

Stereoselective, Dual-Mode Ruthenium-Catalyzed Ring-Expansion of Alkynylcyclopropanols

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Supporting Information

Materials and Methods:

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise indicated. Reaction solvents were dried using J. C. Meyer's Solvent Purification System passing through activated alumina prior to use. Dry acetone was distilled over drierite. All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated.

Flash Chromatography was performed using SiliCycle SilicaFlash F 60 40-60 μm 60 \AA silica gel. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with 0.25 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (E. Merck, DC-Glasfolien, Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized with UV light and potassium permanganate stain. Melting points were obtained on a Thomas-Hoover apparatus in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance ($^1\text{H-NMR}$) data were acquired on a Varian Gemini 300 (300 MHz), Mercury 400 (400 MHz), Varian 400 (400 MHz), or on a Varian Unity Inova-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ($^{13}\text{C-NMR}$) data were acquired at 100 MHz on a Mercury 400 or at 125 MHz on a Varian Unity Inova 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ) units, part per million (ppm) relative to deuteriochloroform (7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR and 77.23 ppm for ^{13}C). Infrared (IR) data were recorded as films on potassium bromide (KBr) pellets on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet IR 100 FT-IR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra were obtained from Stanford University on a Micromass Q-ToF API US Mass Spectrometer using positive electrospray ionization (+ESI). Elemental analyses were conducted by M-H-W Laboratories, Phoenix, Az.

Abbreviations:

Me = methyl

Et = ethyl

Ph = phenyl

Ind = indenyl

EA = ethyl acetate

PE = petroleum ether

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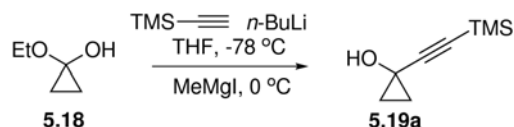
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Experimental procedures

General procedure for the preparation of 1-alkynylcyclopropanols

Silyl- and alkyl-substituted cyclopropanols (4a-f, 10a-f)

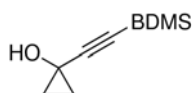
1-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4a**)



To a solution of 1-ethoxycyclopropanol **5.18** (562 mg, 5.5 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (2.0 ml, 5.5 mmol) at 0 °C. The suspension was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. Meanwhile, to another solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (594 mg, 6.05 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added dropwise a 2.30 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in THF (2.63 ml, 6.05 mmol) at -78 °C. The solution was stirred for 1h at -78 °C and then cannulated into the suspension of magnesium salt at 0 °C. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature with continued stirring overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 ml) and extracted with ether (3 times 10 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 ml) and brine (10 ml), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (10% diethyl ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) gave **4a** (Yield: 750 mg, 88%) as a colorless liquid.

R_f = 0.50 (25% ether in pet. ether) IR (neat): 3332, 2961, 2161, 1251, 843 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.18 (s, 1H), 1.07 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.98 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.12 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 107.5, 86.6, 45.7, 17.5, -0.15. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[1]

1-((Benzyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4b**)

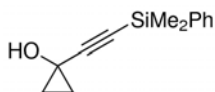


Cyclopropanol **4b** was prepared according to the general procedure using benzyl(ethynyl)dimethylsilane (526.4 mg, 3.02 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (281 mg, 2.75 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.21 ml, 3.02 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.0 ml, 2.75 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (15

ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (10% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **4b** (Yield: 350 mg, 55%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.27$ (10% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3478, 2934, 2859, 2193, 1714, 1673, 1514, 1248, 1096, 1036, 822 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 2.85 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 2H), 1.07 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.99 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.9, 128.3, 128.1, 124.3, 108.7, 85.1, 45.8, 26.1, 17.6, -2.2. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSi}$: 230.1127, found: 230.1126.

1-((Dimethylphenylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4c**)



Cyclopropanol **4c** was prepared according to the general procedure using ethynyldimethylphenylsilane (705.3 mg, 4.40 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (408.5 mg, 4.00 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.76 ml, 4.40 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.45 ml, 4.00 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (15% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **4c** (Yield: 600 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.47$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3336, 2961, 2160, 1428, 1234, 1117, 821 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 1.13 – 1.10 (m, 2H), 1.08 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.43 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 136.8, 133.6, 129.4, 127.8, 109.0, 84.8, 46.0, 17.7, -0.93. Elemental Analysis Calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{OSi}$: C, 72.17; H, 7.45; Found: C, 71.96; H, 7.22.

1-((Triethylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4d**)



Cyclopropanol **4d** was prepared according to the general procedure using triethyl(ethynyl)silane (617.3 mg, 4.40 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (408.5 mg, 4.00 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.76 ml, 4.40 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.45 ml, 4.00 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (10% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **4d** (Yield: 660 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.56$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3346, 2956, 2877, 2159, 1459, 1235, 1020, 736 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.78 (b, 1H), 1.09 – 1.06 (m, 2H), 1.00 – 0.97 (m, 2H),

0.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 9H), 0.57 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 108.6, 84.0, 46.0, 17.8, 7.4, 4.3. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSi}$: 196.1283, found: 196.1278.

1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4e**)



Cyclopropanol **4e** was prepared according to the general procedure using *tert*-butylethyndimethylsilane (594.2 mg, 4.24 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (393.2 mg, 3.85 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.70 ml, 4.24 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.40 ml, 3.85 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (10% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **4e** (Yield: 600 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.50$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3320, 2955, 2858, 2160, 1472, 1250, 937, 838, 776 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.46 (s, 1H), 1.05 (dd, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.94 (dd, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 108.3, 84.5, 45.7, 26.0, 17.6, 16.4, -4.7. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSi}$: 196.1283, found: 196.1289.

1-((Triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopropanol (**4f**)

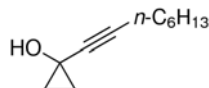


Cyclopropanol **4f** was prepared according to the general procedure using ethynltriisopropylsilane (662.0 mg, 3.63 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (337.0 mg, 3.30 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.45 ml, 3.63 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.20 ml, 3.30 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (15 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (10% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **4f** (Yield: 660 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.55$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3320, 2955, 2858, 2160, 1472, 1250, 937, 838, 776 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.88 (s, 1H), 1.09 – 1.03 (m, 21H), 0.99 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.88 – 0.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 109.5, 82.5, 46.0, 18.5, 17.8, 11.1. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[1]

Alkyl derivatives

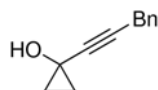
1-(Oct-1-ynyl)cyclopropanol (**10a**)



Cyclopropanol **10a** was prepared according to the general procedure using 1-octyne (770 mg, 7.00 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (650 mg, 6.36 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (2.80 ml, 7.00 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (2.31 ml, 6.36 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (30 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10a** (Yield: 850 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.70$ (50% ether / pet. ether): 0.70. IR (neat): 3332, 2932, 2859, 2360, 1458, 1237, 1019, 969, 882 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.88 (b, 1H), 2.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.46 (quint, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 6H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.89 – 0.85 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 82.8, 81.7, 45.6, 31.3, 28.6, 28.5, 22.5, 18.7, 17.0, 14.0. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[1]

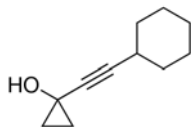
1-(3-Phenylprop-1-ynyl)cyclopropanol (**10b**)



Cyclopropanol **10b** was prepared according to the general procedure using prop-2-ynylbenzene (348.5 mg, 3.02 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (281mg, 2.75 mmol), a 2.40 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.25 ml, 3.02 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.0 ml, 2.75 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 20 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10b** (Yield: 320 mg, 68%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.37$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3383, 3030, 2887, 2240, 1604, 1495, 1454, 1235, 1019, 967, 731, 697 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.17 (s, 1H), 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.93 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 136.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.5, 83.9, 80.0, 45.5, 25.0, 17.0. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$: 172.0888, found: 172.0880.

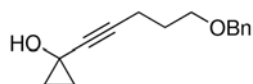
1-(Cyclohexylethynyl)cyclopropanol (**10c**)



Cyclopropanol **10c** was prepared according to the general procedure using ethynylcyclohexane (458 mg, 4.24 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (393 mg, 3.85 mmol), a 2.30 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.84 ml, 4.24 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (1.40 ml, 3.85 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10c** (Yield: 520 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.43 (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3406, 2931, 2854, 1645, 1449, 1237, 1020, 967, 887 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.55 (b, 1H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.23 (m, 3H), 1.03 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.91 – 0.88 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 87.0, 81.6, 45.8, 32.6, 29.0, 25.8, 24.9, 17.2. Elemental Analysis Calc'd for C₁₁H₁₆O: C, 80.44; H, 9.82; Found: C, 80.22; H, 9.66.

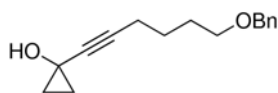
1-(5-(Benzyloxy)pent-1-ynyl)cyclopropanol (**10d**)



Cyclopropanol **10d** was prepared according to the general procedure using ((pent-4-ynyloxy)methyl)benzene (417 mg, 2.38 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (290 mg, 2.84 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (0.96 ml, 2.40 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (0.80 ml, 2.20 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (15 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10d** (Yield: 180 mg, 39%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.30 (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3392, 2925, 2857, 1461, 1239, 1102 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.80 (quint, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 82.2, 81.9, 72.9, 68.7, 45.9, 28.8, 17.1, 15.6. HRMS (ESI) Calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈O₂ + Na: 253.1204, found: 253.1207.

1-(6-(Benzyloxy)hex-1-ynyl)cyclopropanol (**10e**)



Cyclopropanol **10e** was prepared according to the general procedure using ((hexen-5-ynyloxy)methyl)benzene (414 mg, 2.20 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (290 mg, 2.84 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (0.95 ml, 2.38 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (0.87 ml, 2.39 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (15

ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10e** (Yield: 276 mg, 51%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.33 (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3392, 2937, 2855, 2114, 1636, 1460, 1234, 1090 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (b, 1H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.03 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 82.4, 82.0, 72.8, 69.7, 45.6, 28.8, 25.3, 18.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) Calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀O₂ + Na: 267.1361, found: 267.1364.

1-(5-chloropent-1-ynyl)cyclopropanol (**10f**)

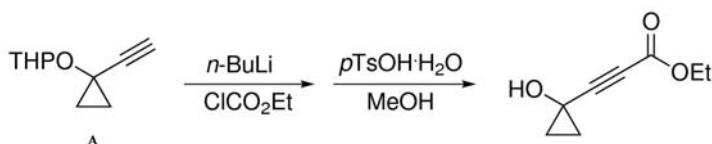


Cyclopropanol **10f** was prepared according to the general procedure using 5-chloropent-1-yne (205 mg, 2.00 mmol), 1-ethoxycyclopropanol (291 mg, 2.84 mmol), a 2.50 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (0.87 ml, 2.18 mmol), a 2.75 M solution of methylmagnesium iodide in THF (0.87 ml, 2.39 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (15 ml) for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **10f** (Yield: 125 mg, 39%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.38 (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3359, 2959, 2929, 1467, 1231, 1061, 970 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (b, 1H), 1.95 (quint, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.05 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.90 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 82.7, 80.9, 45.8, 45.7, 31.3, 17.2, 16.2. HRMS (ESI) Calc'd for C₈H₁₁ClO + Na: 214.1208, found: 214.1213.

EWG-substituted cyclopropanes

Ethyl 3-(1-hydroxycyclopropyl)propiolate (**7b**)

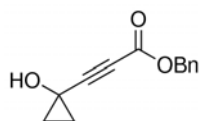


To a solution of the starting acetylene **A** (283 mg, 1.70 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added a 2.30 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (0.74 ml, 1.70 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h followed by addition of ethyl chloroformate (0.18 ml, 1.87 mmol) at -

78 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature overnight during stirring. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (5 ml) and extracted with ether with ether (3 times 5 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (10 ml) and brine (10 ml), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (5 ml) followed by addition of $p\text{TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5 mg). The mixture was stirred for 30 min followed by concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography (25% diethyl ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) to give **7b** as a colorless liquid (180 mg, 69%).

$R_f = 0.19$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3402, 2986, 2225, 1712, 1312, 1228, 1036 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.18 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 – 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.12 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.8, 90.5, 74.3, 62.0, 44.5, 18.0, 13.8. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[1]

Benzyl 3-(1-hydroxycyclopropyl)propiolate (**7c**)

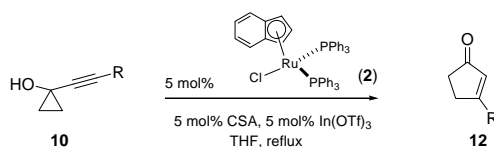


Cyclopropanol **7c** was prepared according to the general procedure using **A** (499 mg, 3.0 mmol), chlorobenzylformate (0.47 ml, 3.3 mmol), a 2.30 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.30 ml, 3.0 mmol) and $p\text{TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5 mg). Reaction was conducted in THF (20 ml) for 15 h. Purification by flash chromatography (25% ether in petroleum ether) afforded **7c** (Yield: 480 mg, 74%) as a colorless oil.

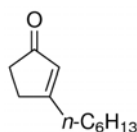
$R_f = 0.25$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3398, 3034, 2226, 1709, 1456, 1308, 1271, 1010, 748, 698 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4 (s, 2H), 3.67 (br s, 1H), 1.21 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 1.12 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.5, 134.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 74.4, 67.6, 44.8, 18.2. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$: 216.0786, found: 216.0784.

General procedure for the ruthenium-catalyzed ring expansion reactions

3-Hexylcyclopent-2-enone (**12a**)

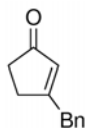


To a flame-dried flask charged with ruthenium catalyst **2** (23.3 mg, 0.03 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (16.9 mg, 0.03 mmol) and CSA (7.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) was added THF (2.0 ml). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, a solution of cyclopropanol **10a** (100 mg, 0.60 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was added. The solution was heated to reflux. After stirring for 4h at reflux, the solution was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (5 – 15% diethyl ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) gave **12a** as a liquid (78 mg, 78%).



R_f = 0.45 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2929, 2858, 1710, 1616, 1438, 1183, 840 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.95 (quint, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.40 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.2, 183.3, 35.2, 33.4, 31.5, 31.4, 28.9, 27.0, 22.4, 14.0. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature.^[1]

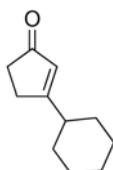
3-Benzylcyclopent-2-enone (**12b**)



Cyclopentenone **12b** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (31.1 mg, 0.040 mol), In(OTf)₃ (22.5 mg, 0.040 mol), CSA (9.3 mg, 0.040 mmol) and **10b** (138 mg, 0.80 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (16 ml) at reflux for 6 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (50% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **12b** (112 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.22 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3028, 2918, 1706, 1616, 1496, 1183, 758, 702 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.89 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.57 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.38 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.8, 181.0, 136.7, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 39.9, 35.4, 30.9. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature.^[2]

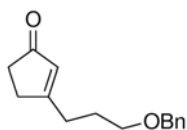
3-Cyclohexylcyclopent-2-enone (**12c**)



Cyclopentenone **12c** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (31.1 mg, 0.040 mol), In(OTf)₃ (22.5 mg, 0.040 mol), CSA (9.3 mg, 0.040 mmol) and **10c** (134 mg, 0.80 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (16 ml) at reflux for 4 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (50% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **12c** (115 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.25 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2927, 2854, 1712, 1609, 1449, 1185 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.87 (m, 1H), 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.14 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.4, 187.6, 127.8, 41.8, 34.9, 31.1, 29.5, 25.9, 25.8. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature.^[2]

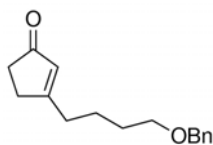
3-(3-(Benzyloxy)propyl)cyclopent-2-enone (**12d**)



Cyclopentenone **12d** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (7.8 mg, 0.010 mol), In(OTf)₃ (5.6 mg, 0.010 mol), CSA (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **10d** (46 mg, 0.050 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (2 ml) at reflux for 2 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (50% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **12d** (35 mg, 76%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.24 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2928, 2858, 1704, 1654, 1611, 1124 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.95 – 5.93 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.59 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.1, 182.5, 138.2, 129.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 73.0, 69.2, 35.2, 31.5, 30.3, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) Calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈O₂ + Na: 253.1204; found: 253.1206.

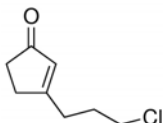
3-(4-(Benzyloxy)butyl)cyclopent-2-enone (**12e**)



Cyclopentenone **12e** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (2.2 mg, 0.0028 mol), In(OTf)₃ (1.6 mg, 0.0028 mol), CSA (1.7 mg, 0.0073 mmol) and **10e** (35 mg, 0.014 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (2 ml) at reflux for 2 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (40% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **12e** (23 mg, 68%) as a colorless oil.

R_f = 0.28 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2931, 2858, 1708, 1671, 1616, 1279, 1114 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.96 – 5.94 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.38 (m, 4H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.2, 182.8, 138.4, 129.5, 128.4, 127.6(2), 73.0, 69.7, 35.3, 33.3, 31.5, 29.4, 23.8. Spectra matched that reported in the literature.^[3]

3-(3-Chloropropyl)cyclopent-2-enone (**12f**)

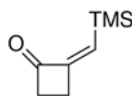


Cyclopentenone **12f** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (12.2 mg, 0.0157 mol), In(OTf)₃ (8.9 mg, 0.0158 mol), CSA (3.7 mg, 0.0159 mmol) and **10f** (50 mg, 0.315 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (3 ml) at reflux for 2 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (50% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **12f** (34 mg, 74%) as a colorless volatile oil.

R_f = 0.30 (50% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2947, 2918, 1710, 1681, 1617, 1441, 1185 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.96 (quint, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 – 2.55 (m, 4H), 2.42 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 2.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.7, 180.8, 129.8, 44.0, 35.2, 31.6, 30.5, 29.7. Spectra matched that reported in the literature.^[4]

Silyl substituted cyclobutanones

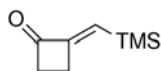
(*Z*)-2-((Trimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (**5a**)



Cyclobutanone **5a** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (31.0 mg, 0.040 mol), In(OTf)₃ (22.5 mg, 0.040 mol), CSA (9.3 mg, 0.040 mmol) and **4a** (123.4 mg, 0.80 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (16 ml) at reflux for 2 h, giving *Z*-**5a** (Yield: 102.4 mg, 83%) and *E*-**6a** (Yield: 18.5 mg, 15%) with a 5.7:1 *Z/E* ratio (Yield and *Z/E* ratio were determined by ¹H NMR of protons of the vinyl group on the cyclobutanone using mesitylene (12.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) as the internal standard). Purification by flash chromatograph (4% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded *Z*-**5a** and *E*-**6a** as colorless oils.

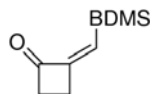
R_f = 0.39 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2956, 1754, 1622, 1248, 1067, 850 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.95 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 0.16 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.3, 162.0, 138.0, 42.8, 24.3, -1.1. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[5]

(E)-2-((Trimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (6a)



R_f = 0.25 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2957, 1766, 1628, 1250, 1077, 853 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.37 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 0.17 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.6, 161.4, 130.4, 44.6, 24.0, -1.2. Spectral data matched that reported in the literature. ^[5]

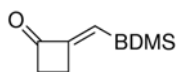
(Z)-2-((Benzilydimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (5b)



Cyclobutanone **5b** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (17.5 mg, 0.0225 mol), In(OTf)₃ (12.6 mg, 0.0225 mol), CSA (5.2 mg, 0.0225 mmol) and **4b** (104 mg, 0.45 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (9 ml) at reflux for 4 h, giving *Z*-**5b** (Yield: 80 mg, 77%) and *E*-**6b** (Yield: 13 mg, 12.5%) with a 6.0:1 *Z/E* ratio (Yield and *Z/E* ratio were determined by ¹H NMR of protons of the vinyl group on the cyclobutanone using mesitylene (15.2 mg, 0.182 mmol) as the internal standard). Purification by flash chromatography (5% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded *Z*-**5b** and *E*-**6b** as colorless oils.

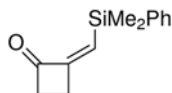
R_f = 0.61 (10% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2956, 1751, 1600, 1493, 1248, 1057, 846, 670 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.92 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 2H), 0.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.3, 162.8, 139.6, 135.8, 128.2, 128.1, 124.1, 42.9, 25.3, 24.4, -3.1. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈OSi: 203.1127, found: 230.1131.

(E)-2-((benzyldimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (6b)



R_f = 0.46 (10% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2957, 1762, 1600, 1493, 1250, 1078, 847, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 2H), 0.15 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.3, 162.7, 138.8, 128.3, 128.2, 124.4, 44.6, 25.6, 24.0, -3.2. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈OSi: 203.1127, found: 230.1128.

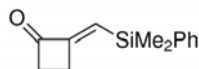
(Z)-2-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (5c)



Cyclobutanone **5c** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (50.4 mg, 0.065 mol), In(OTf)₃ (36.5 mg, 0.065 mol), CSA (15.1 mg, 0.065 mmol) and **4c** (281 mg, 1.30 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (26 ml) at reflux for 2 h, giving *Z*-**5c** (Yield: 230 mg, 82%) and *E*-**6c** (Yield: 40 mg, 14%) with a 6.0:1 *Z/E* ratio (Yield and *Z/E* ratio were determined by ¹H NMR of protons of the vinyl group on the cyclobutanone using mesitylene (14.5 mg, 0.121 mmol) as the internal standard). Purification by flash chromatography (5–10% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded *Z*-**5c** and *E*-**6c** as colorless oils.

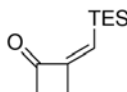
R_f = 0.29 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2958, 1753, 1622, 1428, 1271, 1062, 843 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.09 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 0.51 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.0, 163.0, 138.1, 135.6, 133.6, 129.1, 127.8, 42.9, 24.5, -2.5. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₃H₁₆OSi - H: 215.0892, found: 215.0899.

(E)-2-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (6c)



R_f = 0.13 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 3070, 2958, 1763, 1627, 1428, 1250, 1082, 843, 733, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.50 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J*₁ = 8.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 0.45 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.4, 162.7, 136.8, 133.7, 129.5, 128.1, 128.0, 44.7, 24.1, -2.5. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₃H₁₆OSi - H: 215.0892, found [M-H]⁺: 215.0899.

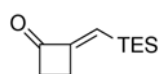
(Z)-2-(Triethylsilylmethylene)cyclobutanone (5d)



5d was prepared according to the general procedure of the ruthenium-catalyzed ring expansion reaction starting from **4d** (196.4 mg, 1.00 mmol). *Z/E* = 10 : 1 (crude NMR). NMR yield: *Z-5d*: 172.8 mg (88%), *E-6d*: 17.7 mg (9%). Isolated yield of *Z-5d*: 150 mg (76%).

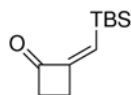
R_f = 0.50 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2954, 2875, 1756, 1273, 1062, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.89 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.63 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.69 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.2, 163.1, 135.0, 42.7, 24.5, 7.4, 3.5. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₁H₂₀OSi - C₂H₅ (Et): 167.0892, found: 167.0891.

(*E*)-2-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclobutanone (6d**)**



R_f = 0.33 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2955, 1762, 1646, 1078 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.39 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.66 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.3, 162.5, 128.3, 44.5, 24.3, 7.3, 3.4. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₁H₂₀OSi: 196.1283, found: 196.1287.

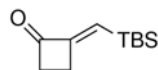
(*Z*)-2-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (5e**)**



Cyclobutanone **5e** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (31.1 mg, 0.040 mol), In(OTf)₃ (22.5 mg, 0.040 mol), CSA (9.3 mg, 0.040 mmol) and **4e** (157 mg, 0.80 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (16 ml) at reflux for 2 h, giving *Z-5e* (Yield: 141.3 mg, 90%) and *E-6e* (Yield: 12.6 mg, 8%) with a 11.4:1 *Z/E* ratio (Yield and *Z/E* ratio were determined by ¹H NMR of protons of the vinyl group on the cyclobutanone using mesitylene (14.0 mg, 0.117 mmol) as the internal standard). Purification by flash chromatography (5% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded *Z-5e* and *E-6e* as colorless oils.

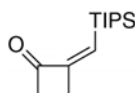
R_f = 0.31 (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2953, 2857, 1755, 1470, 1249, 1061, 845 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.95 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.63 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.0, 163.2, 135.6, 42.7, 26.2, 24.5, 16.9, -5.7. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₁H₂₀OSi - C₄H₉ (*t*-Bu): 139.0579, found: 139.0565.

(*E*)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (6e**)**



$R_f = 0.19$ (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2953, 2857, 1764, 1471, 1250, 1078, 842 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.42 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.74 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.4, 162.6, 128.6, 44.6, 26.2, 24.4, 17.2, -5.7. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSi}$: 196.1283, found: 196.1280.

(Z)-2-((Triisopropylsilyl)methylene)cyclobutanone (5f)



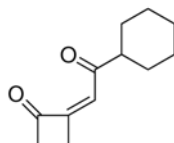
Cyclobutanone **5f** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (15.5 mg, 0.020 mol), $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ (11.3 mg, 0.020 mol), CSA (4.7 mg, 0.020 mmol) and **4f** (95.4 mg, 0.40 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (8 ml) at reflux for 2 h, giving **Z-5f** (Yield: 85.9 mg, 90%) only (determined by ^1H NMR of protons of the vinyl group on the cyclobutanone using mesitylene (12.6 mg, 0.105 mmol) as the internal standard). Purification by flash chromatograph (3% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **Z-5f** (83 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil.

$R_f = 0.50$ (5% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2940, 2869, 1752, 1624, 1463, 1274, 1058, 882 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.86 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.33 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.02 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.0, 163.9, 133.8, 42.6, 24.9, 18.7, 11.5. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{OSi}$: 238.1753, found: 238.1753.

EWG-substituted cyclobutanones

NB: Only one olefin geometry was observed in these reactions, and it was assigned based on the chemical shift of the vinyl proton by comparing with analogous silyl and alkyl substituted cyclobutanones.

(Z)-2-(2-Cyclohexyl-2-oxoethylidene)cyclobutanone (8a)

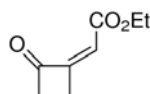


Cyclobutanone **8a** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (15.5 mg, 0.020 mmol), $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ (11.2 mg, 0.020 mmol), CSA (4.6 mg, 0.020 mmol) and **7a** (76.9 mg, 0.40 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (8 ml) at reflux for 12 h. Purification

by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **Z-8a** (Yield: 68 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil (The configuration was assigned based on ^1H NMR of protons of the vinyl group).

$R_f = 0.75$ (50% ether in pet. Ether). IR (neat): 2931, 2855, 1764, 1693, 1450, 1336, 1109, 1012 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.52 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.15 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.9, 200.5, 159.4, 117.7, 51.6, 46.7, 27.9, 25.7, 25.4, 24.7. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$: 192.1150, found: 192.1155.

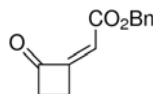
(Z)-Ethyl 2-(2-oxocyclobutylidene)acetate (**8b**)



Cyclobutanone **8b** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (27.2 mg, 0.035 mmol), $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ (19.7 mg, 0.035 mmol), CSA (8.1 mg, 0.035 mmol) and **7b** (108 mg, 0.70 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (14 ml) at reflux for 8 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (15% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **Z-8b** (Yield: 73 mg, 68%) as a colorless oil (The configuration was assigned based on ^1H NMR of protons of the vinyl group).

$R_f = 0.48$ (25% ether in pet. ether). IR (neat): 2984, 1769, 1716, 1659, 1330, 1201, 1096, 875 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.19 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.8, 165.2, 161.9, 114.4, 61.0, 45.9, 24.3 14.1. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3$: 154.0630, found: 154.0635.

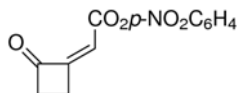
(Z)-Benzyl 2-(2-oxocyclobutylidene)acetate (**8c**)



Cyclobutanone **8c** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (19.4 mg, 0.025 mmol), $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ (14.1 mg, 0.025 mmol), CSA (5.8 mg, 0.025 mmol) and **7c** (108 mg, 0.50 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (10 ml) at reflux for 6 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (20% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded **Z-8c** (Yield: 88 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil (The configuration was assigned based on ^1H NMR of protons of the vinyl group).

R_f = 0.43 (25% ether in pet. Ether). IR (neat): 3034, 2945, 1767, 1715, 1660, 1455, 1329, 1269, 1168, 1095, 1017, 876, 746, 699 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7 (s, 2H), 3.16 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 3.08 – 3.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.6, 165.0, 162.4, 135.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 114.1, 66.8, 45.9, 24.4. HRMS (EI) Calc'd for C₁₃H₁₂O₃: 216.0786, found: 216.0792.

(*Z*)-4-Nitrophenyl 2-(2-oxocyclobutylidene)acetate (**8d**)



Cyclobutanone **8d** was prepared according to the general procedure using ruthenium catalyst **2** (15.5 mg, 0.020 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (11.2 mg, 0.020 mmol), CSA (4.6 mg, 0.020 mmol) and **7d** (98.9 mg, 0.40 mmol). Reaction was conducted in THF (8 ml) at reflux for 12 h. Purification by flash chromatograph (25% ether in petroleum ether, silica gel) afforded *Z*-**8d** (Yield: 84 mg, 85%) as a white solid (The configuration was assigned based on ¹H NMR of protons of the vinyl group).

Isolated yield: 84 mg (85%). M.P.: 95 – 97 °C.

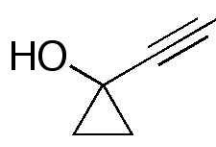
R_f = 0.62 (50% ether in pet. Ether). IR (neat): 1764, 1732, 1612, 1520, 1349, 1148, 858, 731 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.20 – 3.14 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8, 165.4, 162.5, 154.8, 145.5, 125.3, 122.2, 112.6, 46.3, 24.8. Elemental Analysis Calc'd for C₁₂H₉NO₅: C, 58.30; H, 3.67; N, 5.67; found: C, 58.50; H, 4.00; N, 5.84. HRMS(EI) Calc'd for C₁₂H₉NO₅: 247.0481; found: 247.0484.

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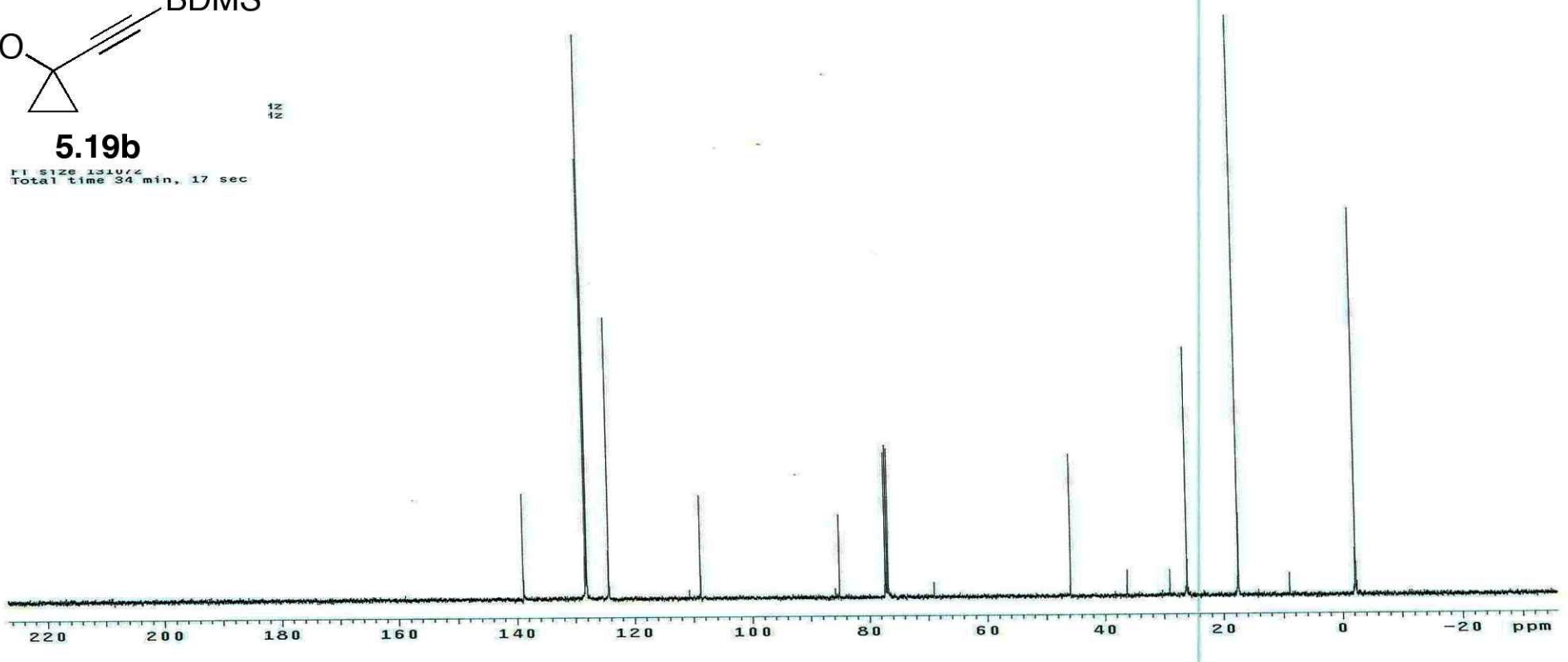
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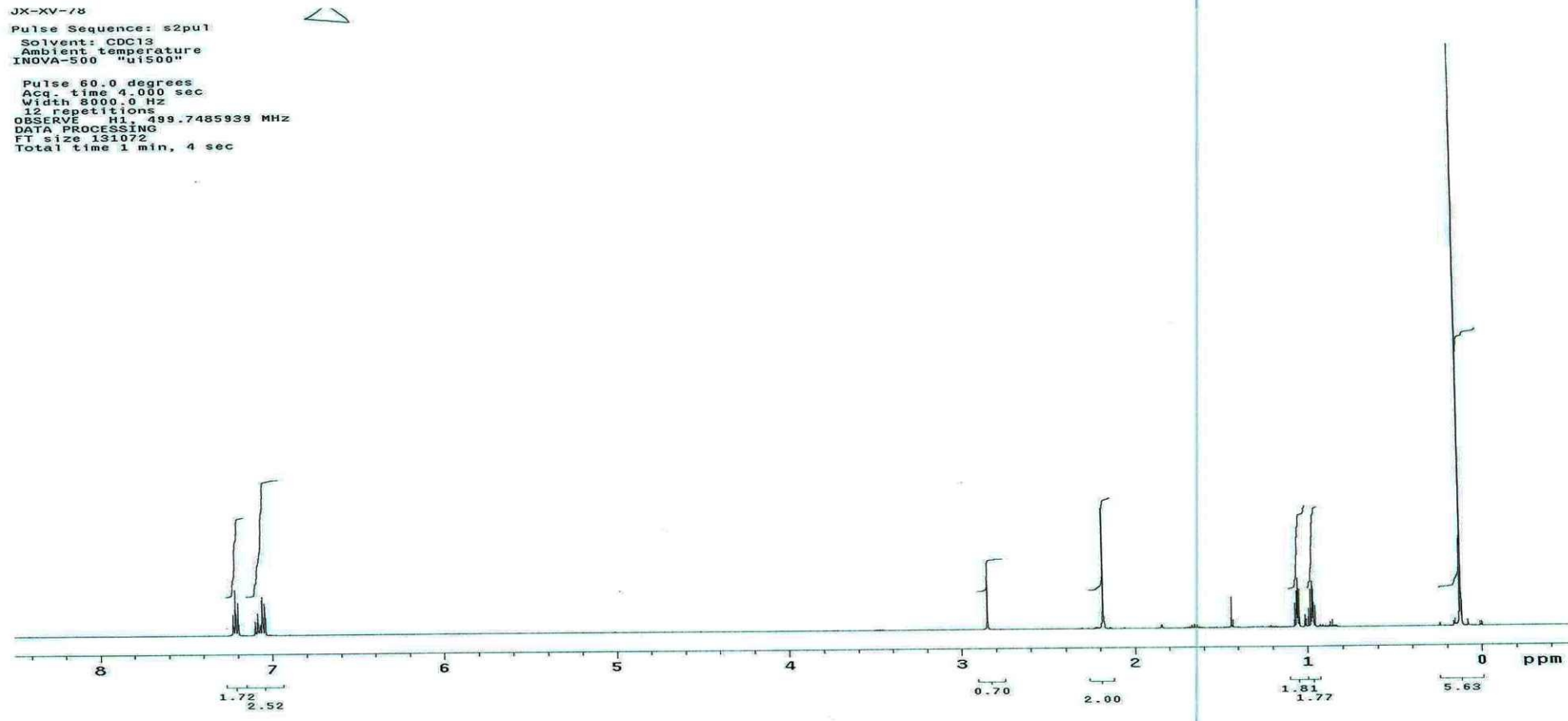
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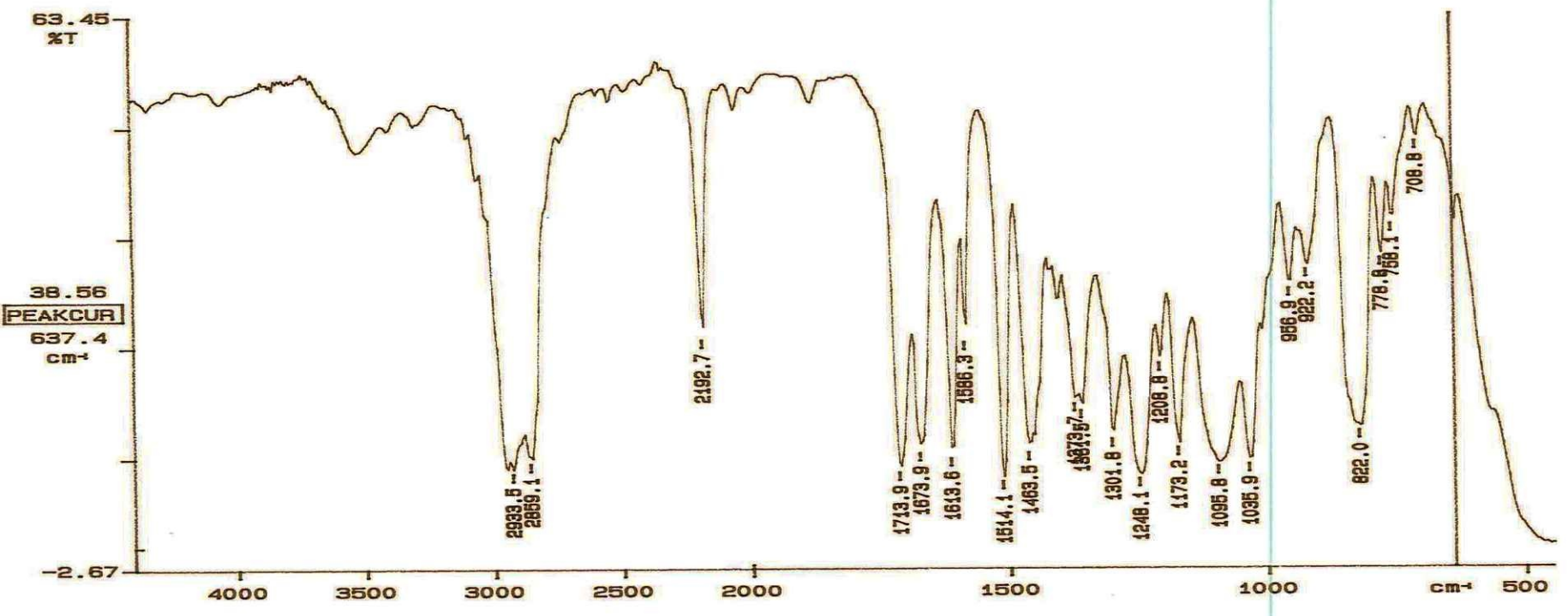
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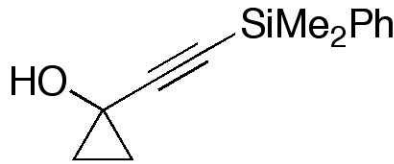
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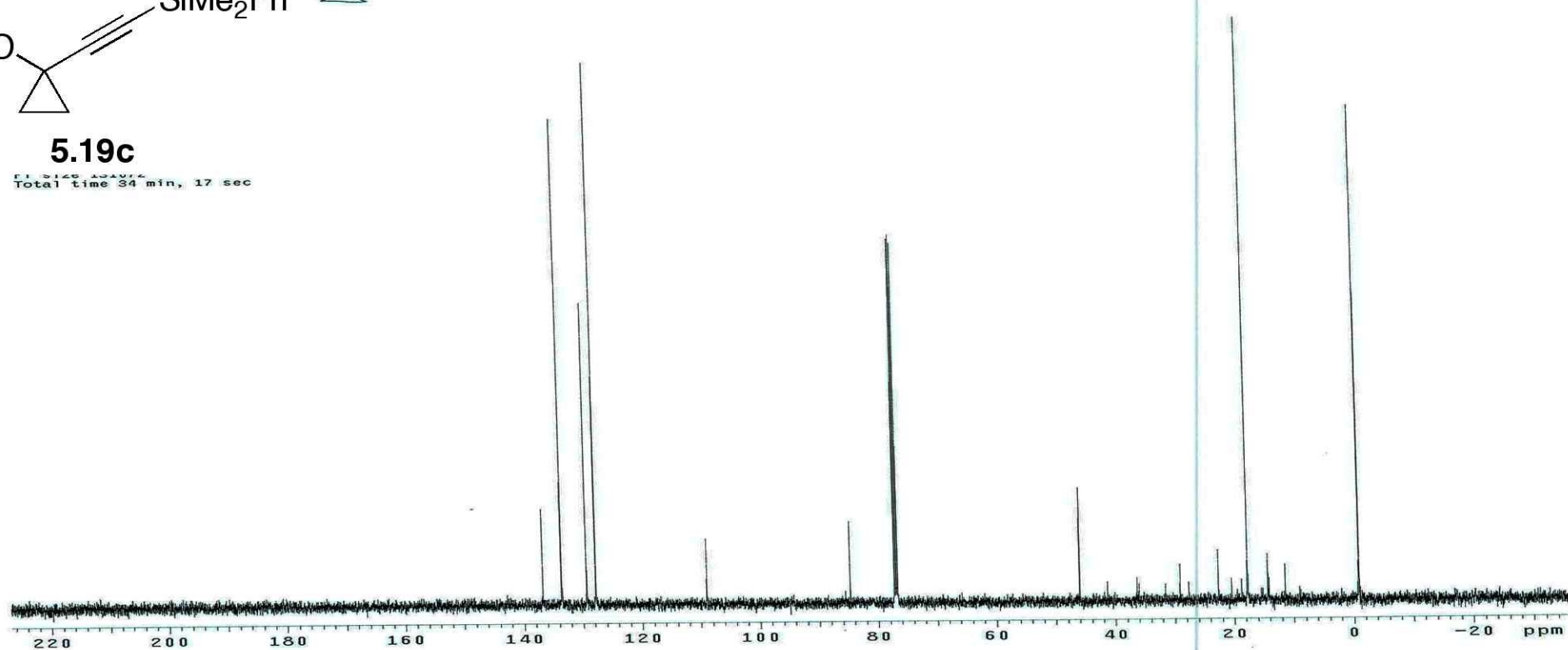


