

## Supporting Information

### Part 1

#### Synthesis of unstrained Criegee intermediates: inverse $\alpha$ -effect and other protective stereoelectronic forces can stop Baeyer-Villiger rearrangement of $\gamma$ -hydroperoxy- $\gamma$ -peroxylactones

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## General materials and methods

**Caution: Although we have encountered no difficulties in working with peroxides, precautions such as the performance of reactions within a fume hood and behind a safety shield should be taken. The use of redox-active transition-metal salts, heating and vigorous shaking should be avoided!**

NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instrument (300.13 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ , 75.48 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI-TOF).<sup>1</sup> The measurements were done in a positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage – 4500 V); mass range from  $m/z$  50 to  $m/z$  3000 Da; external/internal calibration was done with Electrospray Calibrant Solution. A syringe injection was used for solutions in MeCN (flow rate 3  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ ). Nitrogen was applied as a dry gas; interface temperature was set at 180 °C.

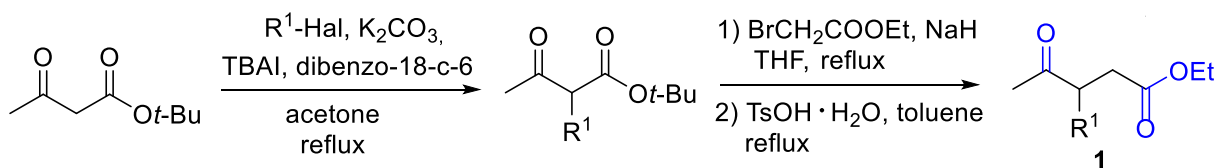
The TLC analysis was carried out on standard silica gel chromatography plates. The melting points were determined on a Kofler hot-stage apparatus. Chromatography was performed on silica gel (40-60  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

Ethyl levulinate **1m**,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (35% solution in water),  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$  (70% solution in water),  $\text{HBF}_4$  (48% solution in water),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , phosphomolybdic acid hydrate (formula weight: 1,825.25 g/mol),  $\text{SnCl}_4$  were purchased from commercial sources and were used as is. All solvents were distilled before use using standard procedures.

A solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (4.30 mol/L,  $\approx$  20 % weight) was prepared by the extraction with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (5  $\times$  100 mL) from a 35% aqueous solution (100 mL) followed by drying over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and evaporating of approximately 2/3 volume of the solution.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Synthesis of starting $\gamma$ -ketoesters **1**

### General procedure for synthesis of $\gamma$ -ketoesters 1a-j. (GP1)



*Tert*-butyl 3-oxobutanoate (2.37 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a suspension of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (12.42 g, 90.0 mmol, 7.5 eq.) in dry acetone (50 mL). Then corresponding benzyl or alkyl halogenide (12.0 mmol, 1 eq.), TBAI (221.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.05 eq.) and dibenzo-18-crown-6 (216.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.05 eq.) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10 h. Then solid was filtered and washed acetone (3 $\times$ 10 mL). A filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–35 °C). Later,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (60 mL) was added and a solution was washed with brine (3 $\times$ 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath

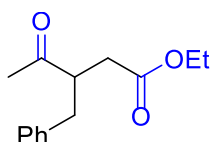
temperature, ca. 30–35 °C). The respective  $\alpha$ -benzylated or  $\alpha$ -alkylated  $\beta$ -ketoesters were isolated by column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (PE:EtOAc = from 20:1 to 2:1).

To a suspension of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 220.0 mg, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in dry THF (15 mL) was added a solution of  $\alpha$ -benzylated or  $\alpha$ -alkylated  $\beta$ -ketoester from previous stage (5.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) dropwise over 30 min. The resulted solution was stirred for 1 h before addition of ethyl bromoacetate (918.5 mg, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 eq.) dropwise over 30 min. The addition funnel was replaced with a reflux condenser. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 h. After cooling, H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) was added and the product from the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3×10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–35 °C).

A solution of unpurified resulting  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\beta$ -ketoesters and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (47.6 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.05 eq.) in toluene (15 mL) was refluxed for 5 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL). The mixture was washed with brine (10 mL), a 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2×10 mL), and again with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 20–25 °C). The respective  $\beta$ -benzylated or  $\beta$ -alkylated  $\gamma$ -ketoesters **1** were isolated by column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (PE:EtOAc = from 20:1 to 2:1).

### Characterization data of starting $\gamma$ -ketoesters **1**

#### Ethyl 3-benzyl-4-oxopentanoate, **1a** <sup>4</sup>



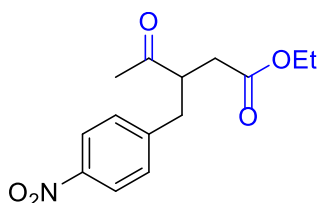
According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 57% (667.2 mg, 2.85 mmol) **1a**.

Colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.37 (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.33 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 4.05 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.34 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 210.75, 172.27, 138.42, 129.03, 128.77, 126.82, 60.72, 49.78, 37.83, 35.53, 30.41, 14.21.

#### Ethyl 3-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1b**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 63% (879.2 mg, 3.15 mmol) **1b**.

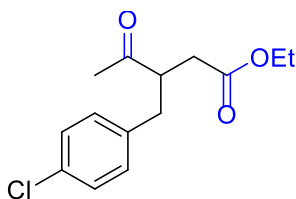
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.29$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.32 (dd,  $J = 16.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 209.58, 171.75, 147.06, 146.34, 130.00, 124.01, 61.04, 49.33, 37.19, 35.58, 30.39, 14.22.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}]^+$ : 302.0999. Found: 302.1000.

### Ethyl 3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1c**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 36% (482.6 mg, 1.80 mmol) **1c**.

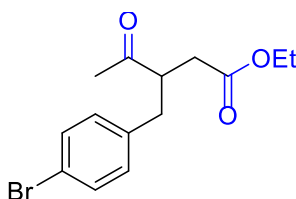
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.31$  (PE:EtOAc = 2:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.30 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.43, 172.11, 136.91, 132.71, 130.40, 128.92, 60.85, 49.63, 37.03, 35.50, 30.50, 14.21.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}_3]^+$ : 269.0939. Found: 269.0937.

### Ethyl 3-(4-bromobenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1d**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 78% (1216.8 mg, 3.90 mmol) **1d**.

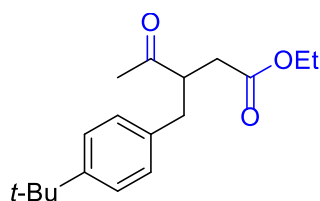
Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.51$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.32 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.87 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.32, 172.09, 137.46, 131.90, 130.79, 120.76, 60.87, 49.60, 37.11, 35.53, 30.48, 14.24.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrO}_3]^+$ : 313.0434, 315.0414. Found: 313.0432, 315.0414.

### Ethyl 3-(4-(*tert*-butyl)benzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1e**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 45% (652.9 mg, 2.25 mmol) **1e**.

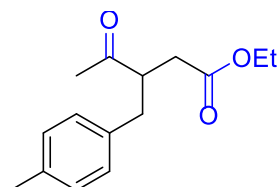
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.62$  (PE:EtOAc = 2:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.32 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.95, 172.43, 149.74, 135.24, 128.72, 125.66, 60.73, 49.79, 37.23, 35.45, 34.54, 31.47, 30.33, 14.24.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]^+$ : 313.1774. Found: 313.1778.

#### Ethyl 3-(4-methylbenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1f**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 46% (570.2 mg, 2.30 mmol) **1f**.

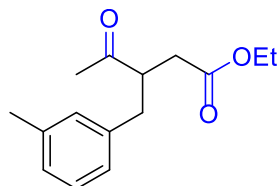
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.67$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.29 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.98, 172.39, 136.38, 135.27, 129.45, 128.91, 60.72, 49.86, 37.41, 35.47, 30.46, 21.12, 14.23.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]^+$ : 271.1305. Found: 271.1310.

#### Ethyl 3-(3-methylbenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1g**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 64% (793.9 mg, 3.20 mmol) **1g**.

Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.43$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

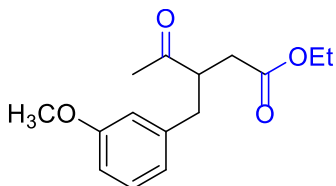
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.06 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.32 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd,  $J = 17.0,$

10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.27 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.92, 172.39, 138.42, 138.37, 129.81, 128.67, 127.58, 126.07, 60.73, 49.83, 37.77, 35.51, 30.40, 21.46, 14.23.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3]^+$ : 249.1485. Found: 249.1492.

### Ethyl 3-(3-methoxybenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1h**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 15% (198.2 mg, 0.75 mmol) **1h**.

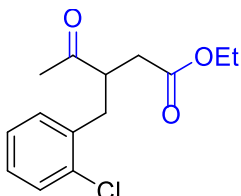
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.58$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.60 (m, 3H), 4.07 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.35 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.76, 172.33, 159.98, 140.04, 129.81, 121.41, 114.86, 112.15, 60.77, 55.32, 49.72, 37.88, 35.57, 30.45, 14.25.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}]^+$ : 287.1254. Found: 287.1255.

### Ethyl 3-(2-chlorobenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, **1i**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -benzylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 36% (483.7 mg, 1.80 mmol) **1i**.

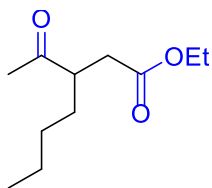
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.74$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 4.05 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.48 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.32 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.55, 172.15, 136.16, 134.28, 131.63, 130.01, 128.49, 127.09, 60.78, 47.36, 35.59, 35.39, 30.31, 14.22.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}]^+$ : 291.0758. Found: 291.0759.

### Ethyl 3-acetylheptanoate, **1j**<sup>5</sup>



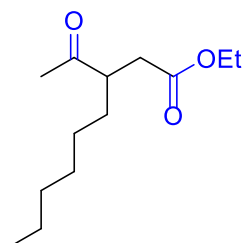
According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -alkylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 68% (681.0 mg, 3.40 mmol) **1j**.

Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.63$  (PE:EtOAc = 2:1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.06 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.19 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 210.85, 172.43, 60.50, 47.89, 35.31, 31.01, 29.47, 29.04, 22.65, 14.12, 13.78.

### Ethyl 3-acetylnonanoate, **1k**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -alkylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 57% (650.3 mg, 2.85 mmol) **1k**.

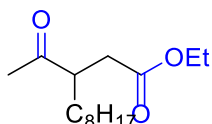
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.52$  (PE:EtOAc = 2:1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.02 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.17 (m, 11H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 211.13, 172.62, 60.67, 48.04, 35.42, 31.67, 31.45, 29.65, 29.37, 26.98, 22.65, 14.26, 14.12.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]^+$ : 251.1618. Found: 251.1625.

### Ethyl 3-acetylundecanoate, **1l**



According to **GP1**  $\alpha$ -alkylated  $\beta$ -ketoester (5.0 mmol) given 60% (768.6 mg, 3.00 mmol) **1l**.

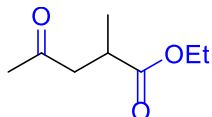
Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.59$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 4.09 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.07 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 16.7, 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd,  $J = 16.7, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 15H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 211.01, 172.60, 60.67, 48.11, 35.47, 31.94, 31.49, 29.73, 29.60, 29.46, 29.31, 27.04, 22.75, 14.27, 14.17.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]^+$ : 279.1931. Found: 279.1929.

#### Ethyl 2-methyl-4-oxopentanoate, **1n**<sup>6</sup>

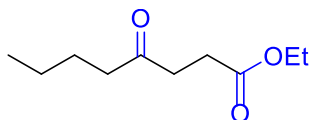


**1n** was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>6</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.95 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 206.73, 175.83, 60.66, 46.72, 34.89, 30.15, 17.16, 14.24.

#### Ethyl 4-oxooctanoate, **1o**<sup>7</sup>

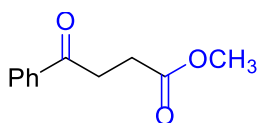


**1o** was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>7</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 4.10 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.55 (quintet,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 209.25, 172.93, 60.66, 42.60, 37.11, 28.10, 26.00, 22.40, 14.25, 13.91.

#### Methyl 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate, **1p**<sup>8</sup>



**1p** was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>9</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.95 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.29 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 197.99, 173.29, 136.51, 133.19, 128.58, 127.99, 51.74, 33.35, 27.97.

### Experimental procedure for Table 1.

An ethereal solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (4.30 M, 0.698-2.326 mL, 3.0-10.0 mmol, 3.0-10.0 eq.) was added with stirring to **1a** (234.3 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3.5 mL). Later,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (425.7 mg-1.419 g, 3.00-10.00 mmol, 3.0-10.0 eq.), 70% aq.  $\text{HClO}_4$  (1.435 g, 10.00 mmol, 10.0 eq.), 48% aq.



HBF<sub>4</sub> (1.829 g, 10.00 mmol, 10.0 eq.), TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.902 g, 10.00 mmol, 10.0 eq.), or PMA (2340.0 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added in portions with stirring to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 24 h. After that time, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), a 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 × 10 mL), and again with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 20–25 °C). Product **2a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> with elution using PE-EtOAc mixture (4:1).

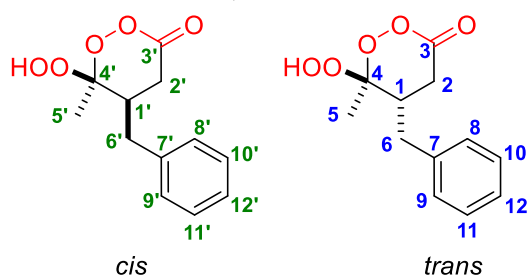
#### General experimental procedure for Scheme 5.

An ethereal solution of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (4.30 M, 1.163 mL, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added with stirring to **1** (1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.5 mL). Later, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.419 g, 10.00 mmol, 10.0 eq.) was added dropwise with stirring to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 24 h. After that time, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) was added and the mixture was neutralized by NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The solid was filtrated. The solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 20–25 °C). Product **2** was isolated by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> with elution using PE-EtOAc mixture (4:1).

#### Characterization data of synthesized $\gamma$ -hydroperoxy- $\gamma$ -peroxylactones

Correlation of *cis* and *trans* isomer signals is done based on H6-H5 cross-peaks of *trans*-isomer and H5'-H1' cross-peaks of *cis*-isomer in 2D NOESY.

#### 5-Benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2a**



Yield 53% (126.2 mg, 0.53 mmol). White crystals.  $R_f = 0.31$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2a** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 22:78 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.68 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H, H10', H11', H12'), 7.14 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.12 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 4.5$  Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.85 – 2.72 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 7.2$  Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.45 – 2.30 (m, 1H, H'6<sub>b</sub>), 2.40 – 2.28 (m, 1H, H'2<sub>b</sub>), 1.67 (s, 3H, H5').

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 174.41 (C3'), 138.18 (C7'), 129.19 (C8'+C9'), 128.91 (C10'+C11'), 126.95 (C12'), 109.49 (C4'), 44.95 (C1'), 34.07 (C6'), 30.13 (C2'), 20.26 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.77 (br.s, 1H, OOH), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H, H10, H11, H12), 7.14 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H, H8, H9), 3.09 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.54 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 10.6$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.49 – 2.32 (m, 2H, H2), 2.38 – 2.22 (m, 1H, H1), 1.61 (s, 3H, H5).

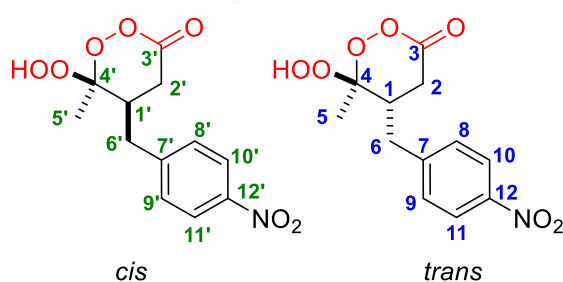
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.49 (C3), 137.34 (C7), 129.03 (C8+C9), 128.88 (C10+C11), 127.24 (C12), 112.76 (C4), 41.61 (C1), 36.65 (C6), 30.48 (C2), 15.56 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{N}]^+$ : 256.1179. Found: 256.1184.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5$ : C, 60.50; H, 5.92. Found: C, 60.72; H, 6.03.

IR (KBr): 3422, 3020, 2817, 1773, 1619, 1513, 1427, 1349, 1272, 1148, 1021, 858  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 6-Hydroperoxy-6-methyl-5-(4-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2b**



Yield 56% (158.6 mg, 0.56 mmol). White crystals.  $R_f = 0.28$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2b** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 24:76 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.17 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, H10', H11'), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.15 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 5.6$  Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.94 – 2.81 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.76 – 2.65 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.58 – 2.48 (m, 1H, H6'<sub>b</sub>), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 1.62 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.46 (C3'), 146.92 (C12'), 146.12 (C7'), 130.08 (C8'+C9'), 123.99 (C10'+C11'), 109.22 (C4'), 44.32 (C1'), 33.95 (C6'), 30.52 (C2'), 20.33 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.27 (br.s., 1H, OOH), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, H10, H11), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, H8, H9), 3.12 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 4.2$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.71 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 9.3$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.45 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H, H2<sub>a</sub>), 2.37 – 2.30 (m, 1H, H1), 2.30 (dd,  $J = 15.2, 2.8$  Hz, 1H, H2<sub>b</sub>), 1.56 (s, 3H, H5).

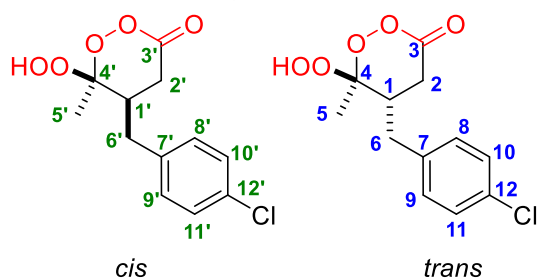
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.28 (C3), 147.08 (C12), 145.19 (C7), 129.83 (C8+C9), 124.12 (C10+C11), 112.43 (C4), 40.96 (C1), 36.20 (C6), 30.61 (C2), 15.45 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_7\text{N}_2]^+$ : 301.1030. Found: 301.1021.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_7$ : C, 50.89; H, 4.63; N, 4.95. Found: C, 50.55; H, 4.89; N, 5.08.

IR (thin layer): 3401, 3081, 3010, 2945, 2859, 1779, 1602, 1518, 1425, 1346, 1259, 1149, 1110, 857  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 5-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2c**



Yield 47% (128.2 mg, 0.47 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2c** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 23:77 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.96 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, H10', H11'), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.03 (dd,  $J = 14.1, 4.6$  Hz, 1H, H6'a), 2.80 – 2.69 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.64 (dd,  $J = 15.5, 7.1$  Hz, 1H, H2'a), 2.43 – 2.33 (m, 1H, H6'b), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1H, H2'b), 1.63 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.52 (C3'), 136.65 (C7'), 132.78 (C12'), 130.53 (C8'+C9'), 129.01 (C10'+C11'), 109.38 (C4'), 44.80 (C1'), 33.41 (C6'), 30.22 (C2'), 20.31 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.07 (br.s., 1H, OOH), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, H10, H11), 7.07 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, H8, H9), 3.01 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.1$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.51 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 10.8$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.38 – 2.26 (m, 2H, H2), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 1H, H1), 1.57 (s, 3H, H5).

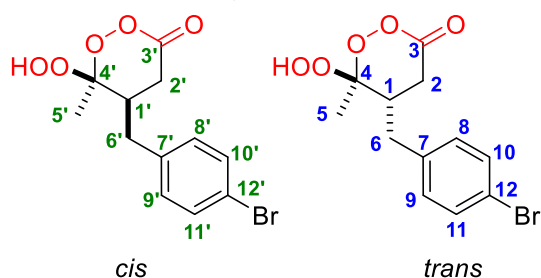
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.47 (C3), 135.83 (C7), 133.06 (C12), 130.20 (C8+C9), 129.15 (C10+C11), 112.61 (C4), 41.42 (C1), 35.92 (C6), 30.49 (C2), 15.49 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [ $\text{M} + \text{NH}_4$ ] $^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_5\text{N}]^+$ : 290.0790. Found: 290.0787.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_5$ : C, 52.86; H, 4.81; Cl, 13.00. Found: C, 52.54; H, 4.58; Cl, 12.90.

IR (thin layer): 3386, 2941, 1783, 1492, 1414, 1379, 1267, 1193, 1151, 1099, 856, 814, 510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 5-(4-Bromobenzyl)-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2d**



Yield 44% (139.5 mg, 0.44 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2d** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 23:77 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 9.00 – 8.30 (br.s., OOH'), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H10', H11'), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.42 – 2.32 (m, 1H, H6'<sub>b</sub>), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 1.64 (s, 3H, H5').

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 174.21 (C3'), 137.16 (C7'), 132.04 (C10'+C11'), 130.93 (C8'+C9'), 120.91 (C12'), 109.41 (C4'), 44.87 (C1'), 33.50 (C6'), 30.26 (C2'), 20.42 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 9.00 – 8.30 (br.s., OOH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H10, H11), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H8, H9), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 10.7 Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.42 – 2.28 (m, 2H, H2), 2.32 – 2.19 (m, 1H, H1), 1.58 (s, 3H, H5).

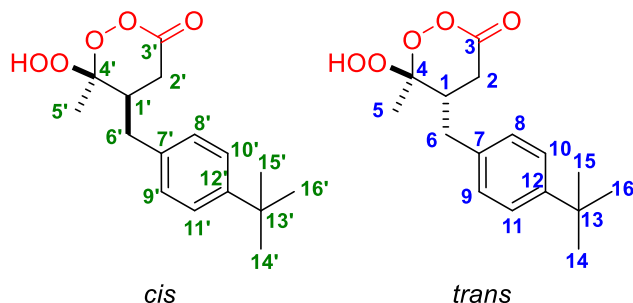
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.15 (C3), 136.31 (C7), 132.18 (C10+C11), 130.57 (C8+C9), 121.19 (C12), 112.61 (C4), 41.40 (C1), 36.07 (C6), 30.54 (C2), 15.57 (C5).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. Calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO<sub>5</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 338.9839, 340.9819. Found: 338.9835, 340.9821.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO<sub>5</sub>: C, 45.45; H, 4.13; Br, 25.20. Found: C, 45.11; H, 4.34; Br, 25.07.

IR (thin layer): 3383, 2931, 1783, 1717, 1488, 1410, 1378, 1266, 1193, 1150, 1071, 857, 810 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 5-(4-(*Tert*-butyl)benzyl)-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2e**



Yield 67% (197.2 mg, 0.67 mmol). White crystals. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.41 (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2e** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 21:79 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.51 (s, 1H, OOH'), 7.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H10', H11'), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.82 – 2.70 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>b</sub>), 2.45 – 2.28 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 1.68 (s, 3H, H5'), 1.31 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu').

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 174.35 (C3'), 149.90 (C7'), 135.03 (C12'), 128.87 (C8'+C9'), 125.83 (C10'+C11'), 109.55 (C4'), 45.01 (C1'), 34.59 (C6'), 33.48 (C13'), 31.45 (C14'+C15'+C16'), 30.14 (C2'), 20.29 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.63 (s, 1H, OOH), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H, H10, H11), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H, H8, H9), 3.04 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 3.6$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.48 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 10.9$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.45 – 2.28 (m, 2H, H2), 2.34 – 2.19 (m, 1H, H1), 1.61 (s, 3H, H5), 1.32 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu).

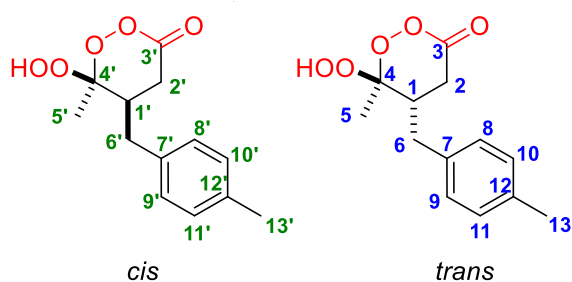
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.51 (C3), 150.20 (C7), 134.20 (C12), 128.57 (C8+C9), 125.96 (C10+C11), 112.82 (C4), 41.69 (C1), 36.14 (C6), 33.48 (C13), 31.45 (C14+C15+C16), 30.48 (C2), 15.58 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5\text{Na}]^+$ : 317.1359. Found: 317.1361.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$ : C, 65.29; H, 7.53. Found: C, 65.27; H, 7.56.

IR (KBr): 3351, 2964, 1781, 1419, 1272, 1372, 1272, 1196, 1147, 1108, 858, 823, 560  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 6-Hydroperoxy-6-methyl-5-(4-methylbenzyl)-1,2-dioxan-3-one, 2f



Yield 64% (161.5 mg, 0.64 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.35$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2f** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 24:76 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.00 – 8.00 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H, H10', H11'), 7.02 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.06 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 4.4$  Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.80 – 2.67 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.61 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 7.0$  Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.44 – 2.33 (m, 1H, H6'<sub>b</sub>), 2.44 – 2.26 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, H13'), 1.66 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 136.54 (C12'), 135.06 (C7'), 129.58 (C10'+C11'), 129.06 (C8'+C9'), 109.51 (C4'), 45.04 (C1'), 33.62 (C6'), 30.10 (C2'), 21.10 (C13'), 20.26 (C5'), (C3' carbon missing).

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.00 – 8.00 (br.s., 1H, OOH), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H, H10, H11), 7.02 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H, H8, H9), 3.02 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.48 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 10.9$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.44 – 2.26 (m, 2H, H2), 2.33 (s, 3H, H13), 2.32 – 2.19 (m, 1H, H1), 1.59 (s, 3H, H5).

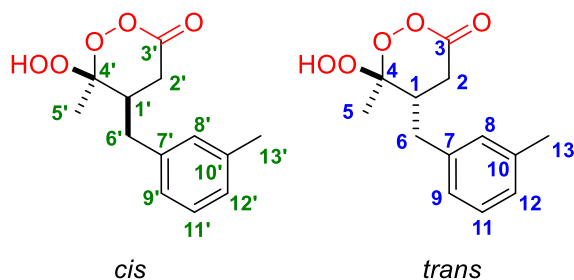
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.47 (C3), 136.85 (C12), 134.23 (C7), 129.69 (C10+C11), 128.74 (C8+C9), 112.79 (C4), 41.70 (C1), 36.24 (C6), 30.48 (C2), 21.10 (C13), 15.55 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5\text{N}]^+$ : 270.1336. Found: 270.1342.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ : C, 61.90; H, 6.39. Found: C, 61.94; H, 6.43.

IR (KBr): 3447, 3012, 2948, 1761, 1518, 1383, 1349, 1270, 1193, 1149, 1109, 880, 809, 513  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## 6-Hydroperoxy-6-methyl-5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2g**



Yield 71% (180.0 mg, 0.71 mmol). White crystals.  $R_f = 0.35$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2g** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 13:87 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.48 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H, H11'), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H12'), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.06 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 4.1$  Hz, 1H, H6'a), 2.84 – 2.70 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.61 (dd,  $J = 15.6, 7.2$  Hz, 1H, H2'a), 2.41 – 2.30 (m, 1H, H6'b), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 1H, H2'b), 2.33 (s, 3H, H13'), 1.68 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.65 (C3'), 139.51 (C10'), 138.10 (C7'), 129.91 ( $\text{C}_{Ar}'$ ), 128.82 (C11'), 127.71 (C12'), 126.22 ( $\text{C}_{Ar}'$ ), 109.51 (C4'), 44.96 (C1'), 33.98 (C6'), 30.09 (C2'), 21.48 (C13'), 20.25 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.60 (br.s., 1H, OOH), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H, H11), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H12), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 2H, H8, H9), 3.03 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 3.6$  Hz, 1H, H6a), 2.47 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 10.8$  Hz, 1H, H6b), 2.43 – 2.27 (m, 2H, H2), 2.33 (s, 3H, H13), 2.32 – 2.20 (m, 1H, H1), 1.60 (s, 3H, H5).

