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The structure of Thiele's ester was assigned via analysis of its 1-D and 2-D NMR spectra.

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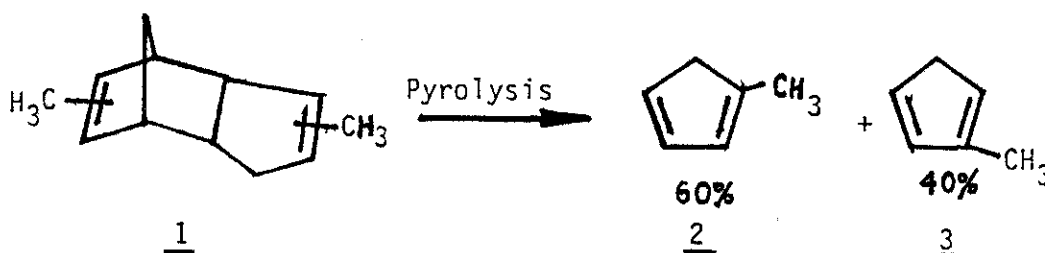
## CHAPTER I

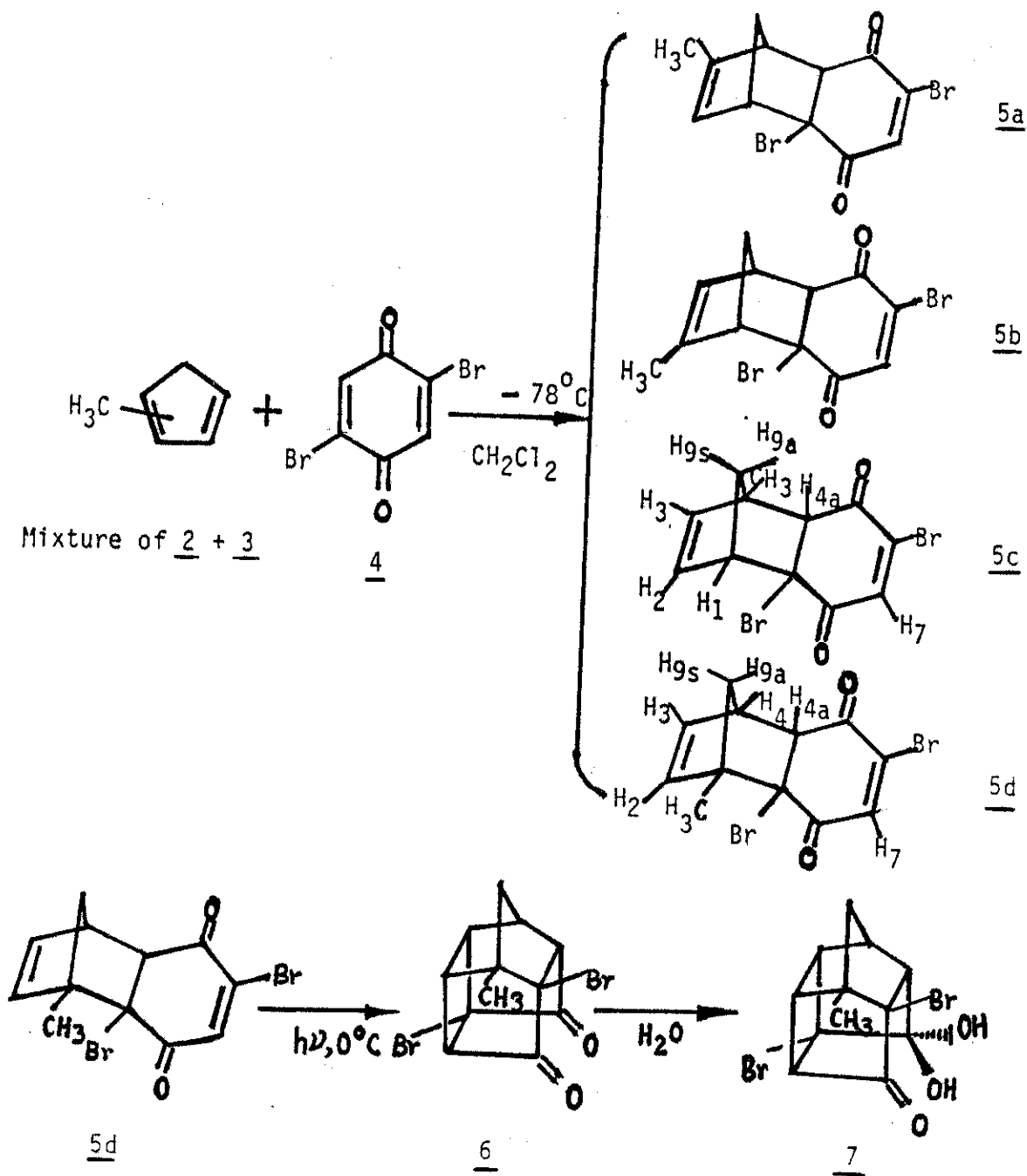
### SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURE OF A NEW BROMO- SUBSTITUTED POLYCYCLIC MOLECULE

