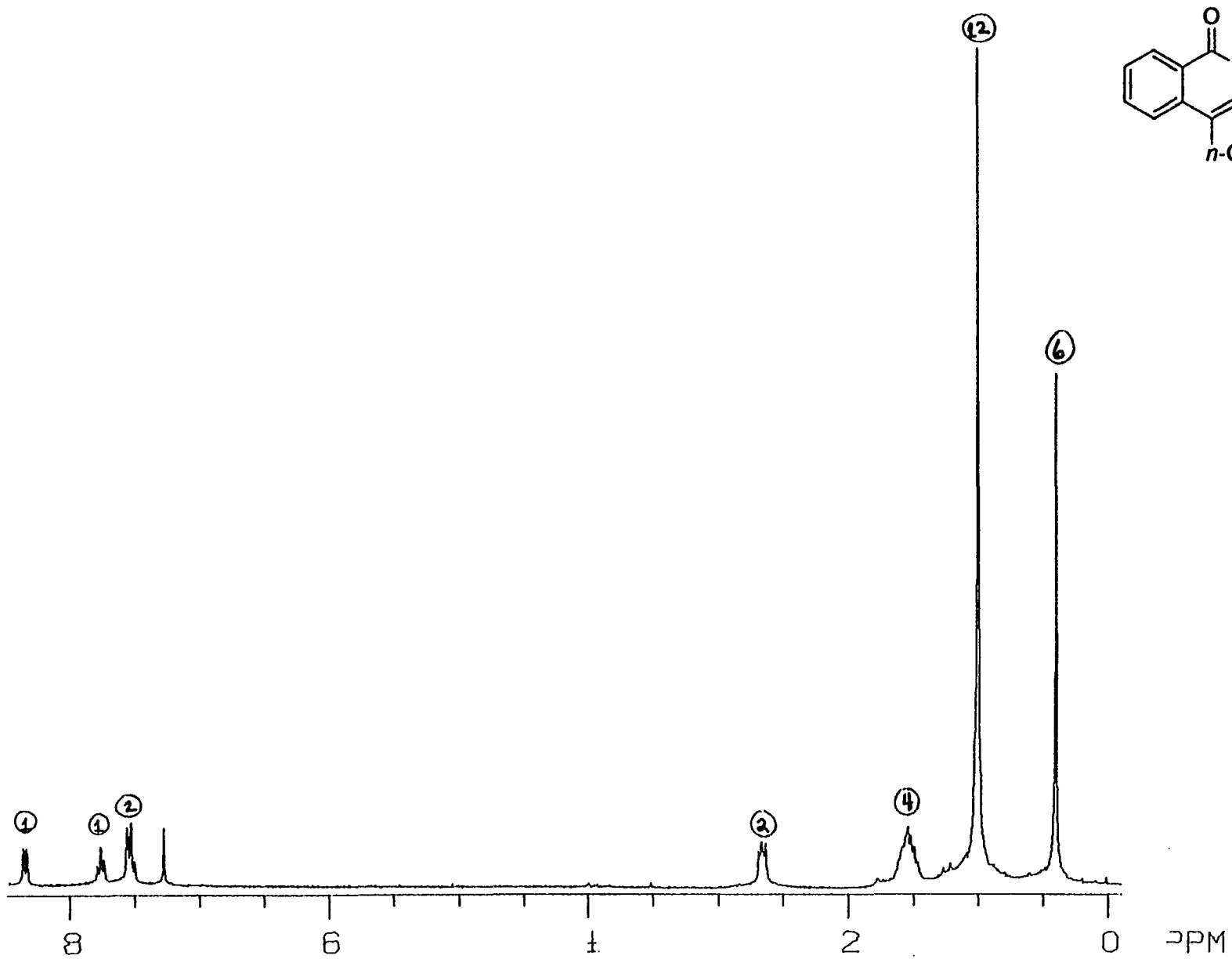


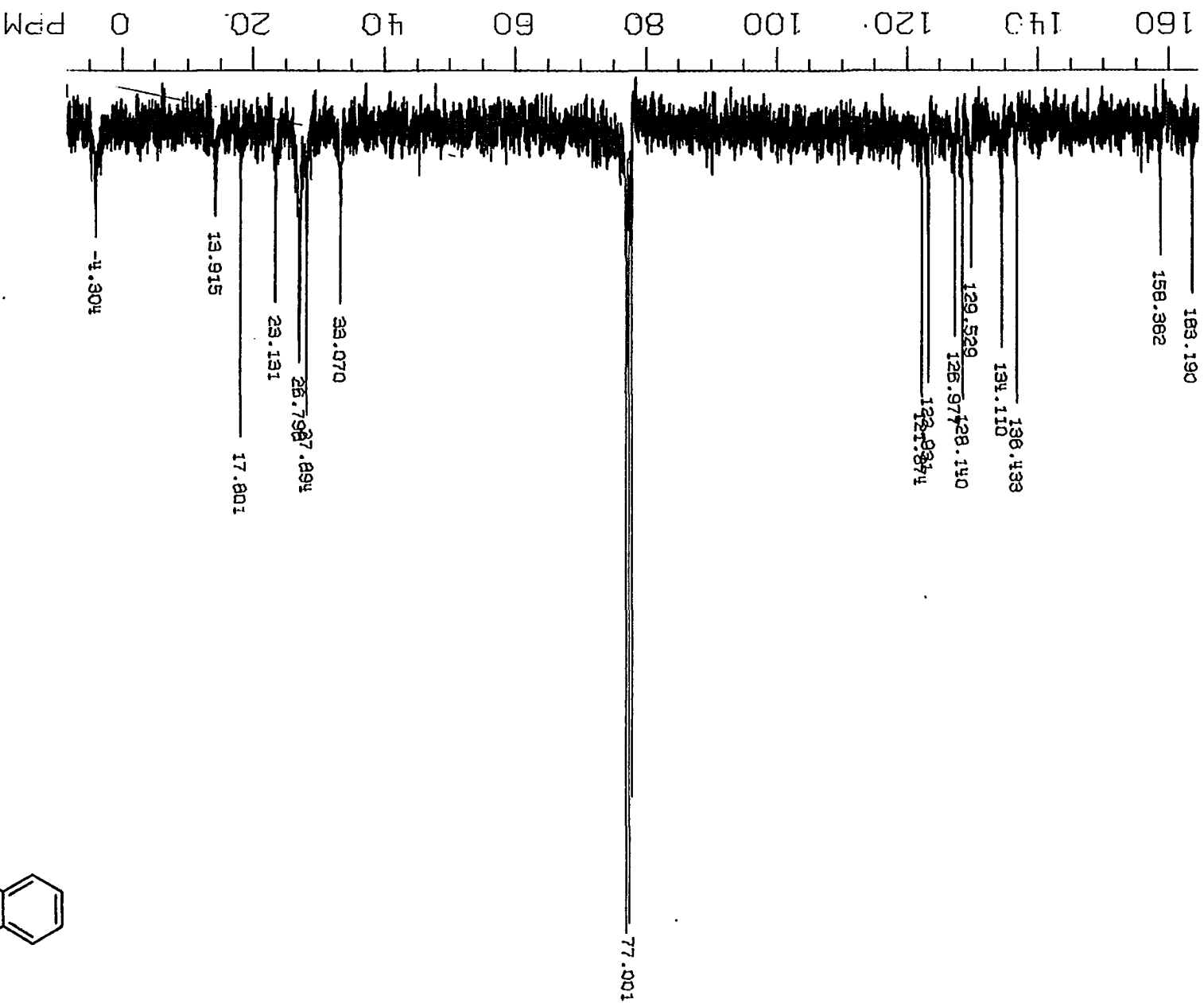
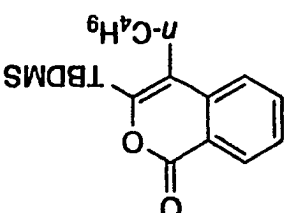


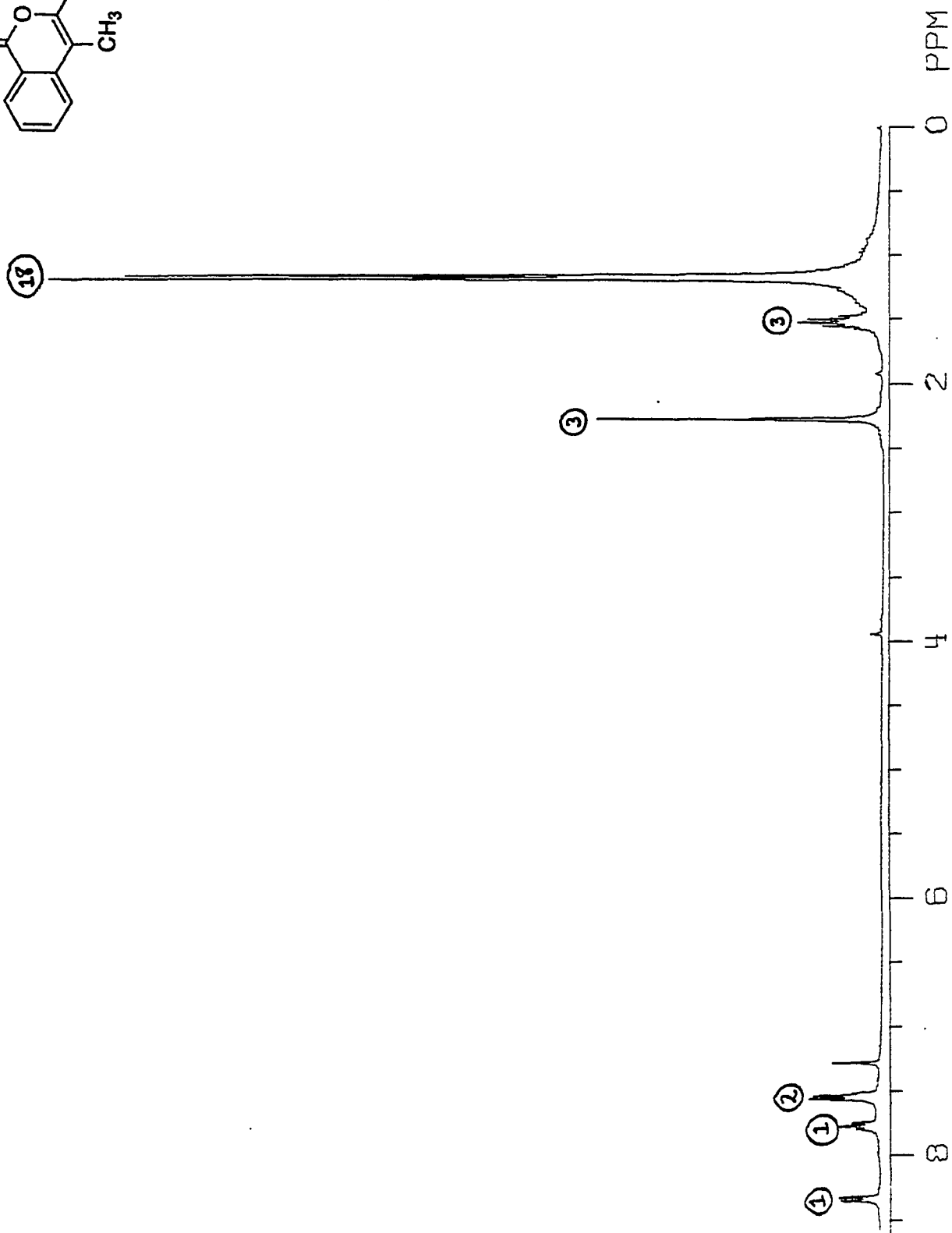
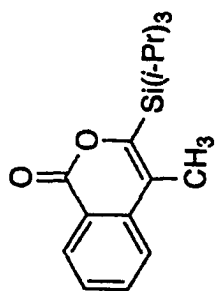




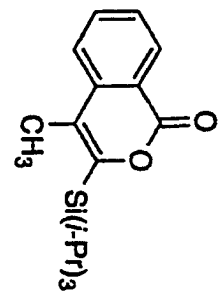
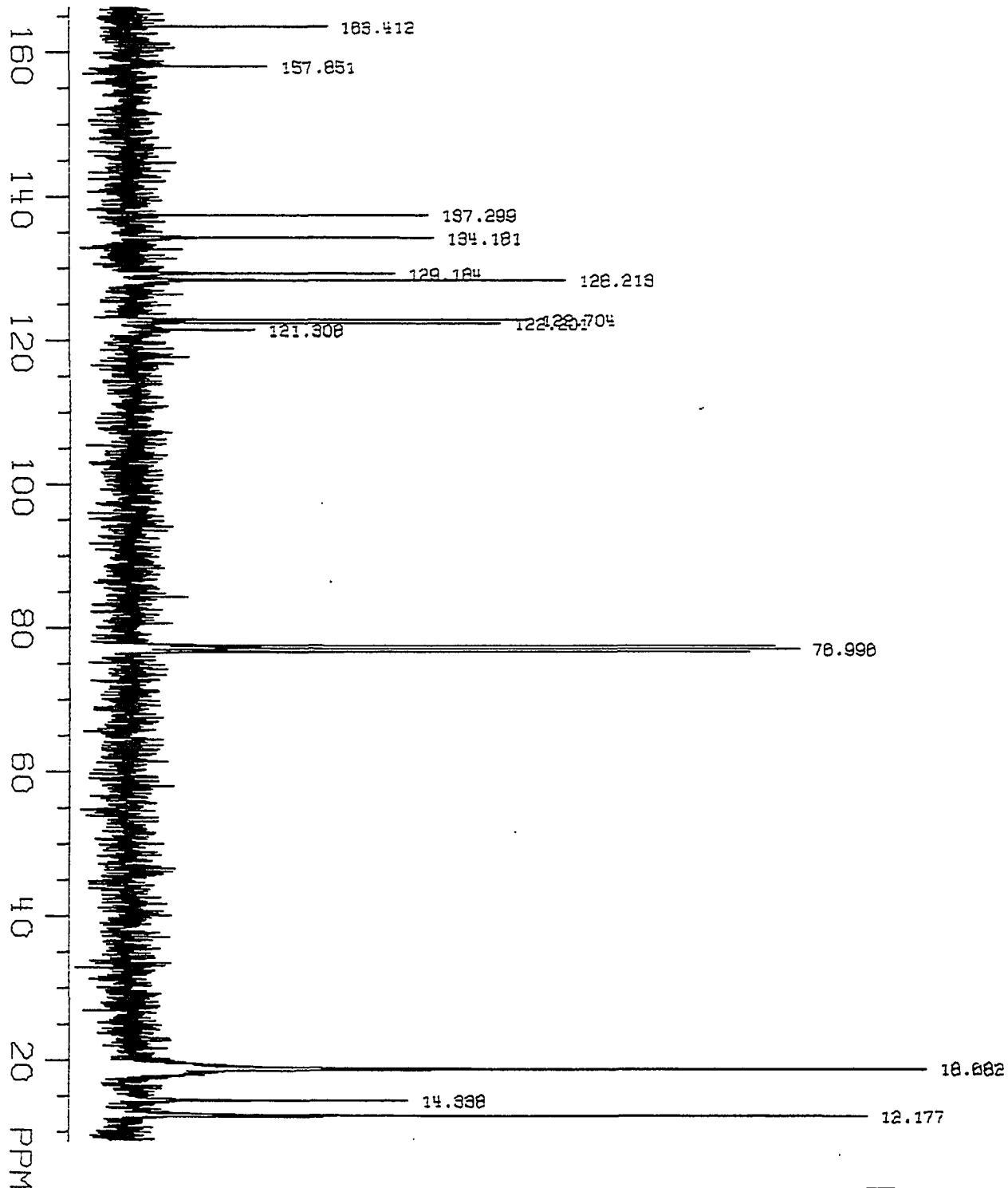


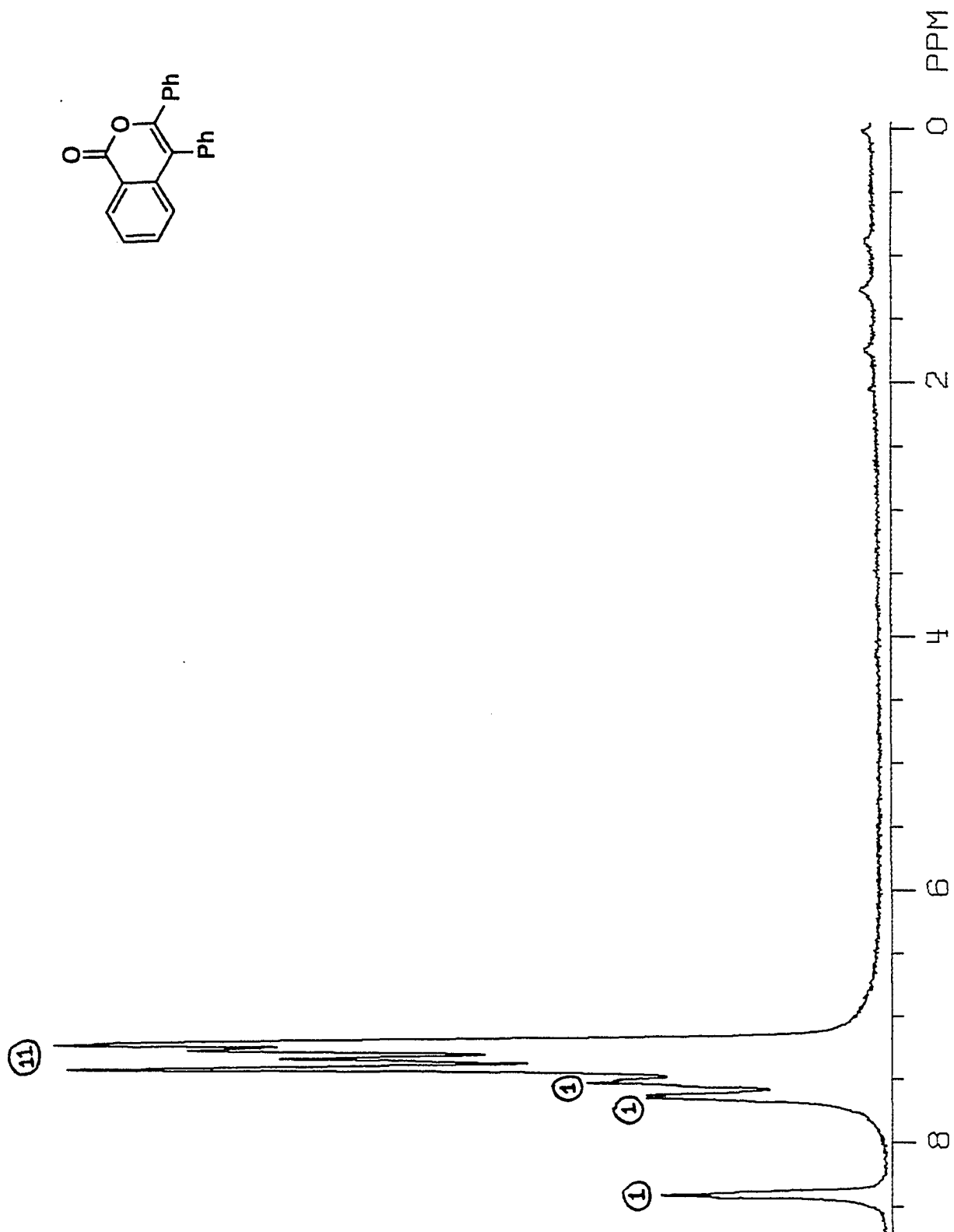
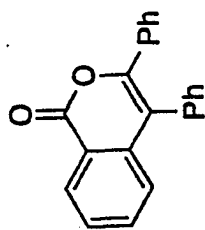


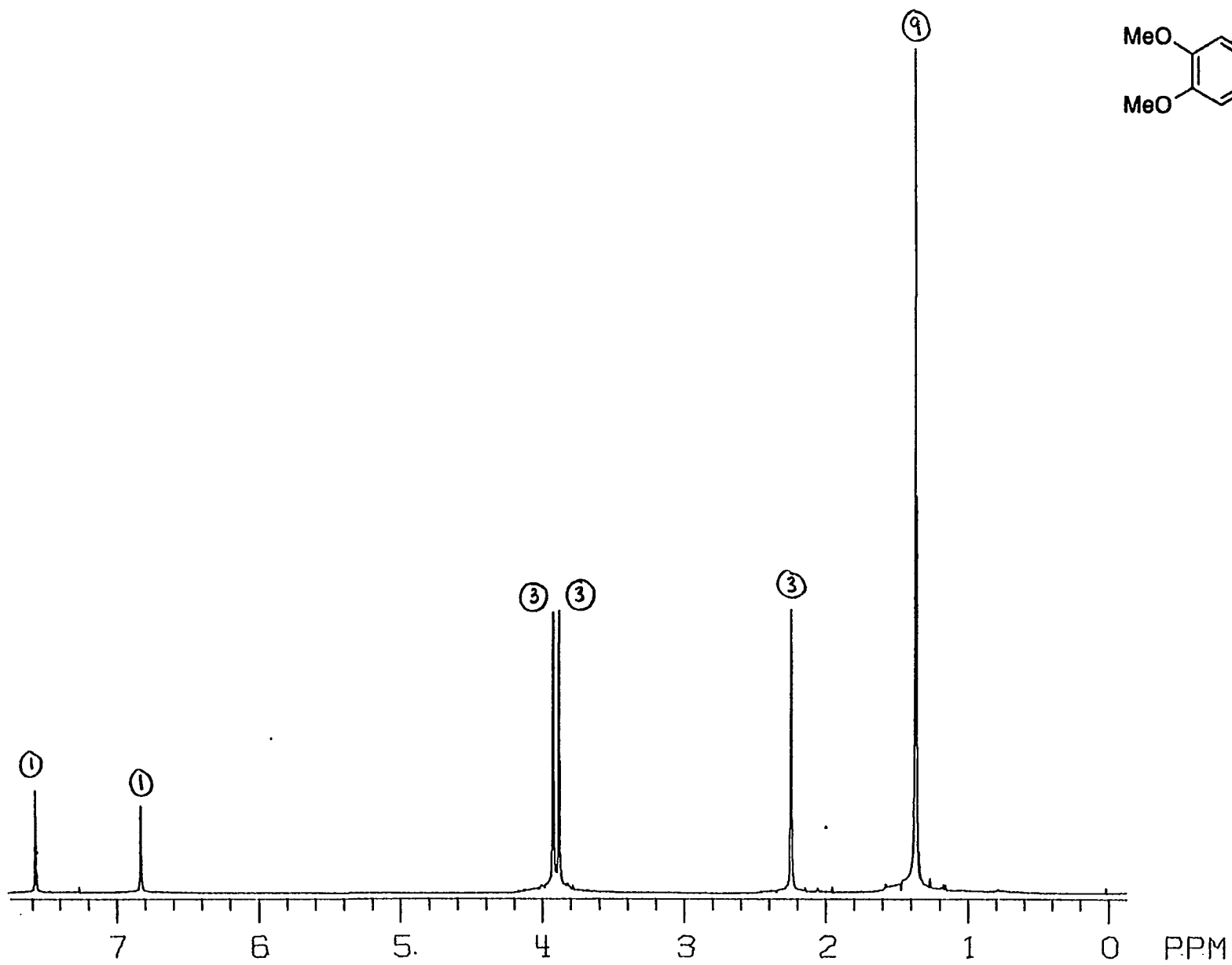
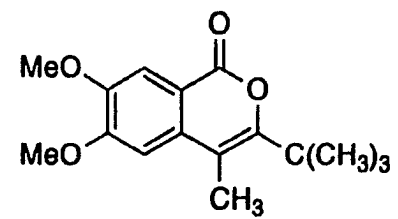


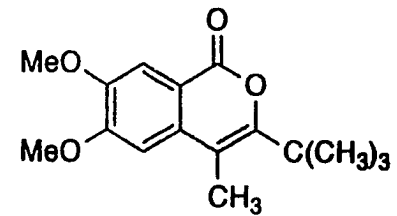
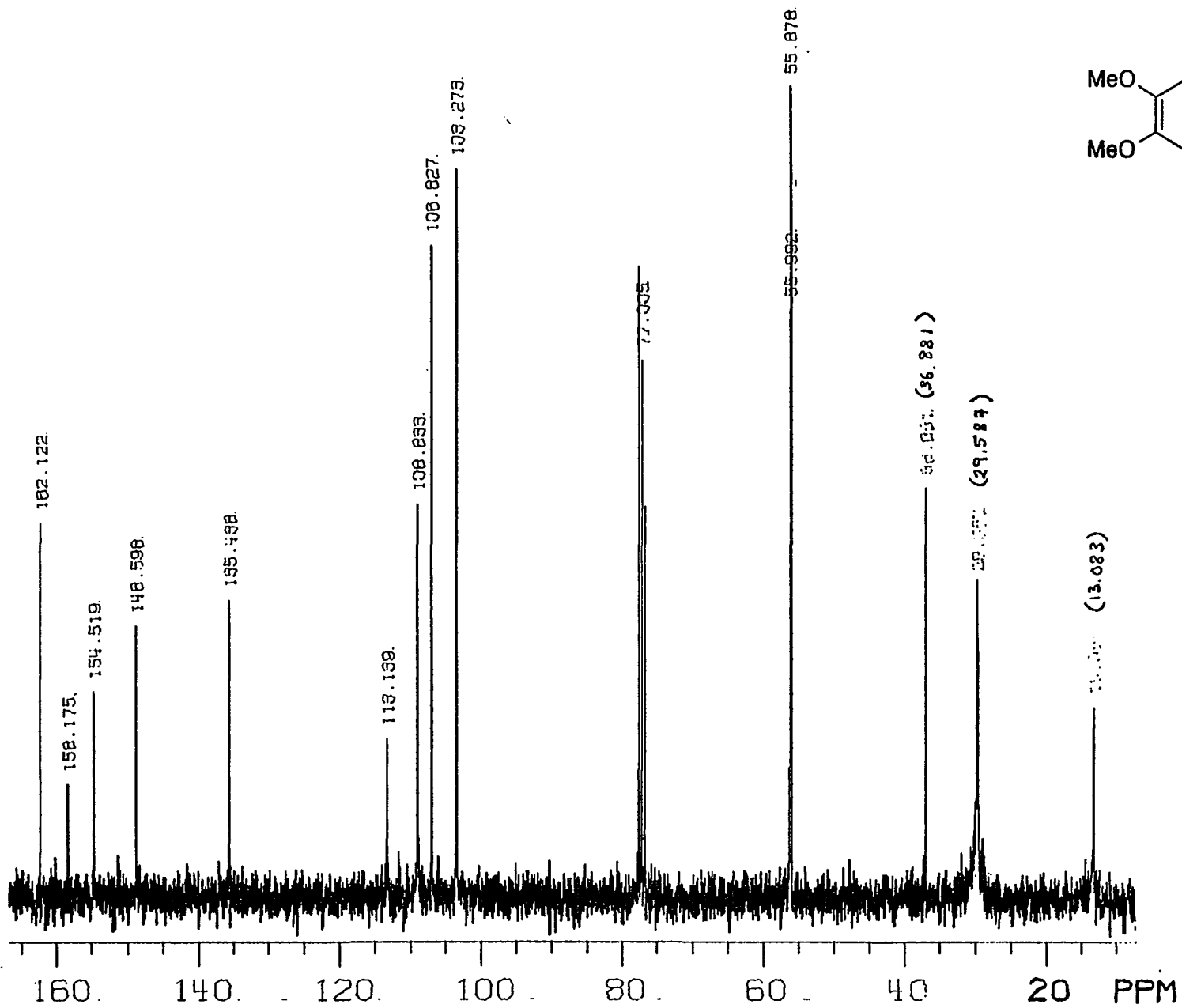


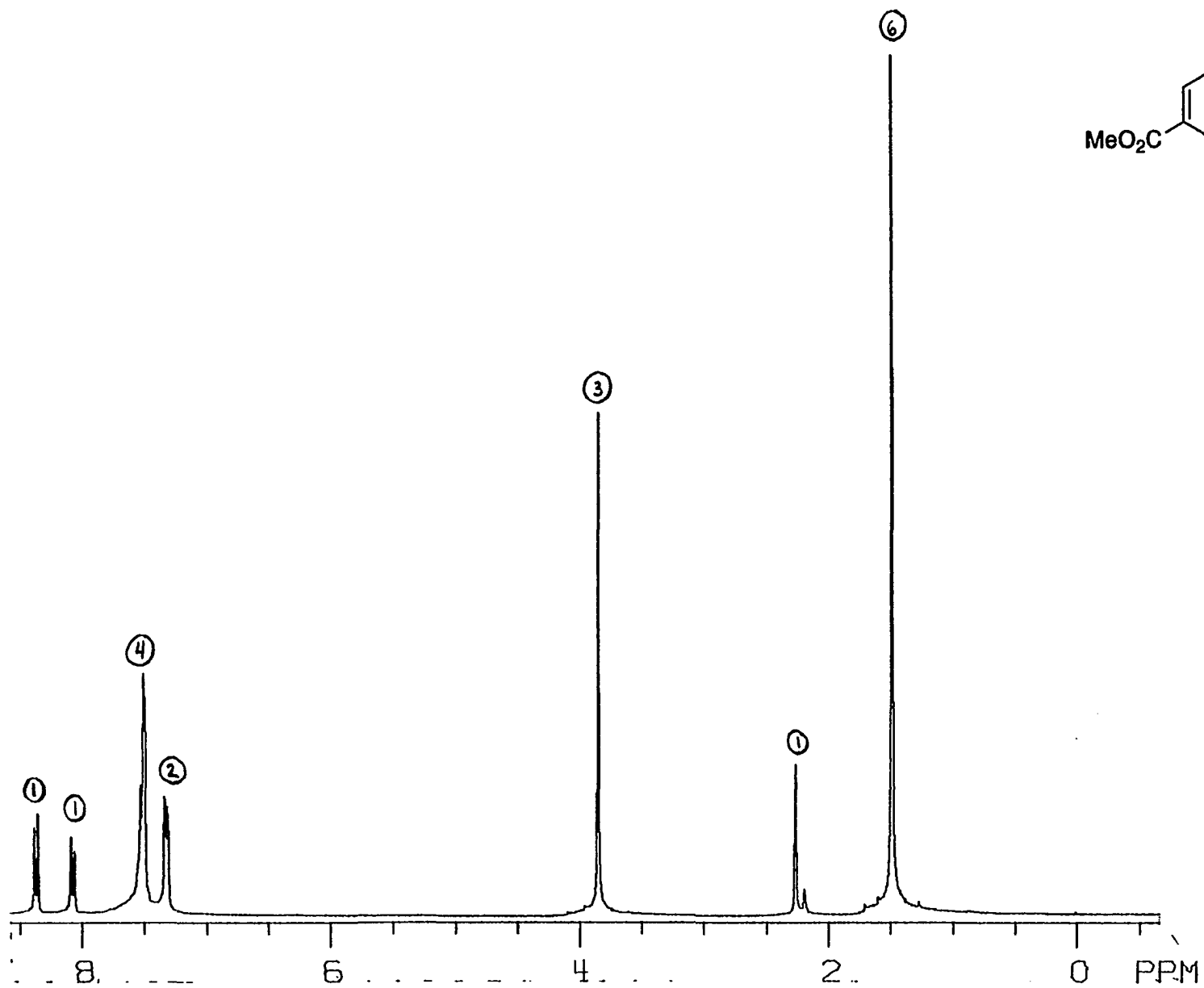
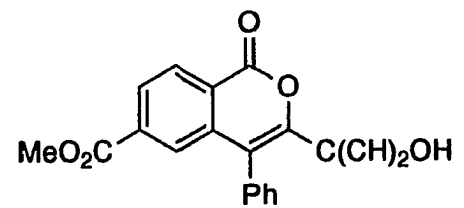


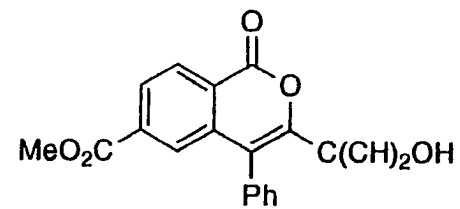
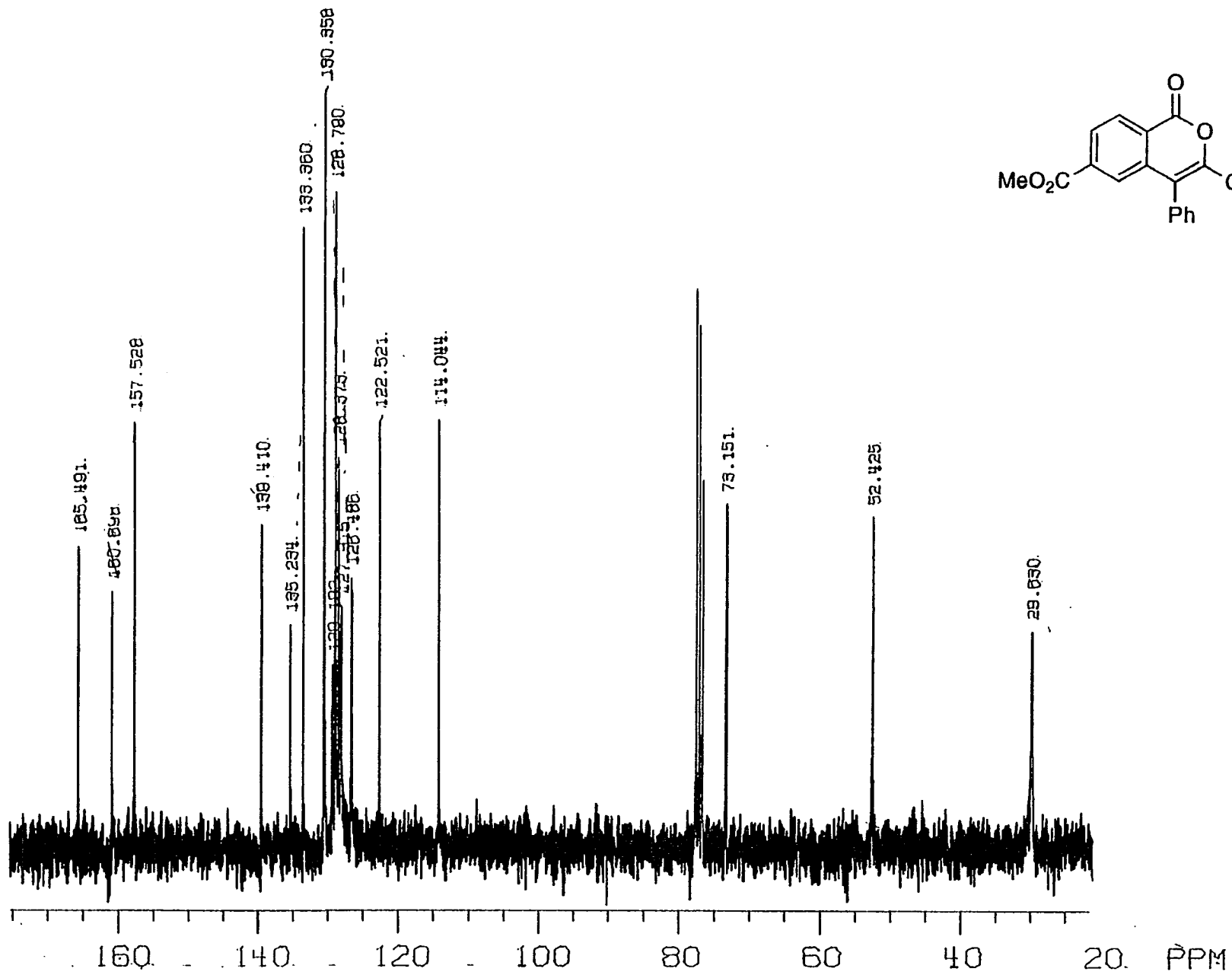