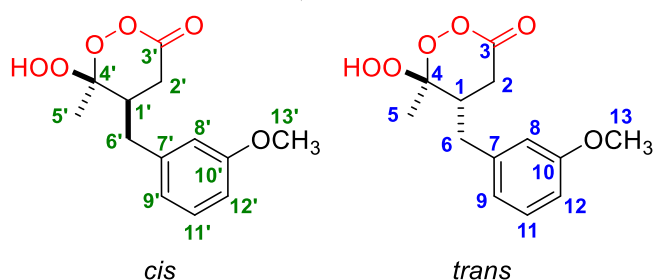
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.43 (C3), 138.75 (C10), 137.26 (C7), 129.63 ( $\text{C}_{Ar}$ ), 128.91 (C11), 128.01 (C12), 125.93 ( $\text{C}_{Ar}$ ), 112.79 (C4), 41.67 (C1), 36.60 (C6), 30.48 (C2), 21.48 (C13), 15.58 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Na}]^+$ : 275.0890. Found: 275.0884.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ : C, 61.90; H, 6.39. Found: C, 61.85; H, 6.18.

IR (KBr): 3343, 3016, 1770, 1601, 1418, 1277, 1197, 1146, 1101, 856, 572  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## 6-Hydroperoxy-5-(3-methoxybenzyl)-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2h**



Yield 62% (166.3 mg, 0.62 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.20$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2h** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 20:80 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.63 (br.s, 1H, OOH'), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, H11'), 6.81 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.7$  Hz, H12'), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H9'), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 1H, H8'), 3.80 (s, 3H, H13'), 3.07 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 5.5$  Hz, 1H, H6'a), 2.84 – 2.71 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.62 (dd,  $J = 15.7, 7.0$  Hz, 1H, H2'a), 2.41 – 2.32 (m, 1H, H6'b), 2.44 – 2.27 (m, 1H, H2'b), 1.67 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 139.76 (C7'), 129.96 (C11'), 121.51 (C9'), 115.01 (C8'), 112.26 (C12'), 109.49 (C4'), 55.37 (C13'), 44.90 (C1'), 34.10 (C6'), 30.18 (C2'), 20.30 (C5') (C3' and C10' carbons missing).

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.63 (br.s, 1H, OOH), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, H11), 6.81 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.7$  Hz, H12), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H9), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 1H, H8), 3.80 (s, 3H, H13), 3.04 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 3.5$  Hz, 1H, H6a), 2.48 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 10.9$  Hz, 1H, H6b), ), 2.44 – 2.27 (m, 2H, H2), 2.37 – 2.19 (m, 1H, H1), 1.59 (s, 3H, H5).

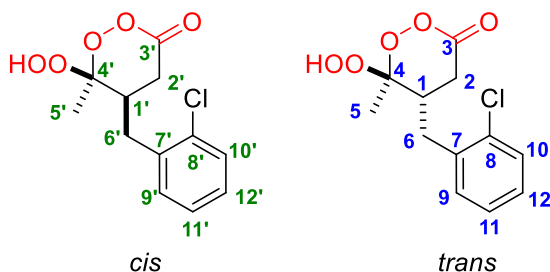
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.31 (C3), 160.08 (C10), 138.90 (C7), 130.08 (C11), 121.22 (C9), 114.83 (C8), 112.74 (C4), 112.42 (C12), 55.37 (C13), 41.57 (C1), 36.70 (C6), 30.53 (C2), 15.59 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_6\text{N}]^+$ : 286.1285. Found: 286.1288.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6$ : C, 58.20; H, 6.01. Found: C, 58.16; H, 6.23.

IR (KBr): 3368, 3028, 2940, 2902, 1768, 1609, 1583, 1491, 1428, 1273, 1197, 1152, 1104, 1048, 857  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 5-(2-Chlorobenzyl)-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2i**



Yield 78% (212.7 mg, 0.78 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.38$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2i** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 28:72 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H, H10'), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H, H9', H11', H12'), 3.29 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 4.1$  Hz, 1H, H6'a), 3.05 – 2.90 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.63 (dd,  $J = 15.9, 7.4$  Hz, 1H, H2'a), 2.53 – 2.31 (m, 1H, H2'b), 2.46 – 2.33 (m, 1H, H6'b), 1.68 (s, 3H, H5'), (OOH' protons missing).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.28 (C3'), 135.67 (C7'), 134.03 (C8'), 132.25 (C9'), 130.08 (C10'), 128.72 (C11'), 127.26 (C12'), 109.48 (C4'), 42.13 (C1'), 32.44 (C6'), 30.13 (C2'), 19.99 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H, H10), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H, H9, H11, H12), 3.13 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.77 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 10.7$  Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.53 – 2.31 (m, 2H, H2), 2.48 – 2.31 (m, 1H, H1), 1.63 (s, 3H, H5), (OOH protons missing).

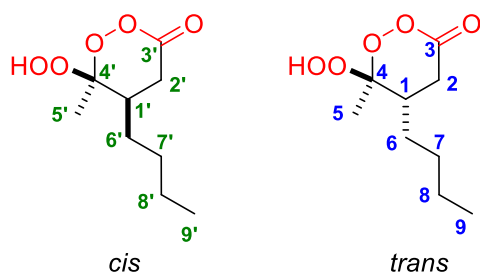
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.32 (C3), 135.10 (C7), 134.23 (C8), 131.10 (C9), 130.20 (C10), 128.86 (C11), 127.40 (C12), 112.69 (C4), 40.26 (C1), 33.84 (C6), 30.42 (C2), 15.57 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_5\text{N}]^+$ : 290.0790. Found: 290.0796.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_5$ : C, 52.86; H, 4.81; Cl, 13.00. Found: C, 52.99; H, 5.02; Cl, 12.83.

IR (KBr): 3366, 3060, 2940, 1763, 1441, 1411, 1274, 1195, 1153, 1104, 1051, 858, 751  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 5-Butyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2j**



Yield 72% (147.0 mg, 0.72 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.44$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2j** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 13:87 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.91 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 2.79 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 8.4$  Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 2.48 – 2.38 (m, 1H, H1'), 1.59 (s, 3H, H5'), 1.53 – 1.43 (m, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 1.39 – 1.18 (m, 3H, H6'<sub>b</sub>, H7', H8'), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H, H9').

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.68 (C3'), 109.47 (C4'), 42.87 (C1'), 31.02 (C2'), 29.71 (C6'), 27.95 (C7'), 22.72 (C8'), 20.03 (C5'), 13.84 (C9').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.10 (br.s., 1H, OOH), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 3.5$  Hz, 1H, H2<sub>a</sub>), 2.34 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 13.7$  Hz, 1H, H2<sub>b</sub>), 2.03 – 1.80 (m, 1H, H1), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 1.47 (s, 3H, H5), 1.39 – 1.18 (m, 3H, H6<sub>b</sub>, H7, H8), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H, H9).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 176.26 (C3), 113.20 (C4), 39.84 (C1), 31.45 (C2), 29.97 (C6), 29.62 (C7), 22.50 (C8), 15.06 (C5), 13.84 (C9).

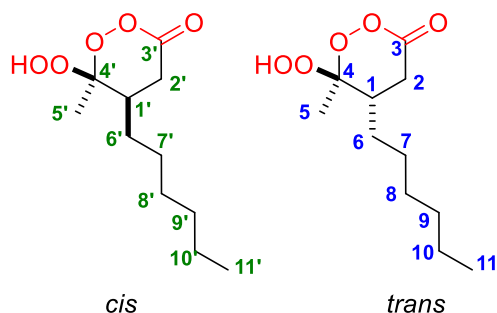
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Na}]^+$ : 227.0890. Found: 227.0890.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ : C, 52.93; H, 7.90. Found: C, 53.22; H, 8.28.

IR (thin layer): 3393, 2957, 2935, 1784, 1461, 1423, 1380, 1265, 1214, 1163, 1111, 859  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



## 5-Hexyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, 2k



Yield 26% (60.4 mg, 0.26 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.38$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2k** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 14:86 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.45 (s., 1H, OOH'), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 16.7, 8.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}2'_a$ ), 2.53 – 2.38 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}2'_b$ ), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}1'$ ), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}6'_a$ ), 1.62 (s, 3H,  $\text{H}5'$ ), 1.39 – 1.20 (m, 9H,  $\text{H}6'_b, \text{H}7', \text{H}8', \text{H}9', \text{H}10'$ ), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{H}11'$ ).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 43.04 ( $\text{C}1'$ ), 31.64 ( $\text{C}9'$ ), 31.09 ( $\text{C}2'$ ), 28.30 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}'$ ), 27.63 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}'$ ), 20.15 ( $\text{C}5'$ ), 14.11 ( $\text{C}11'$ ) ( $\text{C}3', \text{C}4', \text{C}6'$  and  $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}'$  carbons missing)

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.63 (s., 1H, OOH), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 3.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}2_a$ ), 2.35 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 13.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}2_b$ ), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}1$ ), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}6_a$ ), 1.49 (s, 3H,  $\text{H}5$ ), 1.39 – 1.20 (m, 9H,  $\text{H}6_b, \text{H}7, \text{H}8, \text{H}9, \text{H}10,$ ), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{H}11$ ).

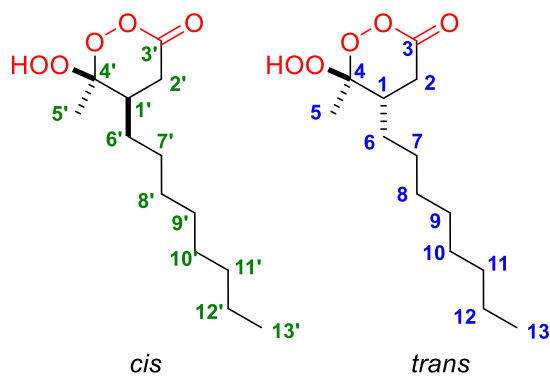
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.89 ( $\text{C}3$ ), 113.26 ( $\text{C}4$ ), 39.93 ( $\text{C}1$ ), 31.64 ( $\text{C}9$ ), 31.53 ( $\text{C}2$ ), 30.41 ( $\text{C}6$ ), 29.16 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}$ ), 27.55 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}$ ), 22.65 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Alk}}$ ), 15.18 ( $\text{C}5$ ), 14.11 ( $\text{C}11$ ).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$ . Calcd for [ $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 255.1203. Found: 255.1210.

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$ : C, 56.88; H, 8.68. Found: C, 56.33; H, 8.42.

IR (thin layer): 3395, 2930, 2861, 1786, 1718, 1461, 1424, 1379, 1270, 1246, 1159, 859  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## 6-Hydroperoxy-6-methyl-5-octyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, 2l



Yield 68% (177.0 mg, 0.68 mmol). Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.48$  (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

Peroxide **2l** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 17:83 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.53 (br.s, 1H, OOH'), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H, H2'a), 2.59 – 2.29 (m, 1H, H2'b), 2.49 – 2.42 (m, 1H, H1'), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 1H, H6'a), 1.61 (s, 3H, H5'), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 13H, H6'b, H7', H8', H9', H10', H11', H12'), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H13').

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 109.53 (C4'), 43.00 (C1'), 31.07 (C2'), 28.29 (C6'), 27.65 (C<sub>Alk</sub>'), 20.12 (C5'), 14.18 (C13') (C3' and 5 C<sub>Alk</sub>' carbons missing).

*trans*-isomer:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.71 (br.s, 1H, OOH), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H, H2<sub>a</sub>), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 13.5 Hz, 1H, H2<sub>b</sub>), 2.04 – 1.83 (m, 1H, H1), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 1.49 (s, 3H, H5), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 13H, H6<sub>b</sub>, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H12), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H13).

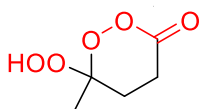
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.97 (C3), 113.25 (C4), 39.92 (C1), 31.90 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 31.52 (C2), 30.40 (C6), 29.50 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 29.42 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 29.28 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 27.58 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 22.74 (C<sub>Alk</sub>), 15.16 (C5), 14.18 (C13).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. Calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 283.1516. Found: 283.1512.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 59.98; H, 9.29. Found: C, 60.05; H, 9.36.

IR (thin layer): 3386, 2928, 2858, 1785, 1461, 1379, 1263, 1159, 1111, 859 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 6-Hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2m**



Yield 60% (88.9 mg, 0.60 mmol). White solid, mp = 69-70 °C. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.17 (PE:EtOAc = 2:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.71 (s, 1H), 2.72 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 13.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H).

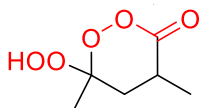
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.54, 109.64, 30.26, 26.06, 19.97.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. Calcd for [C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 171.0264. Found: 171.0260.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 40.55; H, 5.44. Found: C, 40.65; H, 5.32.

IR (thin layer): 3335, 2820, 1777, 1714, 1566, 1416, 1157, 1107, 1013, 923, 855, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 6-Hydroperoxy-4,6-dimethyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2n**



Yield 83% (134.6 mg, 0.83 mmol). White solid, mp = 63-64 °C. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.18 (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.96 (br.s, 1H), 2.90 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (t, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 178.56, 110.34, 38.31, 30.93, 20.11, 13.29.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. Calcd for [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N]<sup>+</sup>: 180.0866. Found: 180.0864.

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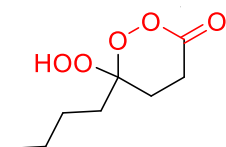
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### General experimental procedure for Scheme 7.

An ethereal solution of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (4.30 M, 1.163 mL, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added with stirring to **1** (1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.5 mL). Later, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.419 g, 10.00 mmol, 10.0 eq.) was added dropwise with stirring to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 24 h. After that time, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) was added and the mixture was neutralized by NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The solid was filtrated. The solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 20–25 °C). Products **6**, **7** and the least polar compound were isolated by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> with elution using PE-EtOAc mixture (2:1).

Presumably, the least polar compound isolated in trace amount (12.0 mg) is peroxide **2o** with purity ≈85-90%.

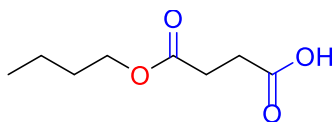
### 6-Butyl-6-hydroperoxy-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **2o**



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.65, 111.30, 31.68, 27.99, 26.17, 25.32, 22.76, 13.93.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. Calcd for [C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 213.0733. Found: 213.0723.

### 4-Butoxy-4-oxobutanoic acid, **6o**<sup>10</sup>

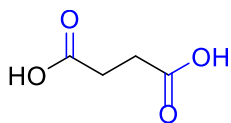


Yield 34% (59.2 mg, 0.34 mmol). Colorless oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.32 (PE:EtOAc = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 4.09 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.75 – 2.53 (m, 4H), 1.60 (quintet, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (sextet, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 178.39, 172.34, 64.89, 30.72, 29.12, 29.05, 19.20, 13.76.

### Succinic acid, **7**<sup>11</sup>



In the experiment with **1o** yield was 23% (27.1 mg, 0.23 mmol). In the experiment with **1p** yield was 36% (42.5 mg, 0.36 mmol). White solid, mp = 187 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 11.74 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ): 173.71, 28.87.

## Phenol <sup>12</sup>

Yield 68% (64.0 mg, 0.68 mmol).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H).

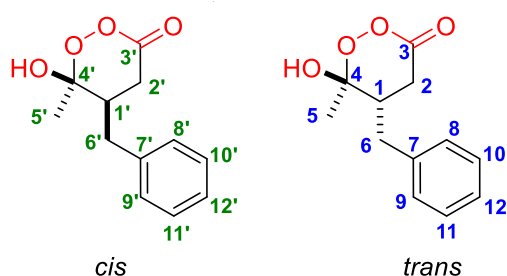
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 155.43, 129.84, 121.03, 115.47.

## Experimental procedures for Scheme 8.

### The reaction of 5-benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one (**2a**) with $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ during 5 min.

Solution of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  (288.5 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was added dropwise with stirring to solution of 5-benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one **2a** (238.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) at 0-10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 5 min and transferred onto chromatographic column. Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (PE:EtOAc = 3:1).

### 5-Benzyl-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one, **3a**



Yield 25% (55.6 mg, 0.25 mmol). White solid.  $R_f = 0.18$  (PE:EtOAc = 3:1).

Peroxide **3a** was obtained as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. Isomer ratio = 22:78 (*cis* : *trans*).

*cis*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.19 (br.s., 1H, OH'), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H, H10', H11'), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H, H12'), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.08 (dd,  $J = 13.1, 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H6'\_a), 3.02 – 2.96 (m, 1H, H1'), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 1H, H2'\_a), 2.47 – 2.39 (m, 1H, H6'\_b), 2.30 (dd,  $J = 18.1, 5.0$  Hz, 1H, H2'\_b), 1.66 (s, 3H, H5').

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 176.16 (C3'), 137.97 (C7'), 129.04 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ '), 128.97 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ '), 127.01 (C12'), 115.19 (C4'), 42.22 (C1'), 36.55 (C6'), 35.02 (C2'), 18.21 (C5').

*trans*-isomer:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 9.24 (br.s., 1H, OH), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H, H10, H11), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H, H8, H9, H12), 3.06 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 5.1$  Hz, 1H, H6\_a), 2.93 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 8.6$  Hz, 1H, H6\_b), 2.76 – 2.69 (m, 2H, H2\_a, H1), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 1H, H2\_b\_a), 1.48 (s, 3H, H5).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 176.88 (C3), 139.28 (C7), 128.85 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 128.81 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 126.74 (C12), 113.13 (C4), 47.16 (C1), 35.76 (C2), 34.44 (C6), 21.39 (C5).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{Na}]^+$ : 245.0784. Found: 245.0783.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.85; H, 6.35. Found: C, 64.89; H, 6.38.

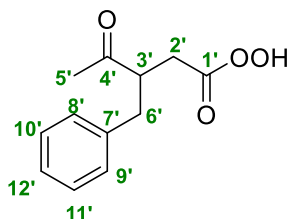
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### The reaction of 5-benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one (**2a**) with Ph<sub>3</sub>P during 1 day.

With 1.1 eq. Ph<sub>3</sub>P

Solution of Ph<sub>3</sub>P (288.5 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added dropwise with stirring to solution of 5-benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one **2a** (238.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 0-10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 1 day. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 20–25 °C). 3-Benzyl-4-oxopentaneperoxoic acid (**4a**) and 3-benzyl-4-oxopentanoic acid (**5a**) were isolated by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (PE:EtOAc = 3:1) as an inseparable mixture. **4a** / **5a** ratio = 1:2. Total yield 79% (165 mg).

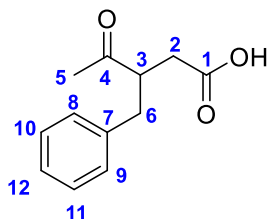
#### 3-Benzyl-4-oxopentaneperoxoic acid, **4a**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 10.14 (br.s., 1H, OOH'), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 3H, H10', H11', H12'), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H, H8', H9'), 3.31 – 3.18 (m, 1H, H3'), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>a</sub>), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 9.8 Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>a</sub>), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H, H6'<sub>b</sub>), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H2'<sub>b</sub>), 2.15 (s, 3H, H5).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 210.02 (C4'), 172.91 (C1'), 137.52 (C7'), 128.94 (C8', C9'), 128.81 (C10', C11'), 127.14 (C12'), 49.55 (C3'), 37.58 (C6'), 31.24 (C2'), 30.02 (C5').

#### 3-Benzyl-4-oxopentanoic acid, **5a**<sup>13</sup>



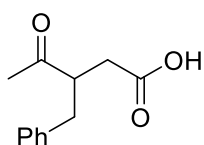
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 10.14 (br.s., 1H, OH), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 3H, H10, H11, H12), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H, H8, H9), 3.31 – 3.18 (m, 1H, H3), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H, H6<sub>a</sub>), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H, H2<sub>a</sub>), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H, H6<sub>b</sub>), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H2<sub>b</sub>), 2.11 (s, 3H, H5).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 211.01 (C4), 178.06 (C1), 138.09 (C7), 128.96 (C8, C9), 128.81 (C10, C11), 126.91 (C12), 49.57 (C3), 37.63 (C6), 34.98 (C2), 30.25 (C5).

With 2.0 eq.  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$

Solution of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  (524.6 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was added dropwise with stirring to solution of 5-benzyl-6-hydroperoxy-6-methyl-1,2-dioxan-3-one **2a** (238.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) at 0-10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20-25 °C for 1 day. Later,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (15 mL) was added and precipitate of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PO}$  was filtered. A solution was washed with 5% aq. NaOH (3×10 mL). The combined aqueous layers were acidified by diluted aq. HCl (10 mL). The products were extracted by  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3×15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–35 °C).

### 3-Benzyl-4-oxopentanoic acid, **5a**<sup>13</sup>



Yield 68% (140.2 mg, 0.68 mmol). White solid. mp = 95-96 °C (lit.<sup>14</sup> 96-97 °C).  $R_f$  = 0.23 (PE:EtOAc = 3:1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.31 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J$  = 17.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd,  $J$  = 17.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

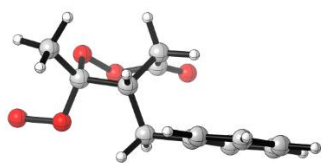
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## Computational Details

Calculations were carried out using the M06-2X functional with the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set for all atoms. The SMD solvation model was used to simulate water. Grimme's D3 method was used to simulate empirical dispersion. Additionally, an ultrafine (99,590) grid was used for all structure optimizations. Frequency calculations were performed on all structures to confirm that they were either a minimum or a transition state. All calculations were performed using Gaussian 09 software.<sup>15</sup> Visualization of all three-dimensional structures and orbital plots was achieved using CYLView Beta v1.0.565<sup>16</sup> and IQmol v2.14.0.<sup>17</sup>

### Calculations:

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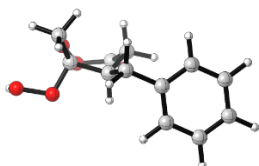
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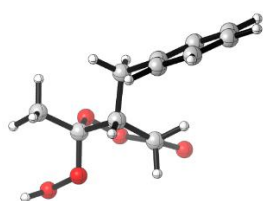
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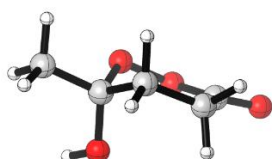
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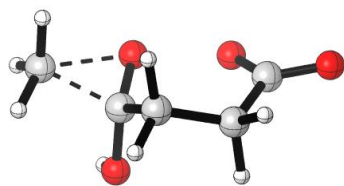
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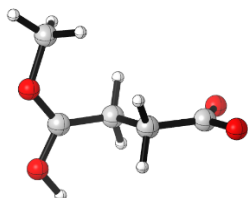
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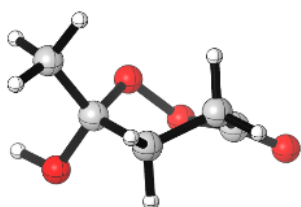
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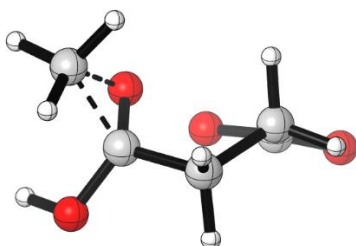
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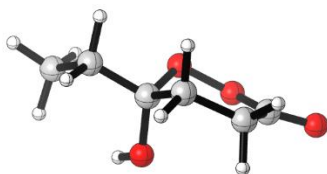
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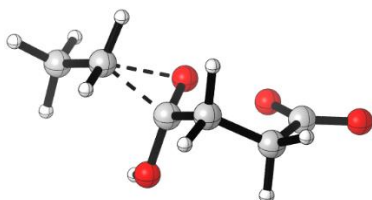
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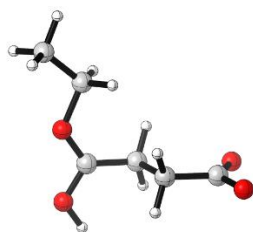
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OH R = Et Product



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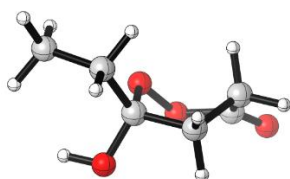
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OH Boat R = Et Reactant



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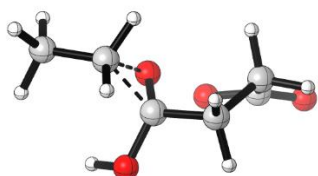
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OH Boat R = Et Transition State



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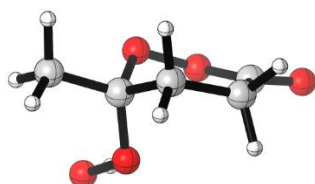
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OOH Chair R = Me Reactant



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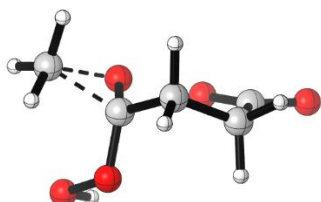
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OOH Chair R = Me Transition State



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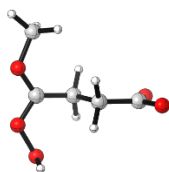
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OOH R = Me Product



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### OOH Boat R = Me Reactant



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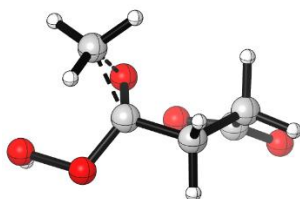
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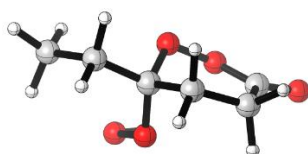
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OOH Chair R = Et Reactant



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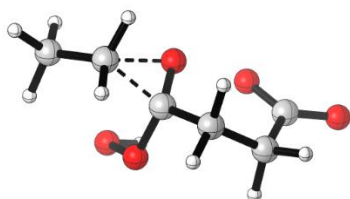
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OOH Chair R = Et Transition State



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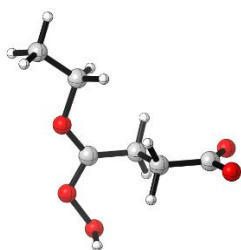
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OOH R = Et Product



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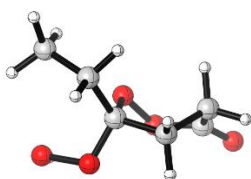
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OOH Boat R = Et Reactant



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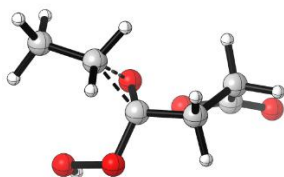
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OOH Boat R = Et Transition State



# Imaginary Frequencies = 1

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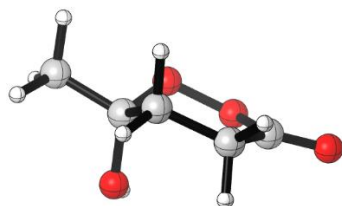
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### Anomeric Loss

OH Chair R = Me with HOCO dihedral from Transition State



# Imaginary Frequencies = 1

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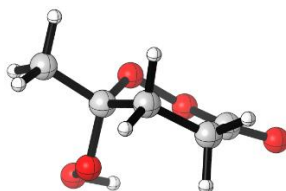
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OOH Chair R = Me with OOCO Dihedral from Transition State



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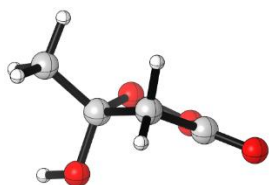
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5 membered OH with R = Me Reactant



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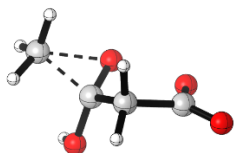
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5 membered OH with R = Me Transition State



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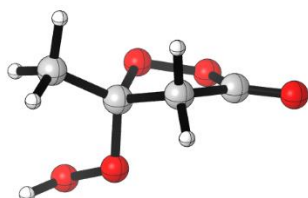
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5 membered OOH R = Me Reactant



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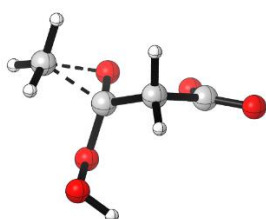
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H	0.654666654980	1.609640073600	-0.733155414867
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5 membered OOH R = Me Transition State