#### Introduction

Diels-Alder cycloaddition of substituted cyclopentadienes to substituted-*p*-benzoquinones results in the tricyclic compounds which are of current interest as intermediates in the syntheses of novel polycyclic compounds. In the present work an investigation of Diels-Alder cycloaddition of methylcyclopentadienes to 2,5-dibromo-*p*-benzoquinone was undertaken as part of a continuing study of the chemistry of substituted pentacyclo[5.4.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>3,10</sup>.5,9]undecanes.

Pyrolysis of the commercial methylcyclopentadiene dimer 1 yields a mixture of 1-methylcyclopentadiene 2 and 2-methylcyclopentadiene 3. Diels-Alder cycloaddition of this diene mixture to 2,5-dibromo-*p*-benzoquinone 4 potentially could lead to a mixture of four endo isomeric cycloadducts, as shown below (2).





A single isomerically pure cycloadduct, 5, m.p. 96-97°C, was separated via fractional crystallization from hexane. The structure of this cycloadduct was assigned by analysis of its 1-dimensional and 2-dimensional NMR



spectra. Its facial intramolecular [2+2] photochemical cyclization to a corresponding "cage" diketone demonstrated that this cycloadduct possesses the endo configuration.

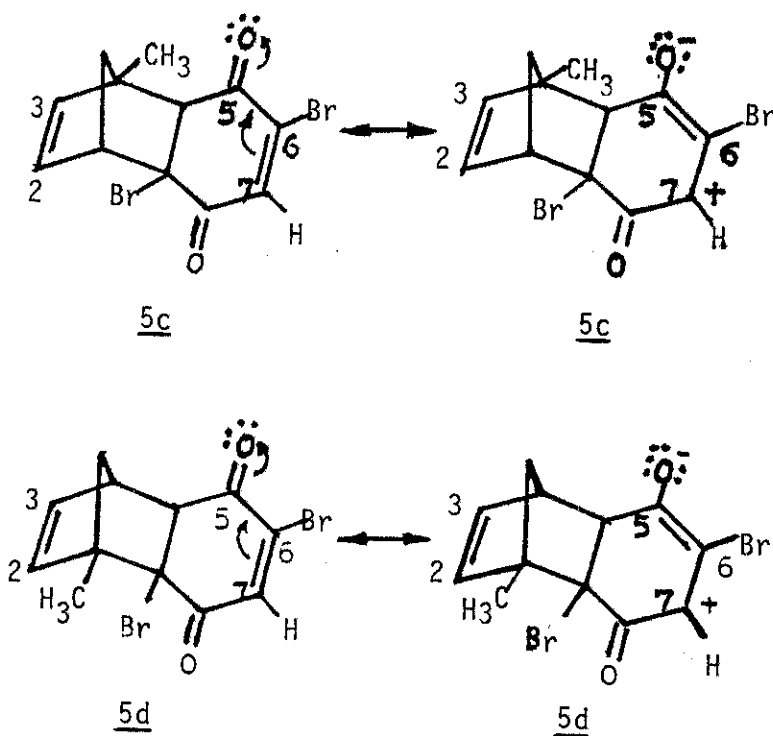
### Results and Discussion

Diels-Alder cycloaddition of methycyclopentadiene, which is a mixture of 1-methyl and 2-methyl cyclopentadienes, to 2,5-dibromo-p-benzoquinone potentially could lead to the formation of four endo isomers. The proton NMR spectrum (Figure 1) of the cycloadduct separated via fractional crystallization from hexane reveals that there are three vinyl protons, and the simple integration of the proton NMR spectrum (Figure 1) and the HETCOR spectrum (Figure 2) of this adduct also reveal that no vinylic carbon atom bears a methyl group. Hence, of the four possible isomeric cycloadducts (5a-5d) that might have been formed, the material isolated must possess either structure 5c or 5d. This is confirmed by the fact that an attached proton test (APT) (Figure 3) reveals that only one of the four vinylic carbons in the spectral region  $\delta$ 136- $\delta$ 143 is quaternary.

The absorption at  $\delta$ 1.70 in the proton NMR spectrum of this adduct can be readily assigned to the methyl group. The bridging methylene protons ( $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$ ) can be assigned to the upfield AB pattern absorptions centered at  $\delta$ 1.89. The absorptions at  $\delta$ 3.9 and  $\delta$ 3.46 could be assigned to  $H_1$  and