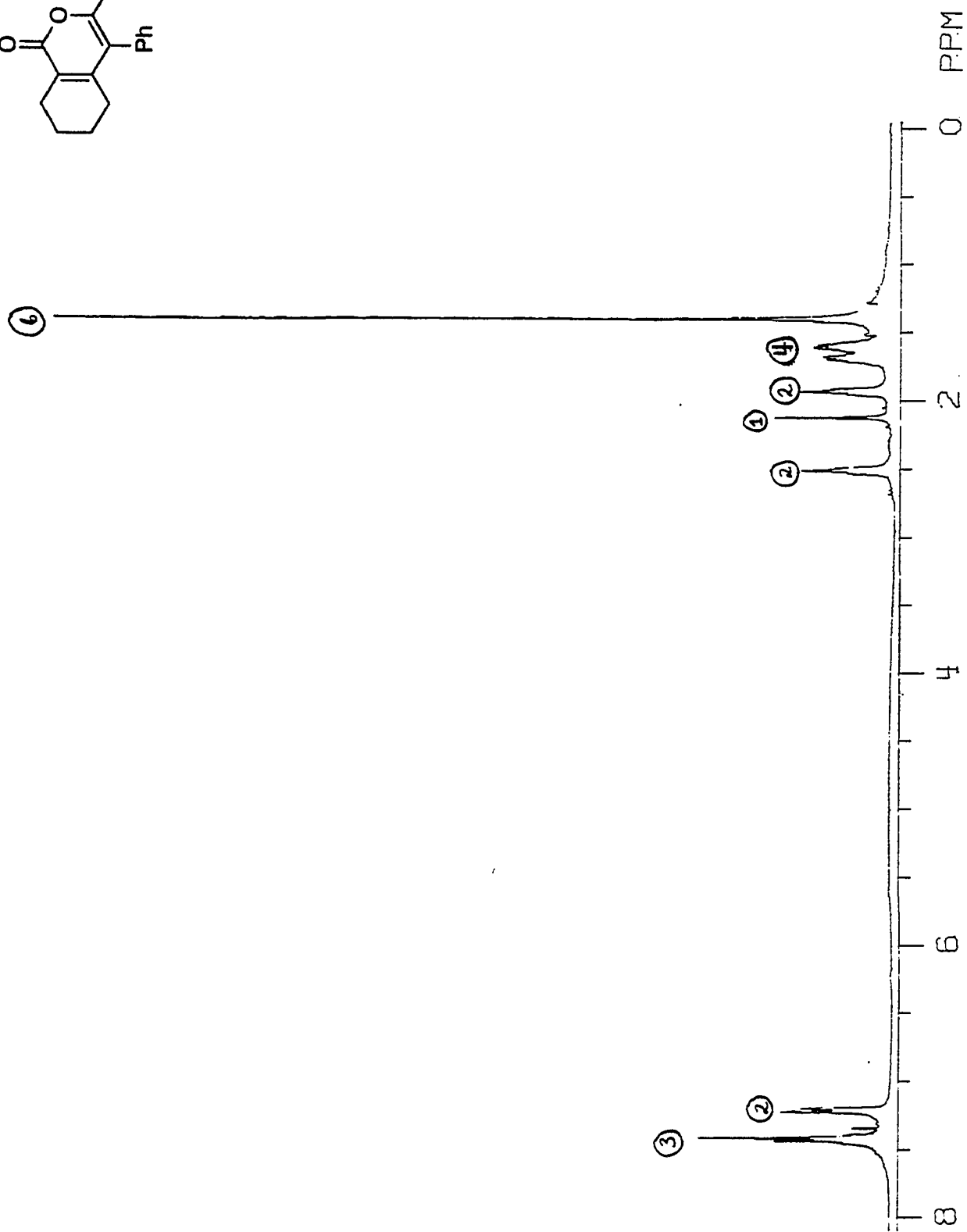
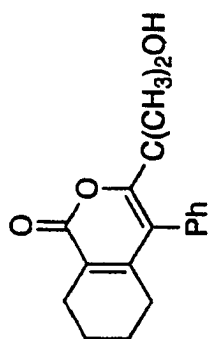


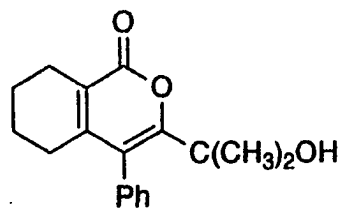
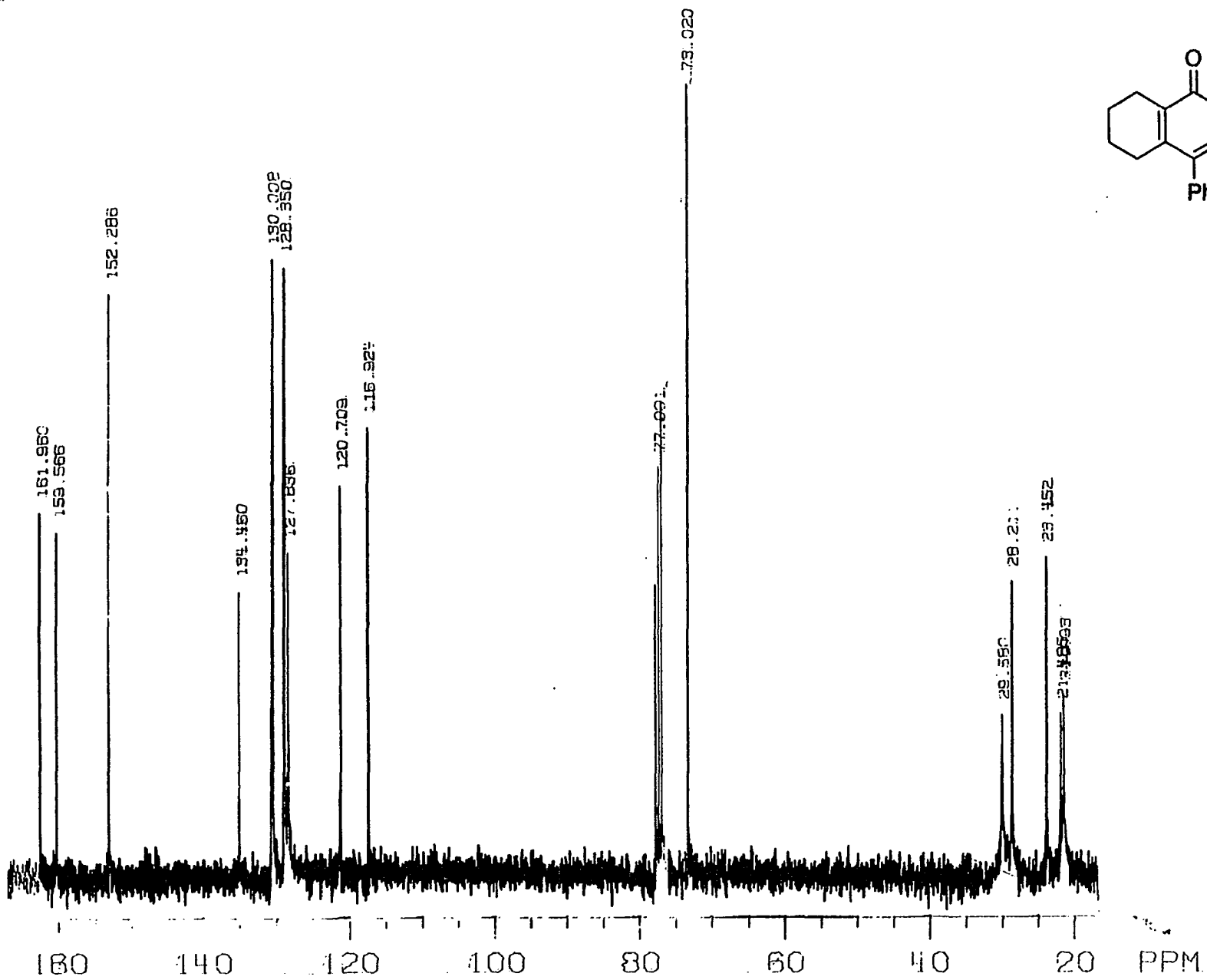




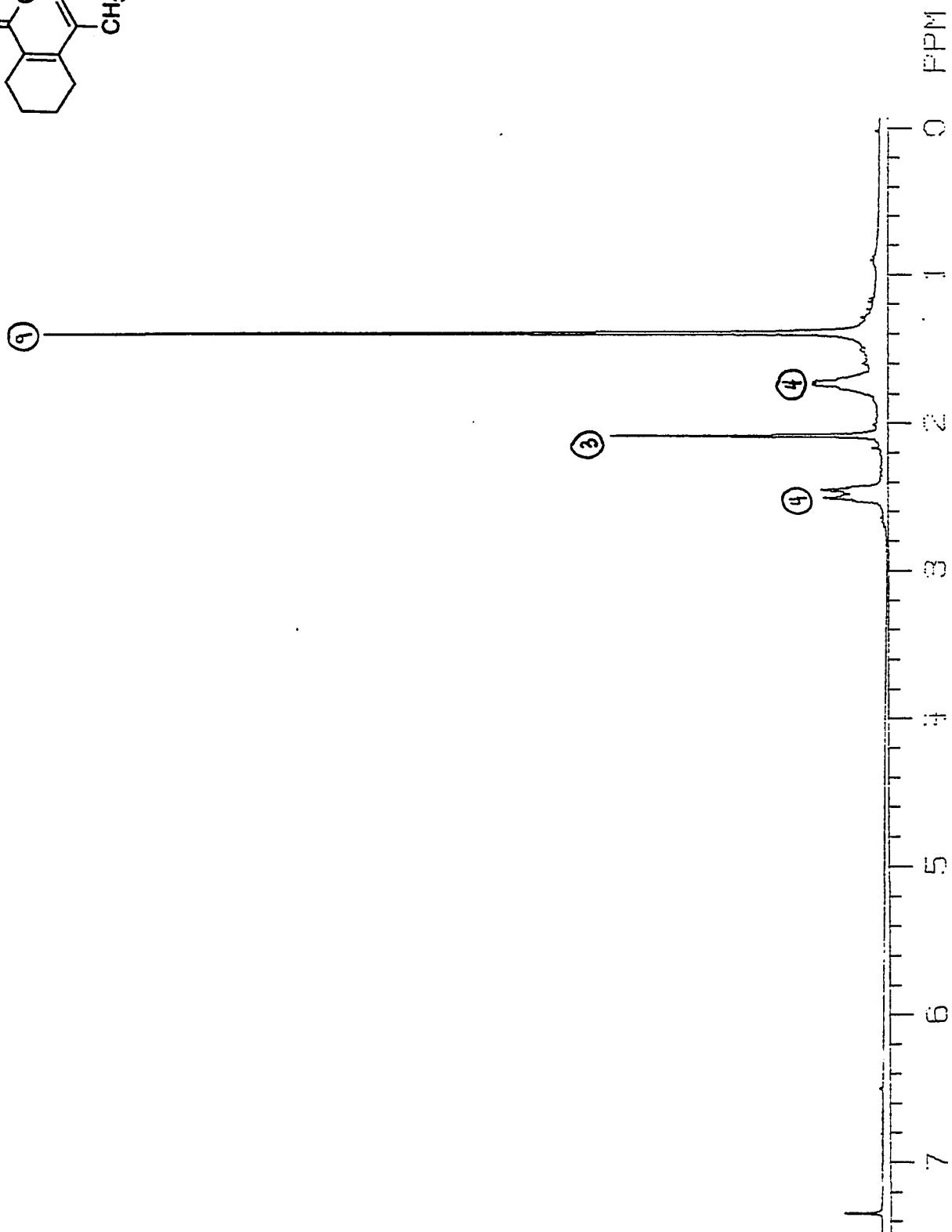
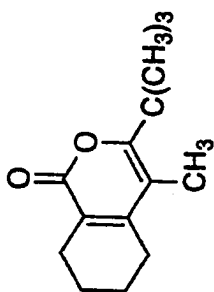


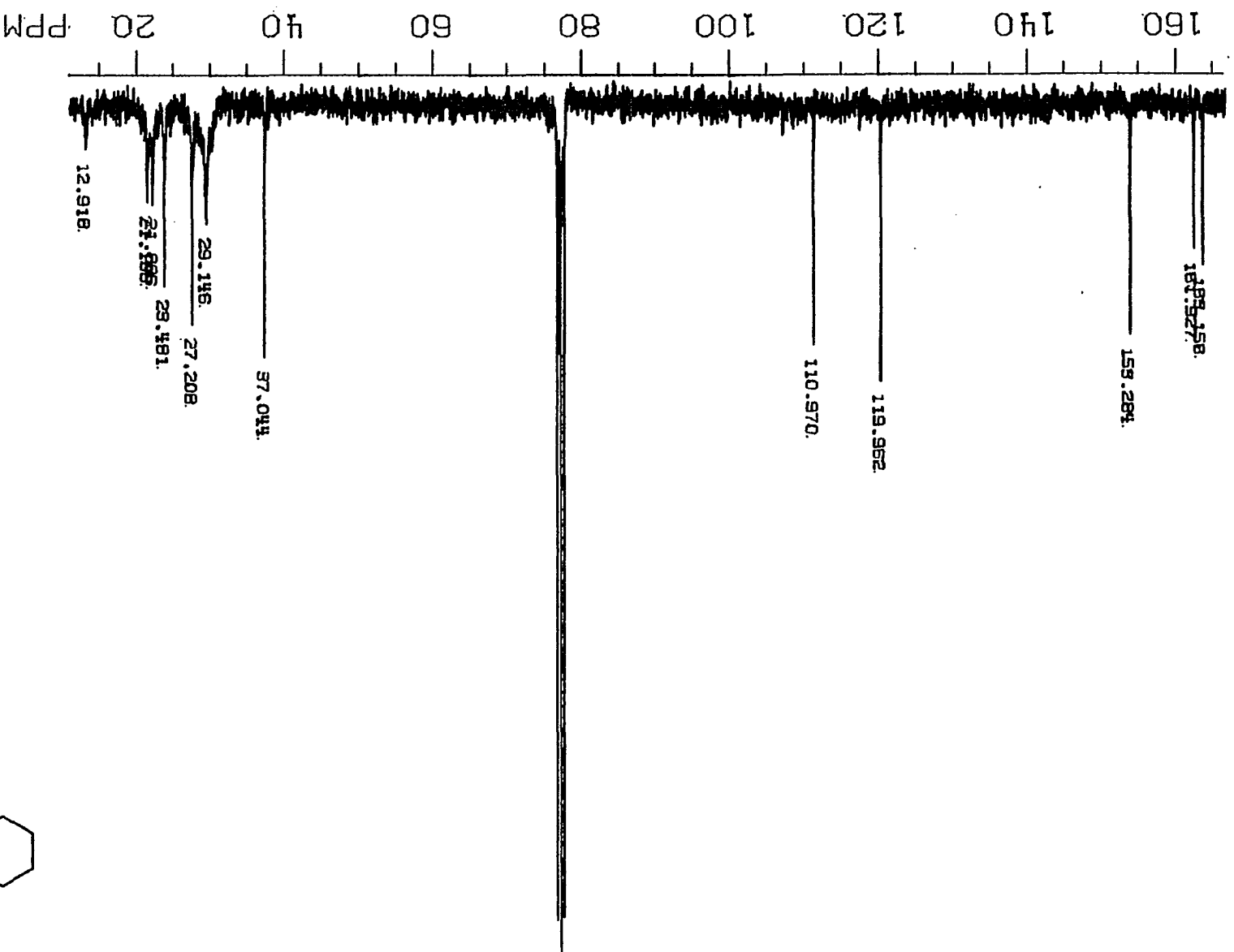
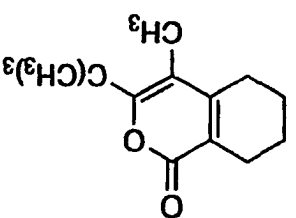


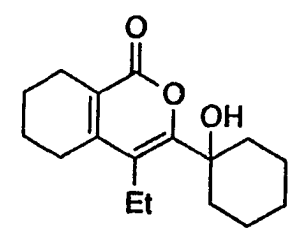
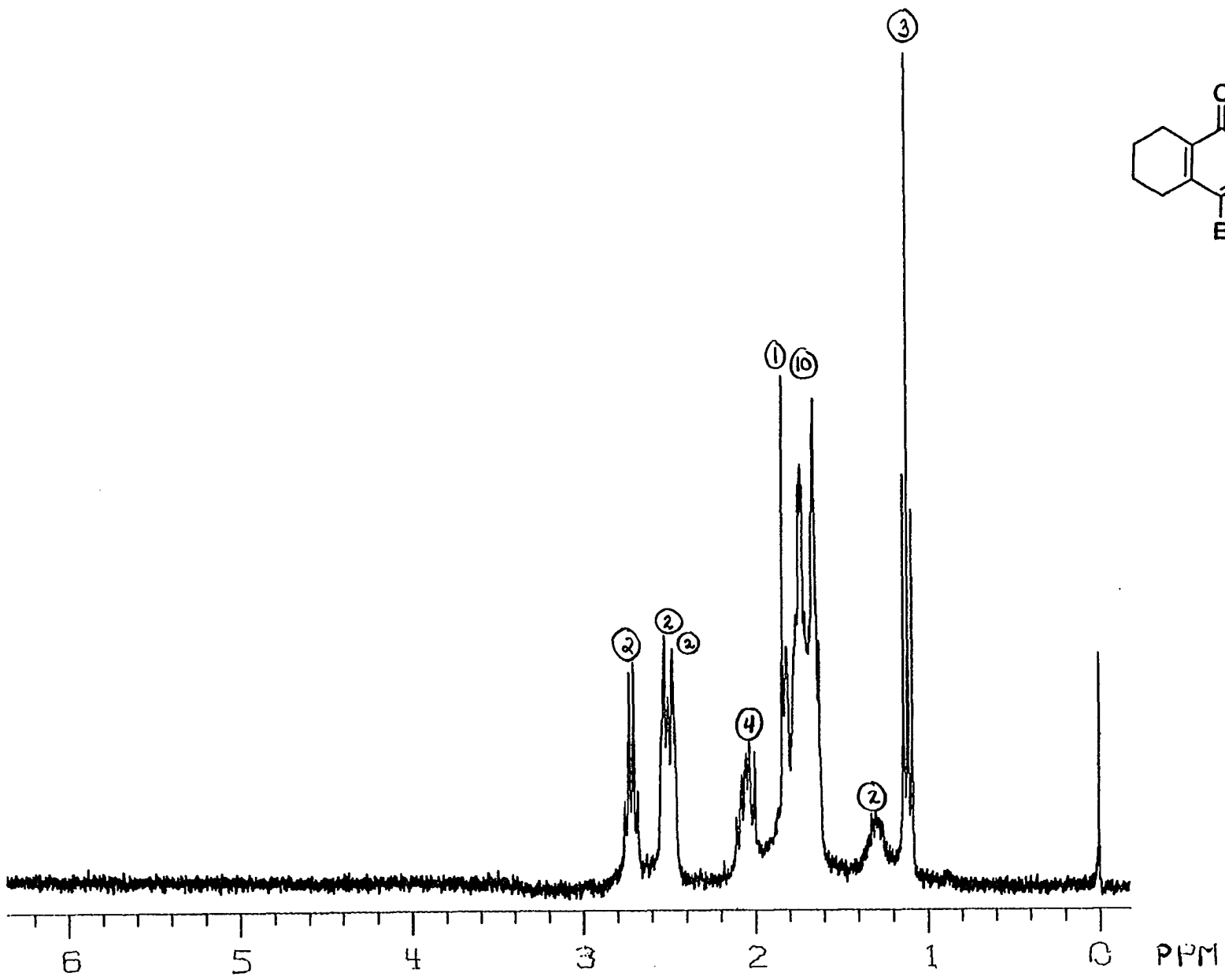


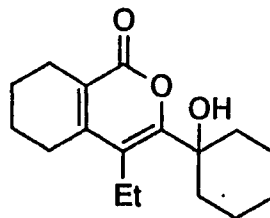
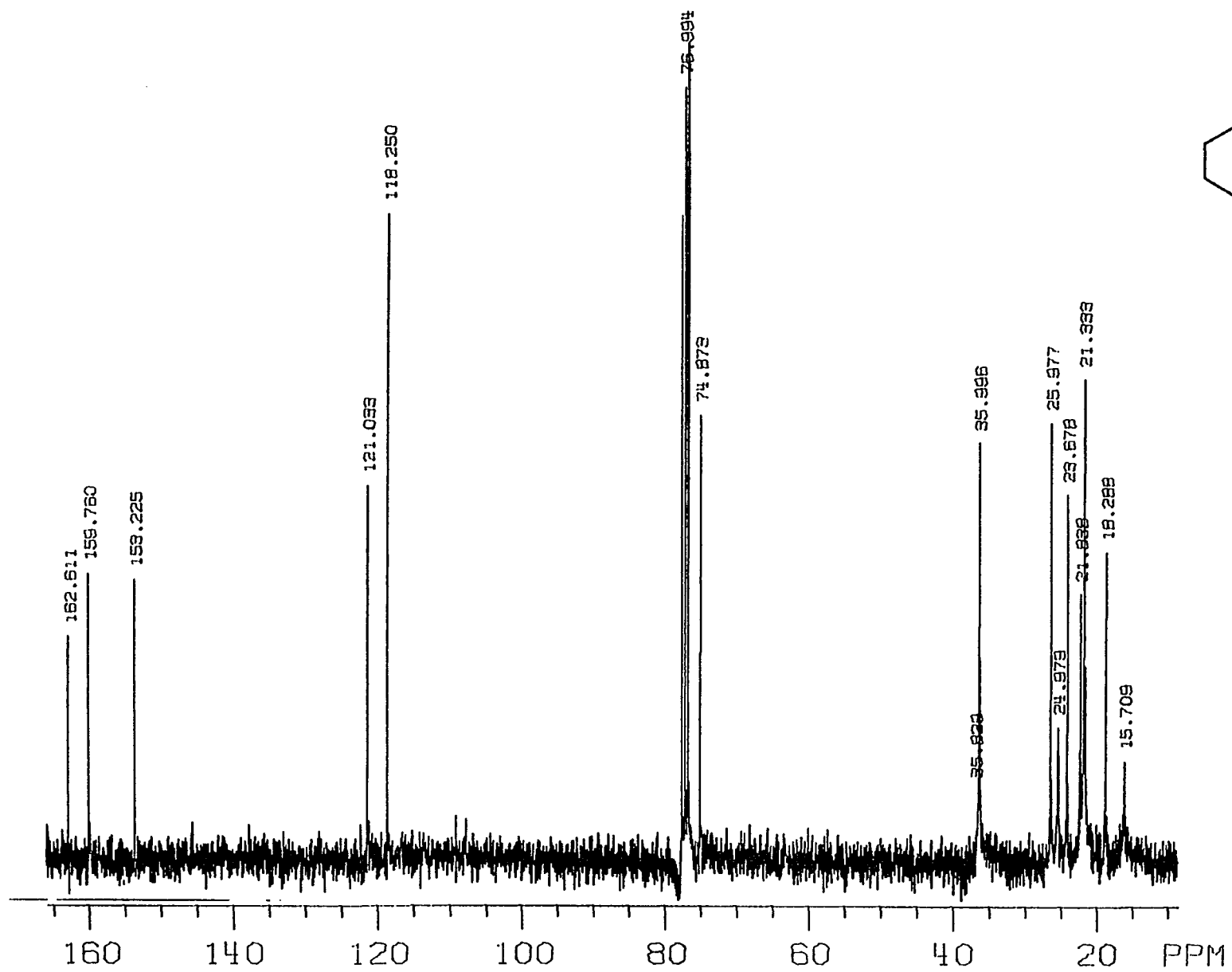


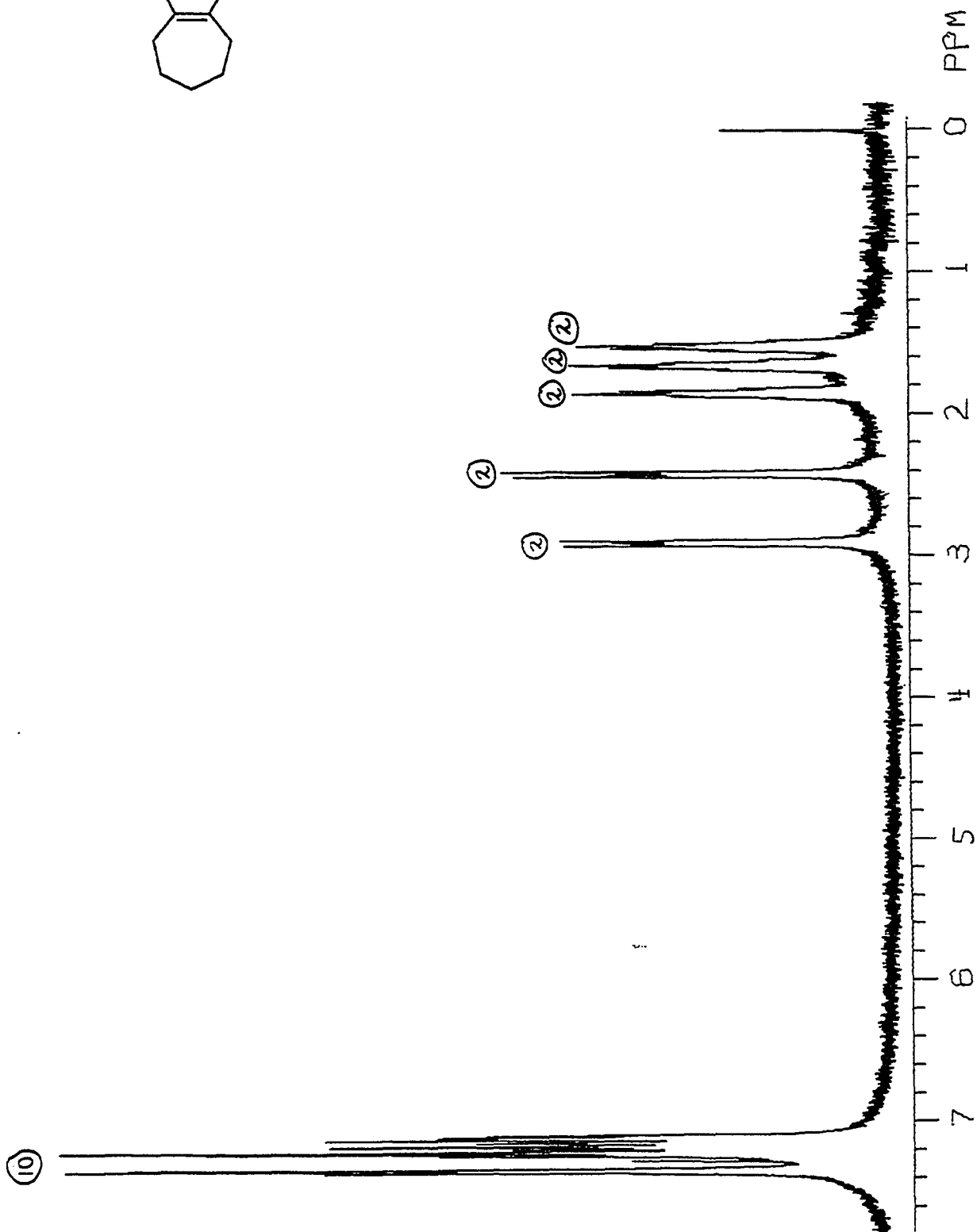
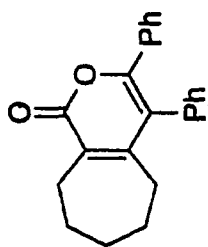


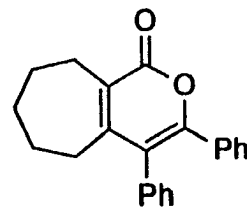
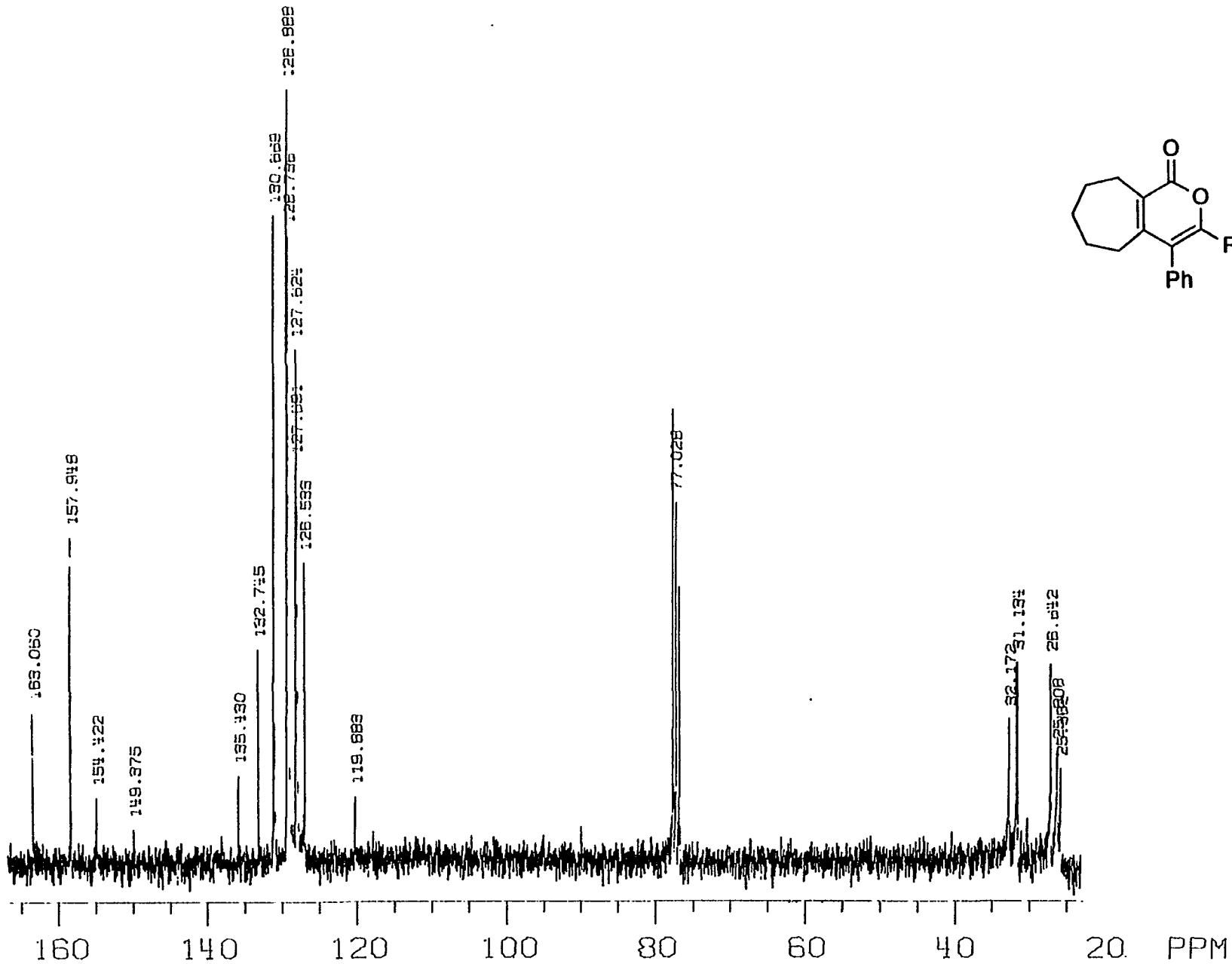