# Imaginary Frequencies = 1

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## X-ray studies

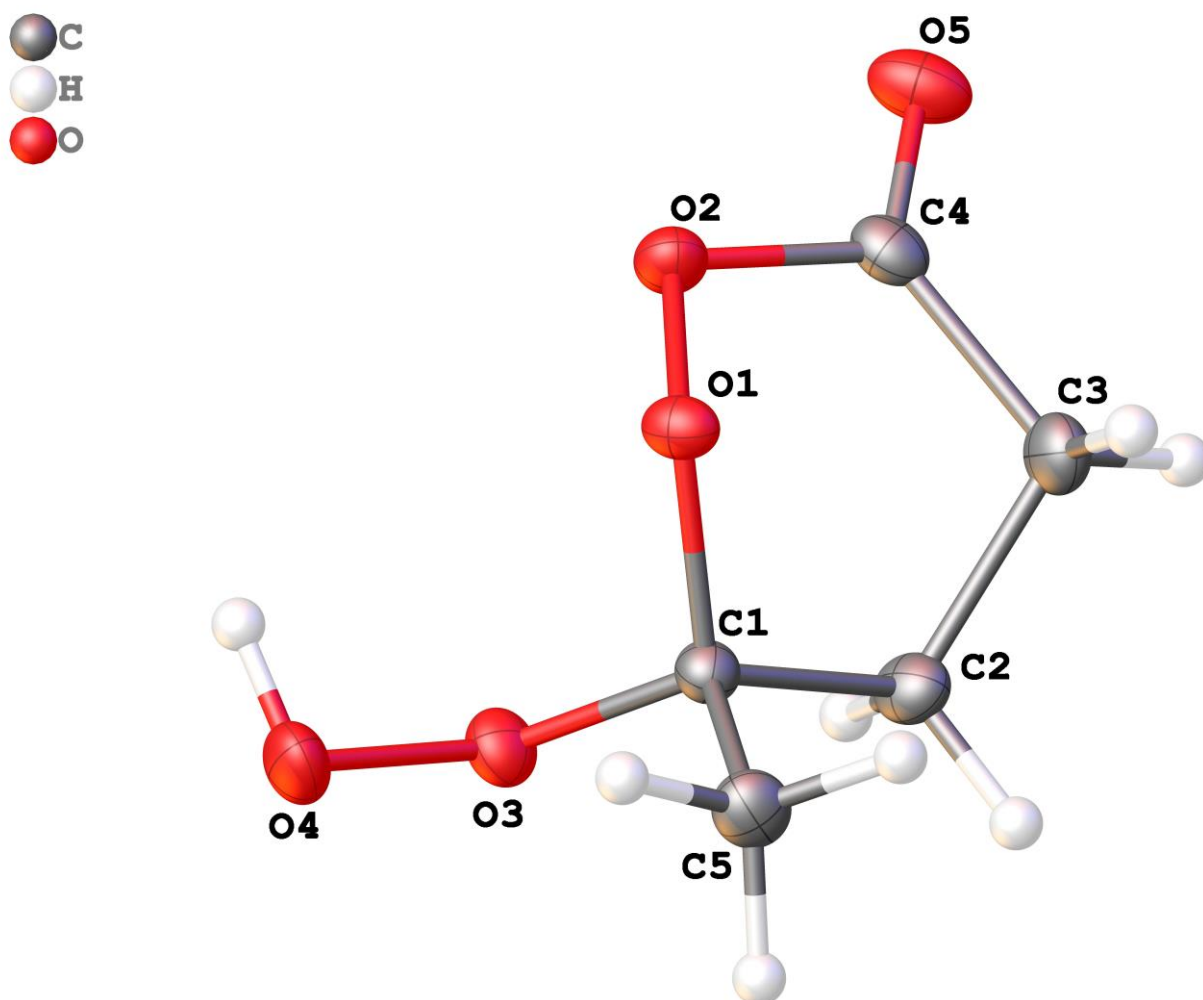
**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **2m**

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Formula weight	148.11
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX-II CCD
Scan mode	φ and ω scans
Anode [Wavelength, Å]	MoKα [0.71073]
Crystal Dimensions, mm	0.05 × 0.2 × 0.4
Crystal color	colourless
Crystal system	monoclinic
a, Å	9.8512(13)
b, Å	5.7699(8)
c, Å	11.7734(16)
β, °	102.850(3)
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	652.45(15)
Density, gcm <sup>-3</sup>	1.508
Temperature, K	120
T <sub>min</sub> /T <sub>max</sub>	0.6102/0.7463
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.138
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Z	4
F(000)	312
Reflections collected	9425
Independent reflections	2274
Reflections (I>2σ(I))	1852
Parameters	94
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0357
2θ <sub>min</sub> - 2θ <sub>max</sub> , °	4.240 - 64.108
wR <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.0970
R <sub>1</sub> (I>σ(I))	0.0366
GOF	1.044
ρ <sub>min</sub> /ρ <sub>max</sub> , eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	-0.253/0.414
Restraints	0

Single crystal X-ray studies of **2m** were carried out in Center for molecule composition studies of INEOS RAS.

The structures were solved by direct method and refined in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogens atoms of methyl, methylene and aromatic fragments were calculated according to those idealized geometry and refined with constraints applied to C-H lengths and equivalent displacement parameters ( $U_{eq}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(X)$ , X - central atom of  $XH_2$  group;  $U_{eq}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(Y)$ , Y - central atom of  $YH_3$  group). All structures were solved with the ShelXT<sup>18</sup> program and refined with the ShelXL<sup>19</sup> program. Molecular graphics was drawn using OLEX2<sup>20</sup> program.

CCDC 1980721 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **2m**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures>.



**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of **2m** presented in thermal ellipsoids.

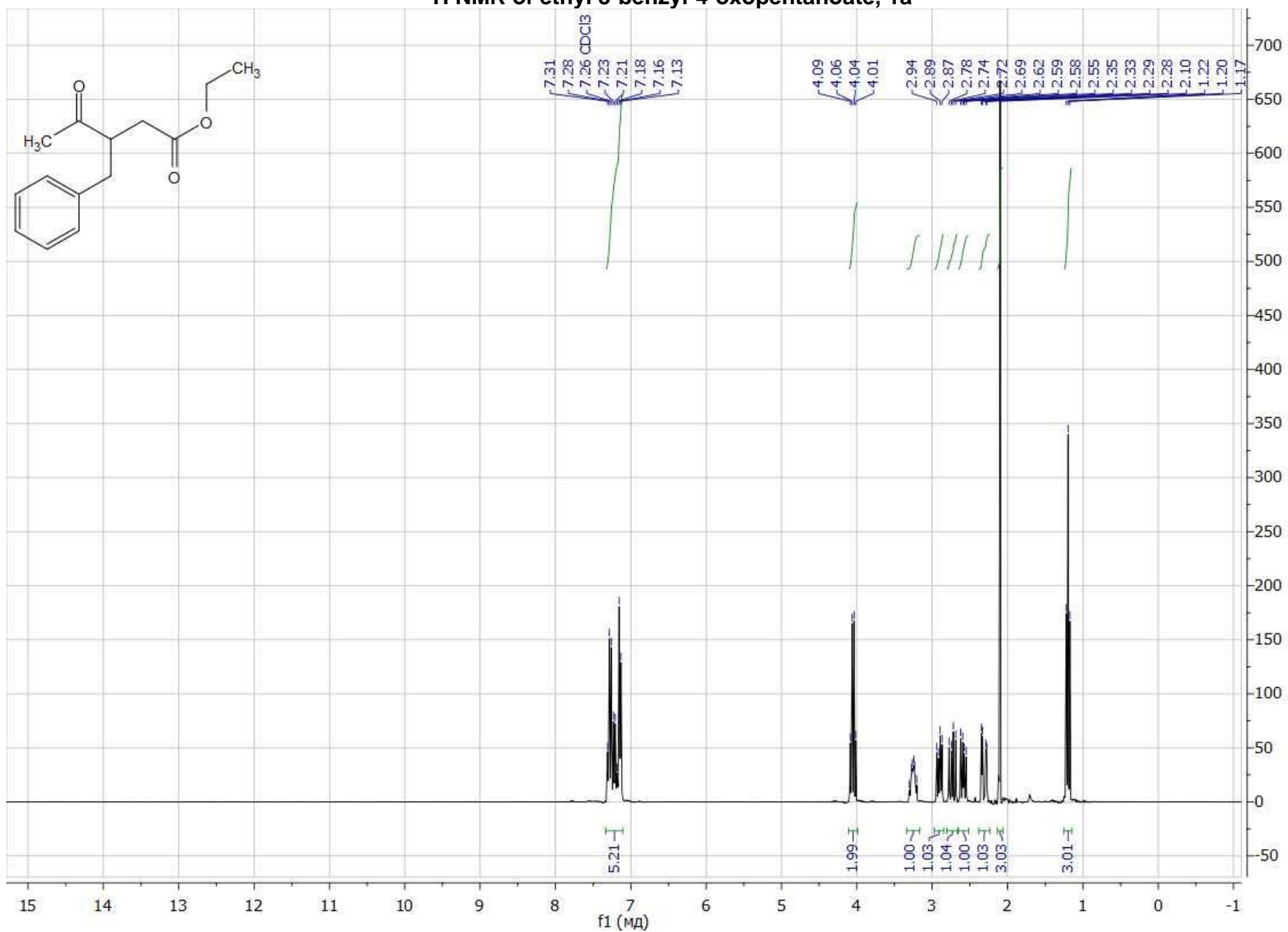


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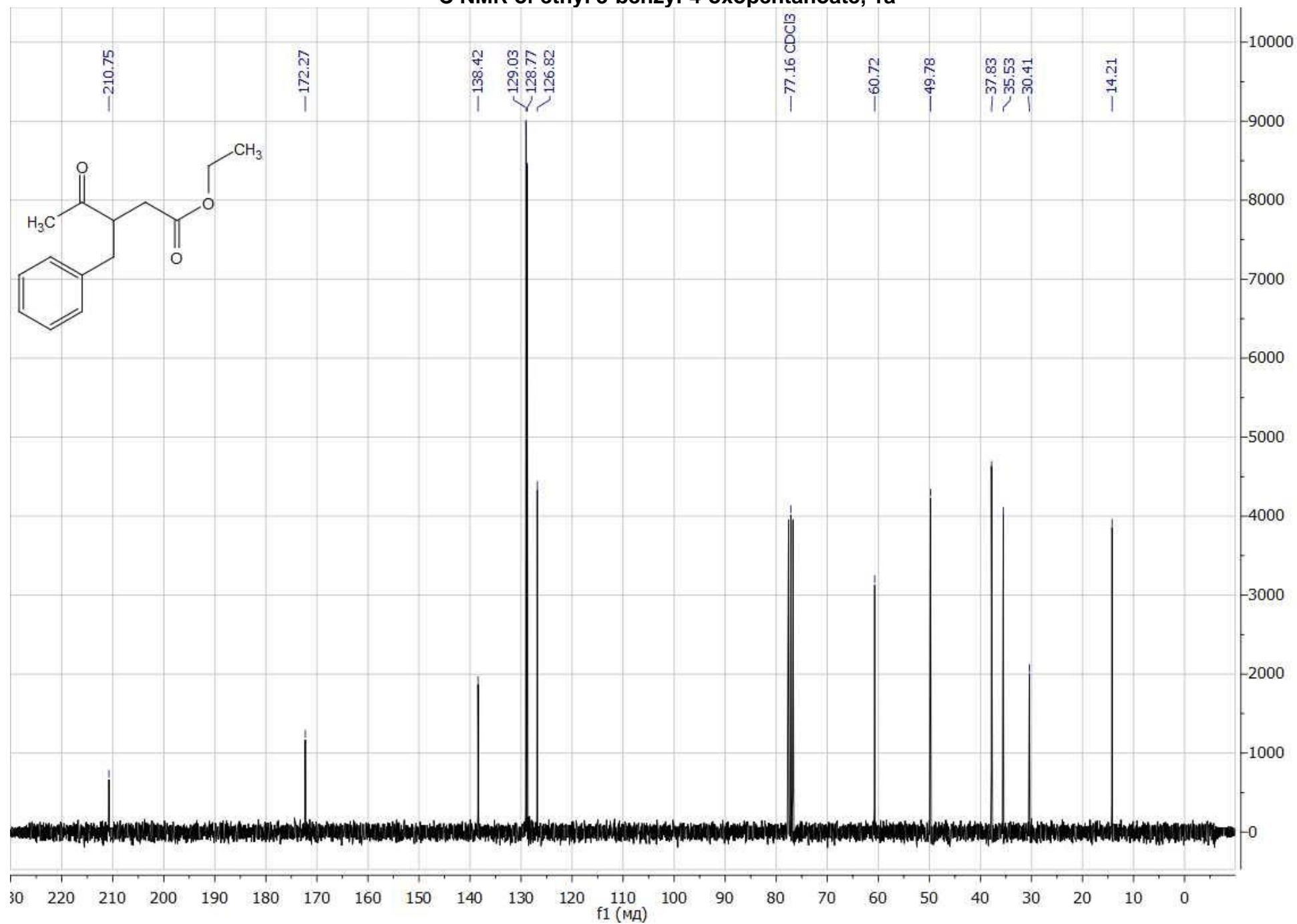
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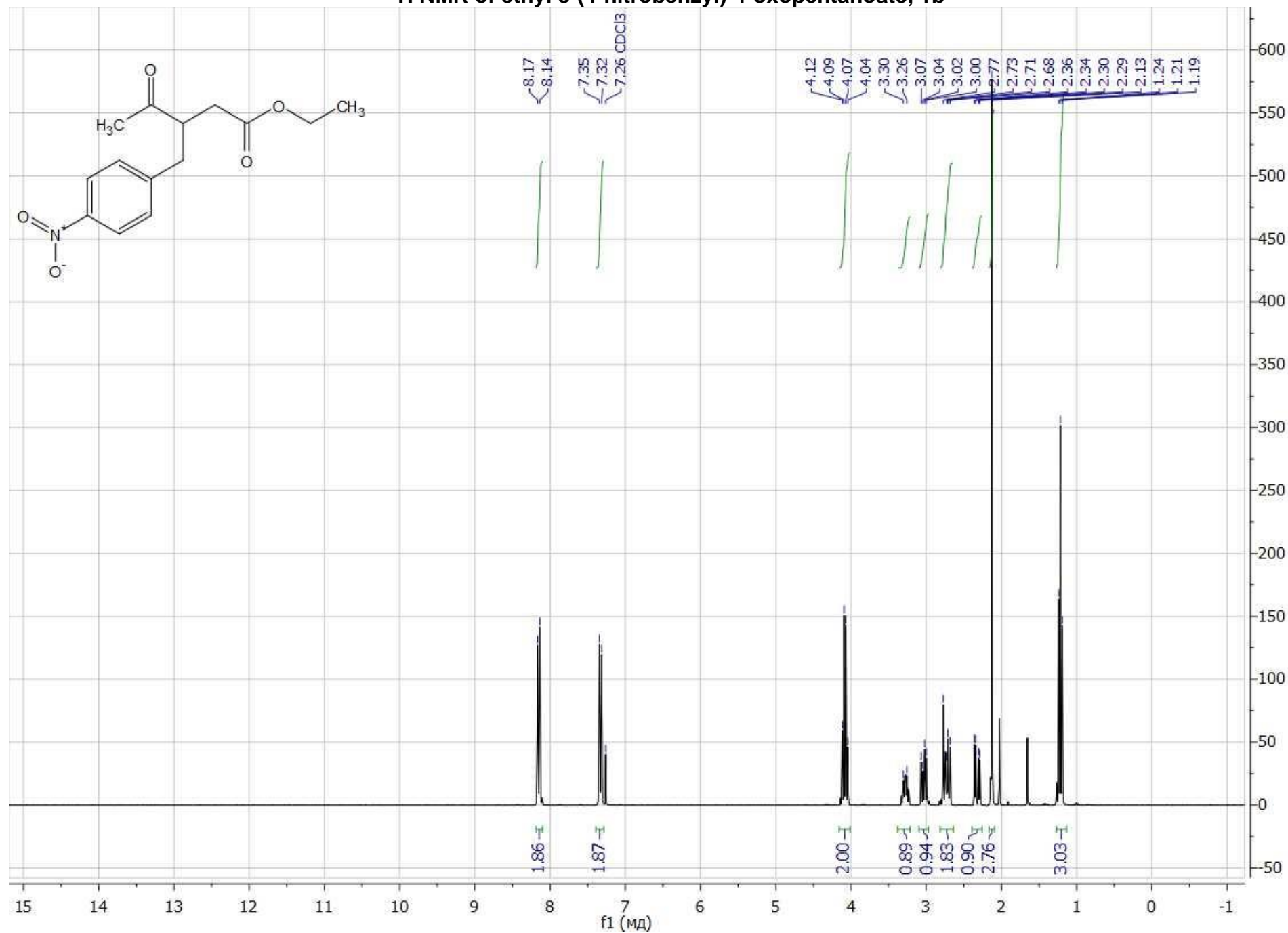
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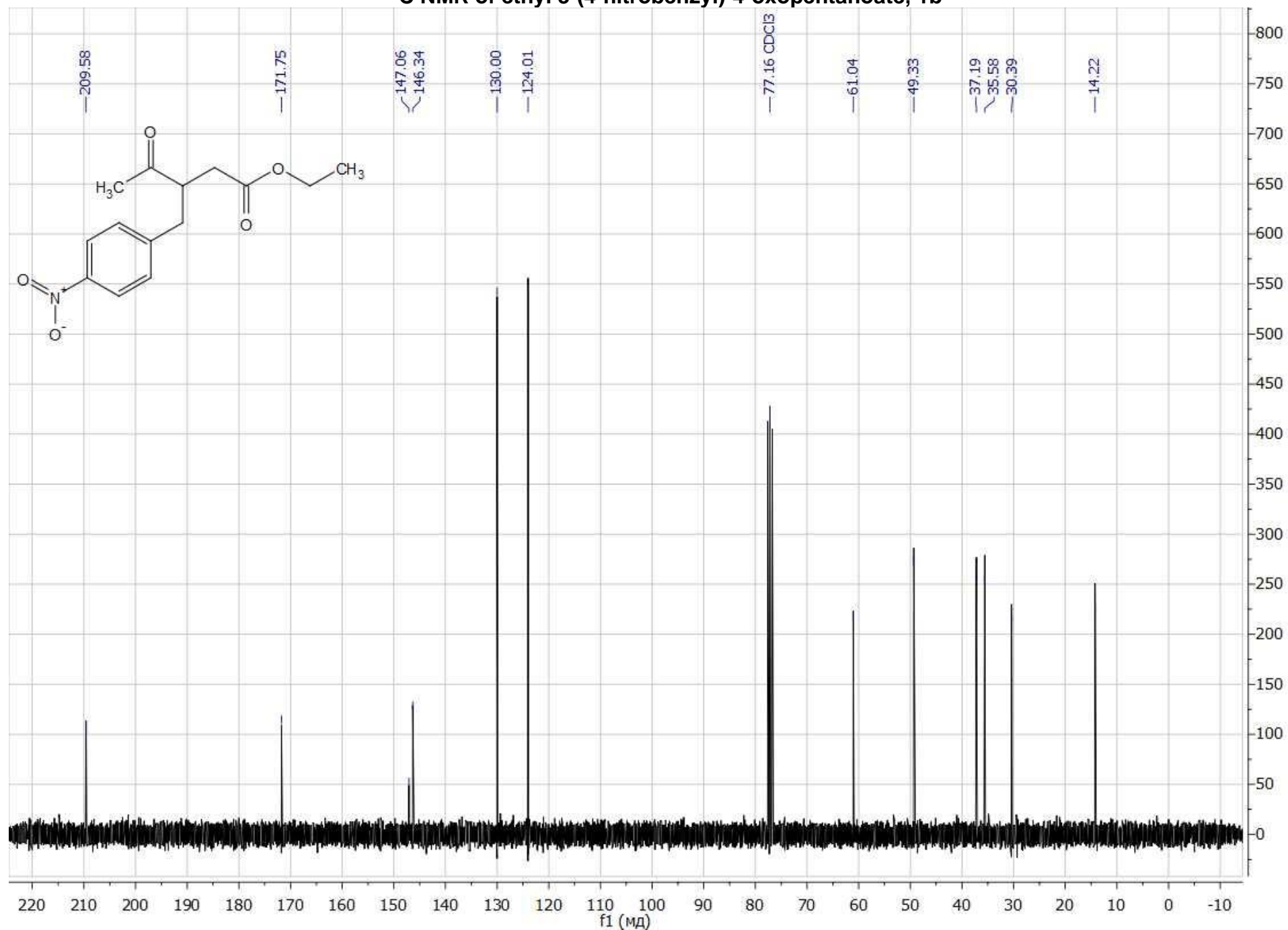
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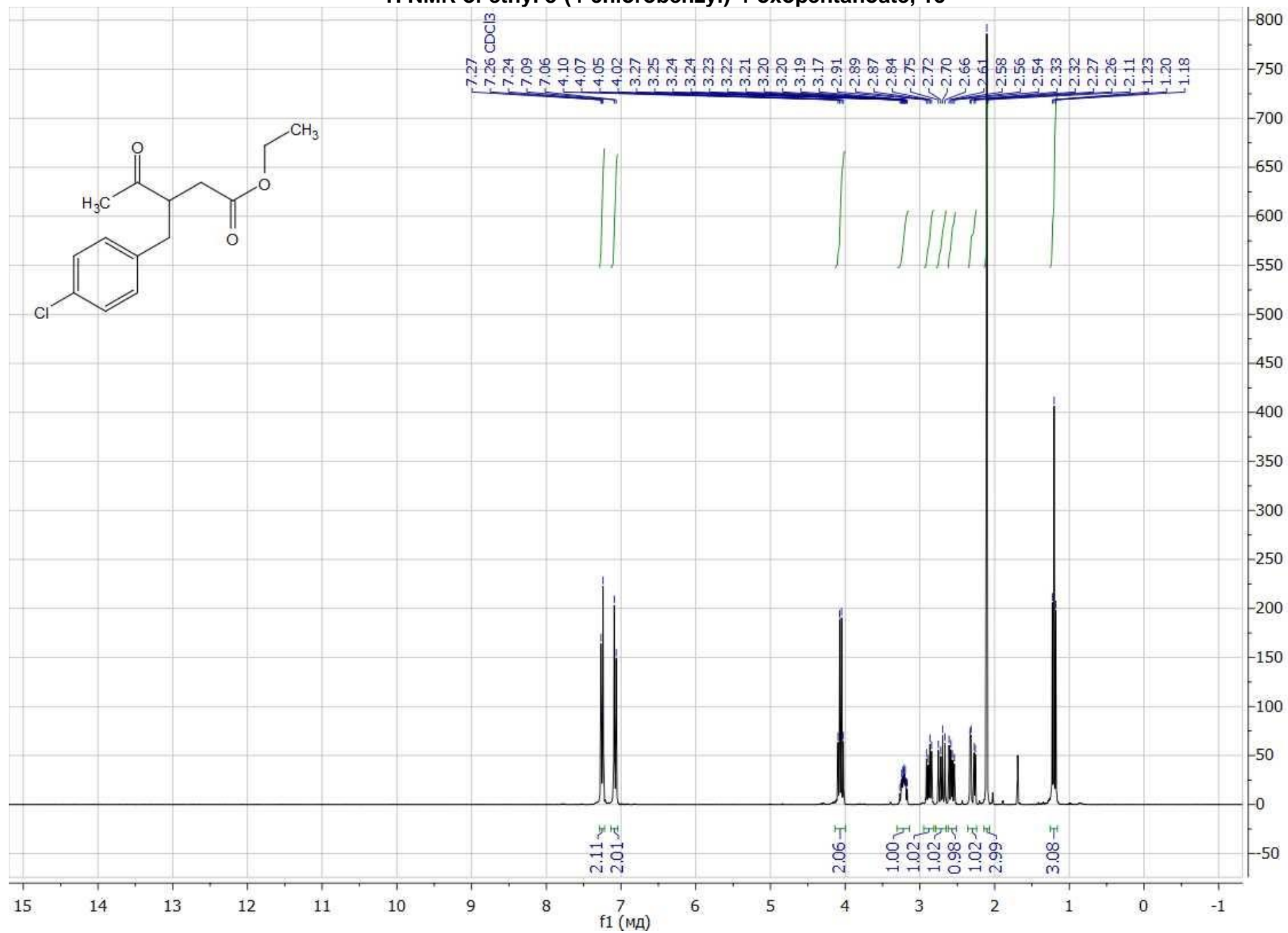
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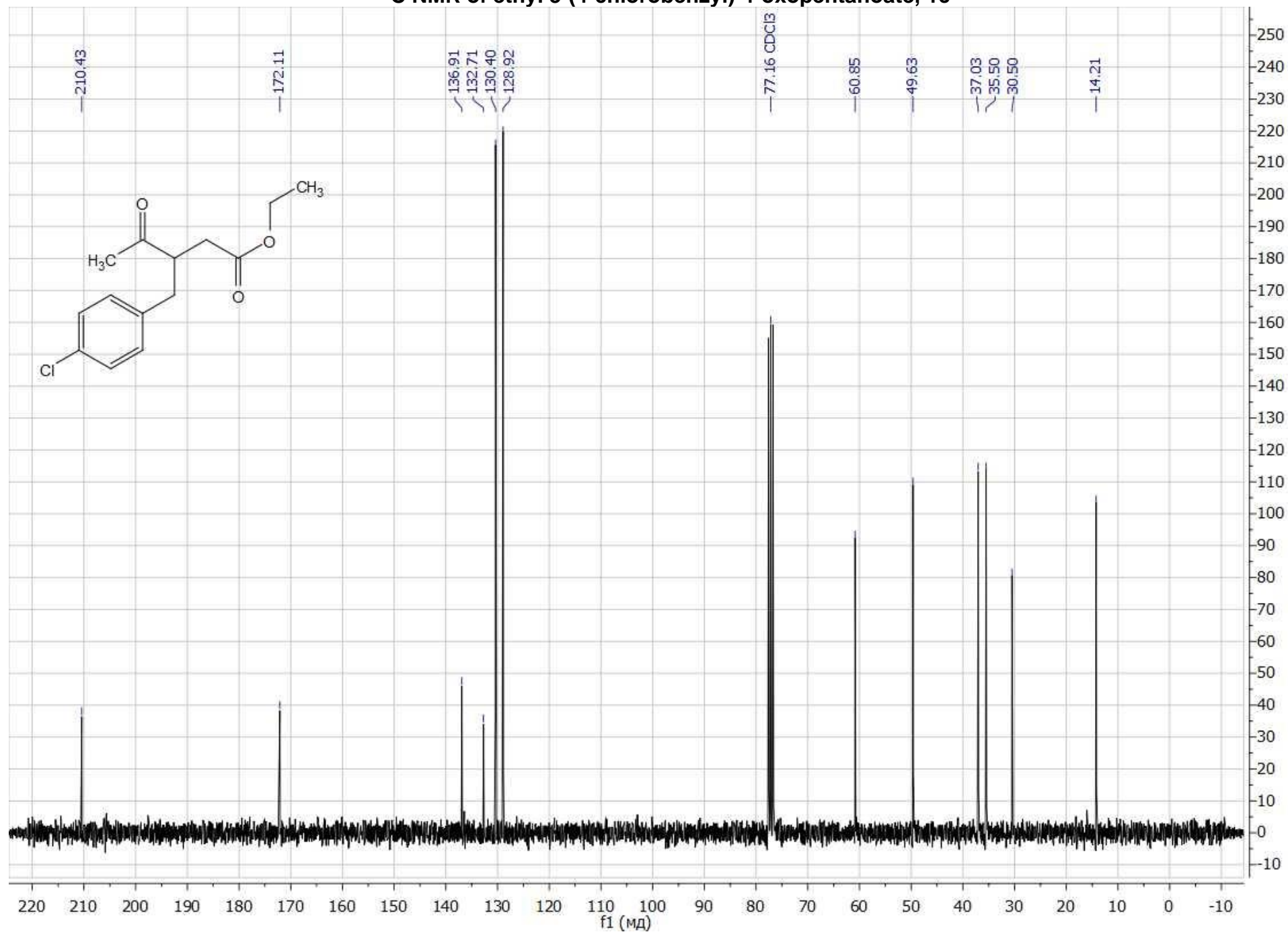
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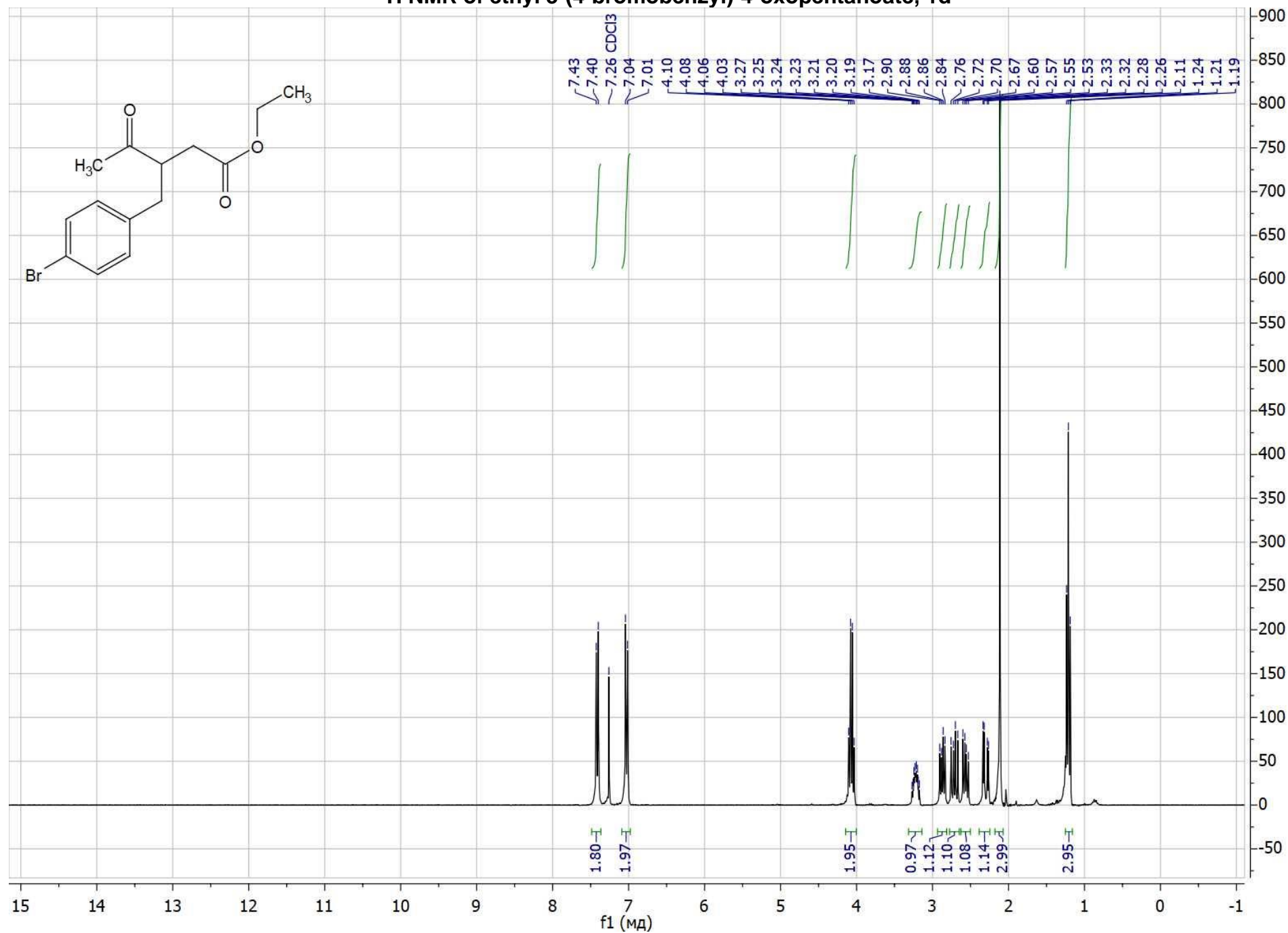
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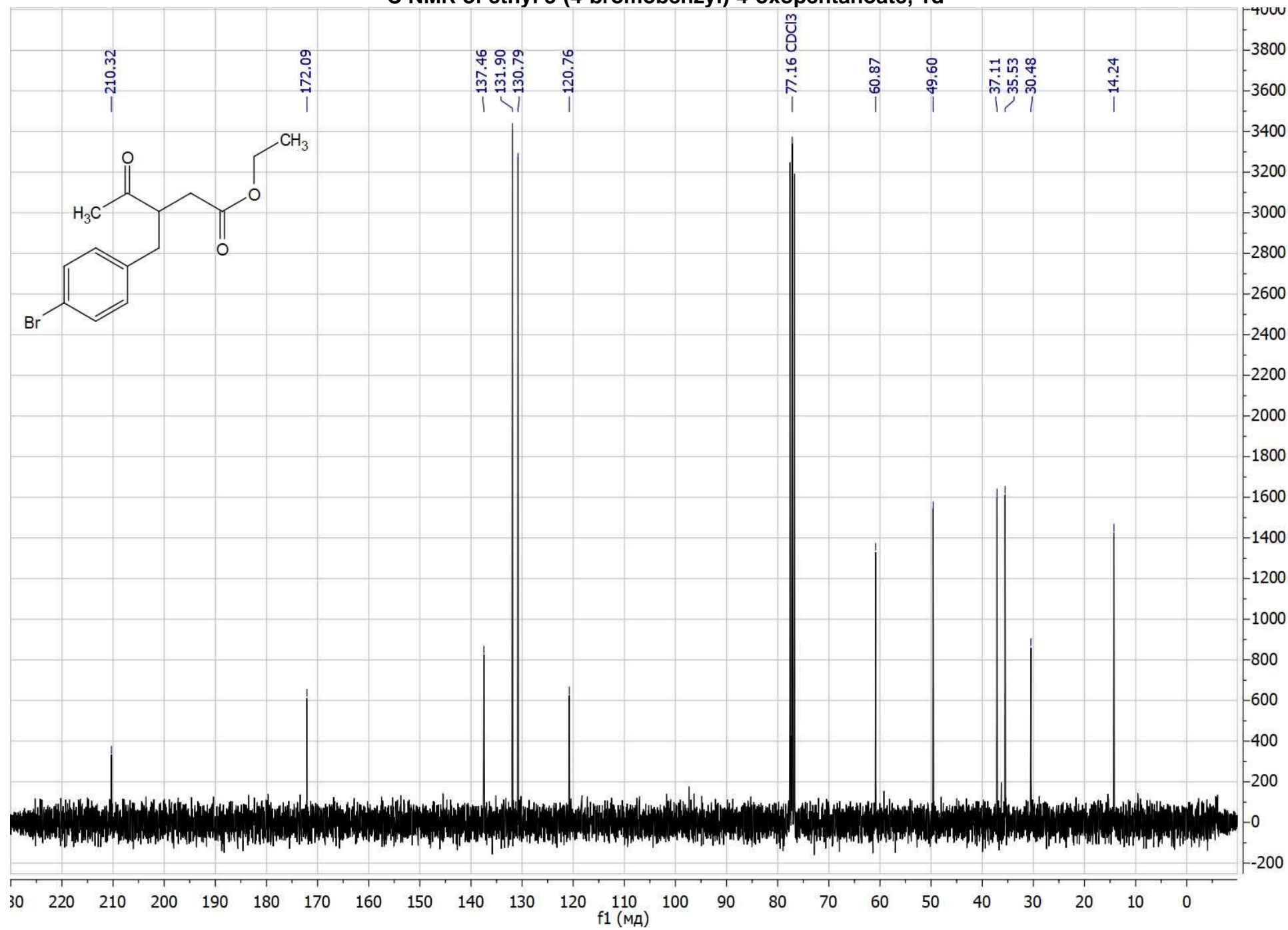