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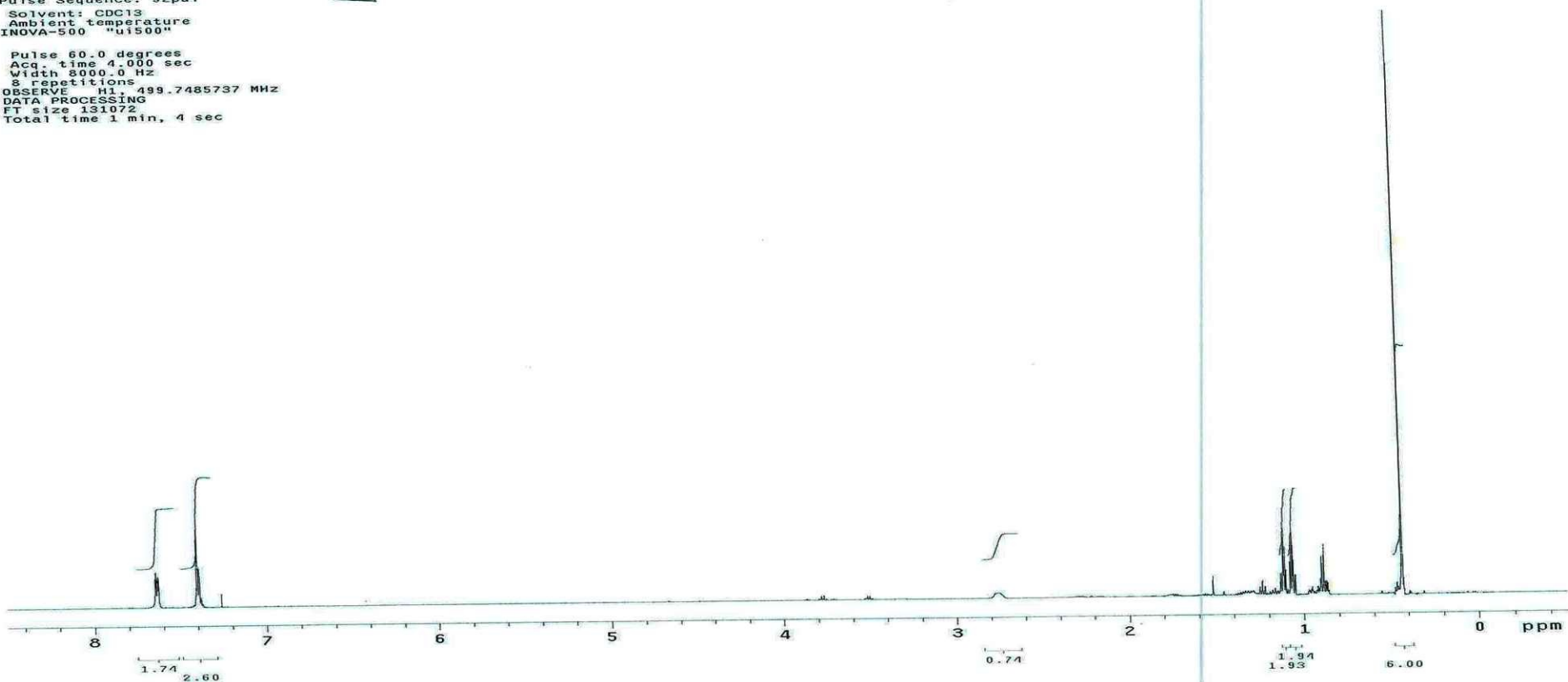


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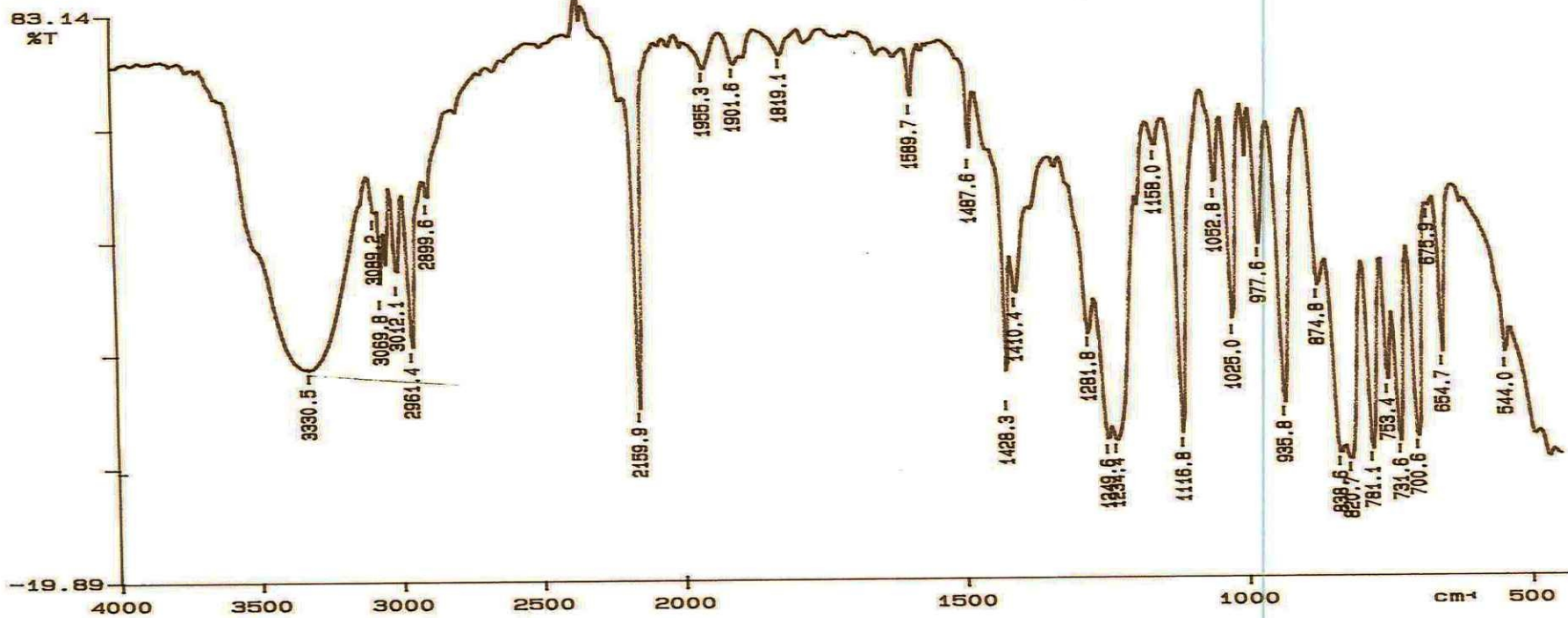
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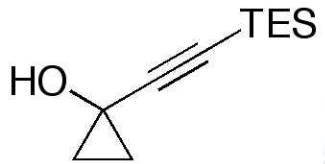


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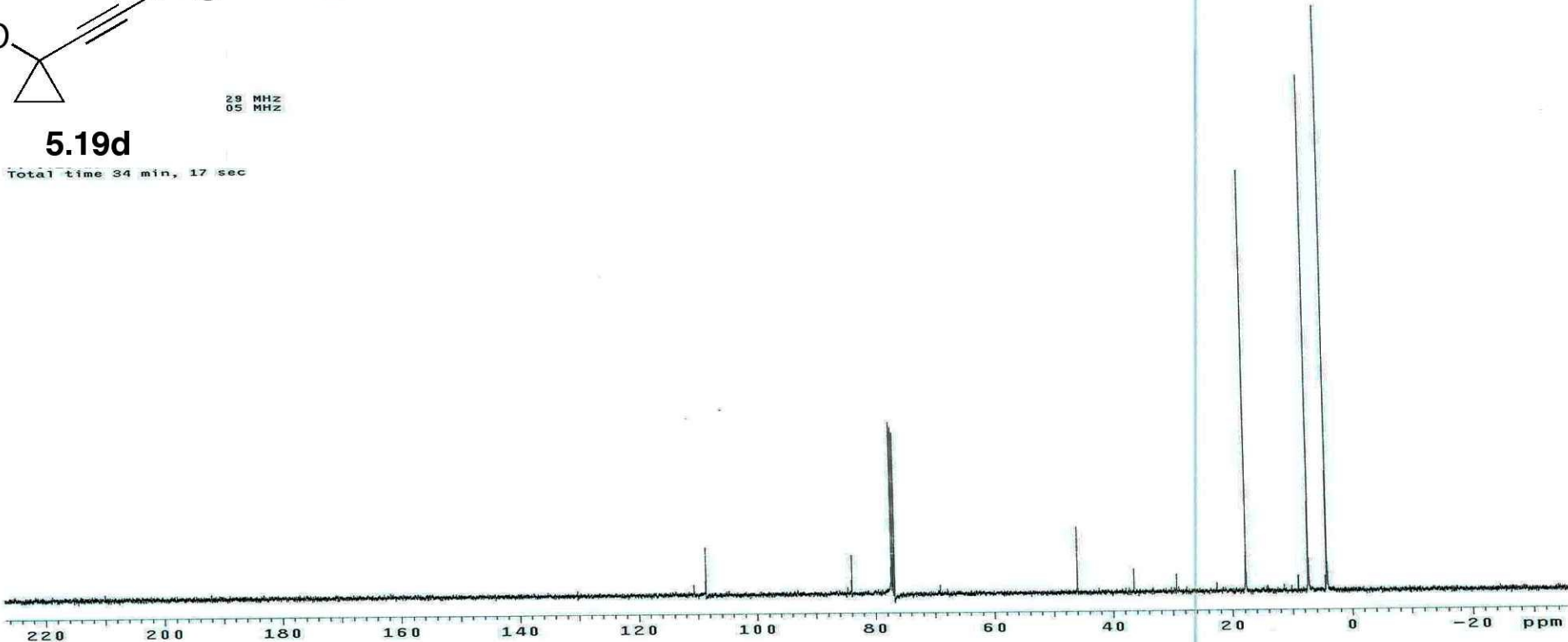




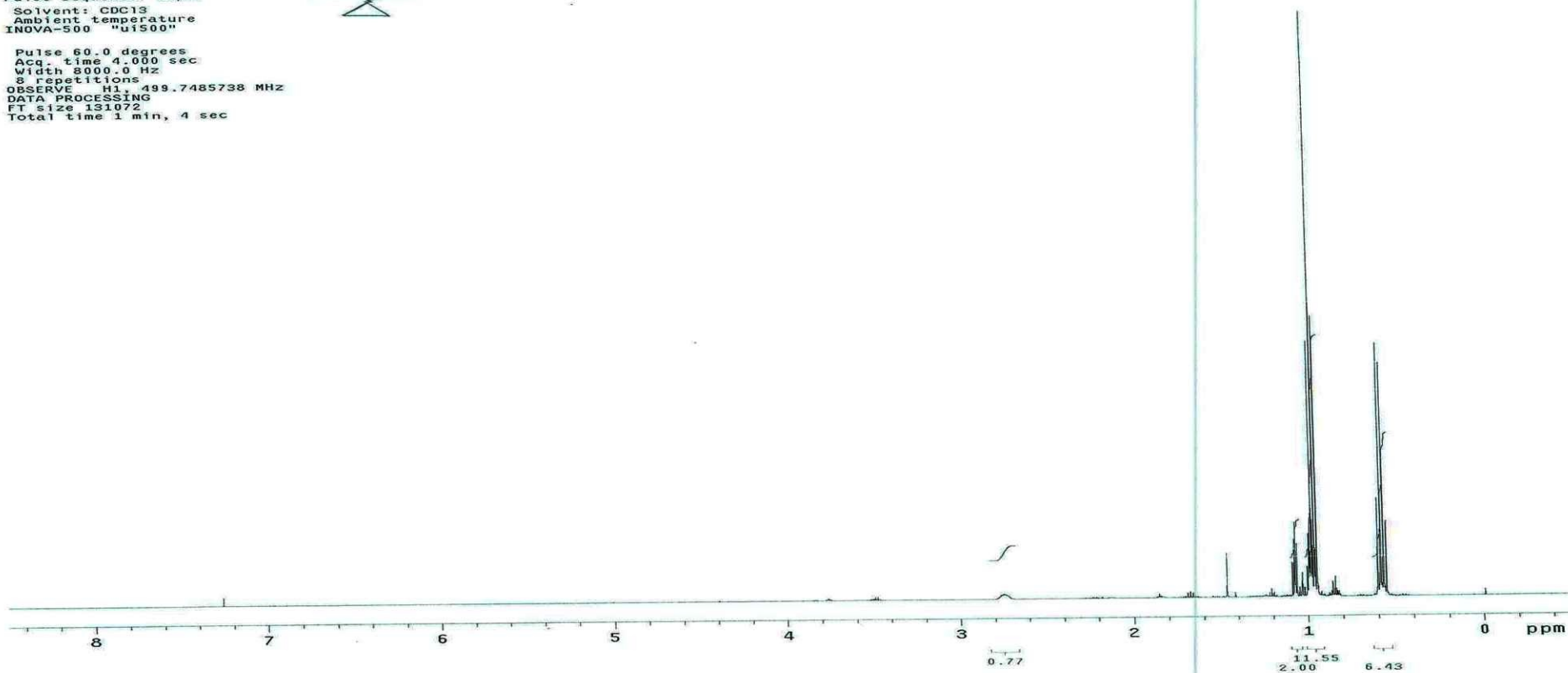
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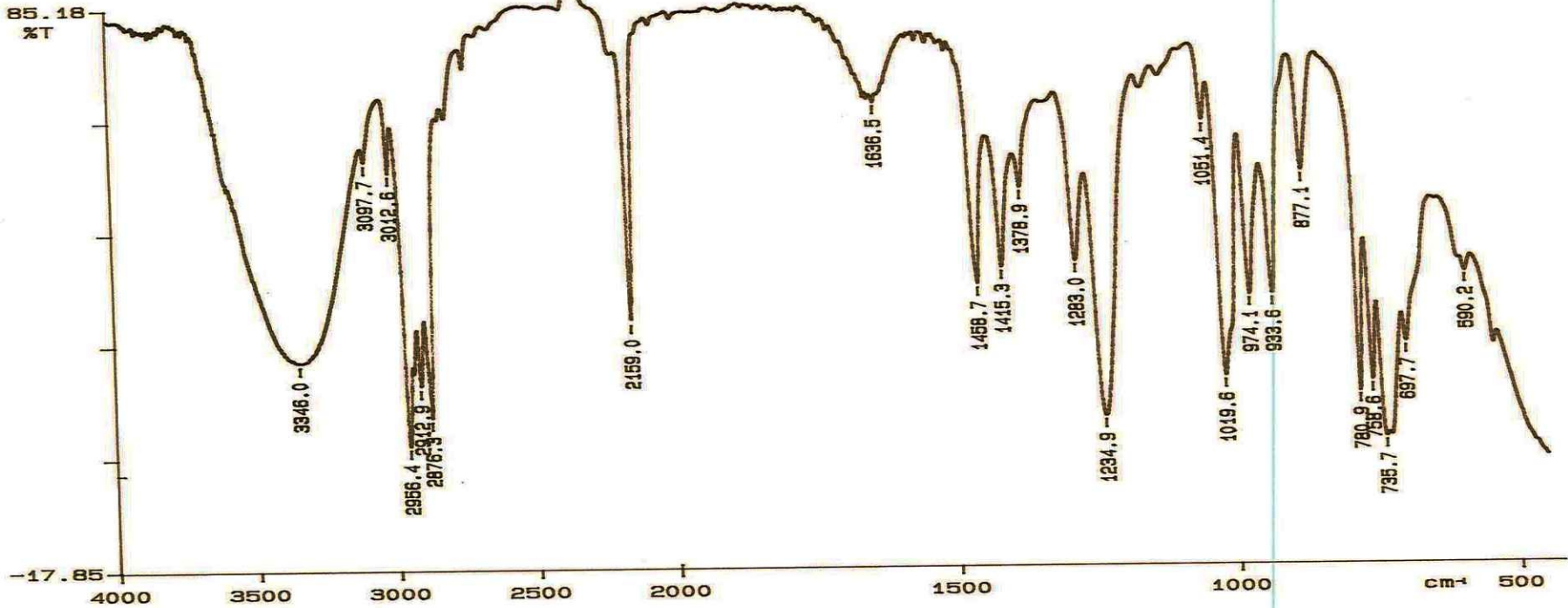
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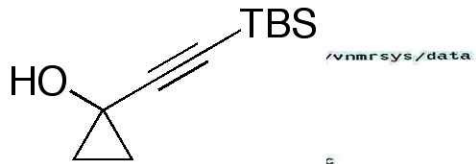


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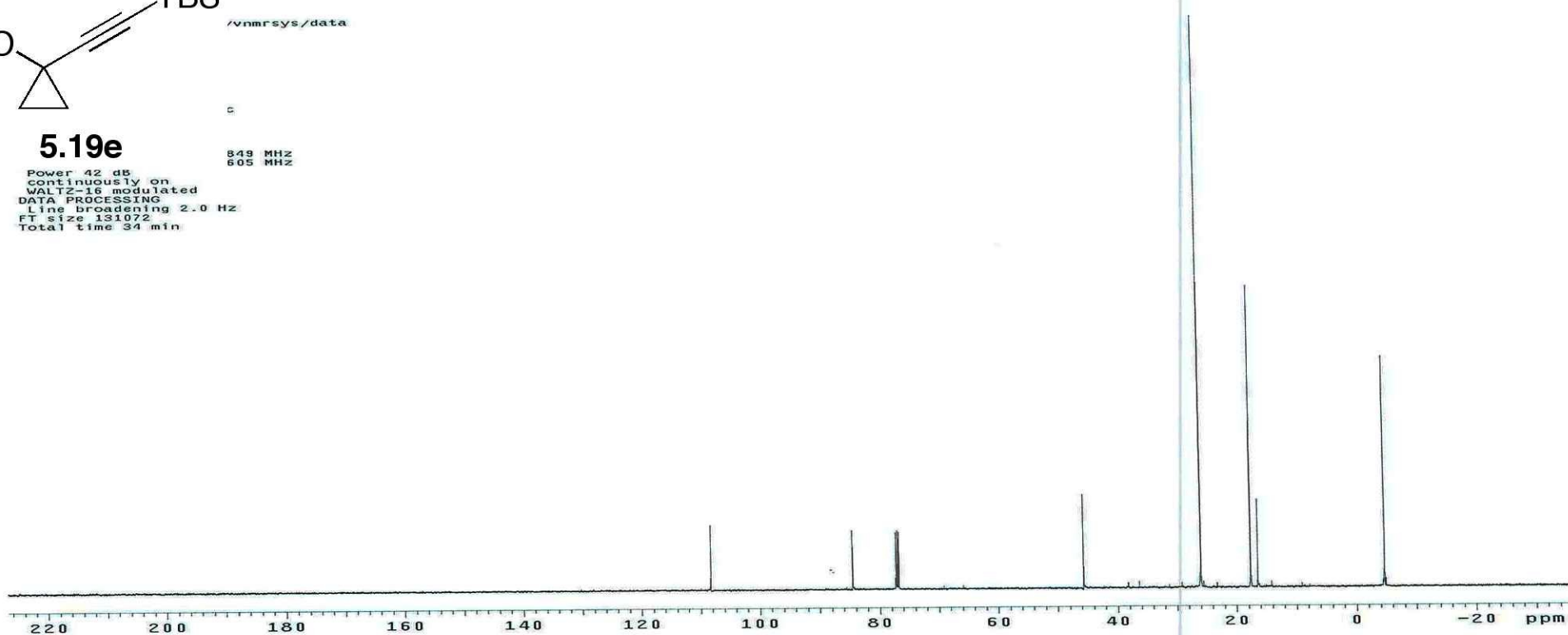
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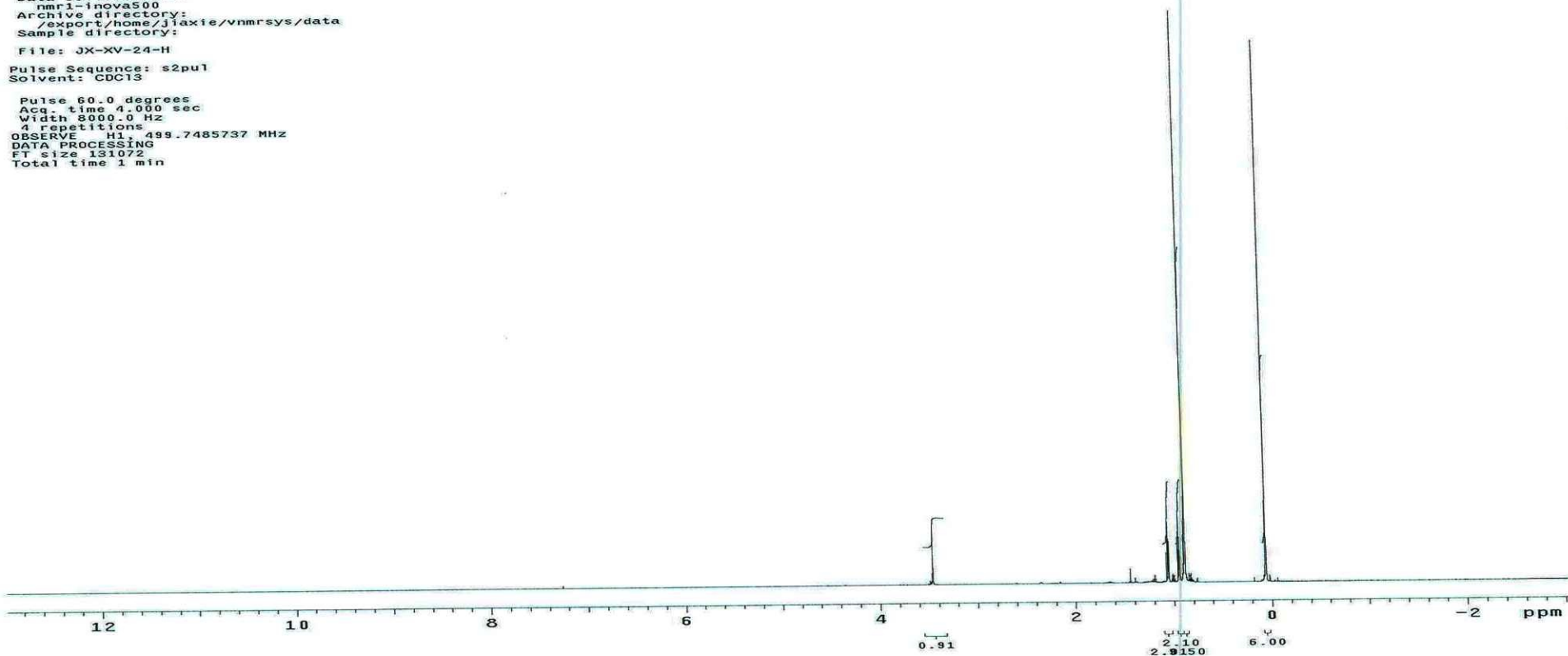
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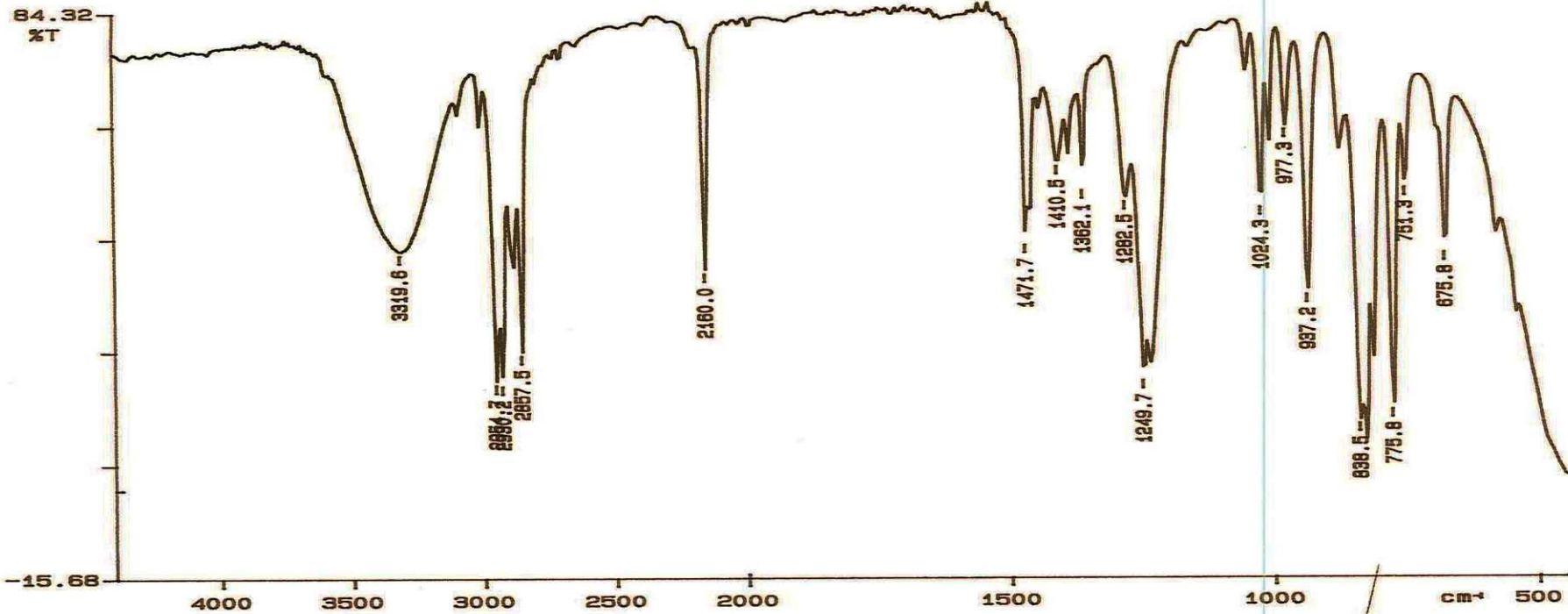


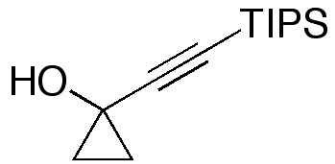
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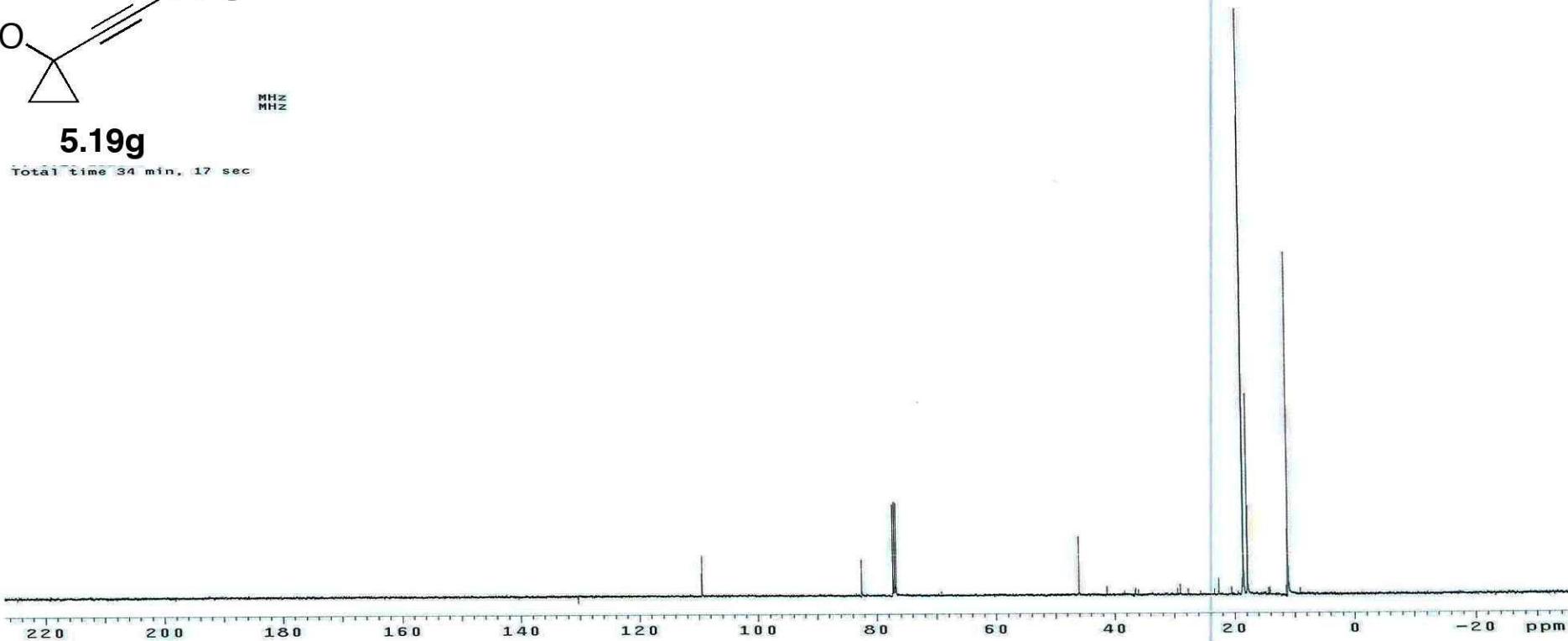


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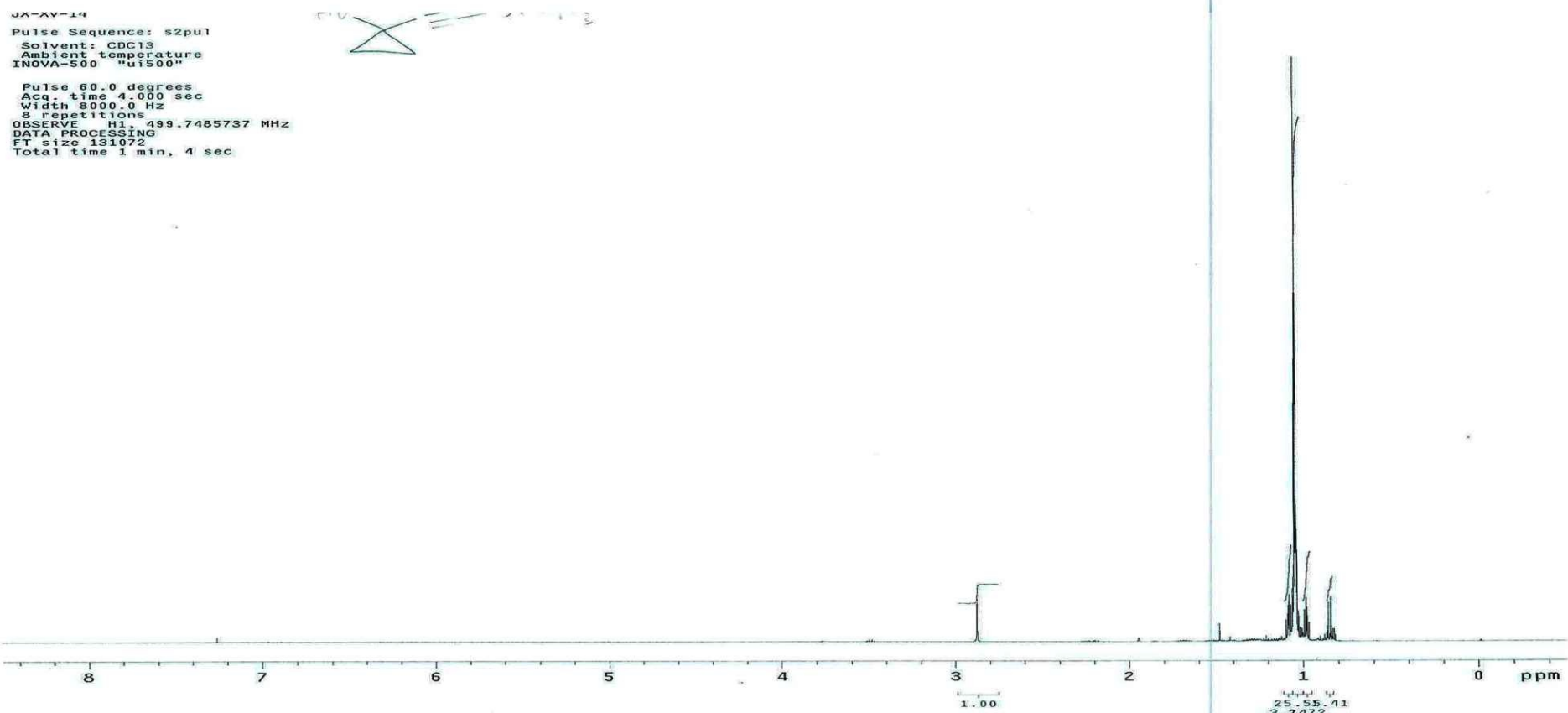
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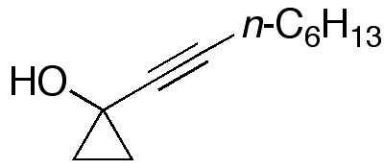


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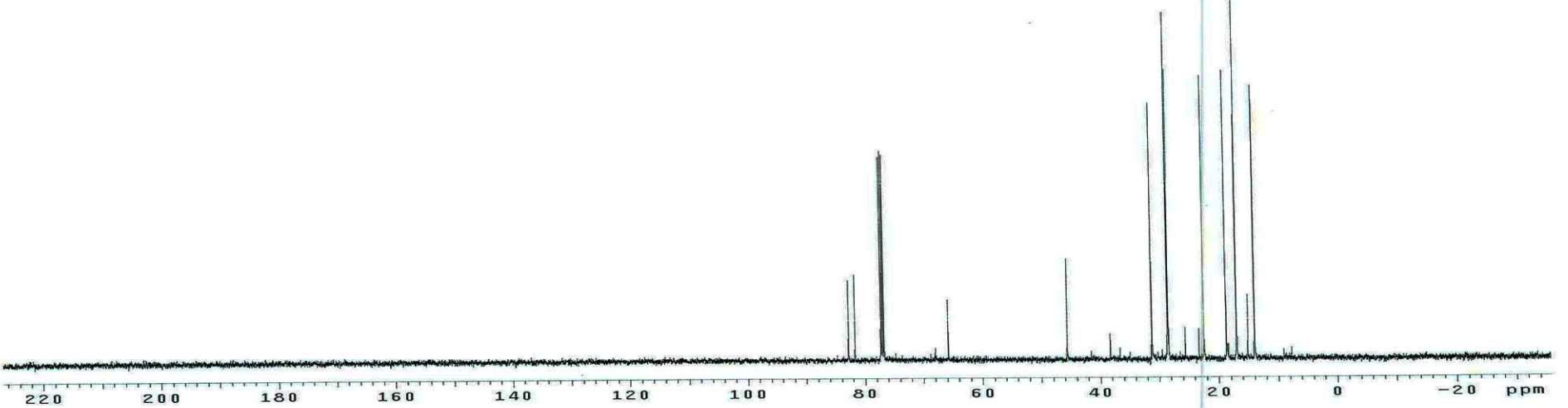
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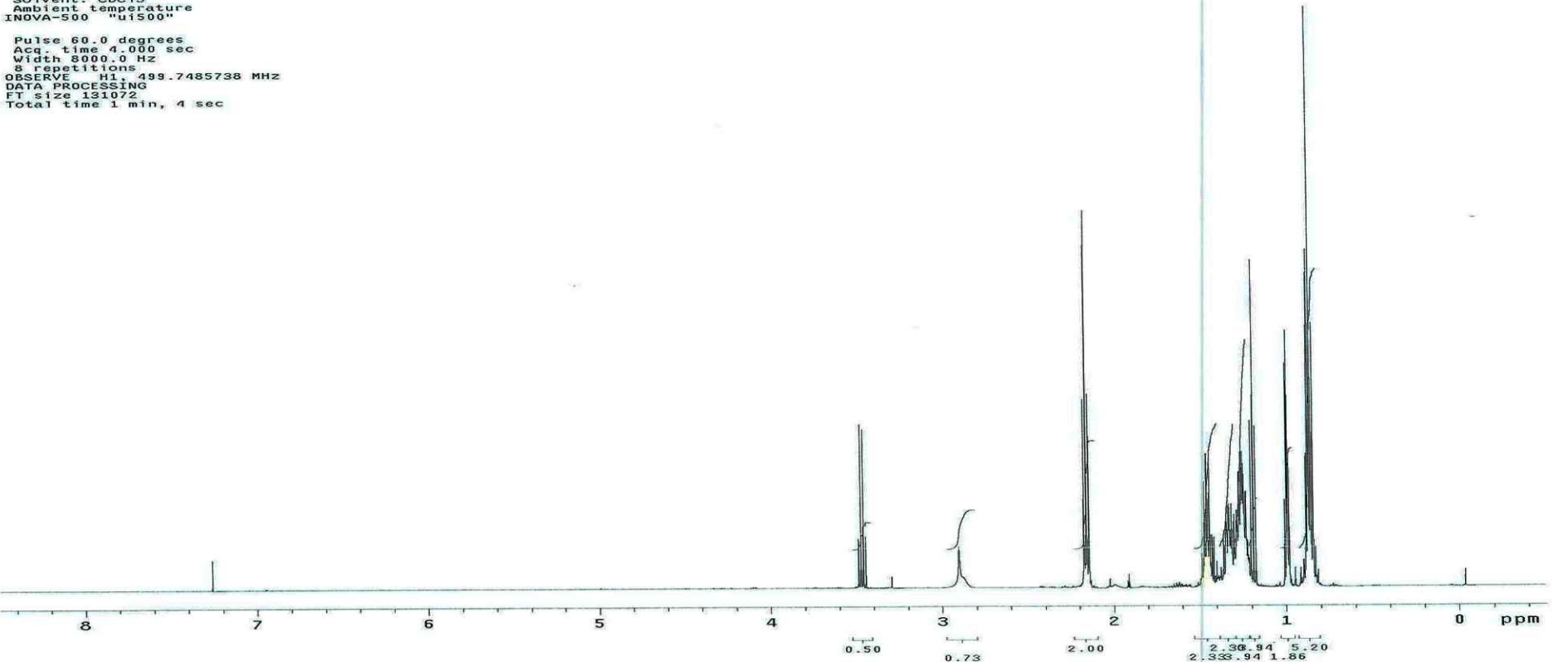


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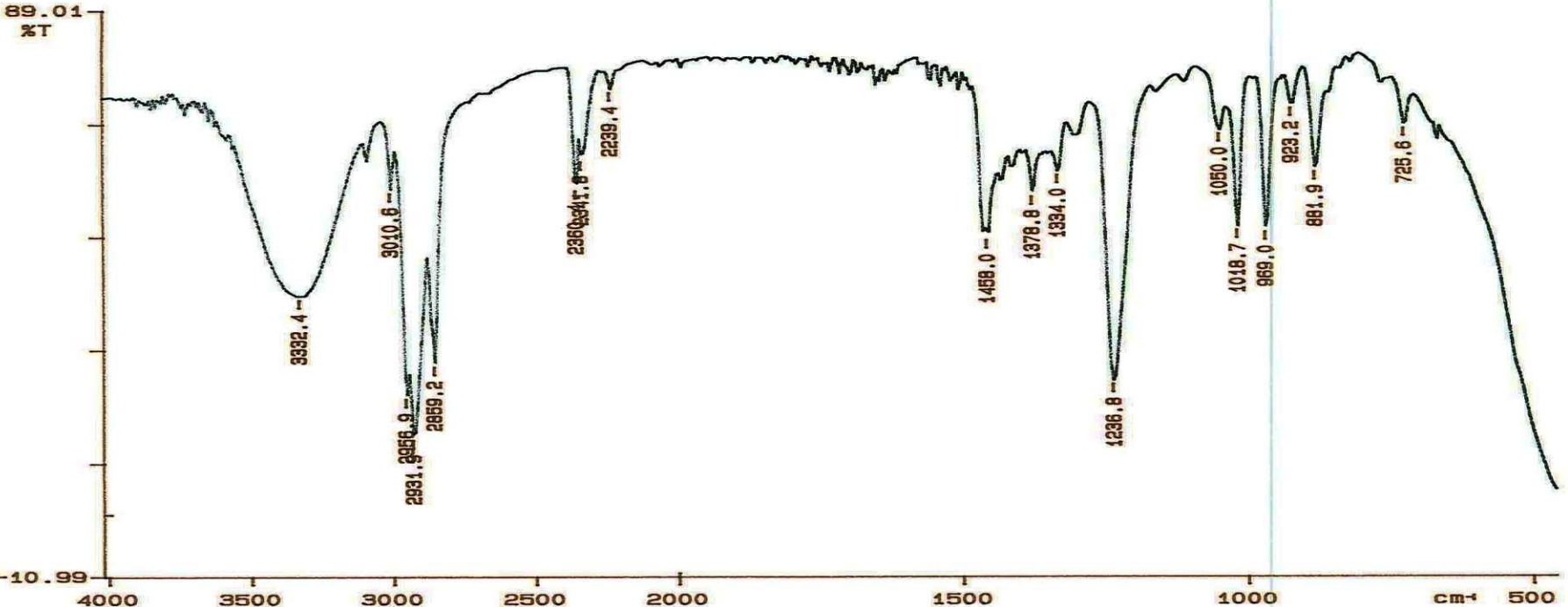
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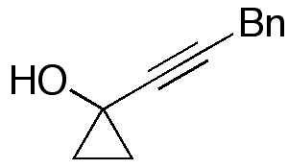


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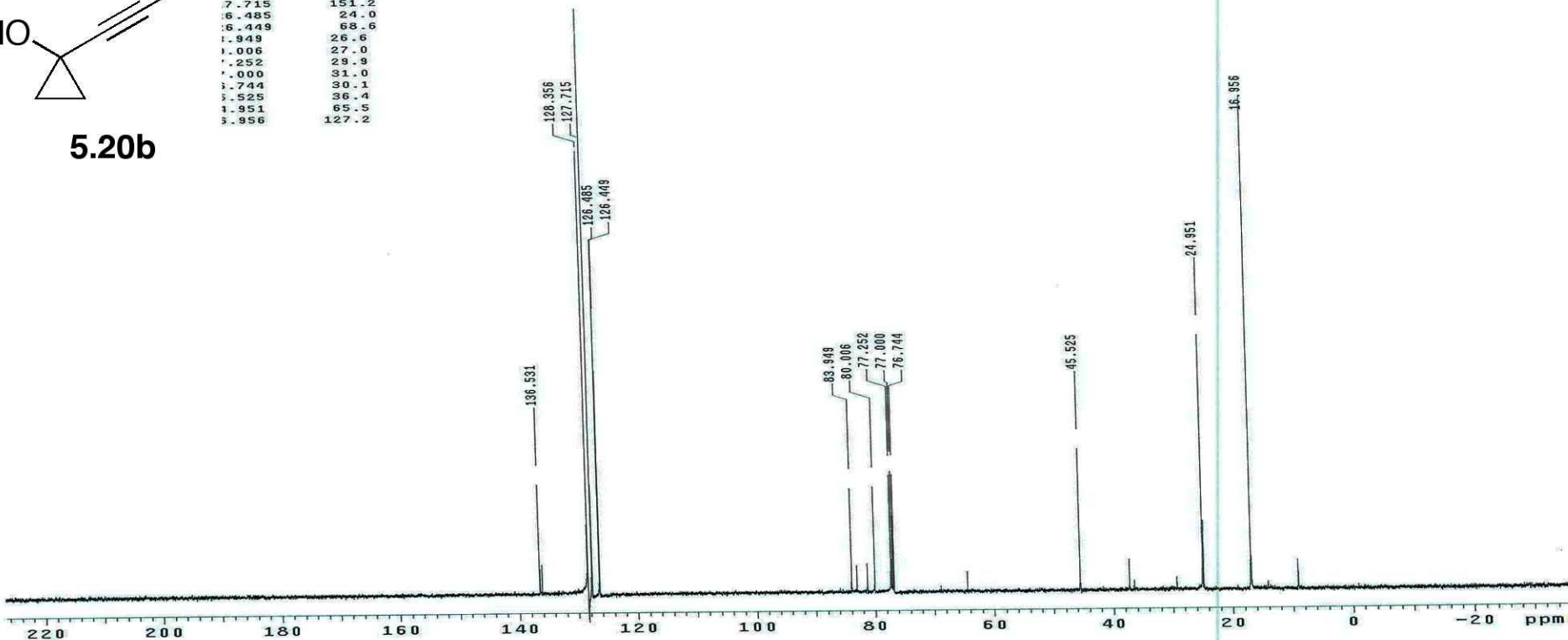
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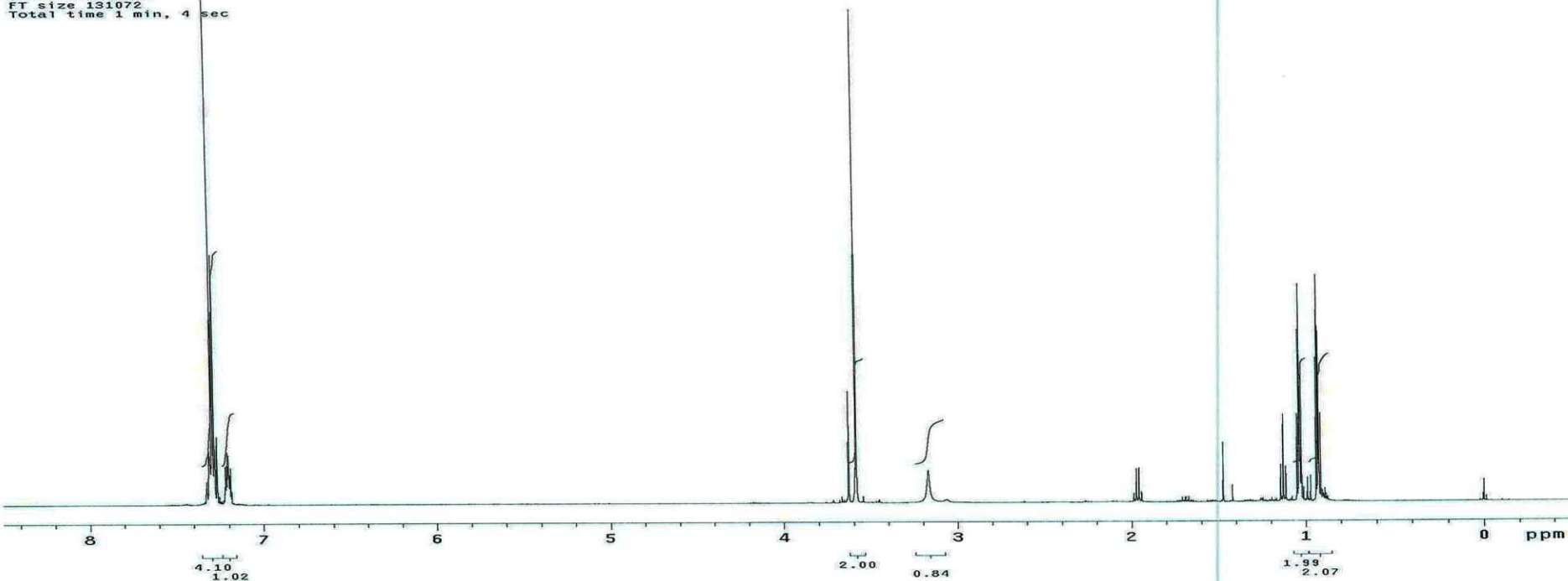