$H_{4a}$  if the correct structure is 5c or assigned to  $H_4$  and  $H_{4a}$  if the correct structure is 5d. The absorptions at  $\delta 7.25$ ,  $\delta 6.17$  and  $\delta 5.87$  are due to  $H_7$ ,  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ , respectively, in either structure 5c or 5d.

Proton  $H_7$  absorbs farthest downfield, compared to the other two vinyl protons ( $H_2$  and  $H_3$ ). This is probably a result of the deshielding resonance effect of the carbonyl groups, as shown below.



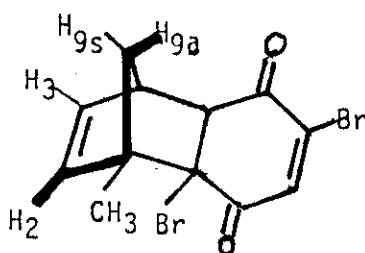
The carbon-13 NMR spectrum (Figure 3) of this adduct reveals twelve carbon resonances. An APT reveals the presence of five quaternary carbon atoms and one secondary carbon atom. There are two nonequivalent carbonyl carbon atoms that absorb at  $\delta 188.9$ . The four vinylic carbon

resonances appear in the spectral region  $\delta$ 136-143. The absorption at the highest field  $\delta$ 16.77 could be due to the methyl carbon. The remaining highfield absorptions in the carbon-13 spectral region  $\delta$ 46.0-66.5 are due to the other aliphatic carbons.

Further structural information was made available via careful analysis of the 2-dimensional COSY NMR spectrum (Figure 4) (3) and HETCOR spectrum (Figure 2) (3) of this adduct. The farthest downfield absorption at  $\delta$  7.25 can be assigned to  $H_7$ . This assignment is confirmed by the observed relatively intense off-diagonal responses in the COSY spectrum (Figure 4) that correlate  $H_3$  with  $H_2$ . Now we can make use of the  $H_{4a}$  resonance to distinguish between structures 5c and 5d. If the correct structure is 5c, it is unlikely that  $H_{4a}$  will exhibit intense responses due to its correlation with  $H_1$ . In the COSY spectrum of this adduct, there is a relative intense off-diagonal response that correlates  $H_{4a}$  with  $H_4$  if the correct structure is 5d or with  $H_1$  if the correct structure is 5c. The fact that this interaction is intense is consistent with structure 5d, since in structure 5c  $H_{4a}$  is separated from  $H_1$  by four intervening bonds. Once structure 5d has been assigned to this adduct, this fact can be used to complete assignment of the remaining proton and carbon-13 resonances.