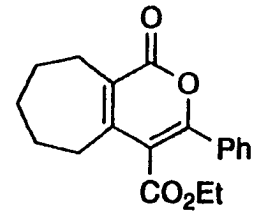
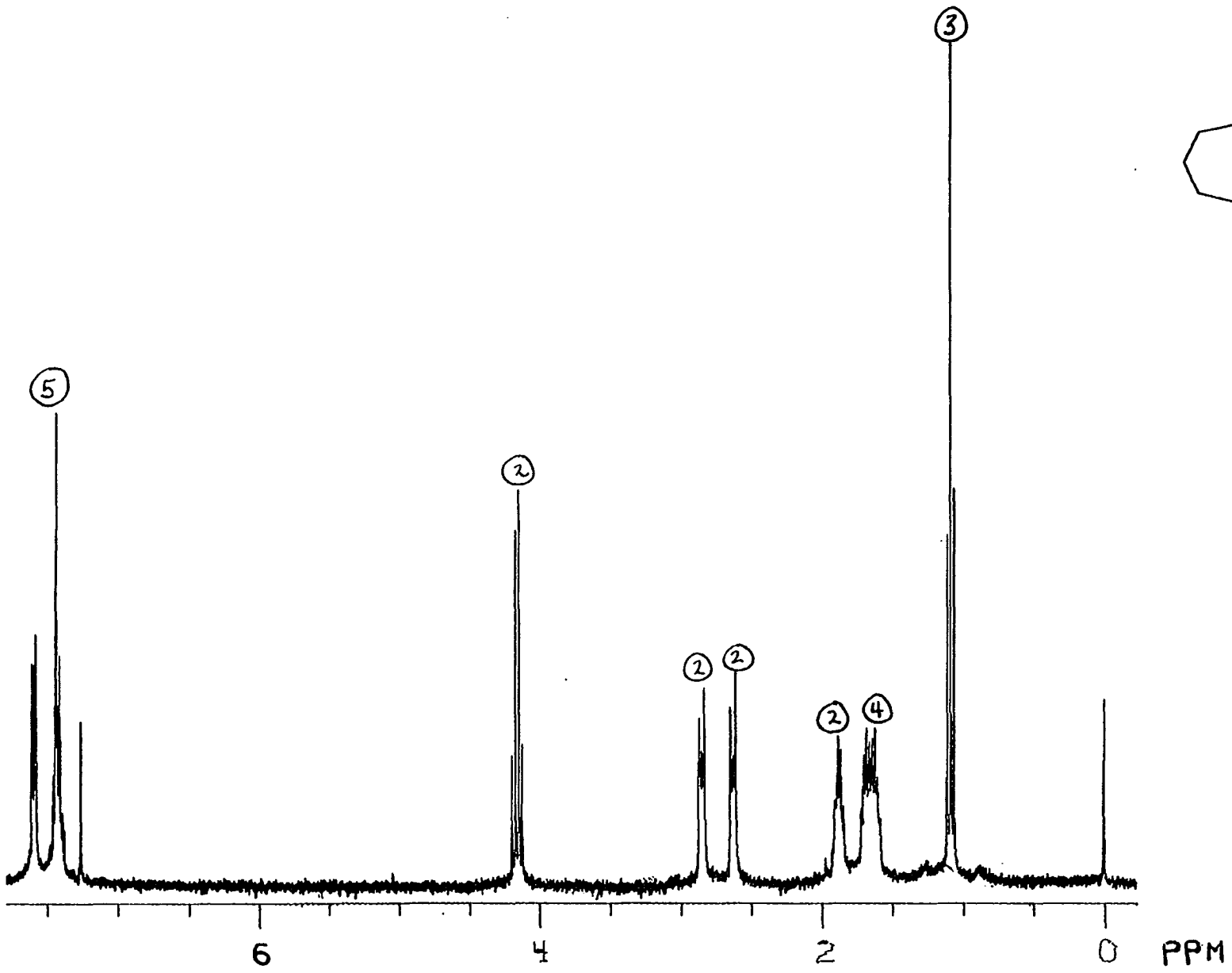


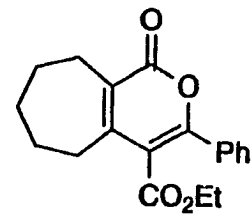
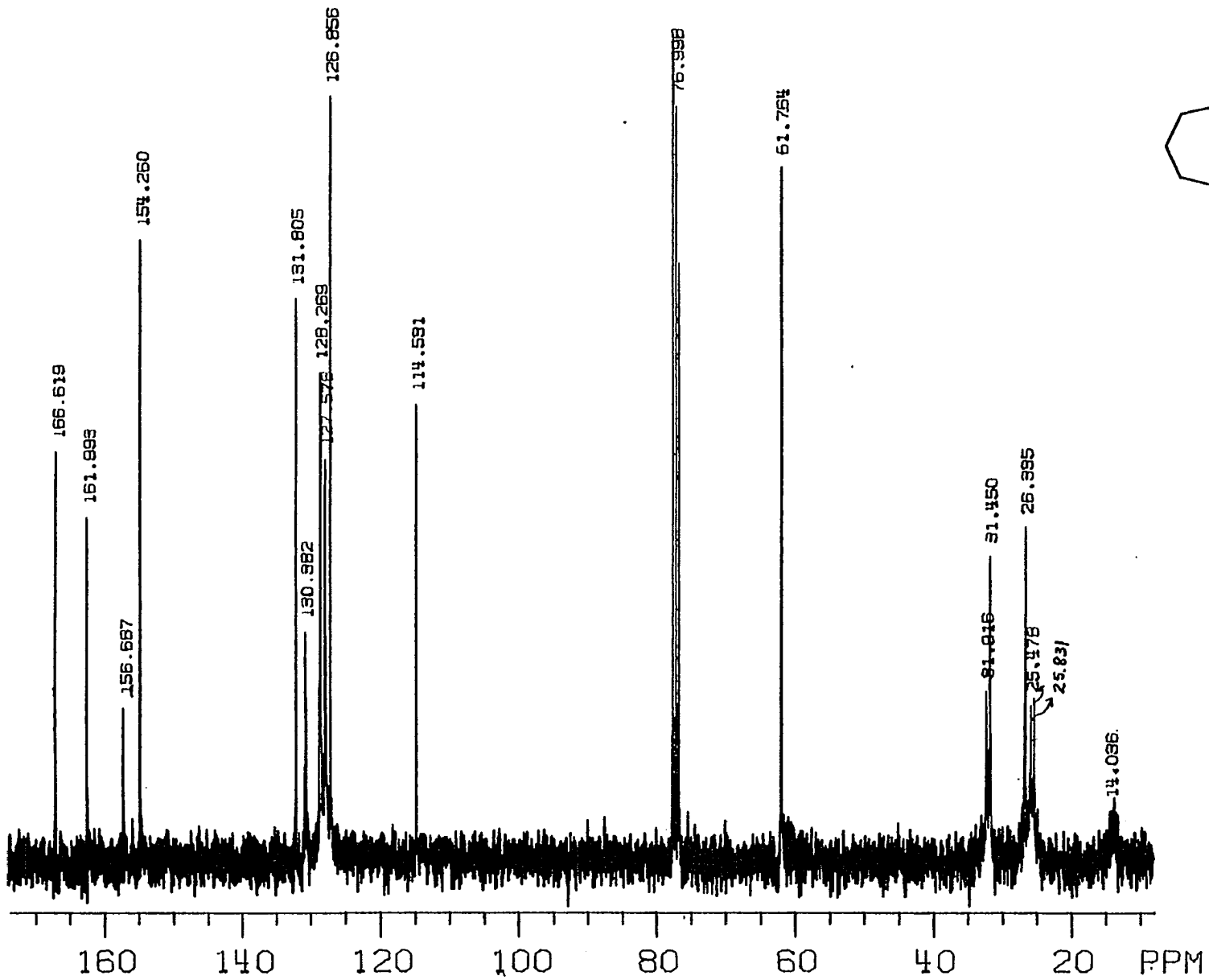




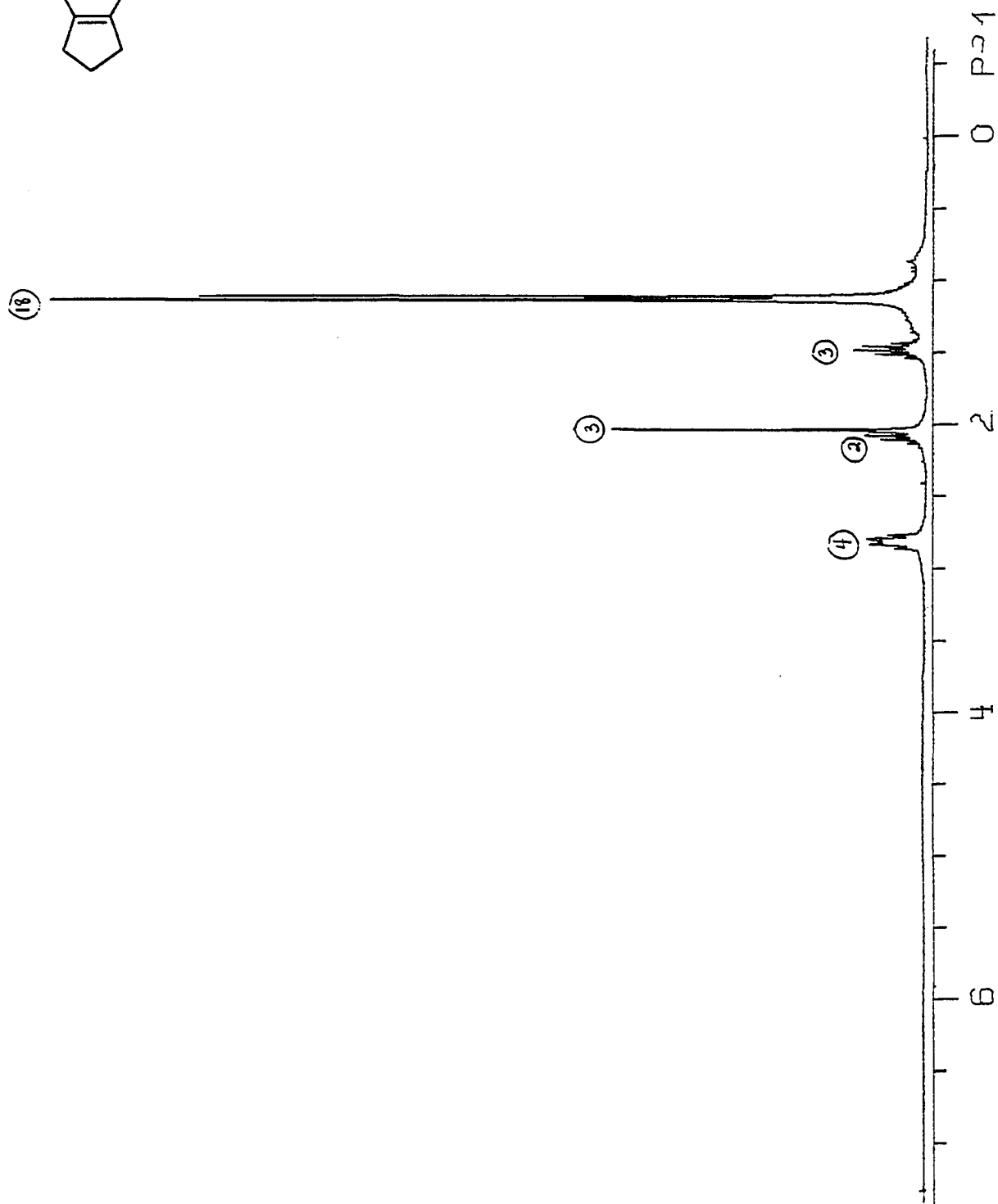
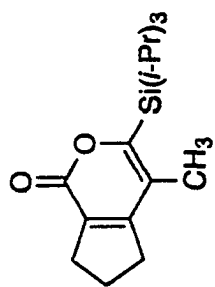


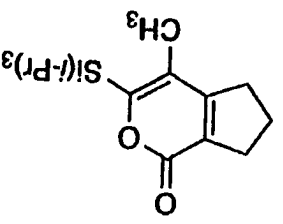
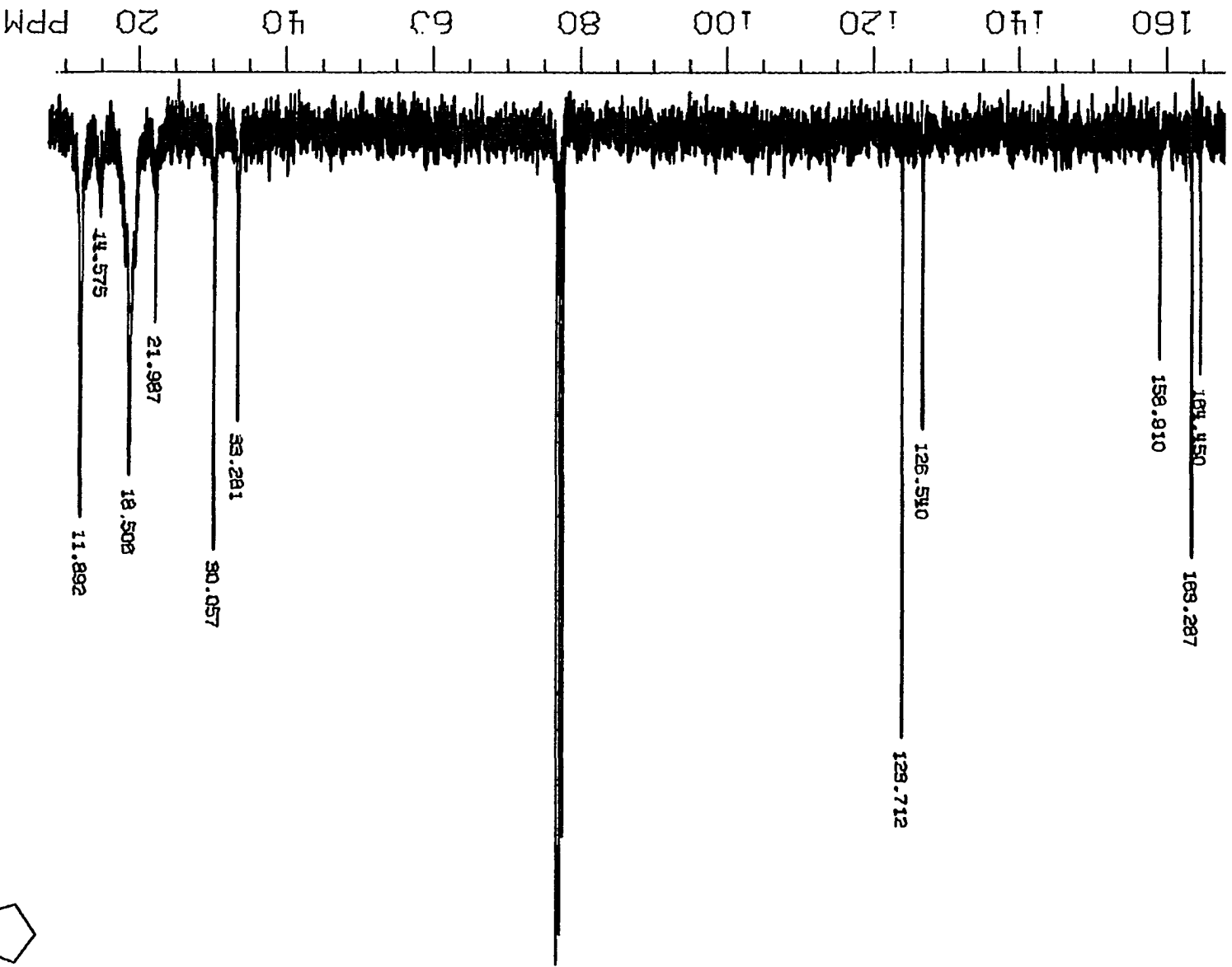


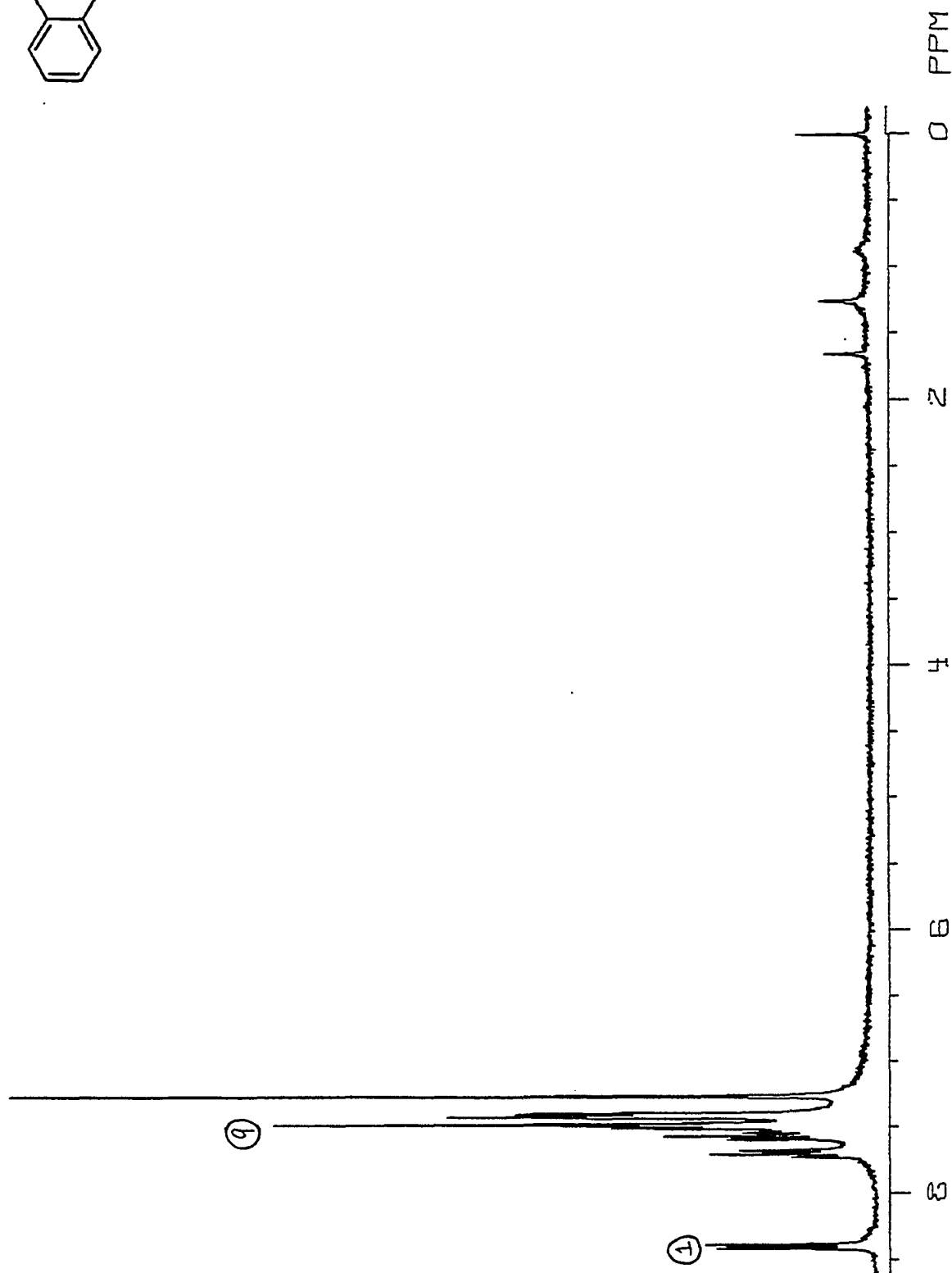
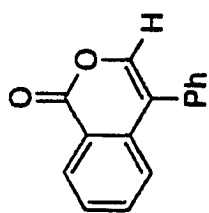


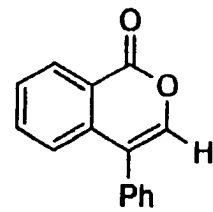
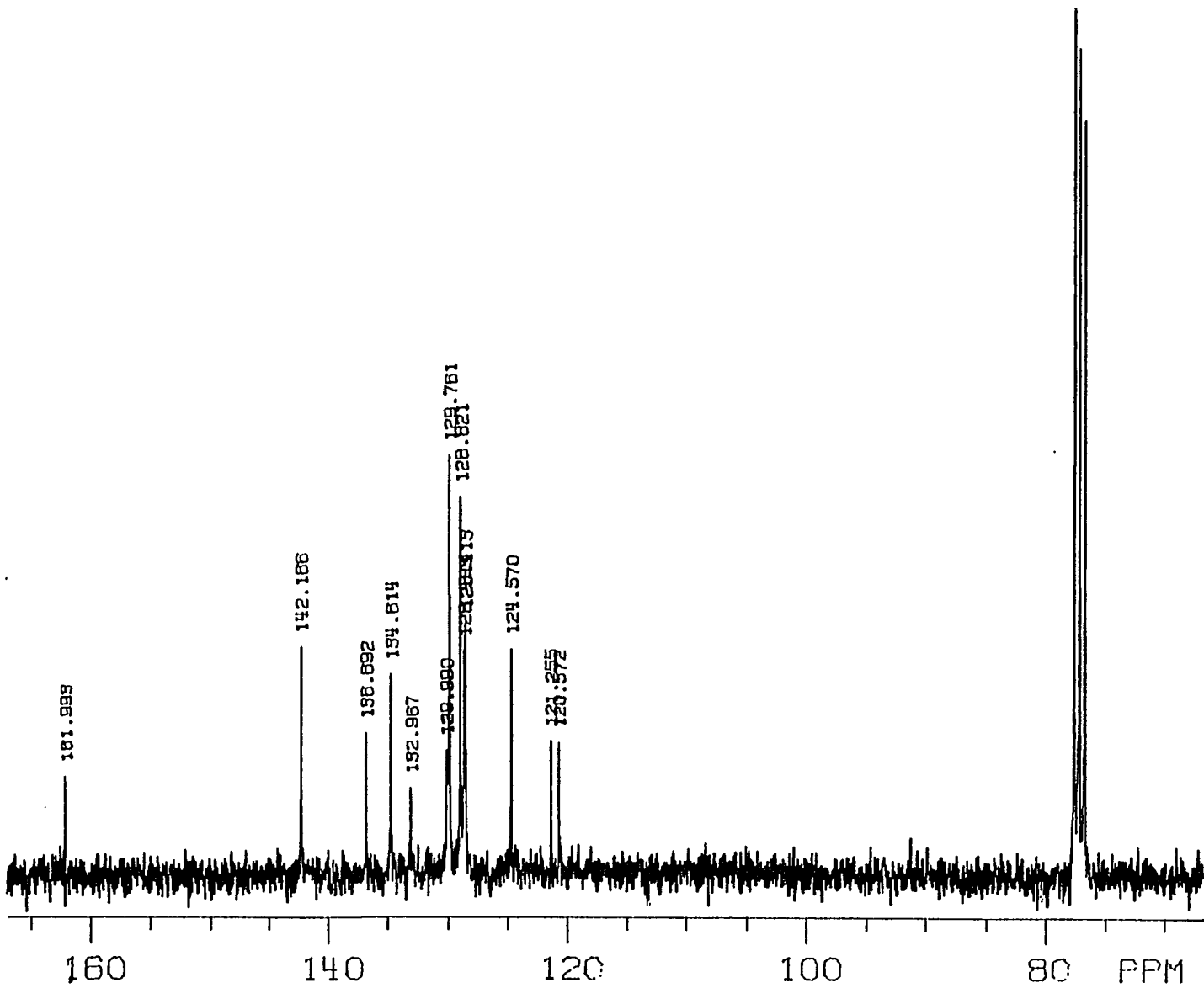


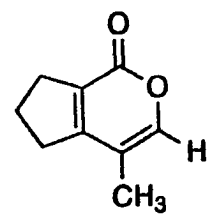
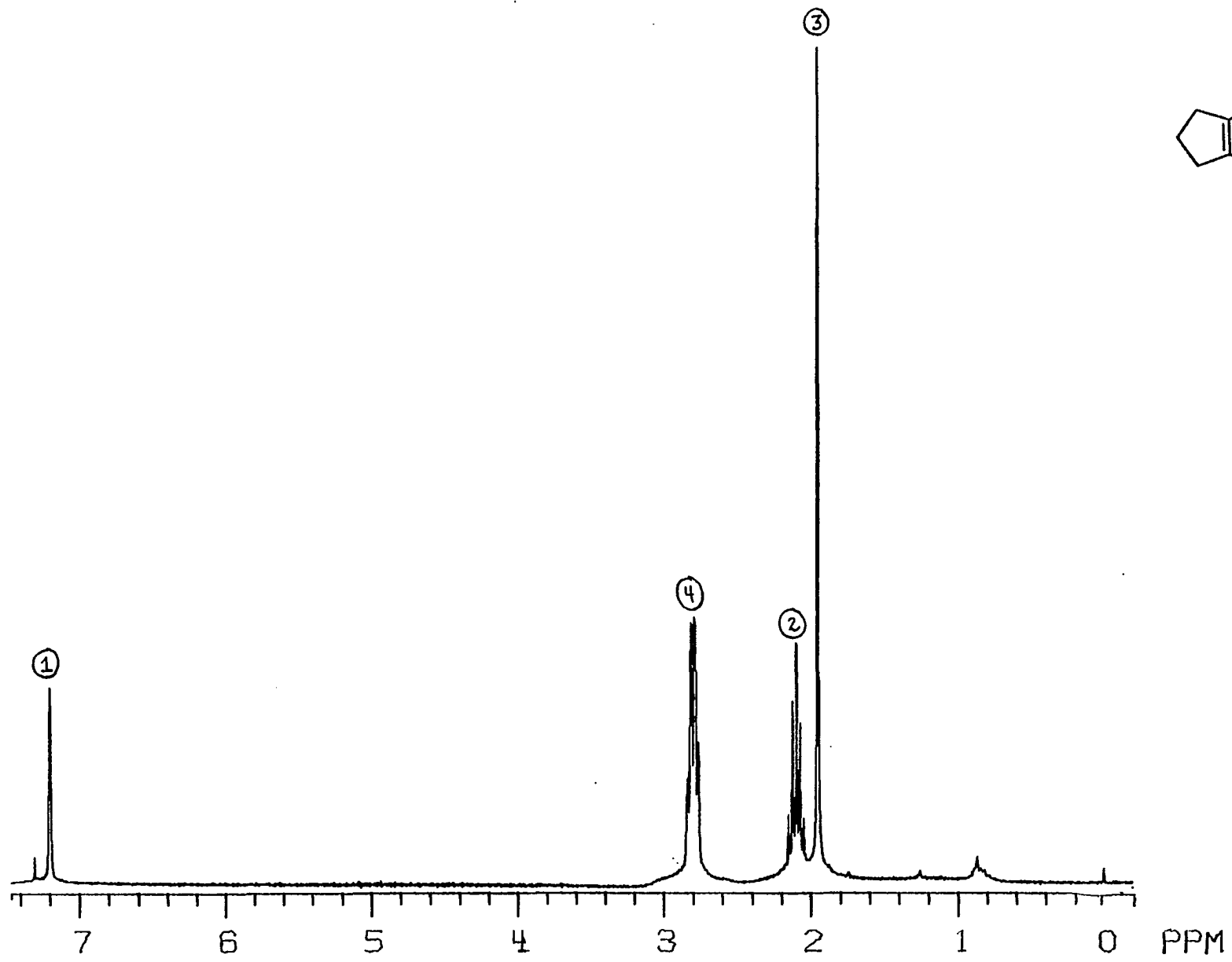


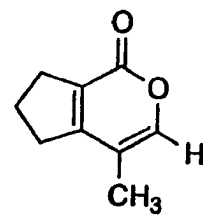
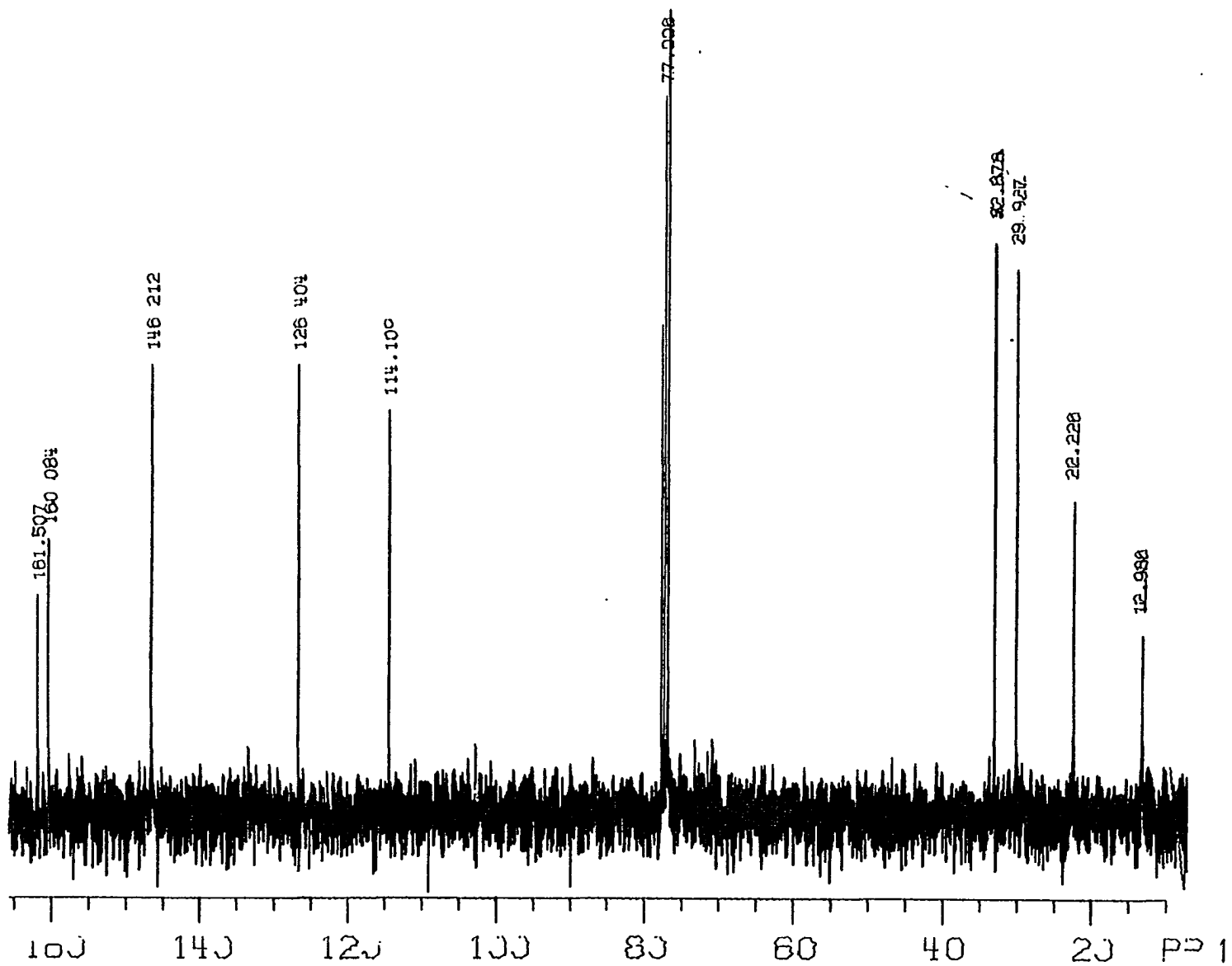




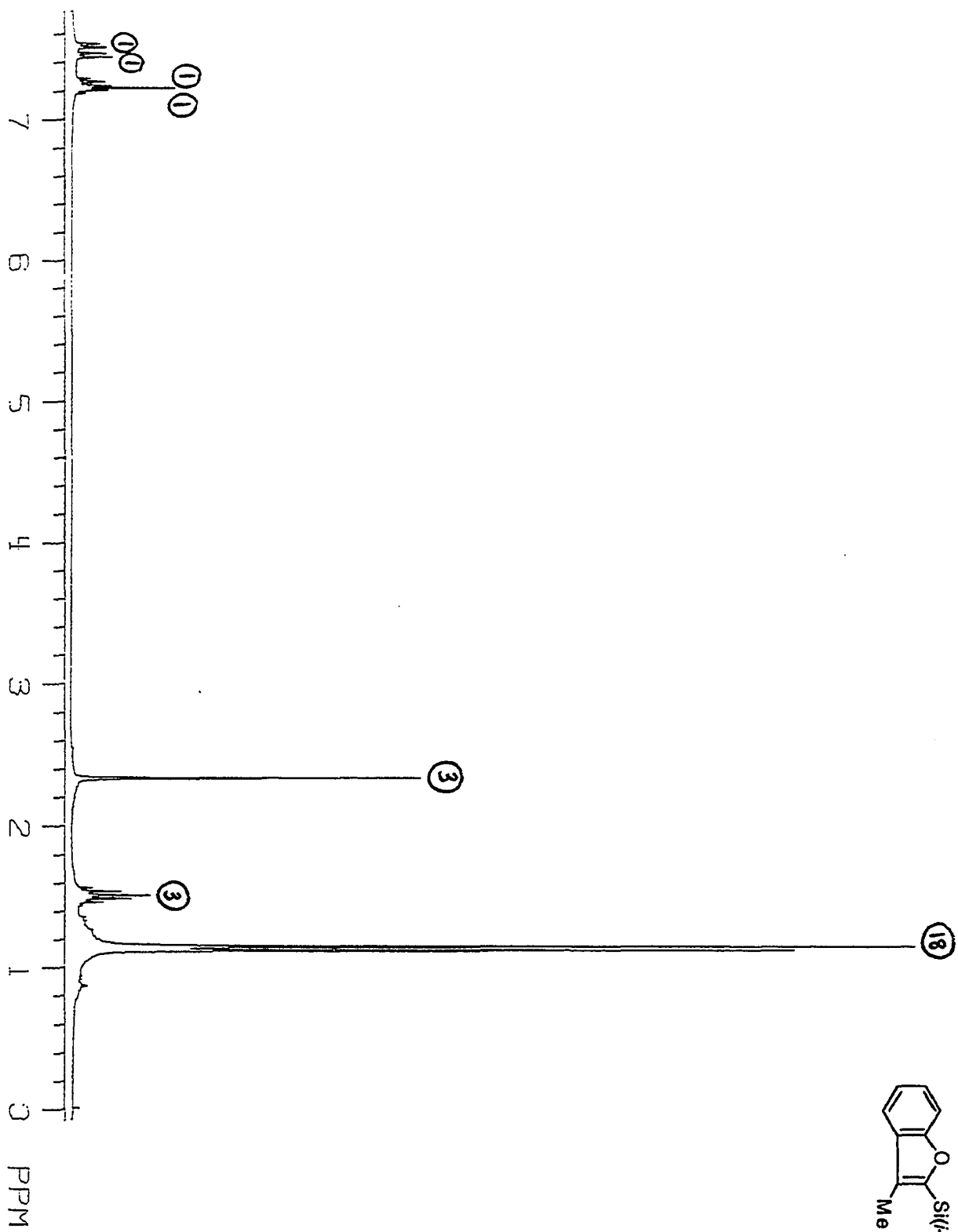
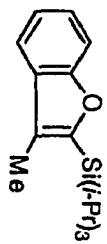