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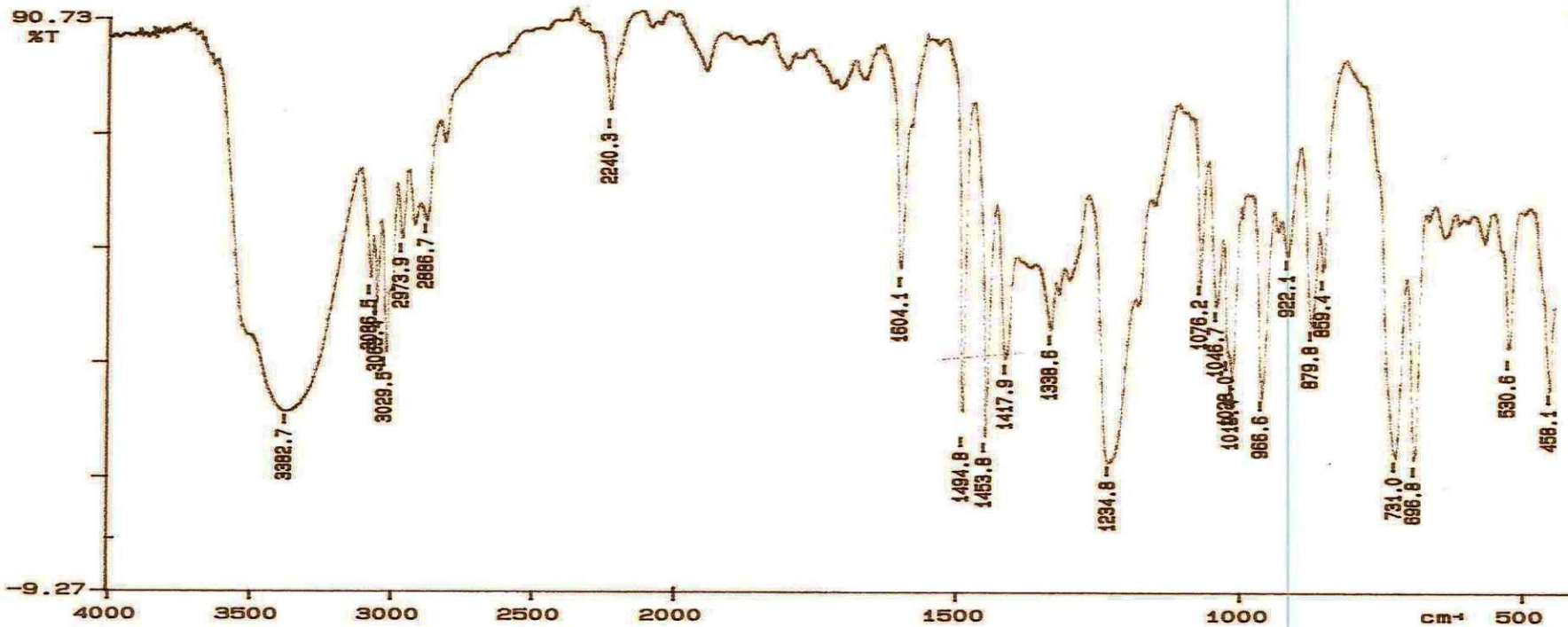
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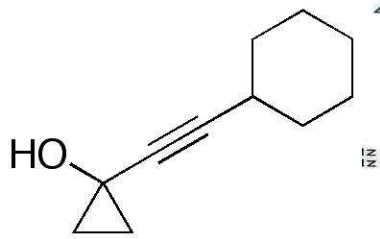


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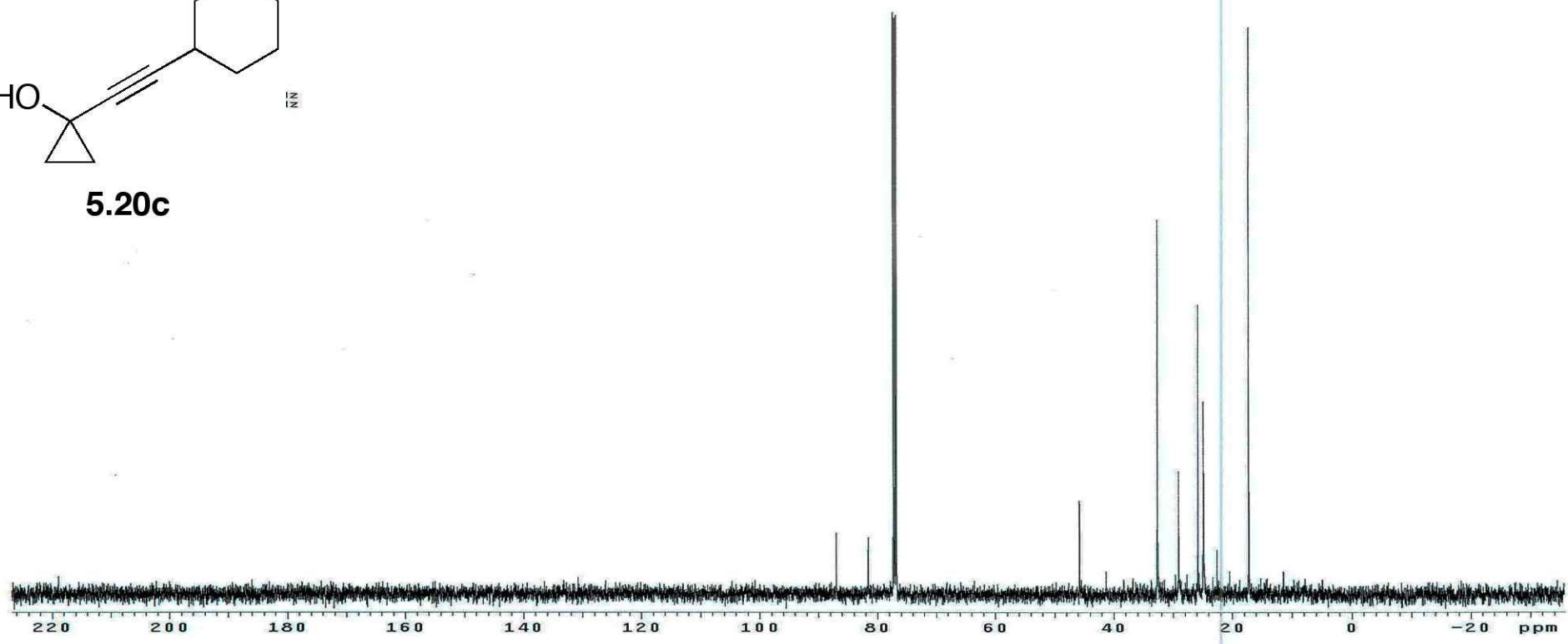


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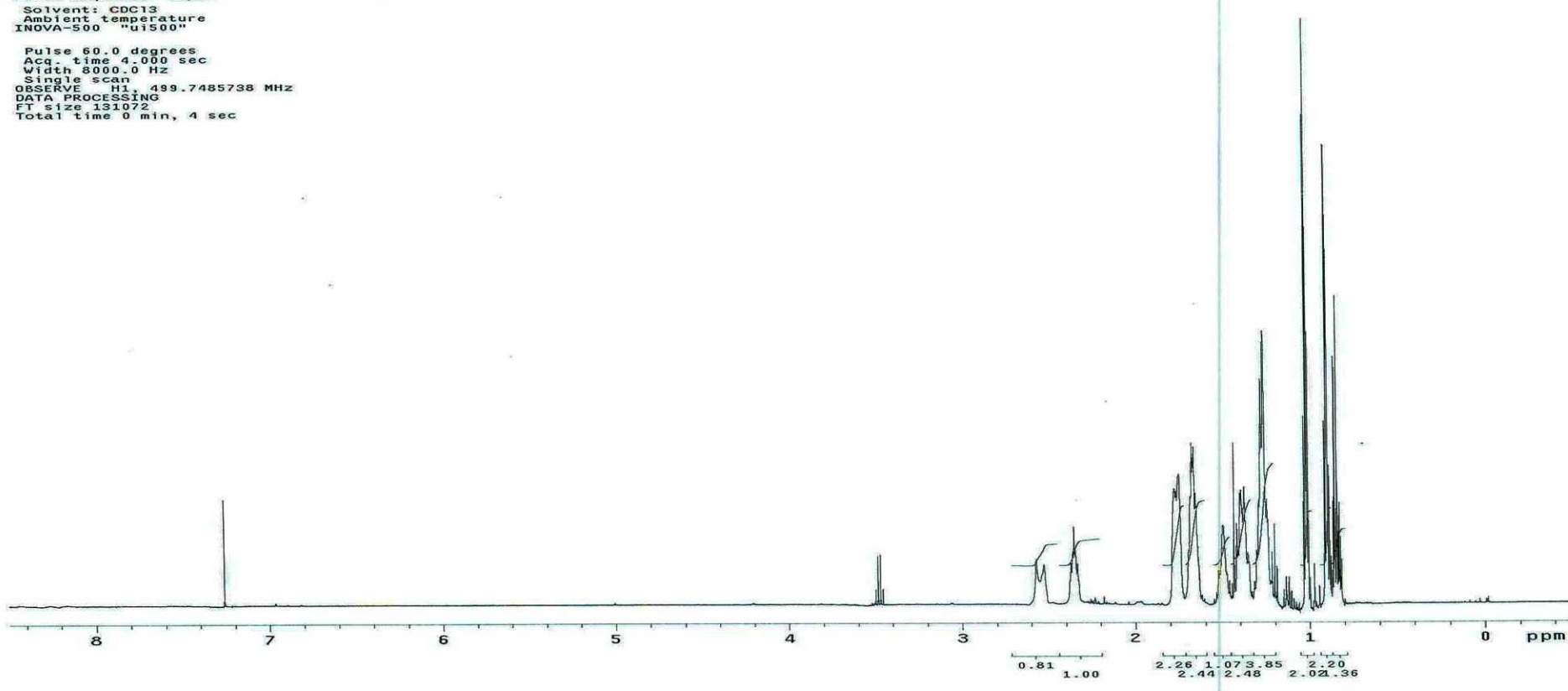




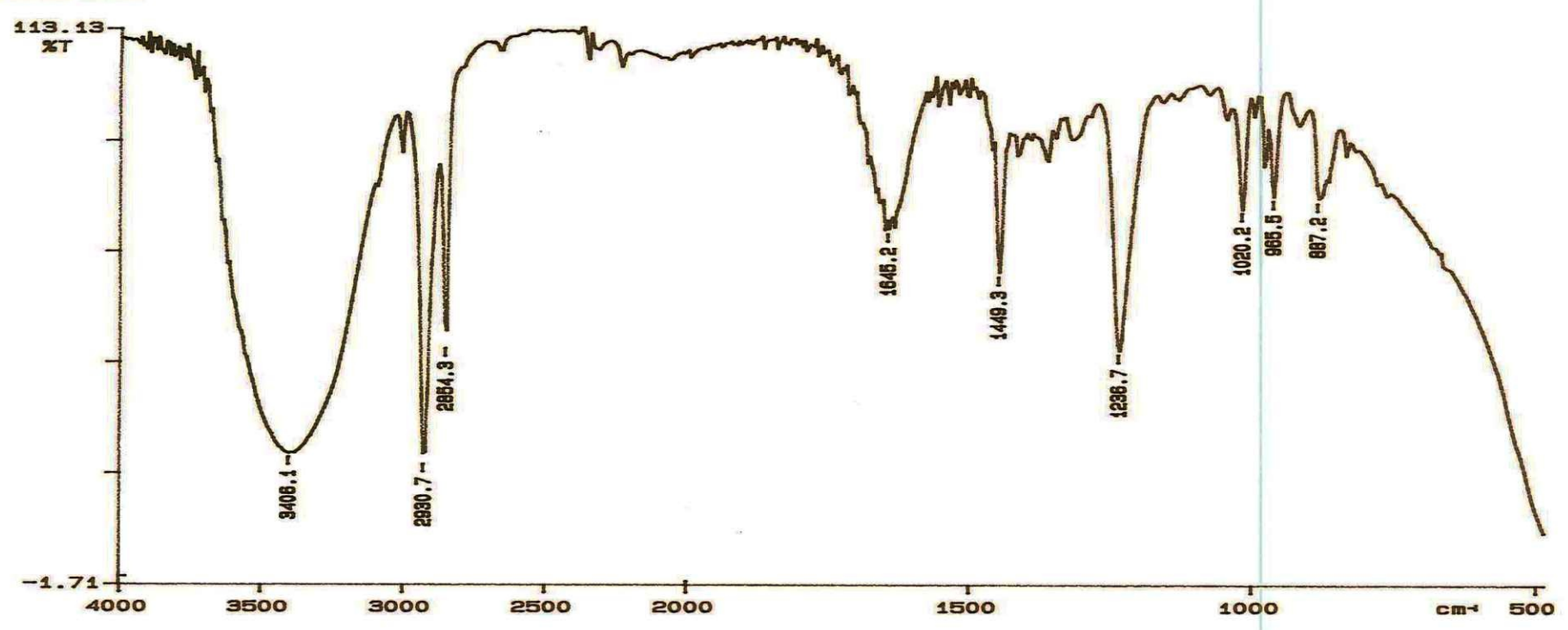
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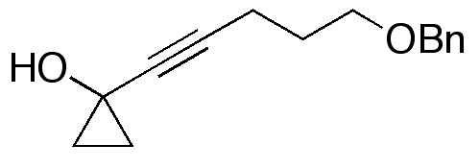


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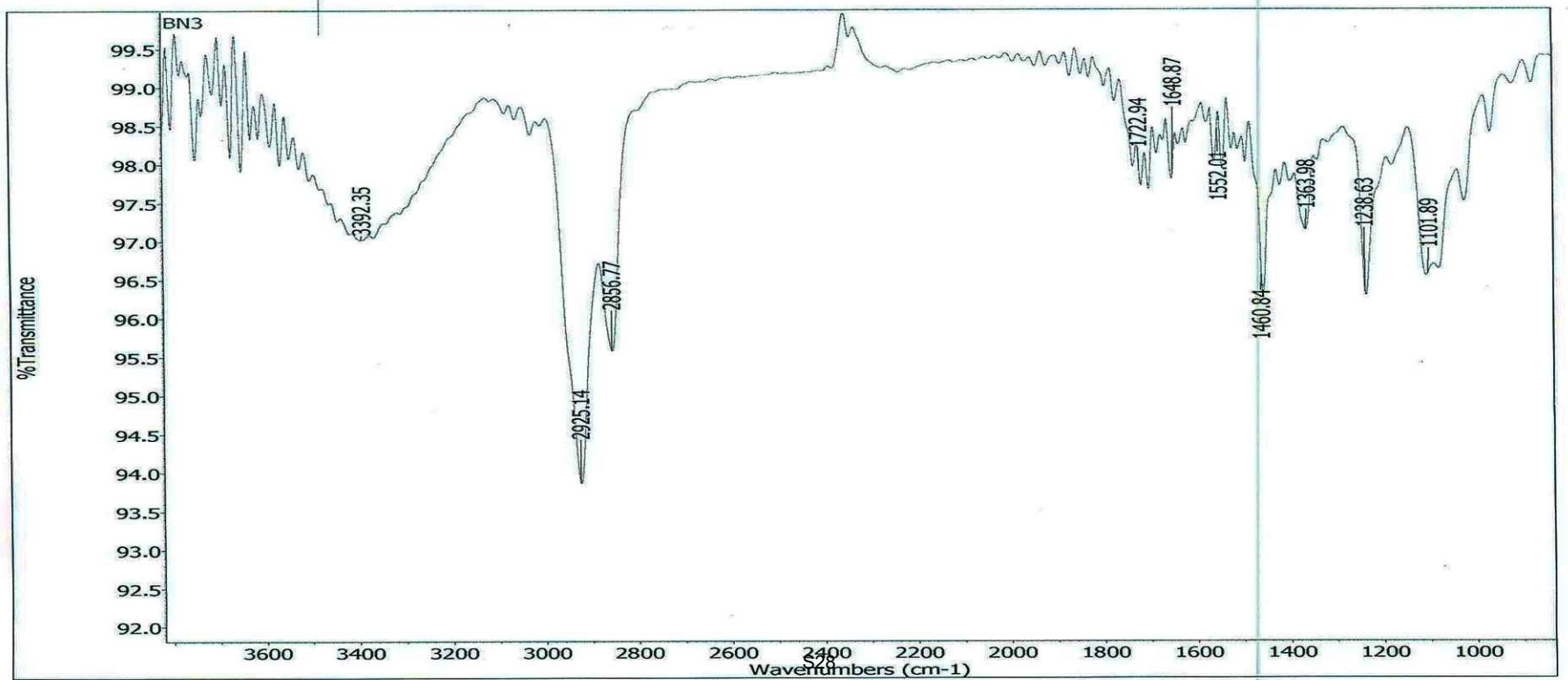
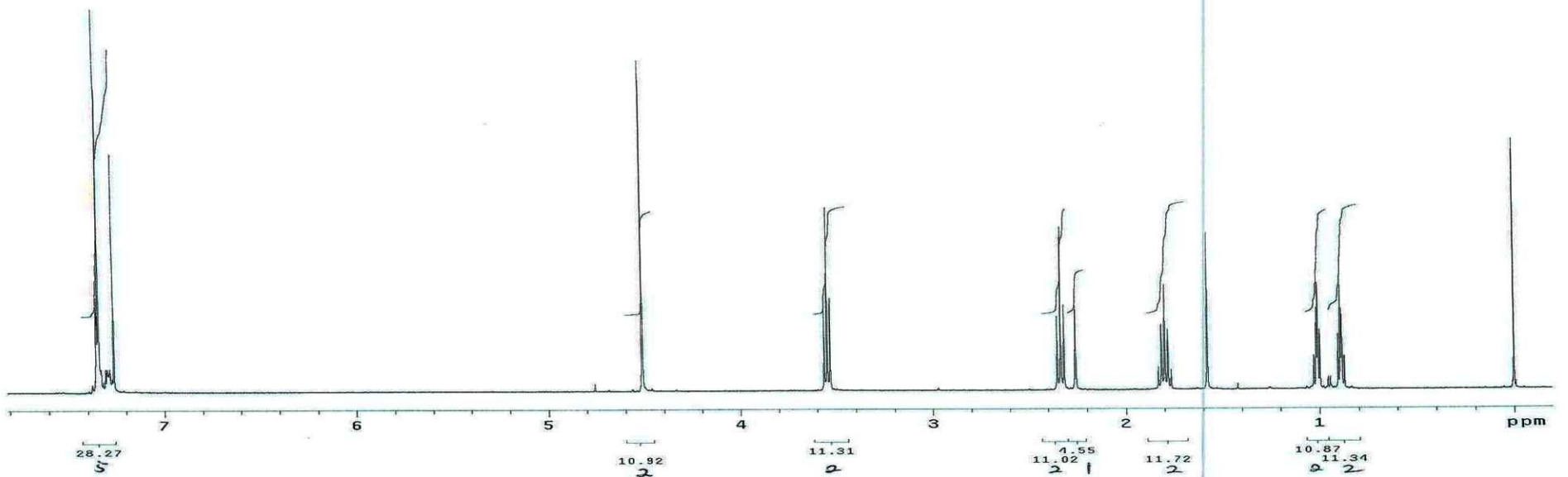
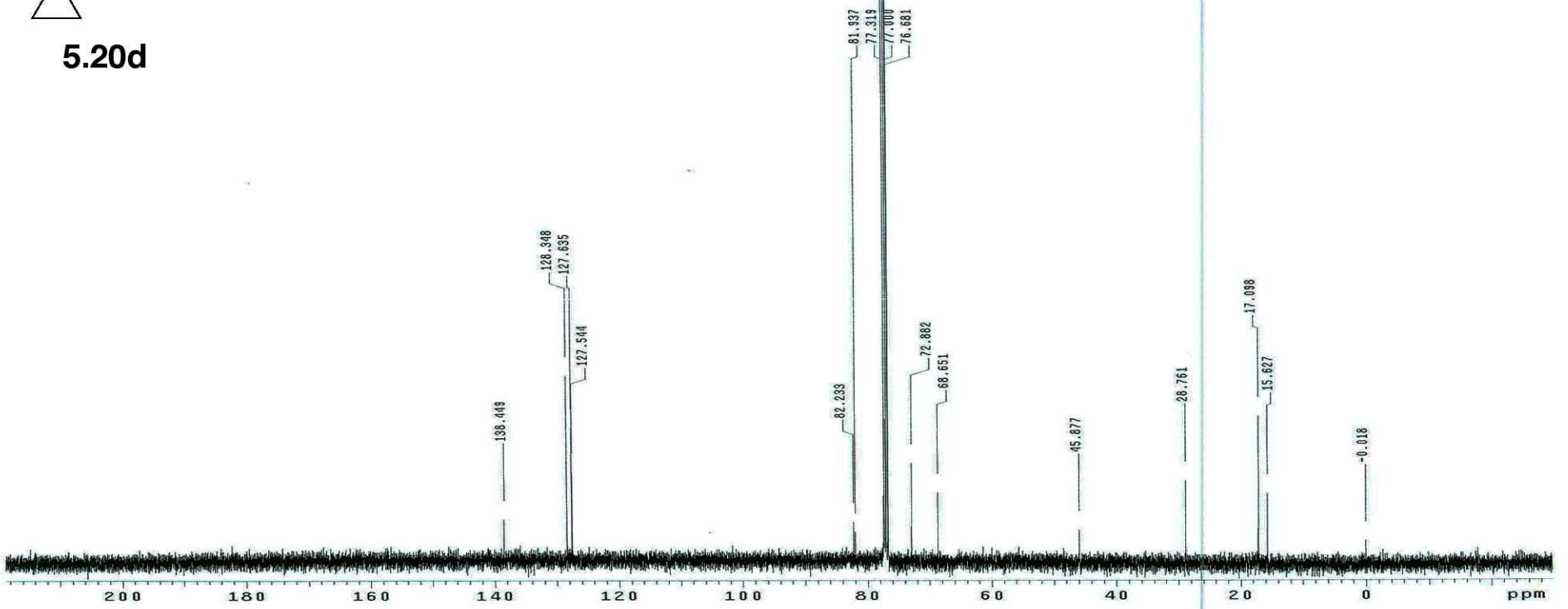


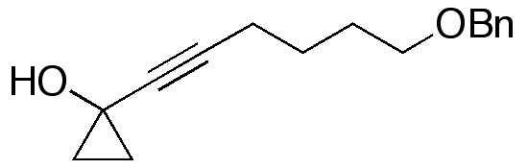
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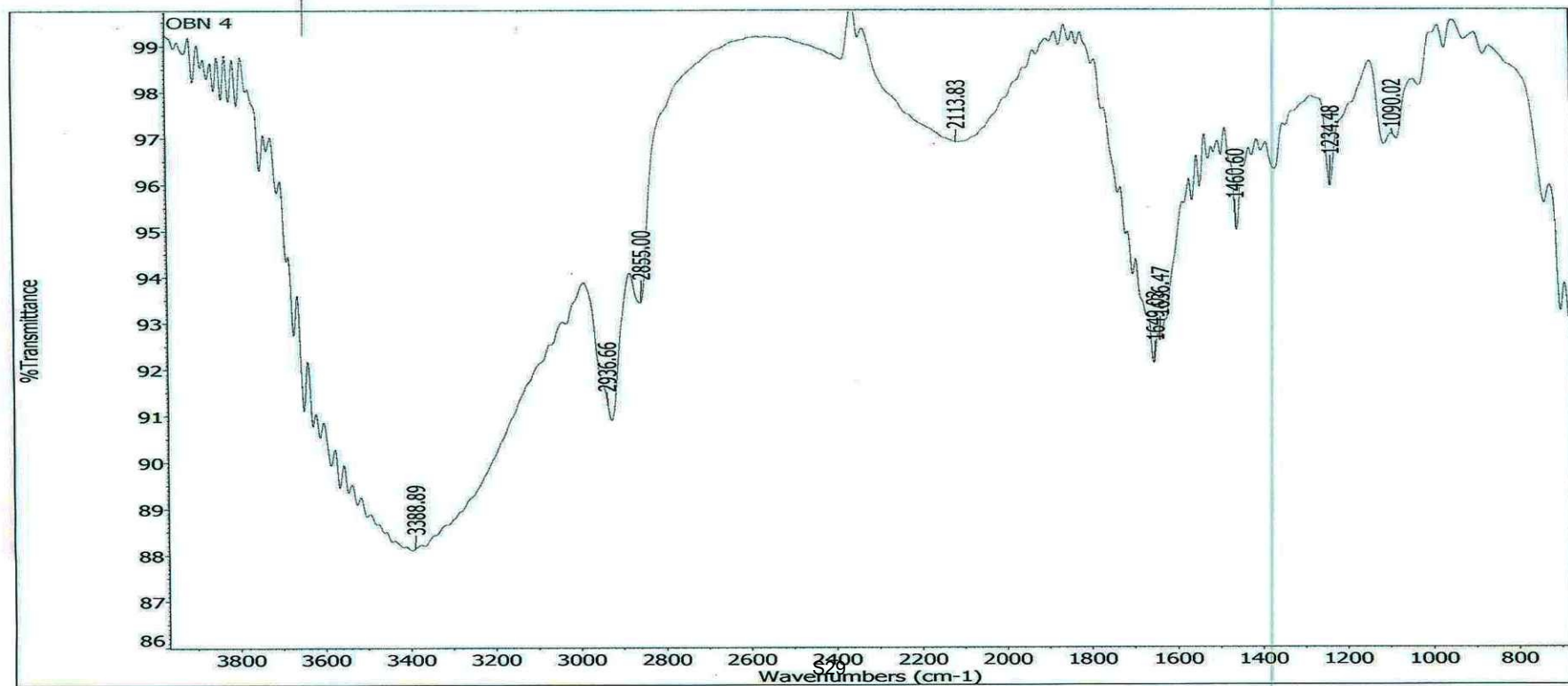
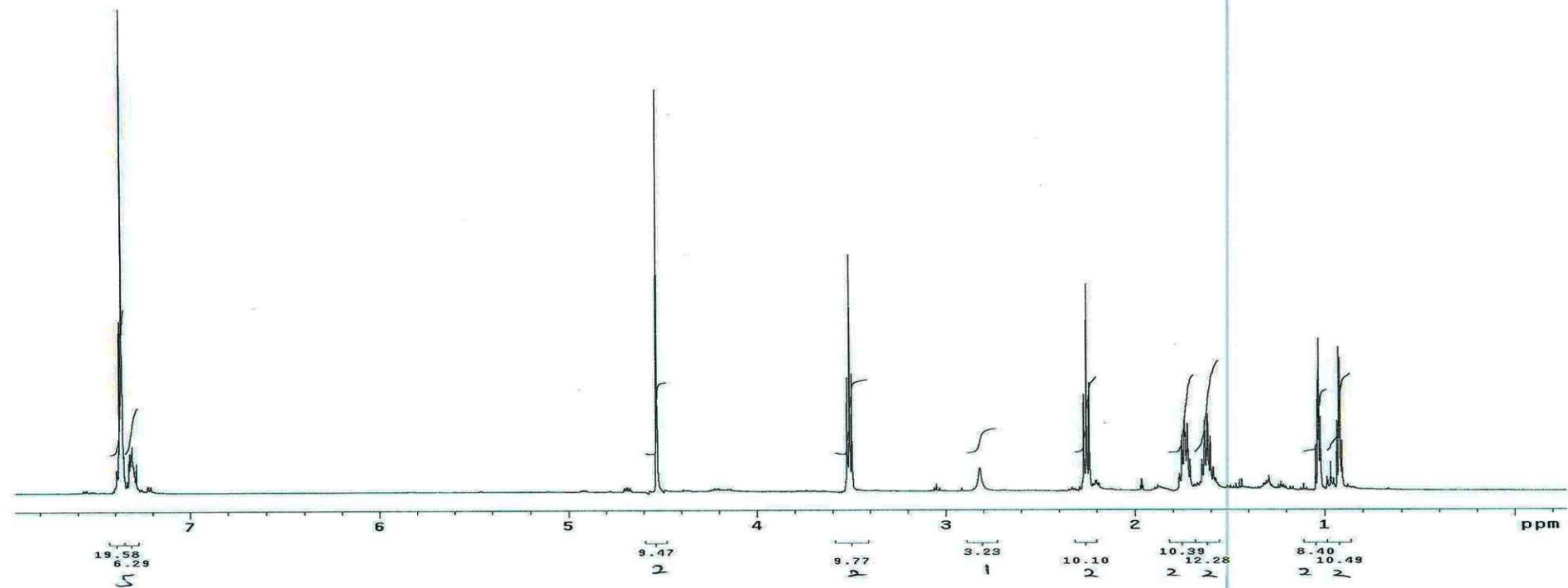
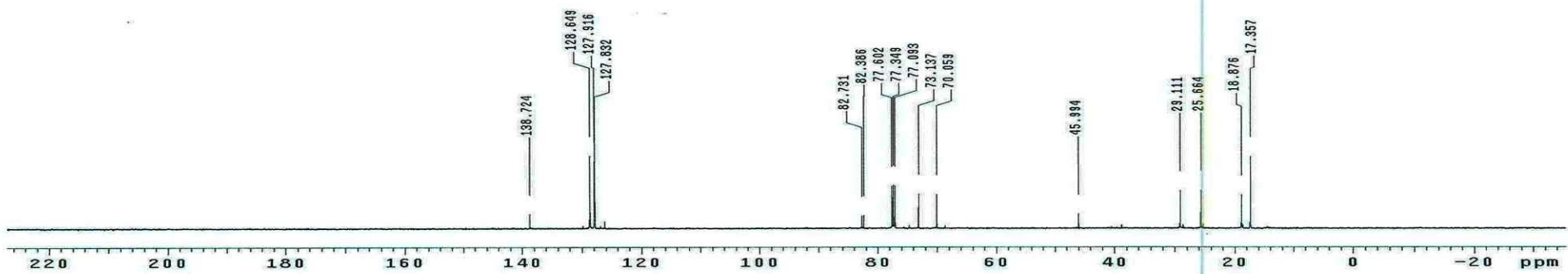


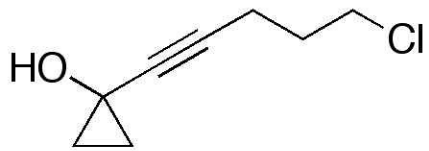
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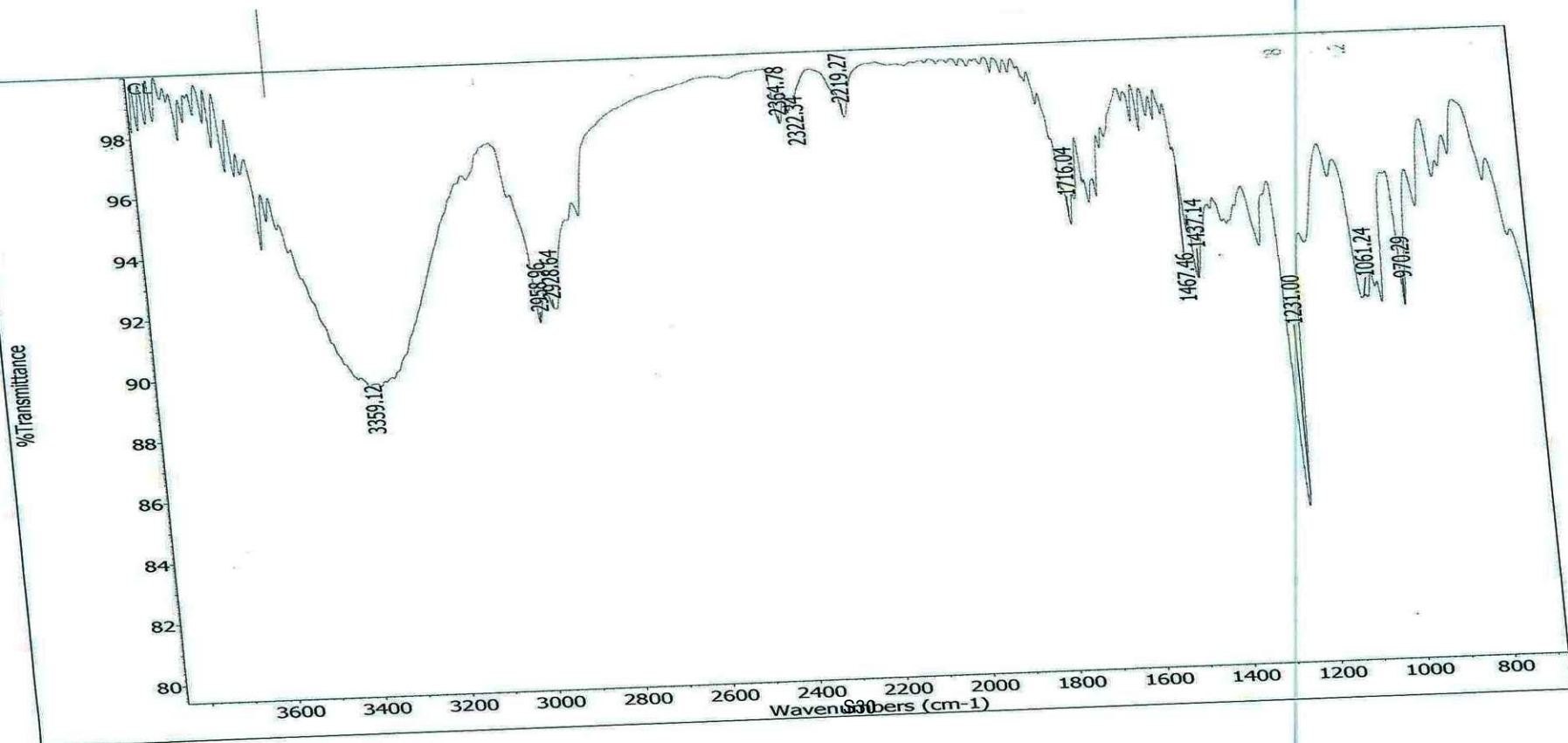
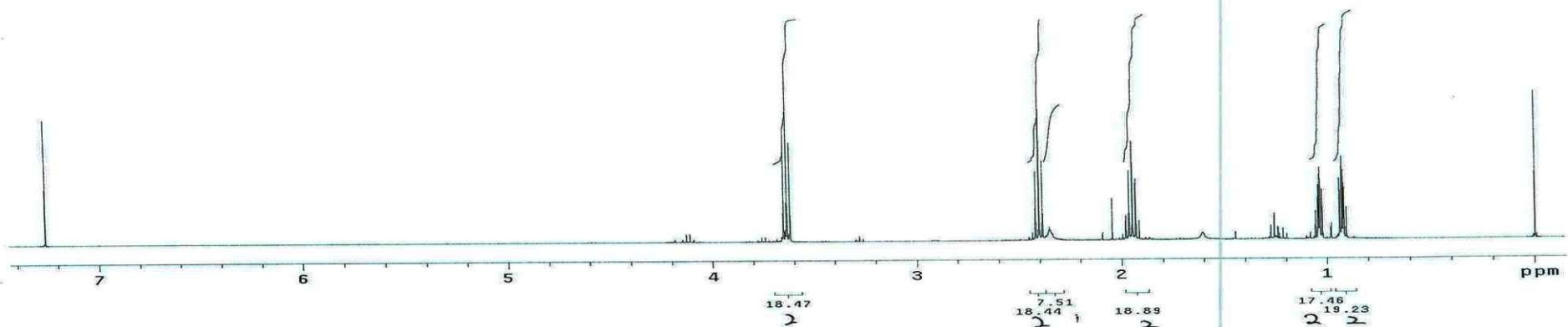
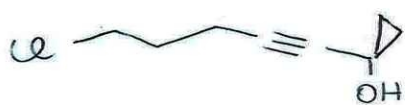
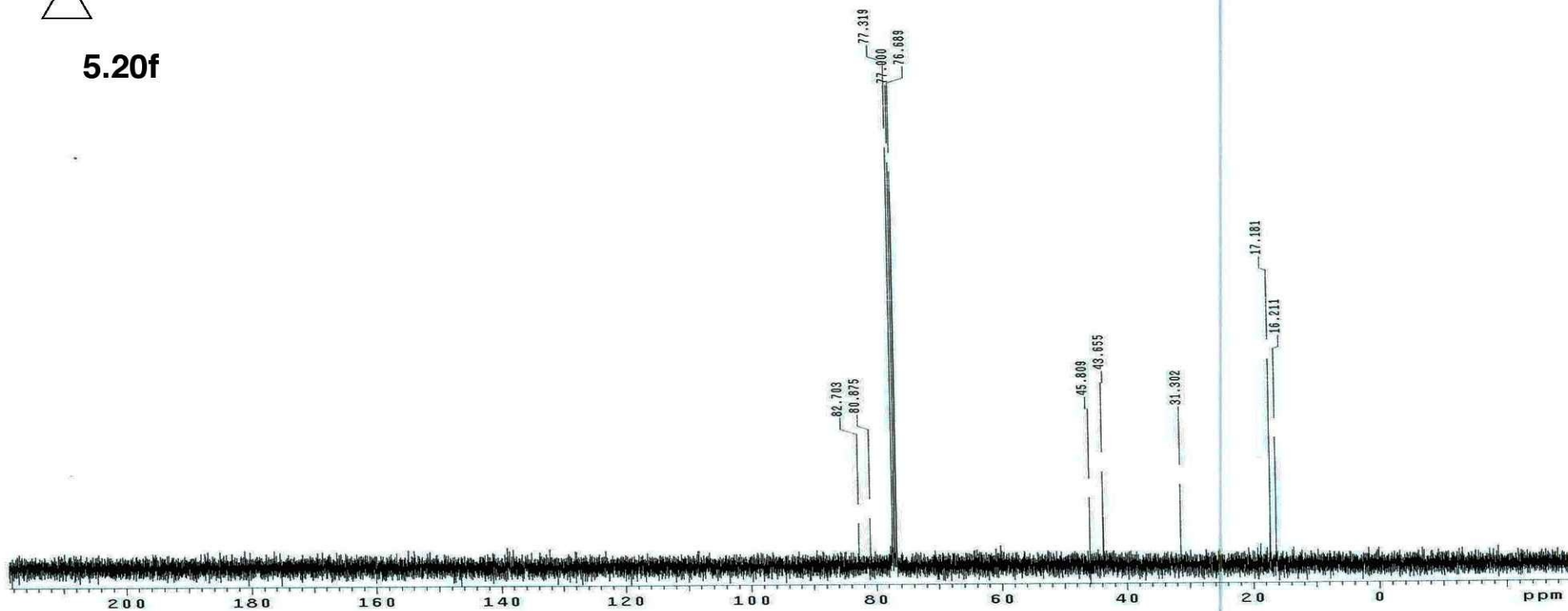