The COSY spectrum contains one response that correlates the methyl group protons to  $H_2$ . In contrast, the COSY

spectrum does not contain information that establishes the connectivities between the methyl group protons and  $H_3$ . Therefore, the absorption at  $\delta$  5.87 is assigned to  $H_2$  and the absorption at  $\delta$  6.17 to  $H_3$ . A relatively intense response is observed that correlates  $H_3$  with  $H_4$  which absorbs at  $\delta$  3.16. Hence, the absorption at  $\delta$  3.90 must be due to  $H_{4a}$ . The upfield AB pattern absorptions centered at  $\delta$  3.46 are due to protons  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$ . The question is which of the  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$  corresponds to the upfield resonance and which to the downfield resonance. In order to answer this question a nuclear magnetic double resonance (4,5,6) experiment was performed in which  $H_2$  or  $H_3$  was irradiated. The aim of this technique is to remove the effect of spin coupling by applying a second R.F. field in addition to the one used for observation. The method consists of disturbing  $H_2$  or  $H_3$  nuclei with a strong R.F. field close to their resonance frequency. This leads to saturation and effectively decouples them from the remaining nuclei. In this case  $H_{9a}$  probably has a small W-shape long-range coupling to the vinyl protons  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ , as shown below (7).



It is expected that irradiation of proton  $H_2$  or  $H_3$  could probably result in some change in the fine structure of  $H_{9a}$  resonance but no changes in  $H_{9s}$  resonance. It is also expected that irradiation of proton  $H_{9a}$  could probably result in some change in the fine structure of  $H_2$  and  $H_3$  resonances and irradiation of proton  $H_{9s}$  could not lead to any change in the fine structures of  $H_2$  and  $H_3$  resonances. The nuclear magnetic double resonance experiments were thereby performed, and they failed to distinguish between  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$ . Figure 5 is one of the double resonance spectrum in which the proton at  $\delta 1.68$  was irradiated.

The Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOE) (3,8,9) experiment for studies of nonbonding nearest-neighbor interactions between protons in the molecule was performed for improving spectral resolution, assigning individual resonances, and characterizing local spatial structure. The NOE experiment was performed in which  $H_{4a}$  signal at  $\delta 3.90$  was saturated. Irradiation of the  $H_{4a}$  resulted in the intensity enhancement of the upfield resonance at  $\delta 1.68$ , but no significant intensity enhancement of the downfield resonance at  $\delta 2.08$ , as shown in Figure 6. As the Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement is inversely proportional to the sixth power of the distance between protons in the molecule and proton  $H_{9a}$  is much closer to  $H_{4a}$  than the proton  $H_{9s}$ , the intensity enhancement of the upfield resonance at  $\delta 1.68$  when the  $H_{4a}$  is saturated is that of the  $H_{9a}$ . Hence the downfield resonance at  $\delta 2.08$

can be assigned to proton H<sub>9s</sub>.

The HETCOR spectrum (Figure 2) correlates directly bonded protons and carbons. Therefore, carbons can be assigned in a very straightforward fashion once the corresponding proton NMR assignments have been made with certainty, and vice versa.

Intramolecular [2 + 2] photochemical cyclization of 5d afforded a "cage" diketone 6, thereby confirming the fact that 5d indeed possesses the endo configuration. The proton NMR spectrum (Figure 7) and carbon-13 NMR spectrum (Figure 8) of 6 are consistent with the structure suggested above. The proton spectrum of 6 displays a methyl absorption at  $\delta$ 1.15. Its carbon-13 spectrum (with APT) reveals the presence of twelve carbon atoms. The HETCOR spectrum (Figure 9) of 6 in combination of its carbon-13 spectrum suggests that the two proton absorptions at  $\delta$ 1.85 and  $\delta$ 2.19 in the proton spectrum (Figure 7) are due to the two bridging methylene protons and the proton absorptions in the spectra region  $\delta$ 2.9-3.5 are due to the remaining protons. There are no olefinic carbon absorptions in the carbon-13 spectrum (Figure 8) of 6 and the carbon resonances at  $\delta$ 199.2 and  $\delta$ 199.8 are due to the two nonequivalent carbonyl carbon atoms. The carbon atom to which the methyl is attached resonates at  $\delta$ 75.0 and the two carbon atoms bonded to the bromine atoms resonate at  $\delta$ 54.76 and  $\delta$ 56.0, respectively.