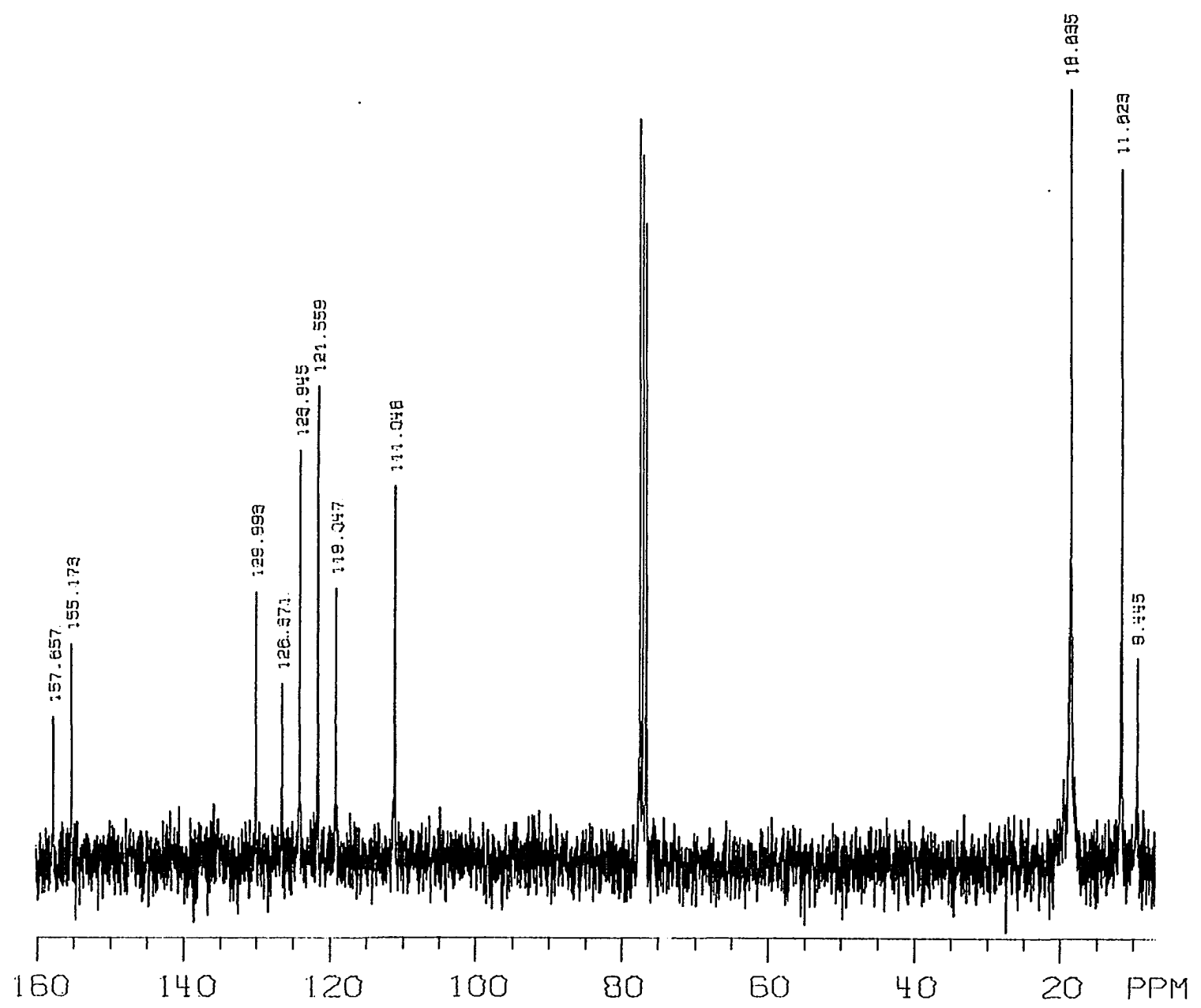
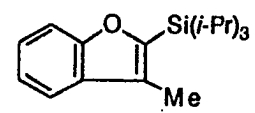


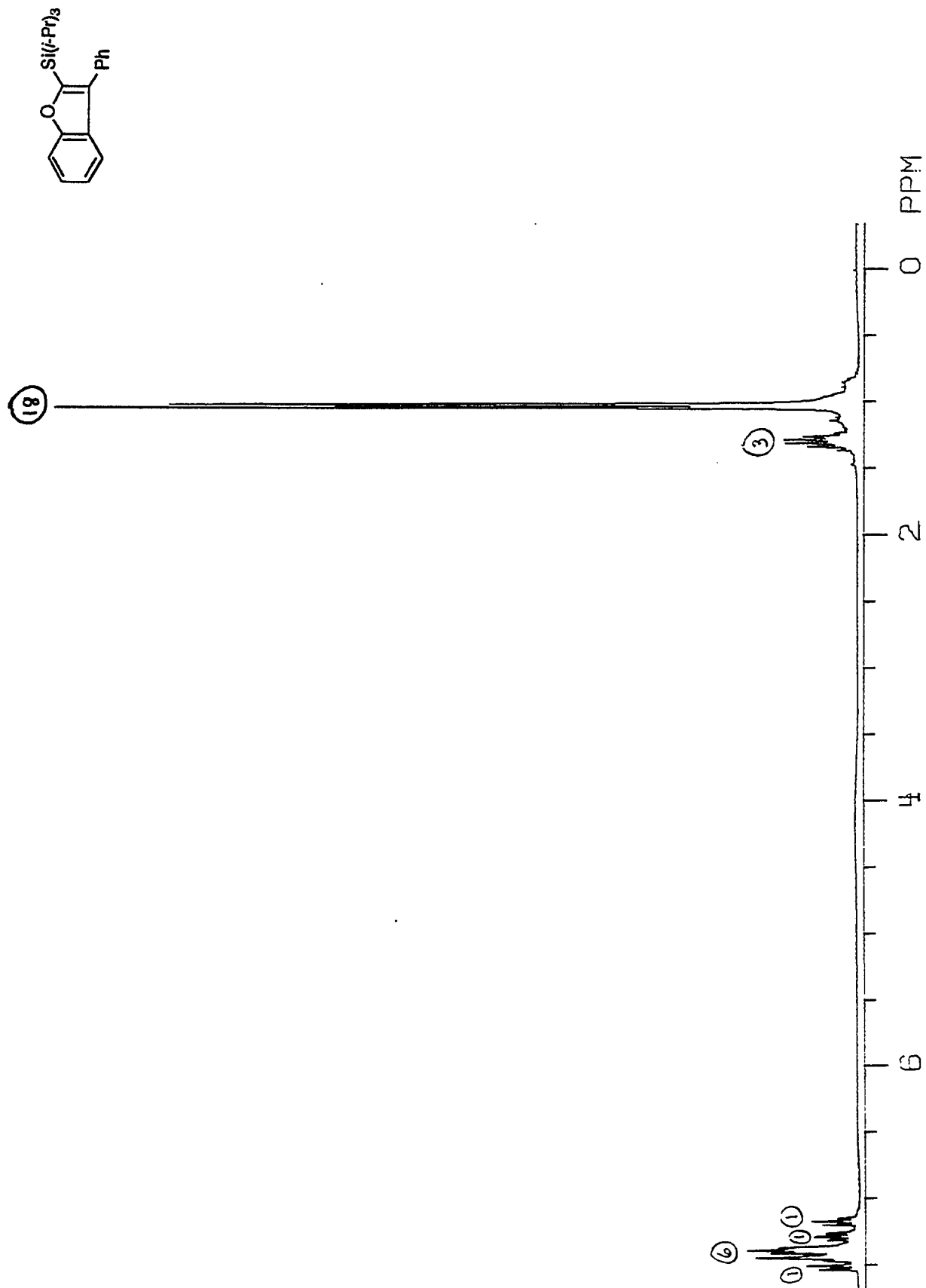


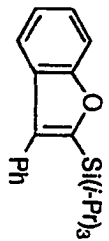
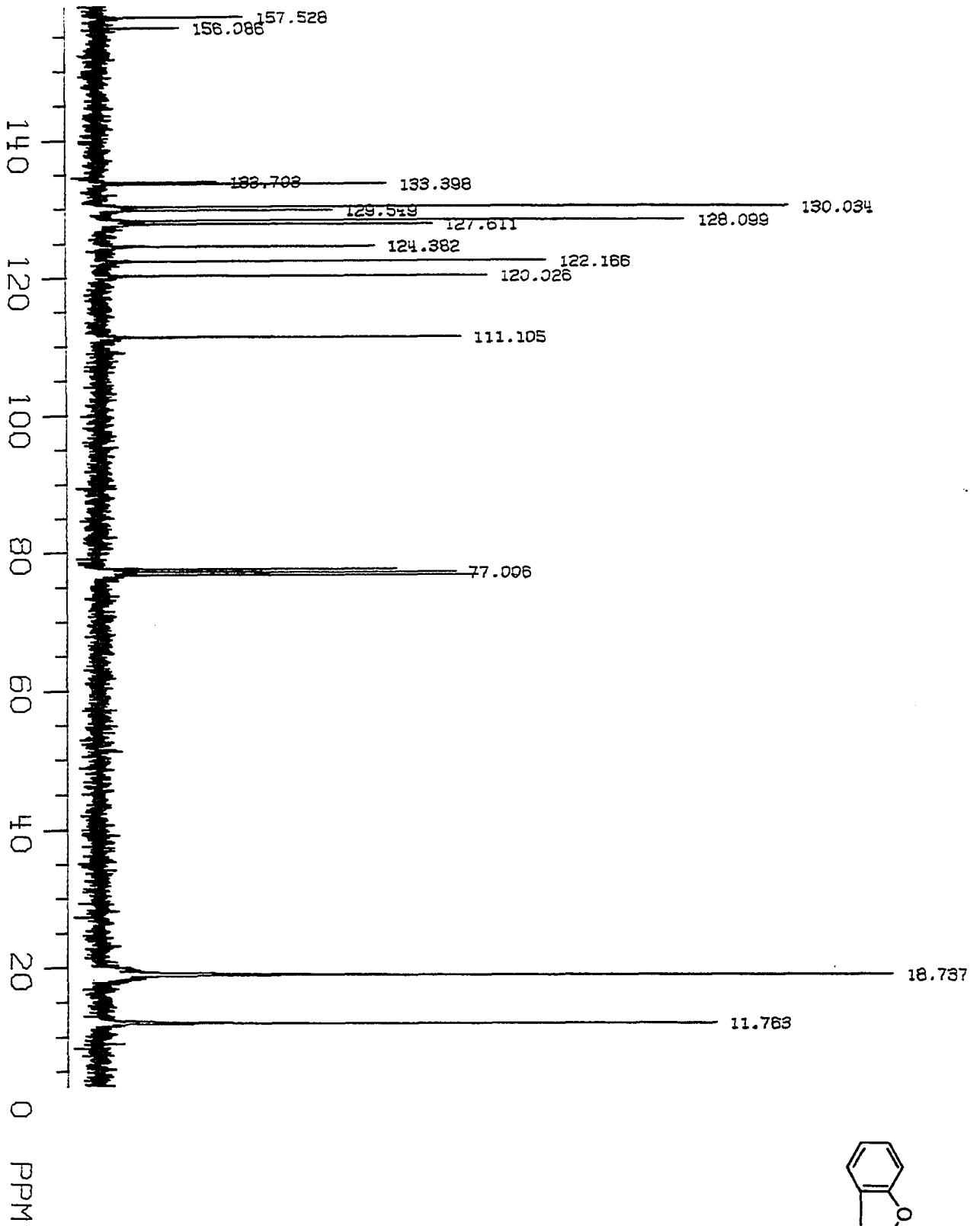
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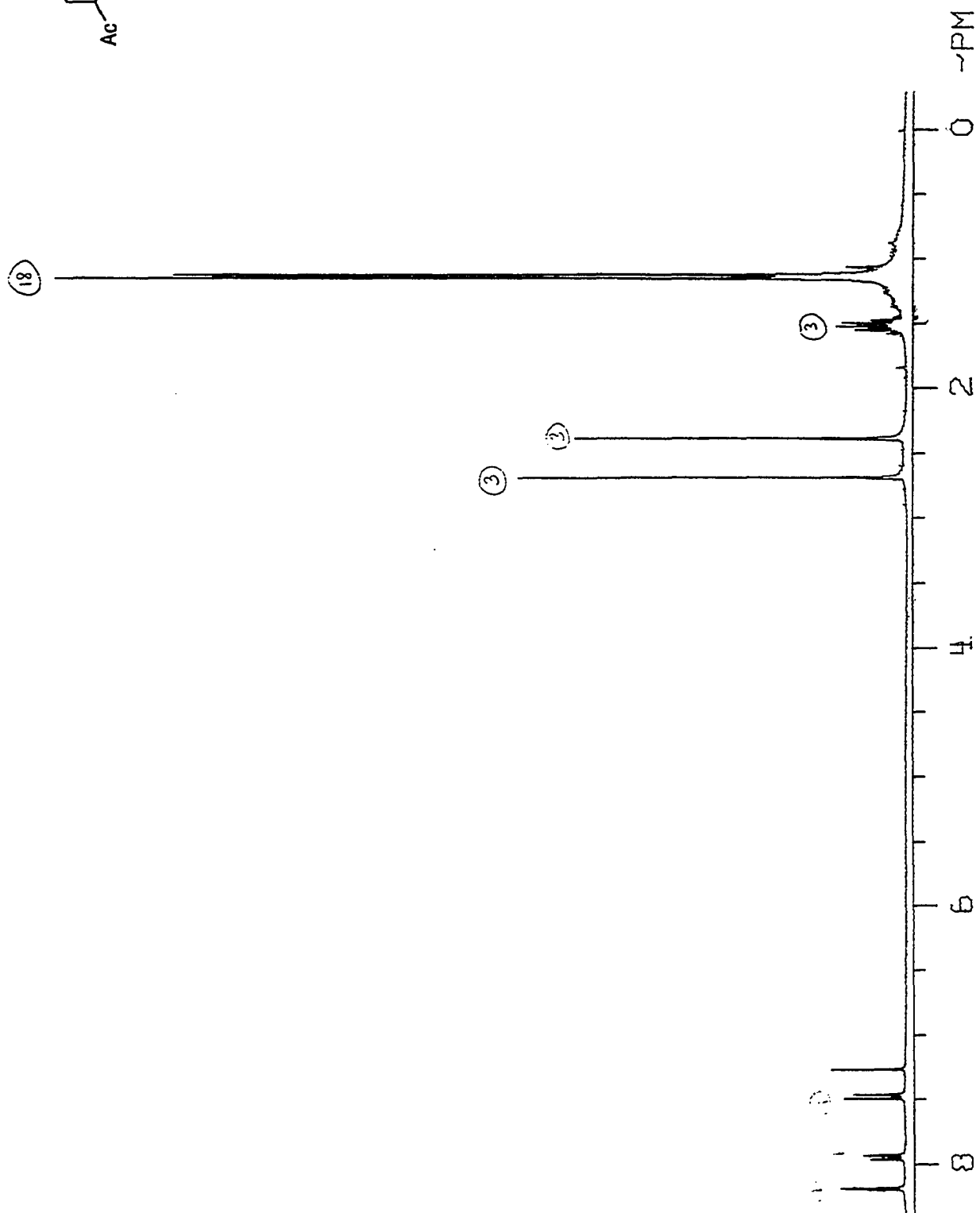
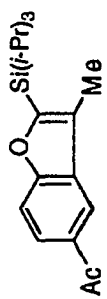


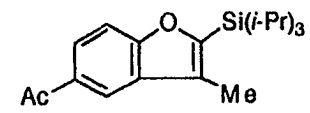
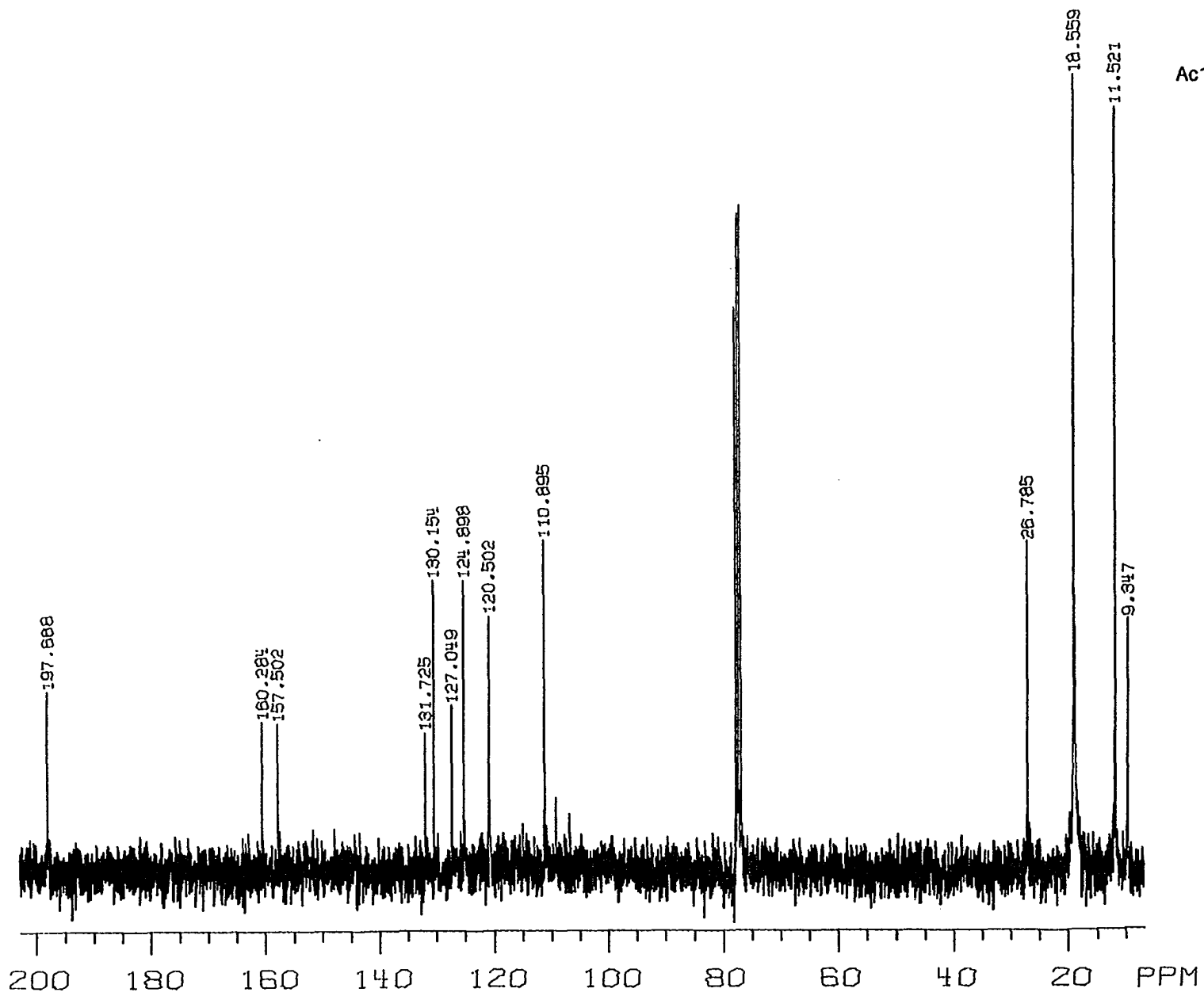


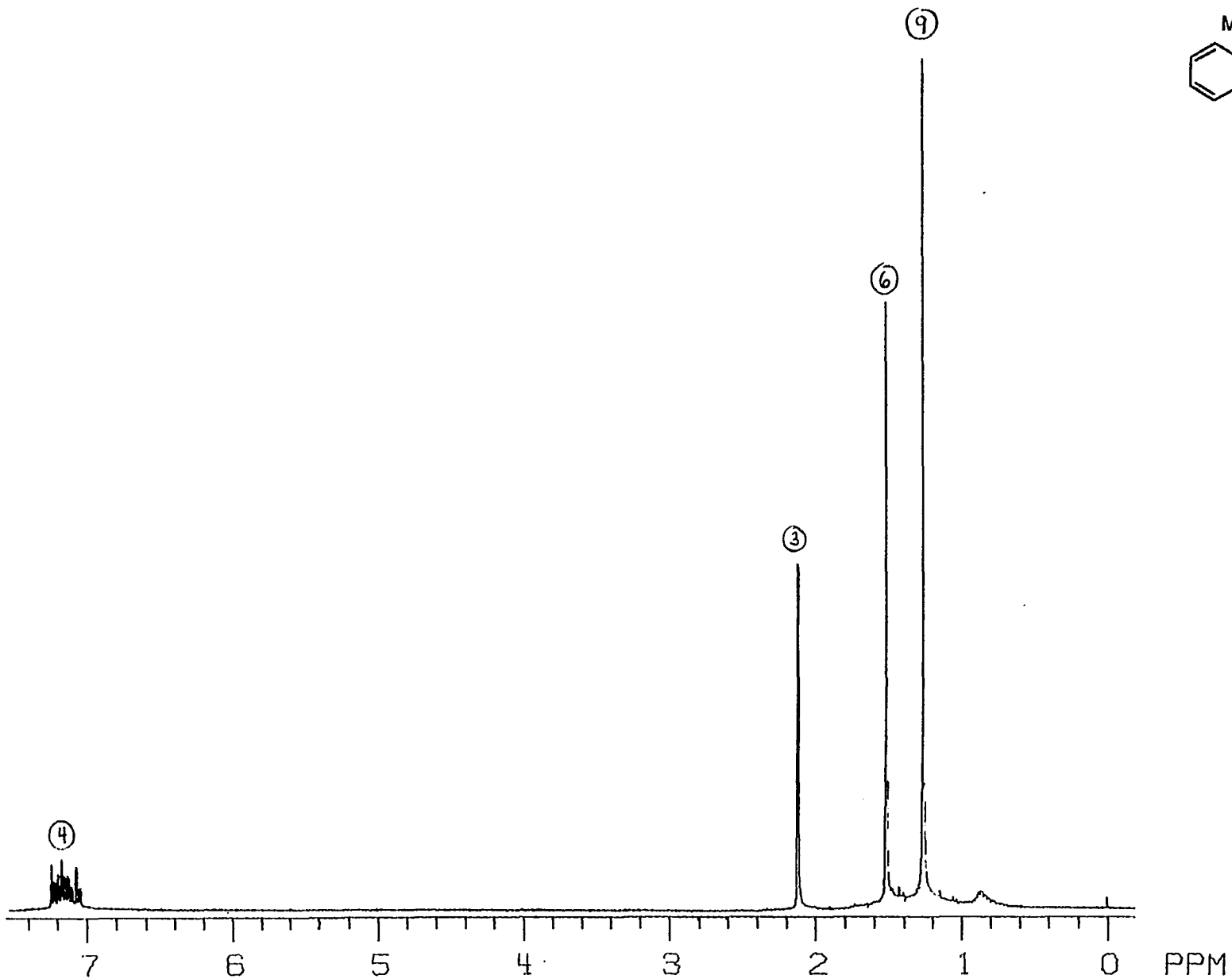


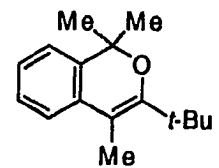
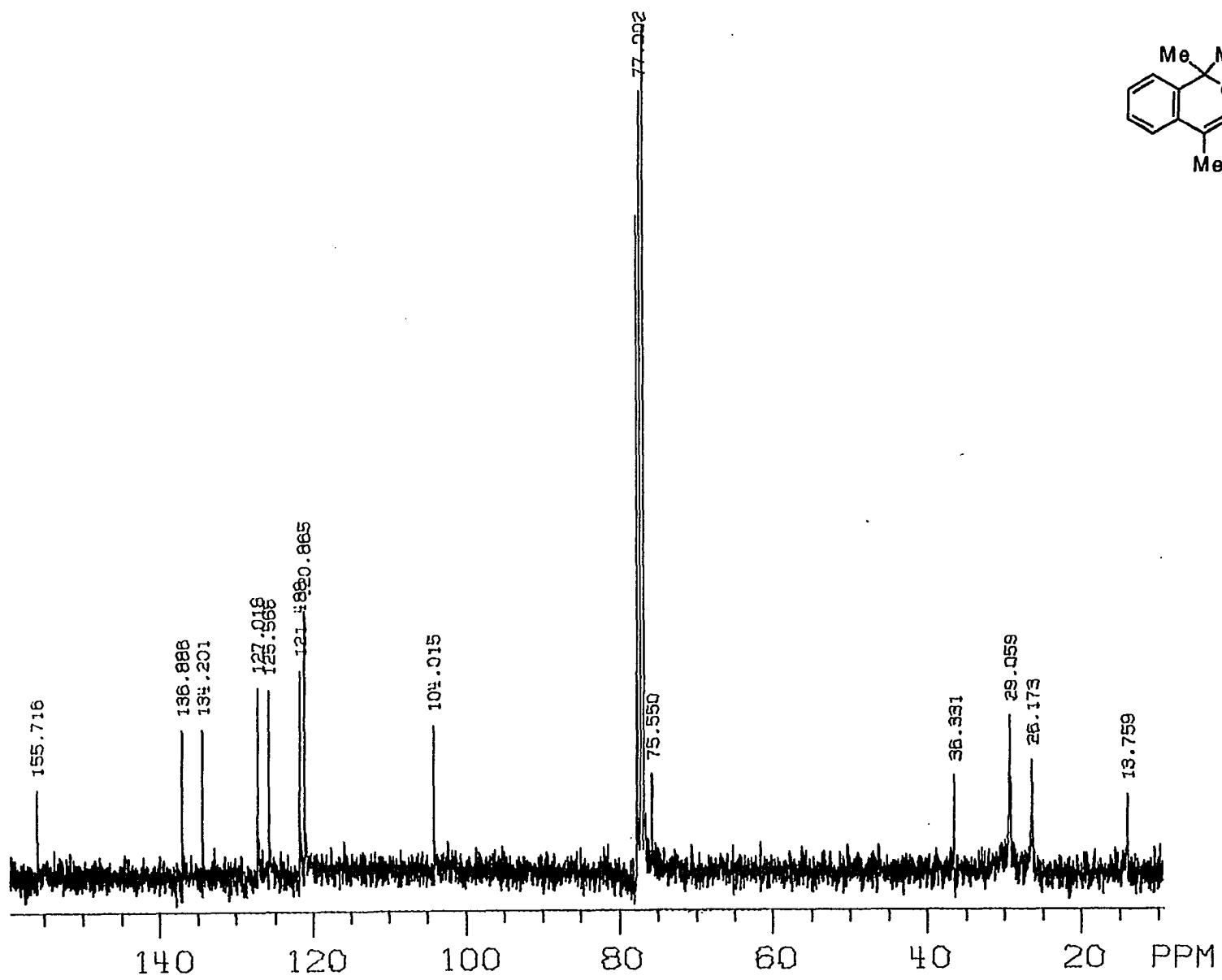


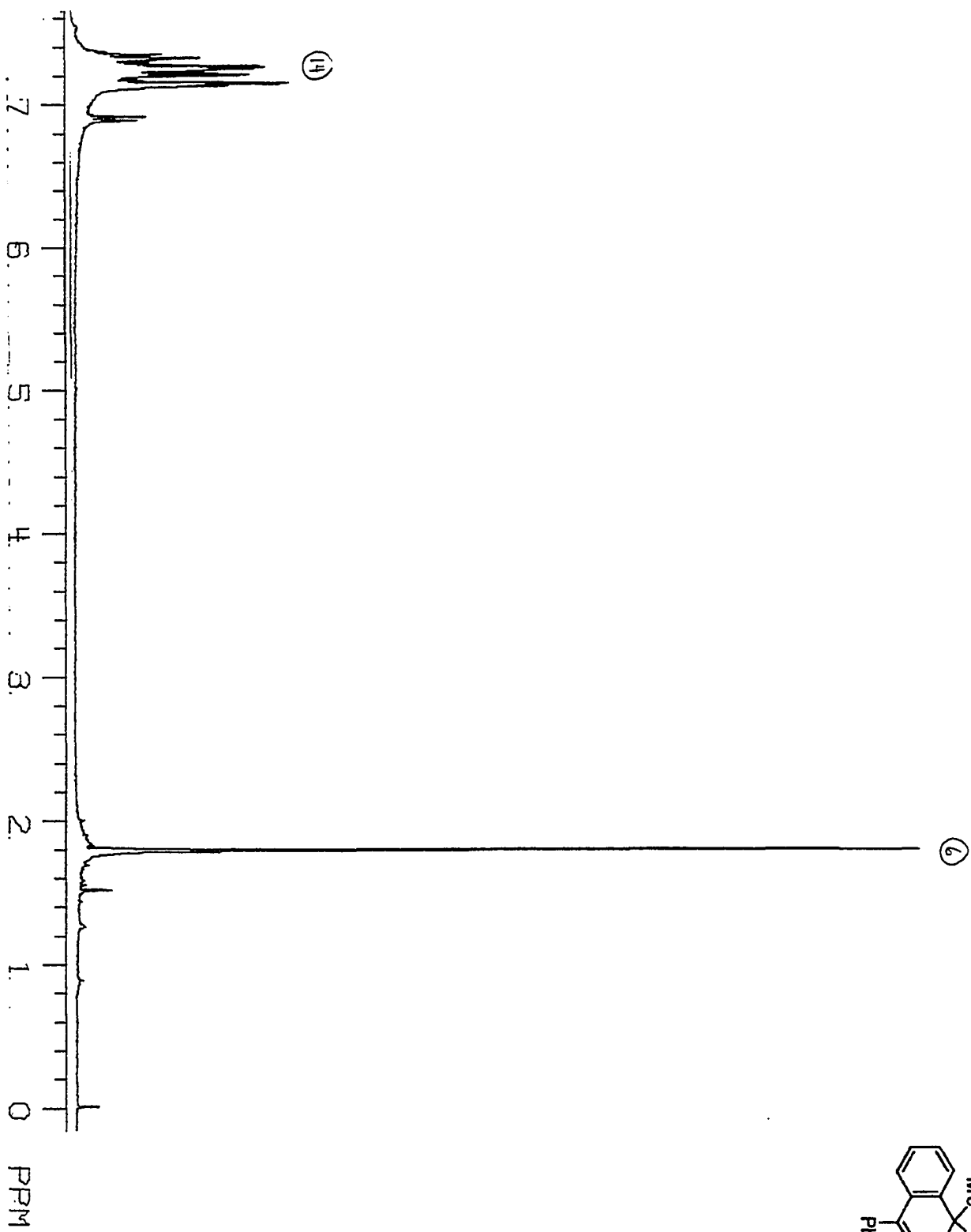
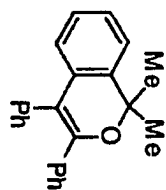