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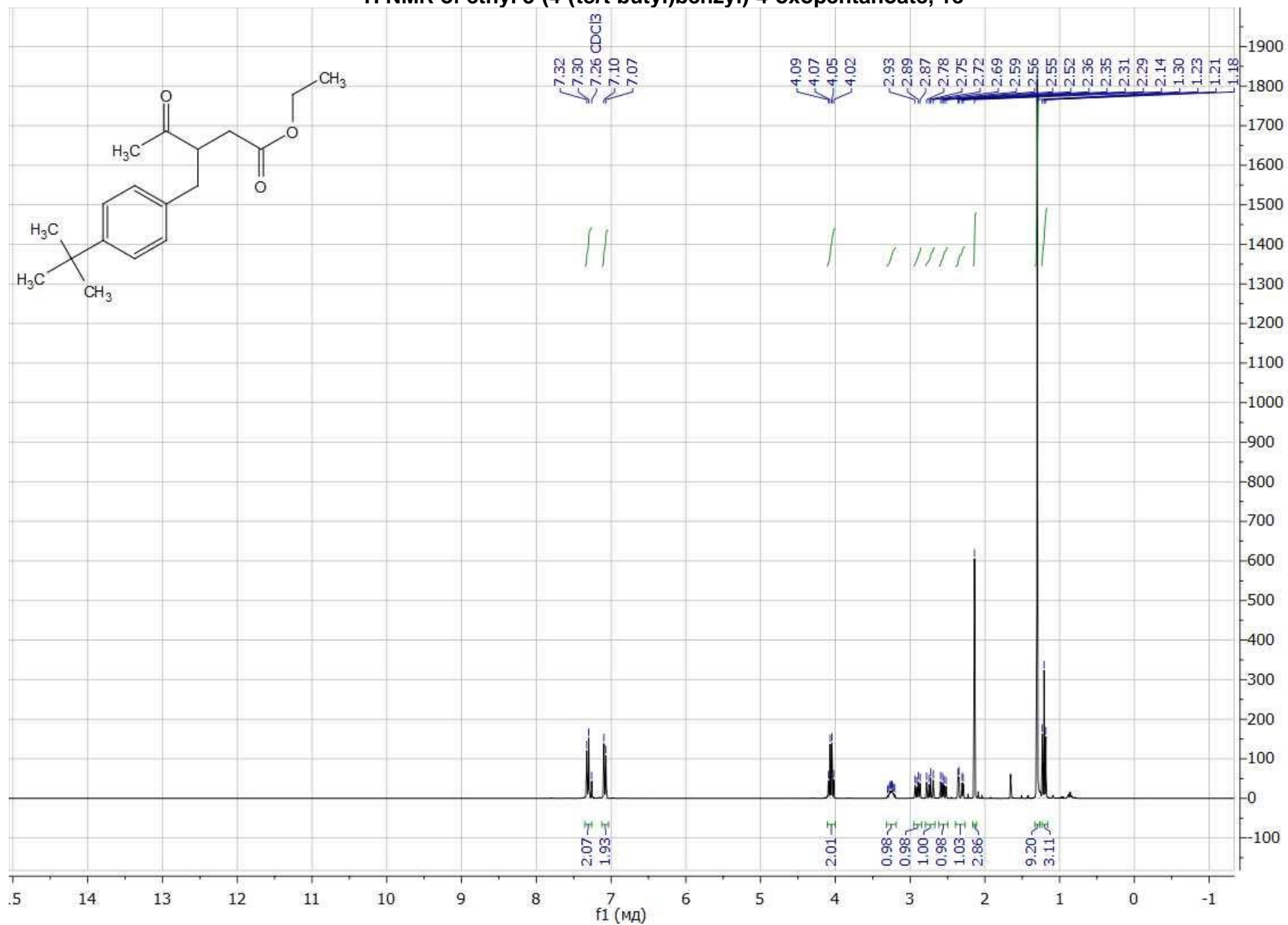




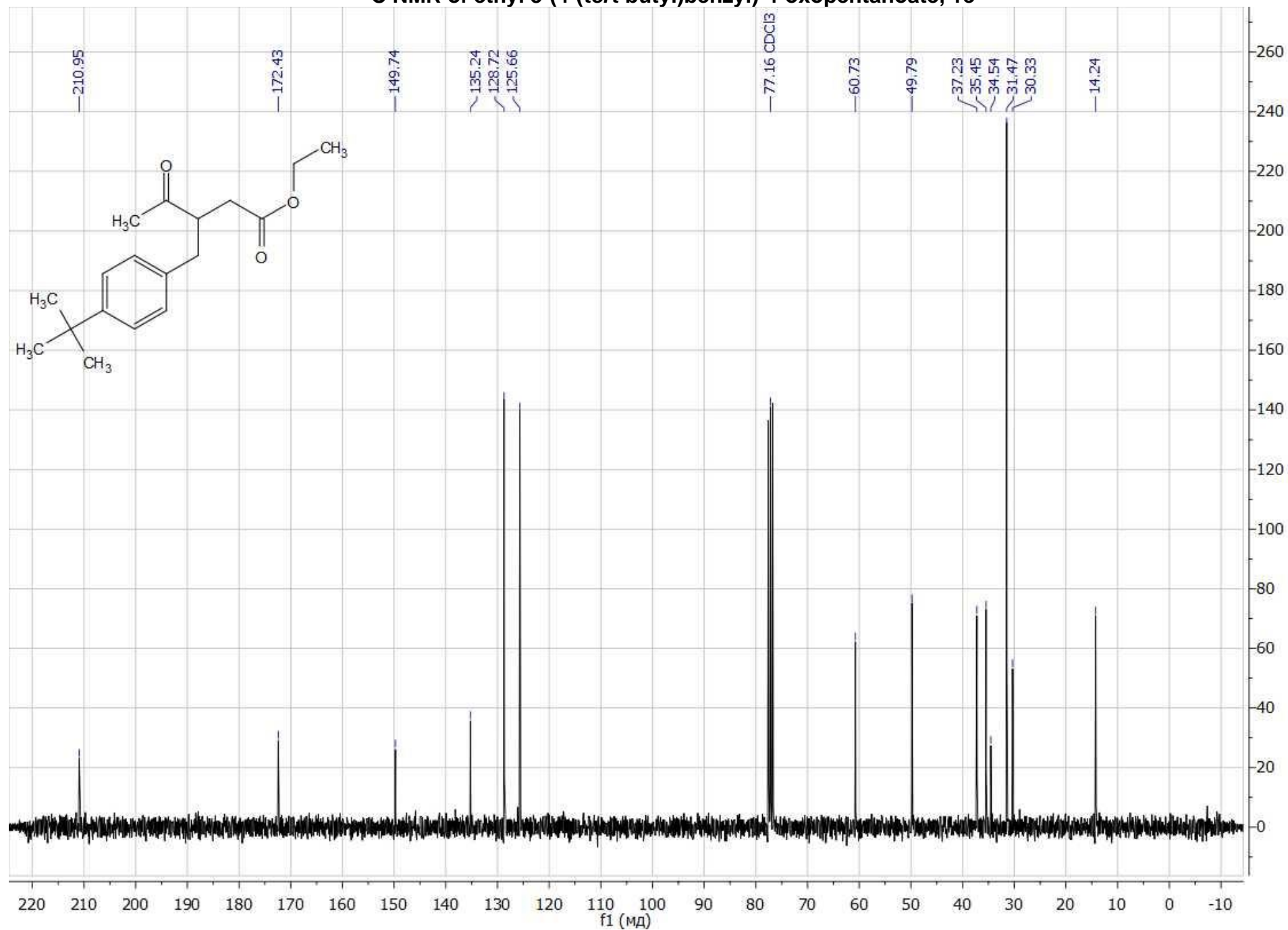
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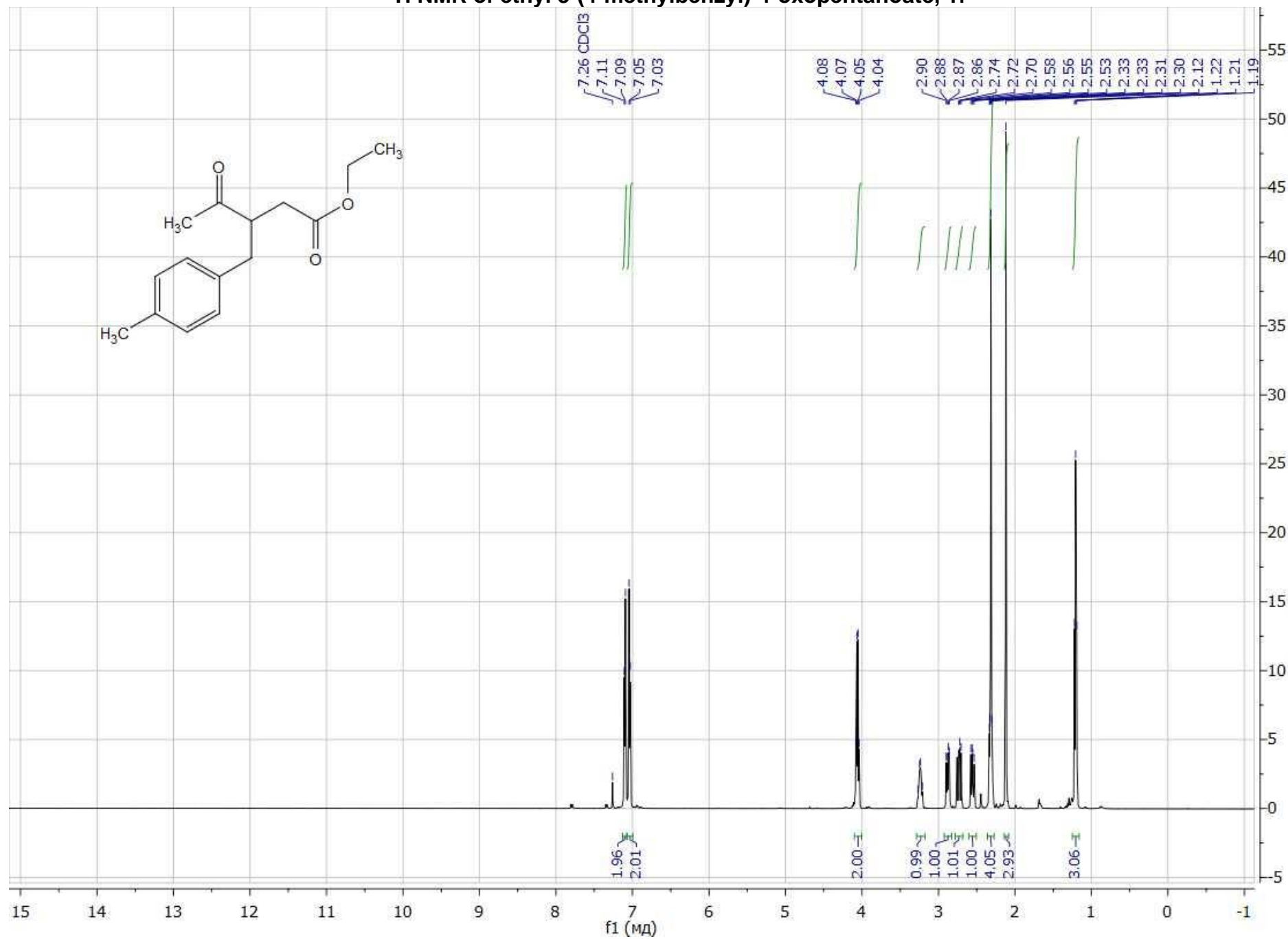
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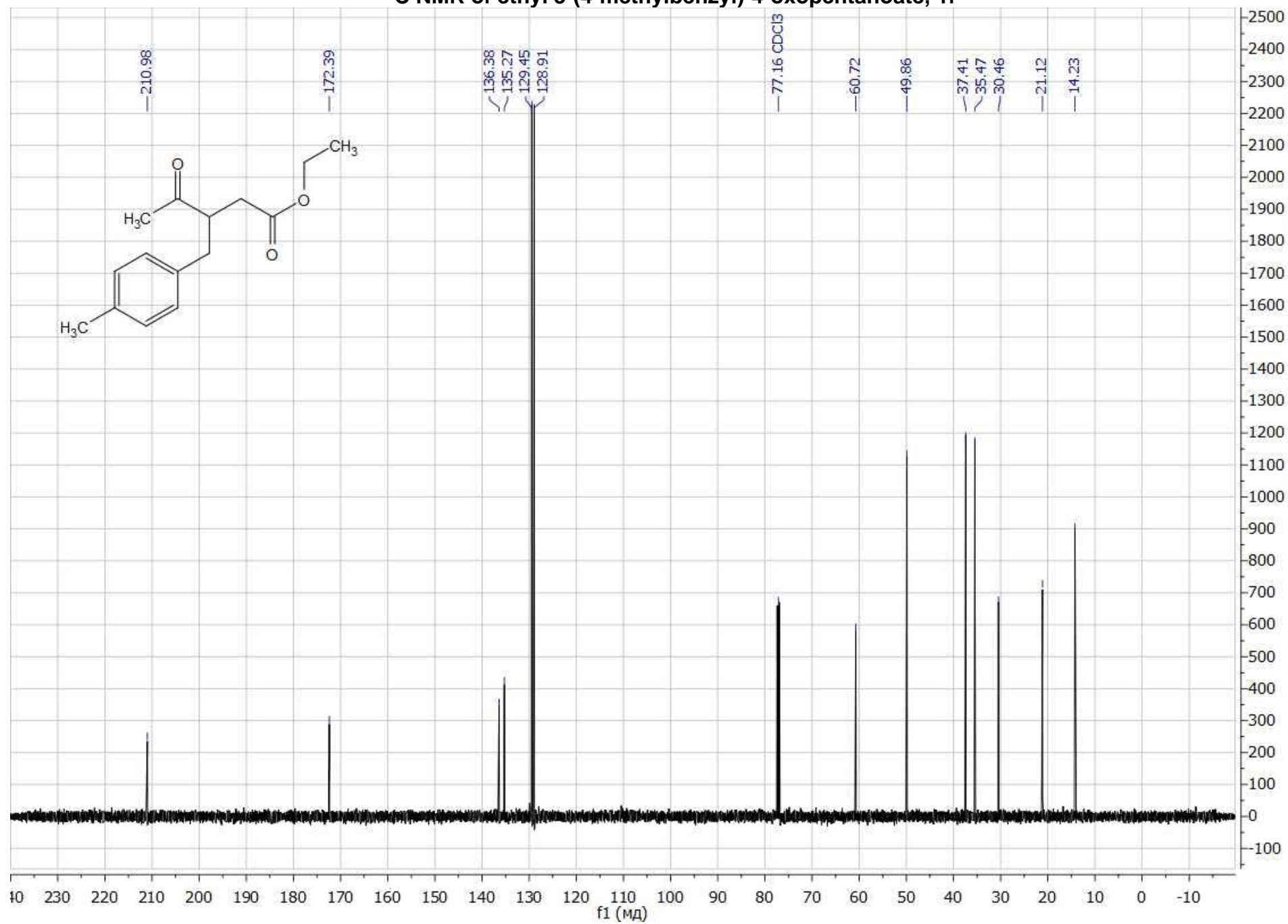
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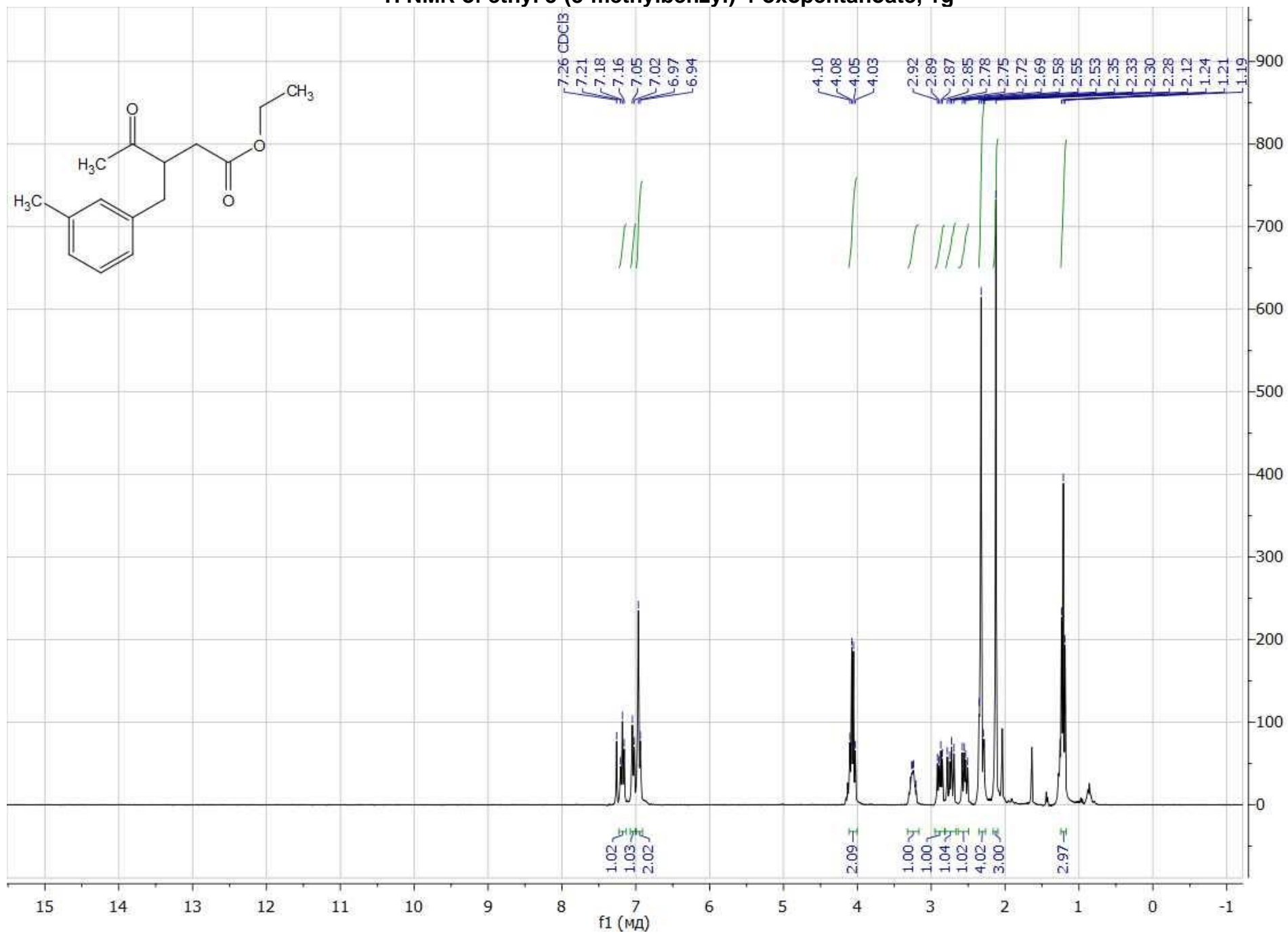
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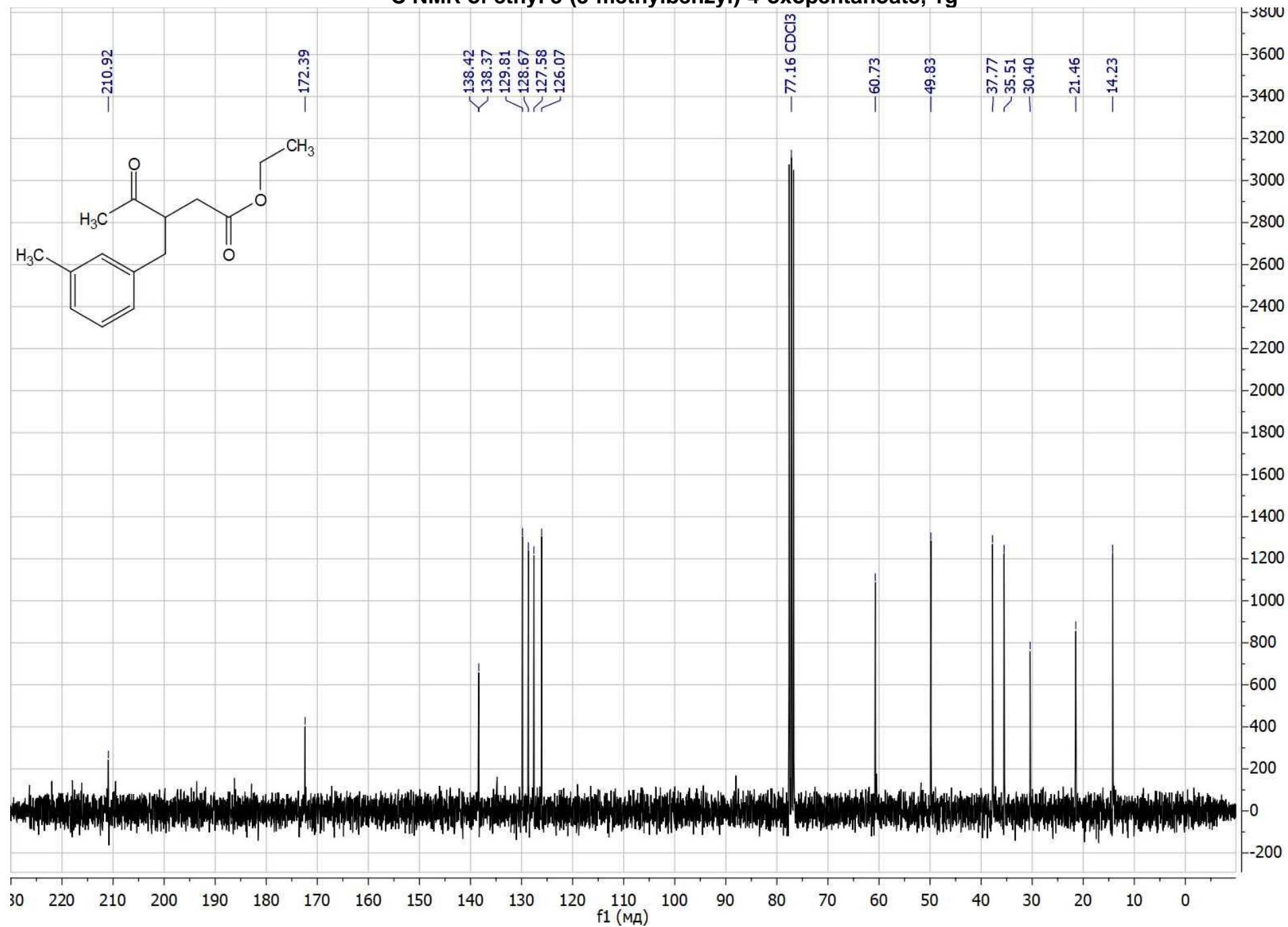
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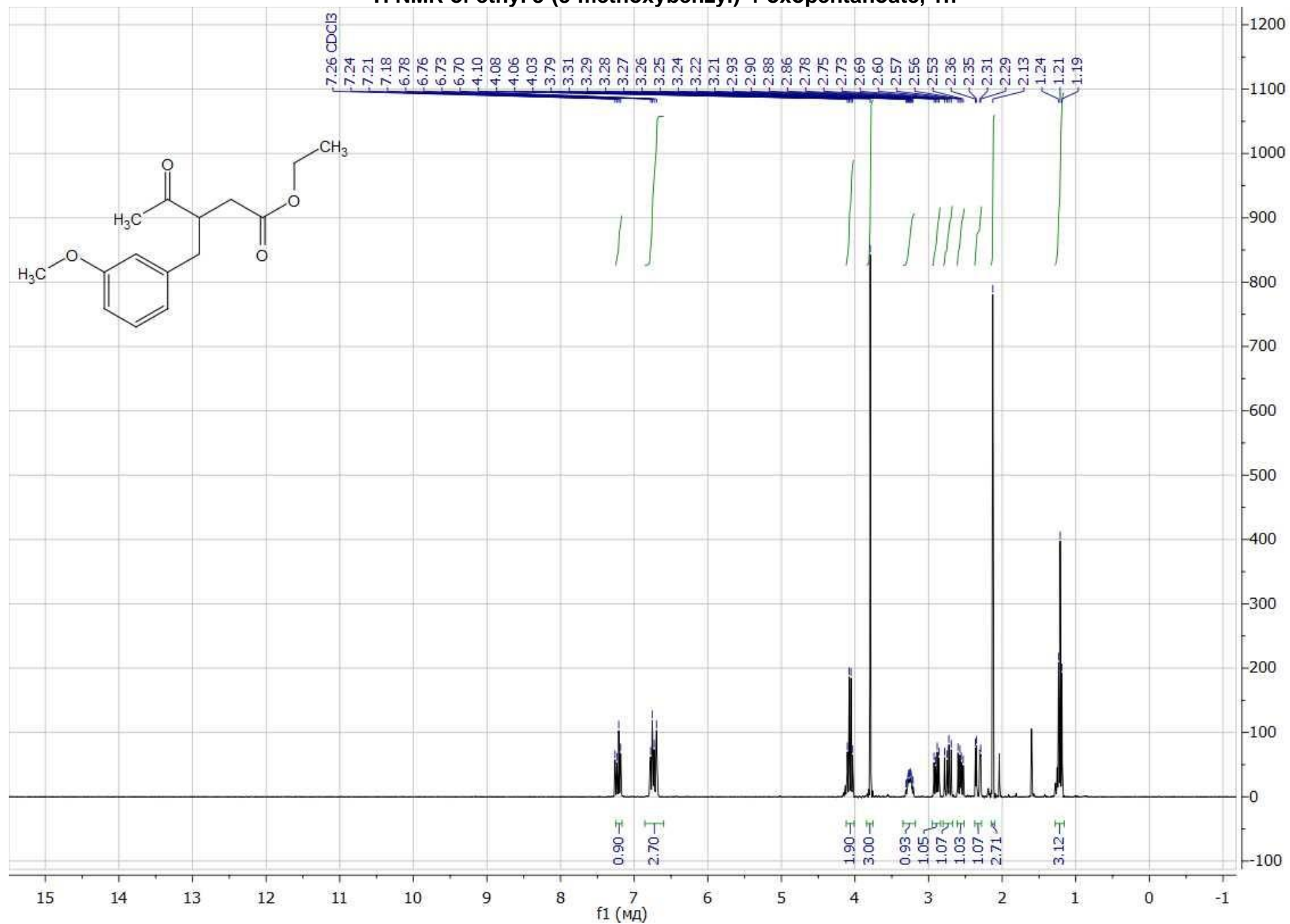
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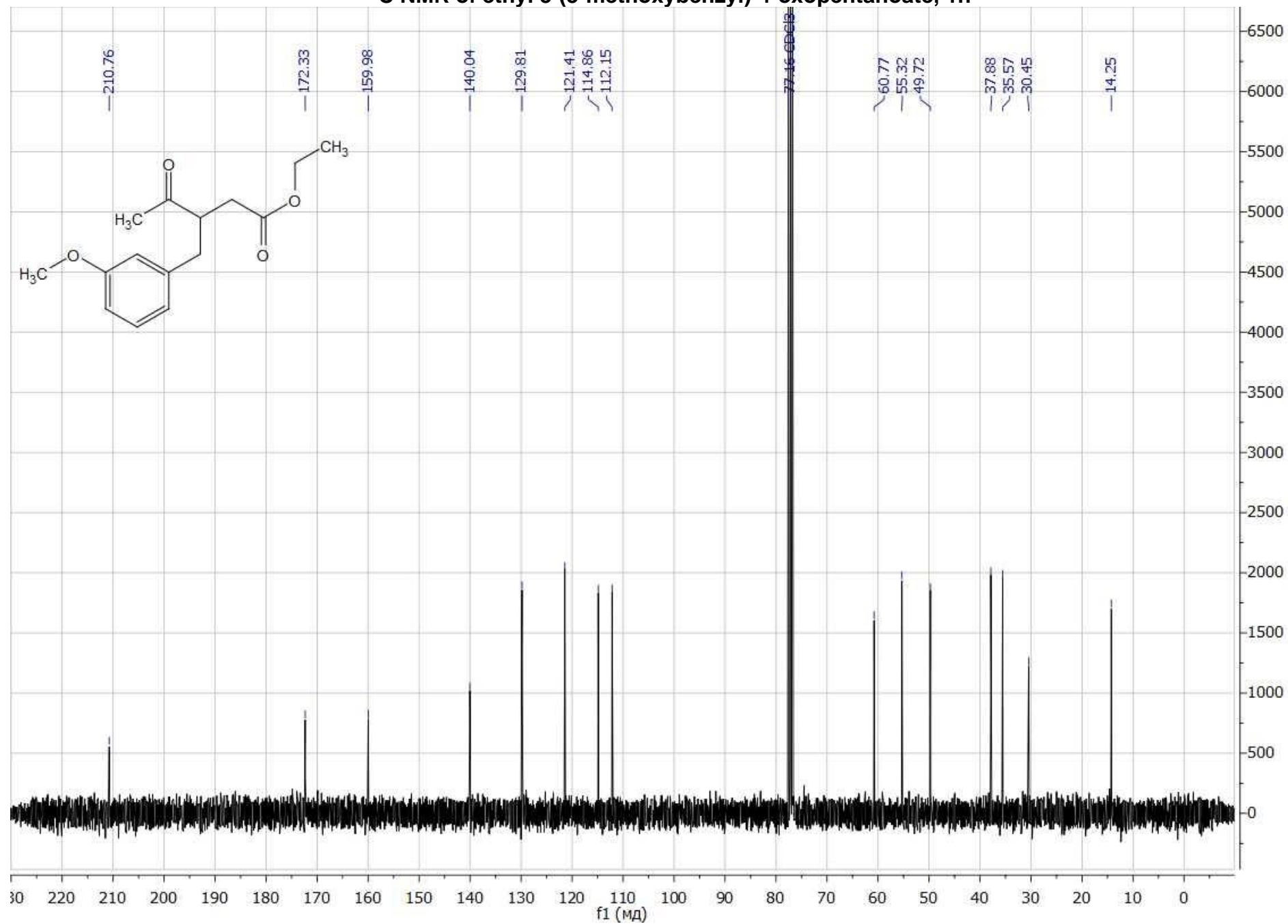