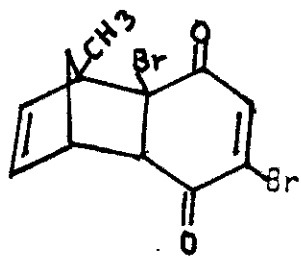
Single-crystal X-ray analyses confirmed the suggested

structures of 5d and 7, as shown in Figure 10 and Figure 11, respectively.

### Experimental

Melting points are uncorrected. Proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra were acquired by using a Varian VXR-300 NMR spectrometer that operates at 300 MHz. In all cases, signals were reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) downfield from internal tetramethylsilane. Infrared spectra were obtained by using a Perkin-Elmer Moder 1330 infrared spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were acquired by using a Hewlett-Packard Model 5970 A GC/MS system that operates at 70 eV. Elemental microanalyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc. Knoxville, TN.

1. 4,7-Dibromo-8-methyltricyclo[6.2.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]undeca-4,9-diene-3,6-diones, 5d.



A solution of 2,5-dibromo-p-benzoquinone (10.0 g, 26.9 mmol.) in methylene chloride (400 ml) was cooled to  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  via application of an external dry ice/acetone

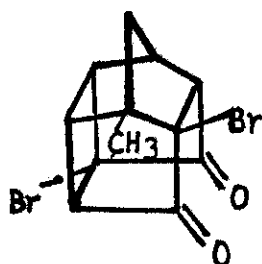
bath. To this solution was added with stirring freshly cracked methylcyclopentadienes (2.6 g, 32.5 mmol.) The reaction mixture was stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 6 hours, and was then concentrated in vacuo. The residue, a mixture of

isomeric Diels-Alder cycloadducts, was obtained as a light yellow oil (9.7 g, 80%). This oil was purified via fractional crystallization from hexane. A single isomer was thereby obtained as pale yellow needles: m.p. 96-97°C.

IR (KBr) 3045 (s), 2945 (s), 1676 (vs), 1665 (vs), 1592 (s), 1455 (s), 1385 (s), 1340 (s), 1320 (s), 1252 (vs), 1204 (s), 1165 (s), 1095 (s), 1075 (m), 1015 (s), 1000 (m), 978 (m), 962 (m) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.68 (d, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, 1H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.90 (d, 1H), 5.87 (d, 1H), 6.17 (m, H), 7.25 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  16.77 (q), 47.84 (d), 52.95 (t), 59.52 (s), 64.08 (d), 66.29 (s), 137.9 (d), 138.5 (d), 142.6 (s), 142.8 (d), 188.9 (s); mass spectrum (70 eV.) m/e (relative intensity) 265 (90.0), 238 (22.3), 187 (9.3), 159 (43.5), 157 (42.8), 134 (23.1), 131 (24.3), 106 (25.9), 104 (24.6), 81 (6.5), 79 (7.8), 53 (100), 50 (21.5), 49 (15.7);

Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{Br}_2$ : C, 41.79; H, 2.97; Found: C, 41.65; H, 2.91.

2. 7,10-Dibromo-3-methylpentacyclo[5.4.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>3,10</sup>.0<sup>5,9</sup>]undecane-8,11-diones, 6.