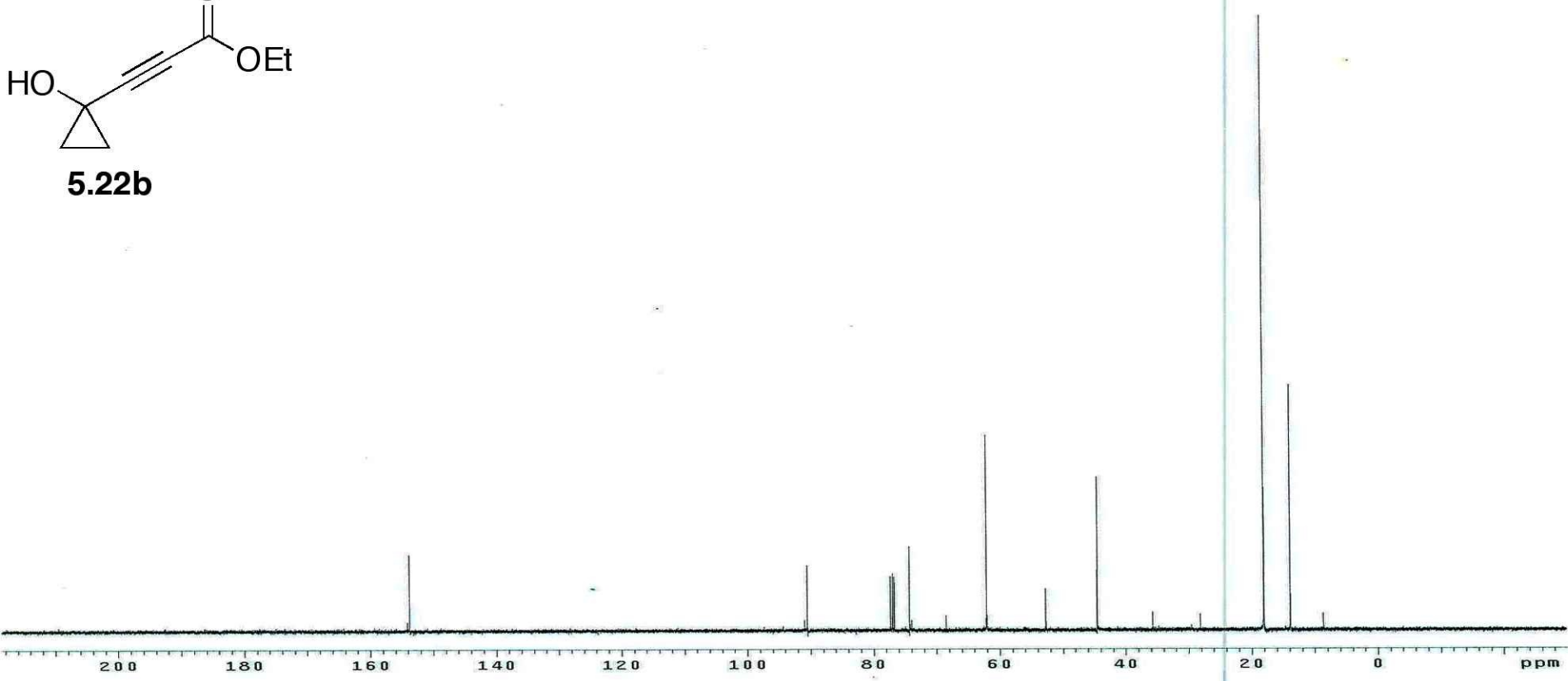
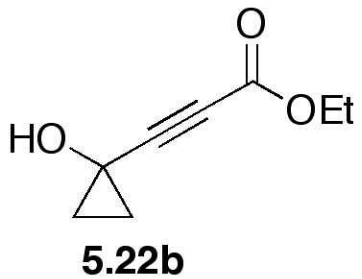
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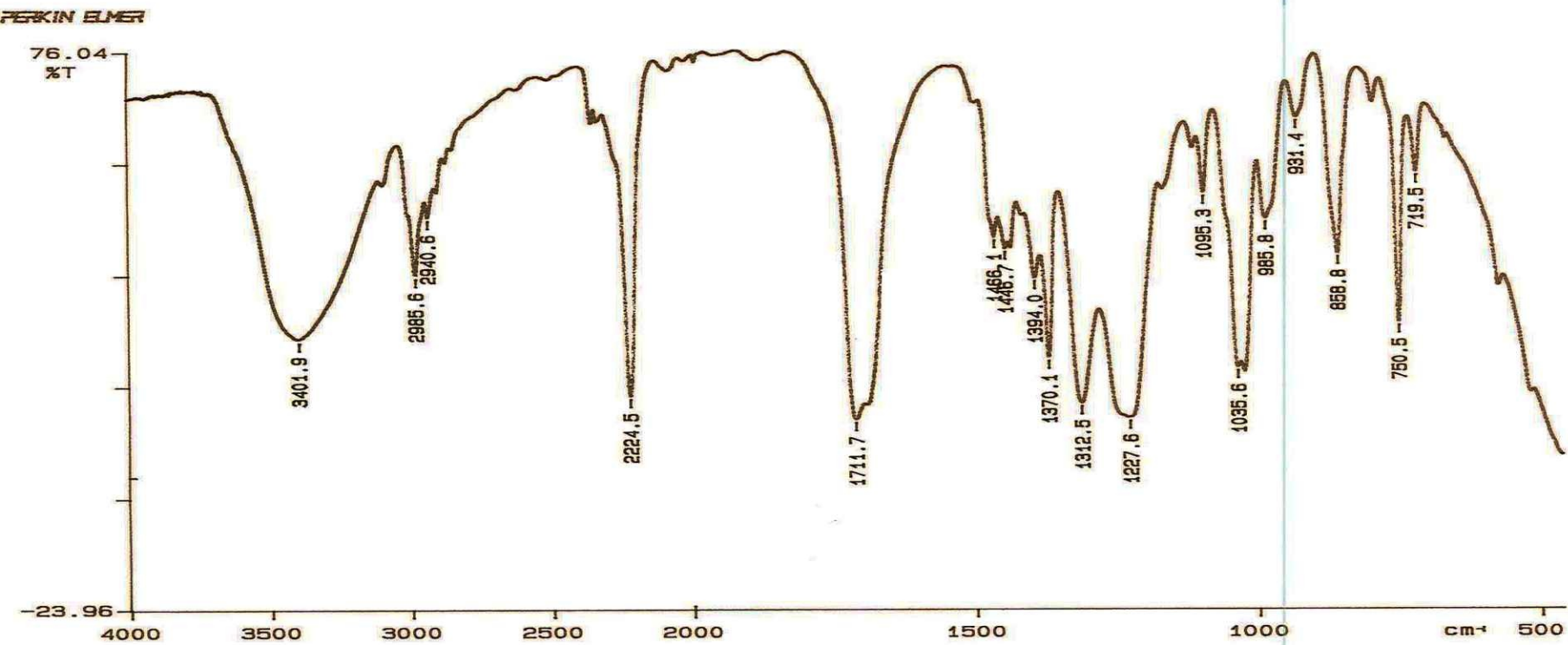
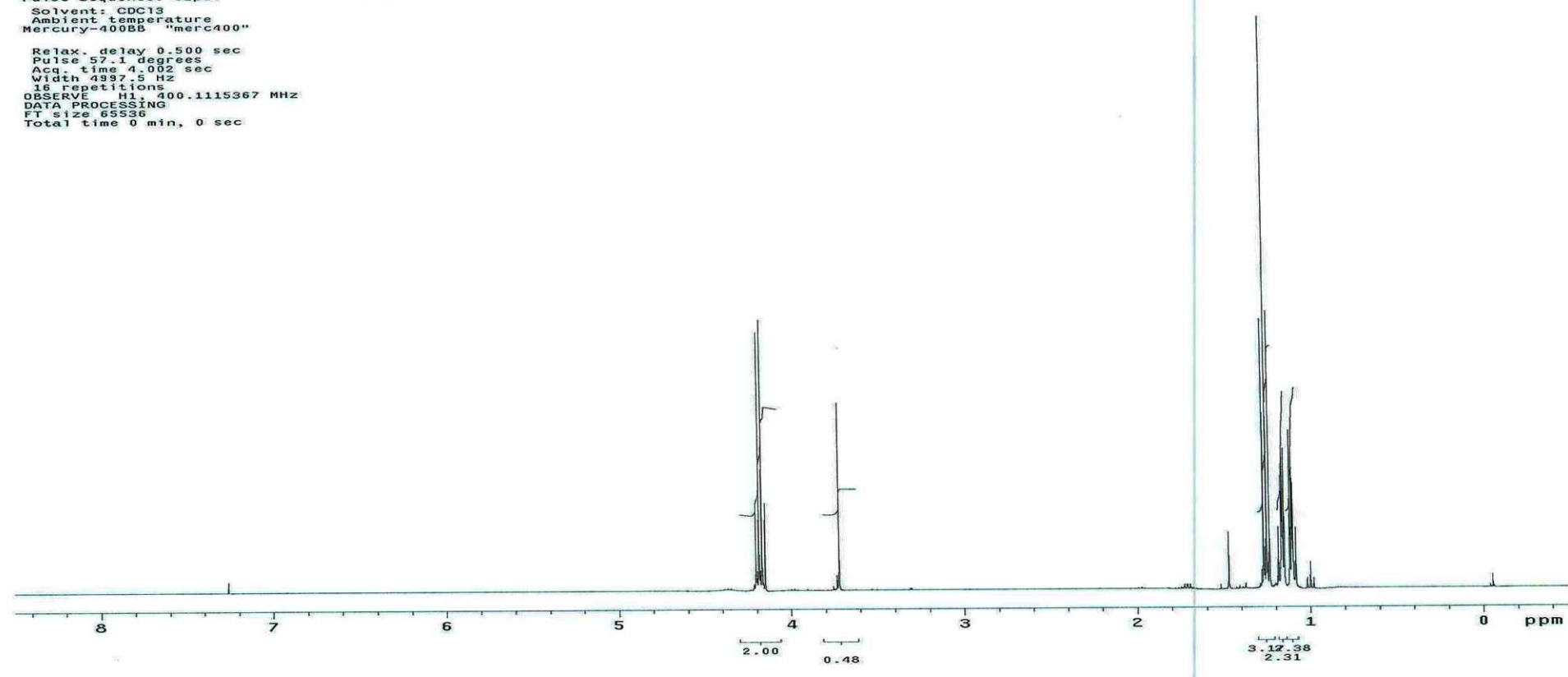


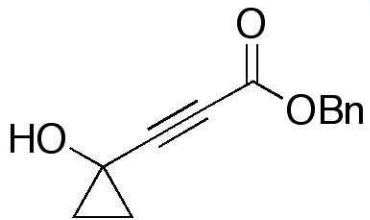
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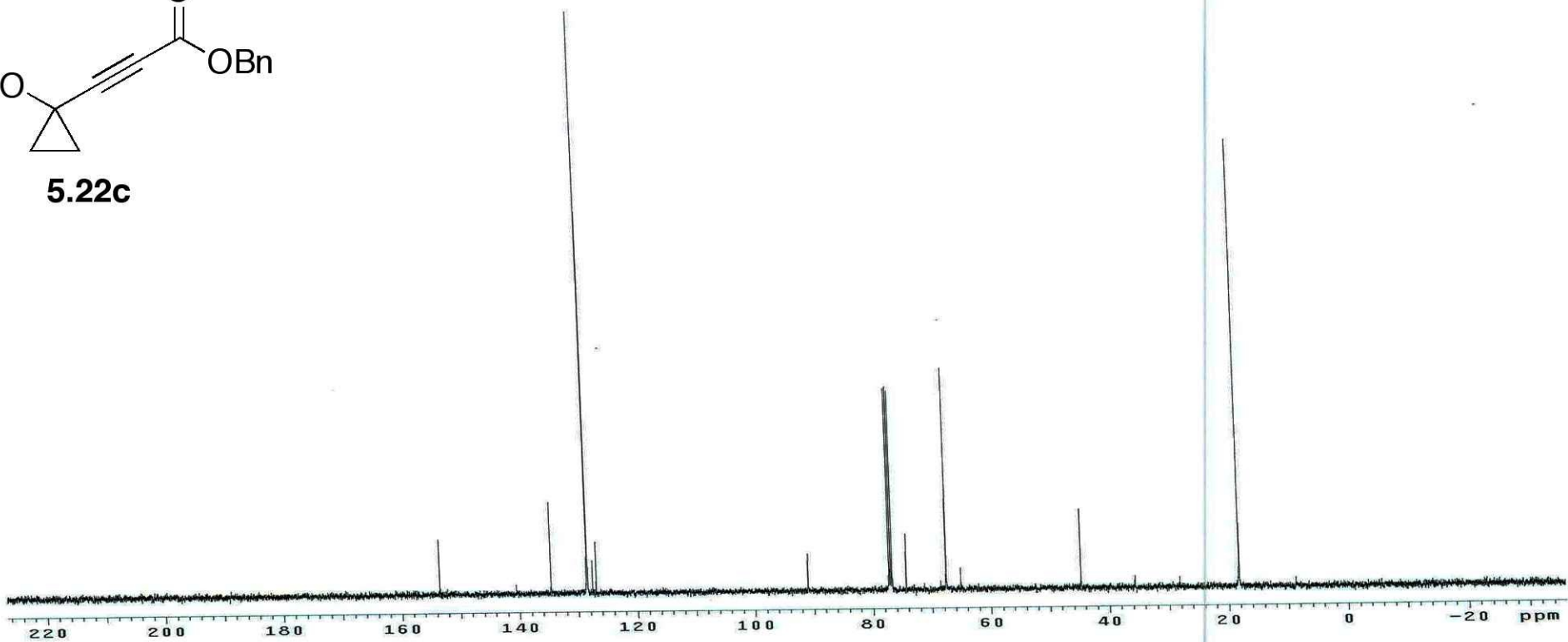


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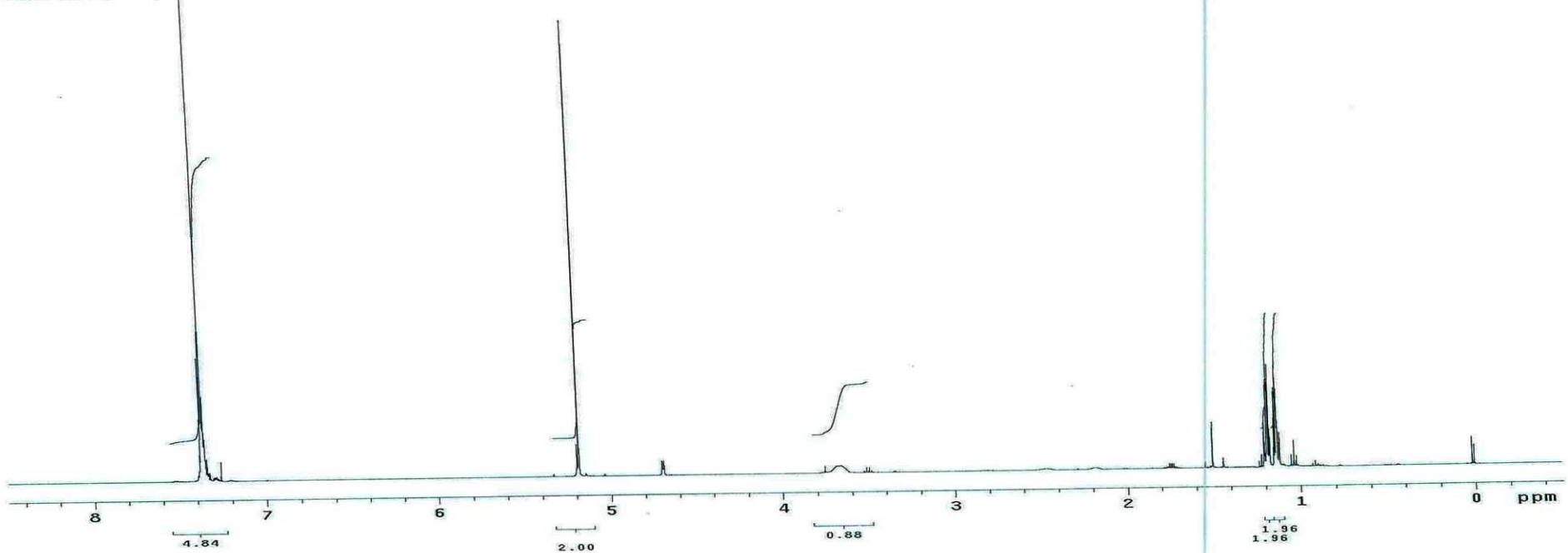




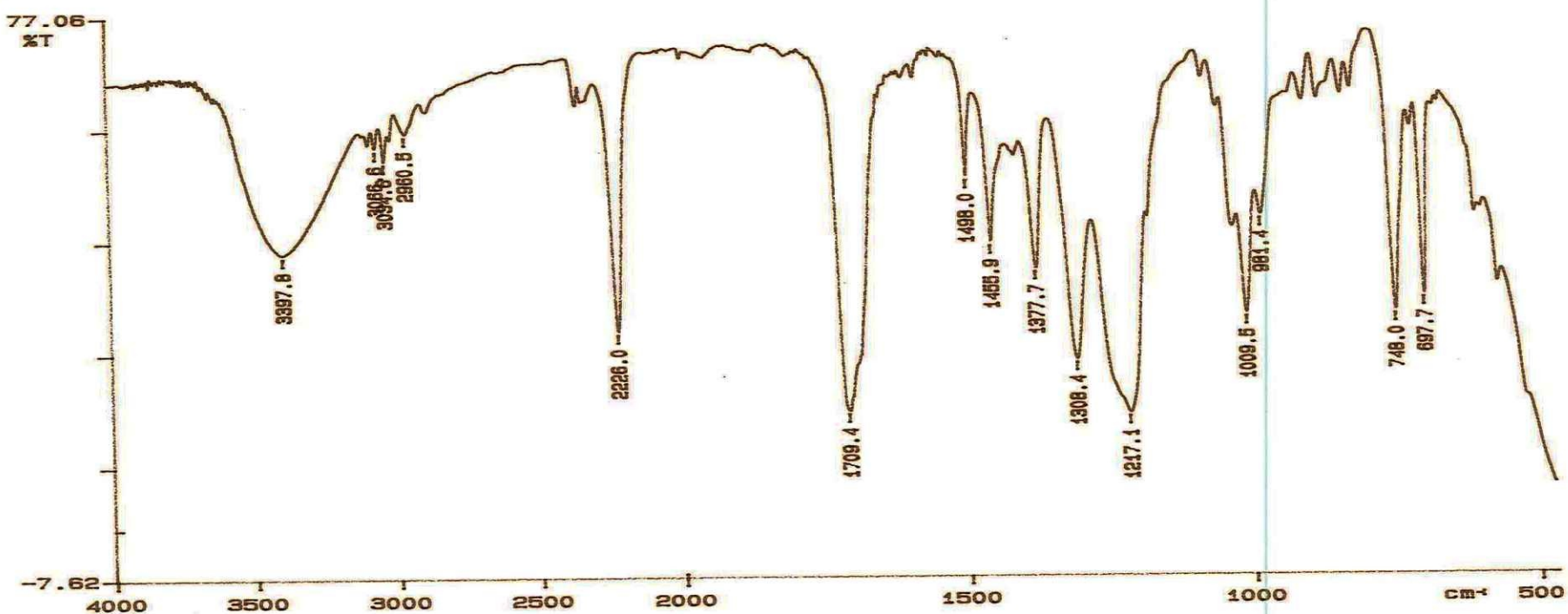
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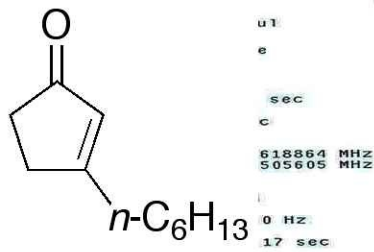


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 Total time 1 min, 4 sec

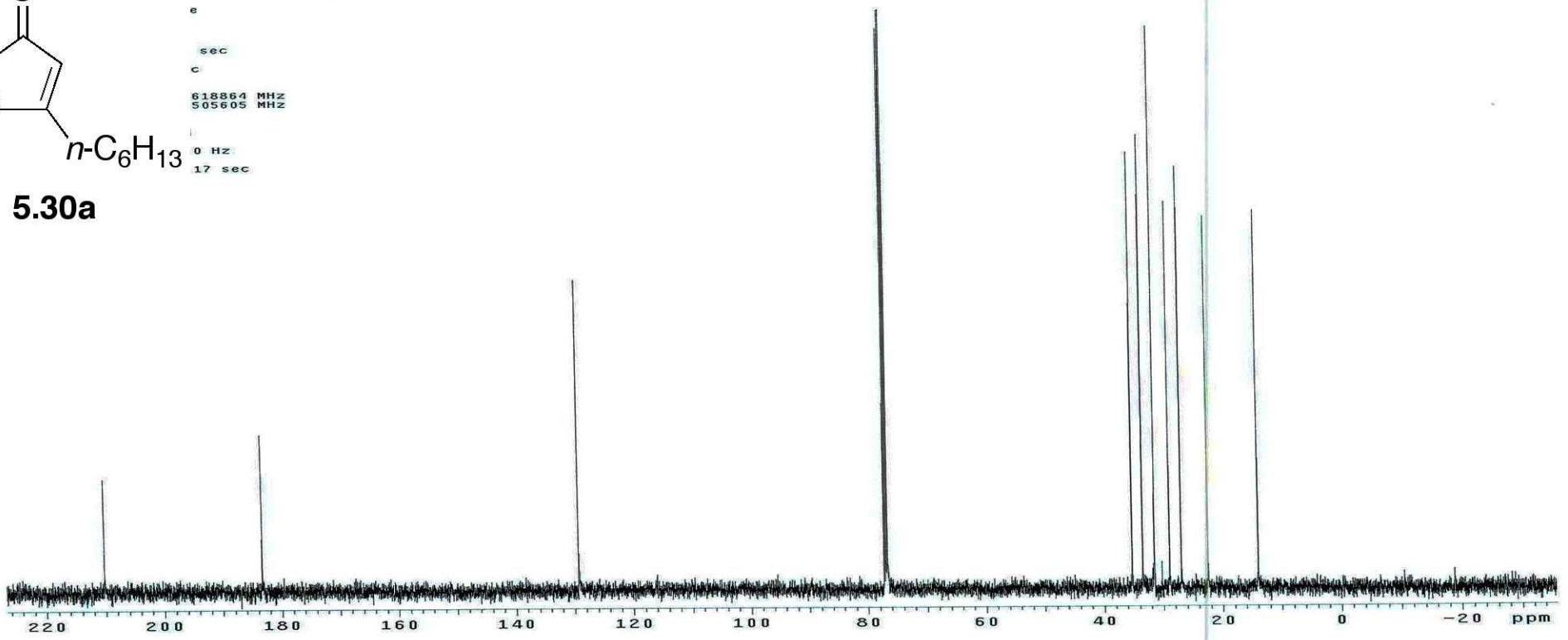


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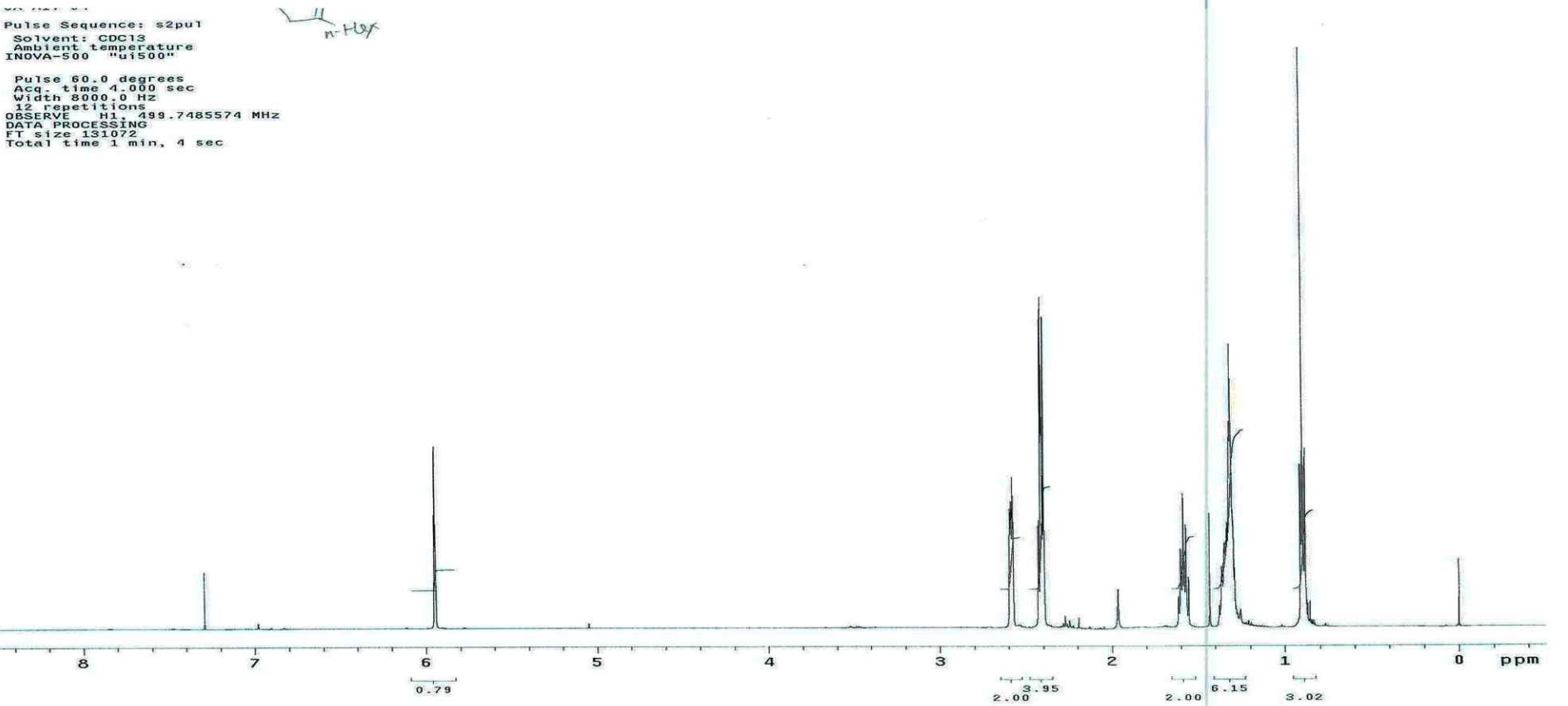




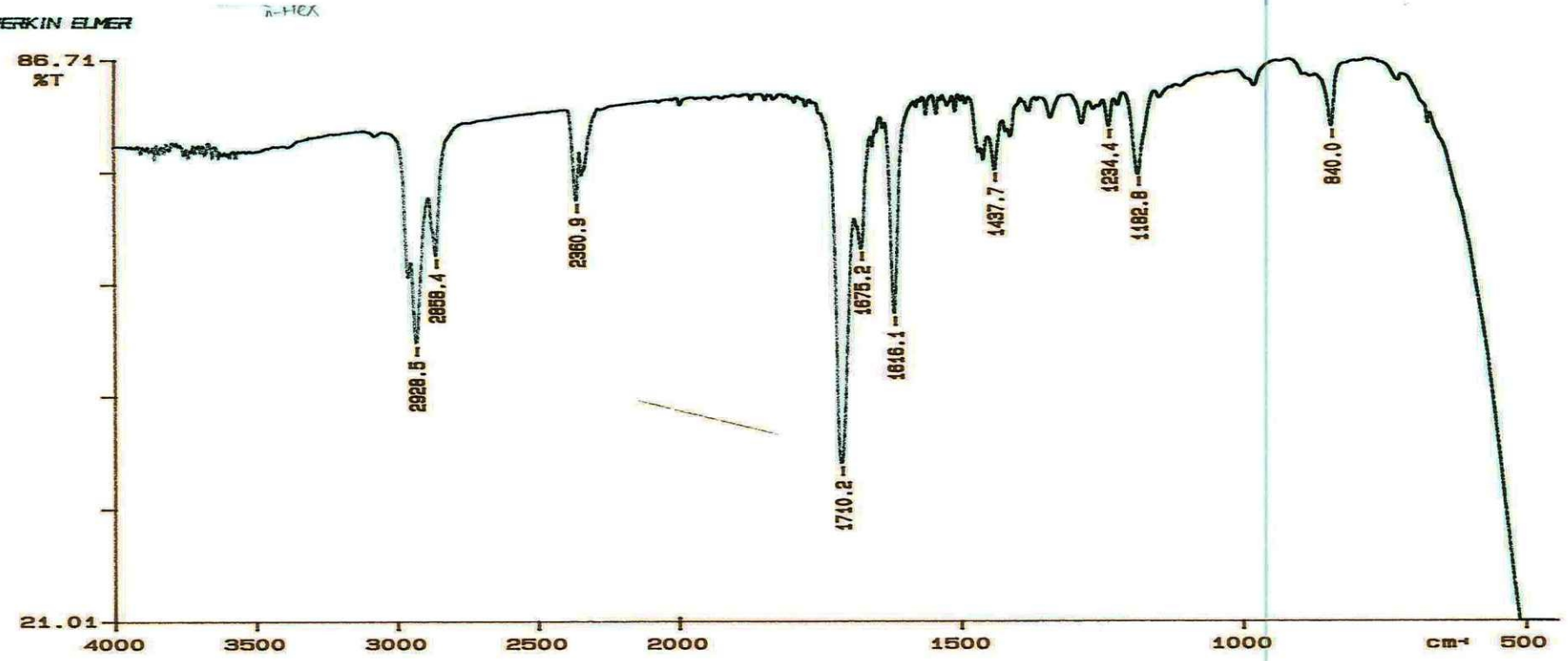
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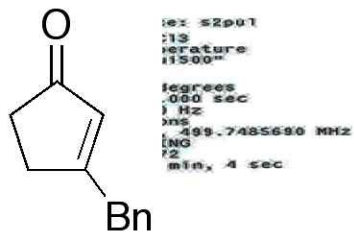


Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "ui500"
 Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 12 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1 499.7485574 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec

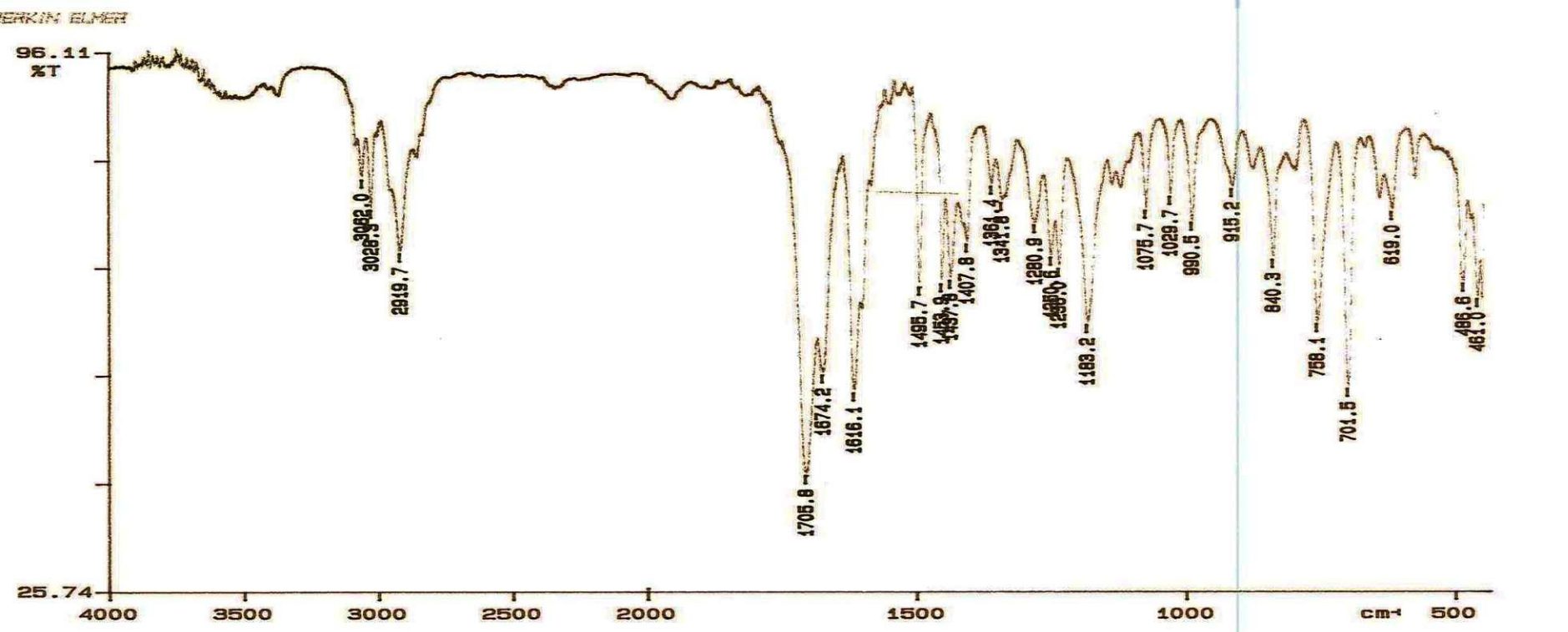
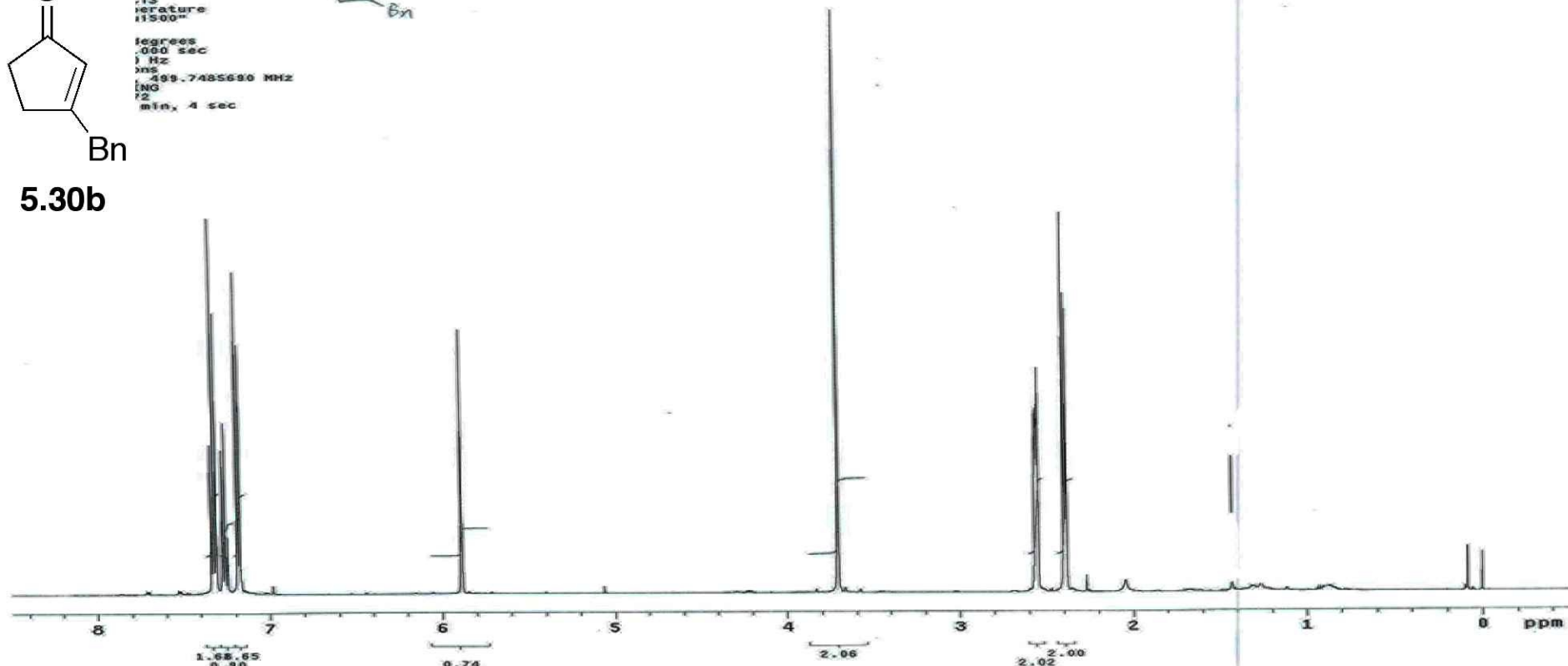


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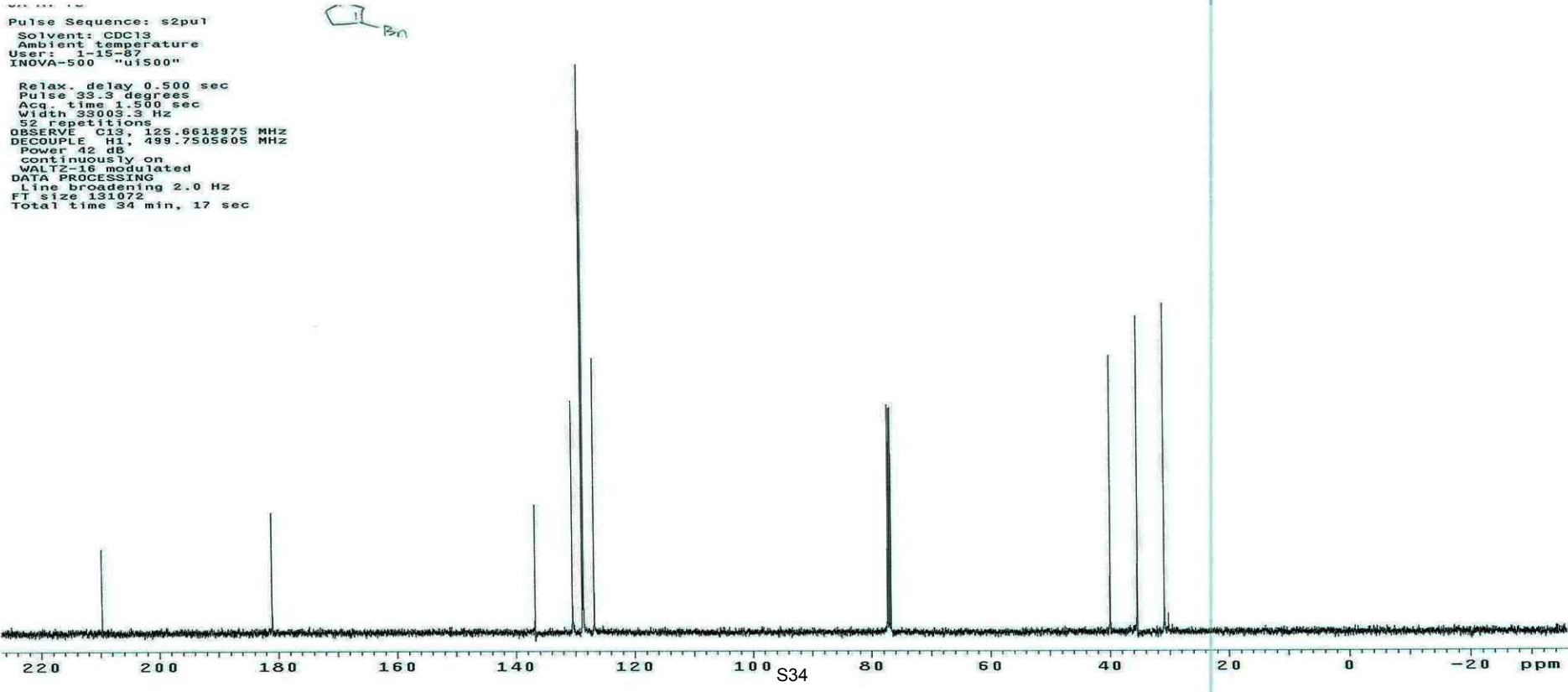


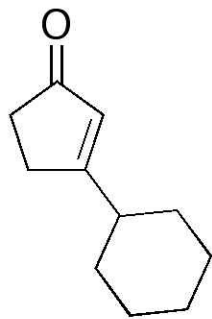
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 min, 4 sec



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 X: 4 scans, 4.0cm⁻¹

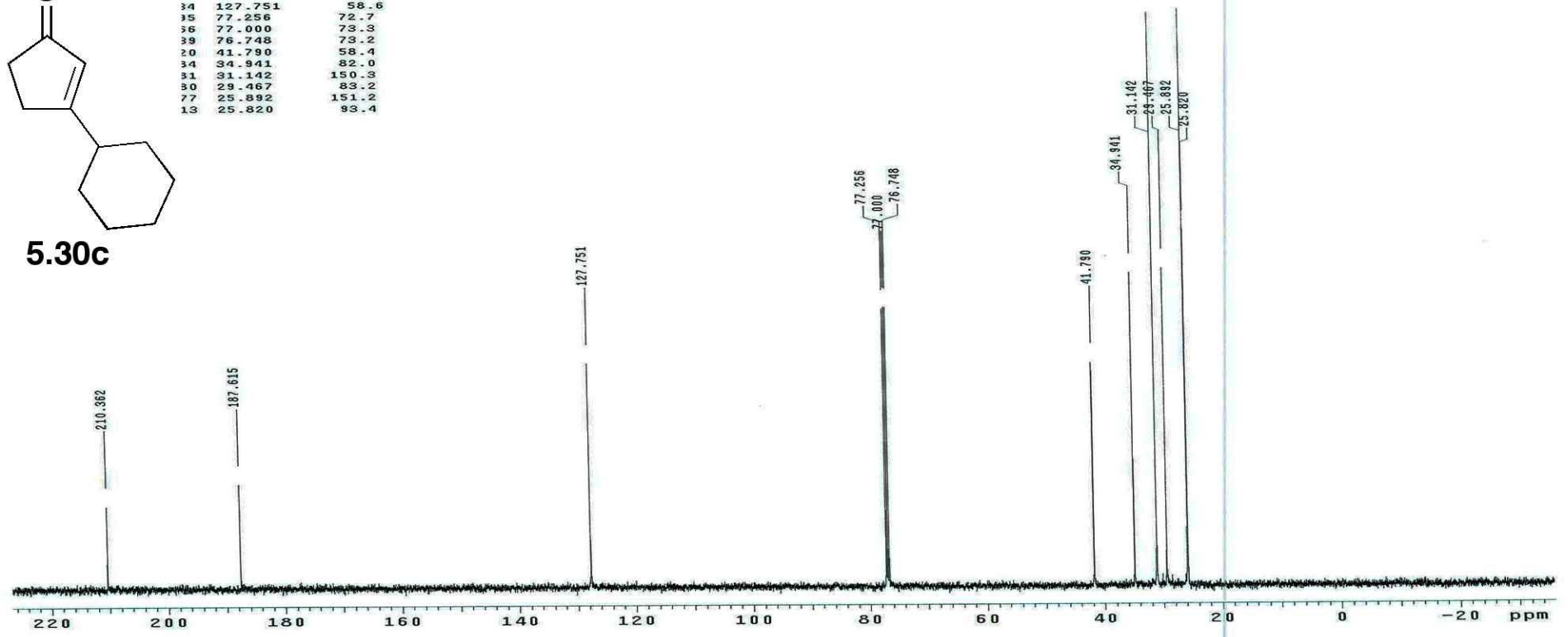
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 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 User: 1-15-87
 INOVA-500 "ui500"
 Relax. delay 0.500 sec
 Pulse 33.3 degrees
 Acq. time 1.500 sec
 Width 33003.3 Hz
 52 repetitions
 OBSERVE C13, 125.8618975 MHz
 DECOUPLE H1, 499.7505605 MHz
 Power 42 dB
 continuously on
 WALTZ-16 modulated
 DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 2.0 Hz
 FT size 131072
 Total time 34 min, 17 sec





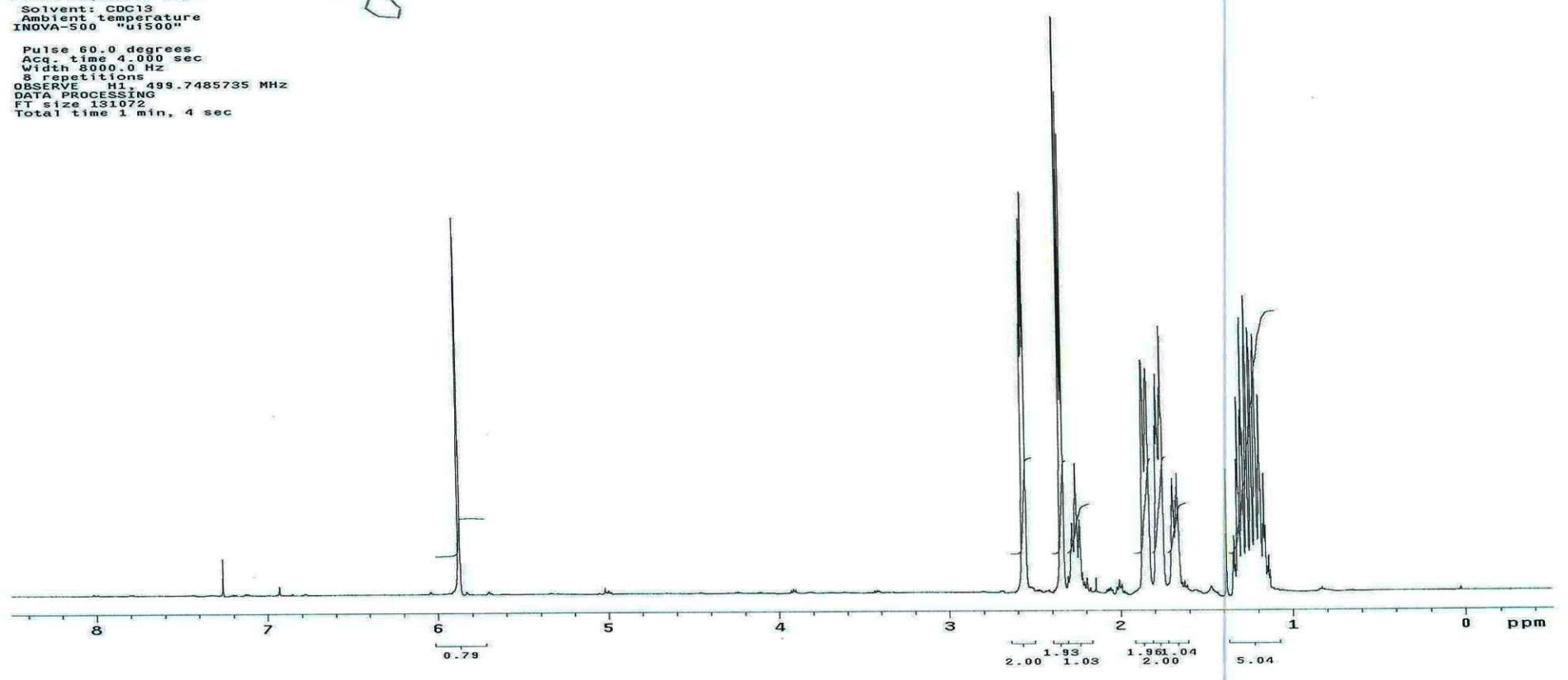
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18	187.615	27.2
34	127.751	58.6
35	77.256	72.7
36	77.000	73.0
39	76.748	73.2
20	41.790	58.4
34	34.941	82.0
31	31.142	150.0
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13	25.820	93.4