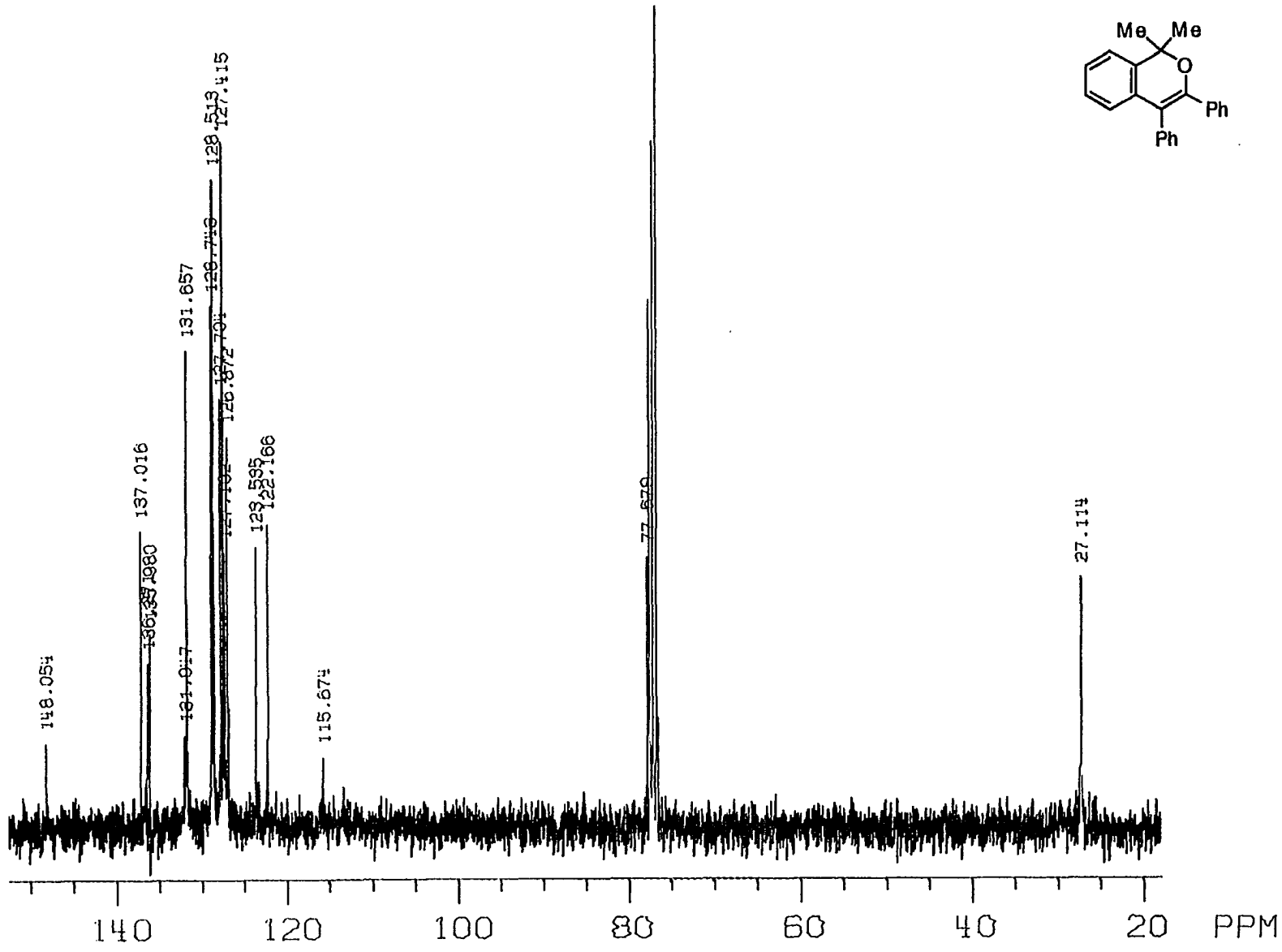


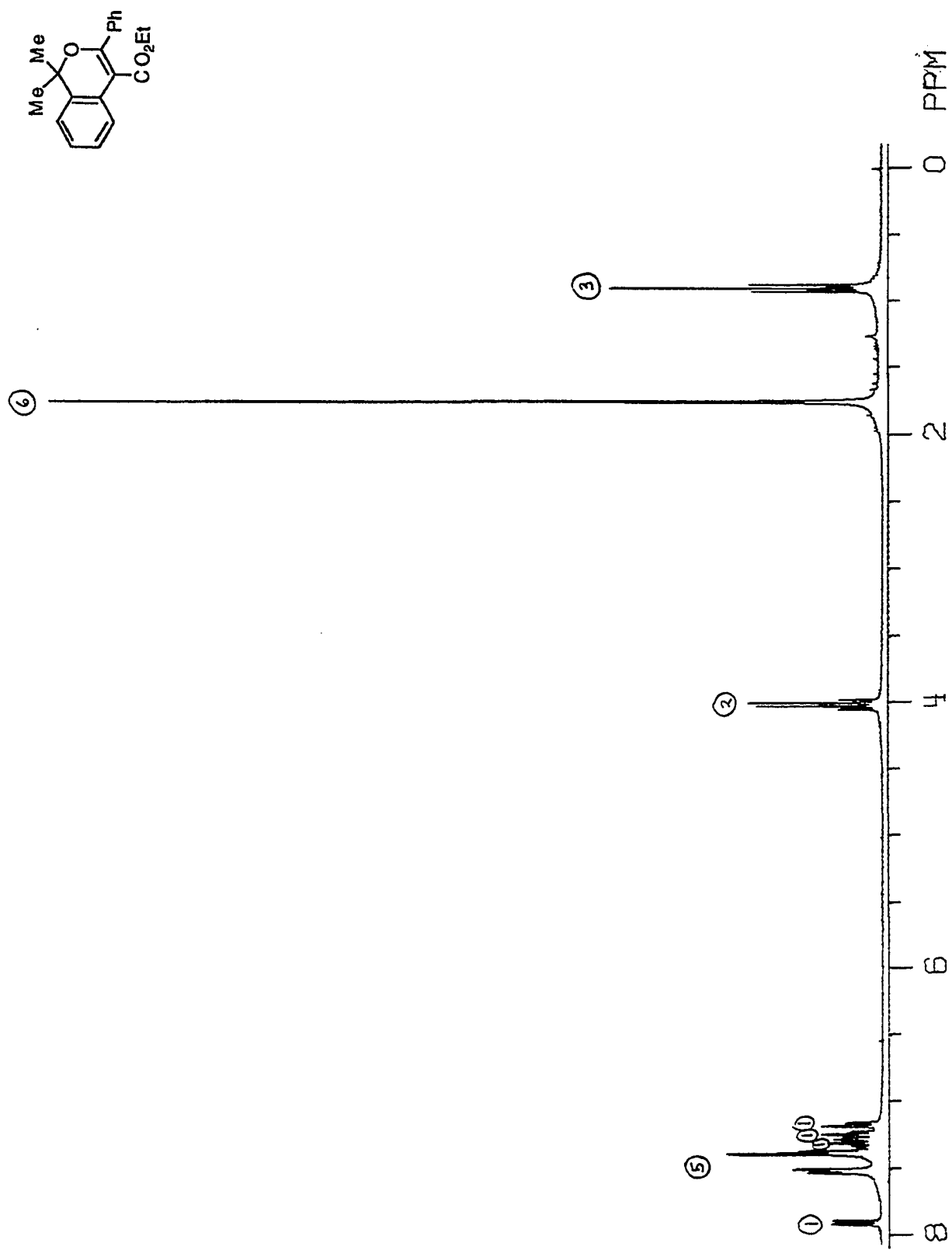


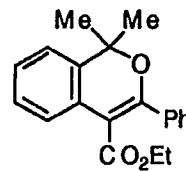
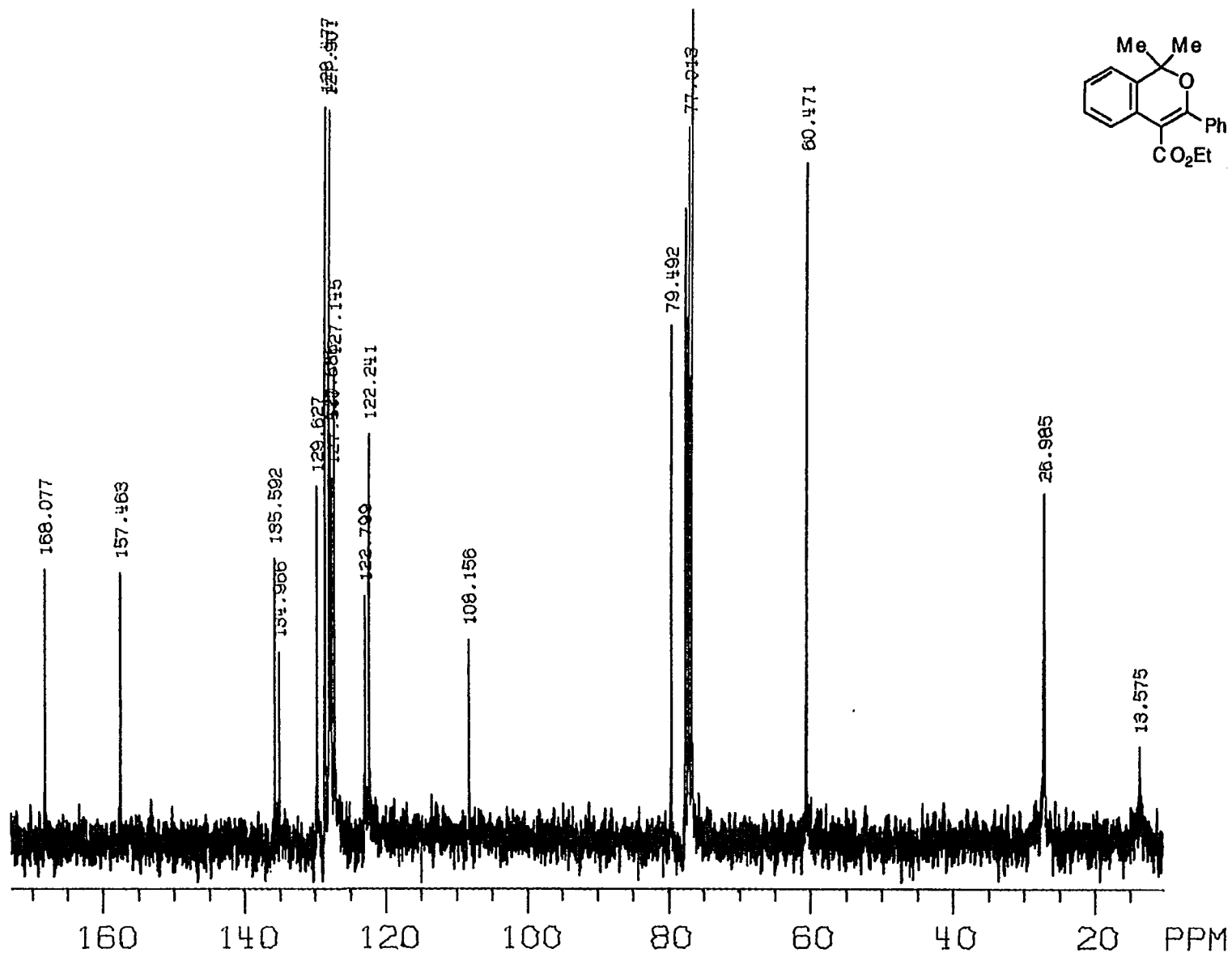


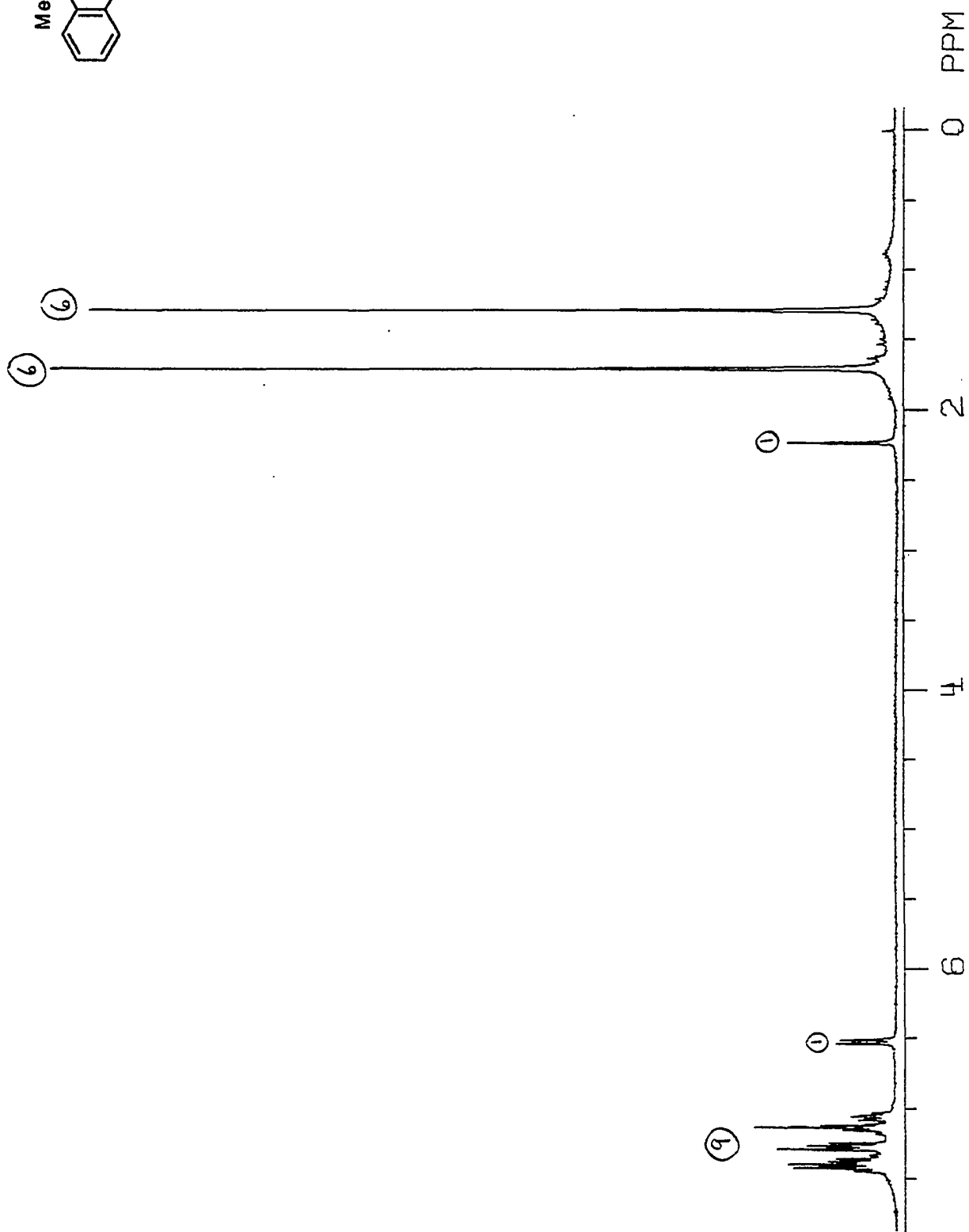
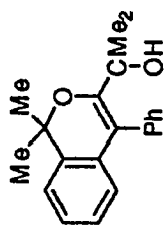


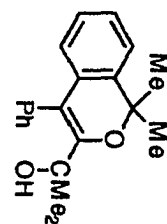
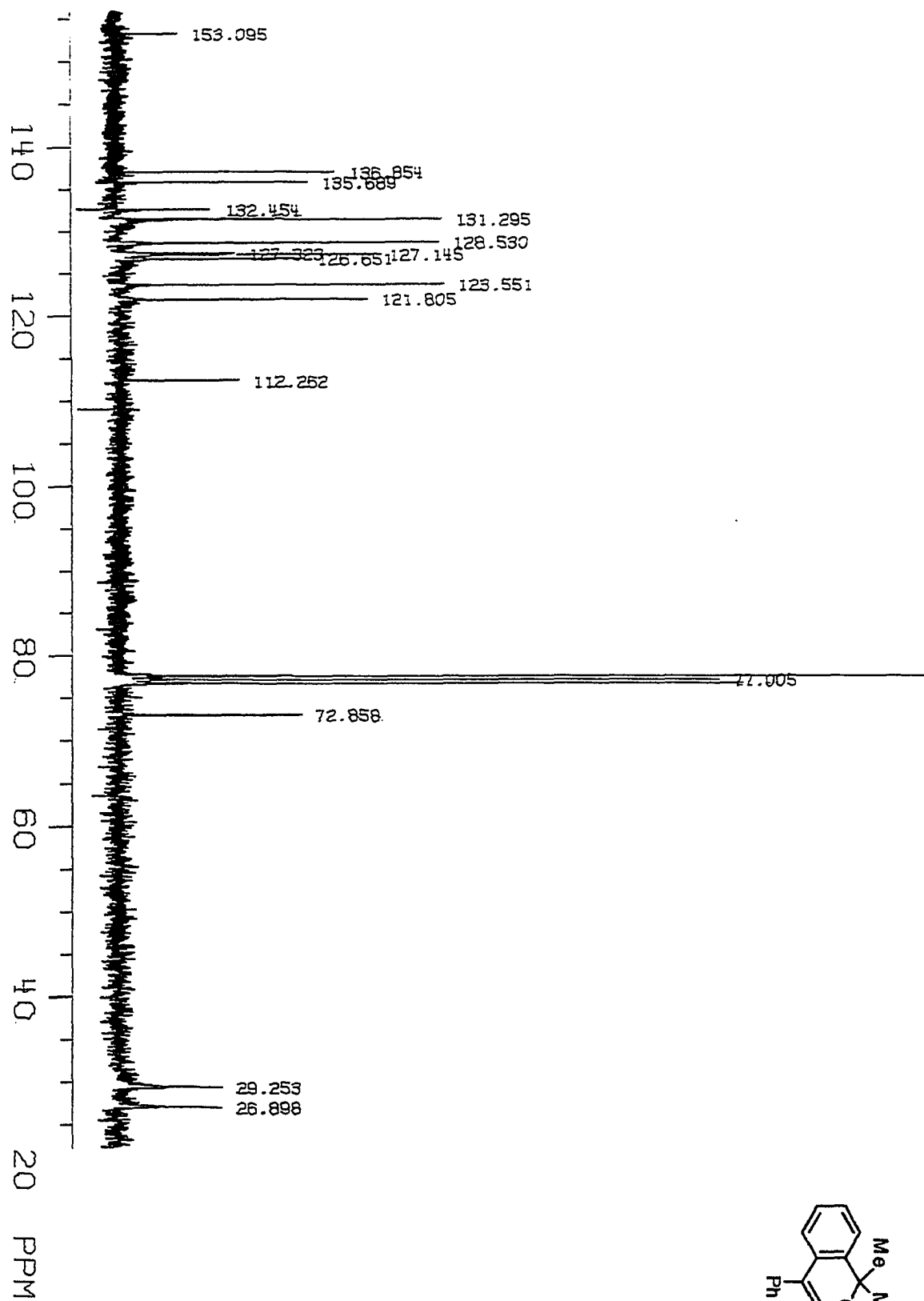




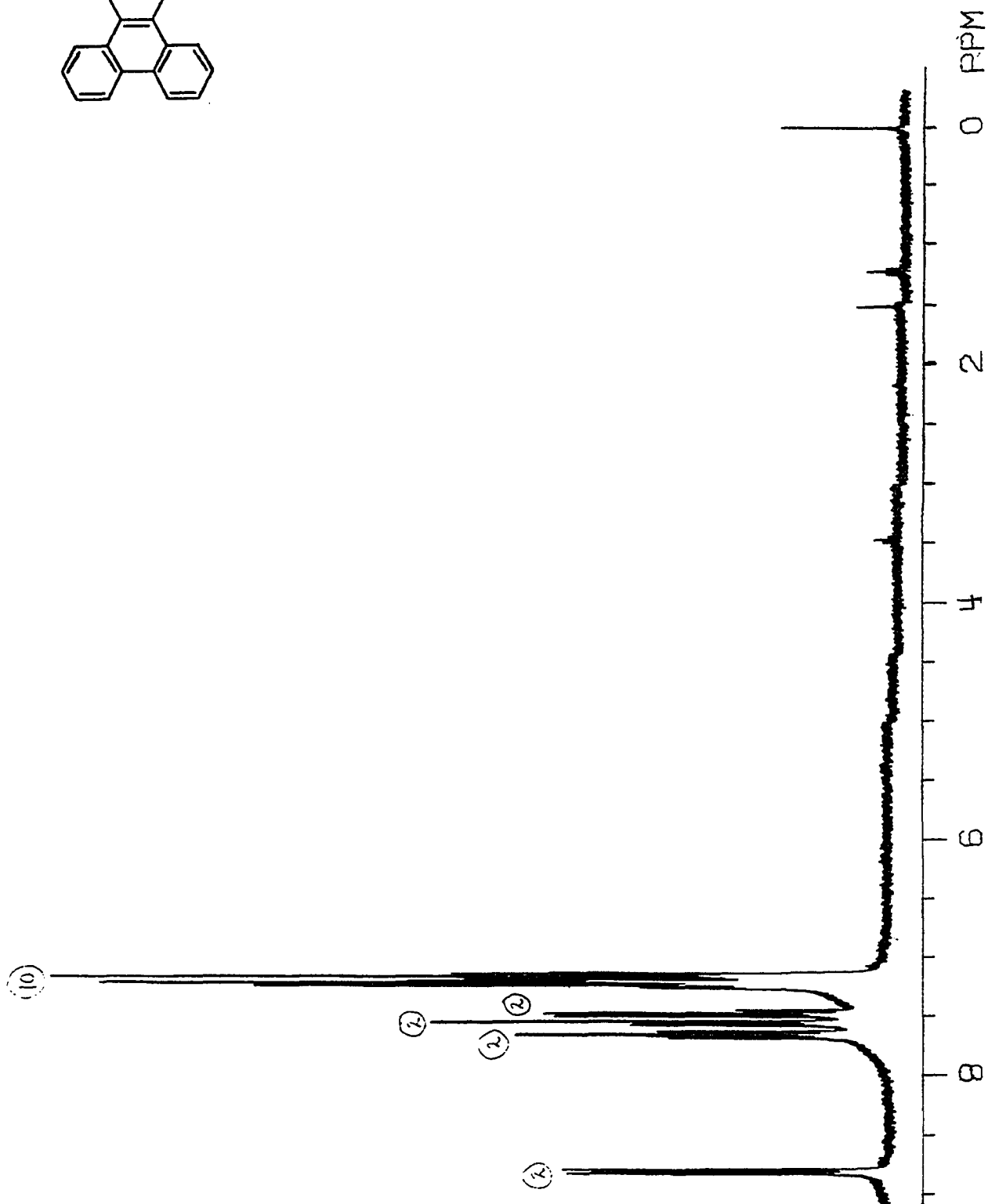
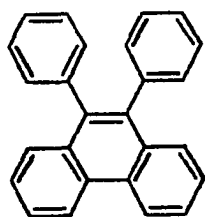


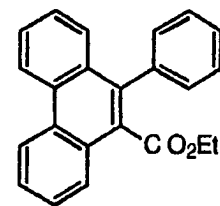
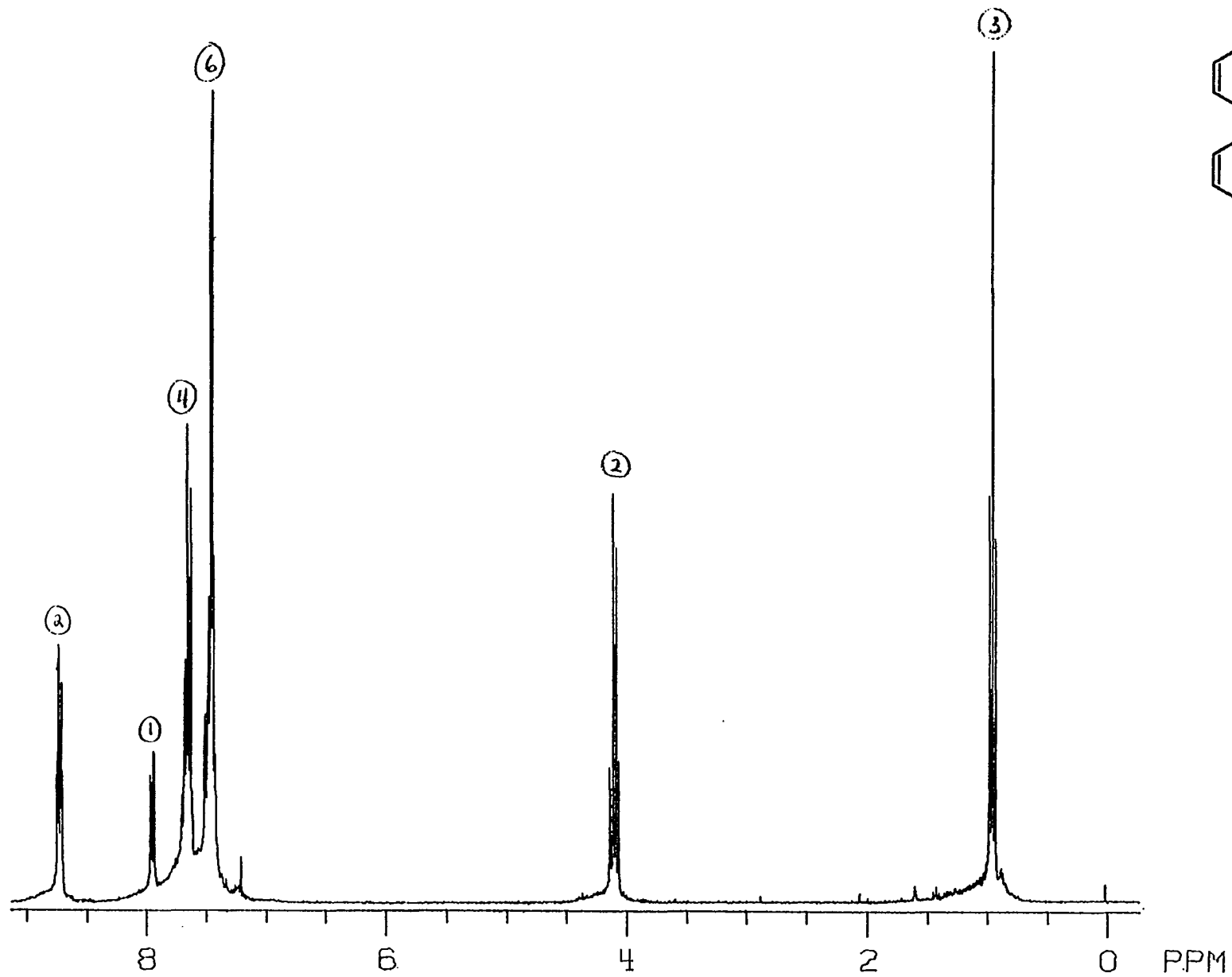




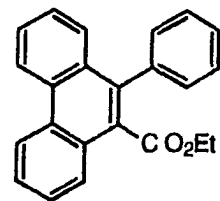
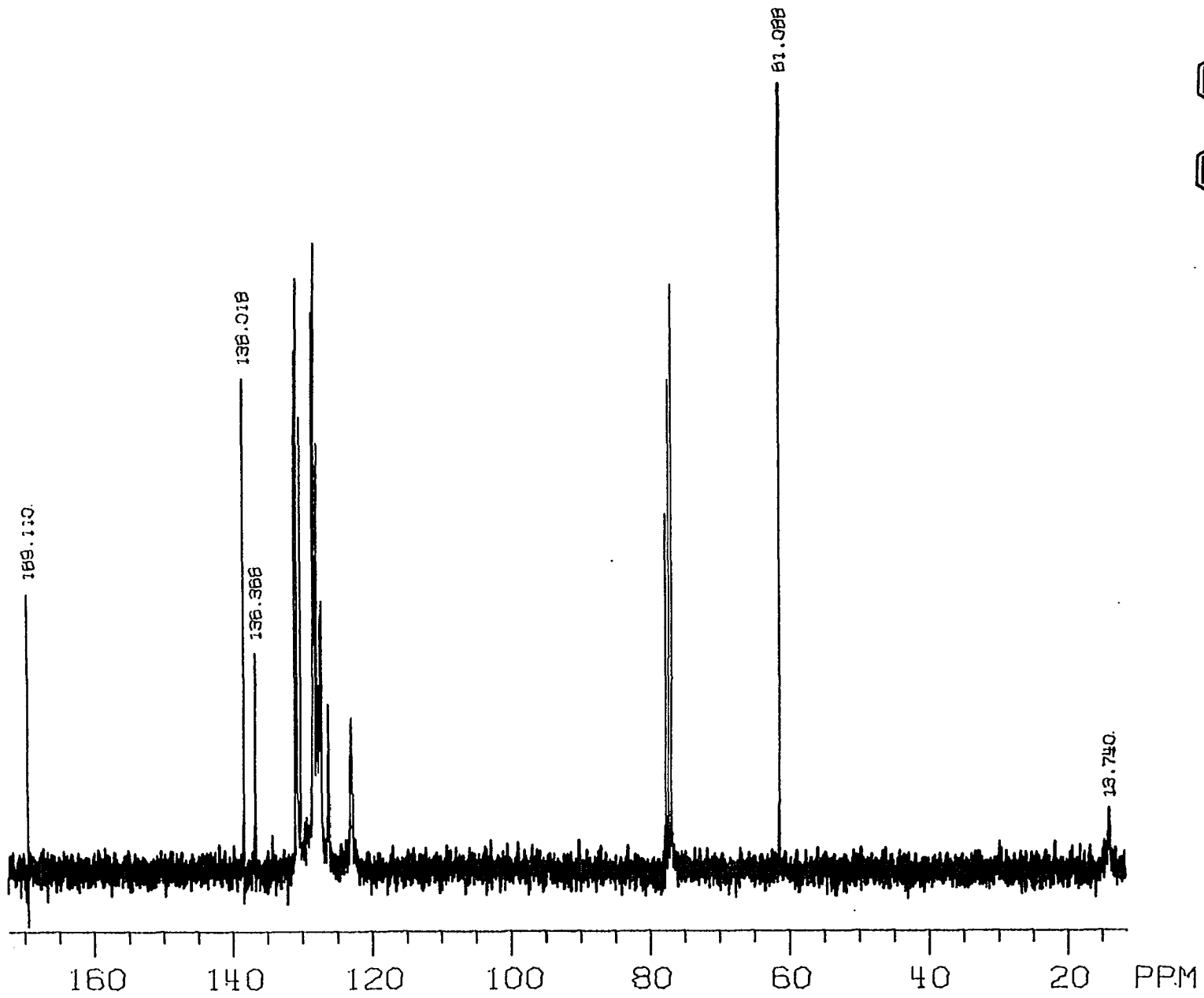


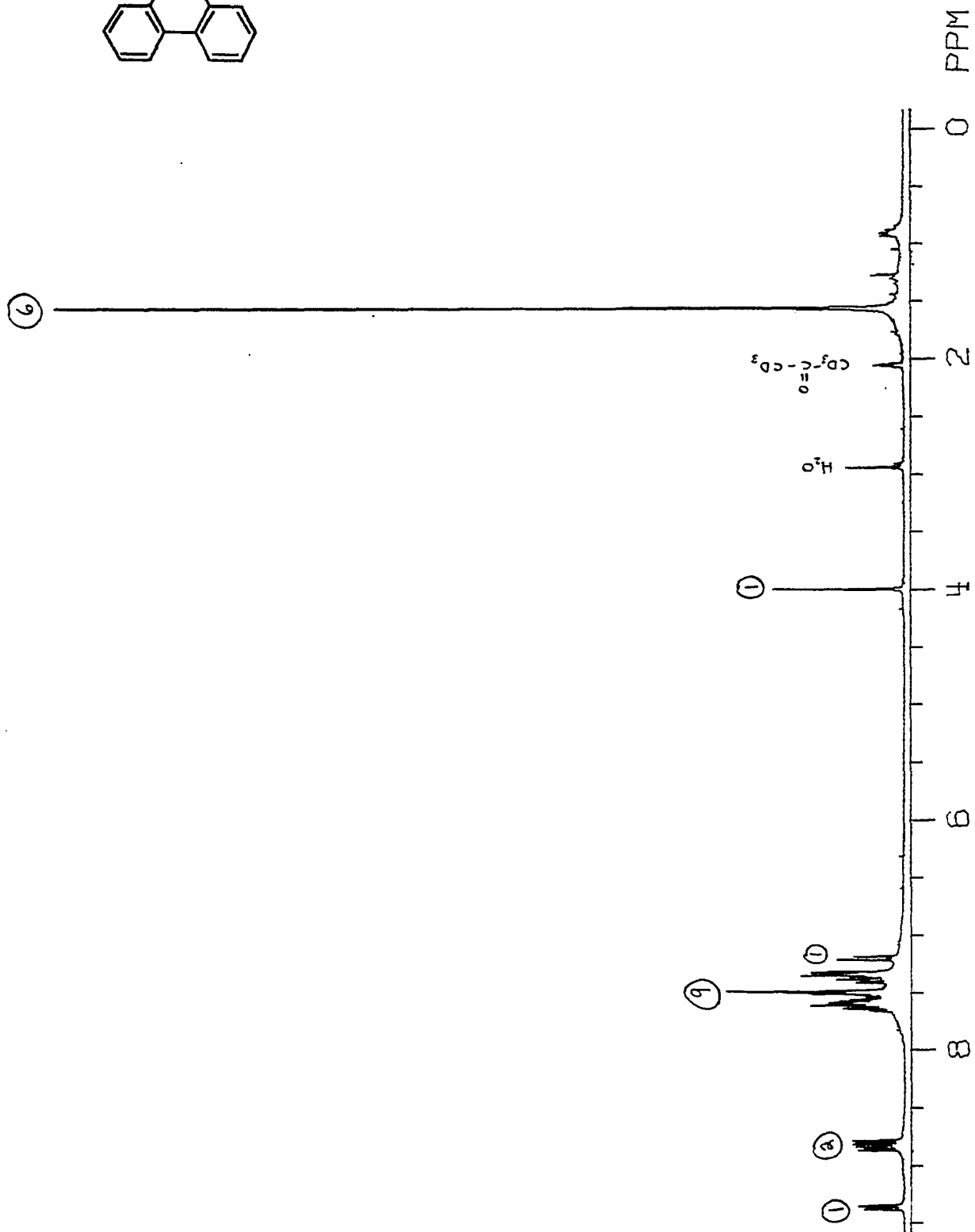
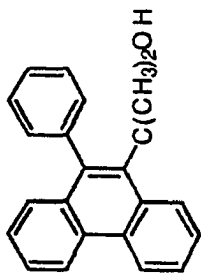
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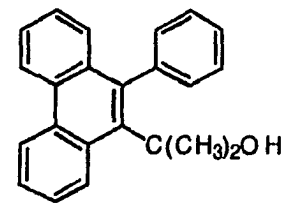
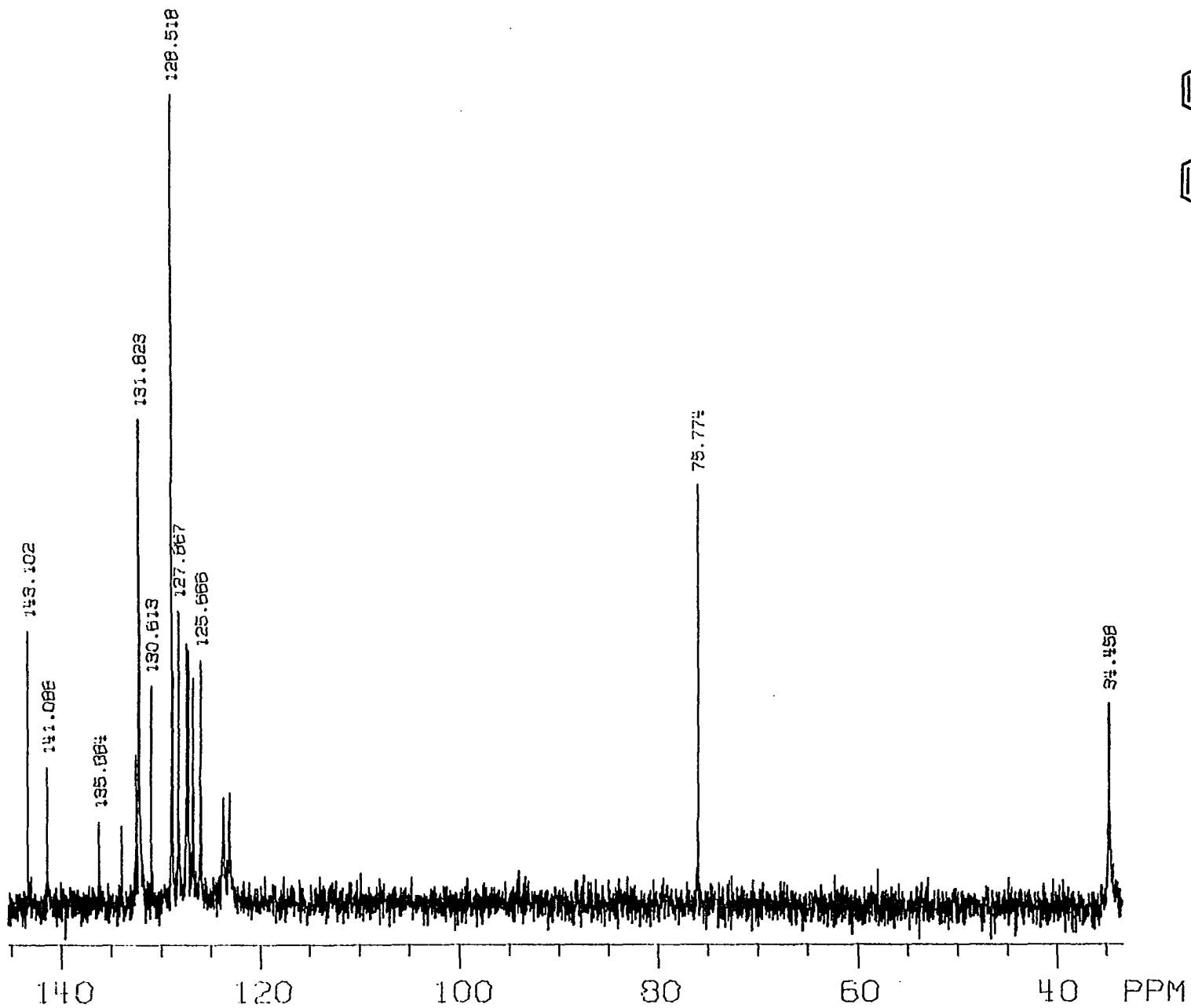