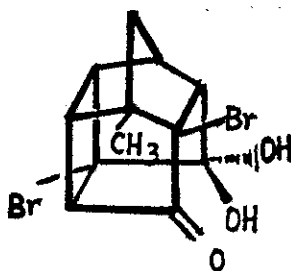
A solution of 5d (0.35 g, 0.77 mmol.) in ethyl acetate (300 ml) was irradiated for 30 minutes under sunlight in an ice-cooled round-bottomed

flask filled with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was then



concentrated in vacuo, thereby affording a white solid (0.345 g, 98%): IR (KBr) 3490 (s), 3290 (w), 2940 (s), 2916 (s), 2850 (m), 1720 (vs), 1455 (s), 1380 (s), 1330 (m), 1300 (m), 1270 (s), 1240 (m), 1225 (m), 1180 (s), 1150 (s), 1135 (s), 1100 (s), 1070 (s), 1045 (m), 1020 (s), 995 (m), 980 (s), 930 (m) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 3H), 1.85 (d, 1H), 2.19 (d, 1H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 3H), 3.48 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  15.81 (q), 42.08 (d), 44.06 (t), 44.69 (d), 50.08 (d), 50.98 (d), 54.69 (s), 56.00 (s), 63.90 (d), 75.00 (d), 50.98 (d), 54.69 (s), 56.00 (s), 63.90 (d), 75.00 (s), 199.2 (s), 199.8 (s); mass spectrum (70 eV.) m/e (relative intensity) 347 (16.7), 267 (100.0), 265 (98.4), 158 (28.9), 130 (31.0), 129 (22.0), 115 (17.2), 80 (44.7), 79 (25.3), 77 (18.9), 51 (24.8).

The white solid could be recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane mixed solvent to afford a colorless crystal, m.p. 138-139°C. Elemental microanalysis of this solid suggested that it is a monohydrate (10) of compound 6. A single-crystal X-ray crystallographic study (Figure 11) afforded the structure of this material 7, as shown below.



Elemental microanalysis was performed on 7.

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{12}Br_2O_3$ : C, 39.59; H, 3.32. Found:  
C, 39.85; H, 3.32.

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## CHAPTER II

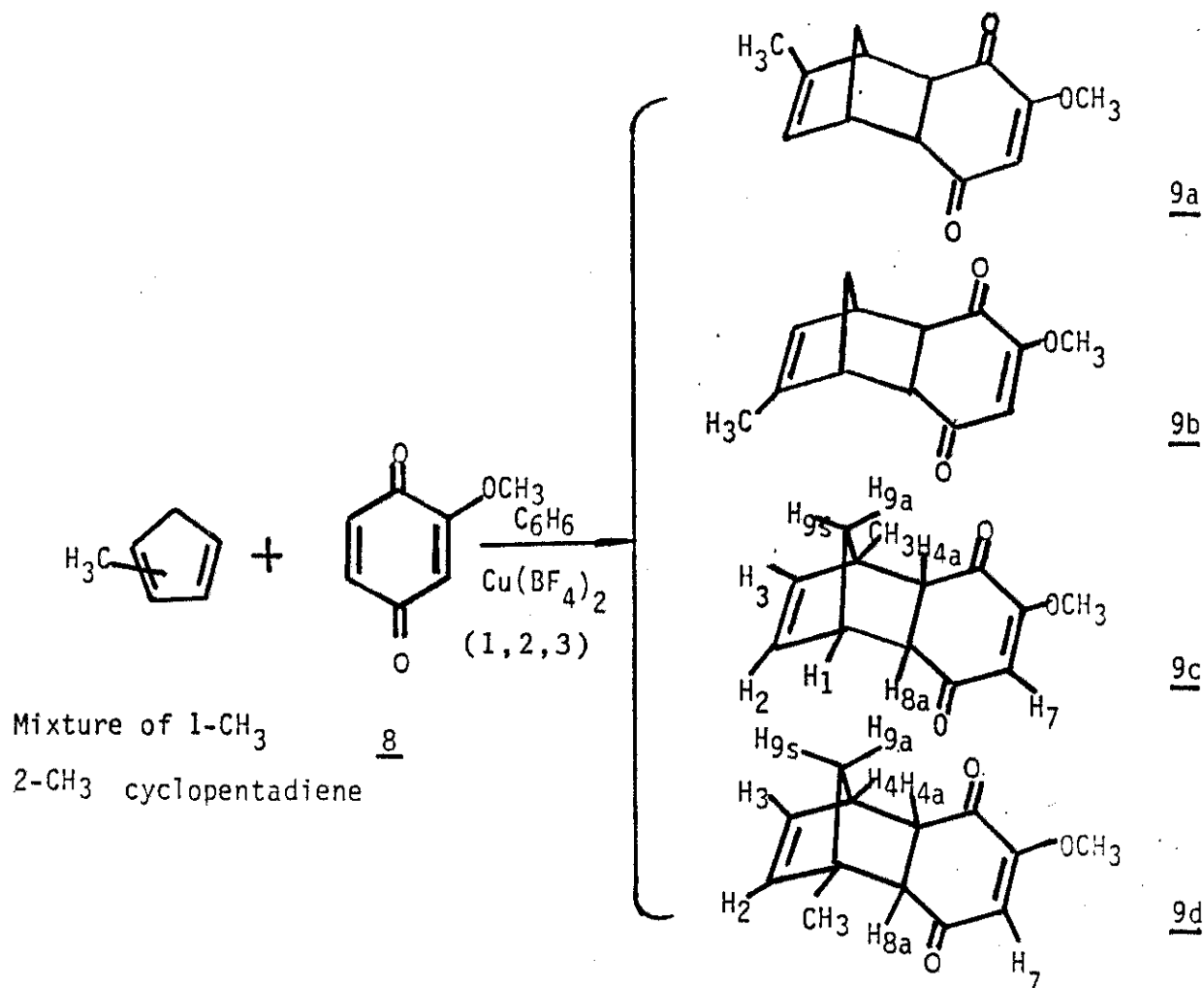
### SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURE OF A NEW METHOXY- SUBSTITUTED POLYCYCLIC MOLECULE