5.30c

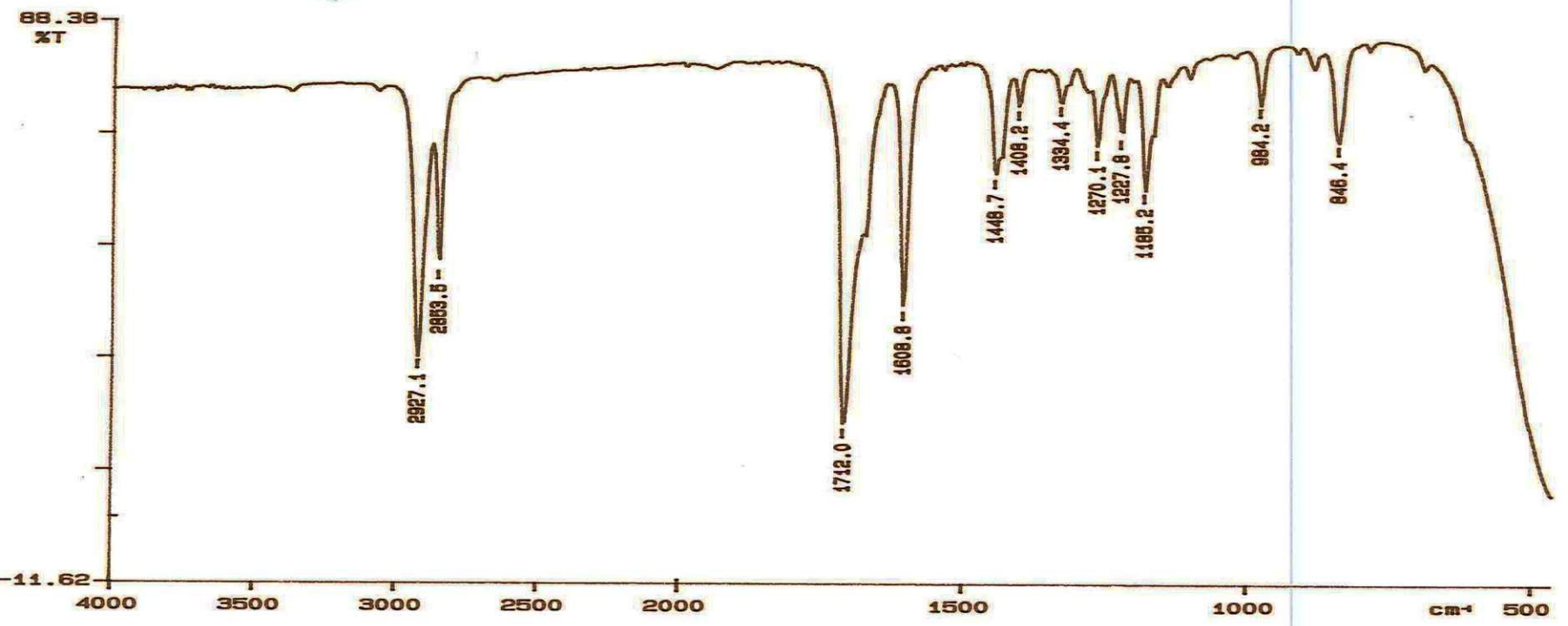


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 Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "uis00"

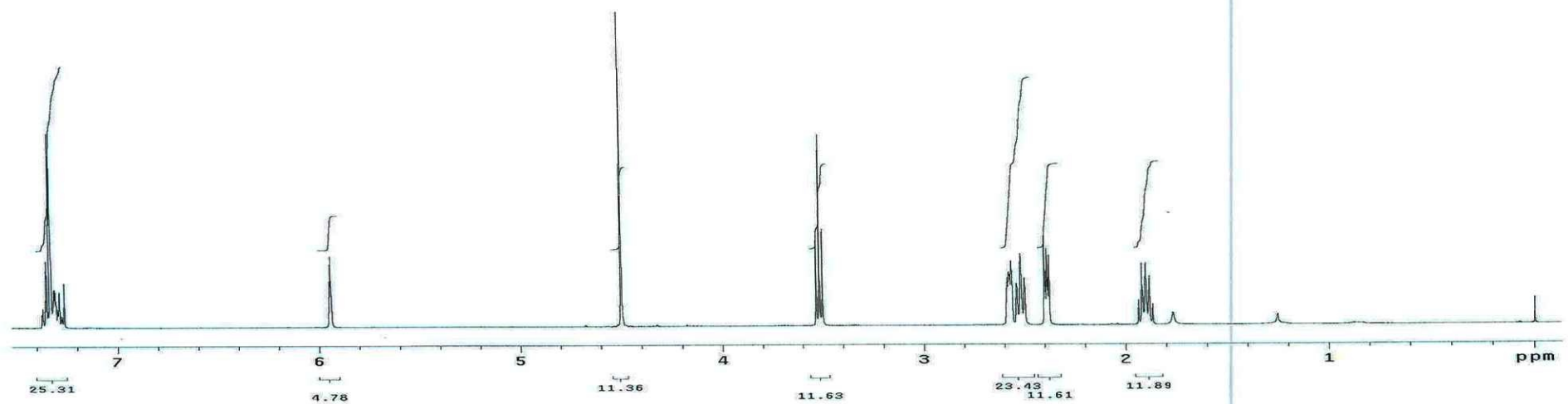
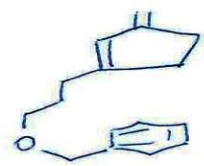
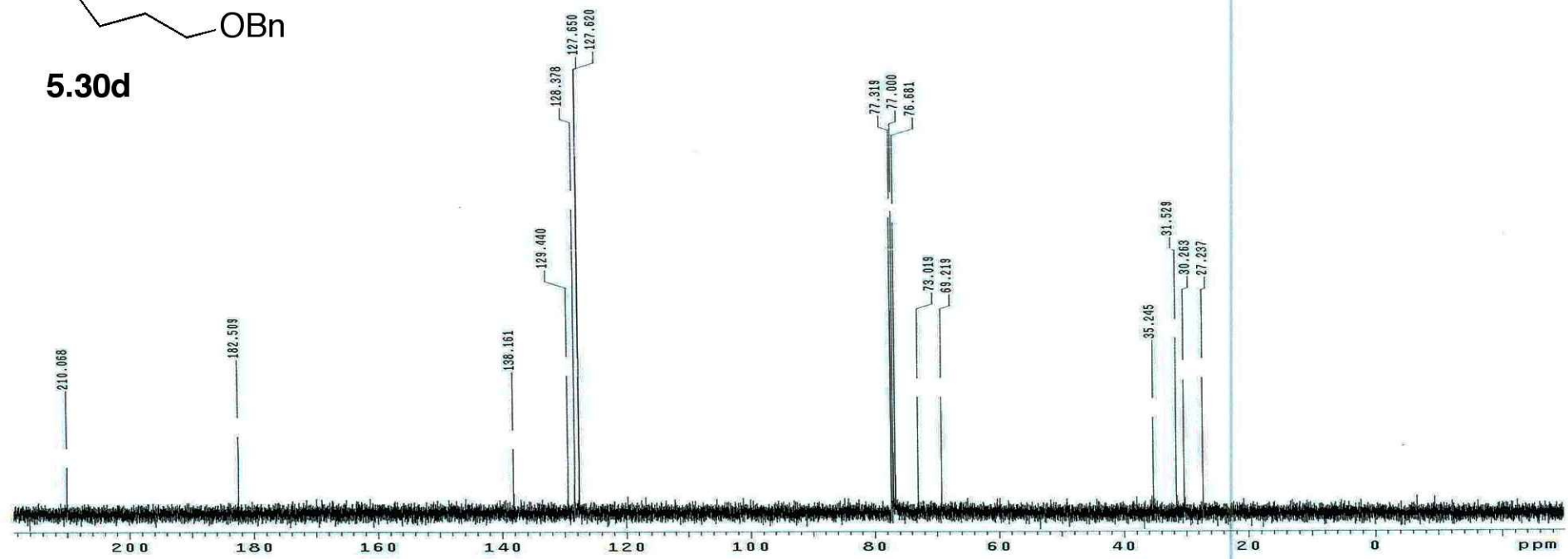
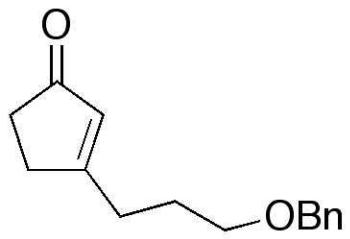
Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 3 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1 499.7485735 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



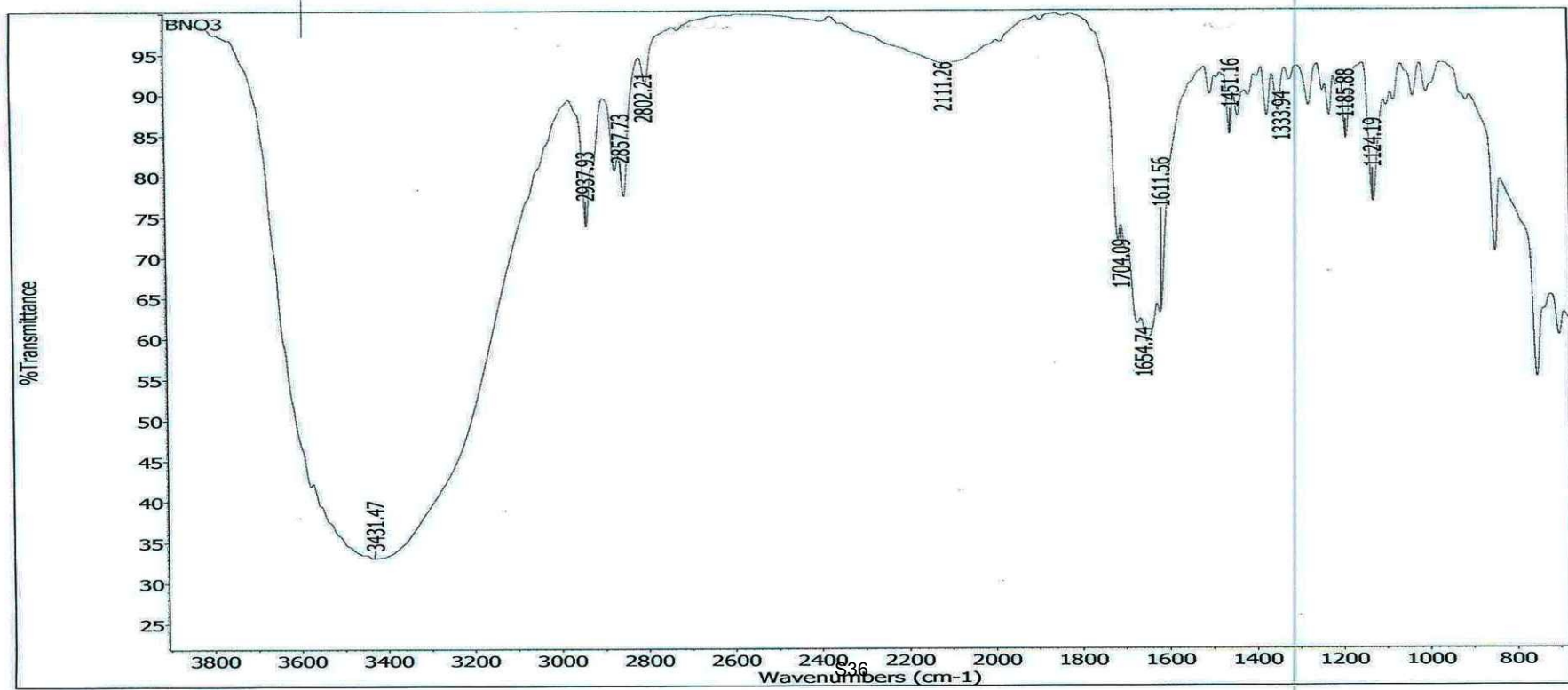
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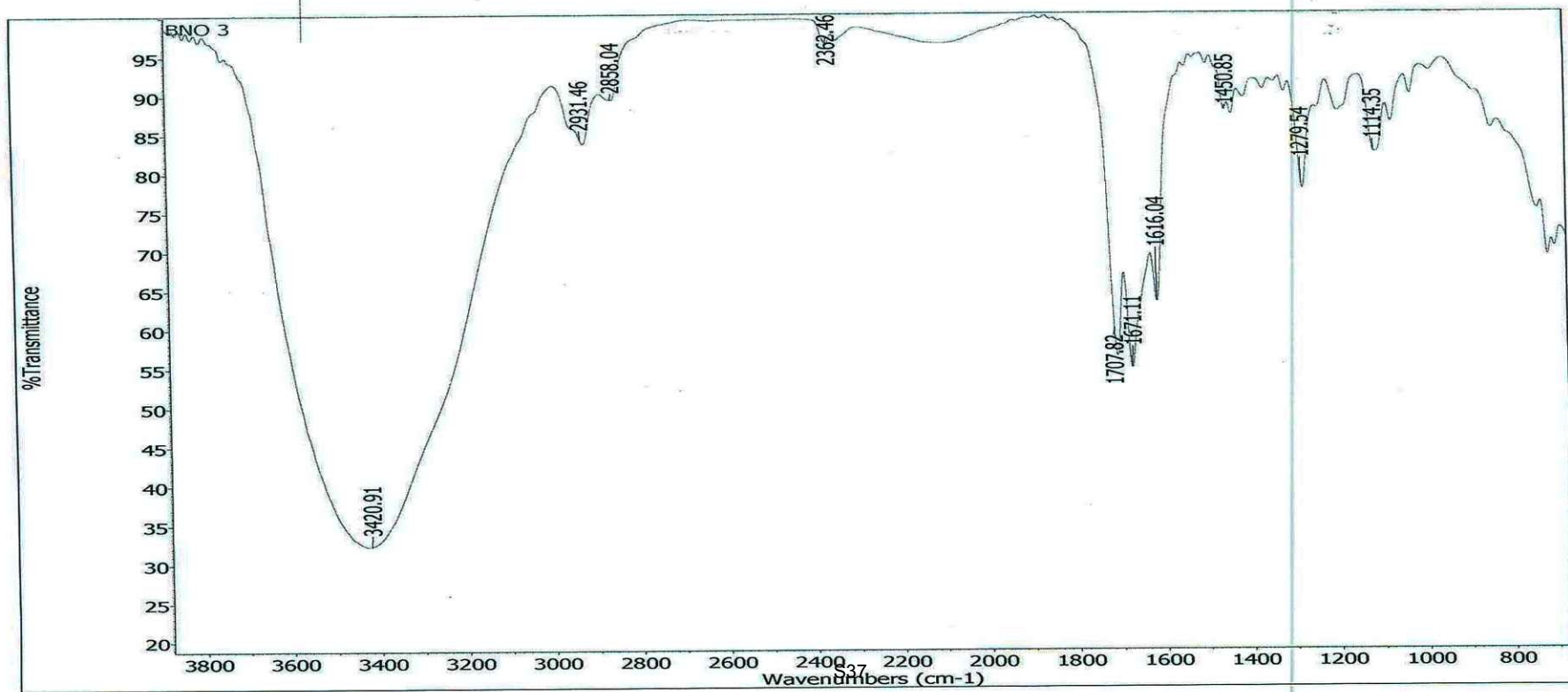
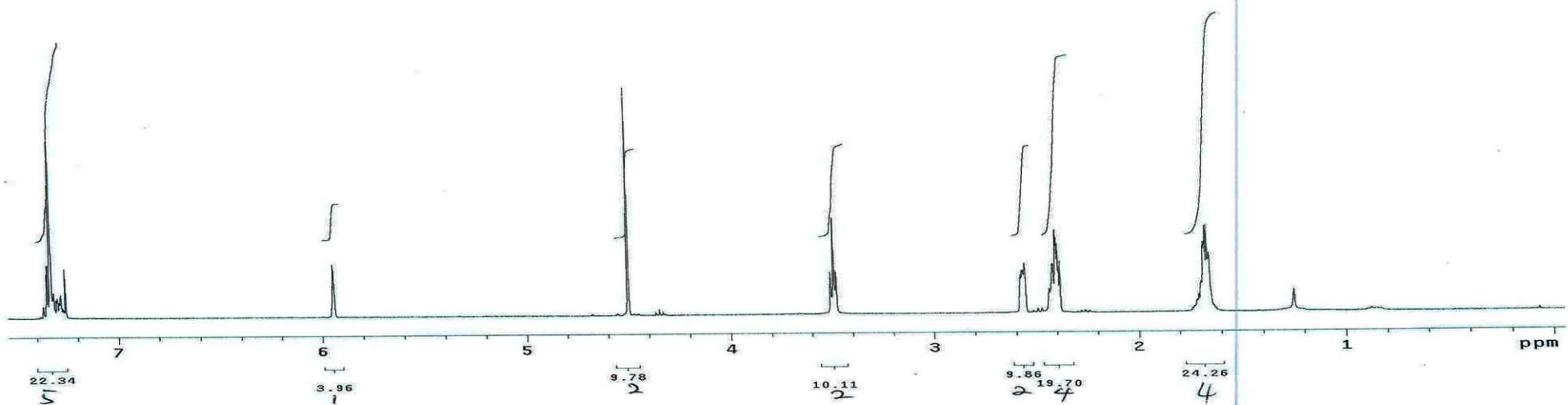
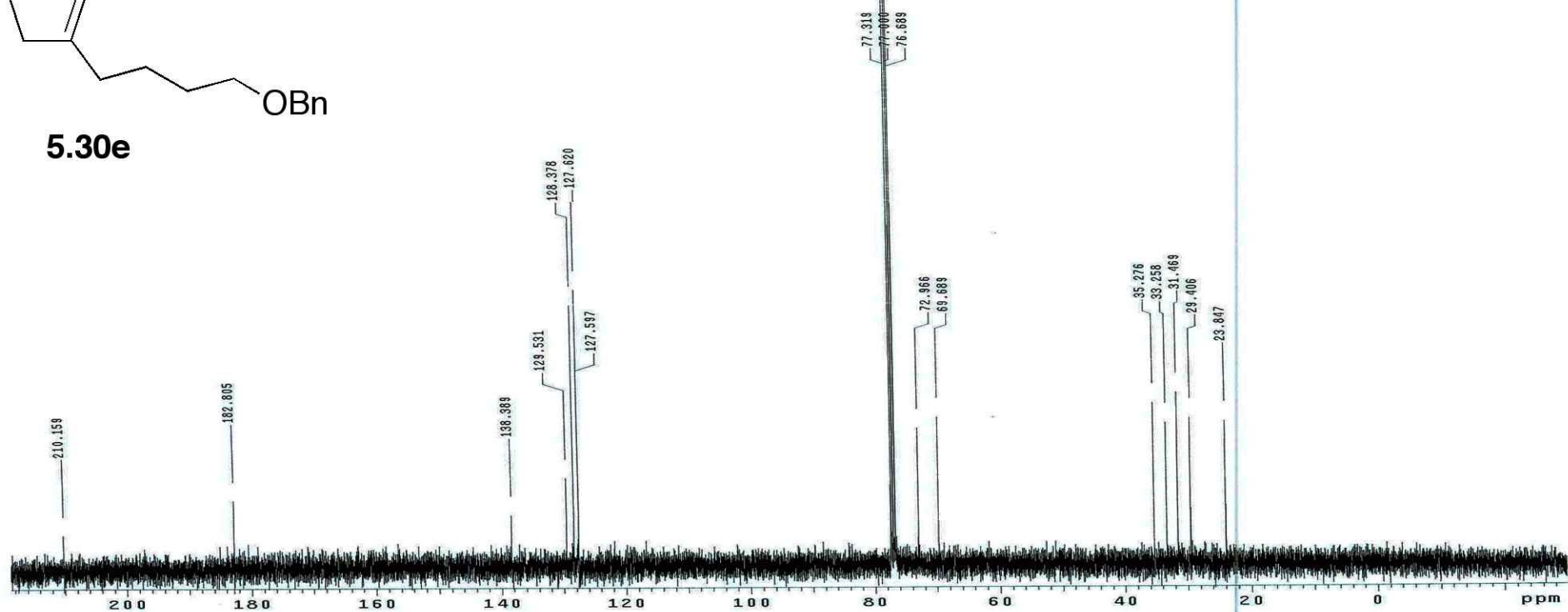
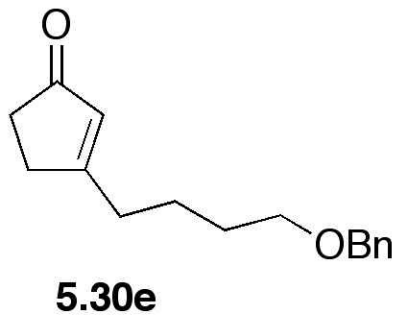


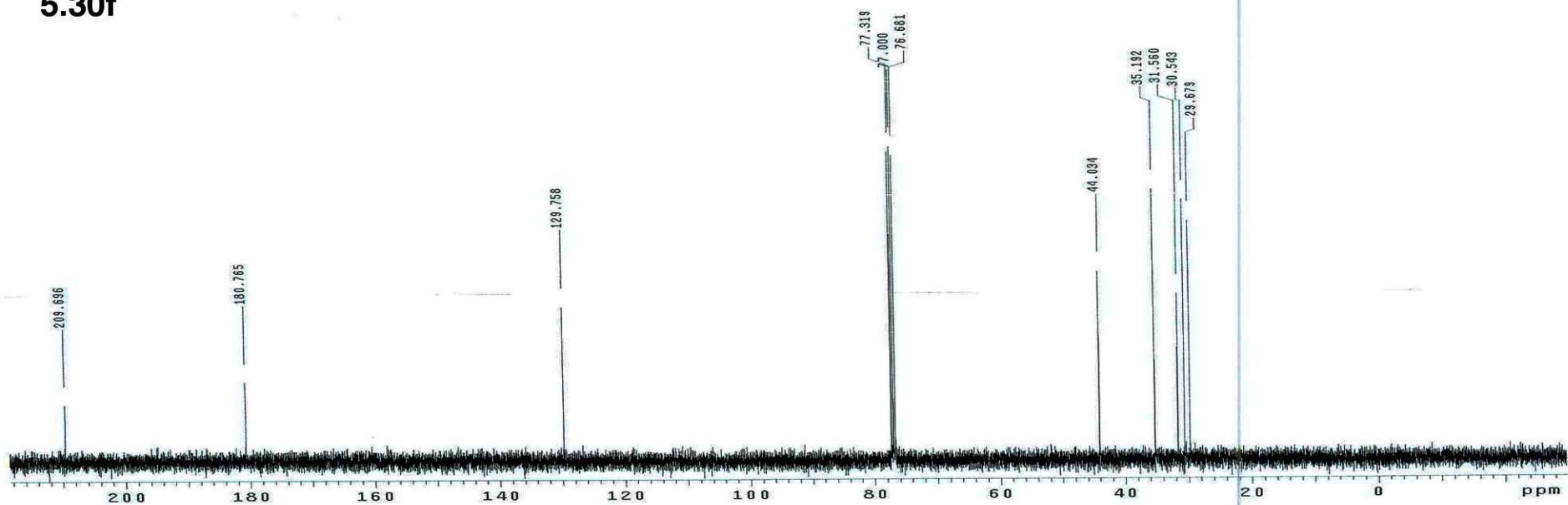
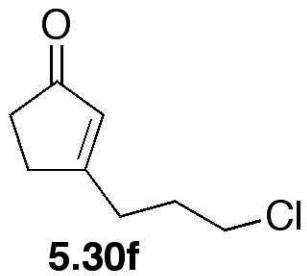
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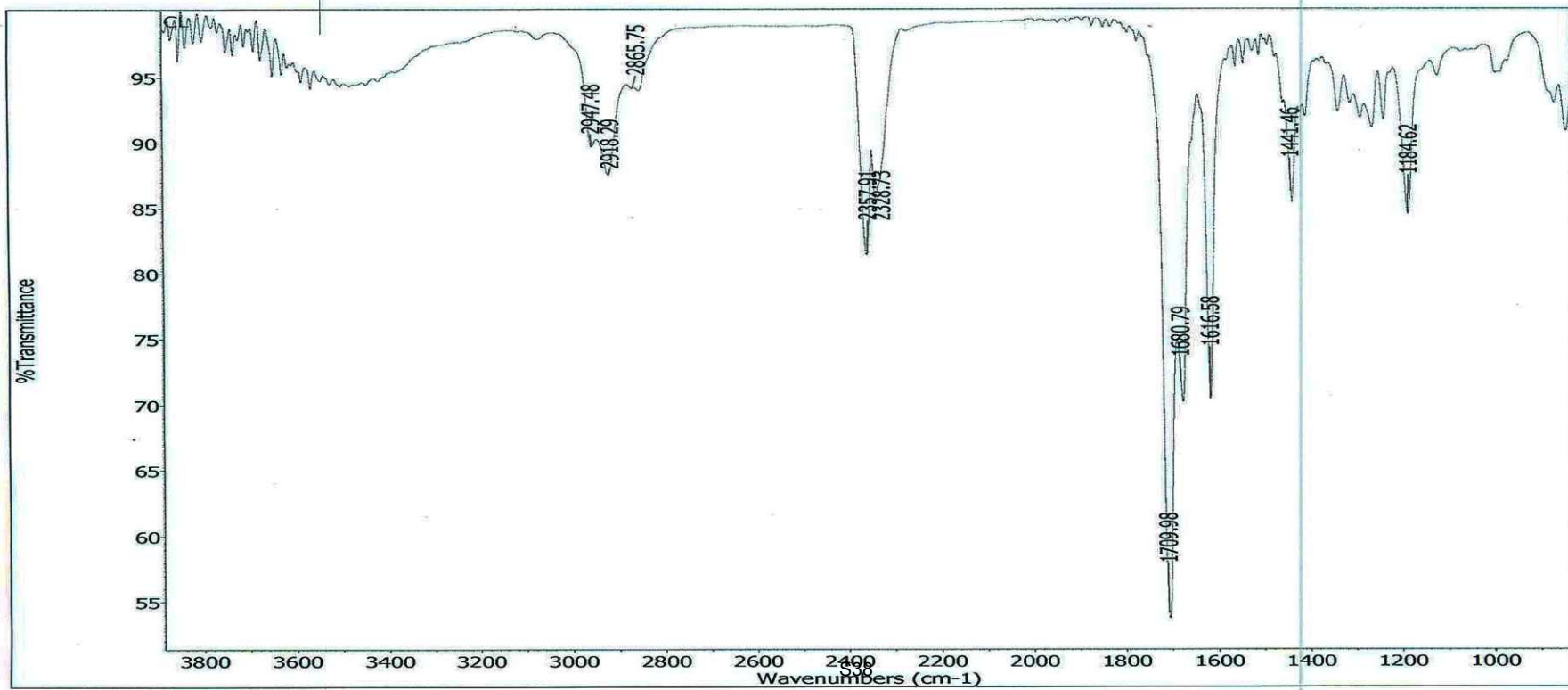
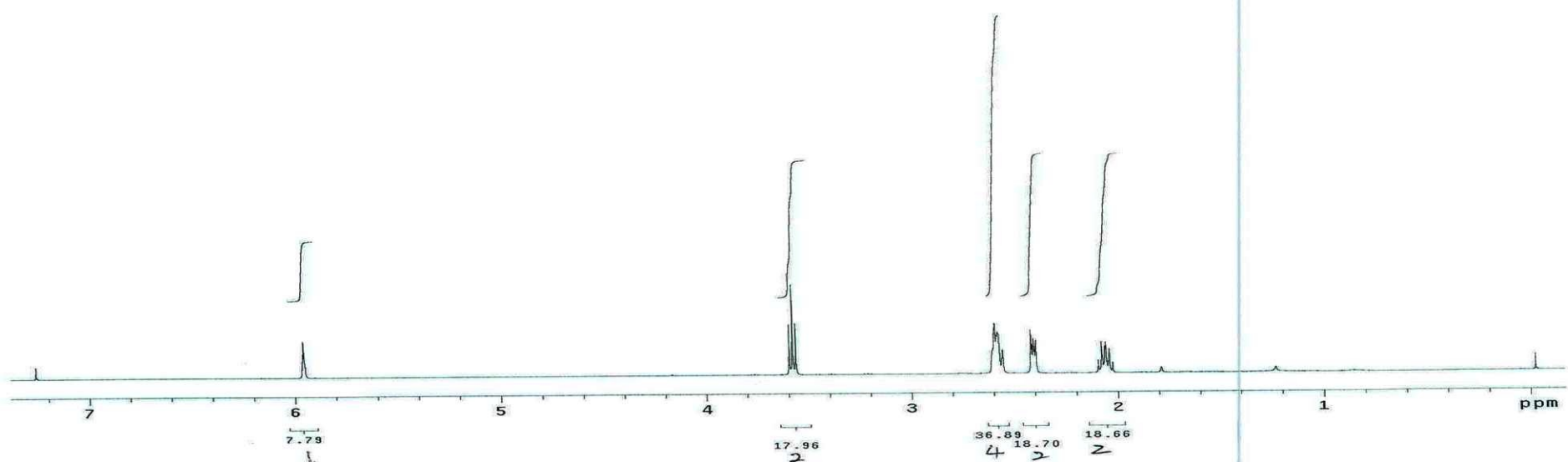
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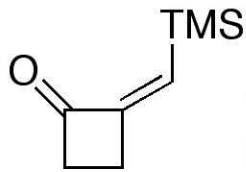






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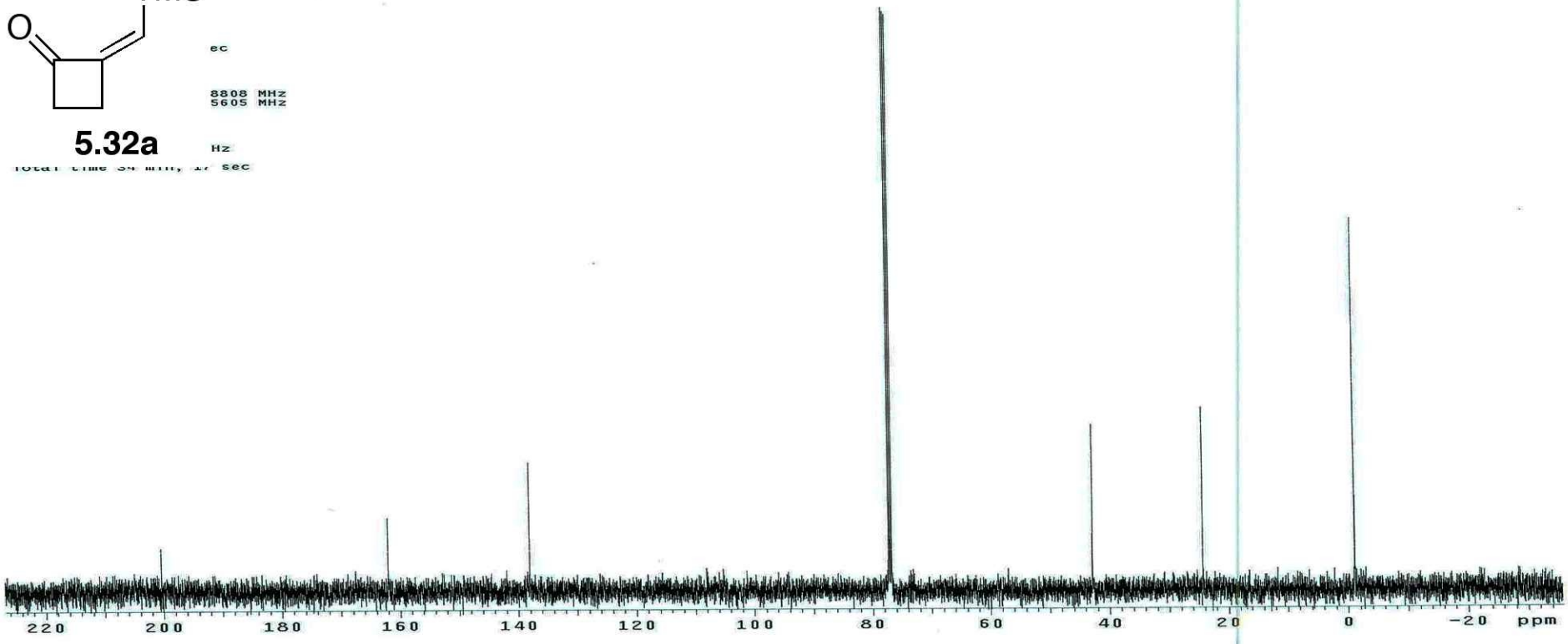


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 5605 MHz

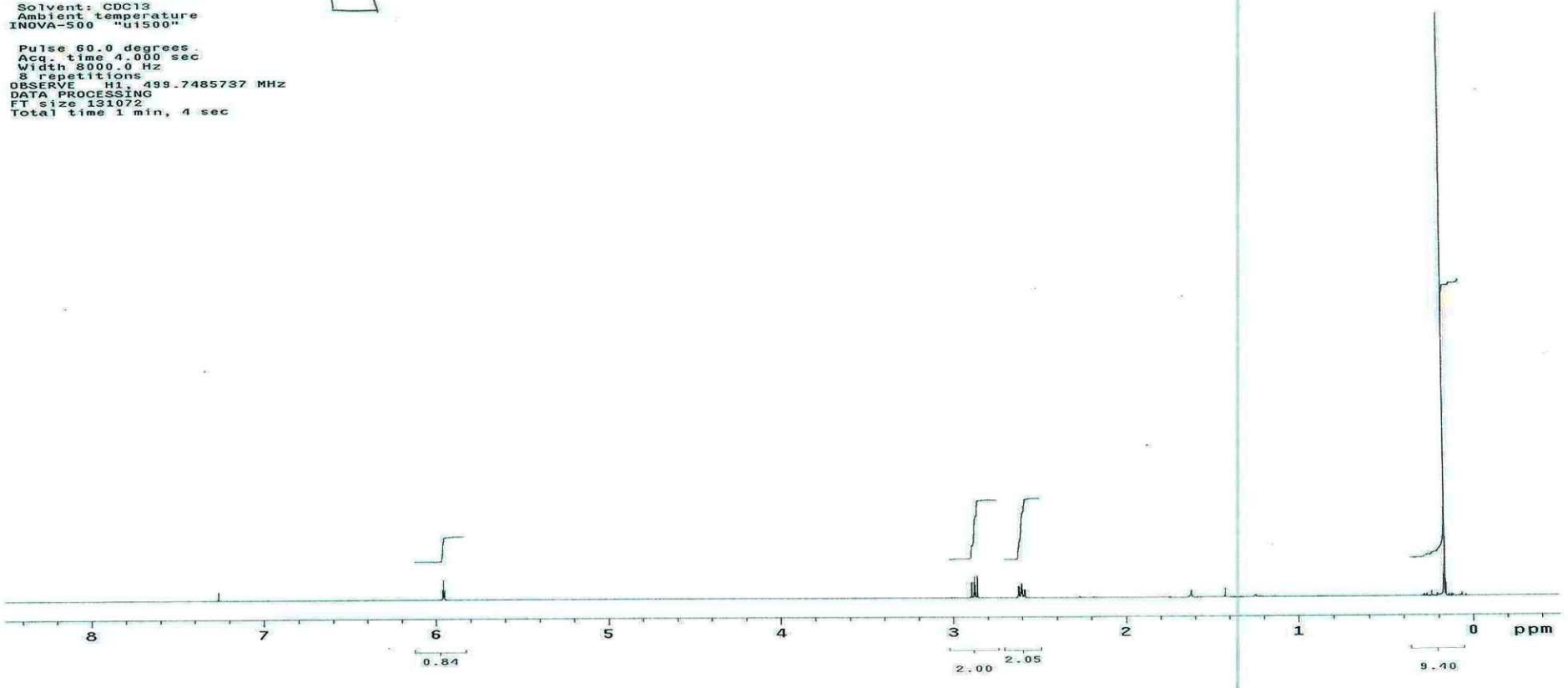
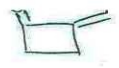
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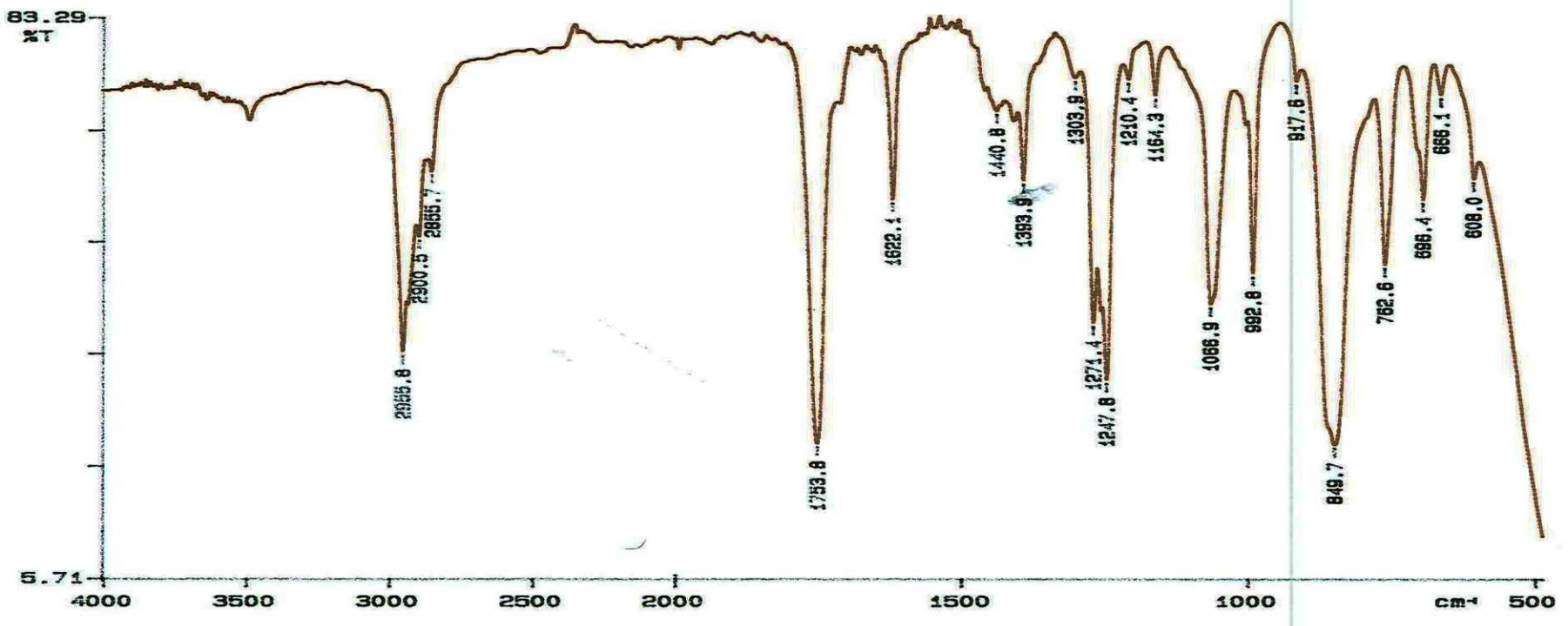
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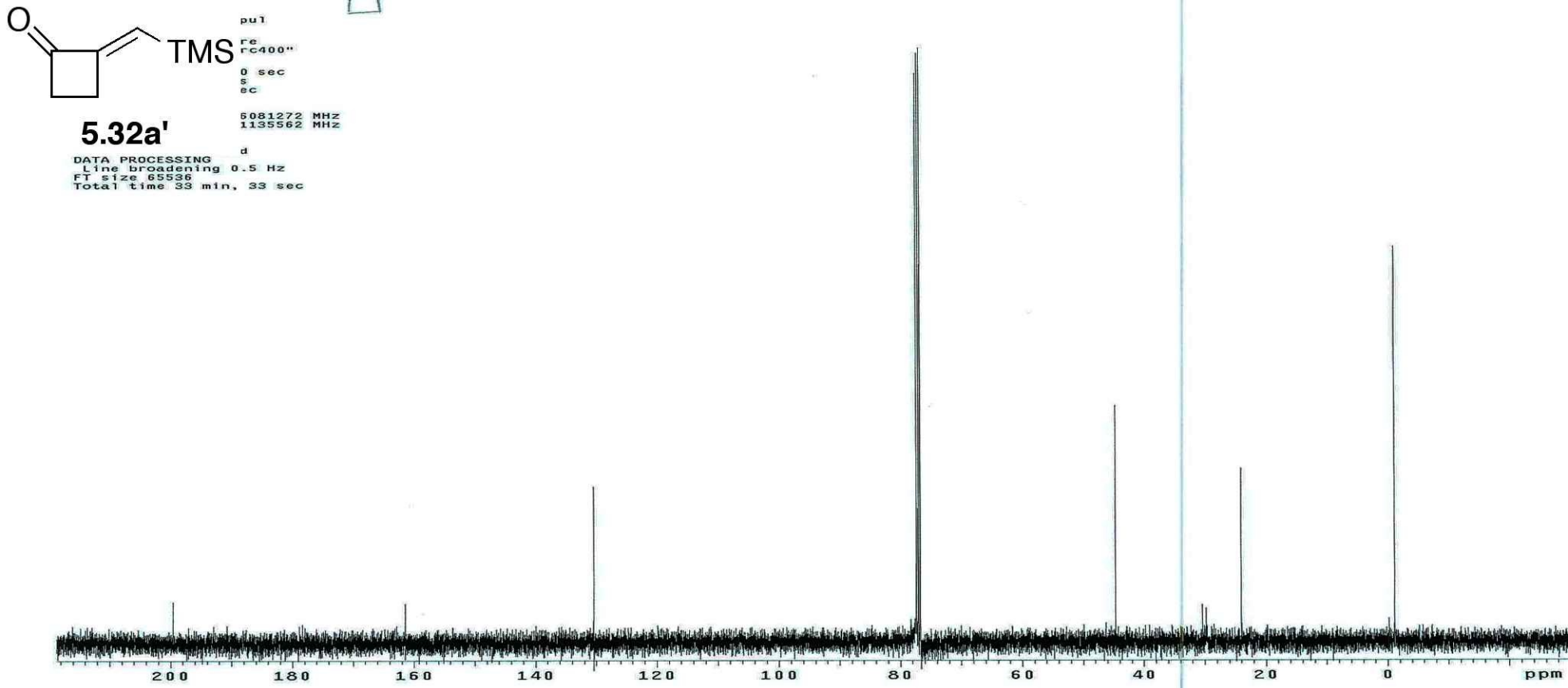
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "u1500"
 Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 8 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485737 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