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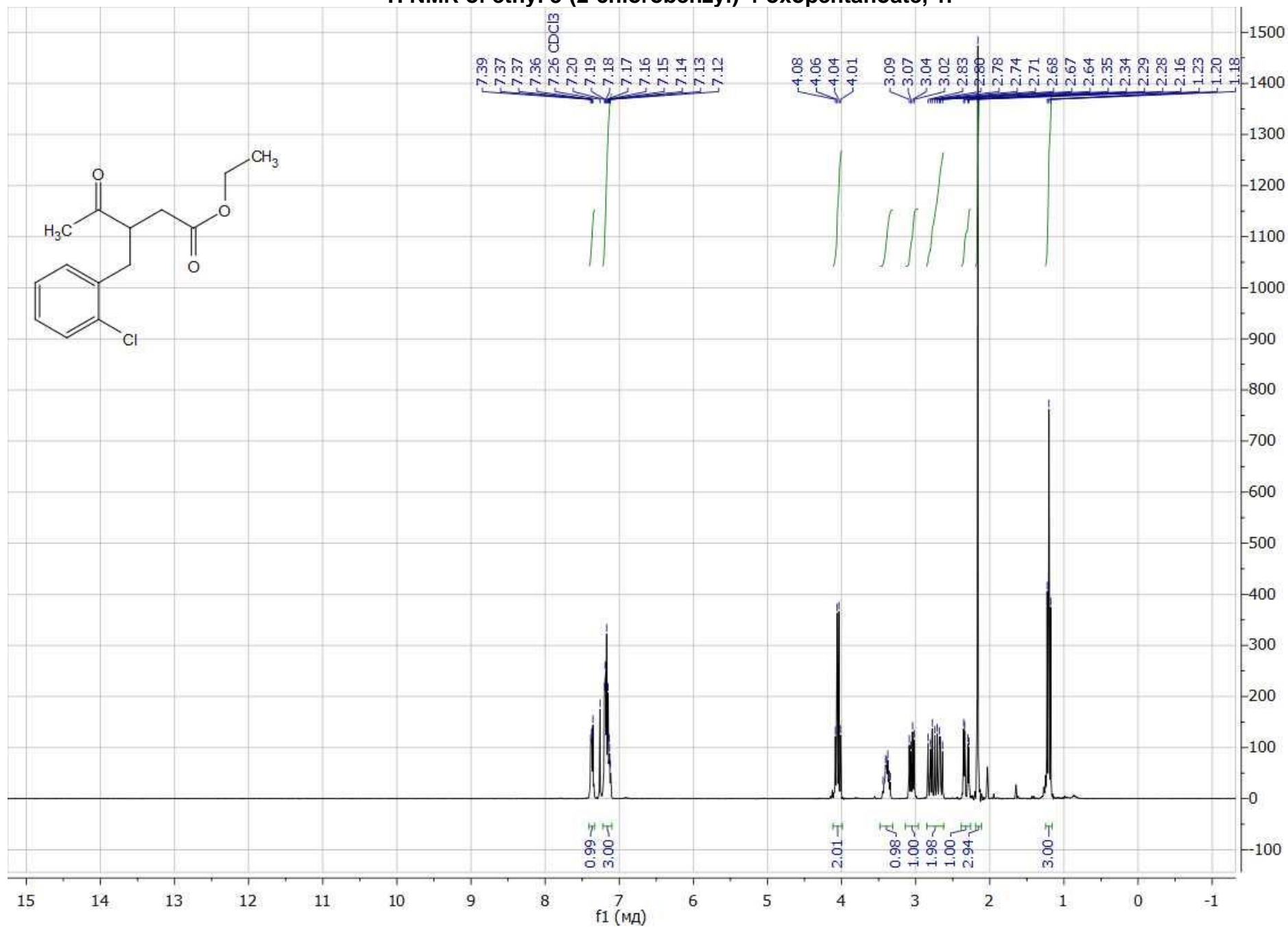




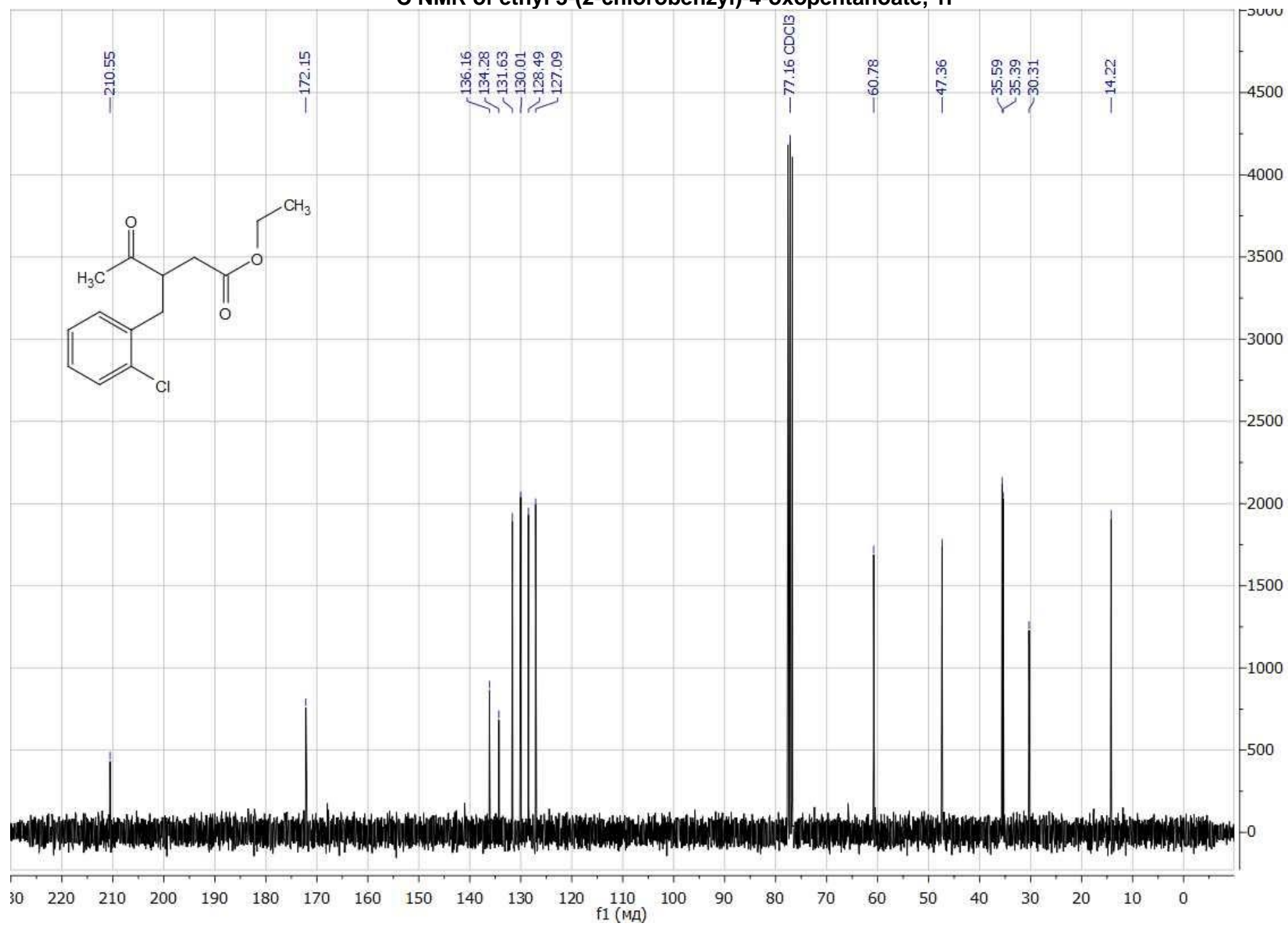
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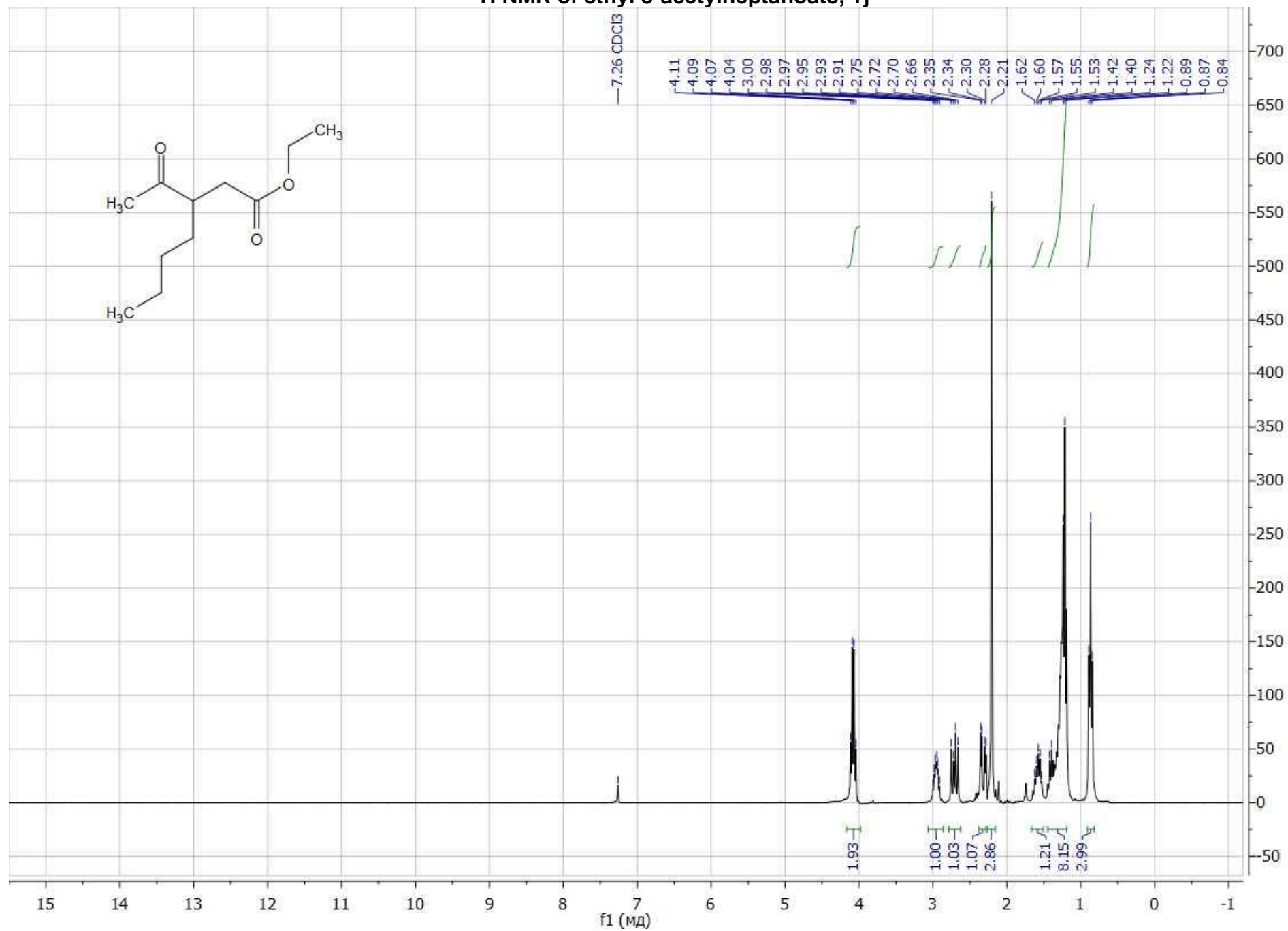
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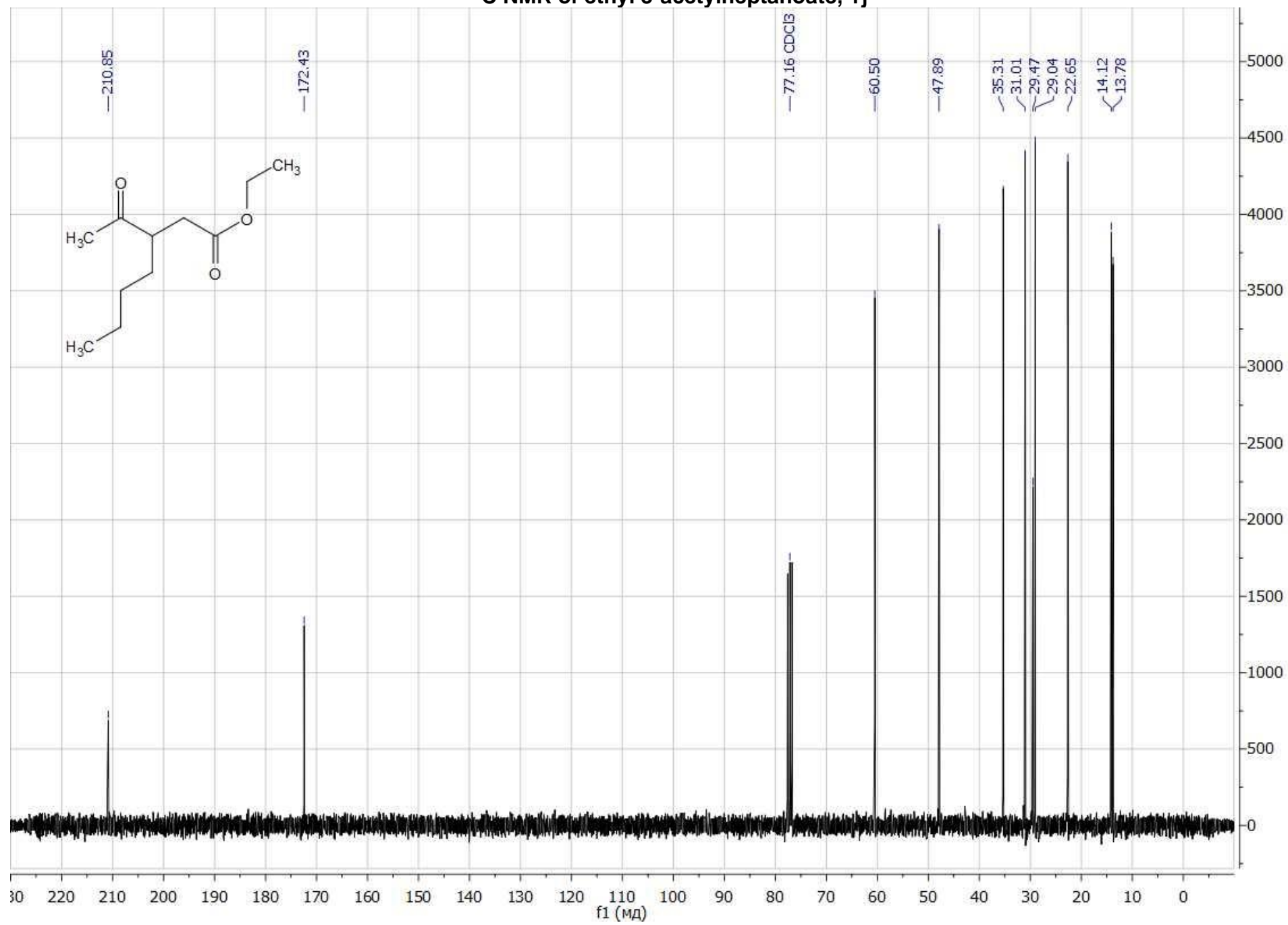
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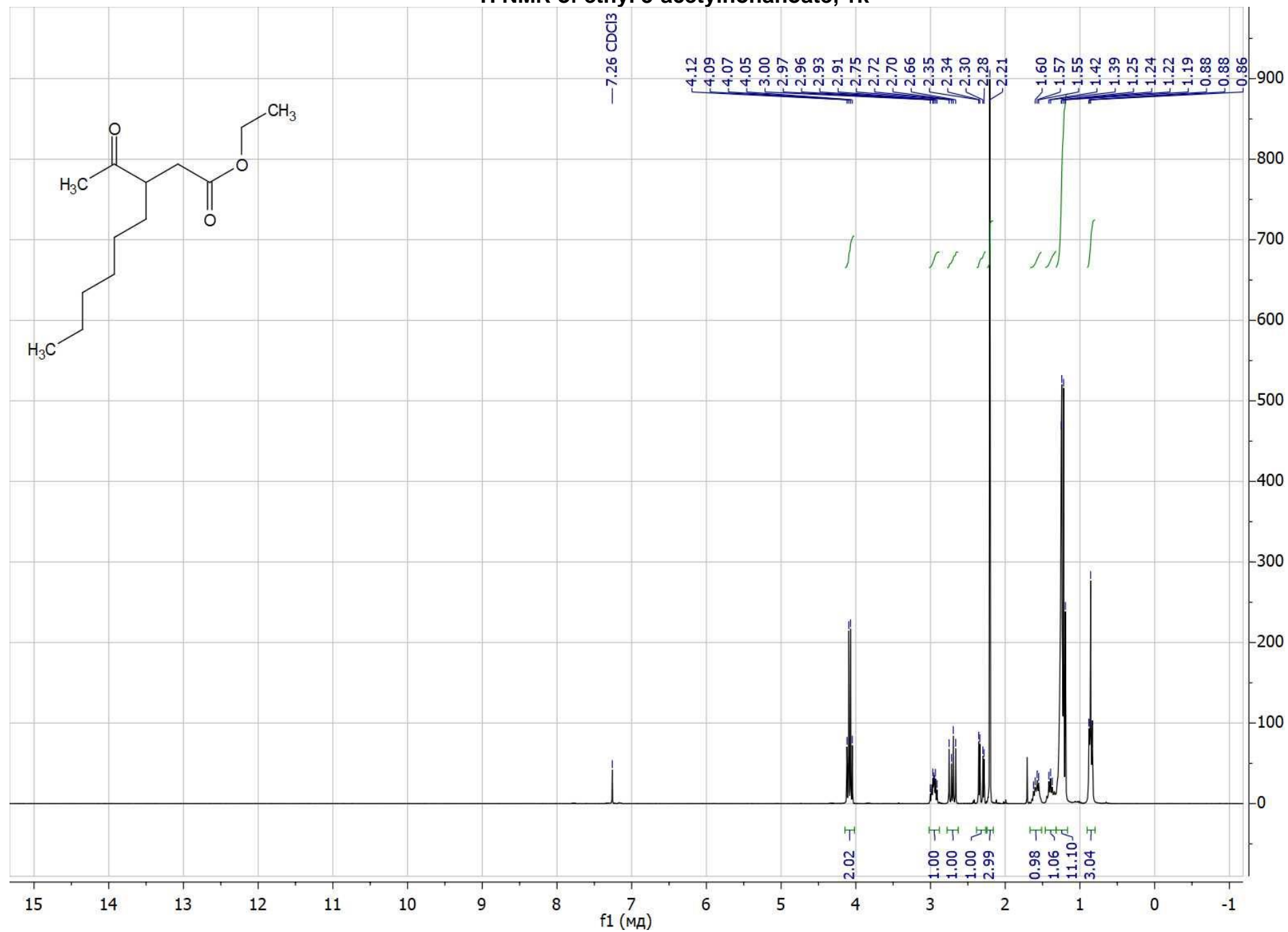
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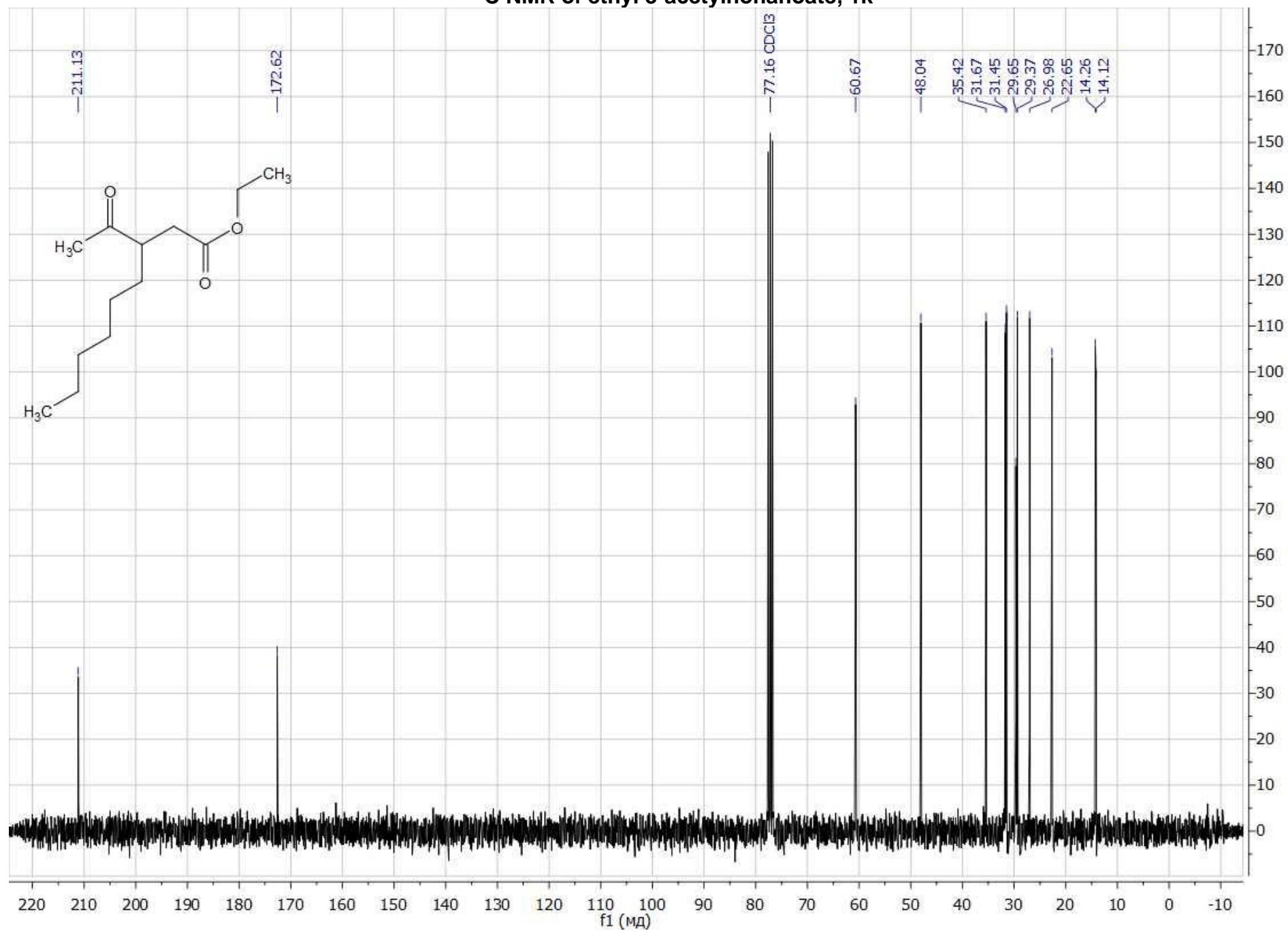
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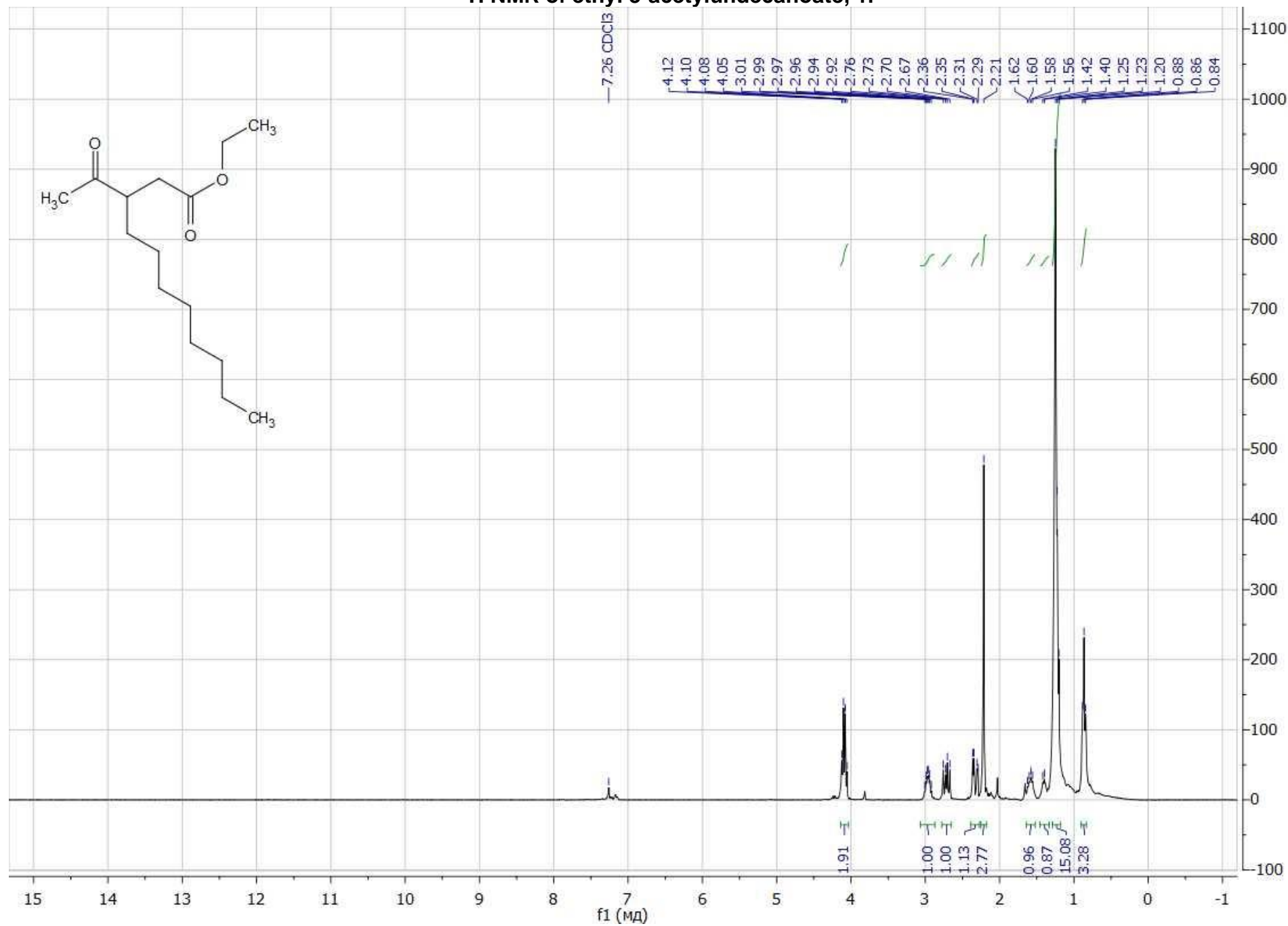
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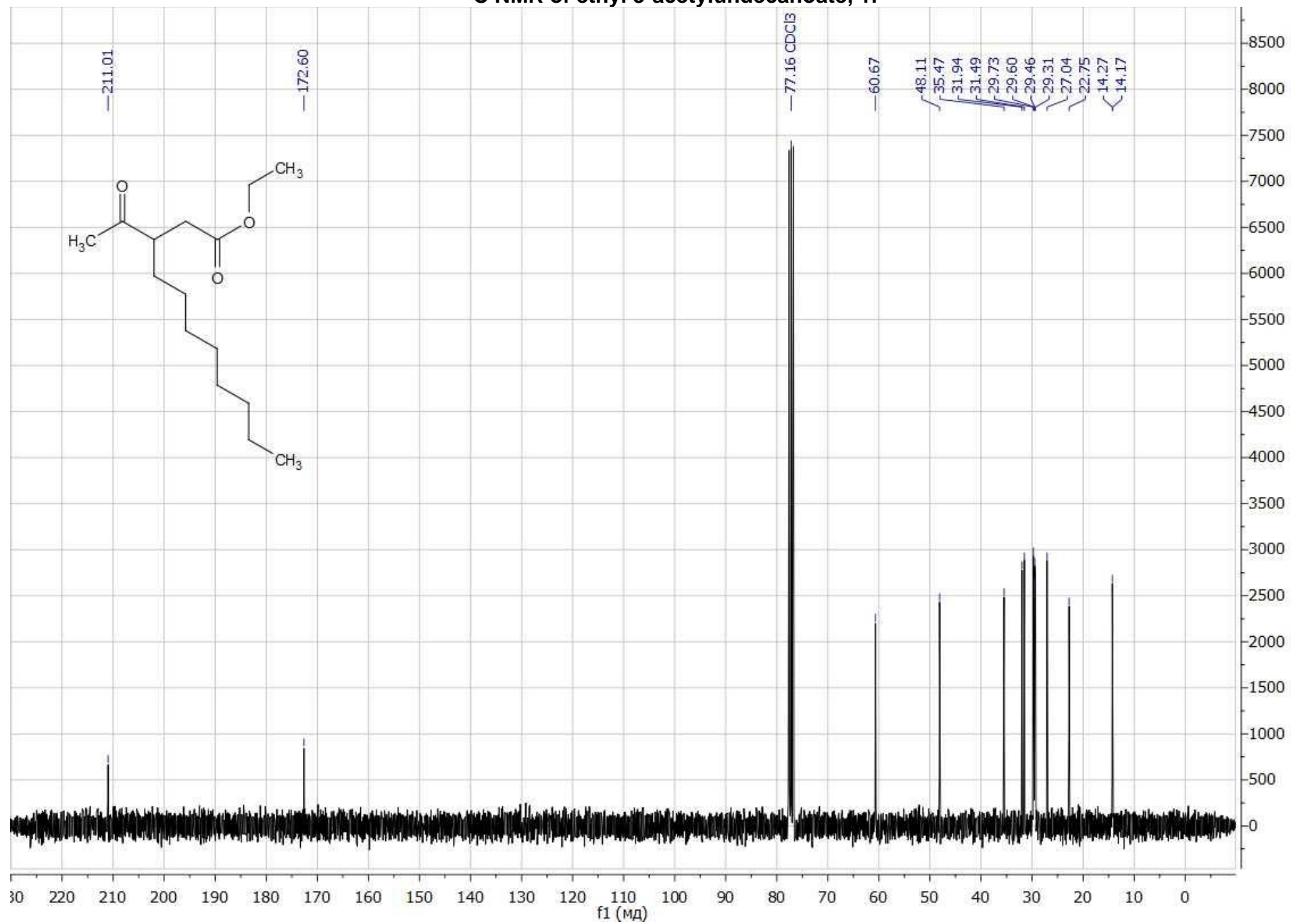