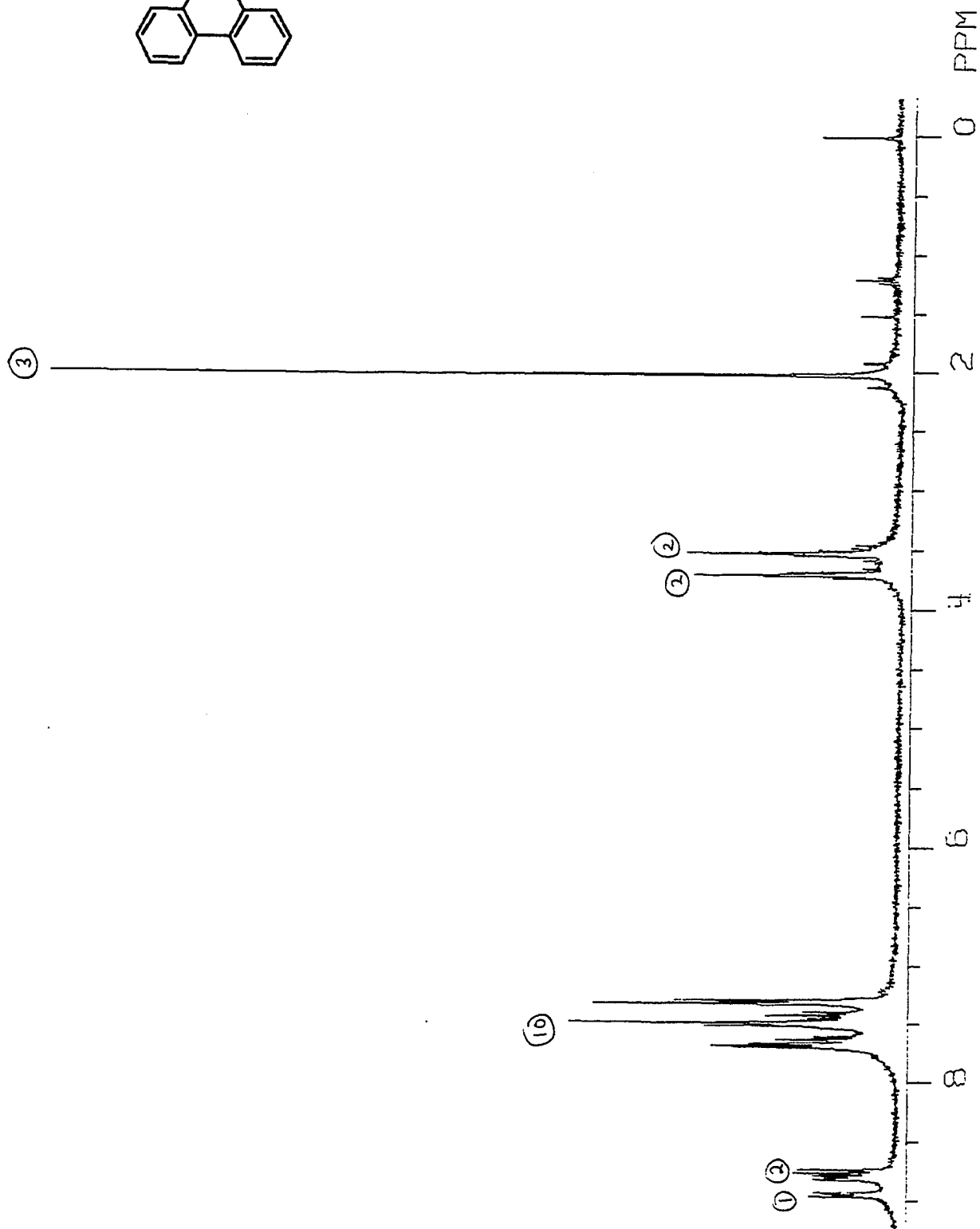
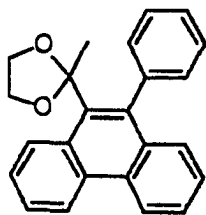


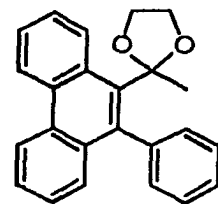
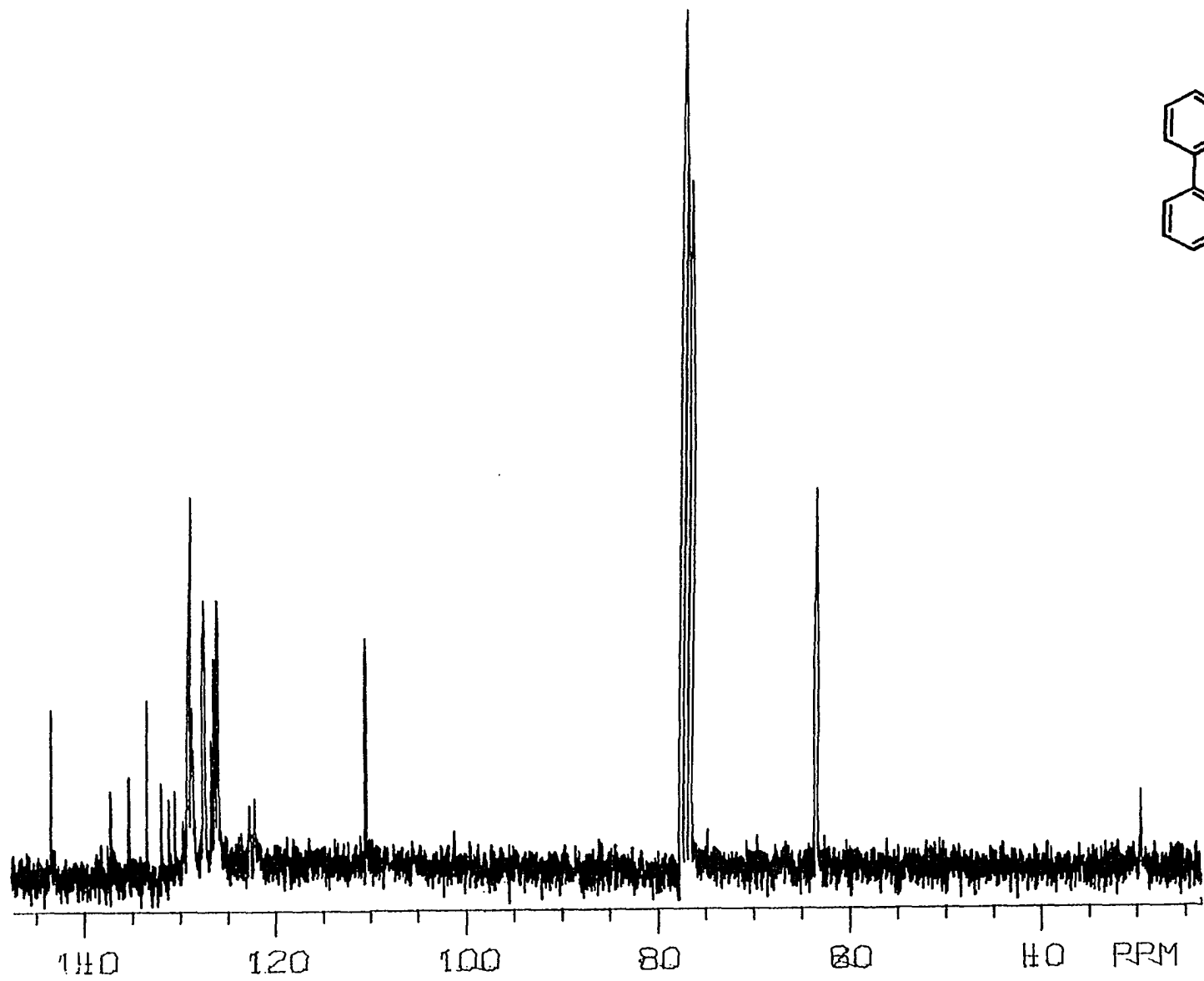


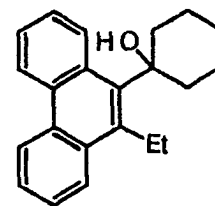
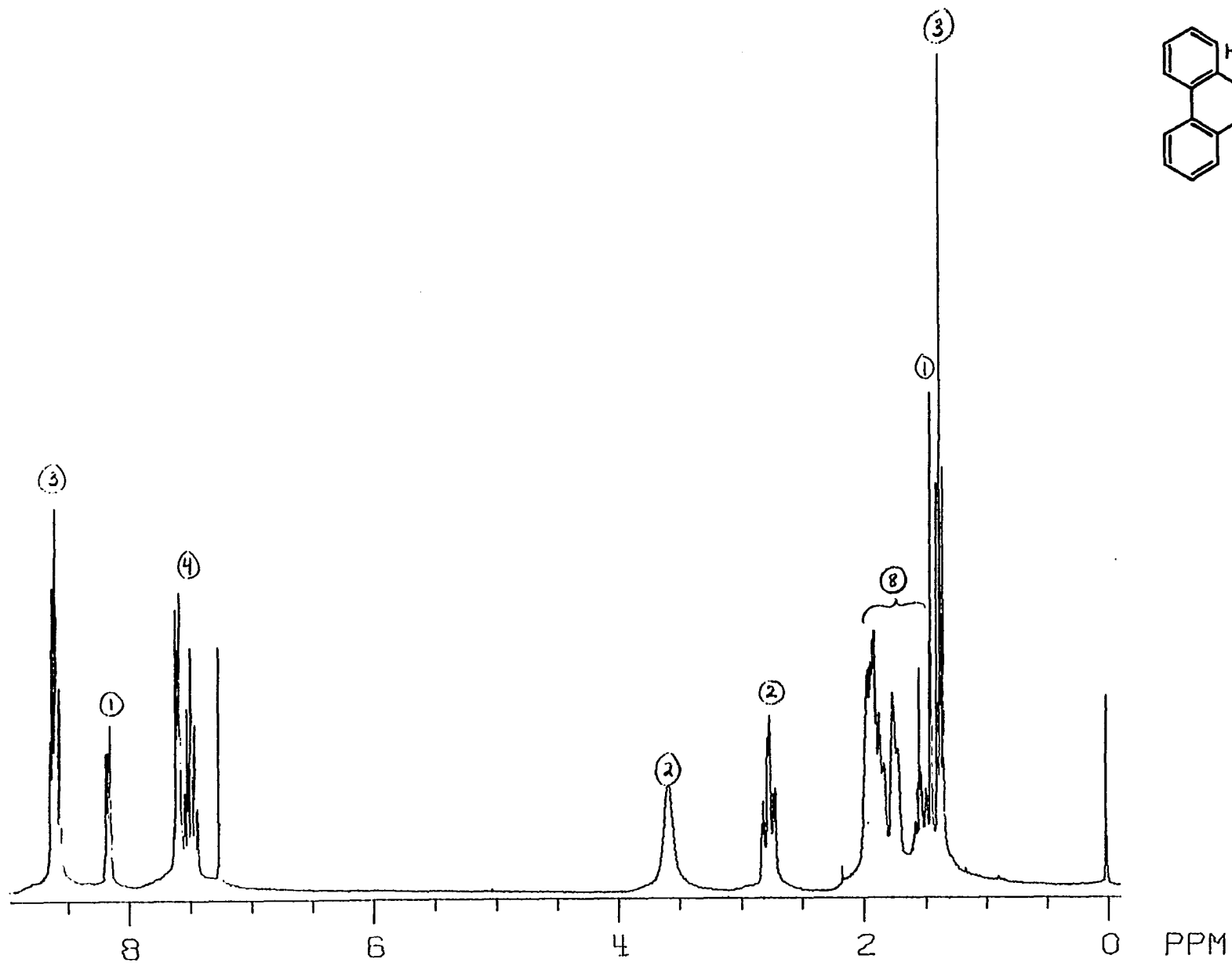


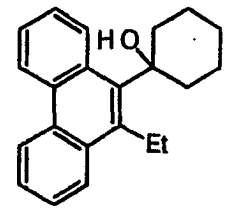
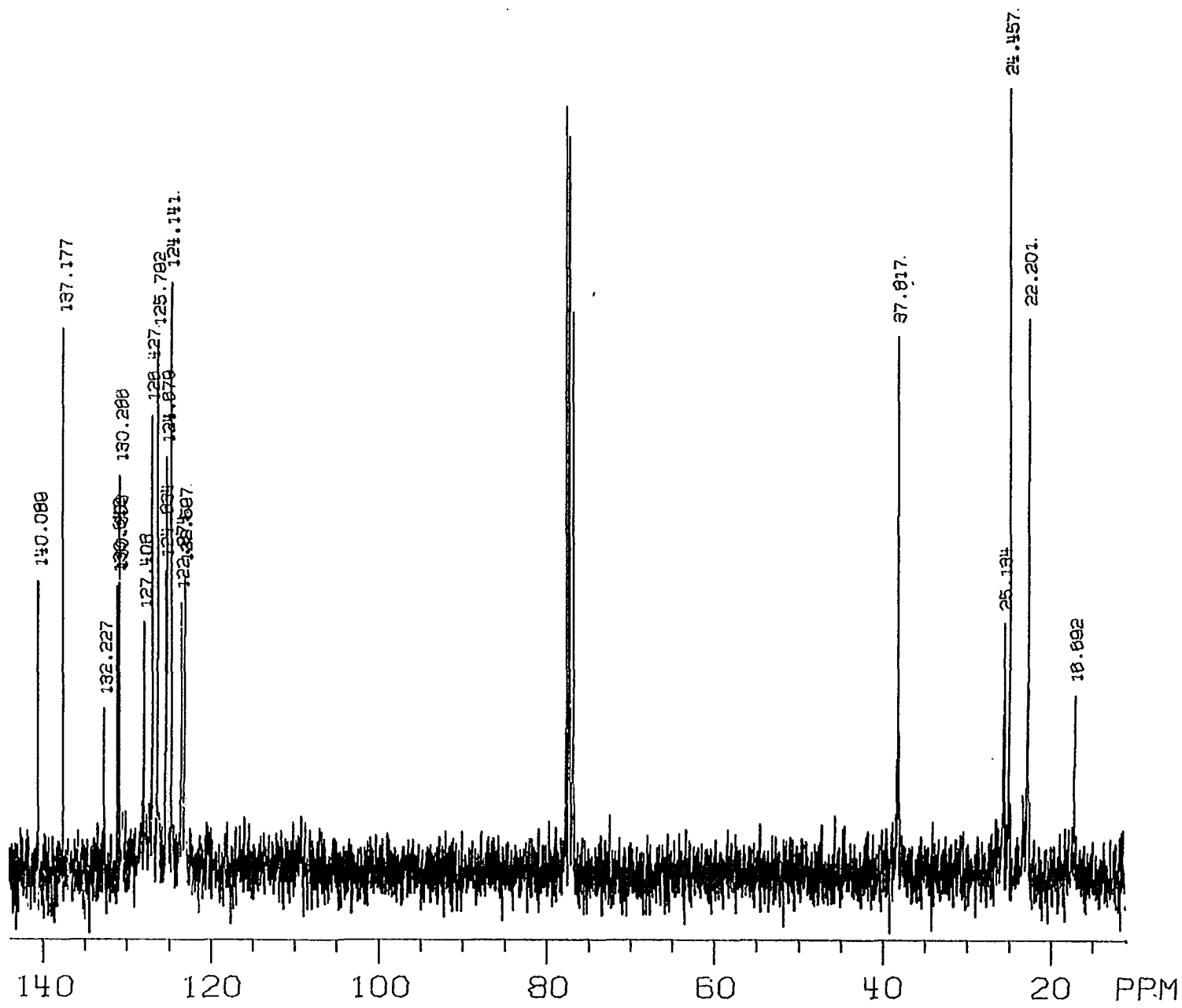


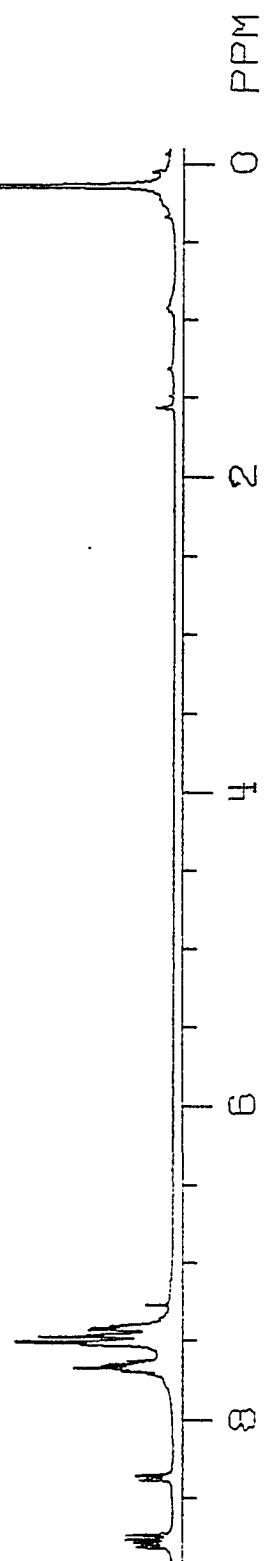
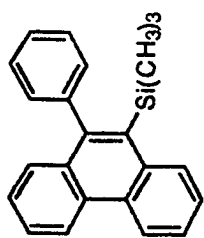




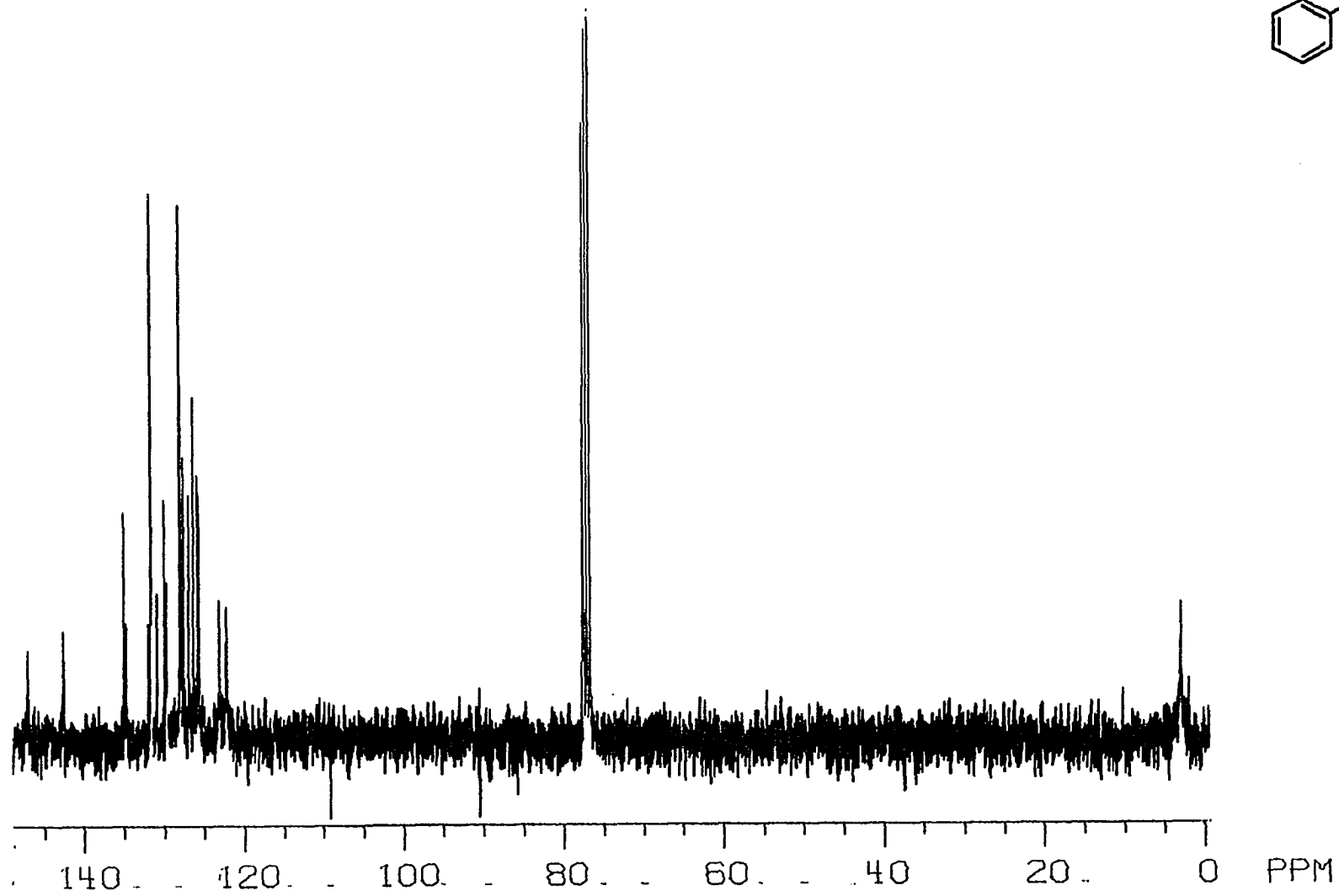
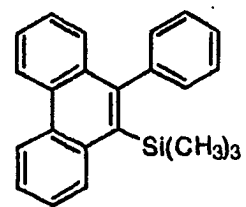






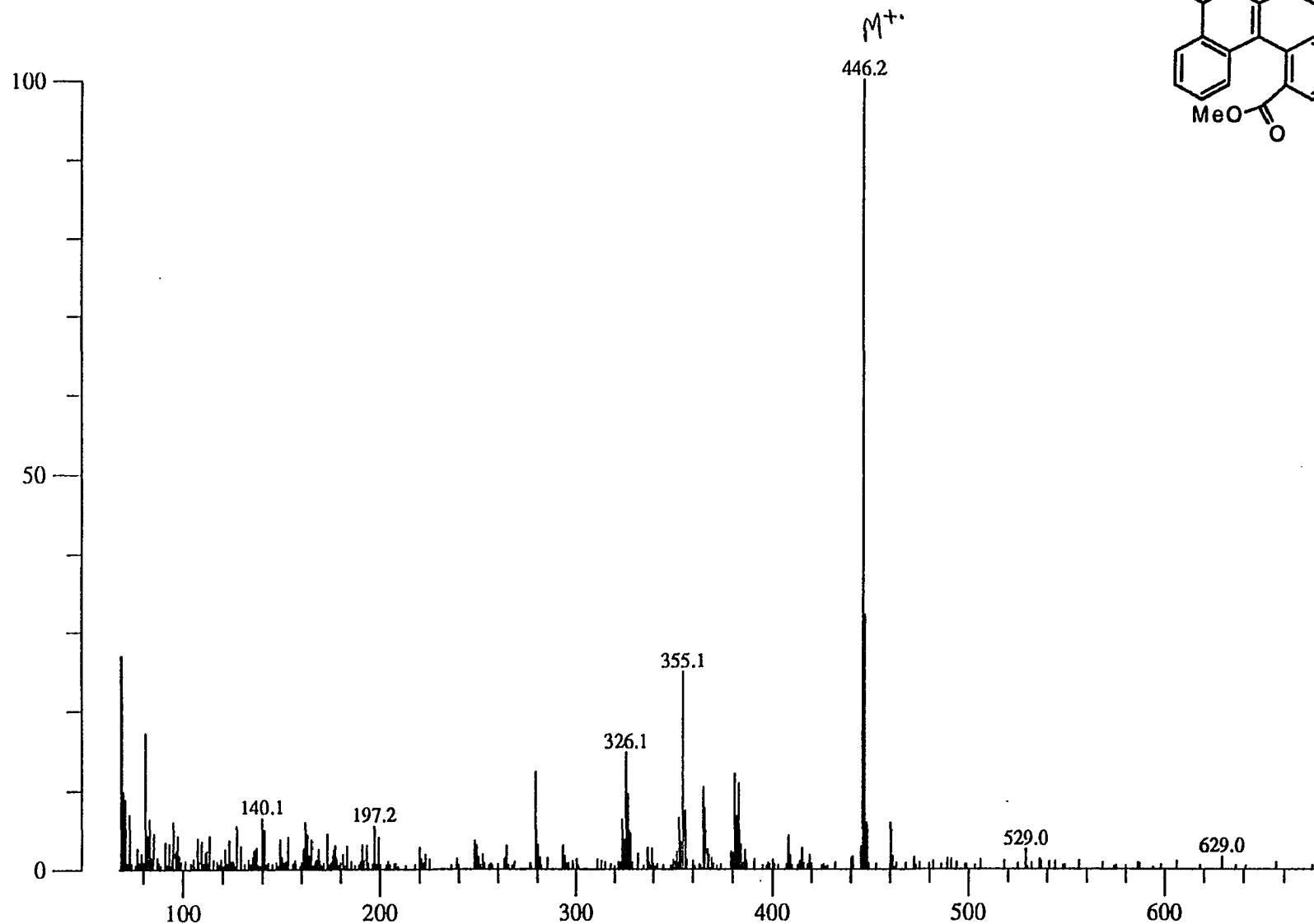
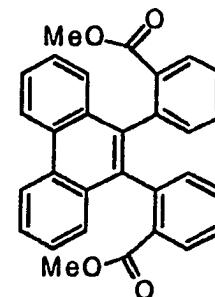




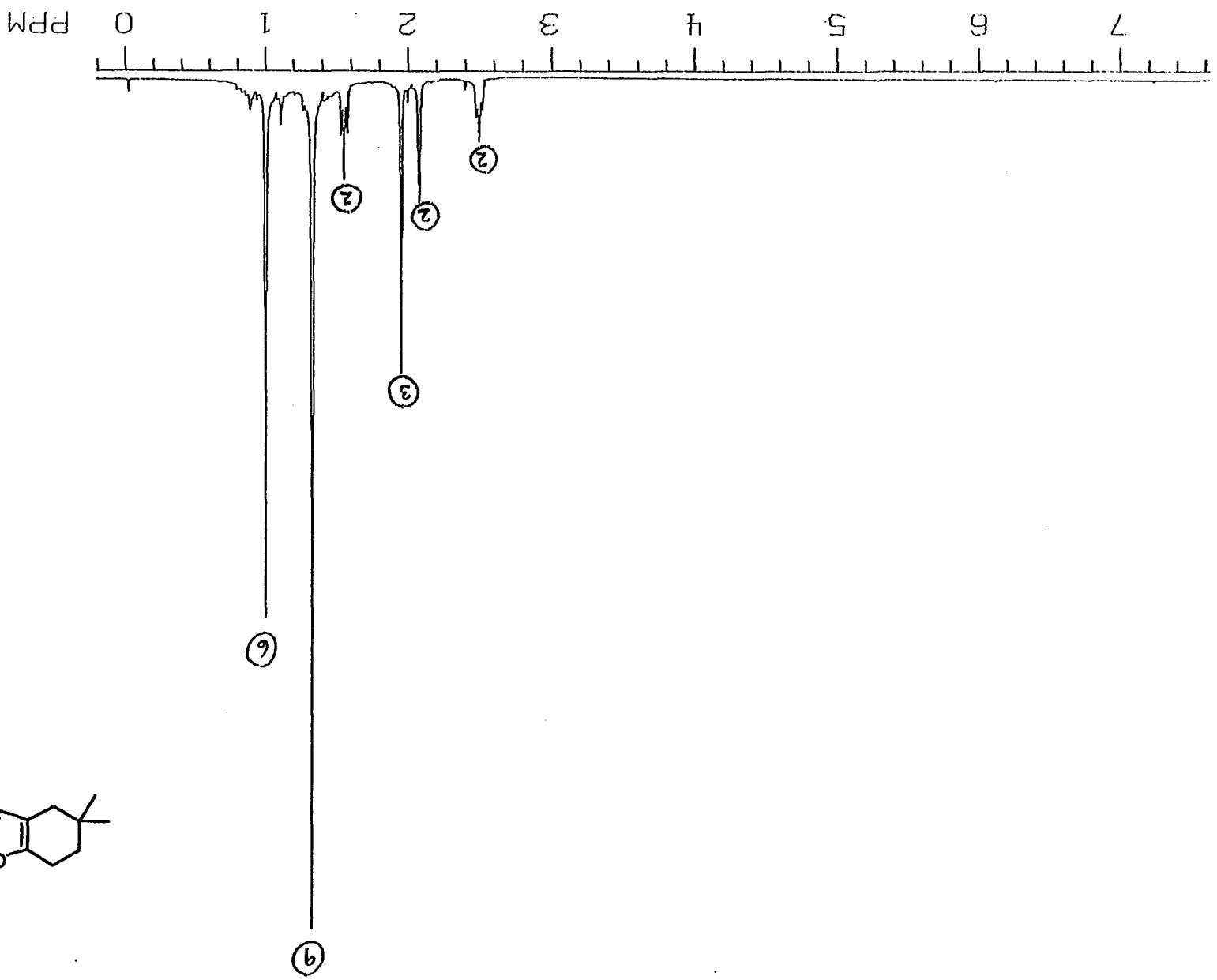
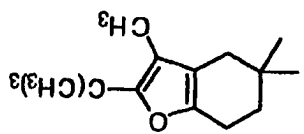