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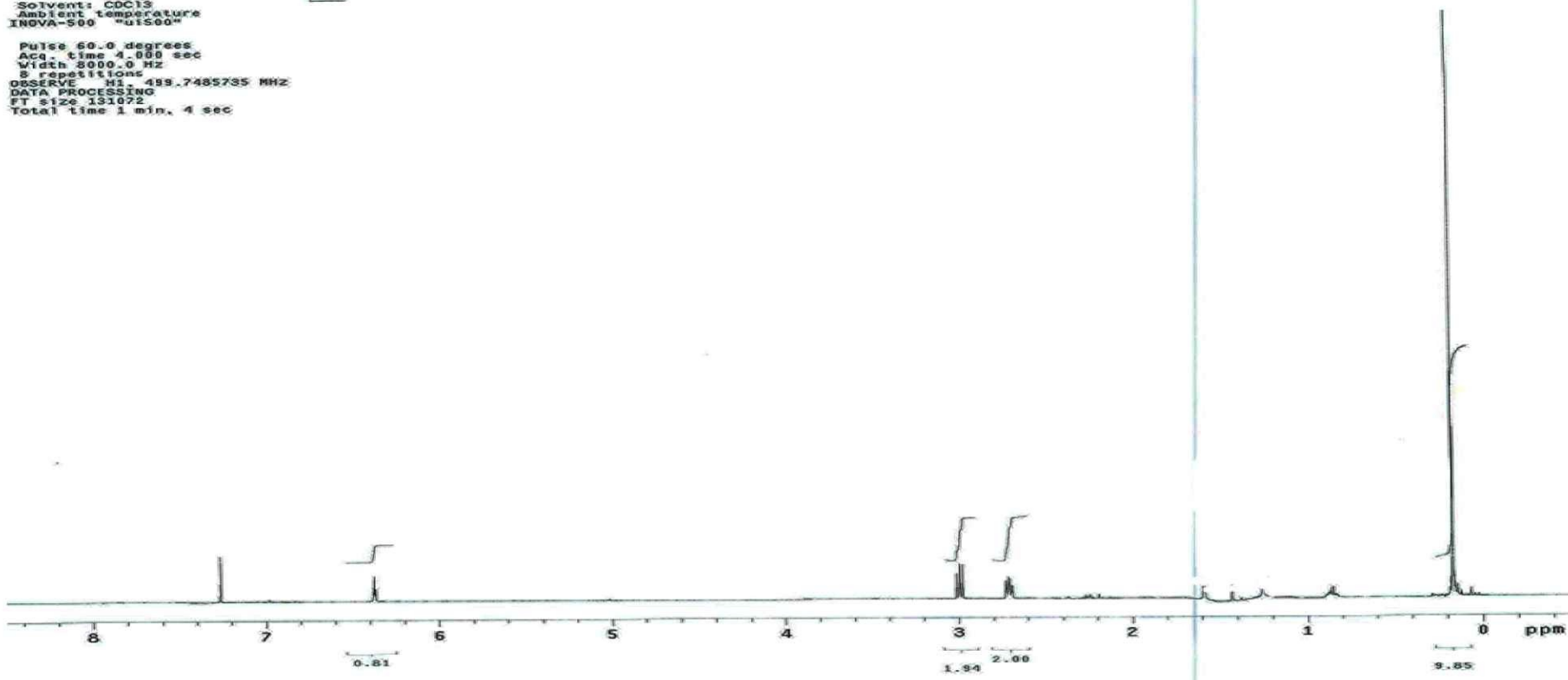


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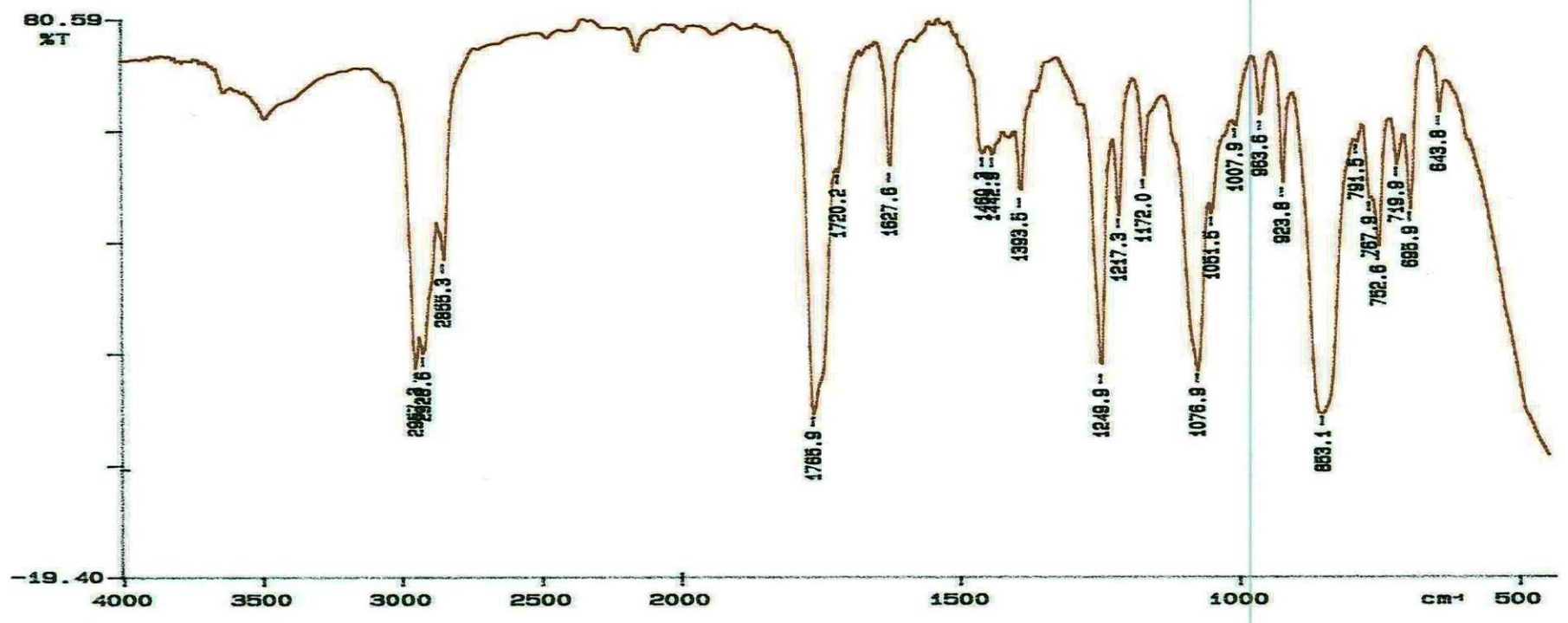


Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
INOVA-500 "uis500"

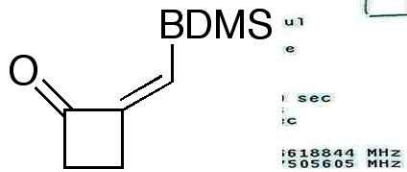
Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 2000.0 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1: 499.7485735 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



PERKIN ELMER

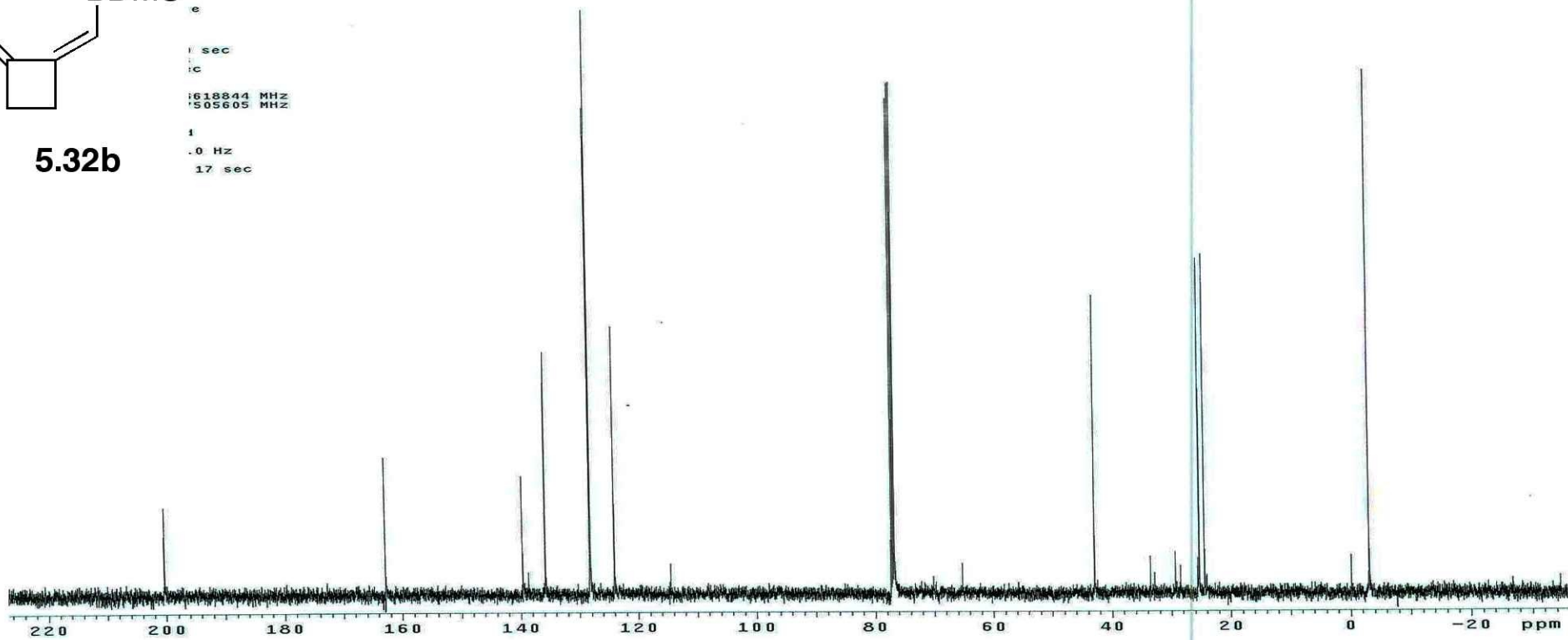


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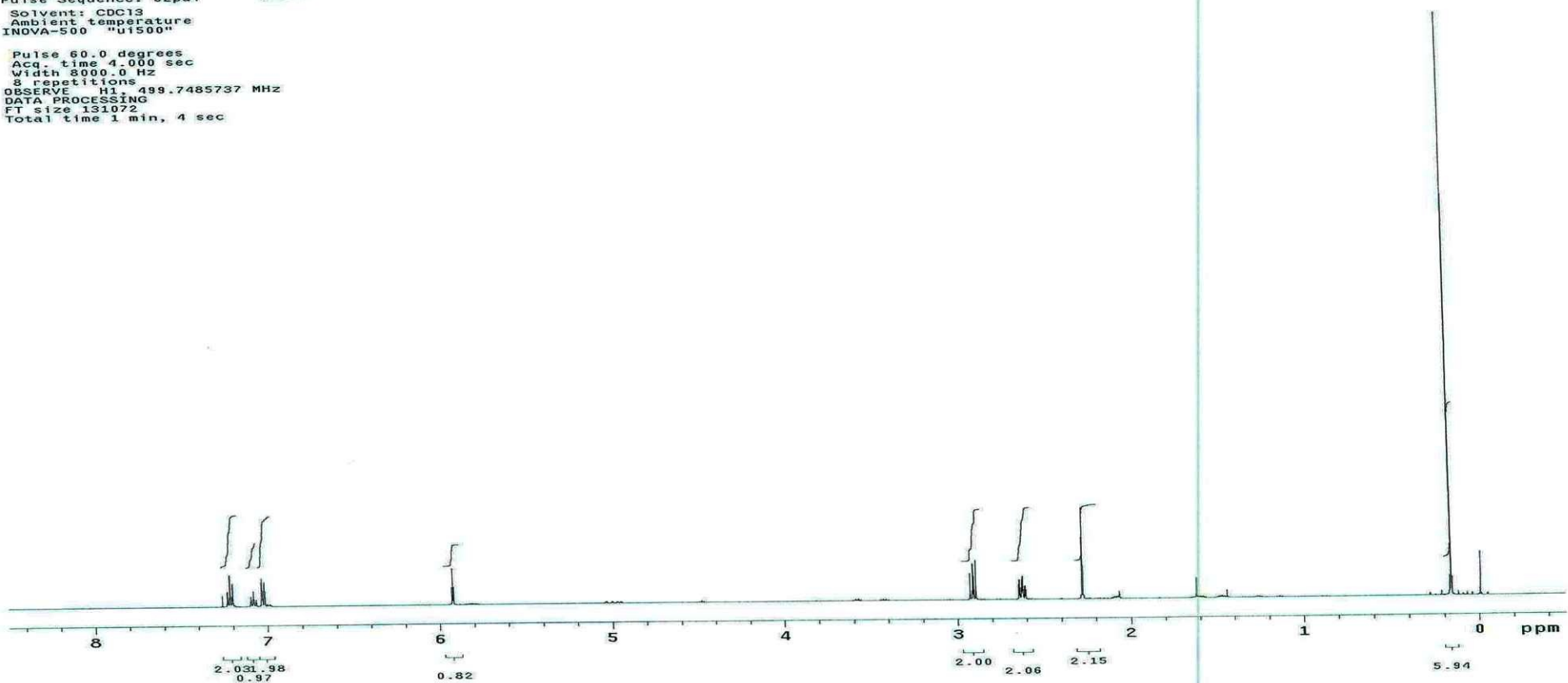


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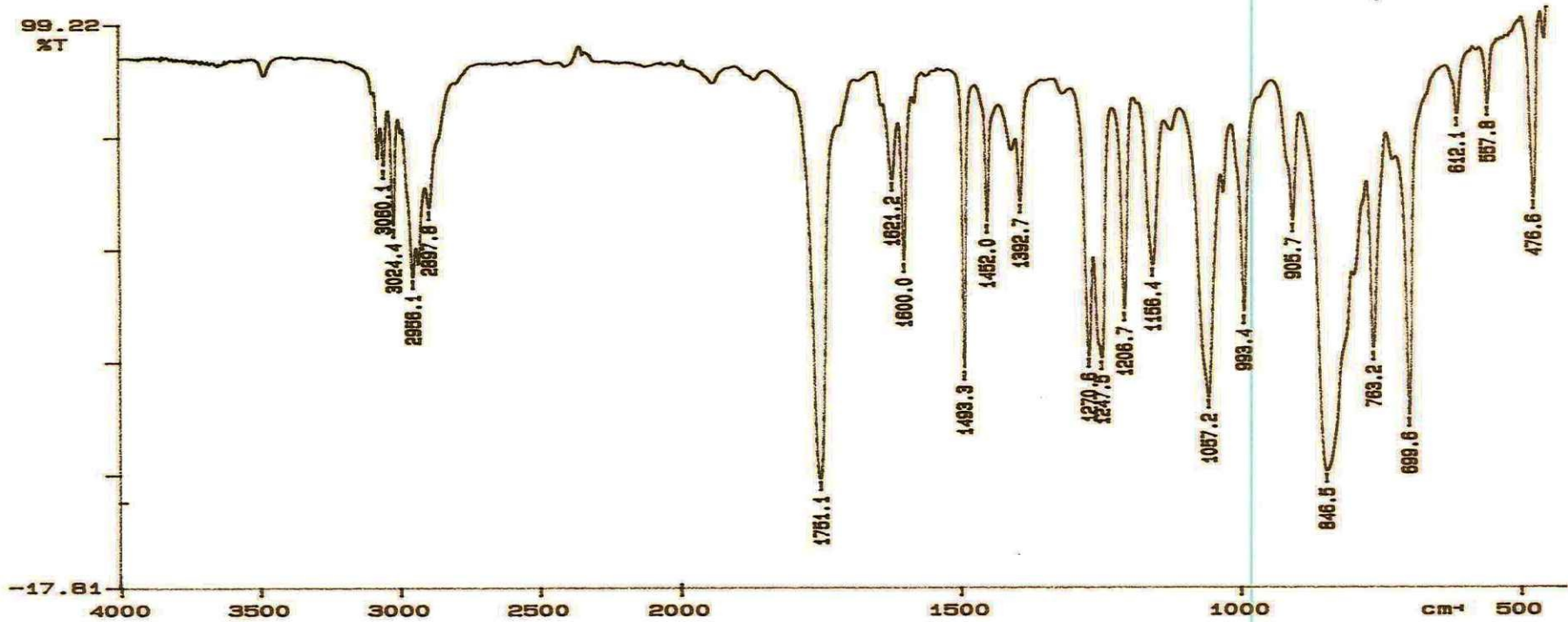
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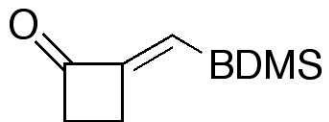


JX-XV-83-1
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
INNOVA-500 "ui500"
Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
3 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7485737 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



PERKIN ELMER

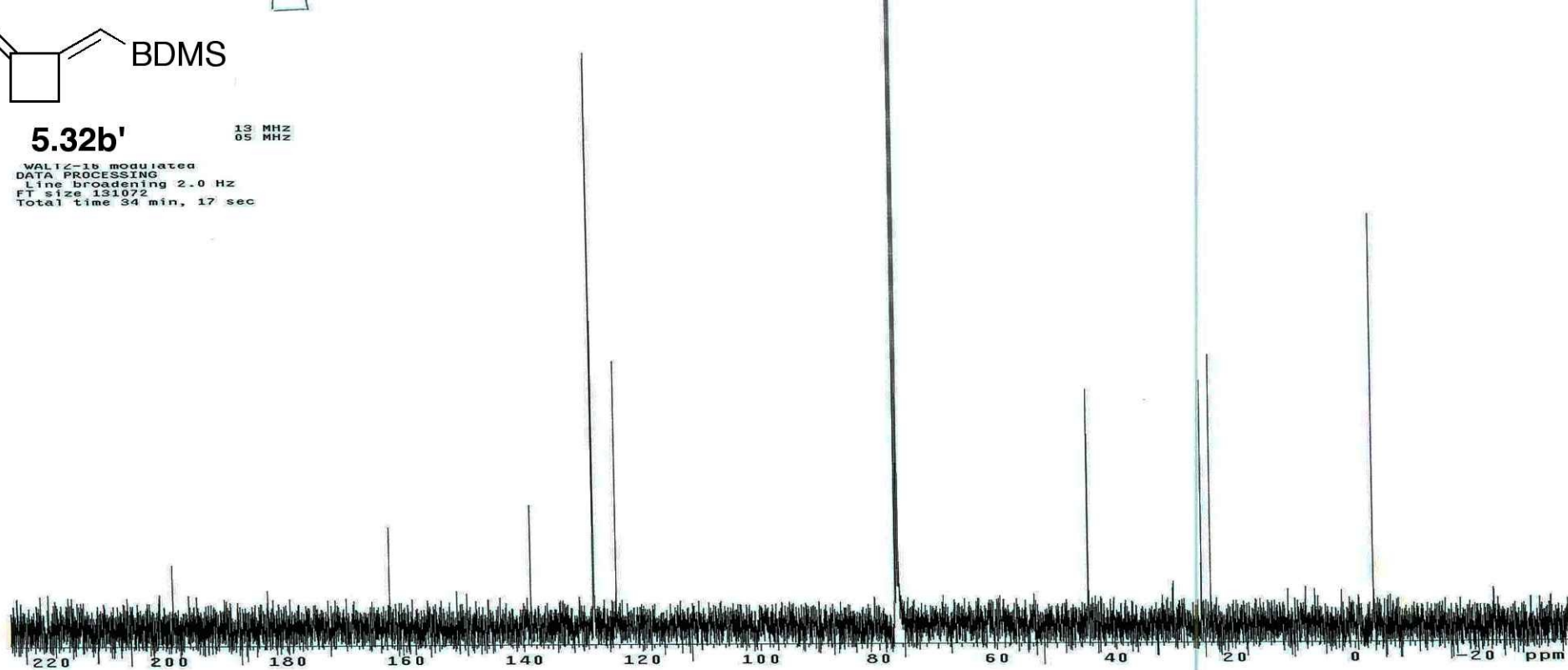




5.32b'

13 MHz
05 MHz

WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 2.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 34 min, 17 sec

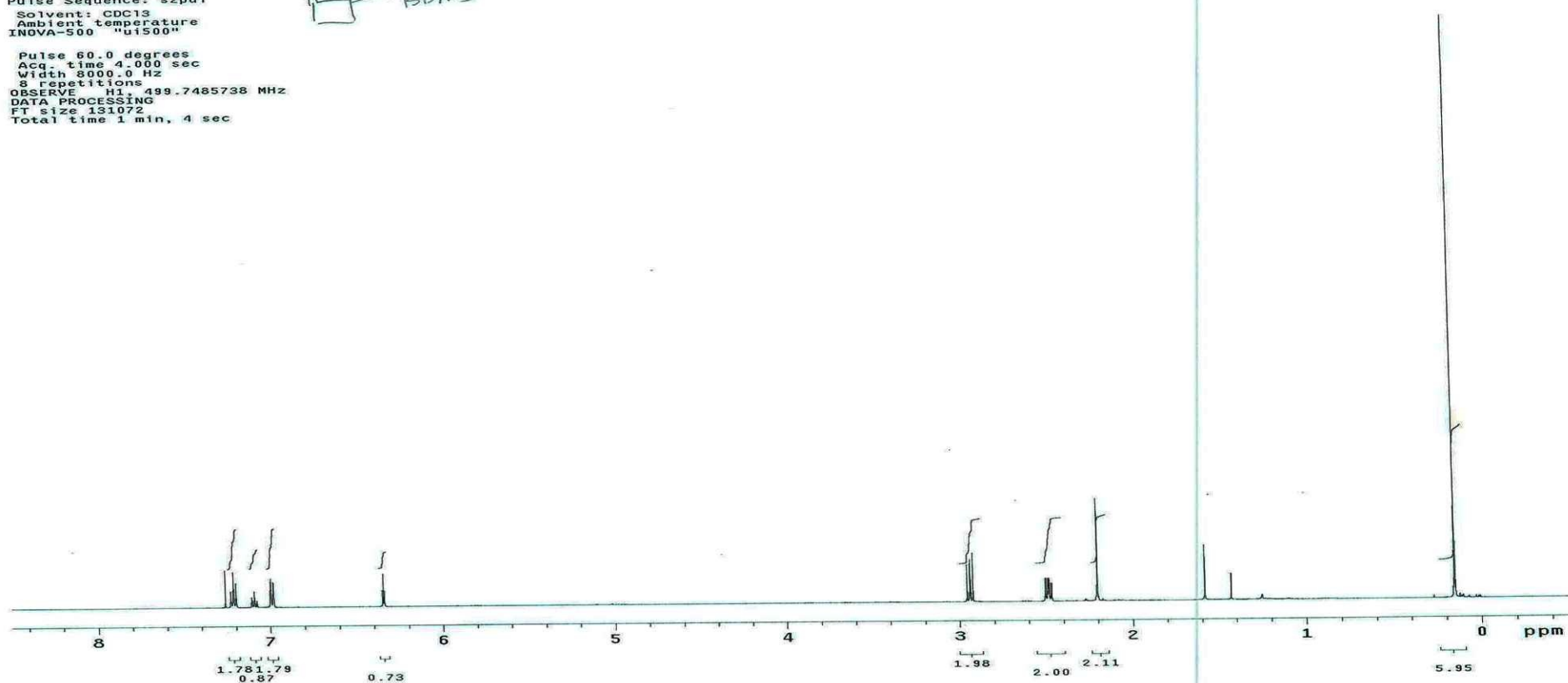


JX-XV-83-2

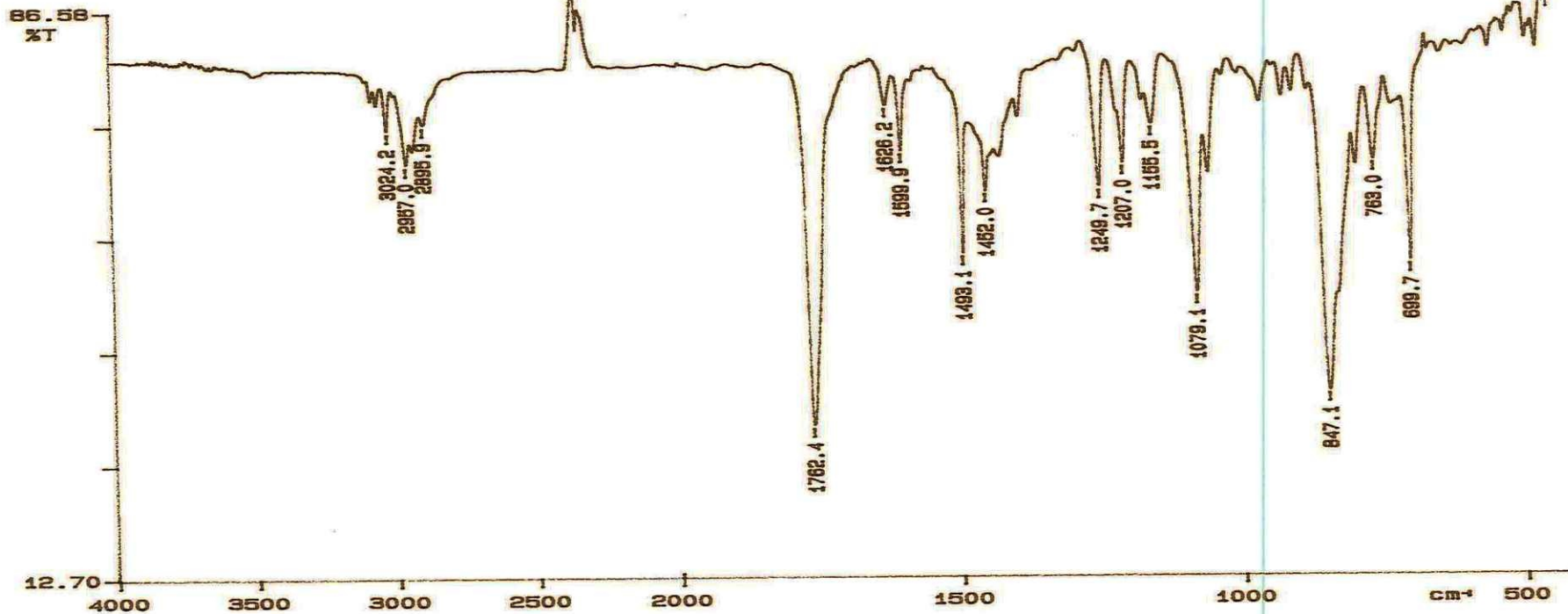
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Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
INOVA-500 "u1500"

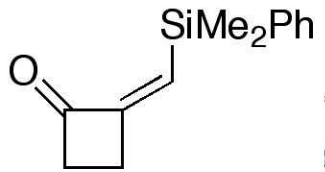


Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 8 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485738 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



PERKIN ELMER

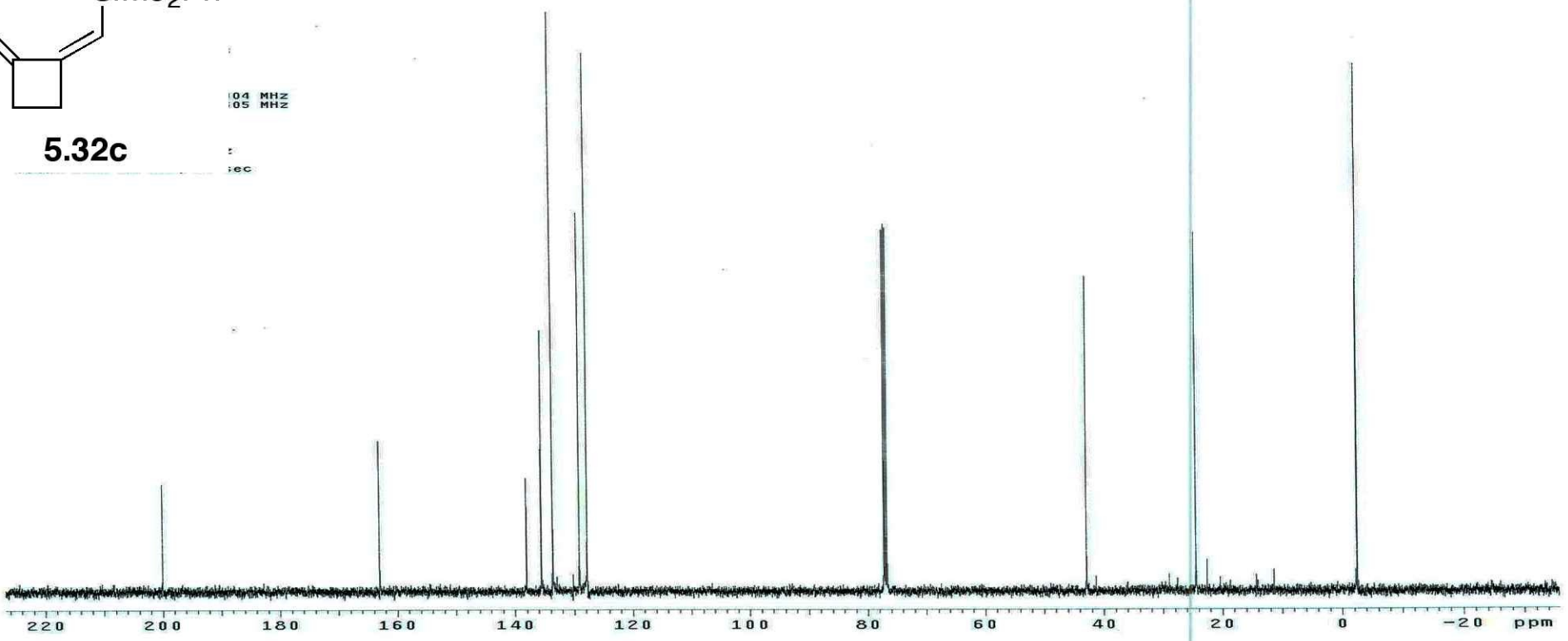




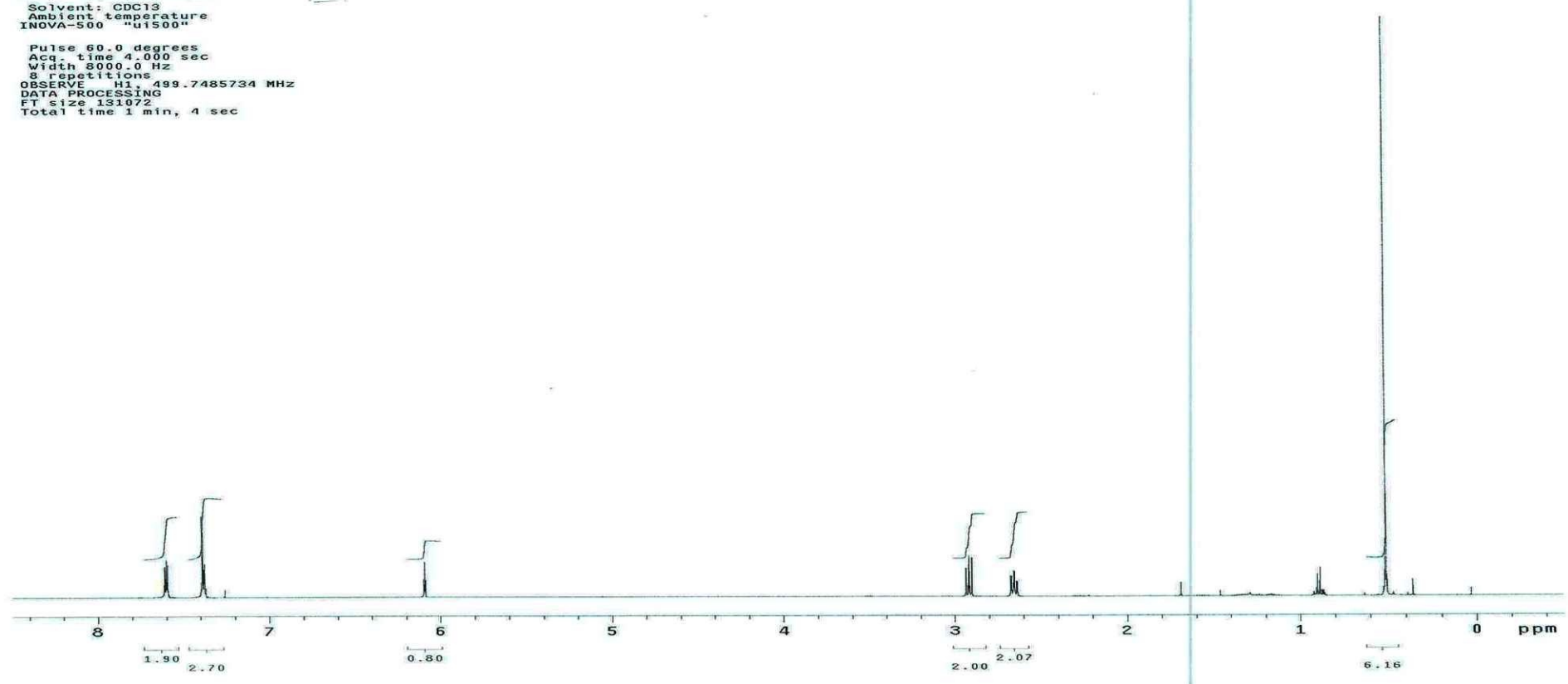
104 MHz
105 MHz

5.32c

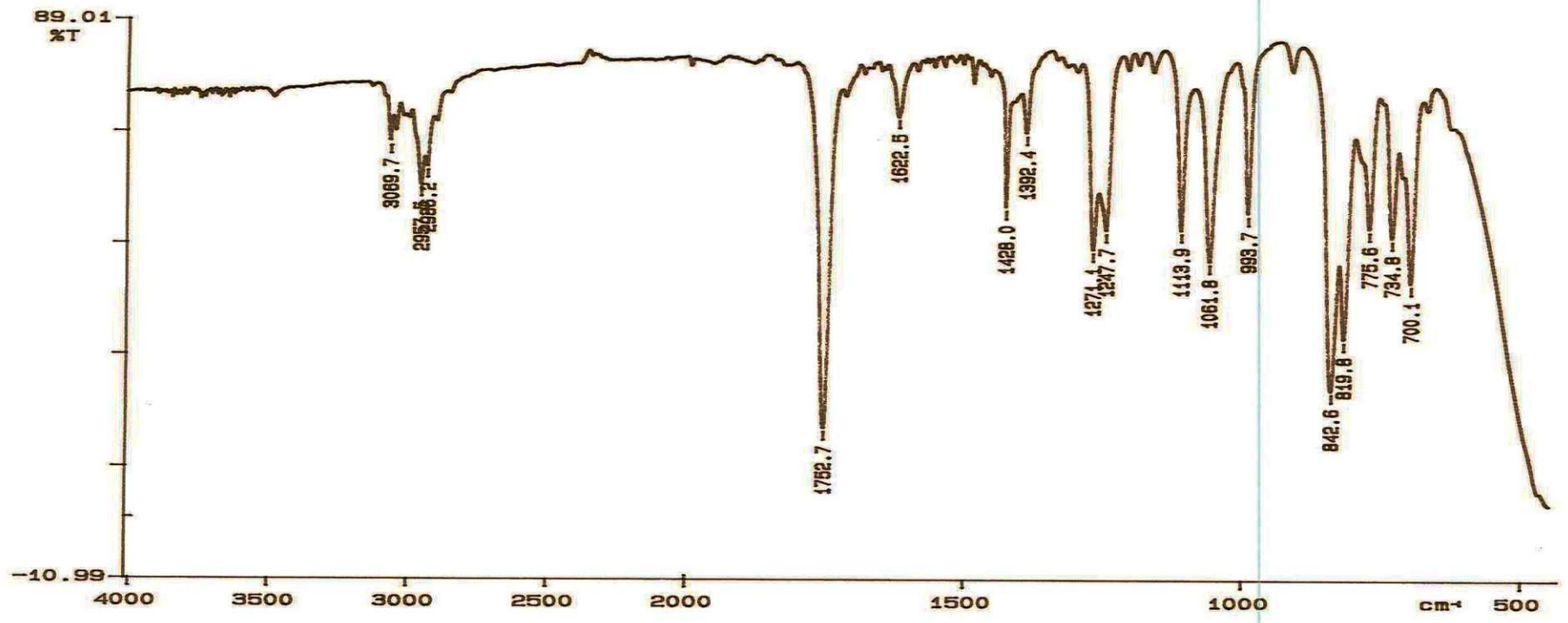
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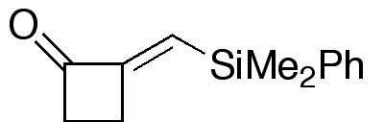
JA-AY-13-1
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
Solvent: CDCl₃
Ambient temperature
INOVA-500 "u1500"
Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7485734 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



PERKIN ELMER



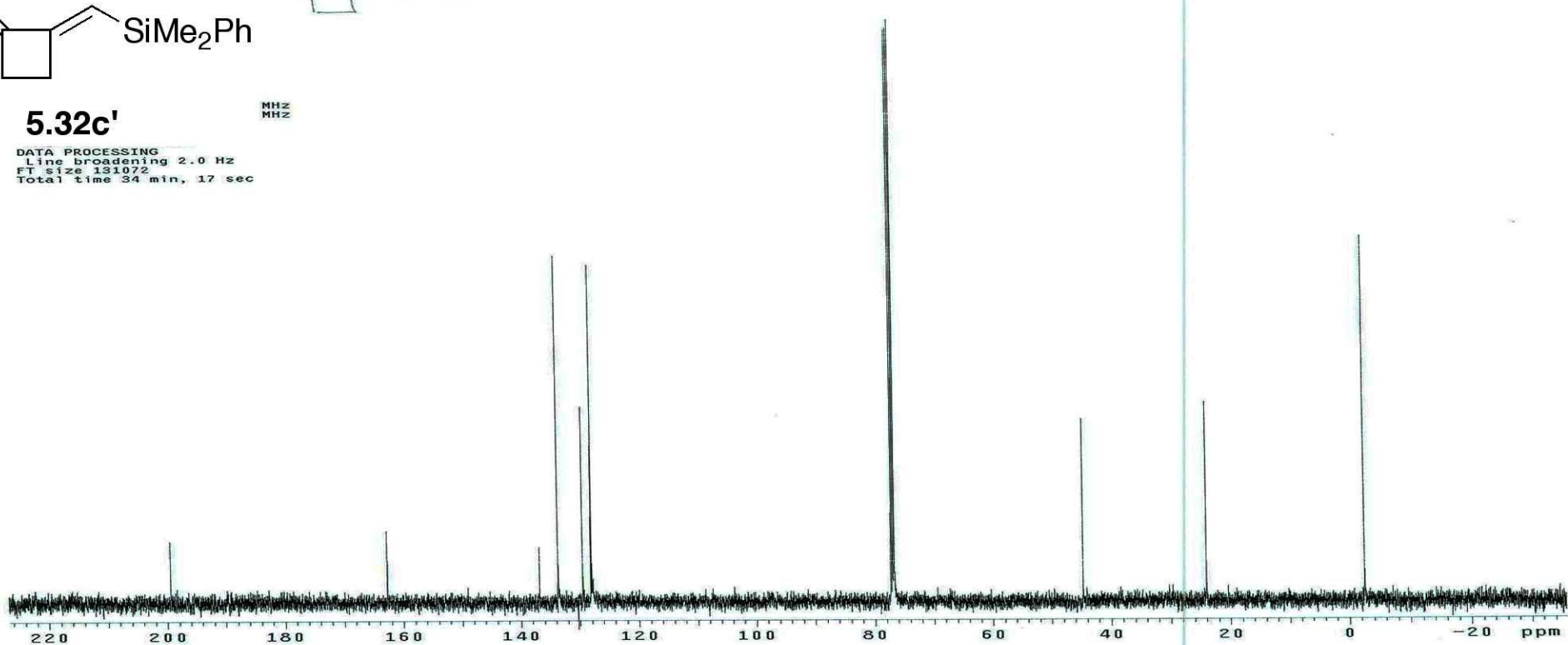
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5.32c'

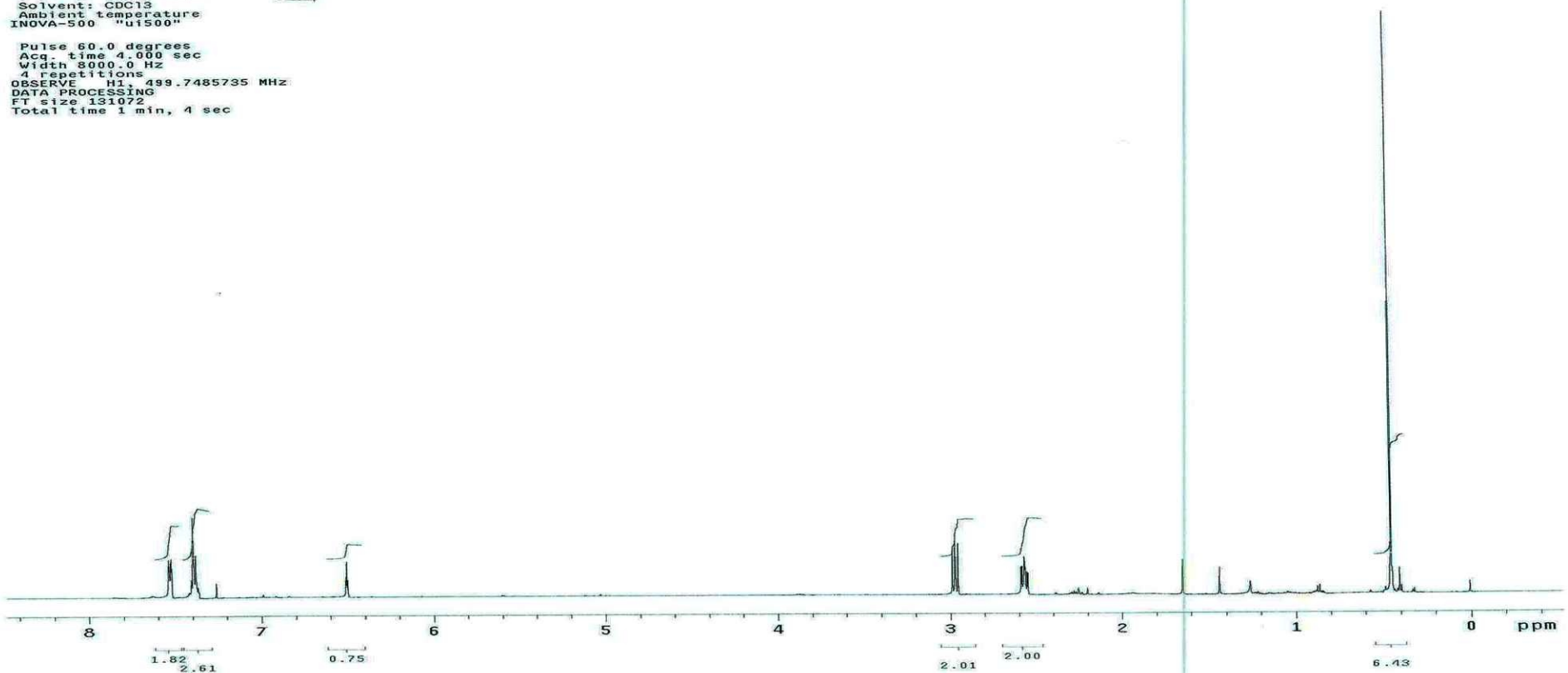
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DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 2.0 Hz
 FT size 131072
 Total time 34 min, 17 sec

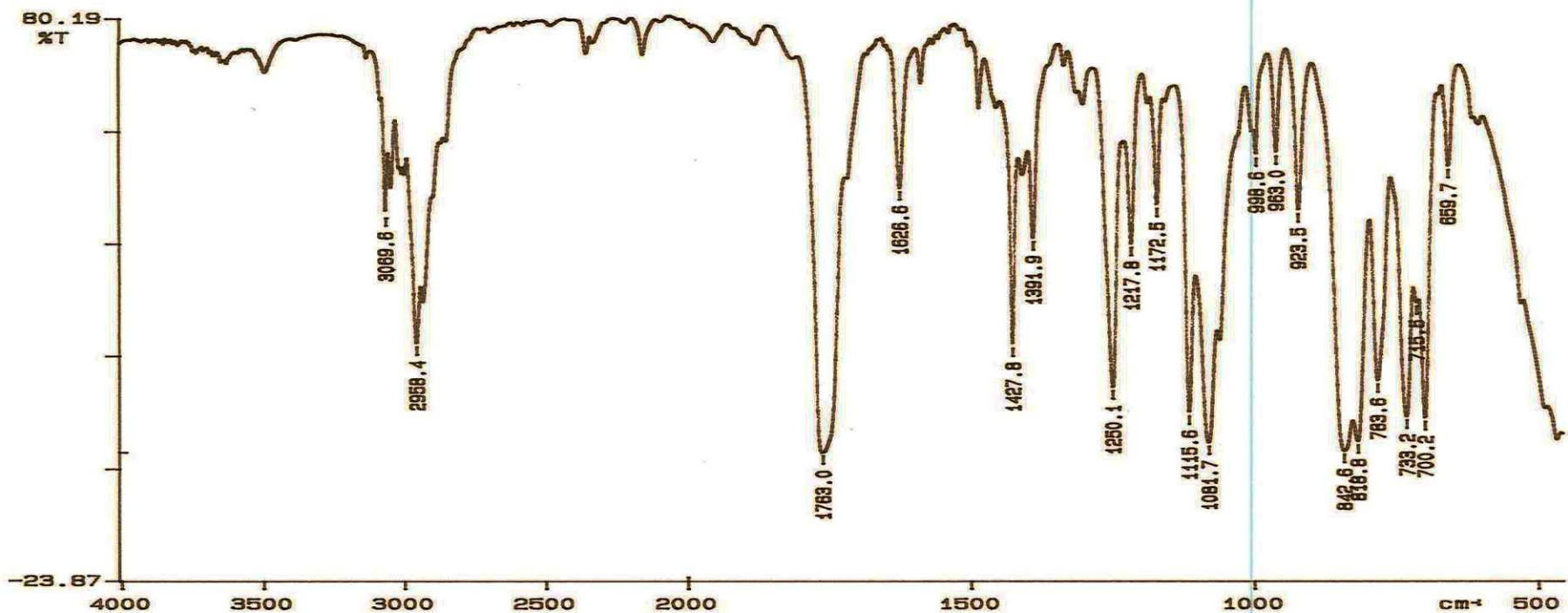


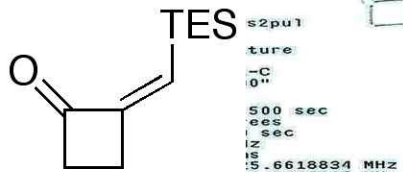
JX-XV-13-2
 Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "u1500"

Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 4 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485735 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



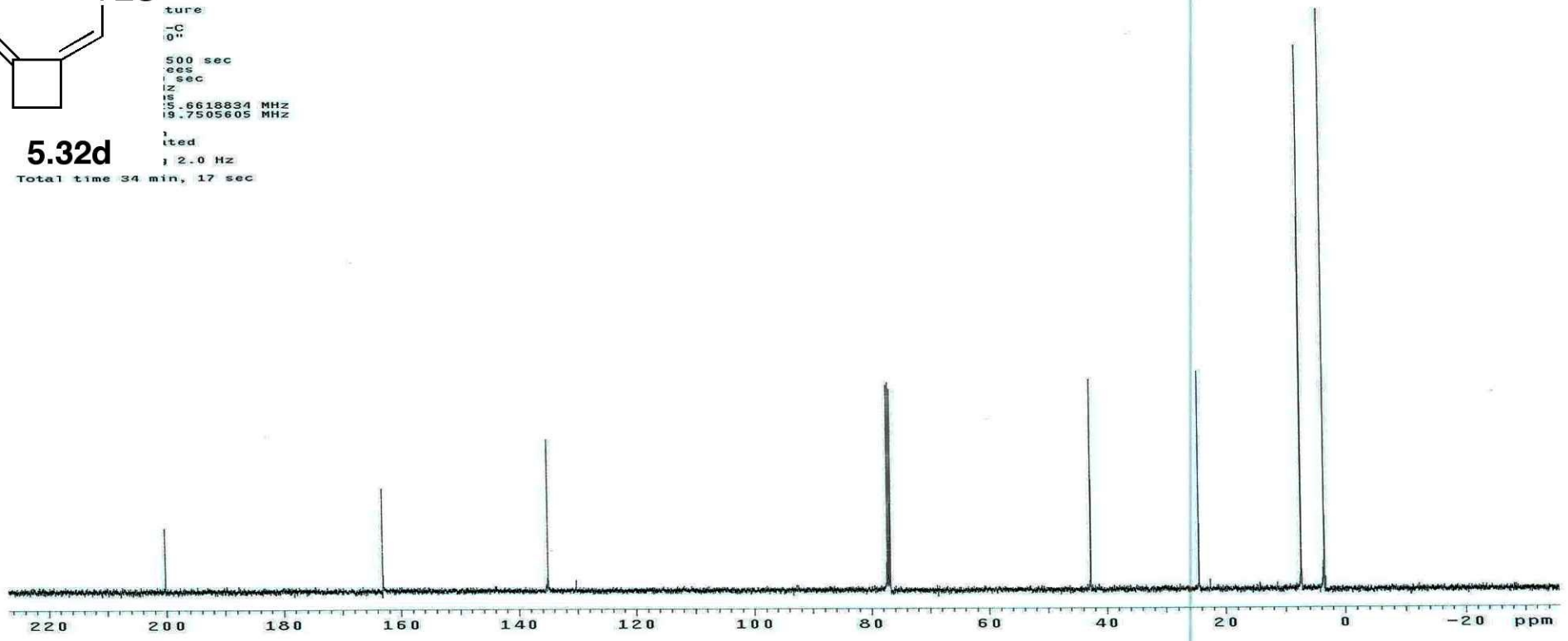
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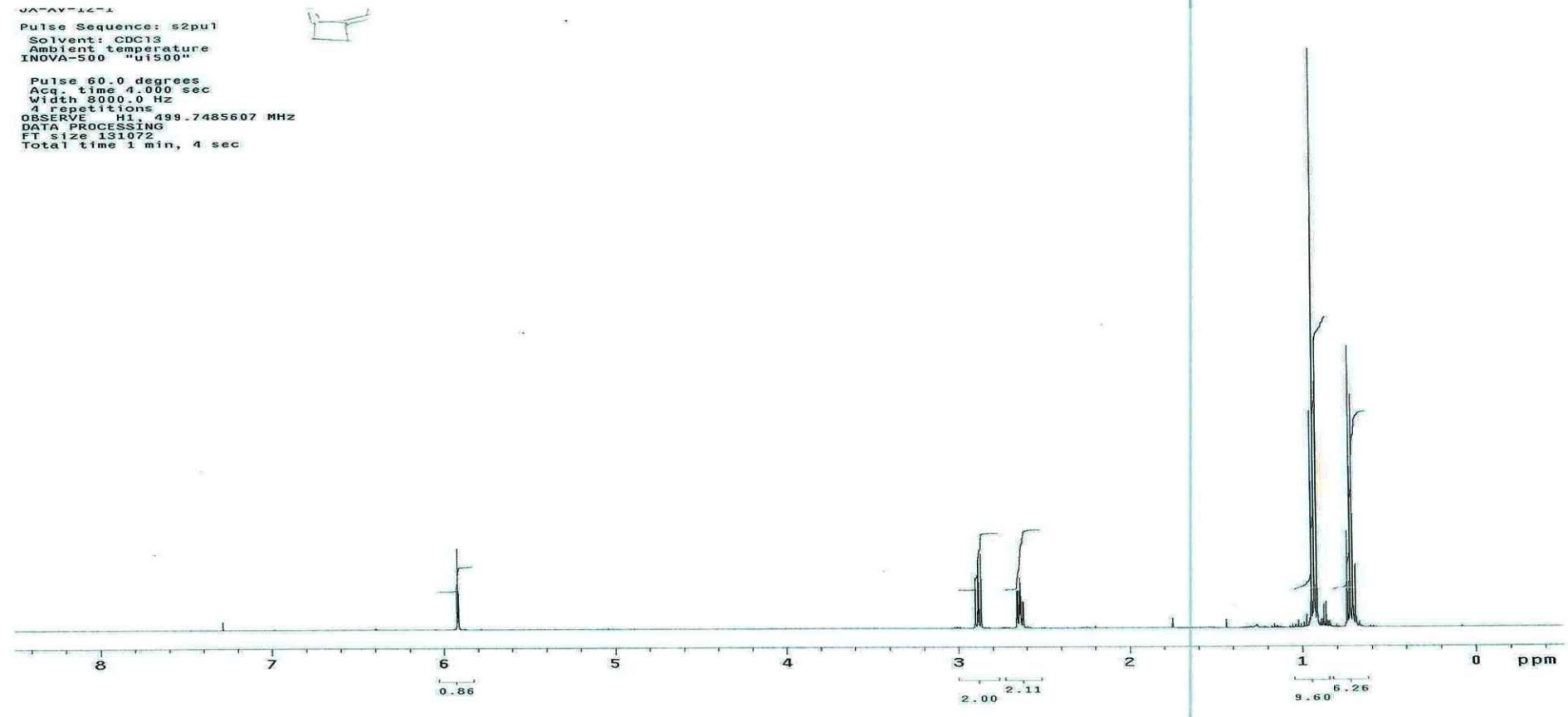


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 19.7505605 MHz

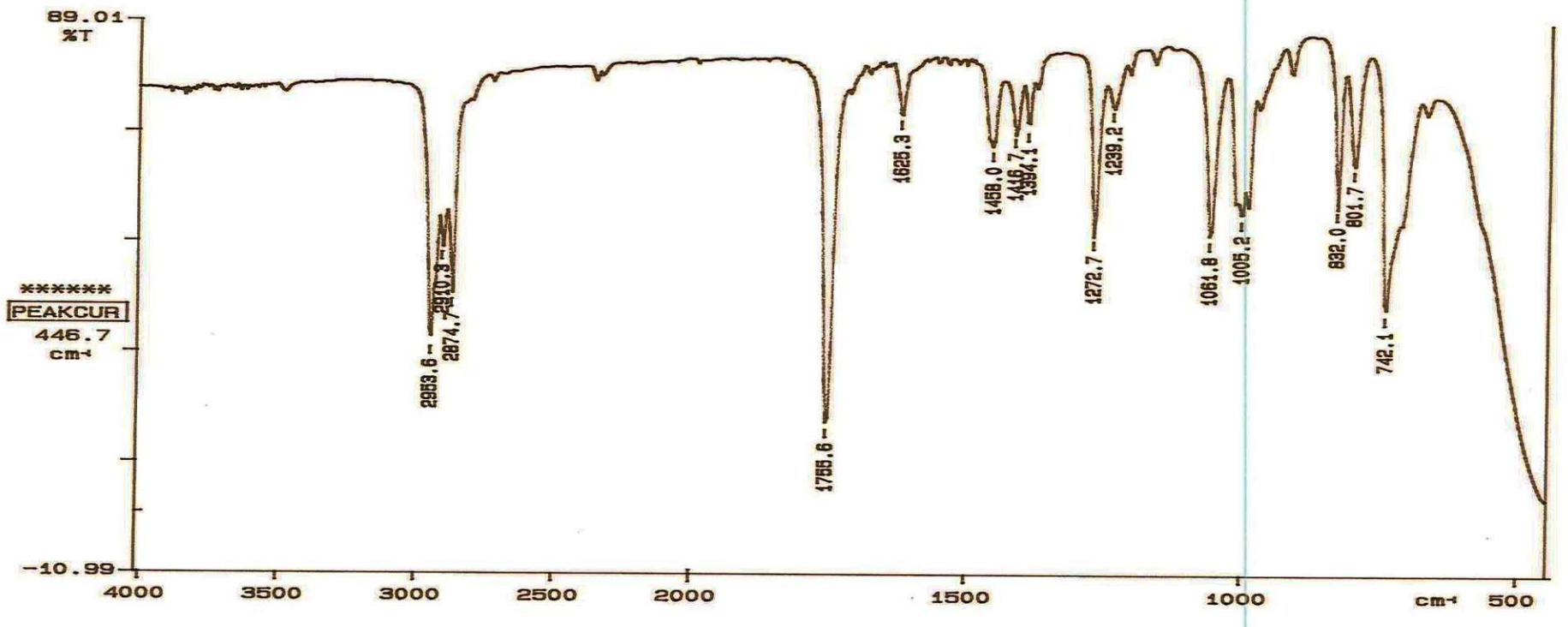
5.32d
 Total time 34 min, 17 sec



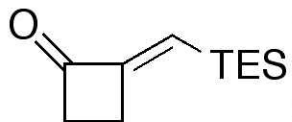
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "u1500"
 Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 4 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485607 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



PERKIN ELMER



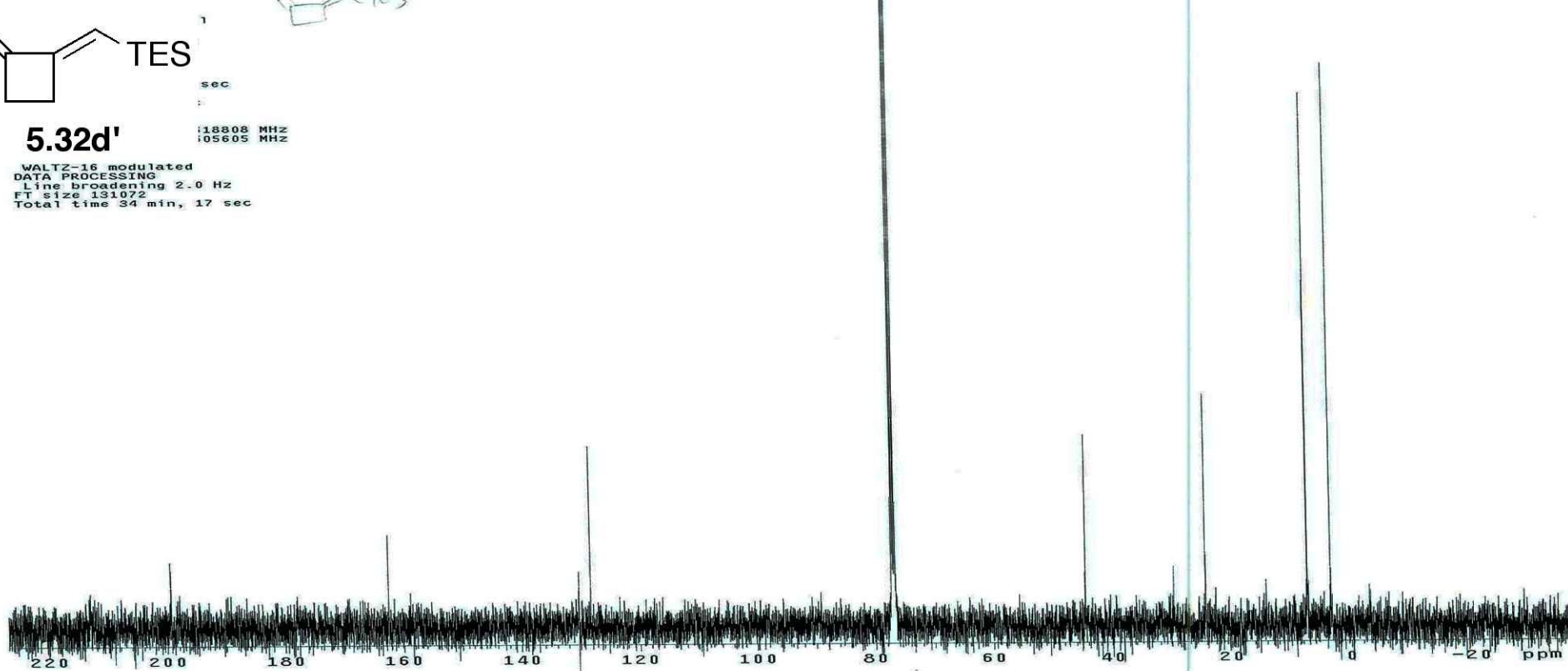
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 X: 4 scans, 4.0cm-1



5.32d'

18808 MHz
105605 MHz

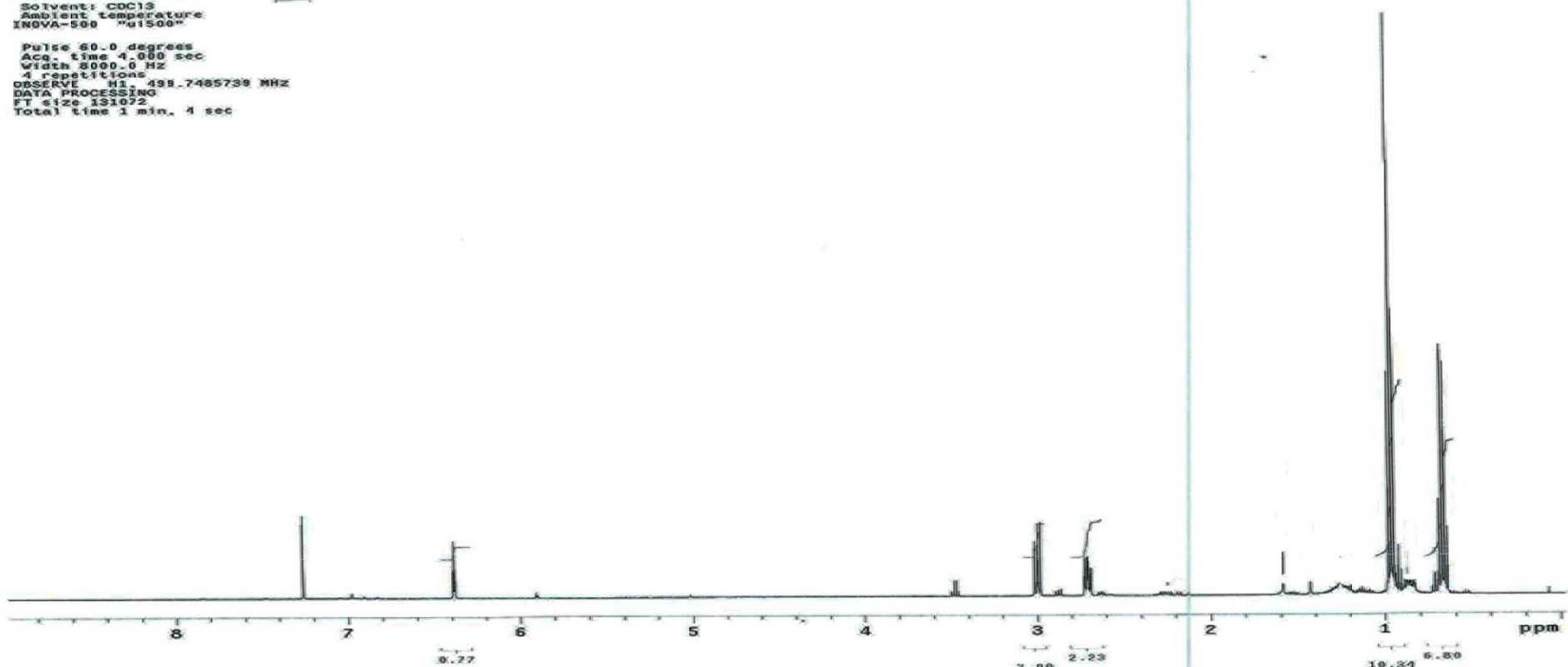
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 2.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 34 min, 17 sec



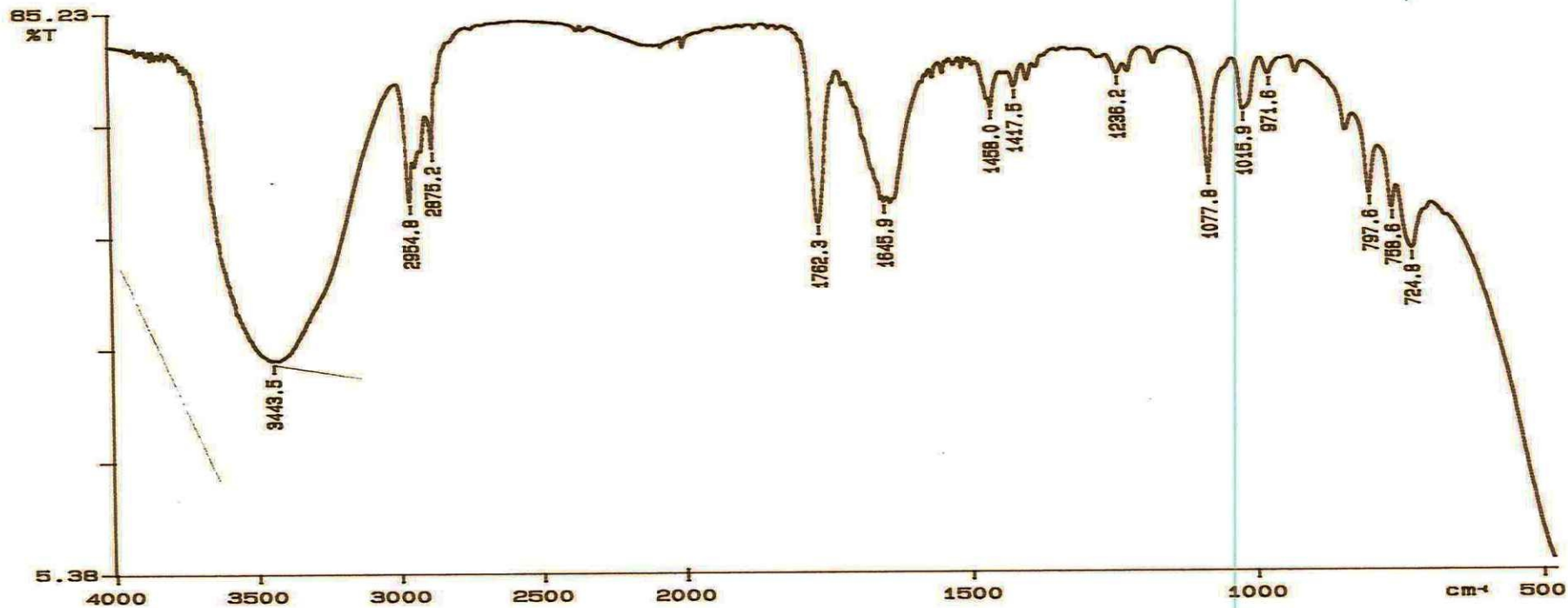
JX-XV-12-2

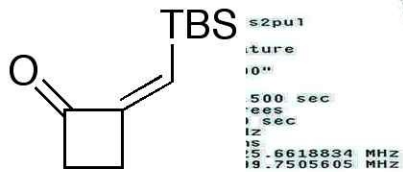
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient Temperature:
INOVA-500 "u1500"

Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
4 repetitions
OBSERVE N1 499.7485738 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131022
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



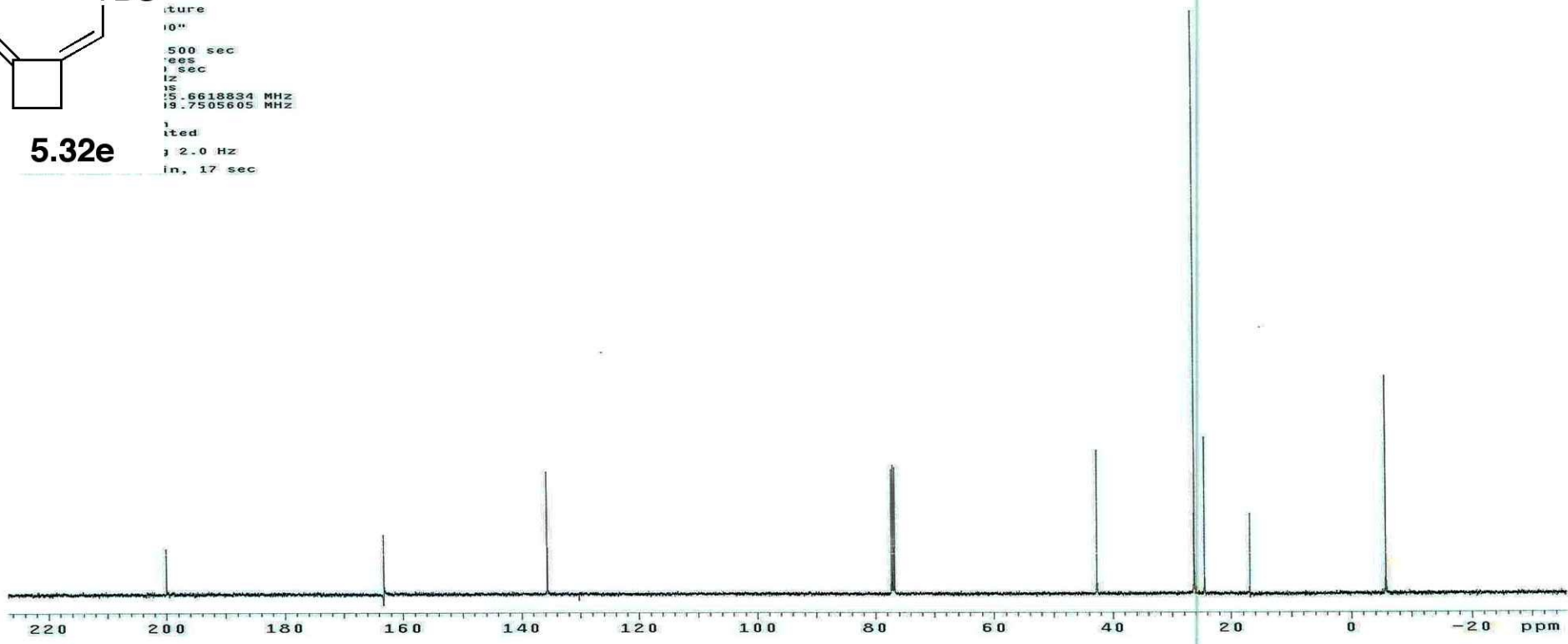
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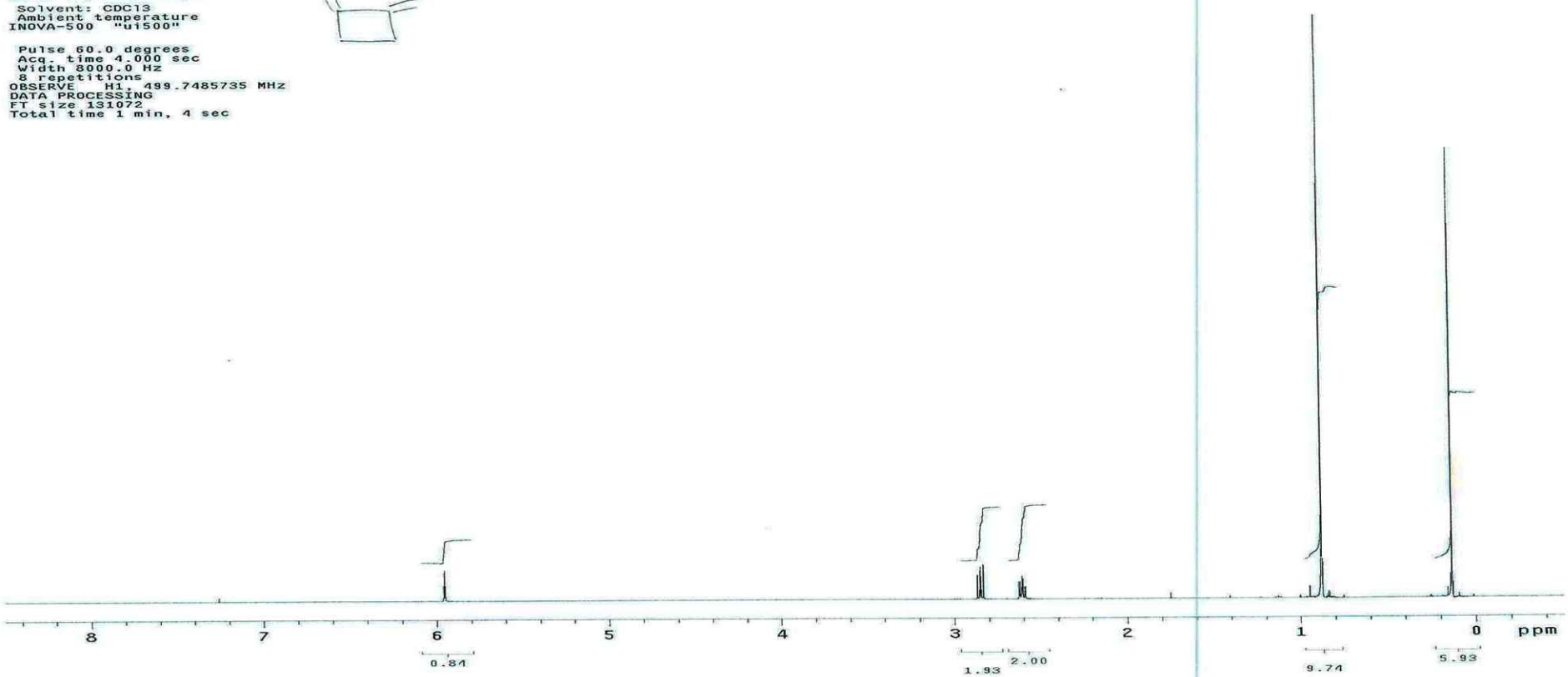
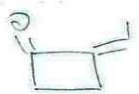


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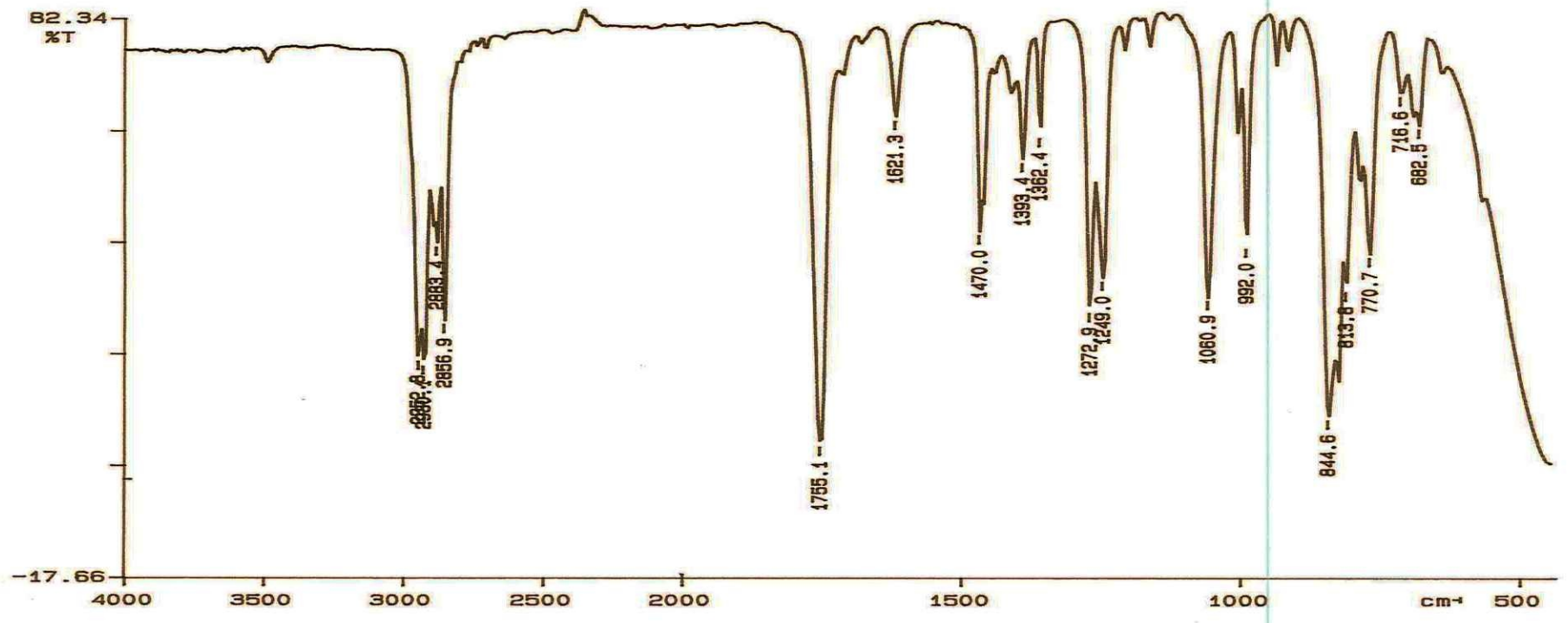
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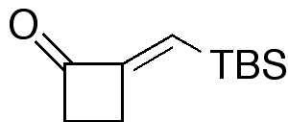


JX-XV-ZD-1
 Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "ui500"
 Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 8 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485735 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



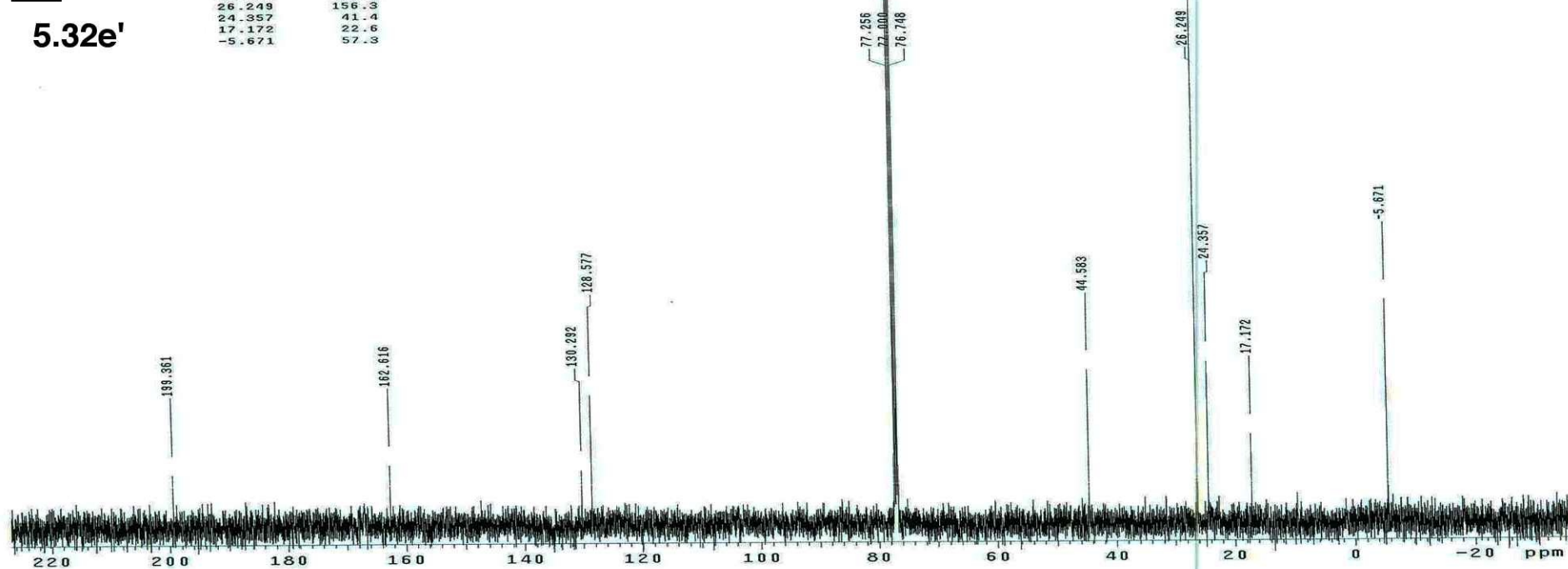
PERKIN ELMER



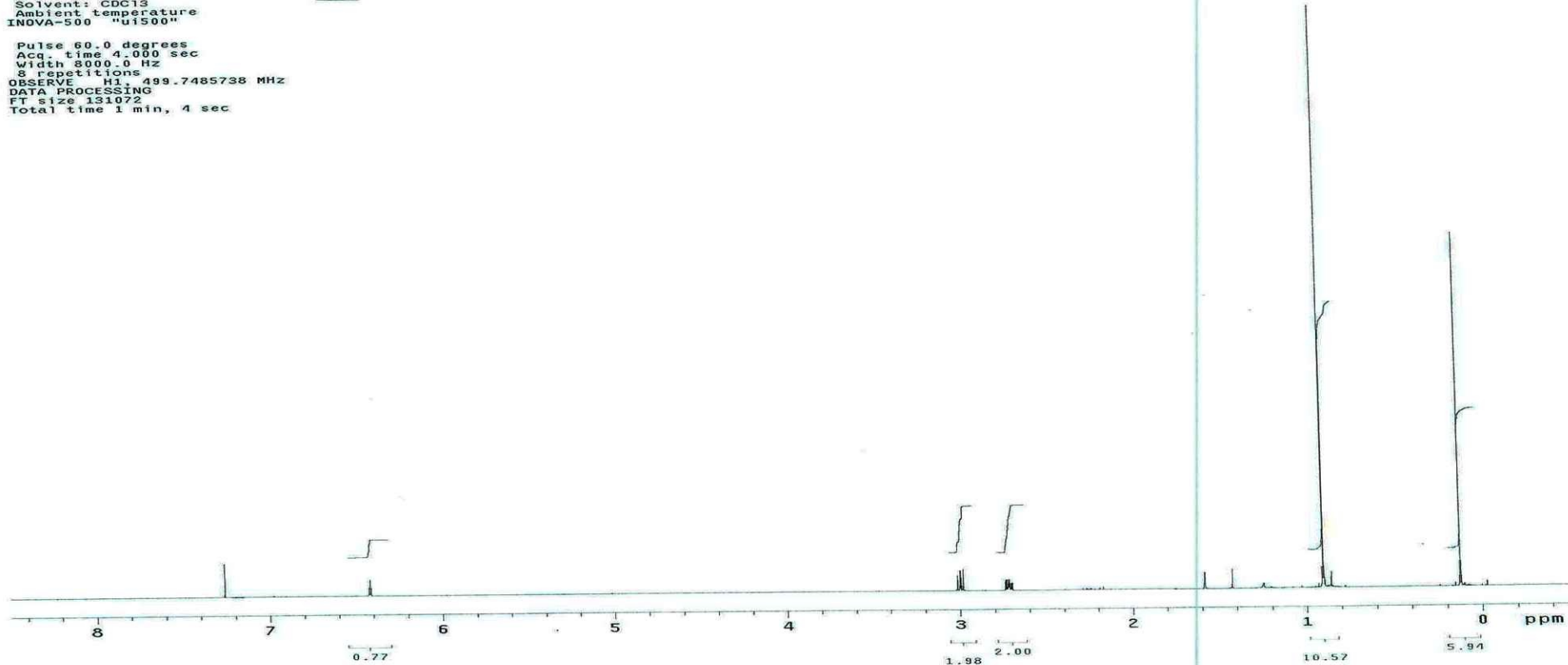


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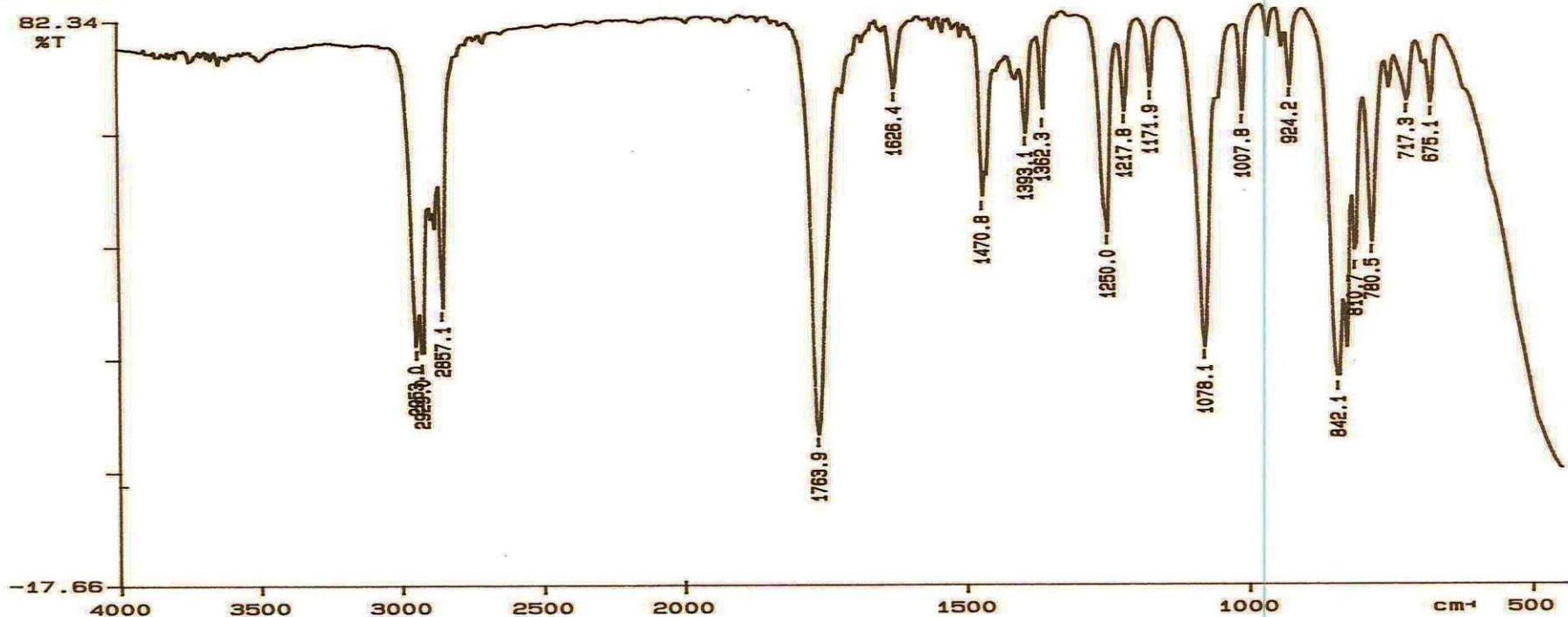
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162.616	15.5
130.292	14.1
128.577	33.4
77.256	320.9
77.000	328.5
76.748	317.5
44.583	39.4
26.249	156.3
24.357	41.4
17.172	22.6
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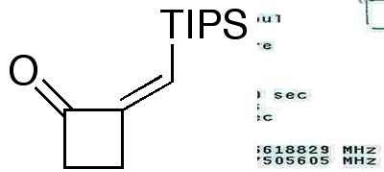


JX-XV-25-2
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
INOVA-500 "ui500"
Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7485738 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