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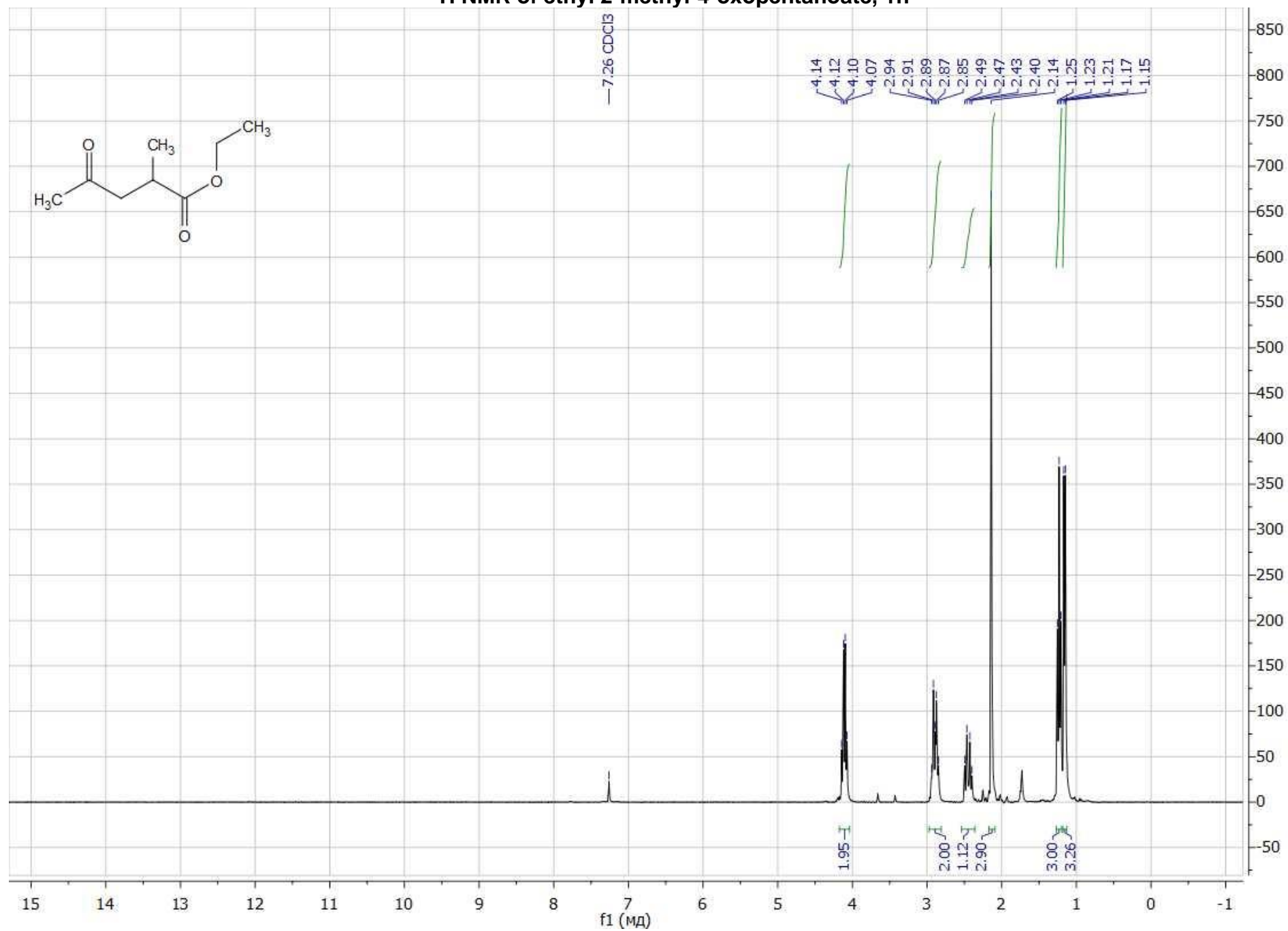