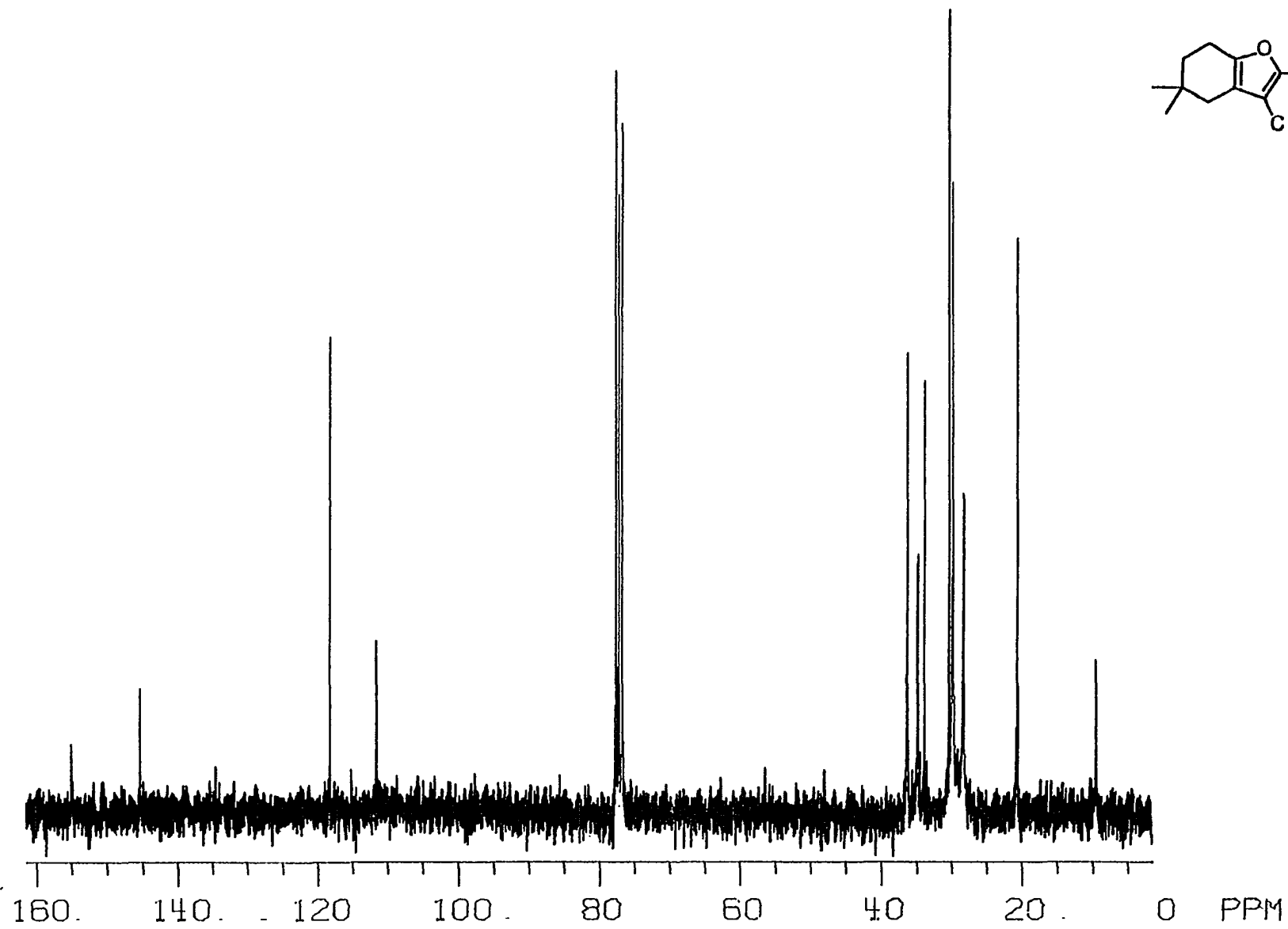
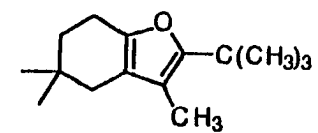
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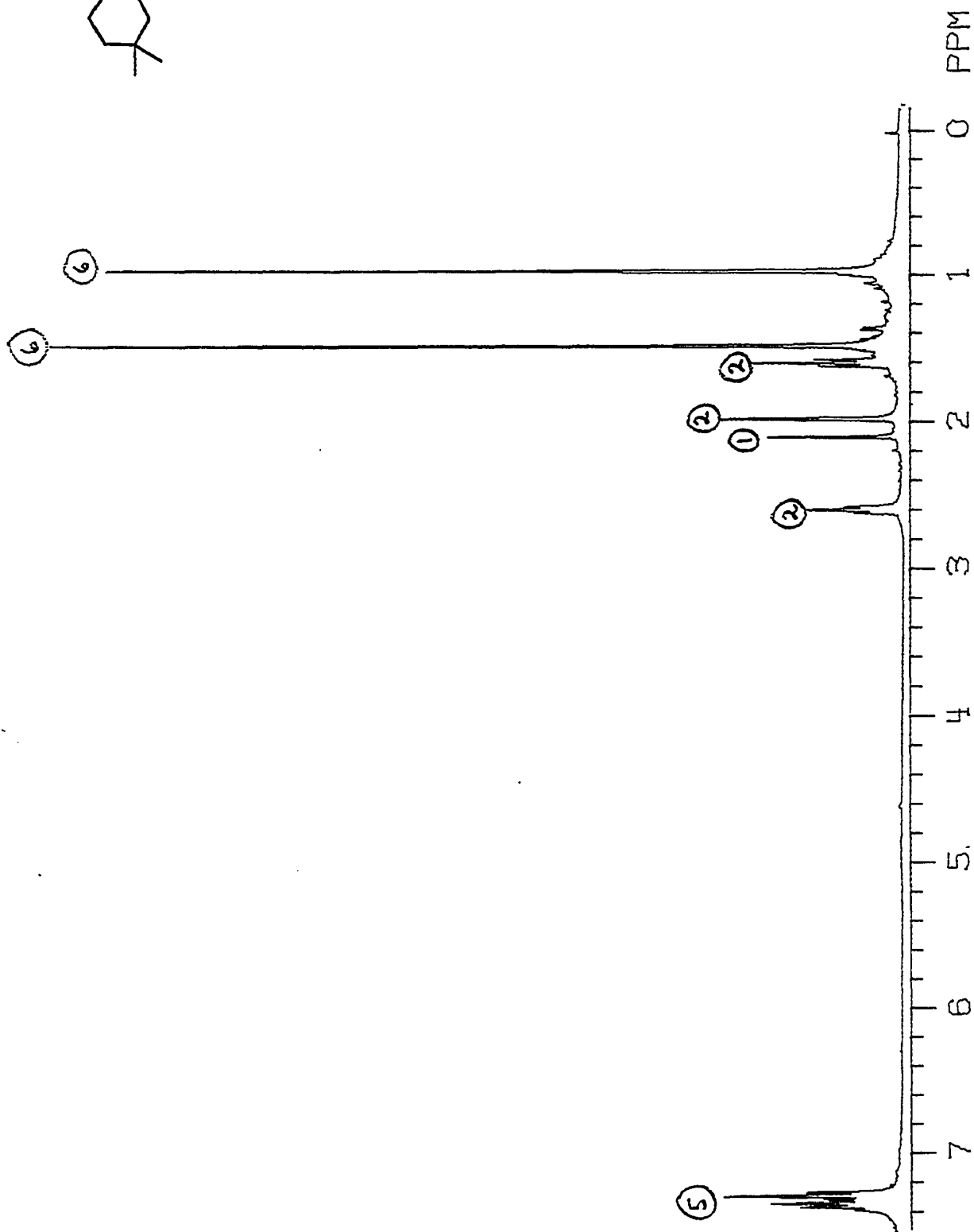
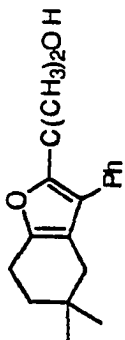
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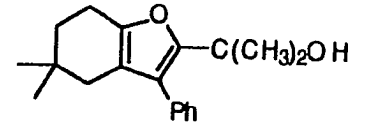
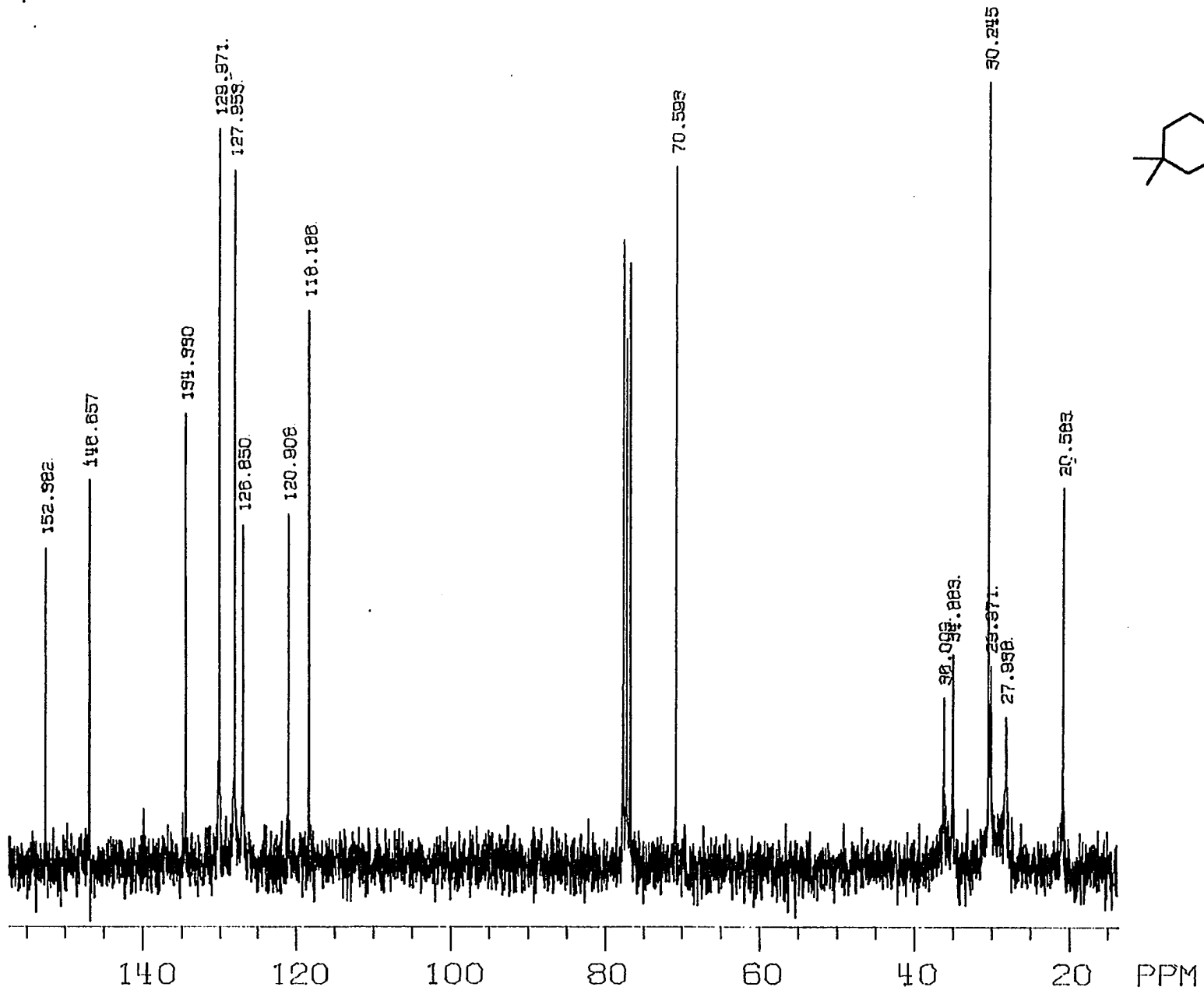


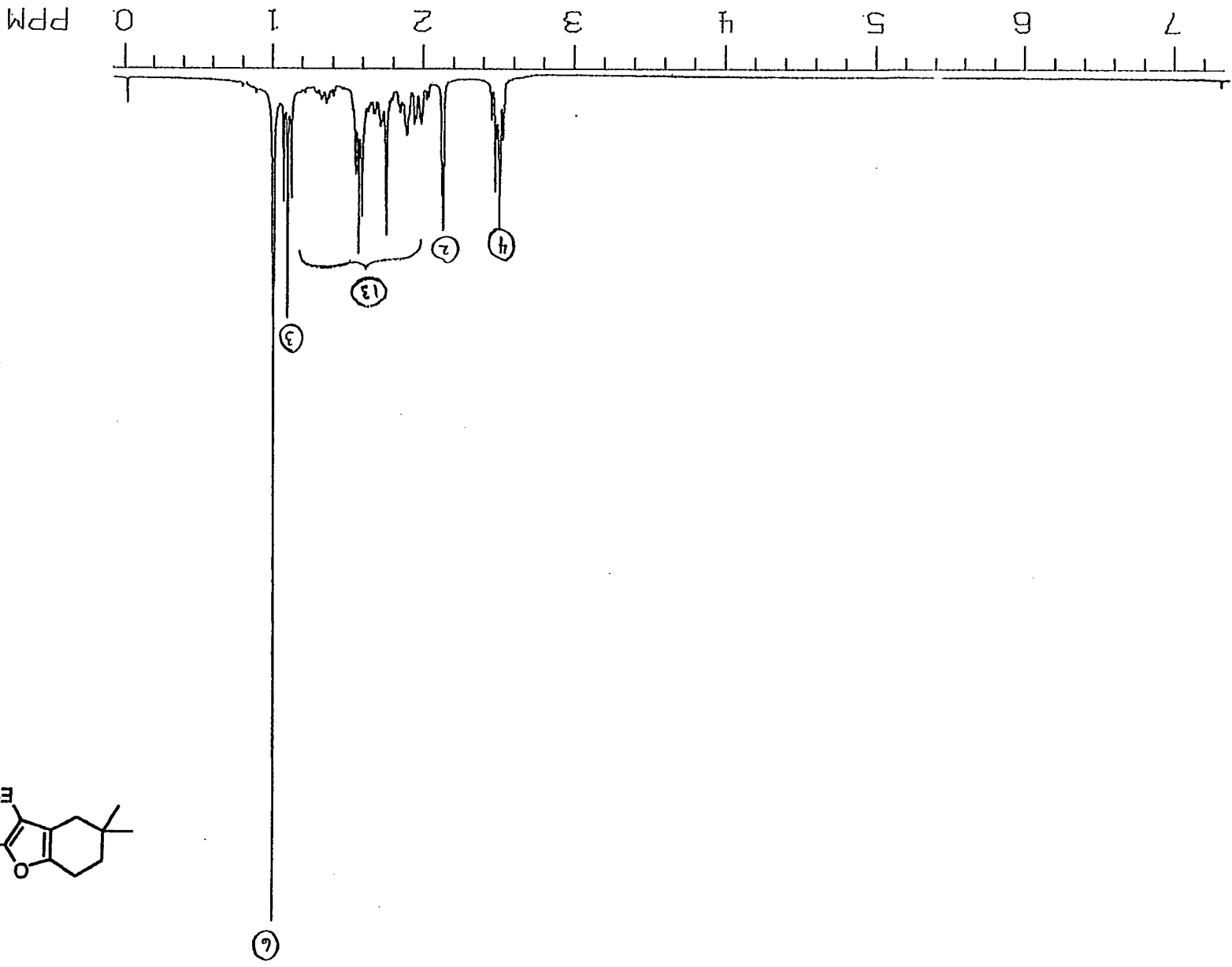
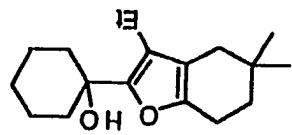
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SPECTRA**



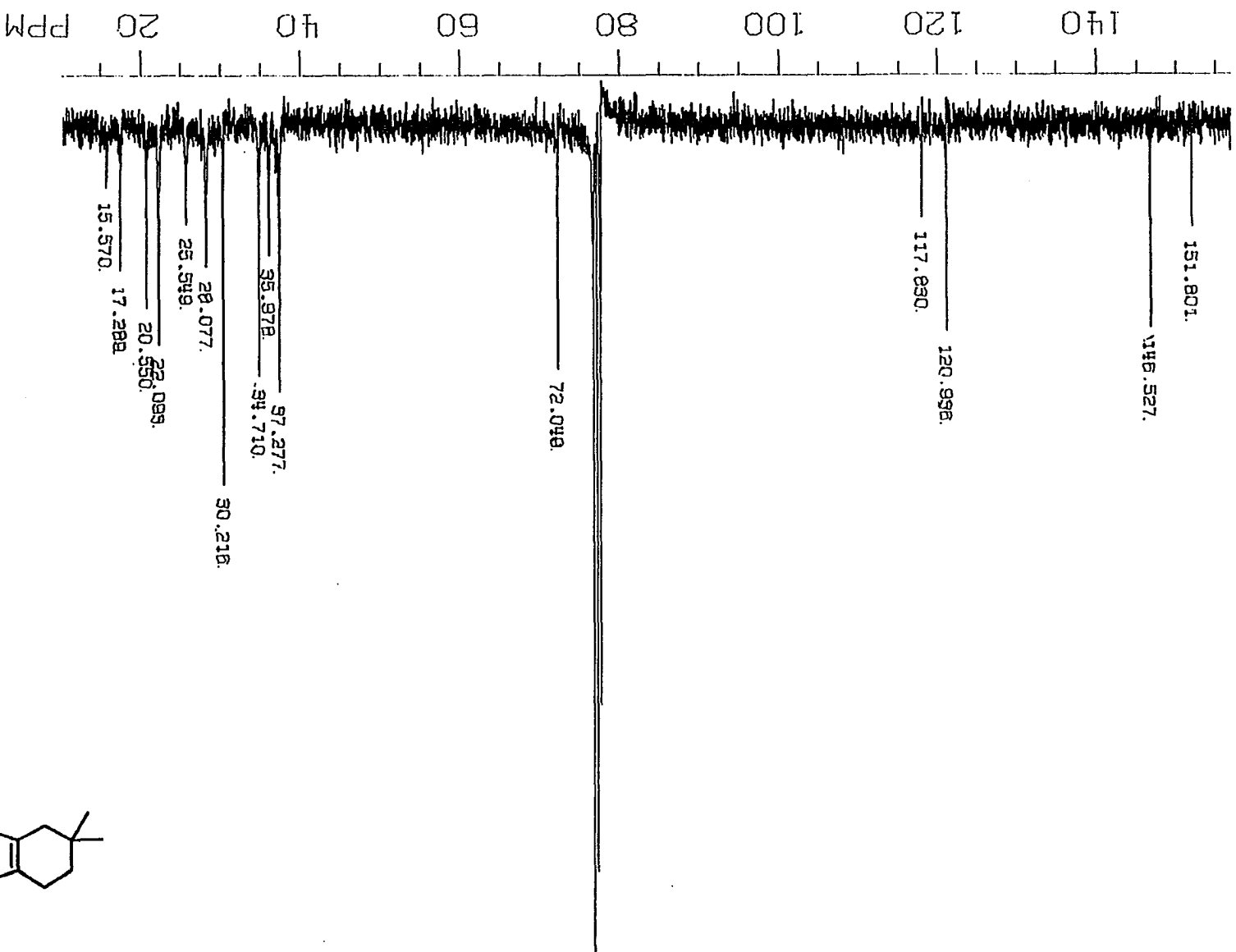
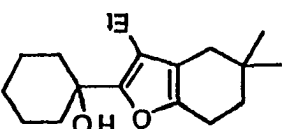


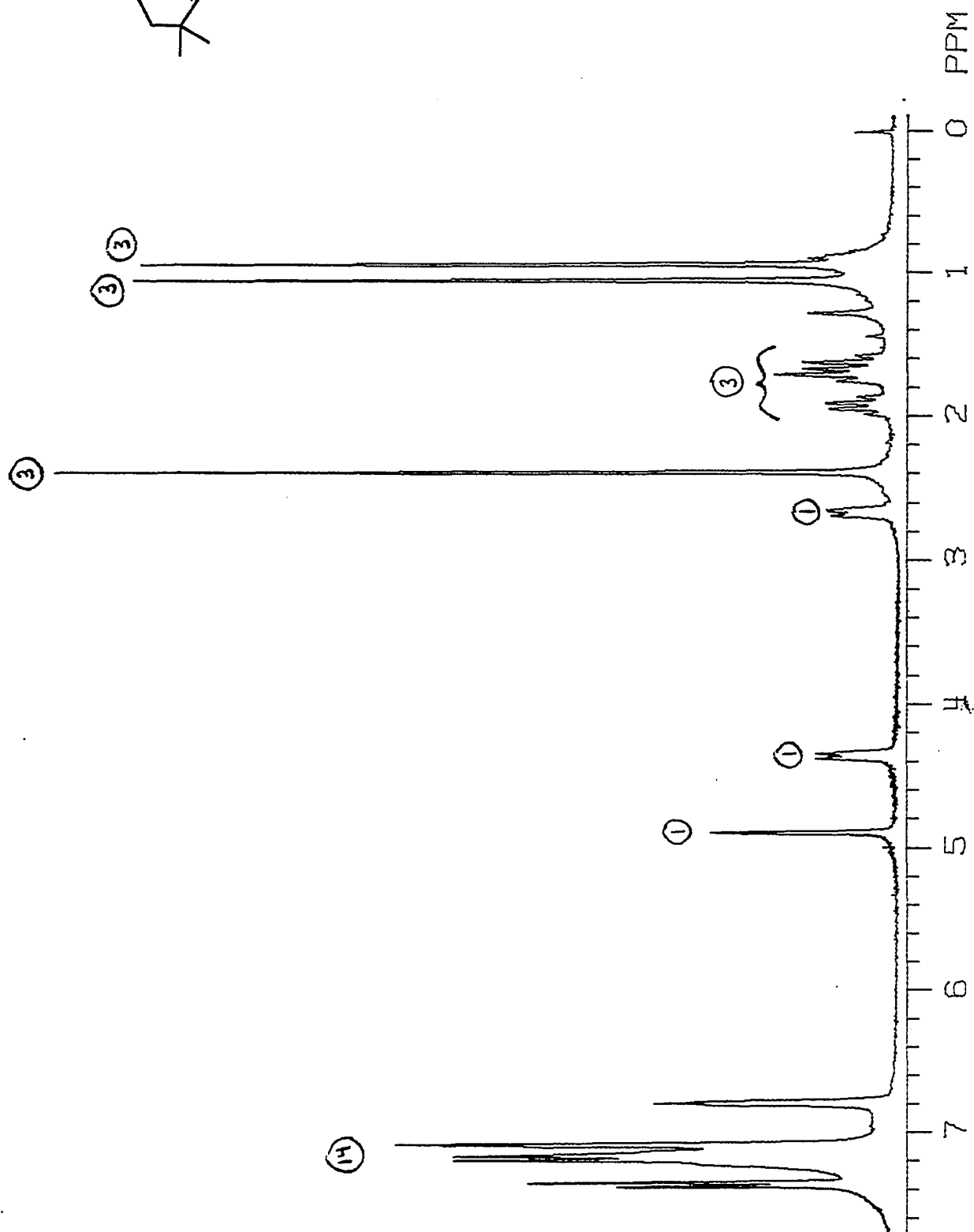
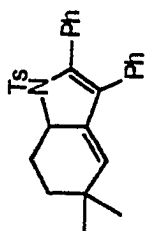


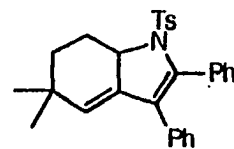
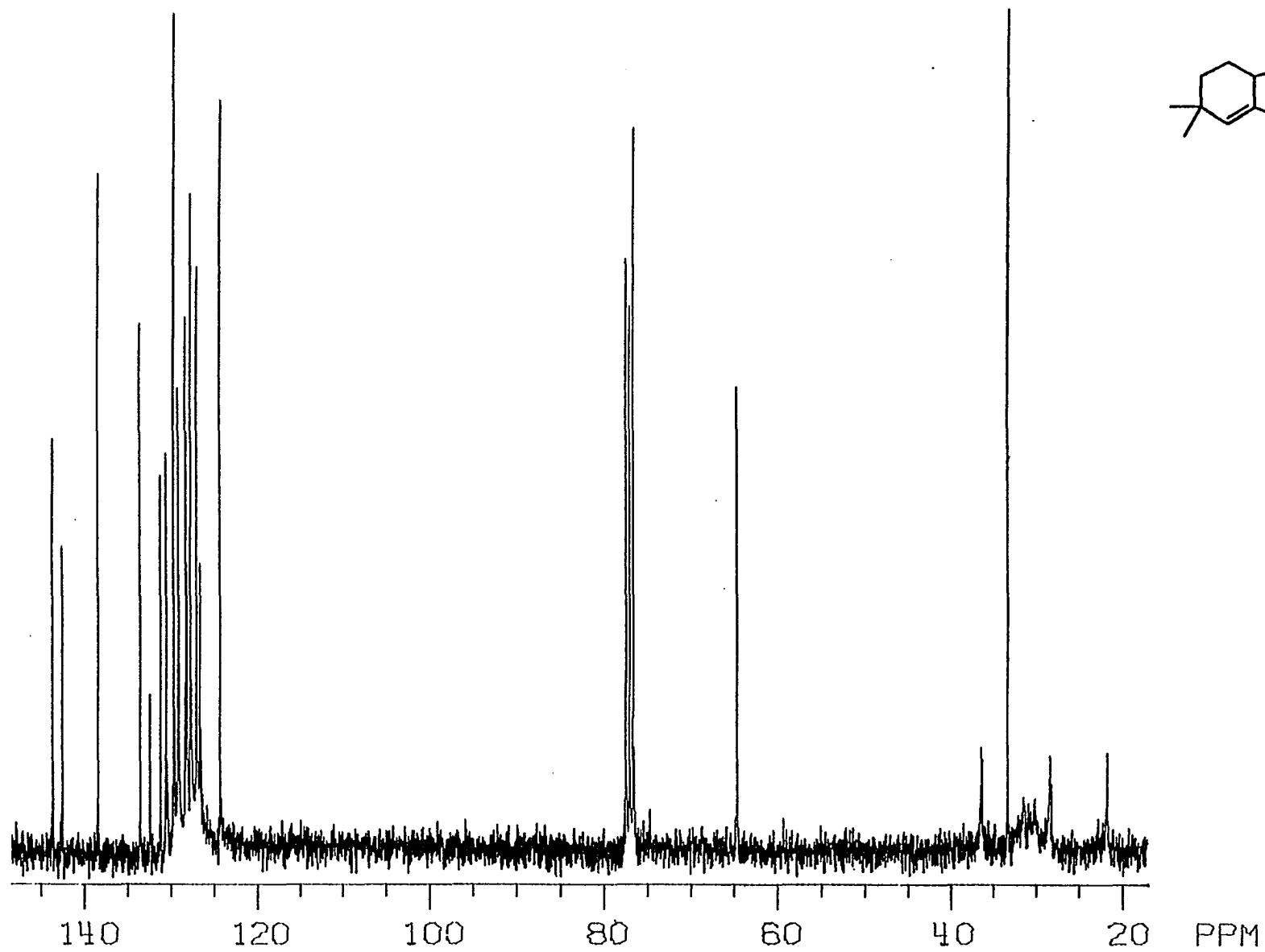


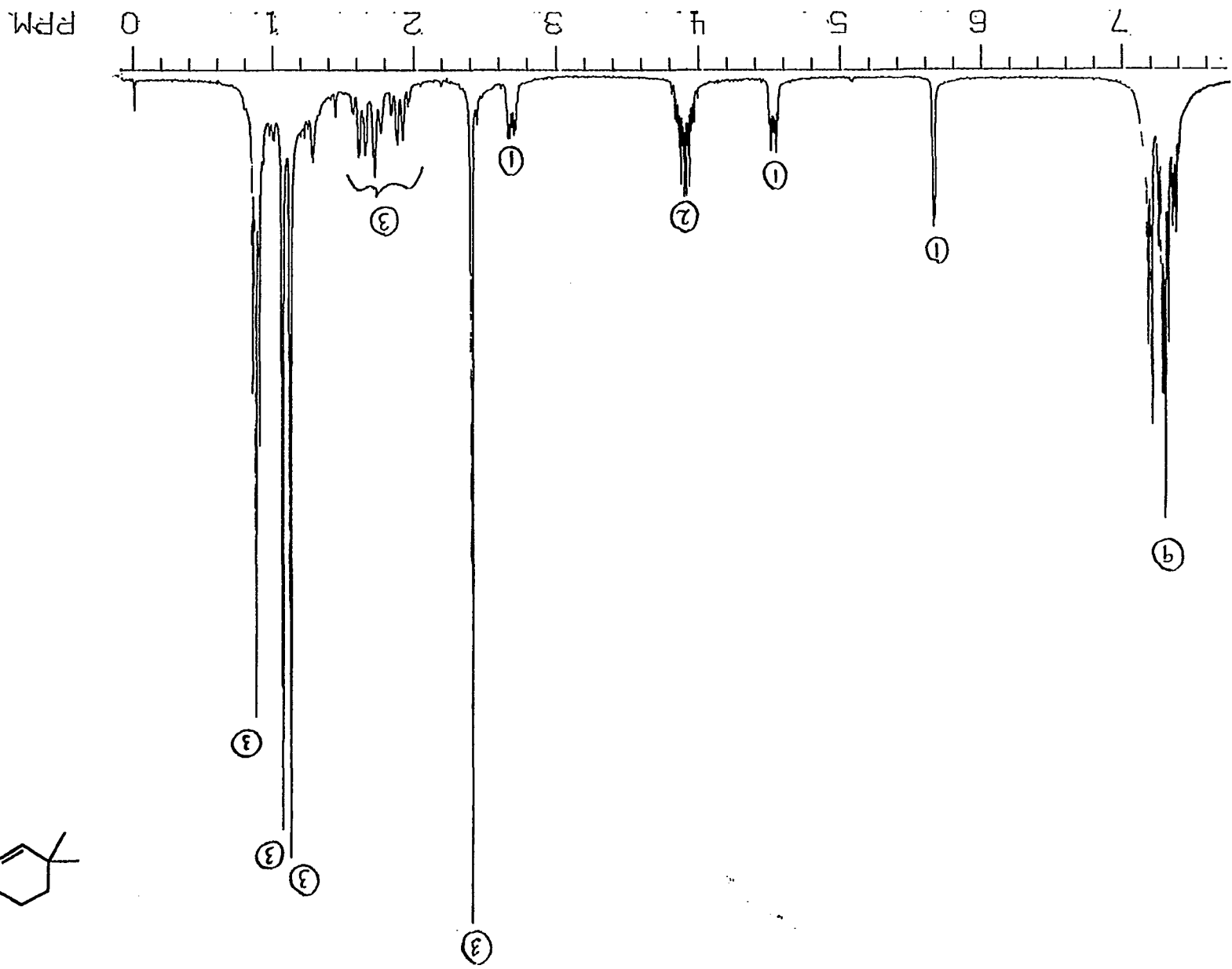
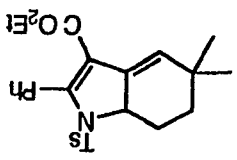


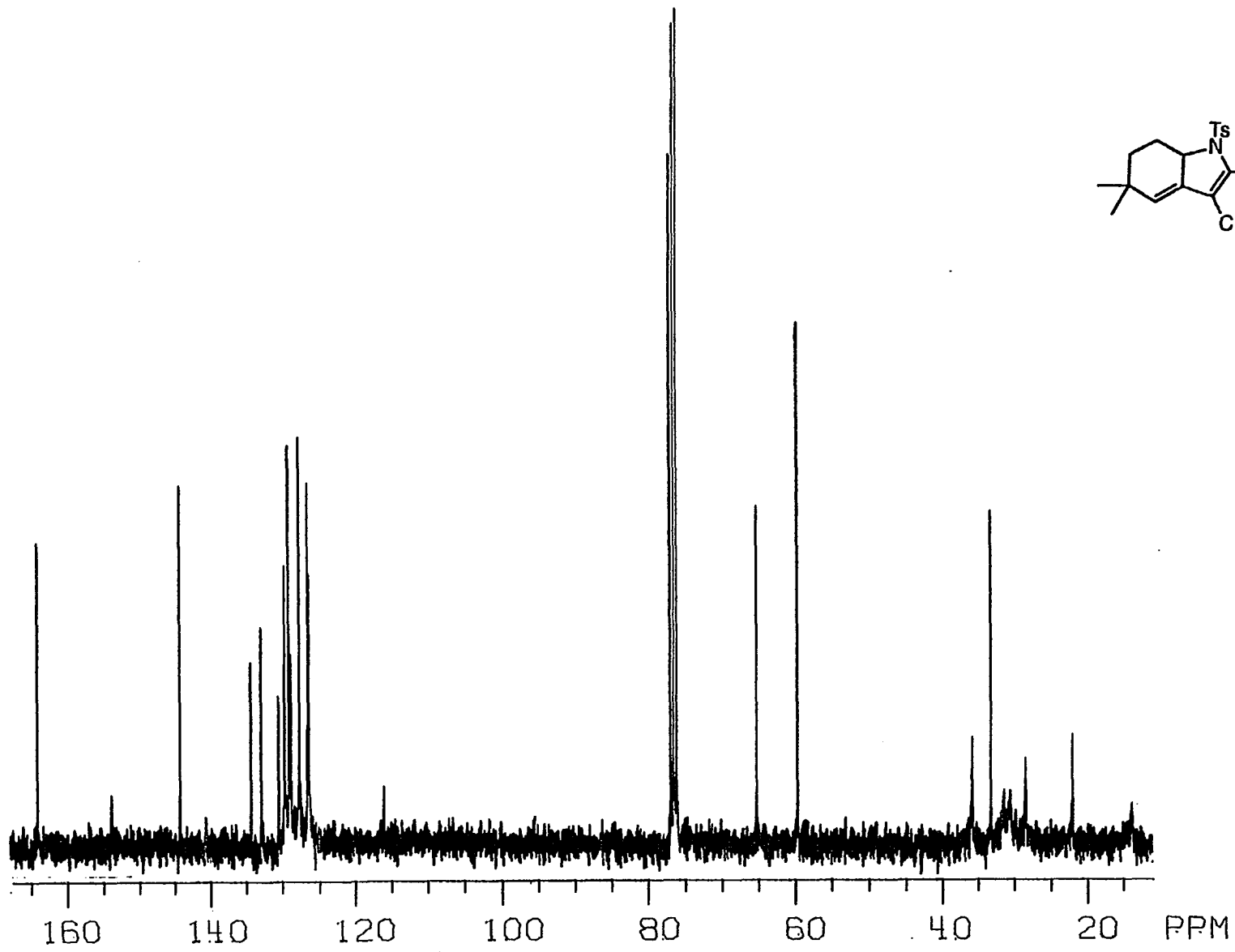
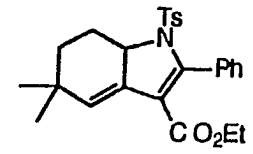