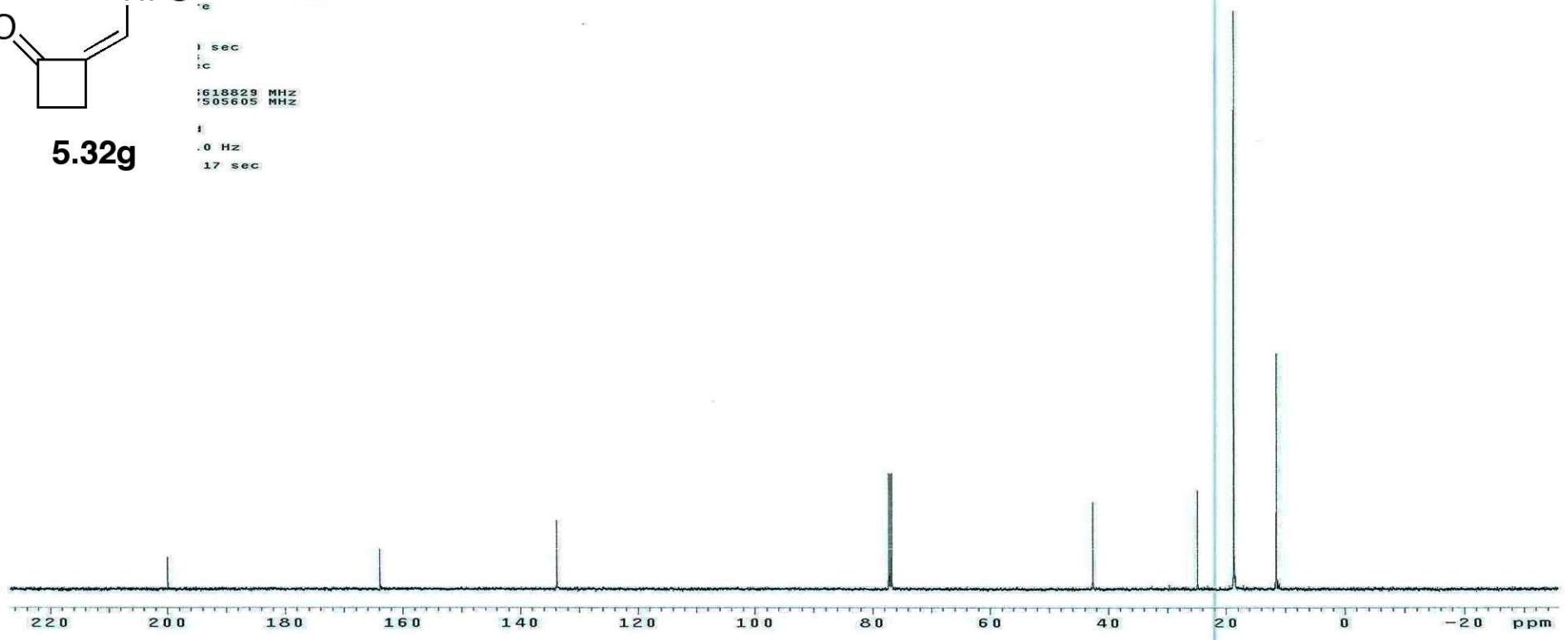
PERKIN ELMER





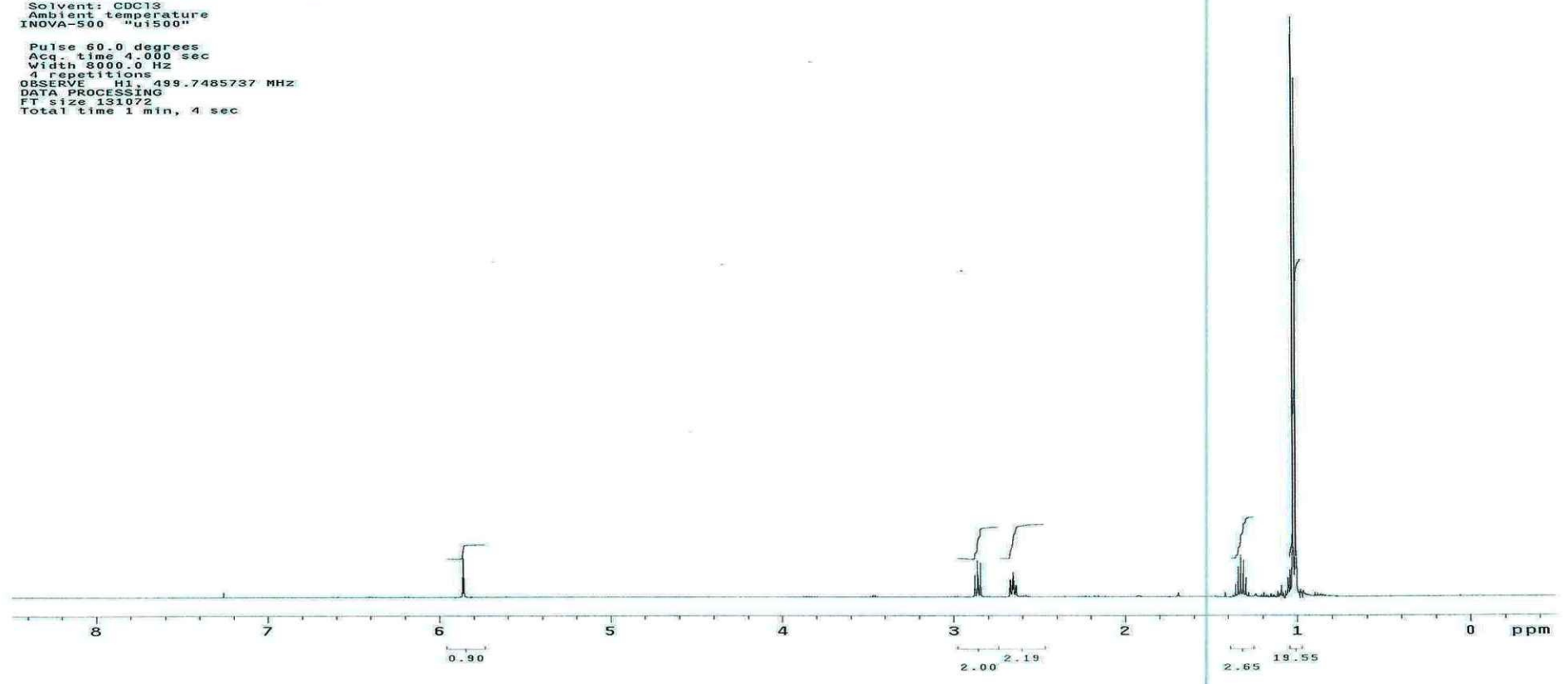
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1.0 Hz
17 sec

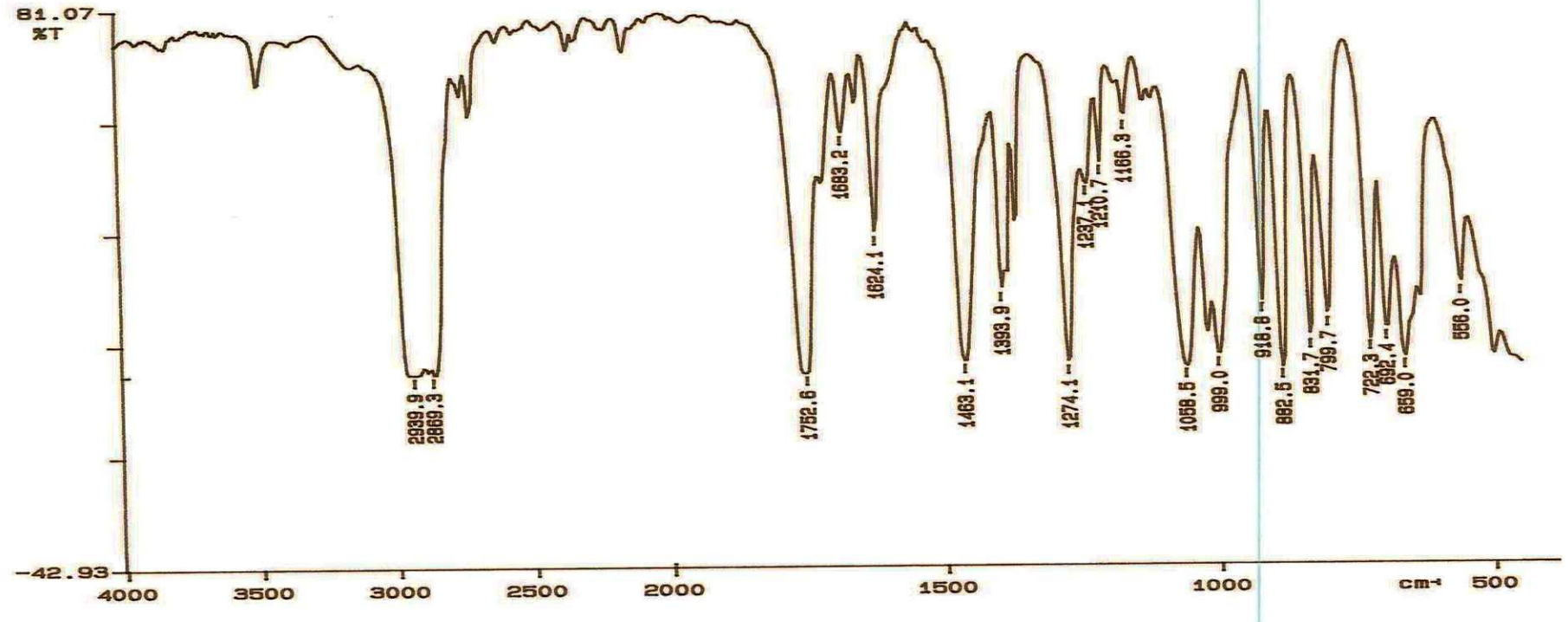


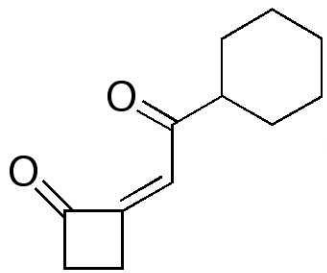
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Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
INOVA-500 "ui500"

Pulse 60.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
4 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7485737 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 1 min, 4 sec



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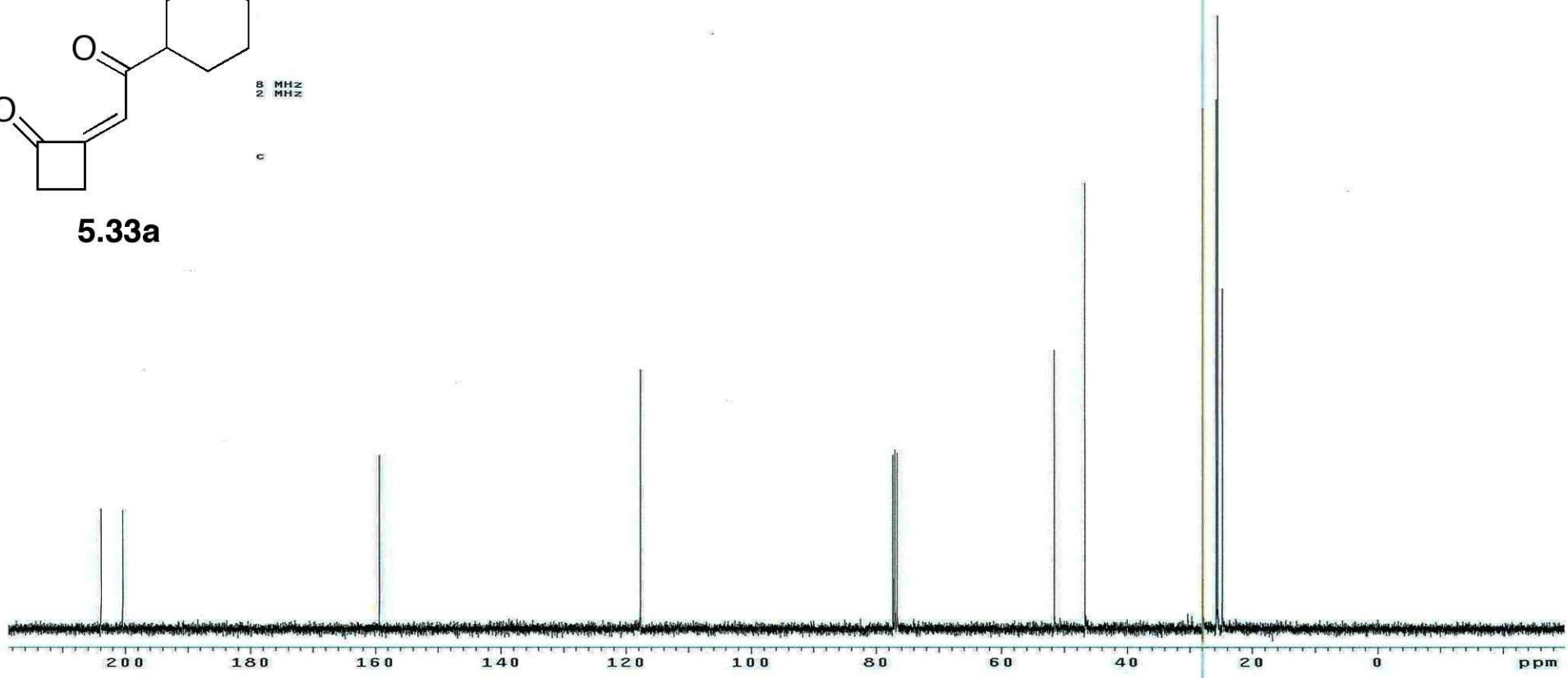


5.33a

8 MHz

2 MHz

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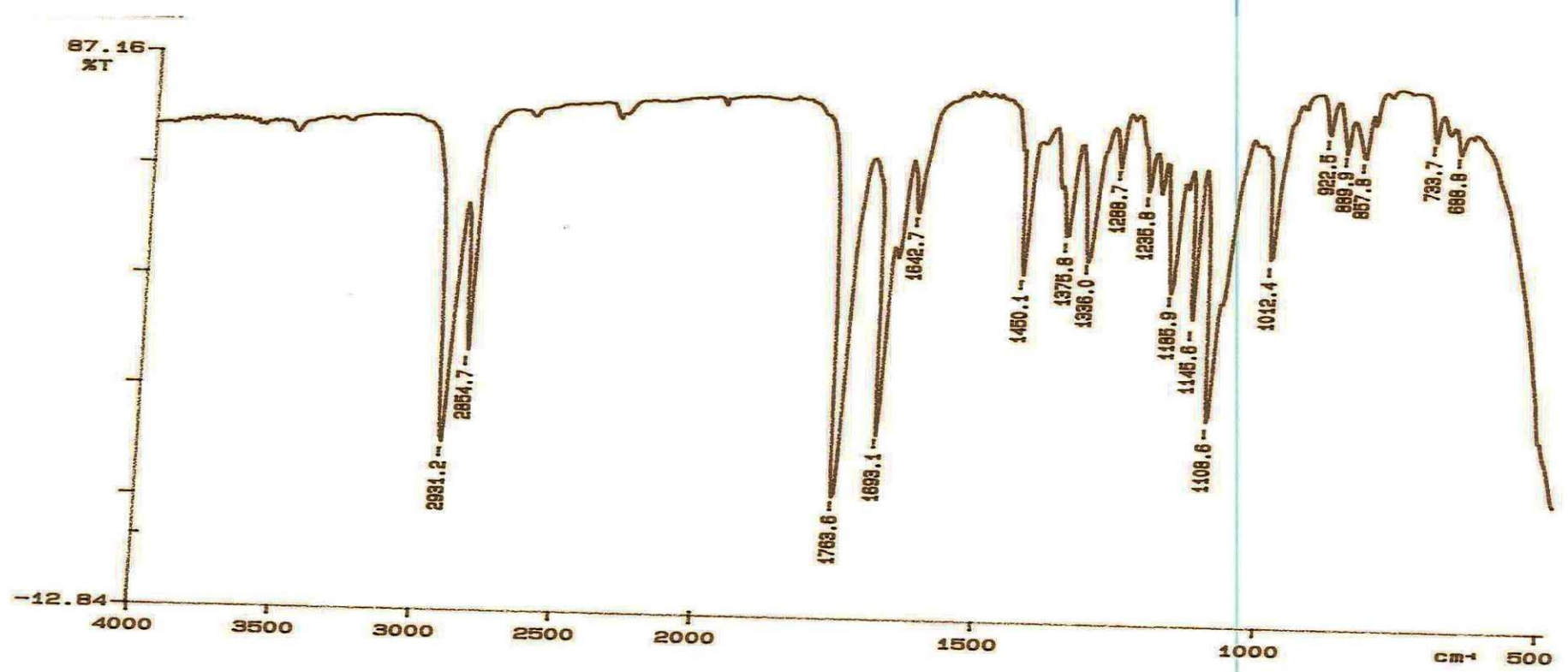
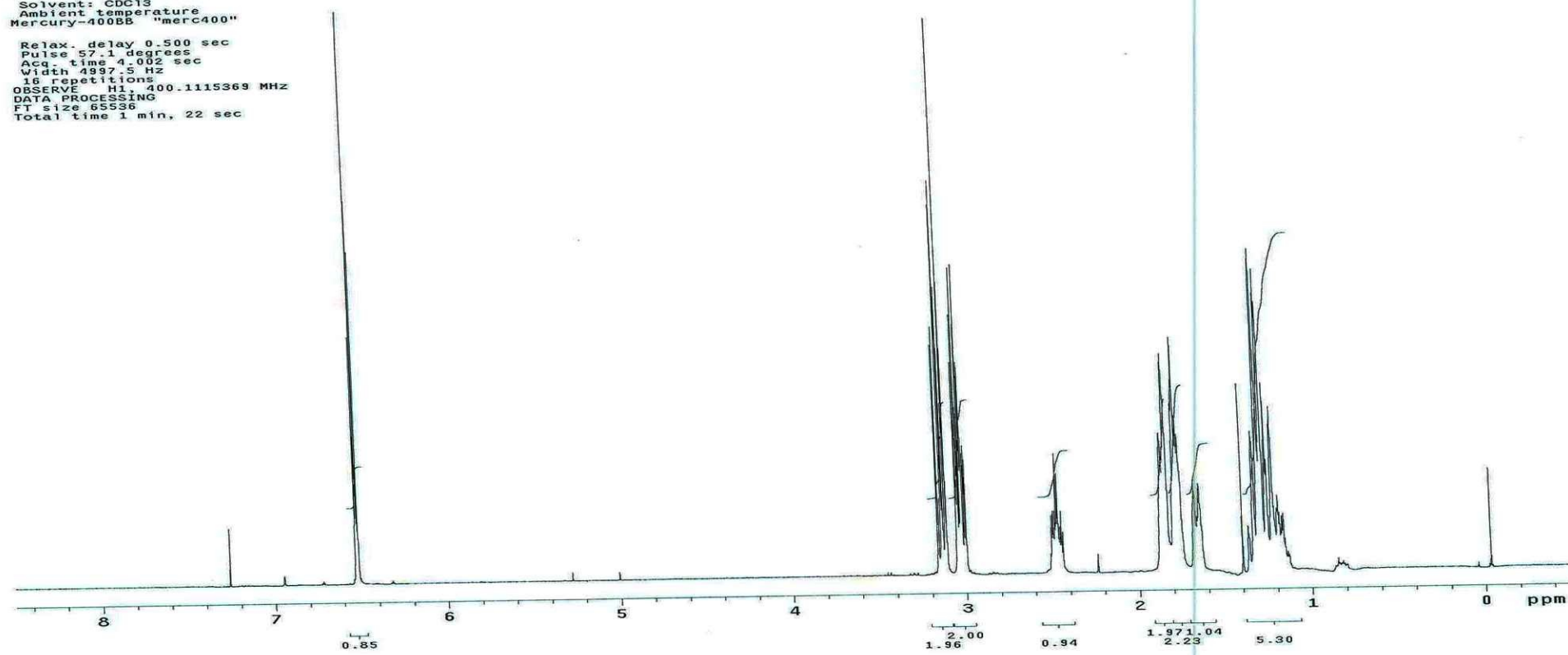


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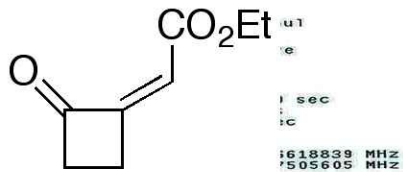
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1

Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
Mercury-400BB "merc400"

Relax. delay 0.500 sec
Pulse 57.1 degrees
Acq. time 4.002 sec
Width 4997.5 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 400.1115369 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
F1 size 65536
Total time 1 min, 22 sec

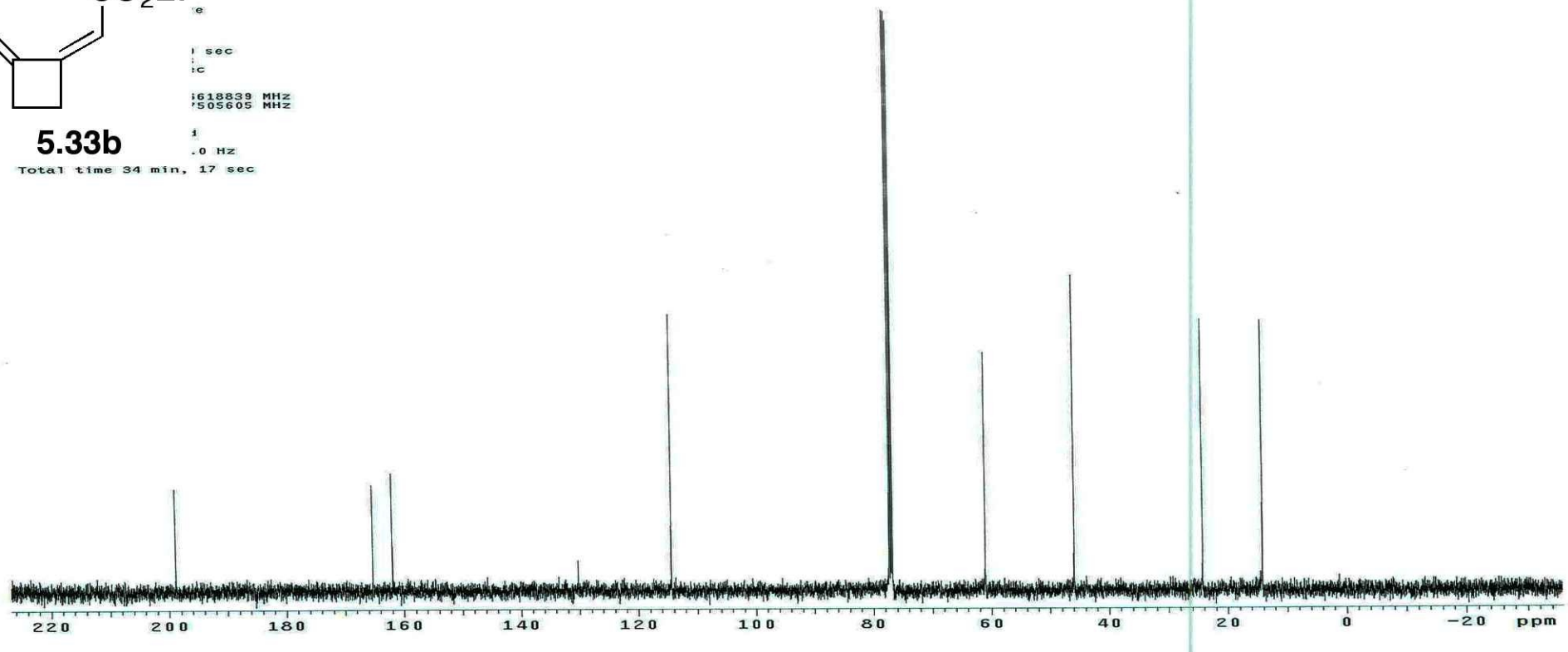


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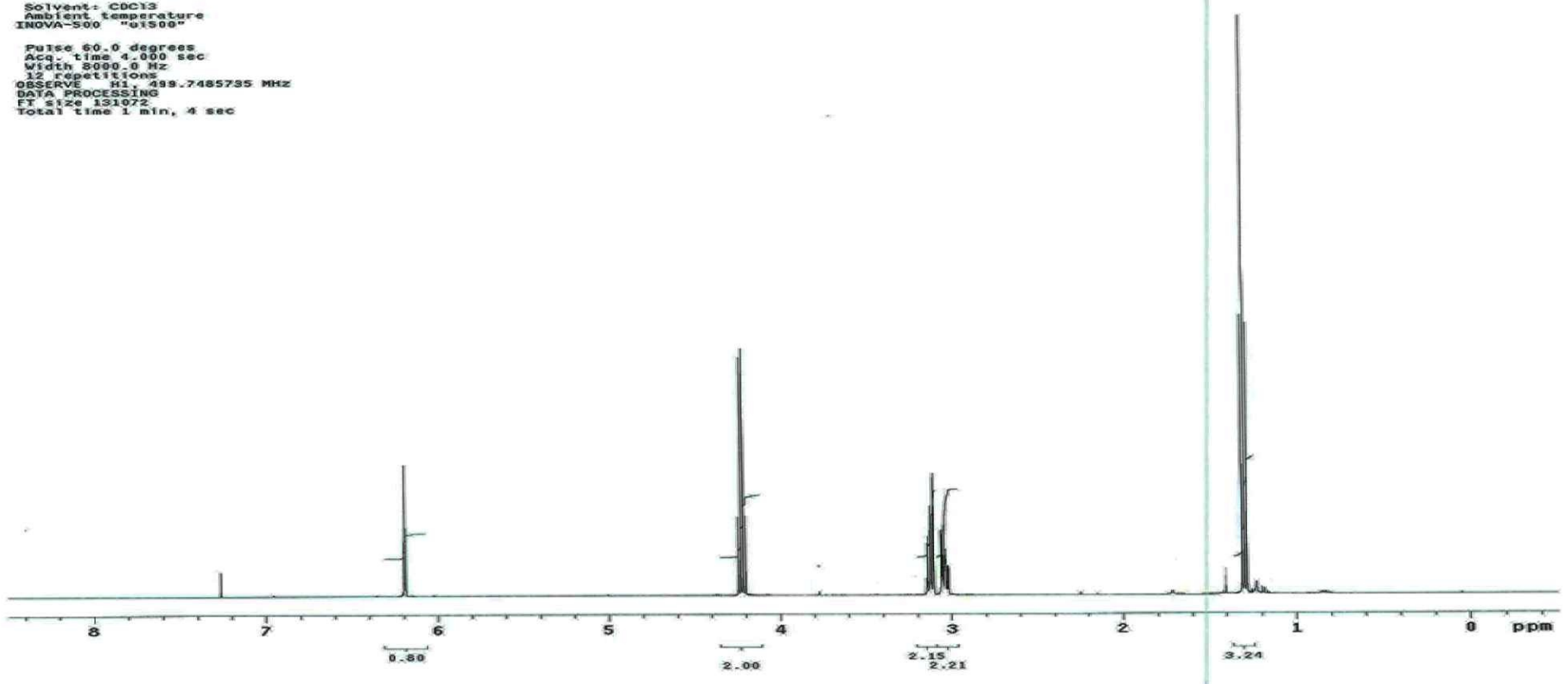


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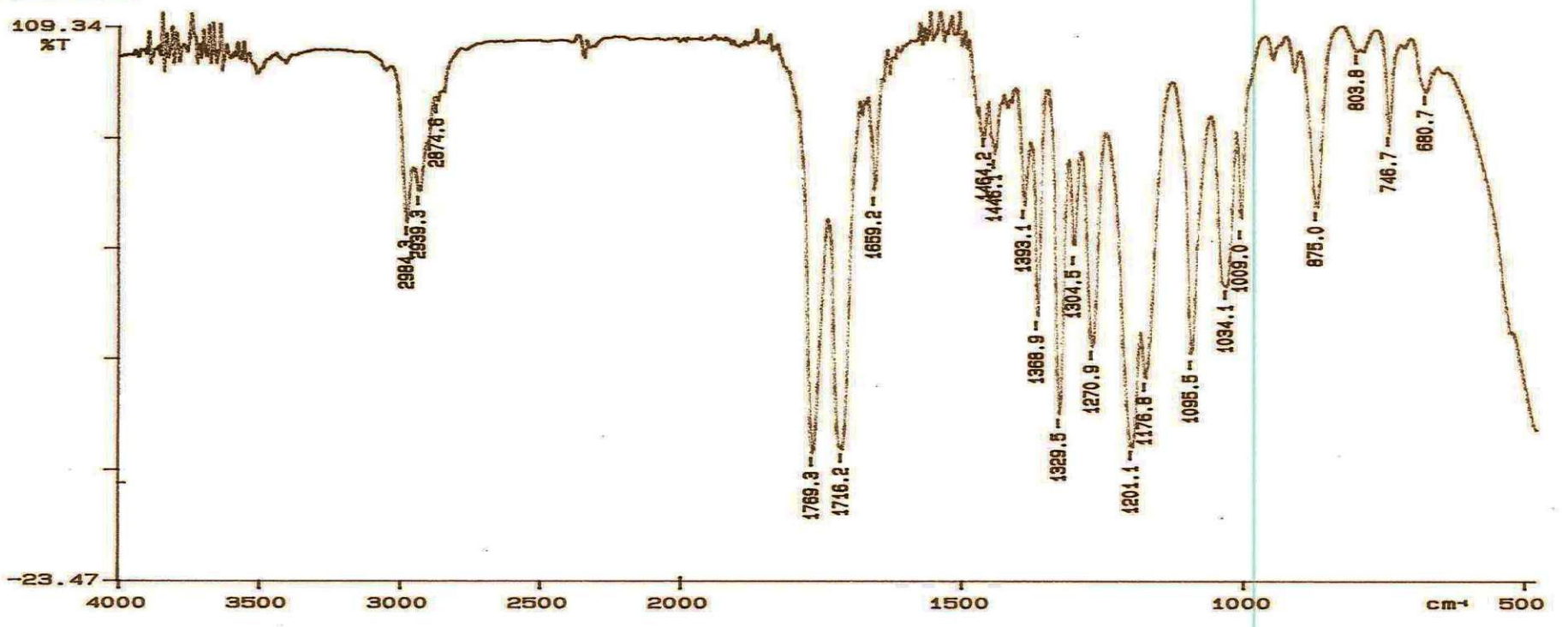
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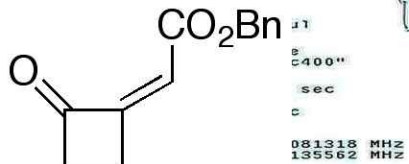


Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 INOVA-500 "q1500"
 Pulse 60.0 degrees
 Acq. time 4.000 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 12 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7485735 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 1 min, 4 sec



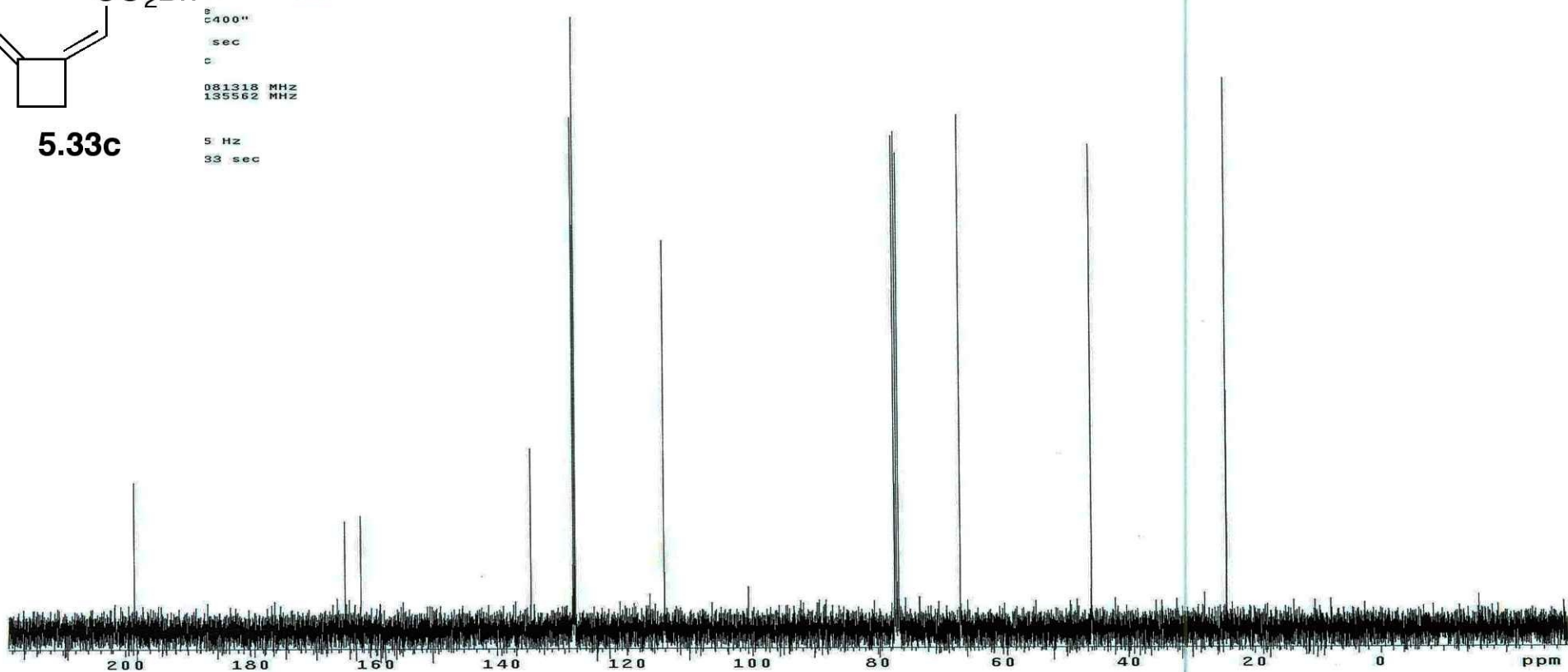
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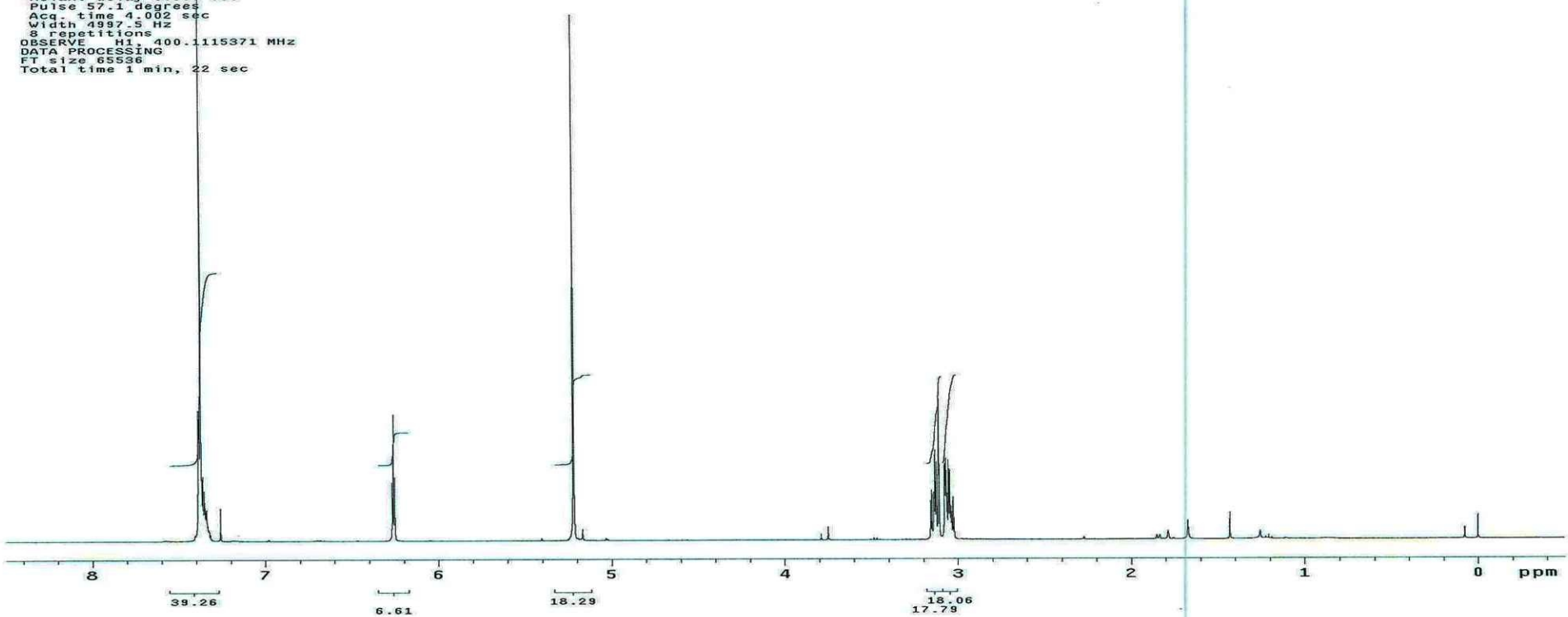


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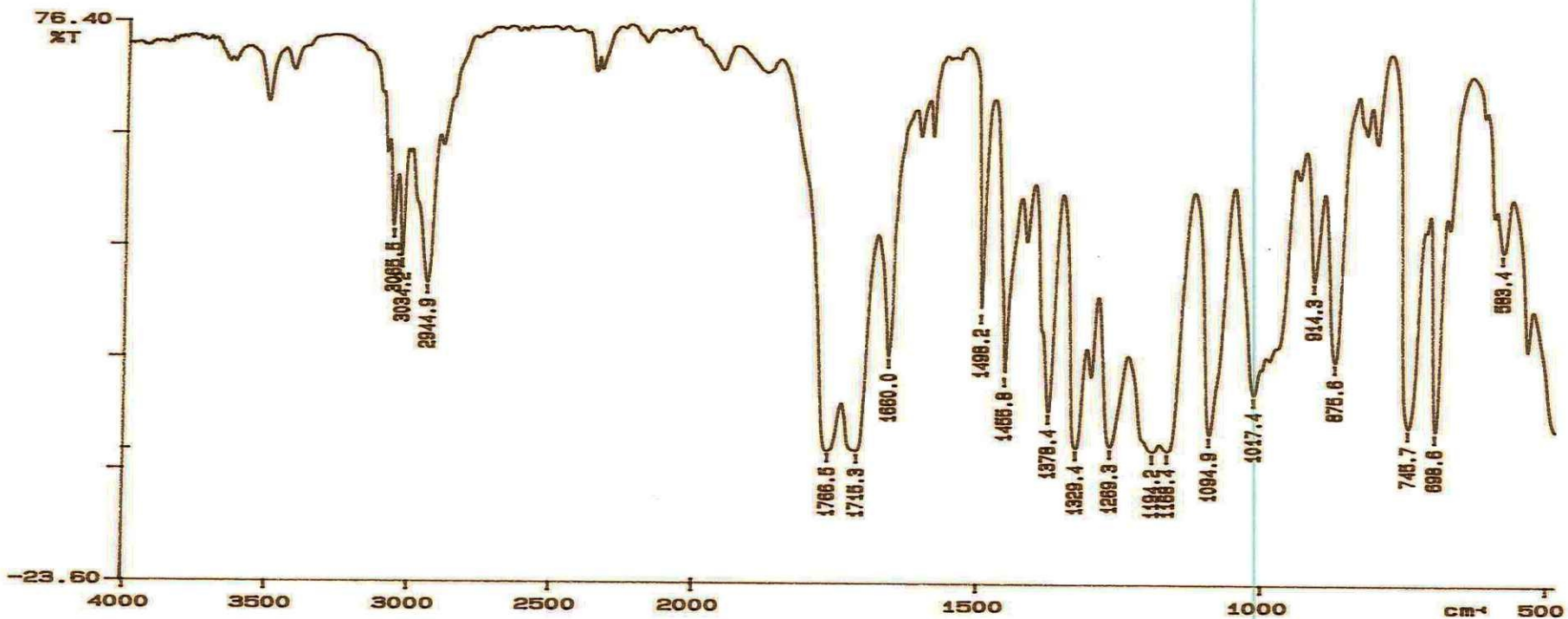
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135562 MHz
5 Hz
33 sec

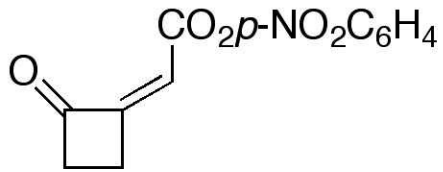


Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl₃
Ambient temperature
Mercury-400BB "merc400"
Relax. delay 0.500 sec
Pulse 57.1 degrees
Acq. time 4.002 sec
Width 4997.5 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1 400.1115371 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 65536
Total time 1 min, 22 sec

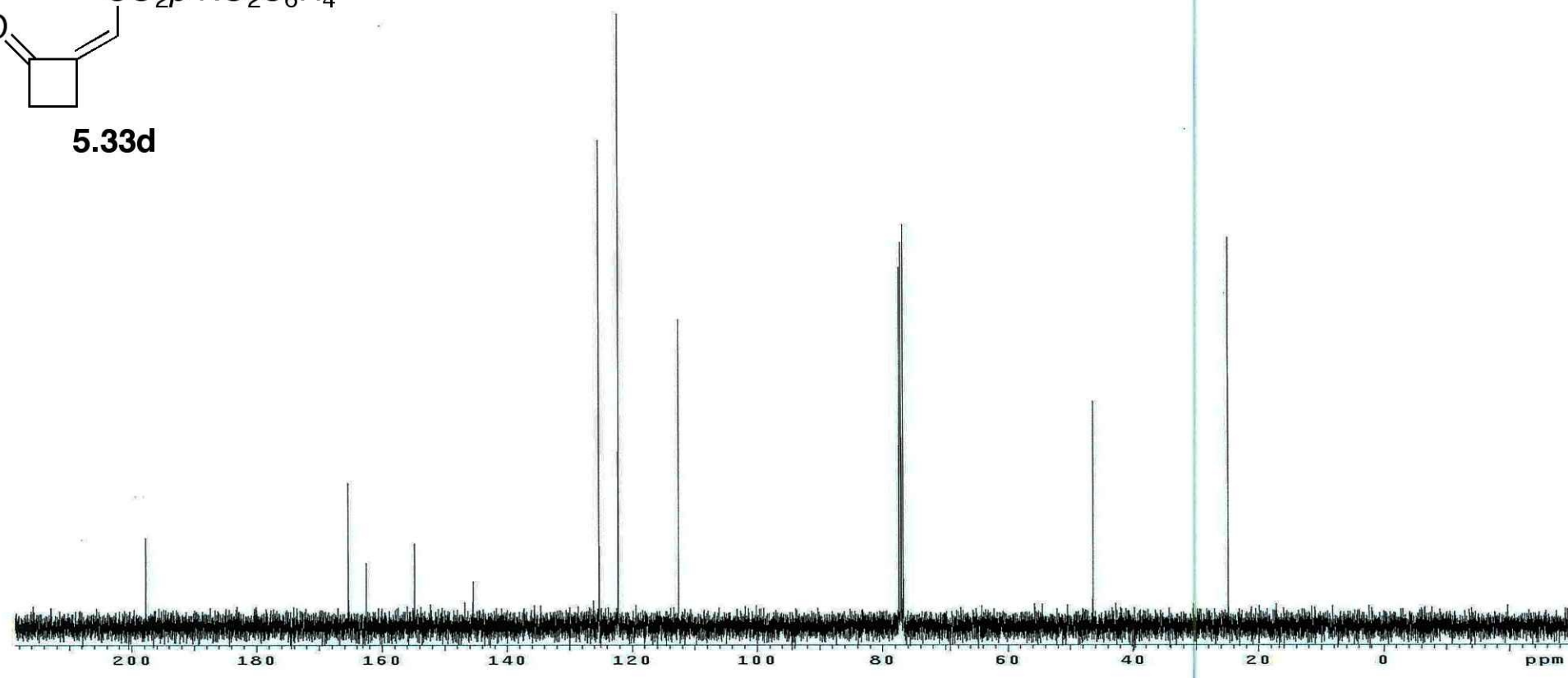


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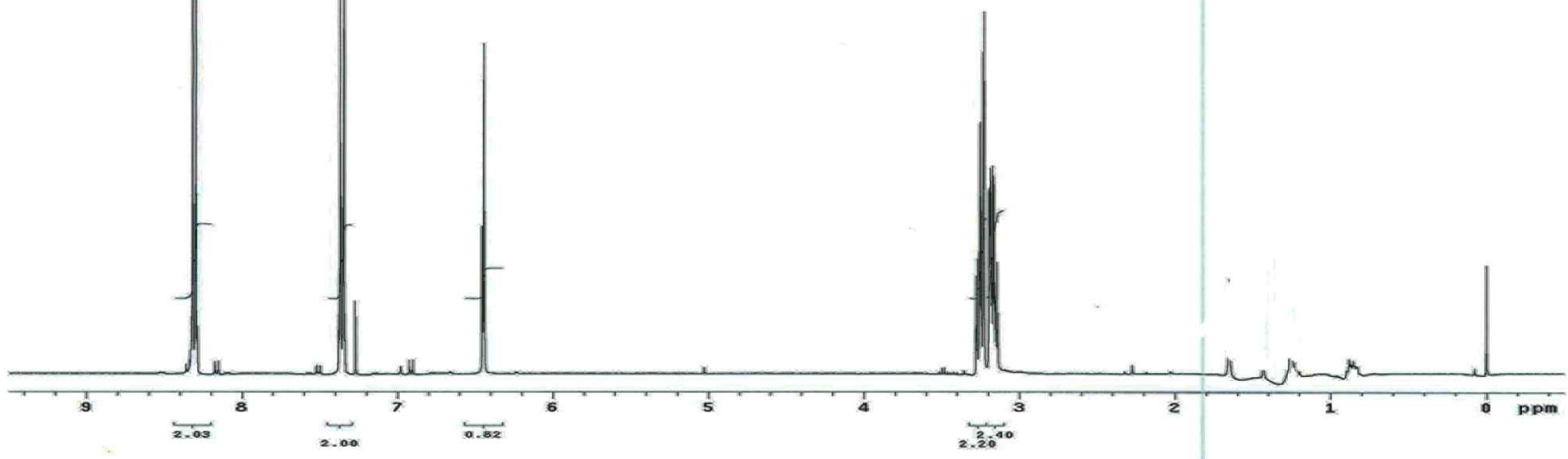




5.33d



Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Ambient temperature
 Mercury-400SB "mrc400"
 Relax. delay 0.500 sec
 Pulse 57.1 degrees
 Acq. time 4.002 sec
 Width 4897.5 Hz
 16 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1 400.1115321 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 65536
 Total time 0 min. 0 sec



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