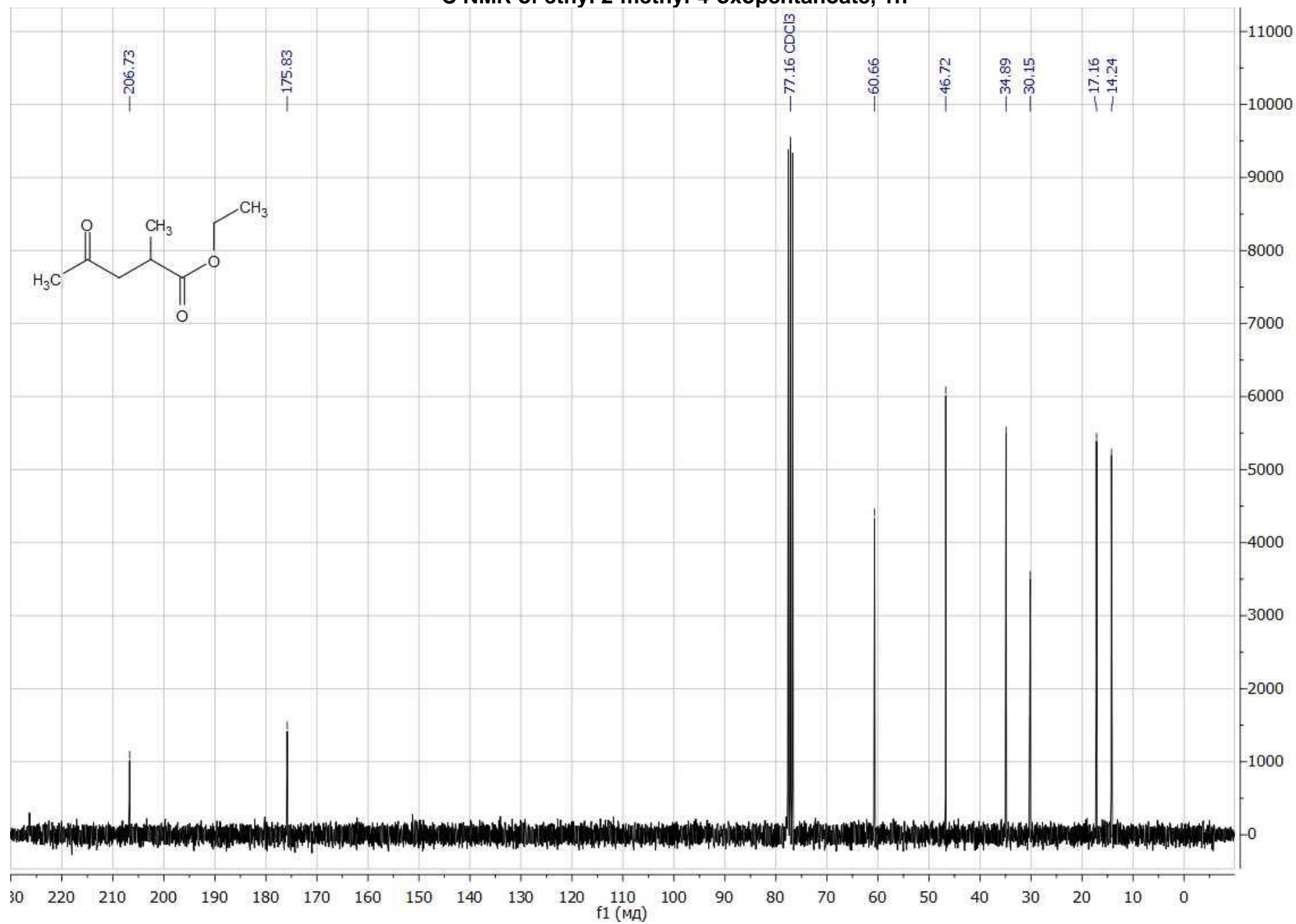
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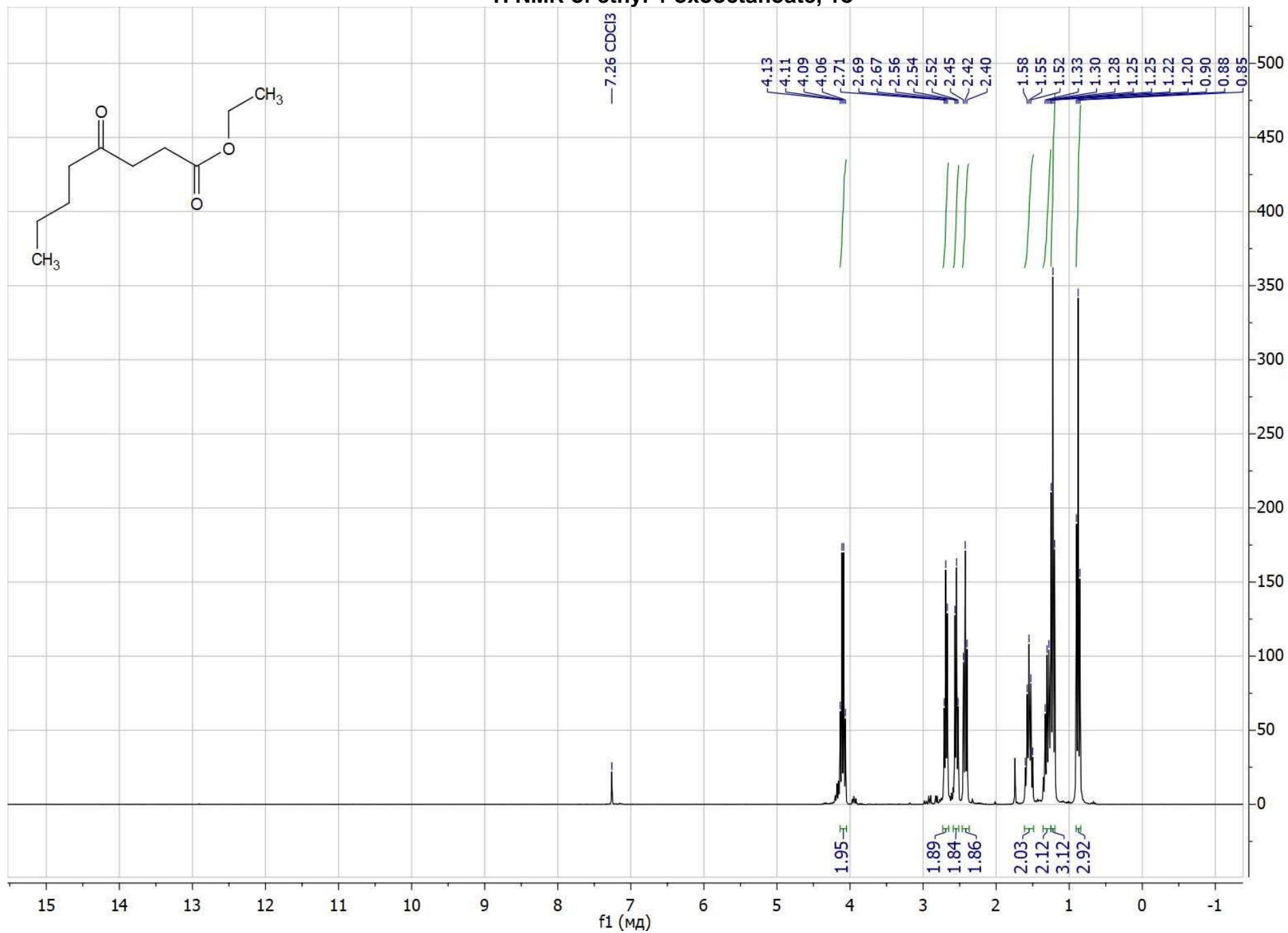
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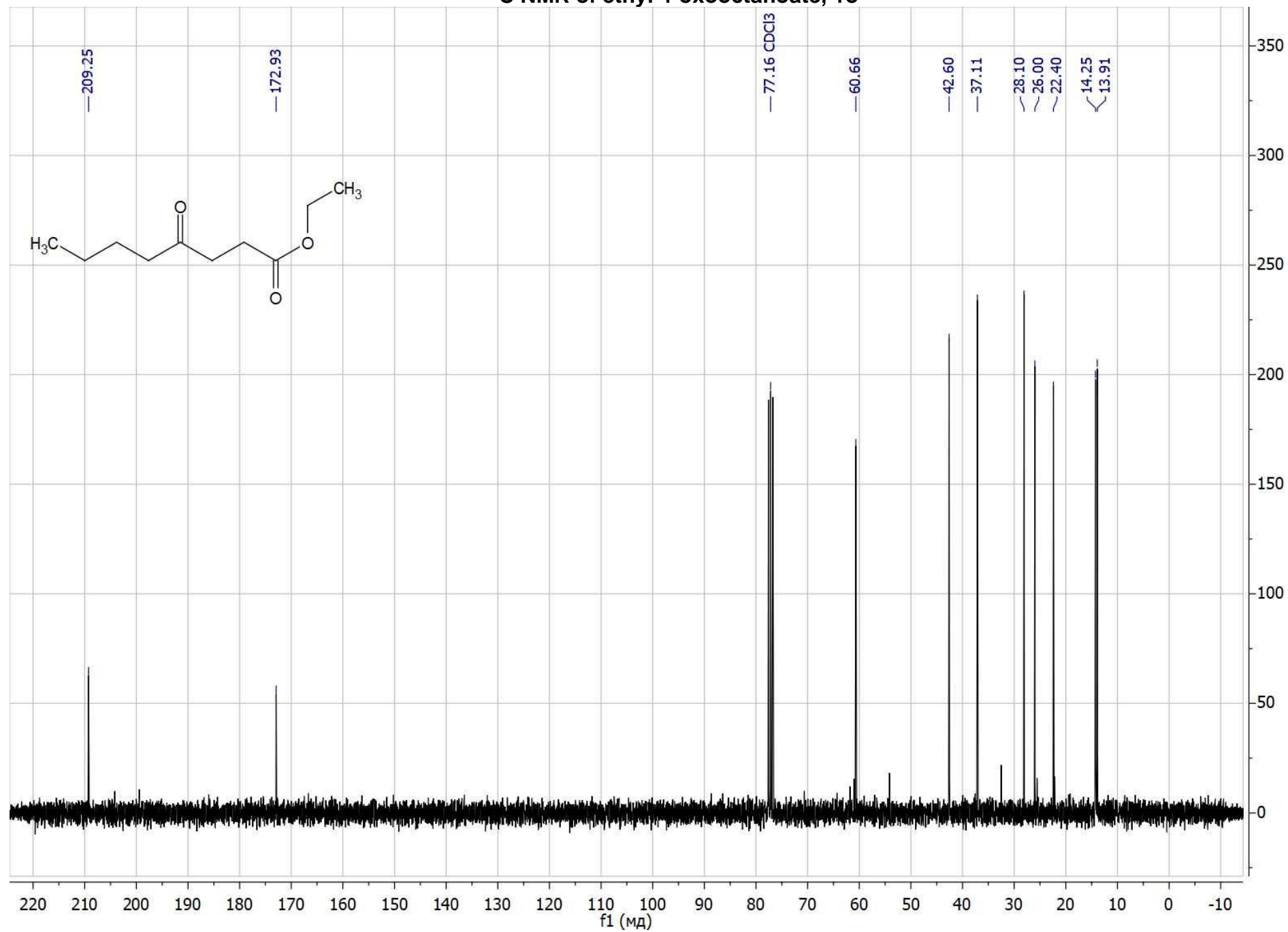
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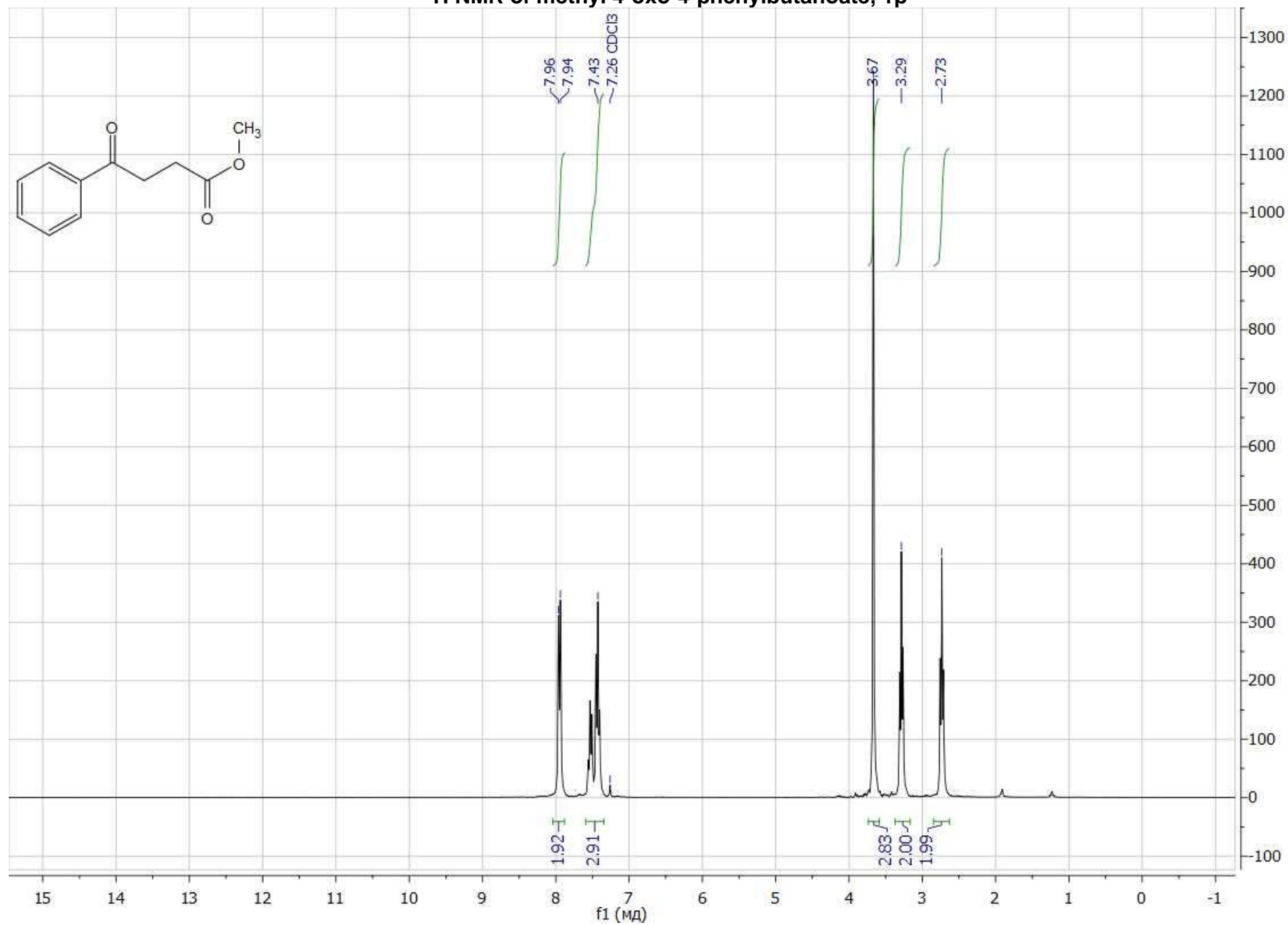
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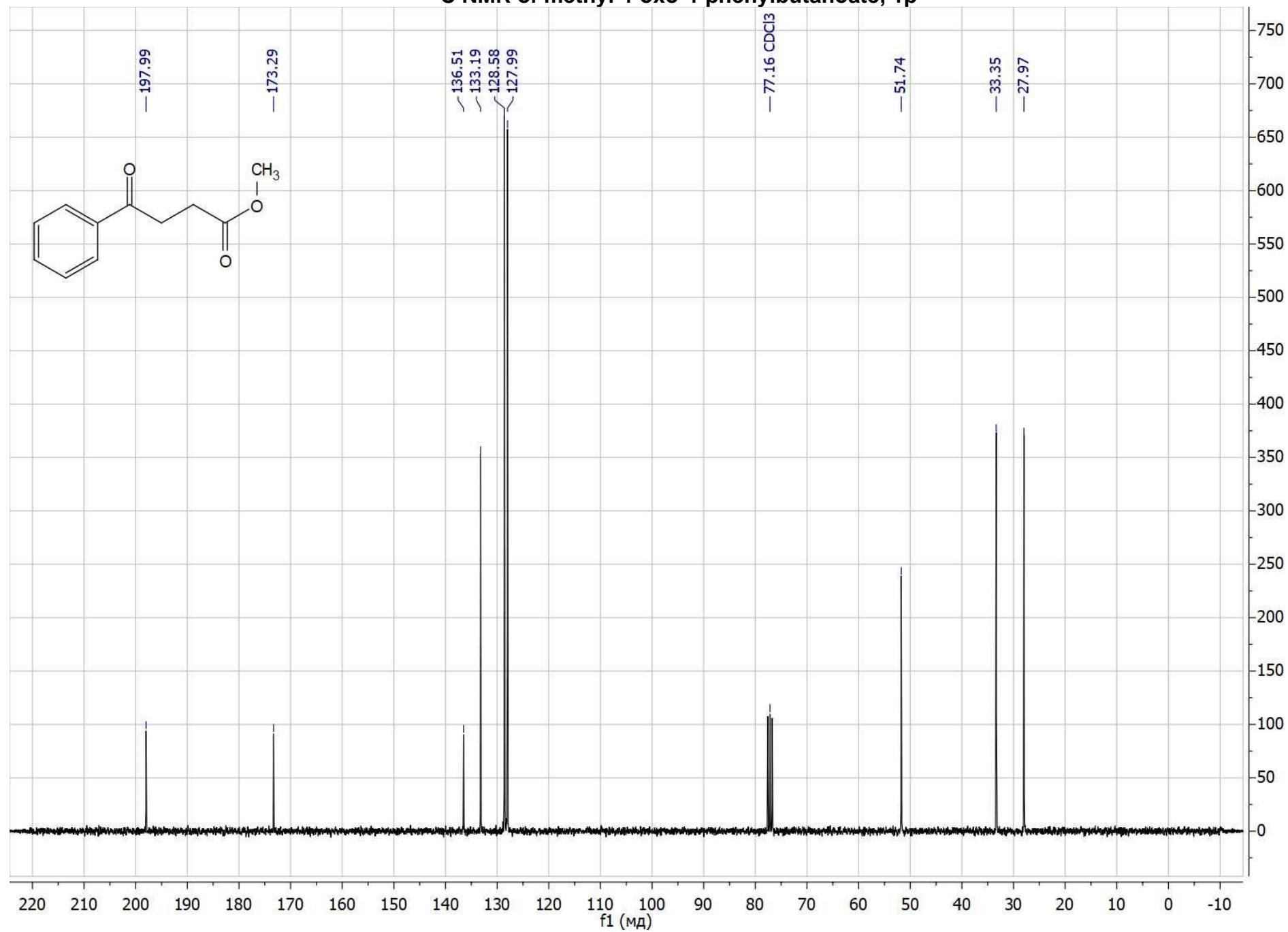
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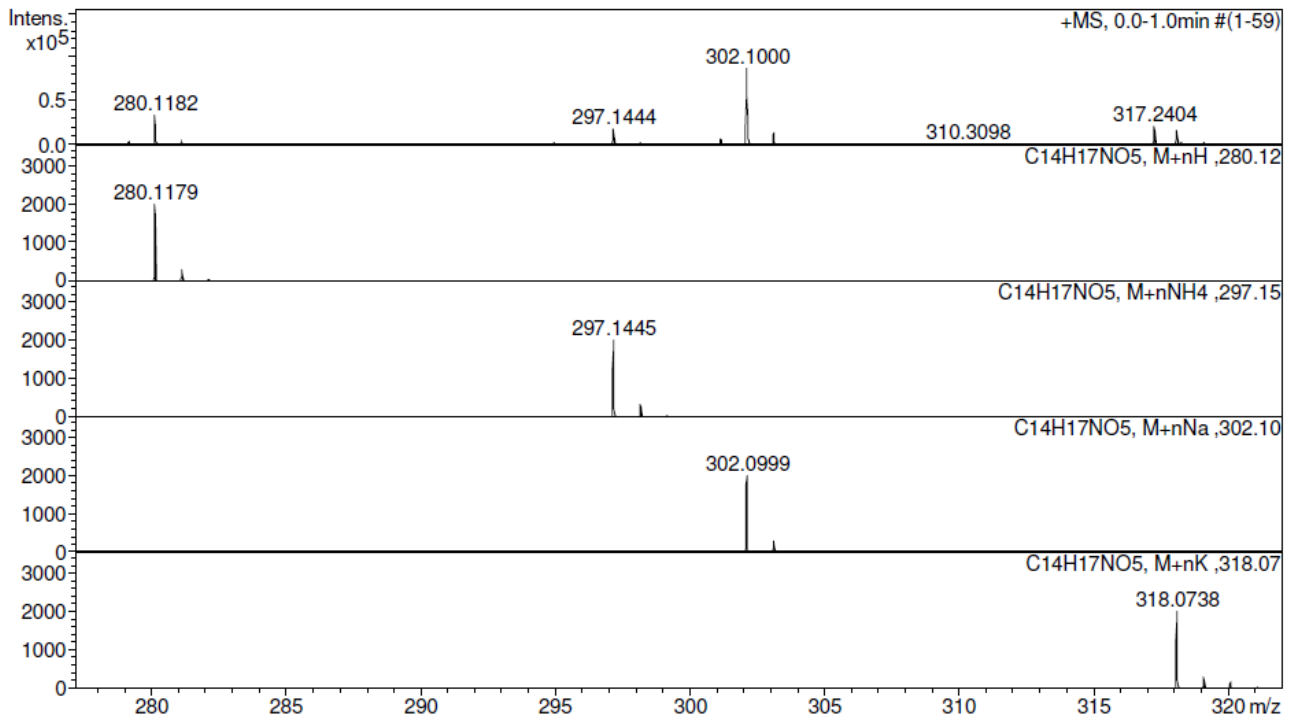
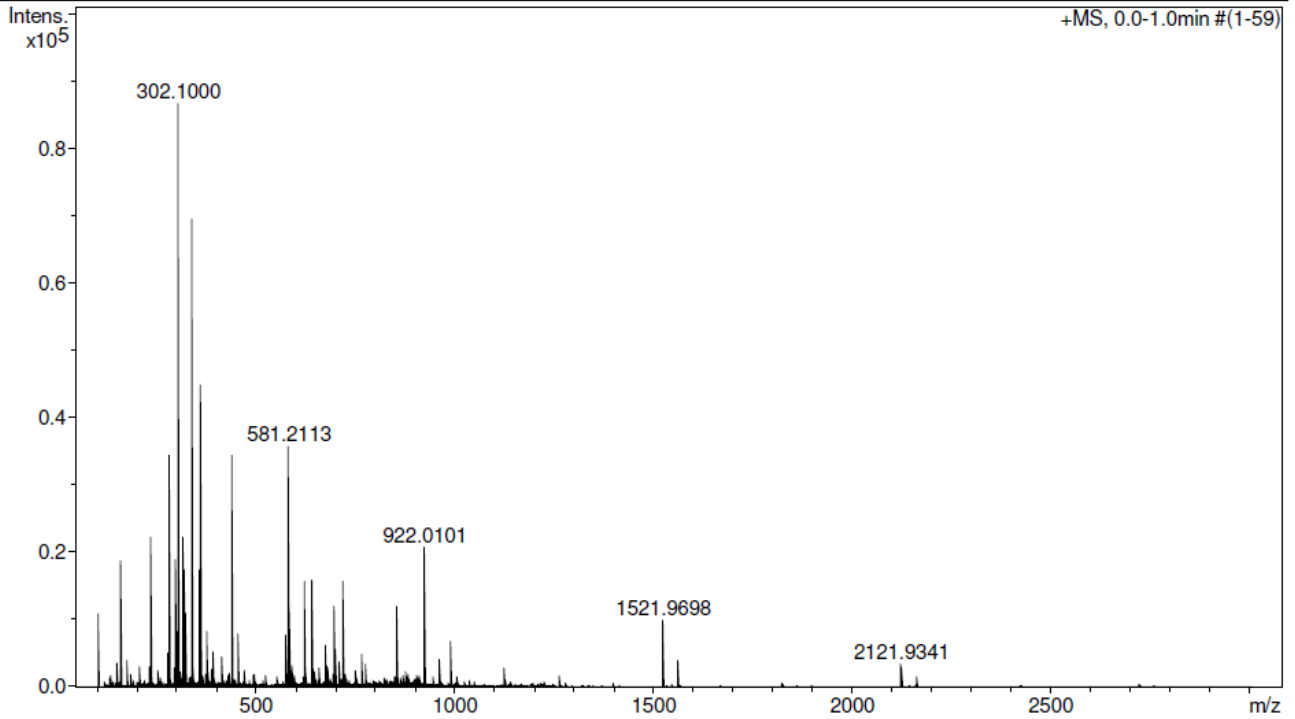
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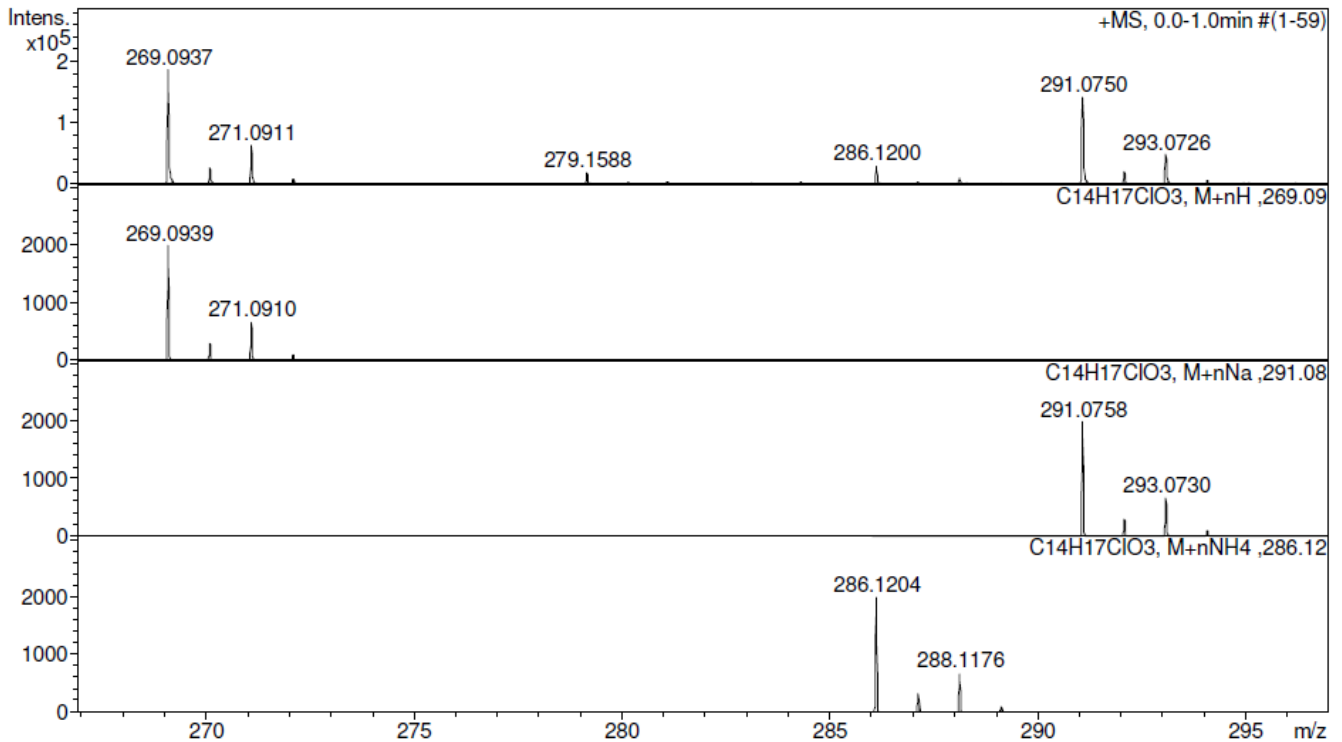
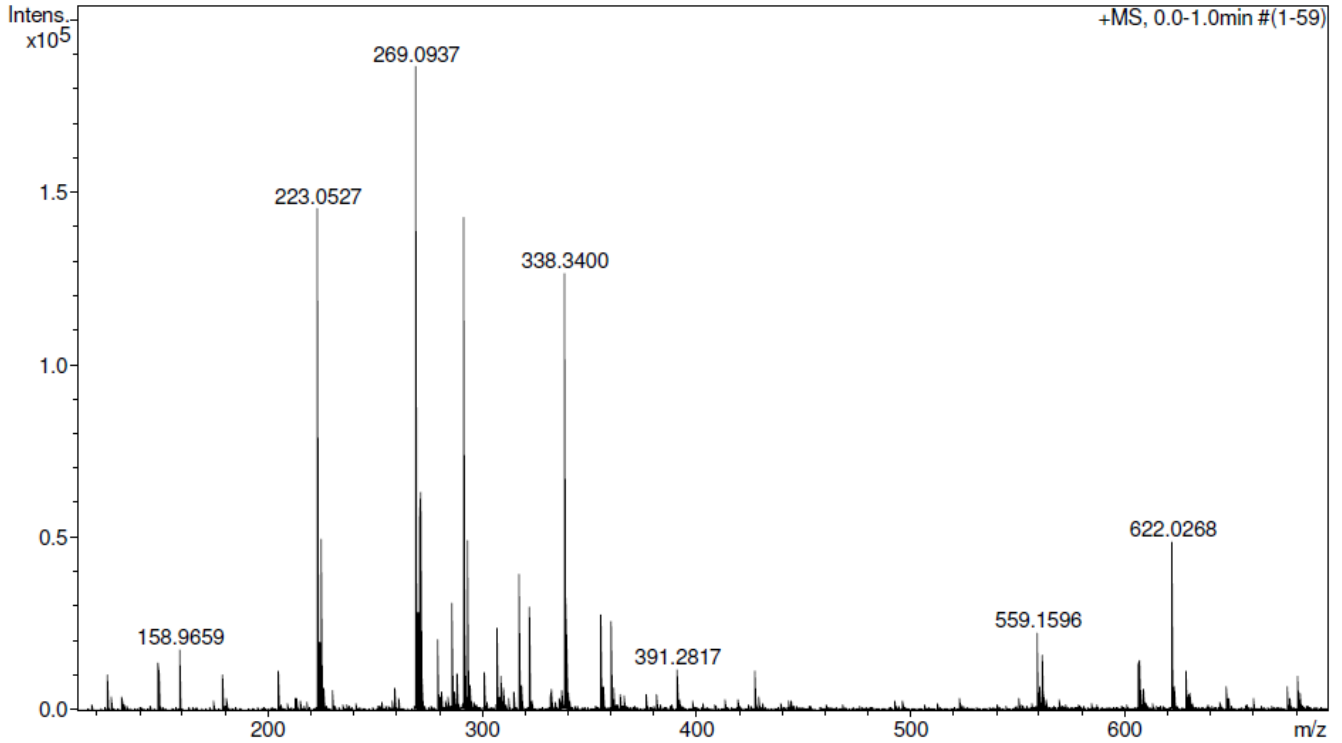
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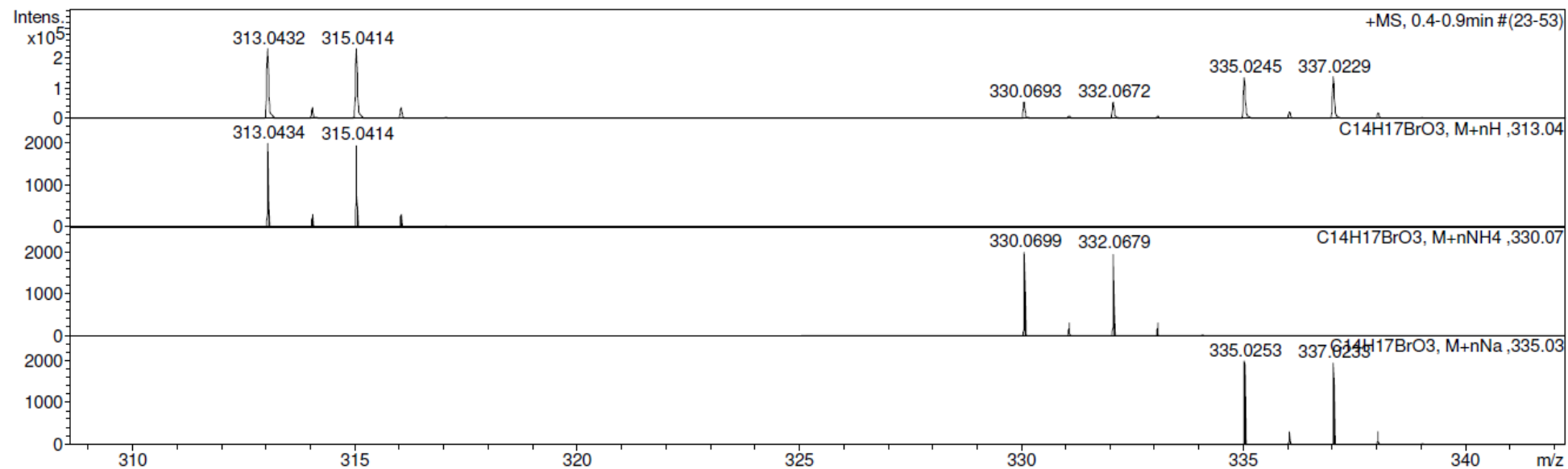
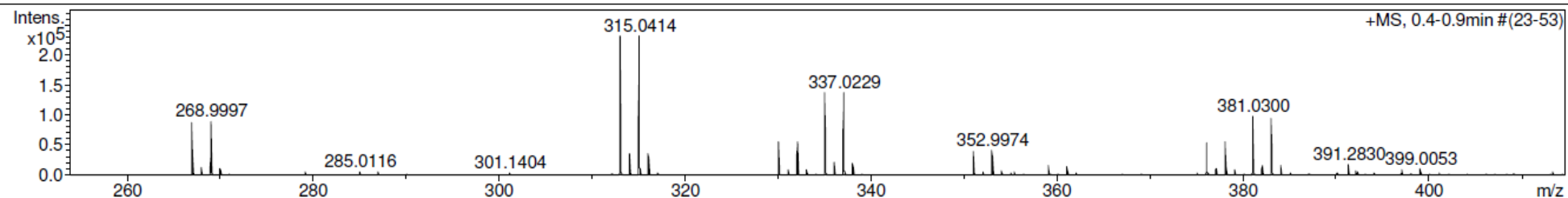
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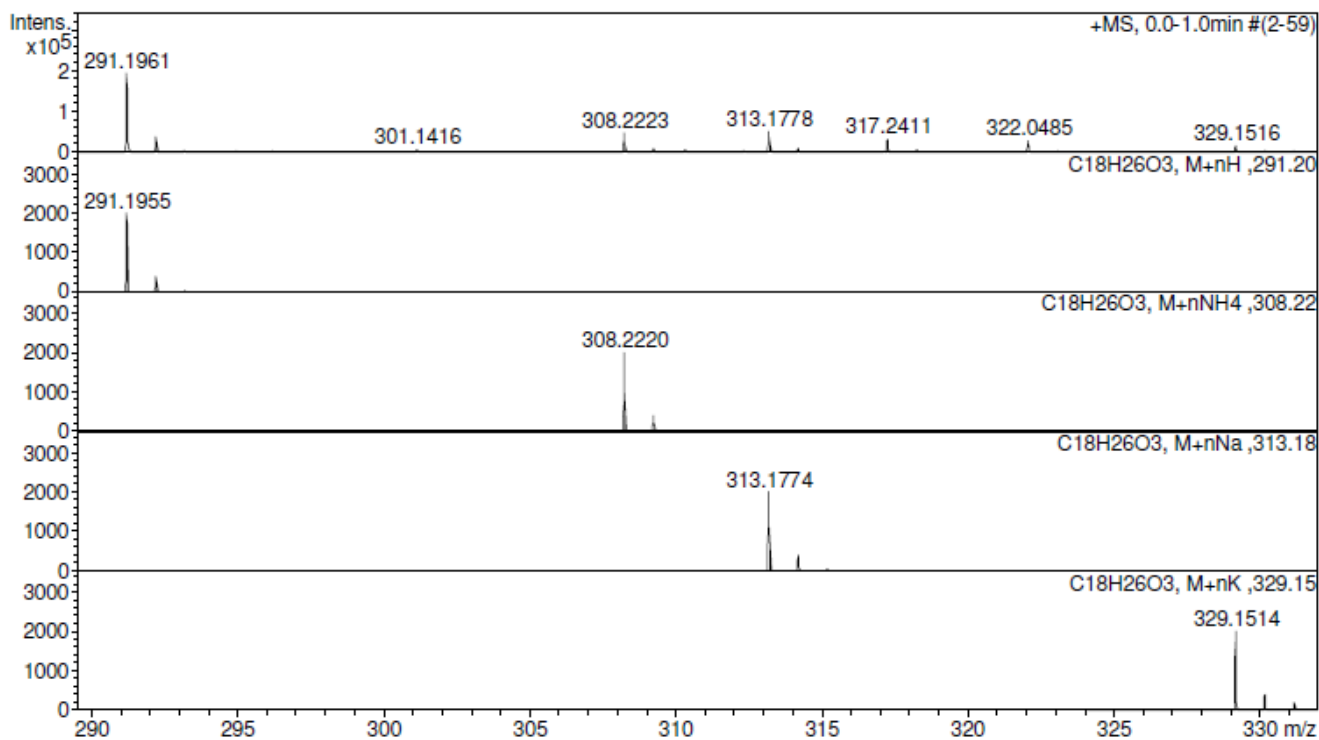
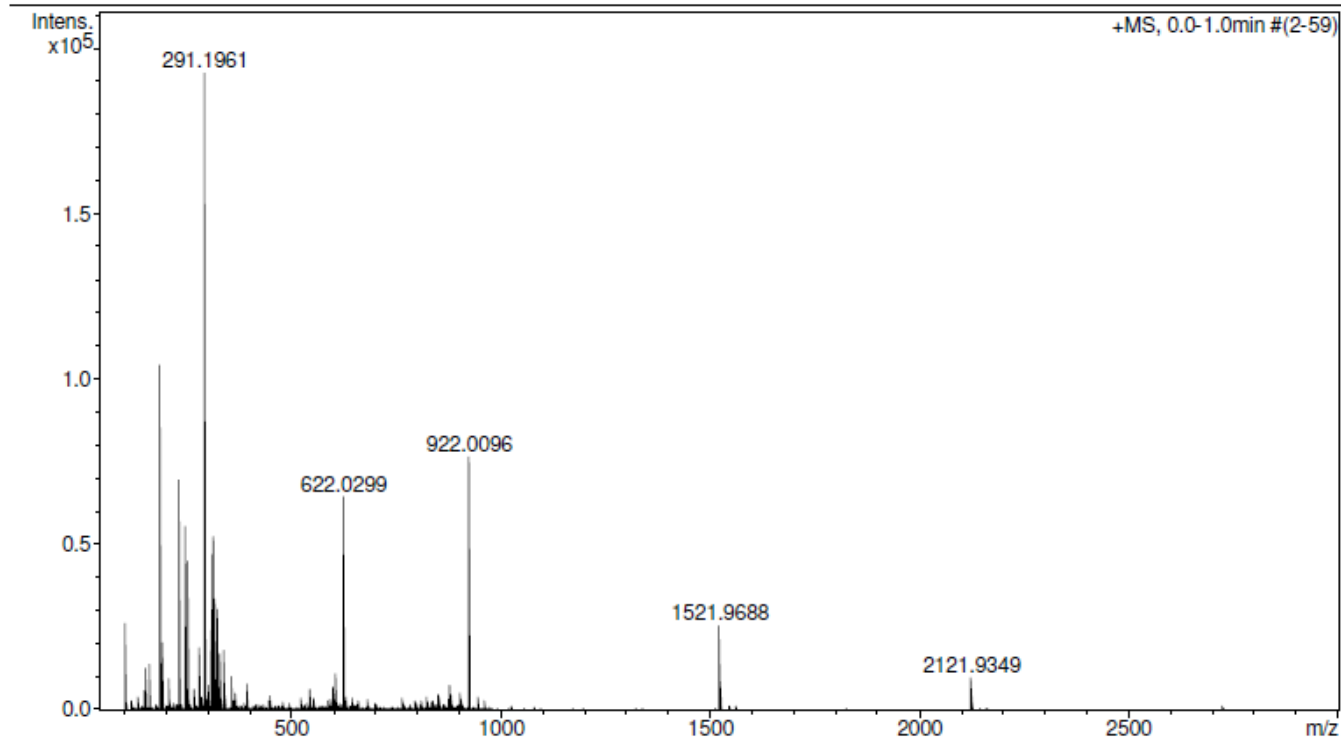
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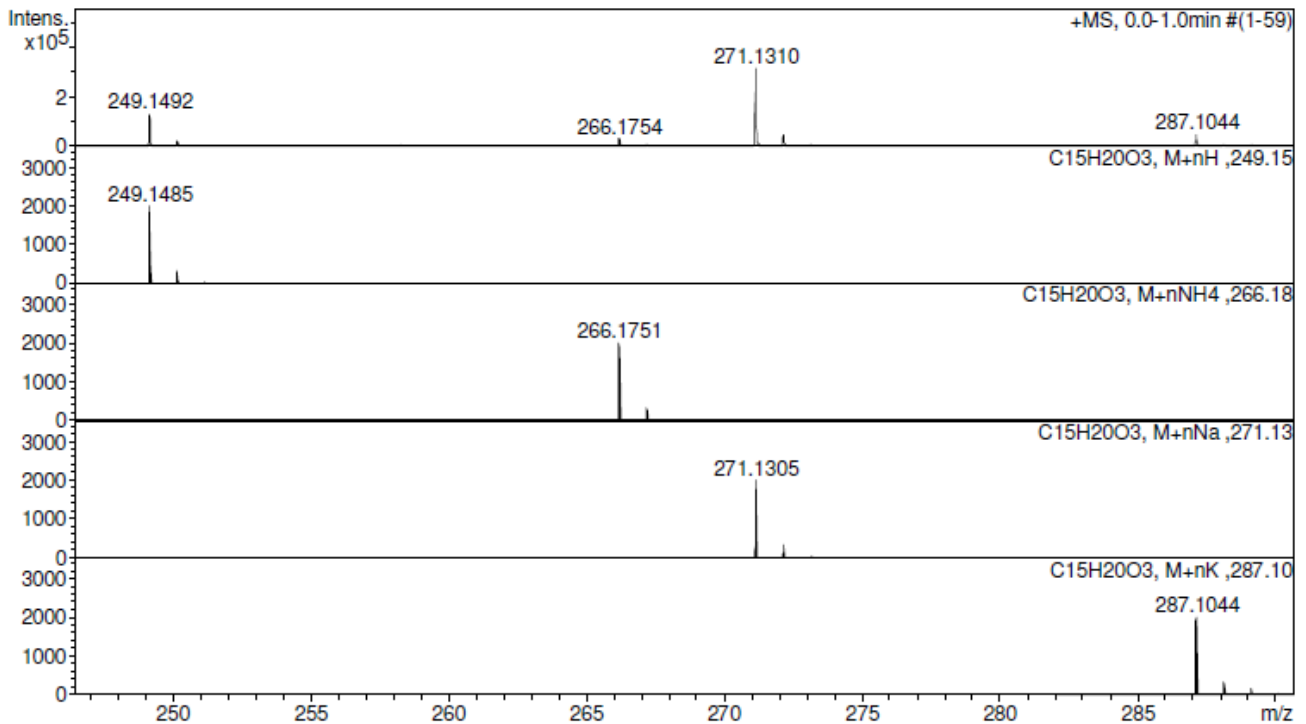
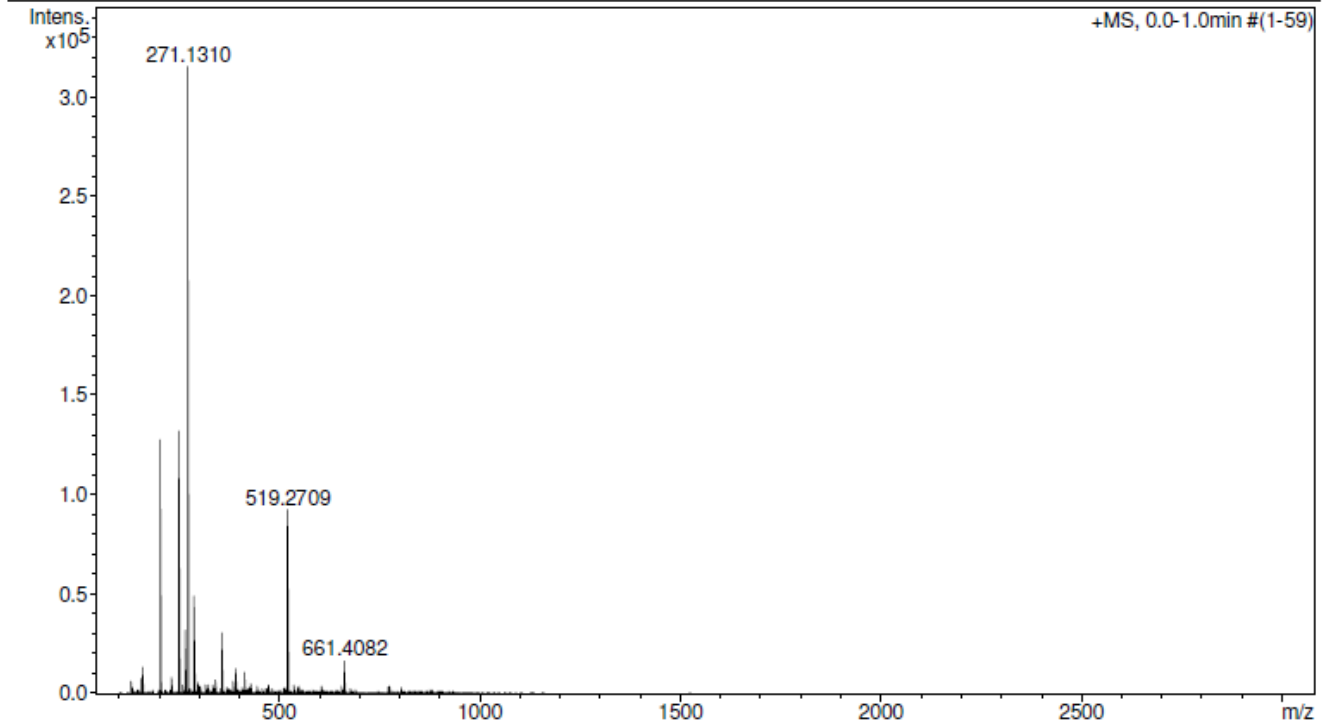
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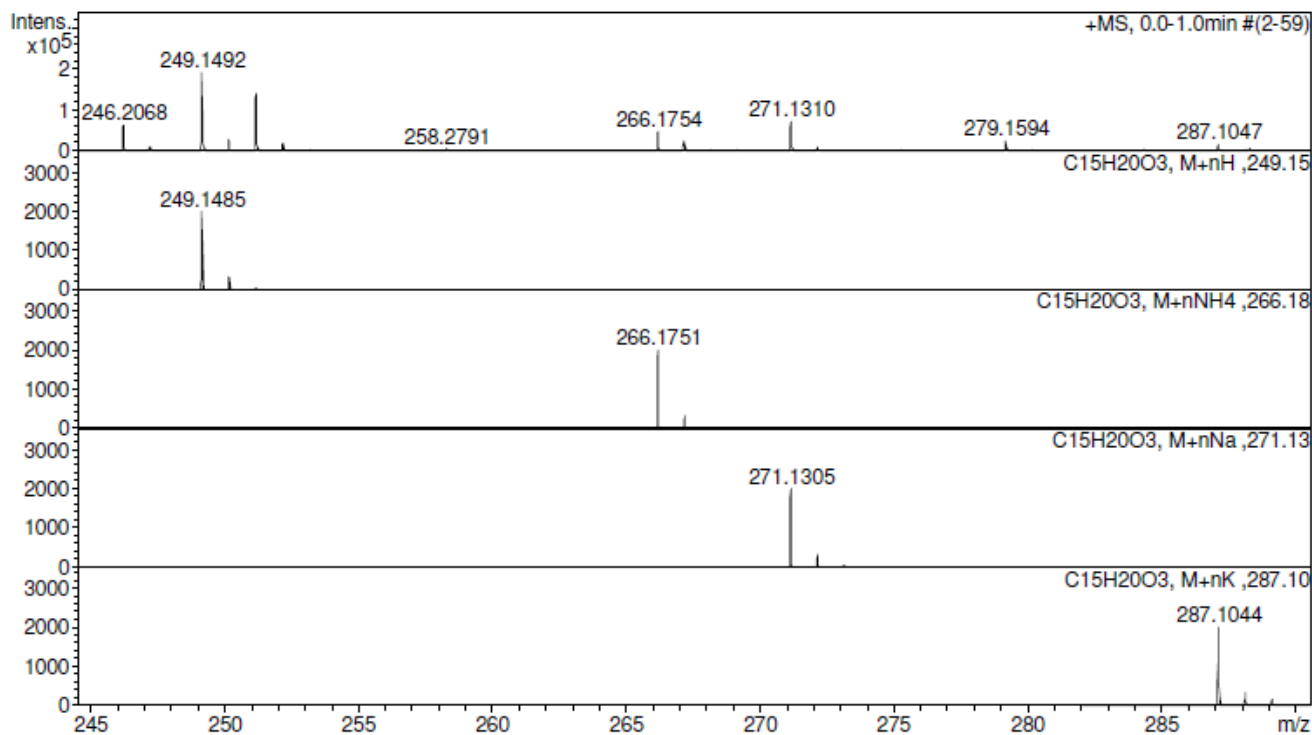
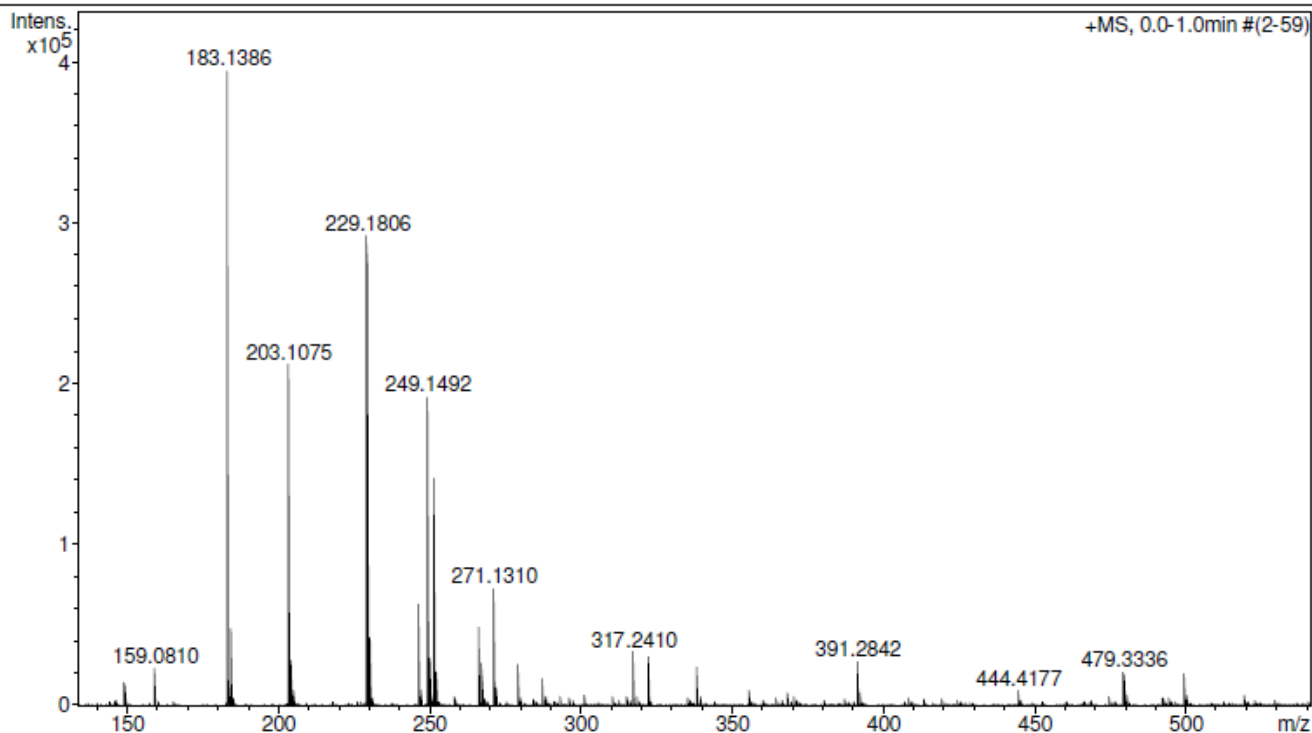
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 Comment CH3CN 100 %, dil. 2000, calibrant added