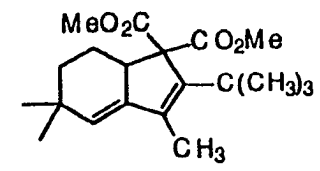
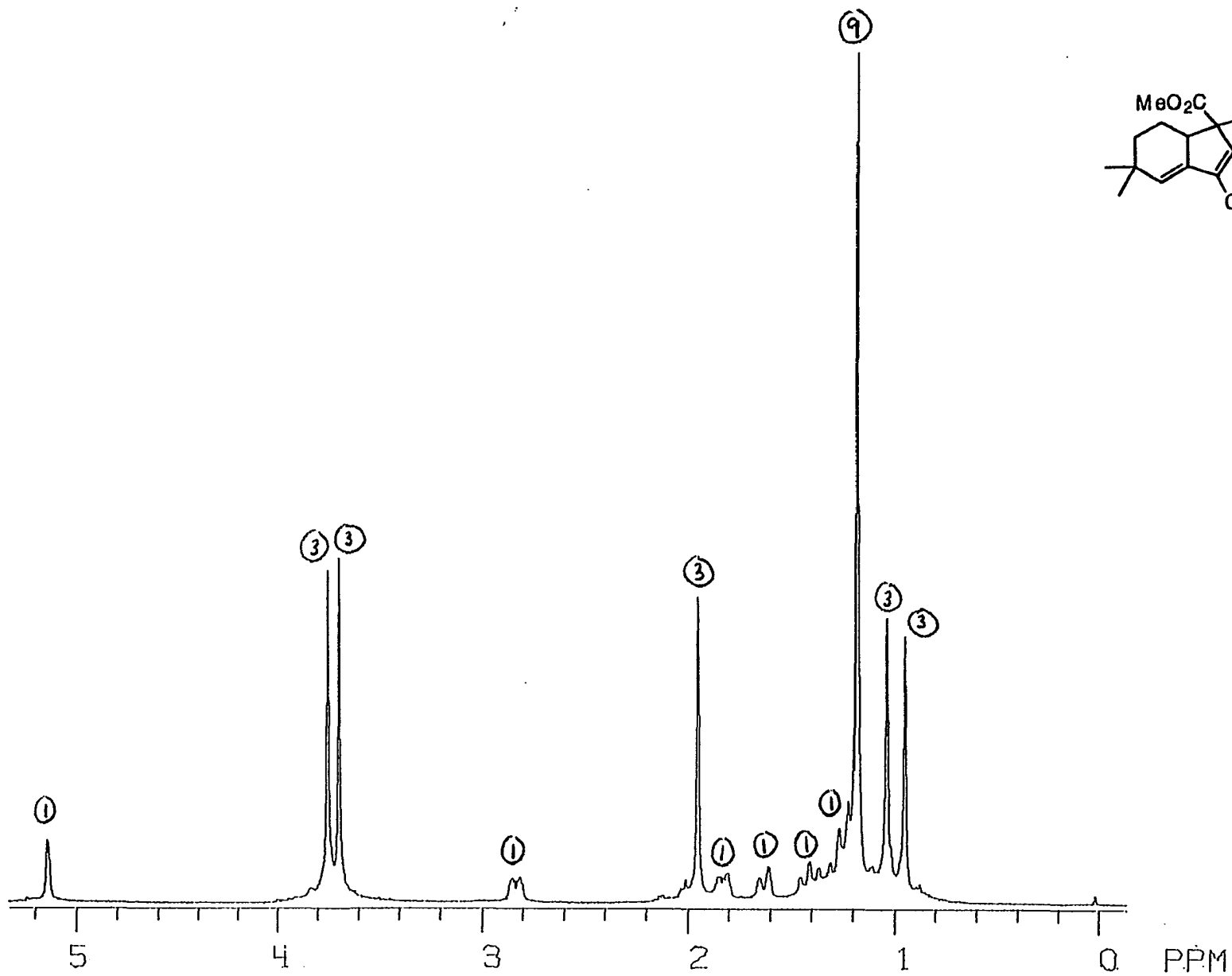


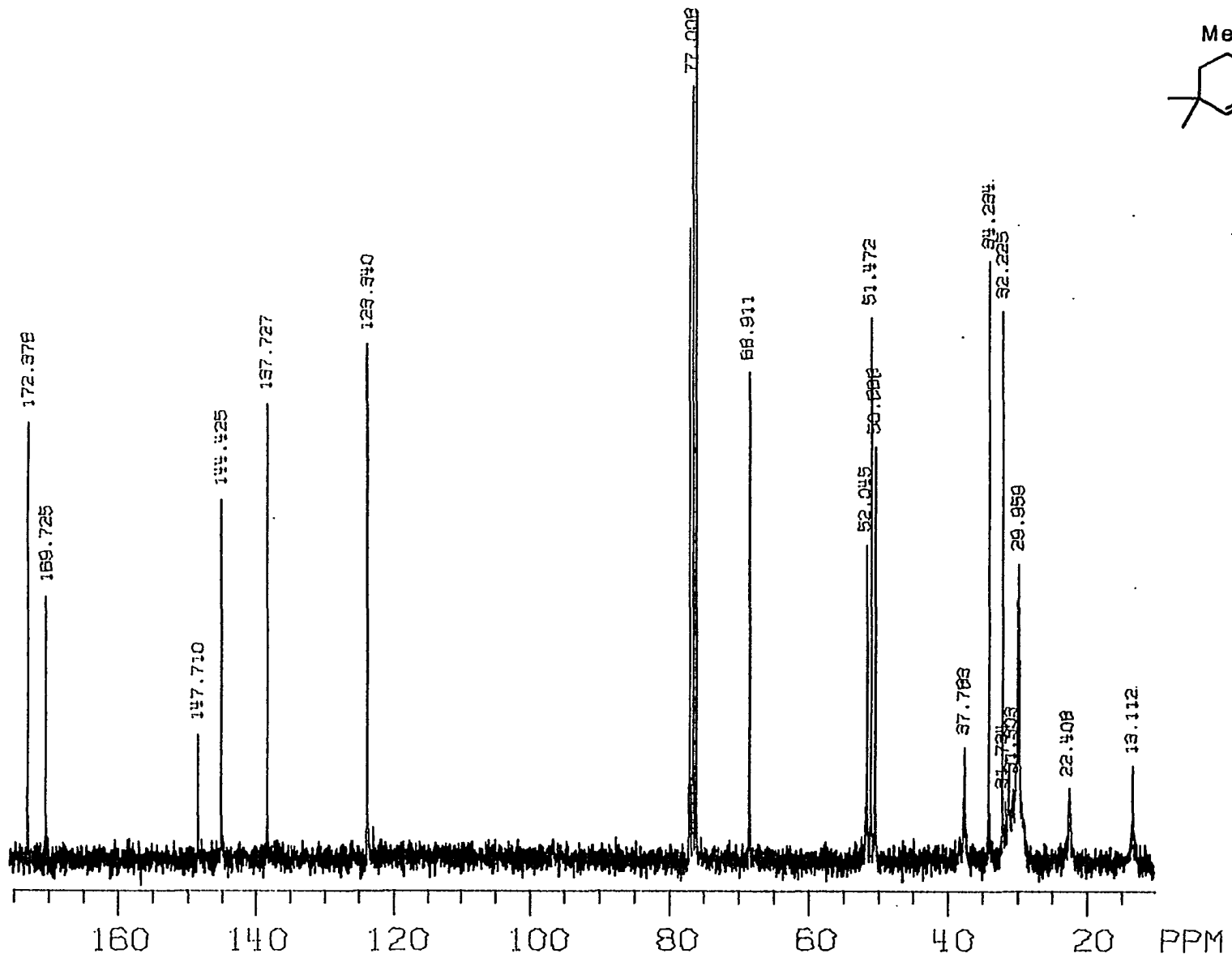
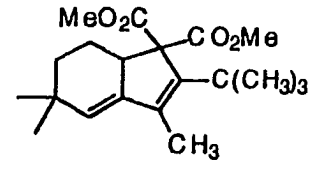


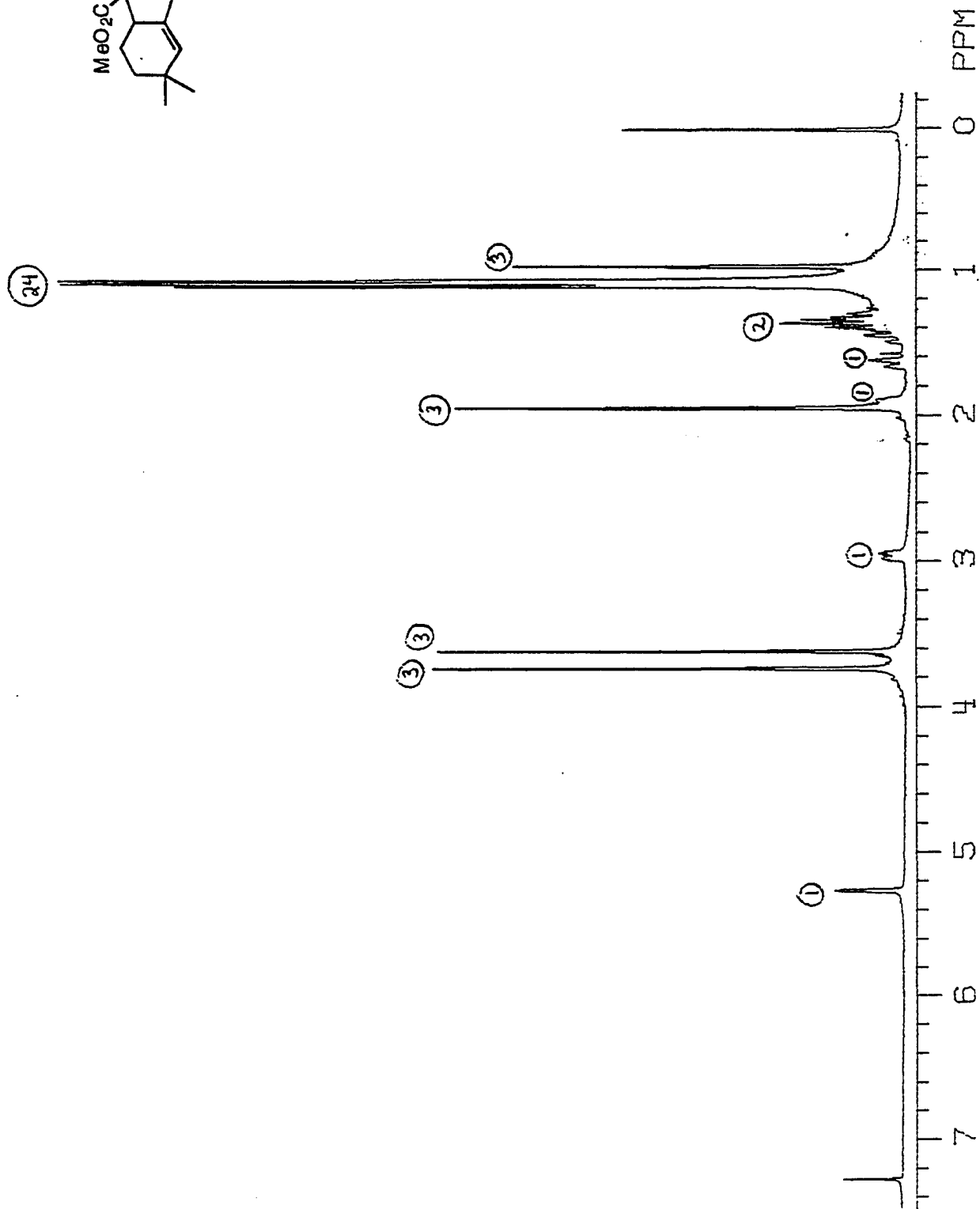
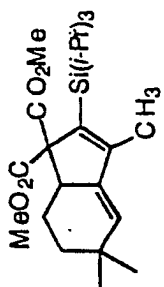




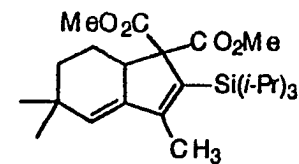
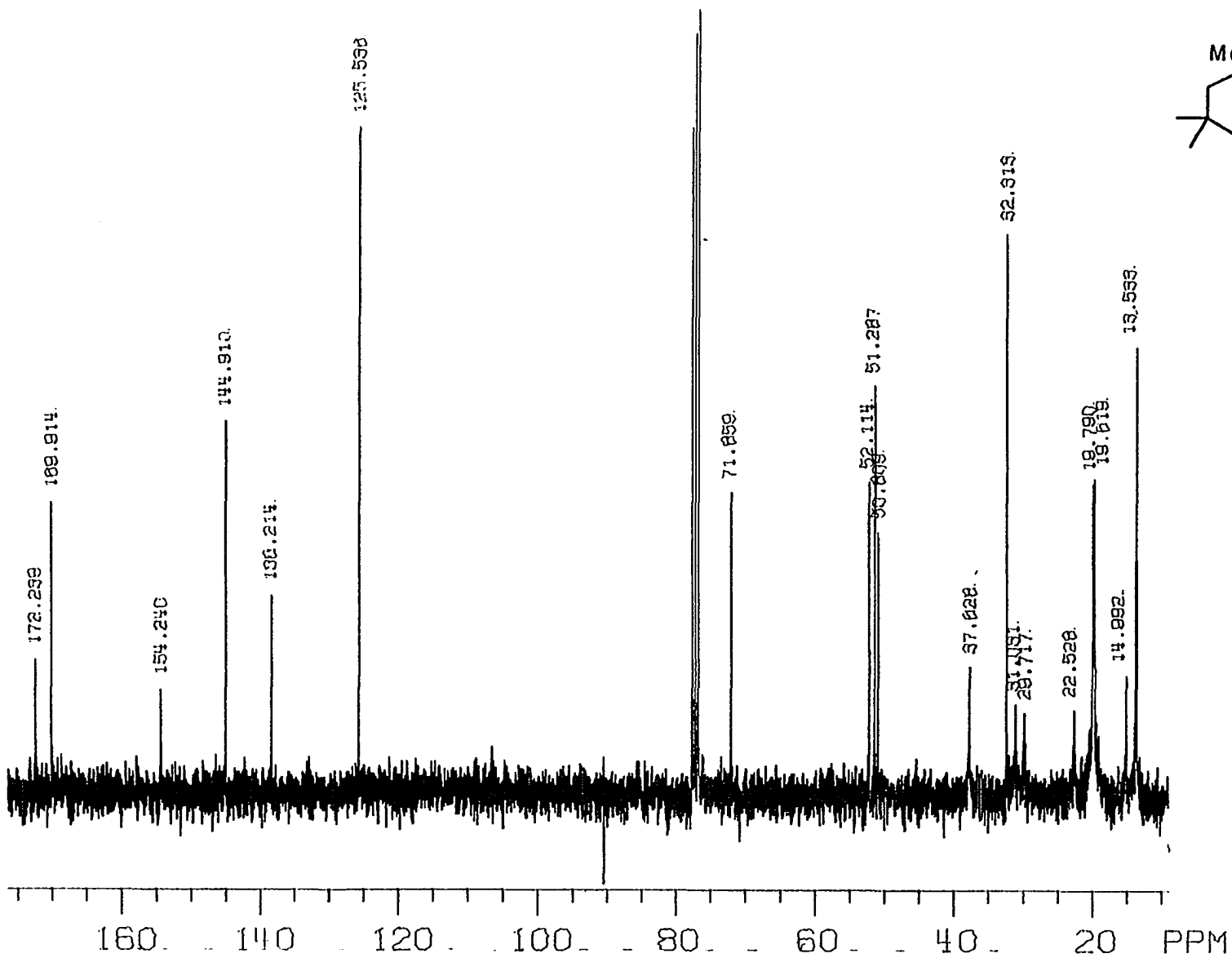


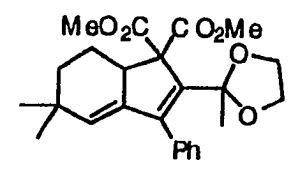
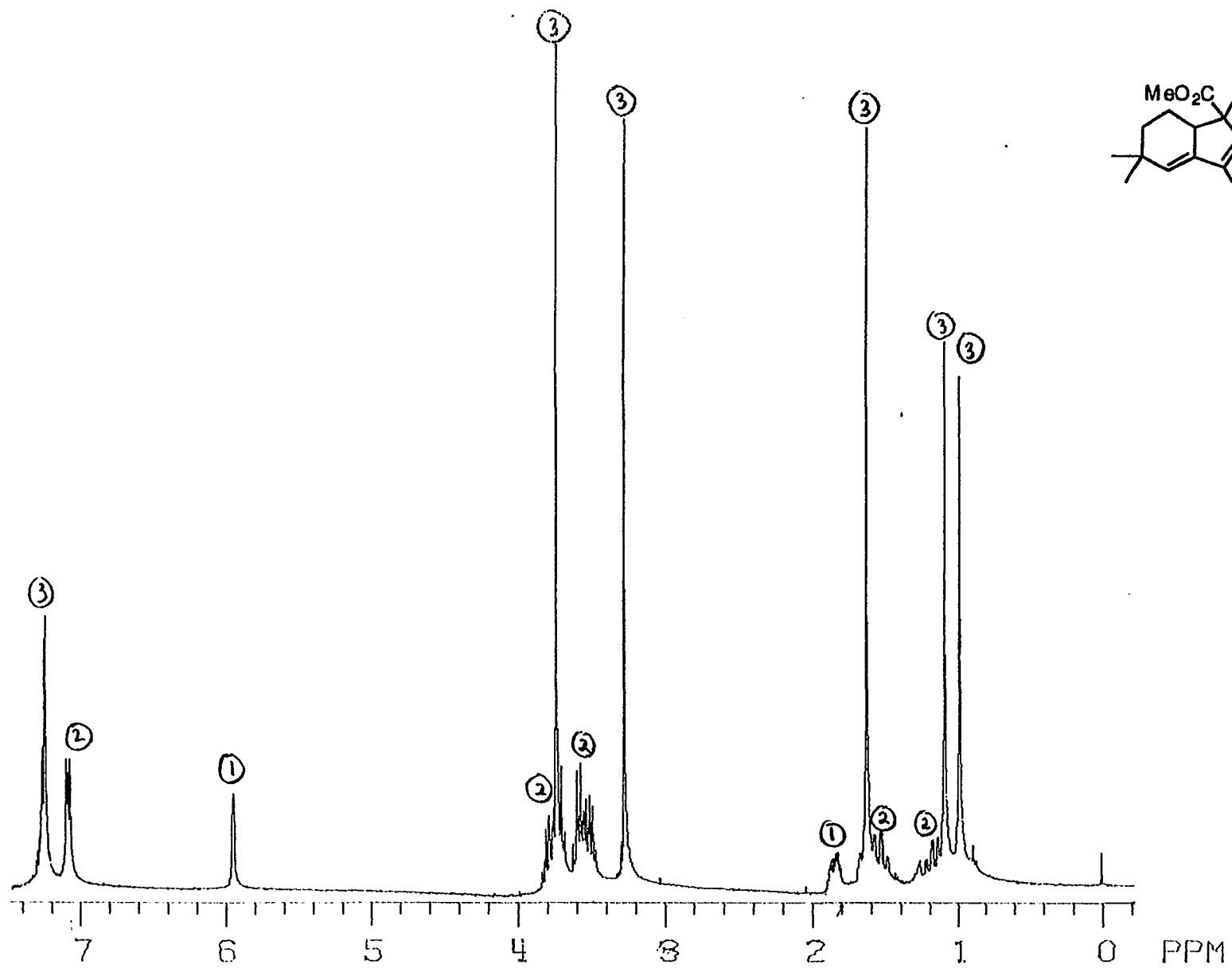


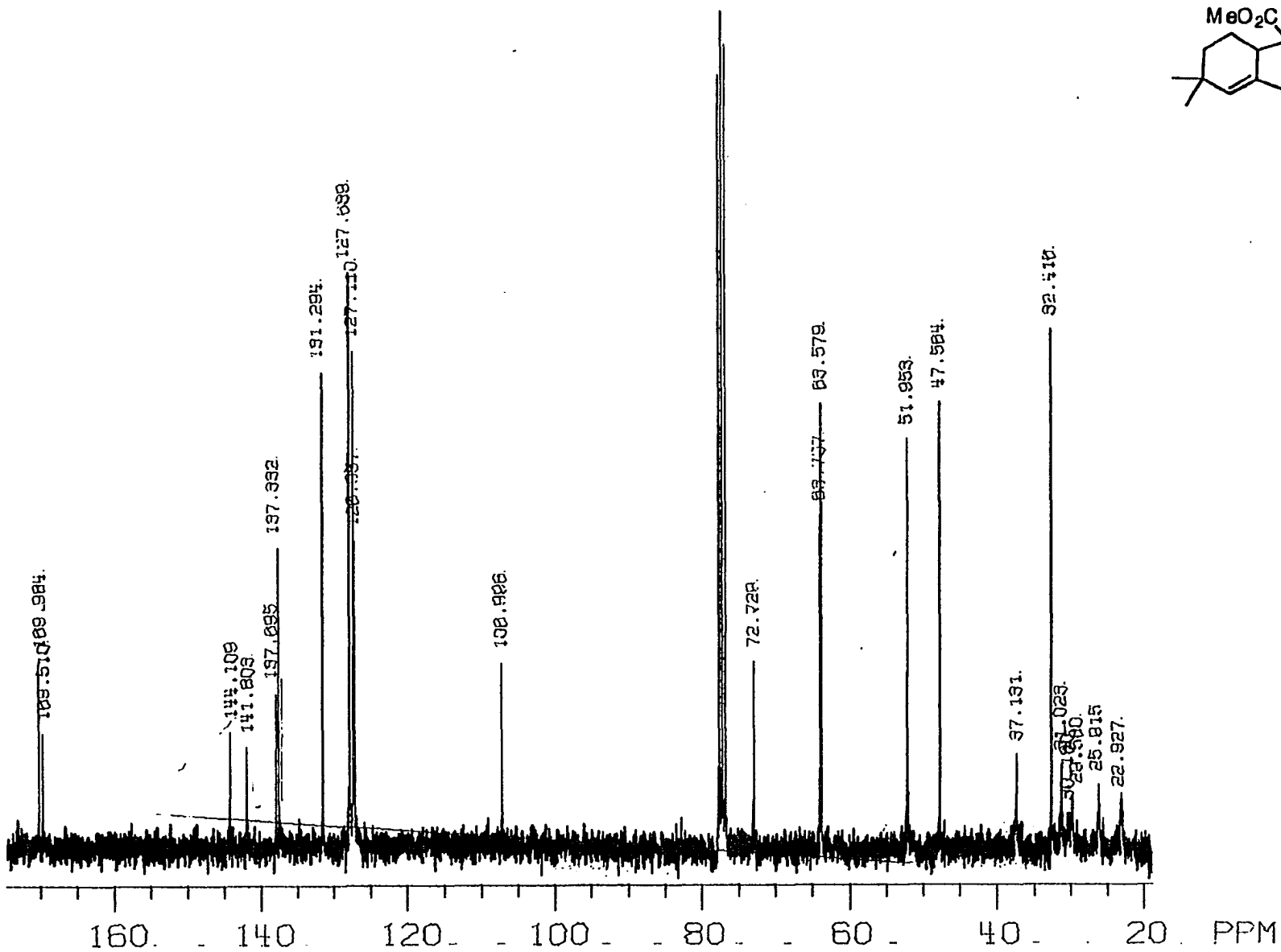


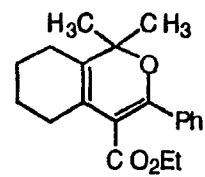
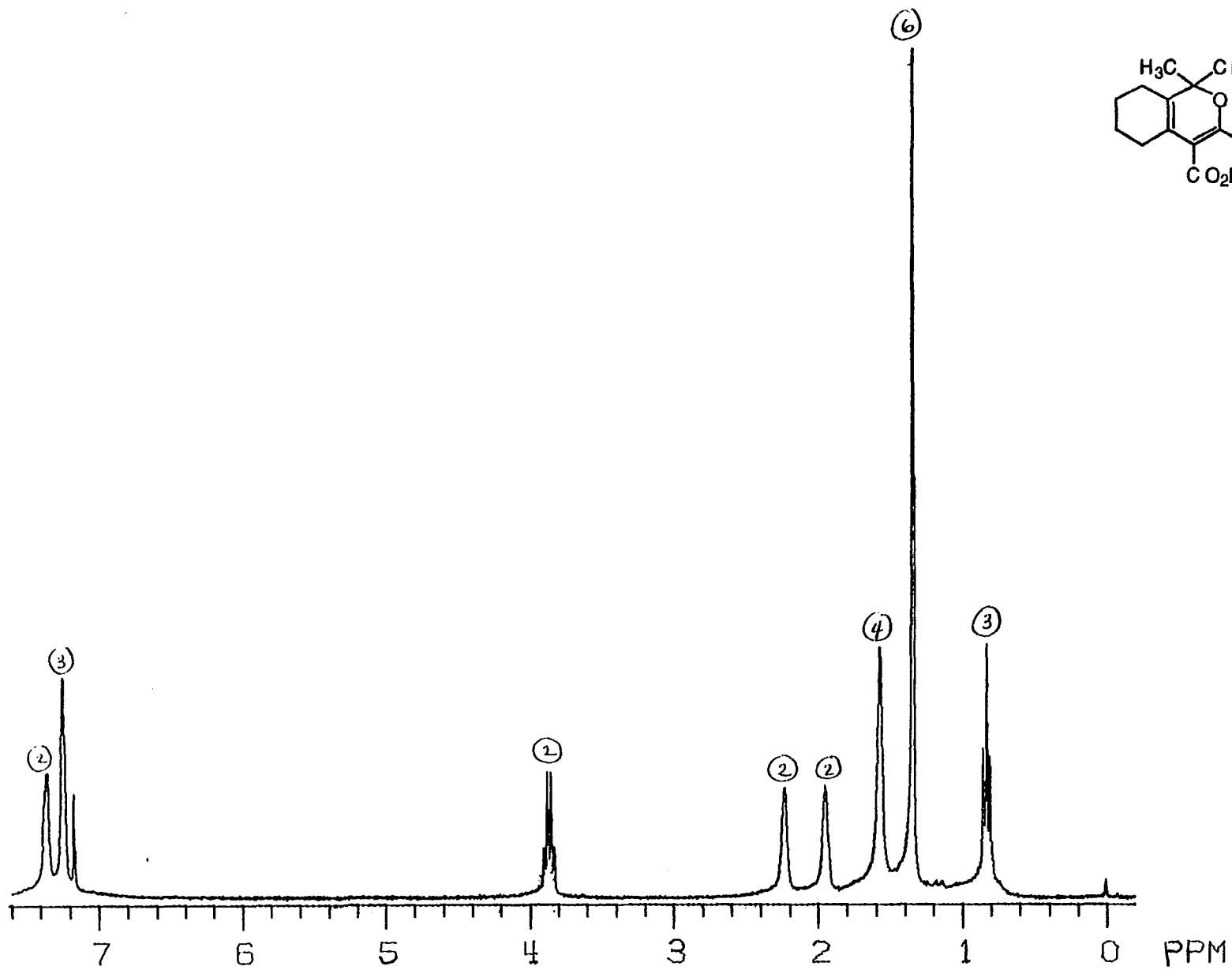


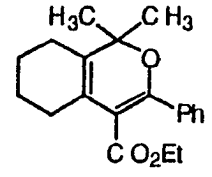
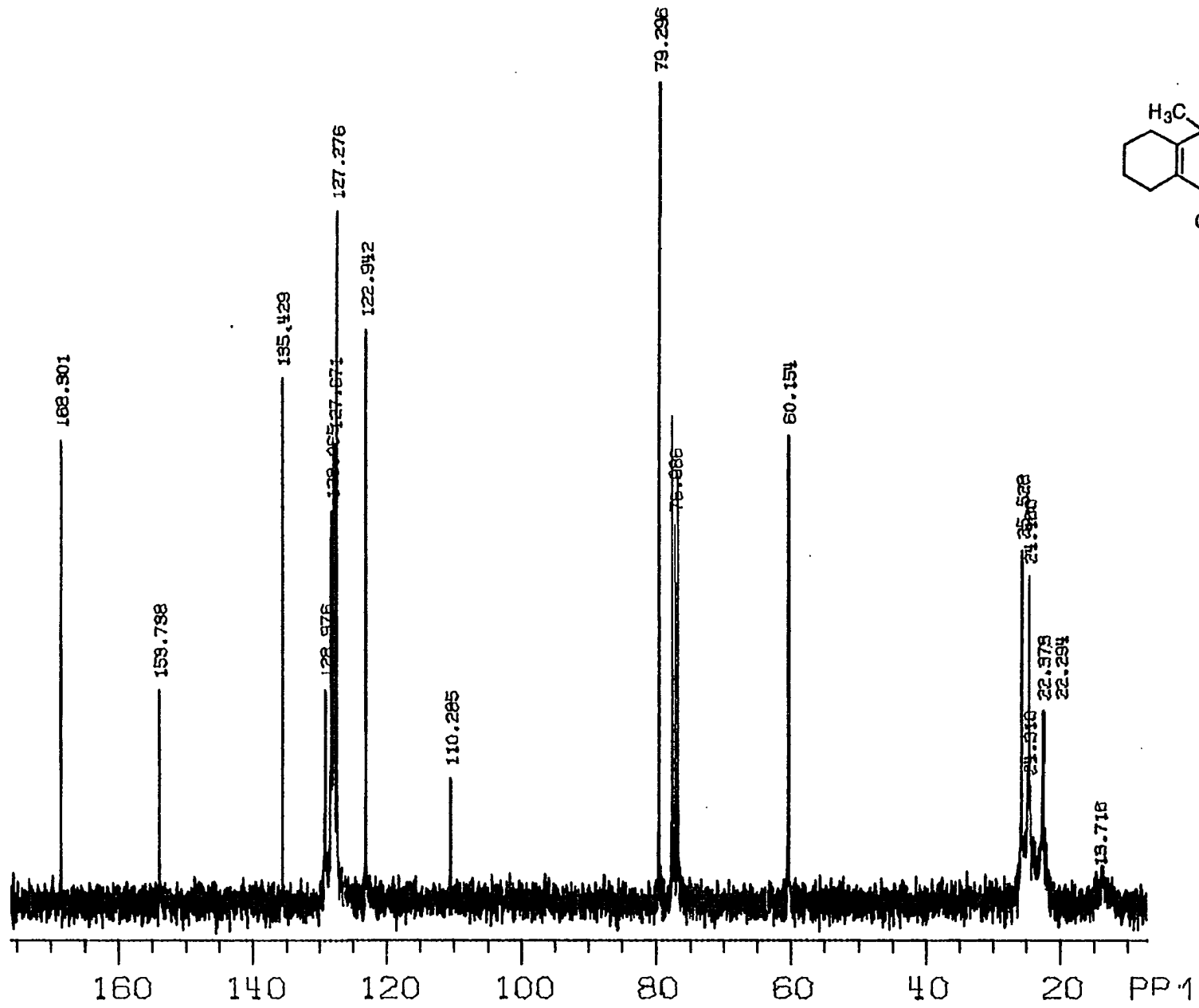


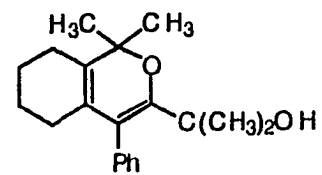
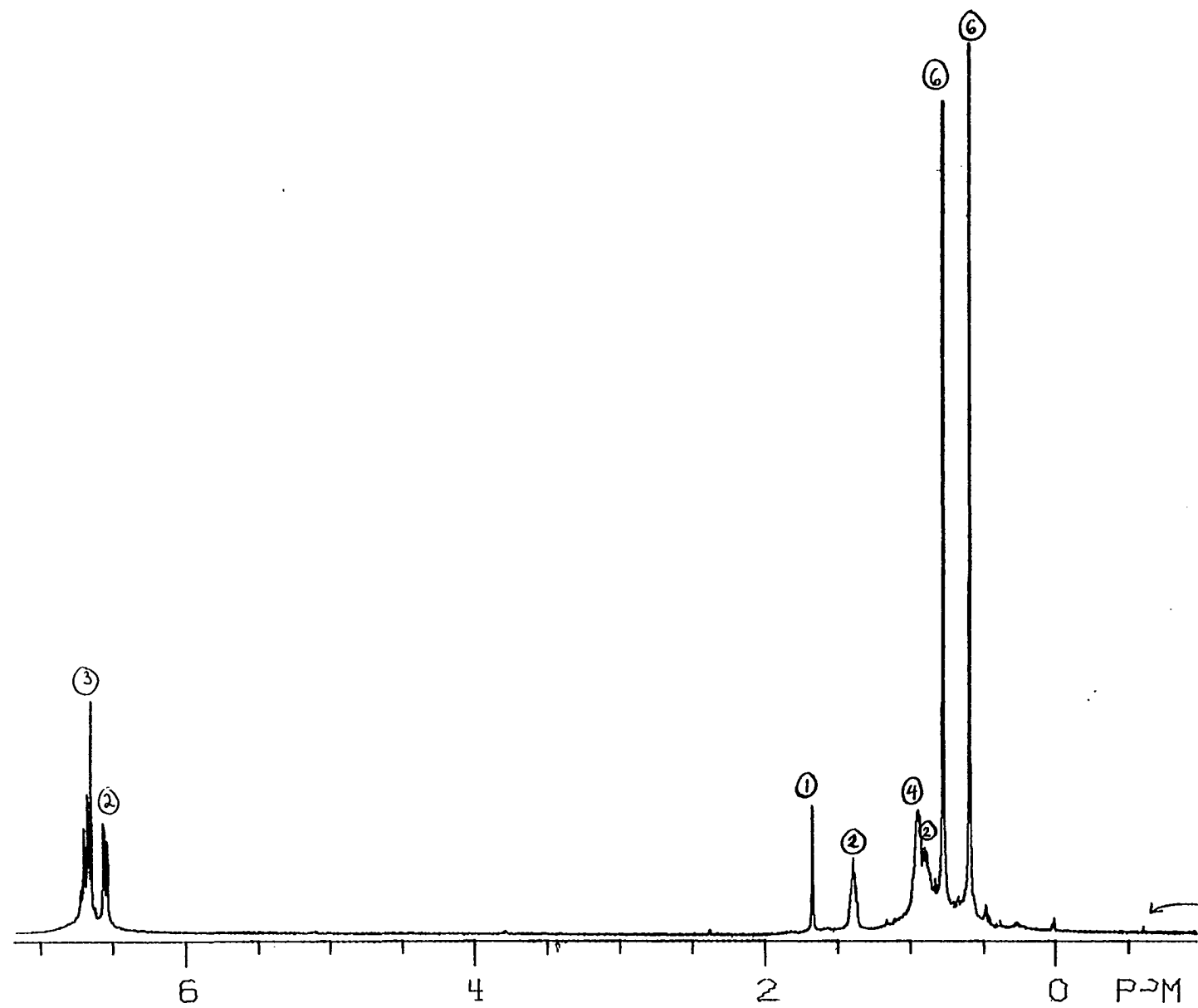












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