Acquisition Date 11.10.2019 18:48:57  
 Operator BDAL@DE  
 Instrument / Ser# micrOTOF 10248

**Acquisition Parameter**

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Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	4500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste



# HRMS of ethyl 3-(3-methoxybenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, 1h

## Display Report

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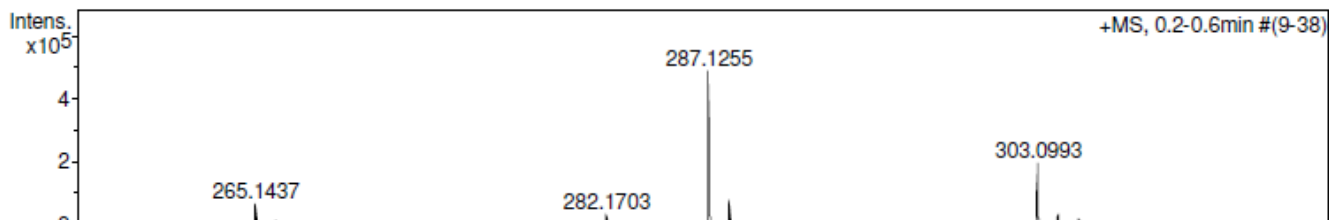
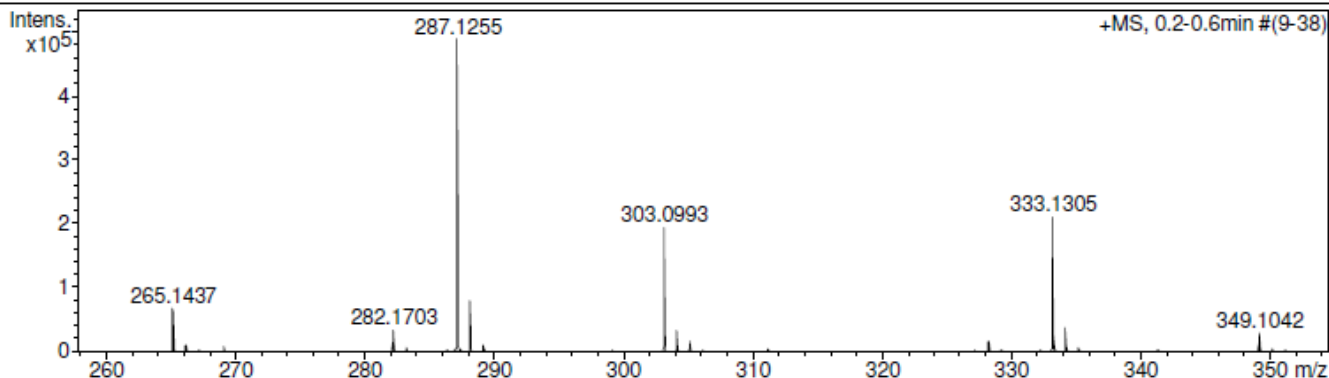
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Acquisition Date 31.10.2019 17:02:48

Operator BDAL@DE  
 Instrument / Ser# micrOTOF 10248

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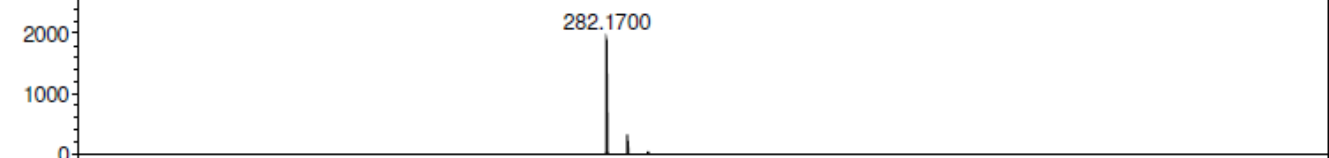
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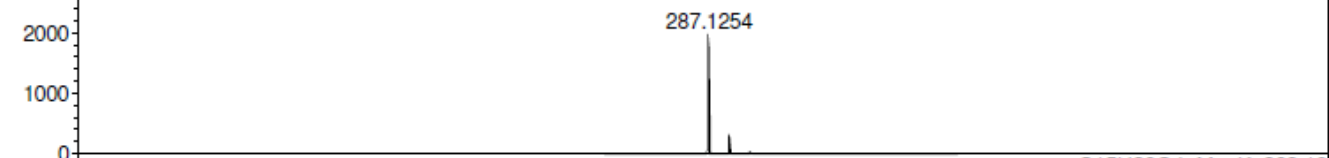
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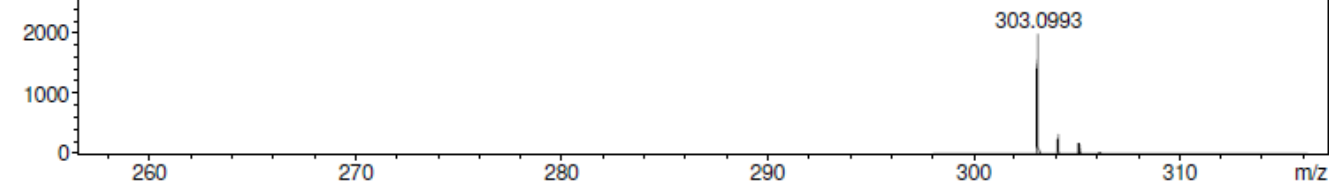
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C15H20O4, M+nNa ,287.13



C15H20O4, M+nK ,303.10



# HRMS of ethyl 3-(2-chlorobenzyl)-4-oxopentanoate, 1i

## Display Report

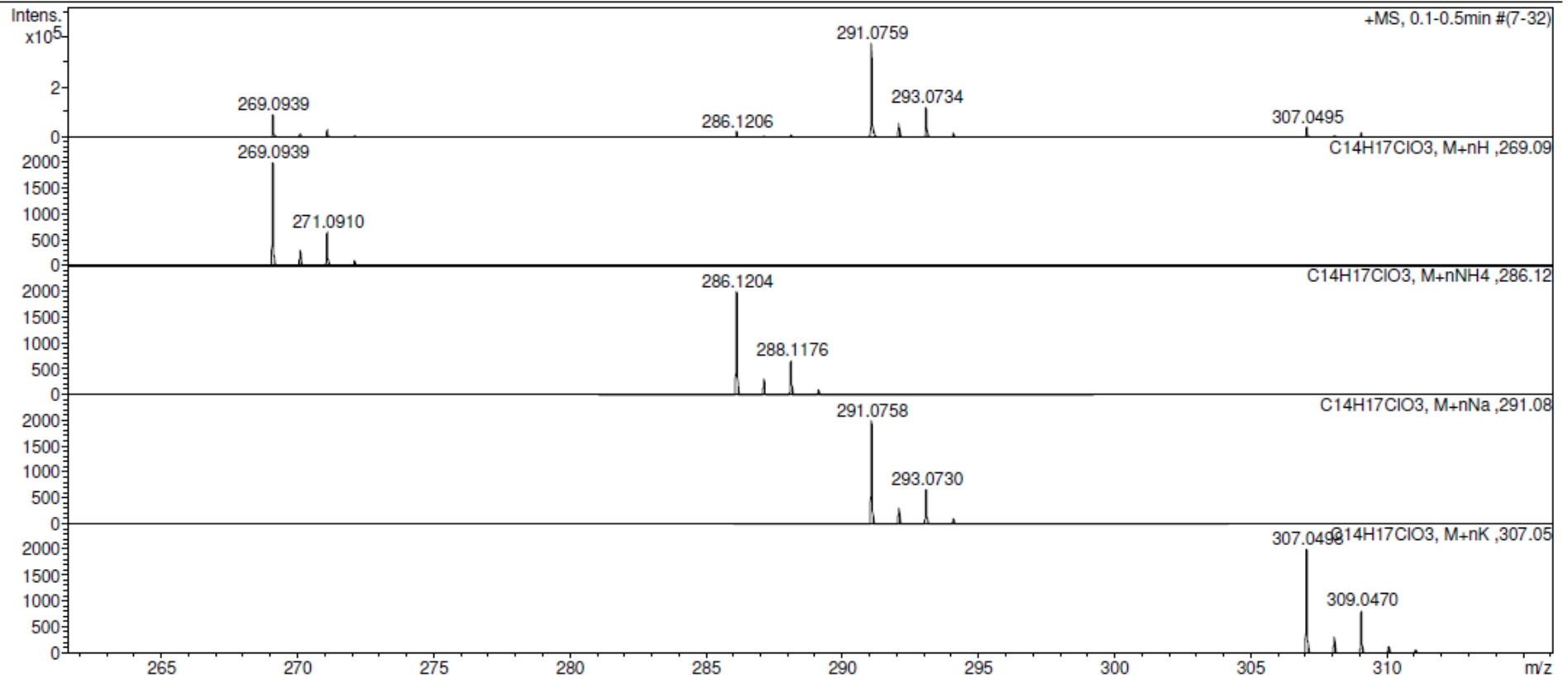
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 Sample Name /TERN RES-10  
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Acquisition Date 20.11.2019 18:36:20  
 Operator BDAL@DE  
 Instrument / Ser# micrOTOF 10248

**Acquisition Parameter**

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# HRMS of ethyl 3-acetylnonanoate, 1k

## Display Report

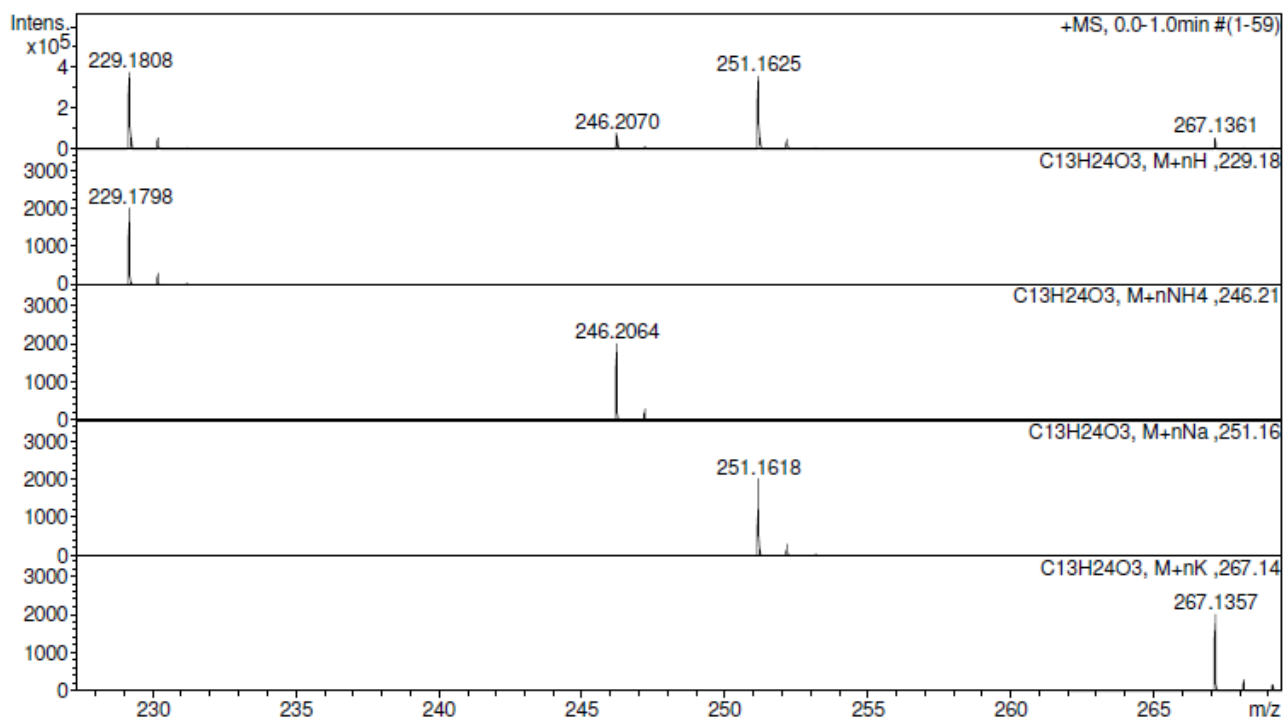
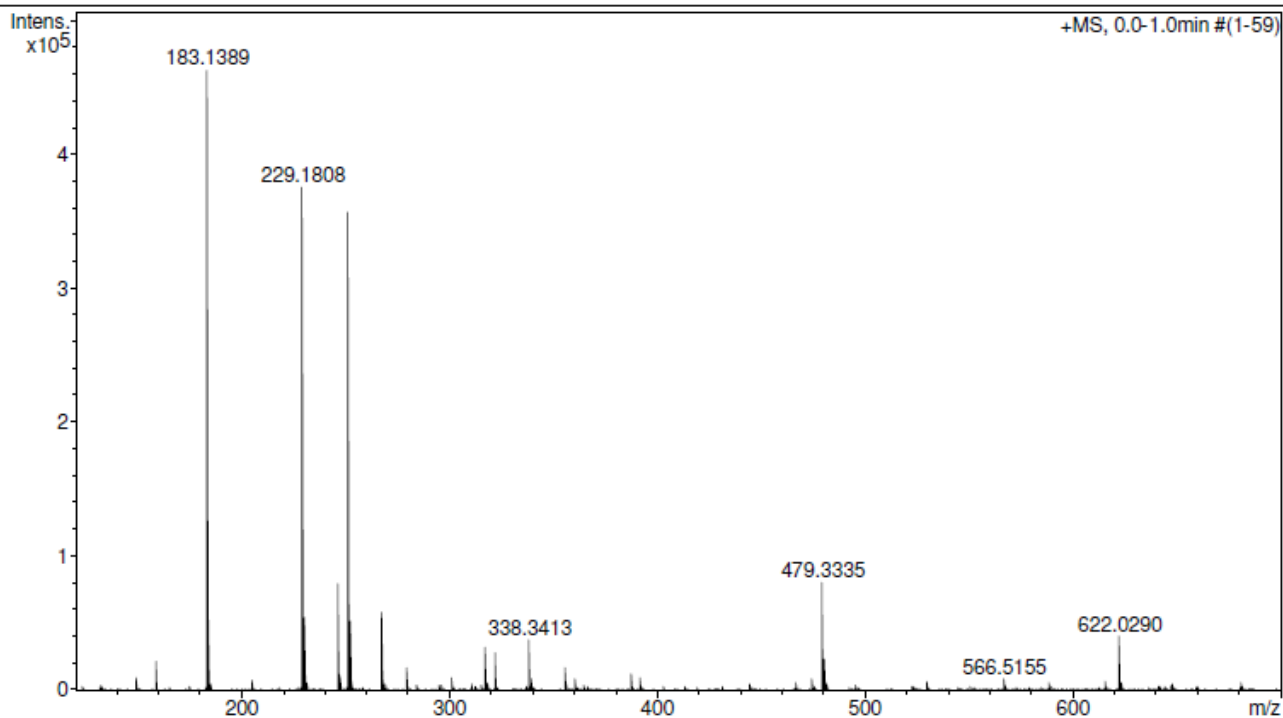
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 Sample Name /TERN BB-2143  
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Acquisition Date 11.10.2019 18:35:15  
 Operator BDAL@DE  
 Instrument / Ser# micrOTOF 10248

**Acquisition Parameter**

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
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Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste





# HRMS of ethyl 3-acetylundecanoate, 1I

## Display Report

**Analysis Info**

Analysis Name D:\Data\Chizhov\Terentiev\Barsegyan\brs326\_&clblow.d  
 Method tune\_low.m  
 Sample Name /TERN Brs326  
 Comment CH3CN 100 %, dil. 200, calibrant added

Acquisition Date 27.09.2019 15:19:28  
 Operator BDAL@DE  
 Instrument / Ser# micrOTOF 10248

**Acquisition Parameter**

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
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Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z			Set Divert Valve	Waste