#### Introduction

As described above, tricyclic compounds that result via Diels-Alder cycloaddition of substituted cyclopentadienes to substituted *p*-benzoquinones are of current interest as intermediates in the syntheses of novel polycyclic compounds. Therefore, it is desirable to further study the stereochemistry of this system and its full NMR spectral characterization. Diels-Alder cycloaddition of methylcyclopentadienes to 2-methoxy-*p*-benzoquinone has been chosen for this study.

Pyrolysis of the commercial methylcyclopentadiene dimer yields a mixture of 1-methyl and 2-methyl cyclopentadienes. Diels-Alder cycloaddition of this diene mixture to 2-methoxy-*p*-benzoquinone **8** potentially could lead to a mixture of four isomeric endo cycloadducts **9a-9d**, as shown below.

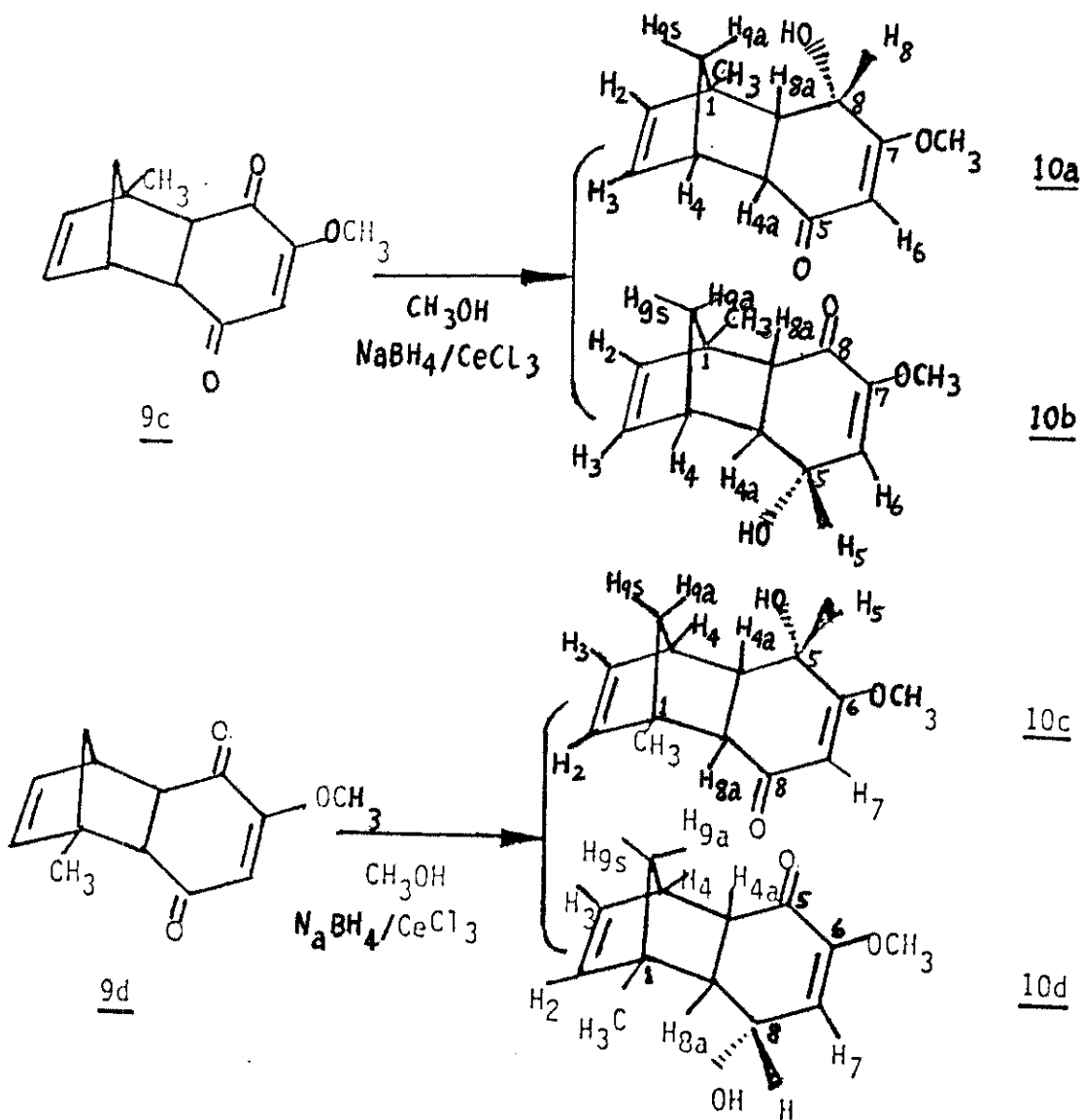




A single isomerically pure cycloadduct, 9, m.p. 133-134°C, was separated via fractional crystallization from ethyl acetate-hexane mixed solvent. Analysis of the 1-D and 2-D NMR spectra of this cycloadduct 9 suggested that it must possess either structure 9c or 9d.

Stereo-specific reduction of this cycloadduct 9 with sodium borohydride in the presence of cerous chloride (4) afforded a corresponding tricyclic alcohol 10, which

must possess one of the four possible structures 10a-10d, as shown below.



This reduction product could be purified via flash column chromatography. A single isomerically pure tricyclic alcohol, 10, m.p.  $128-129^\circ\text{C}$ , was thereby obtained (see

Experimental Section). Further structural information was made available via careful analysis of the 1-D and 2-D NMR spectra of this tricyclic alcohol 10.

### Results and Discussion

Diels-Alder cycloaddition of methylcyclopentadienes which is a mixture of 1-methyl and 2-methylcyclopentadienes, to 2-methoxy-p-benzoquinone potentially could lead to the formation of four isomeric endo cycloadducts. A single isomerically pure cycloadduct 9 was separated via careful fractional crystallization from ethyl acetate-hexane mixed solvent. The proton NMR spectrum (Figure 12) of this adduct 9 reveals that there are three vinyl protons, and the simple integration of the proton NMR spectrum and the HETCOR spectrum (Figure 13) of this adduct also suggest that no vinylic carbon atom bears a methyl group. Hence, of the four possible isomeric cycloadducts 9a-9d that might have been formed, the material isolated must possess either structure 9c or 9d. This is confirmed by the fact that an attached proton test (APT) (Figure 14) reveals that only one of the four vinylic carbons in the spectral region 115-163 is quaternary. The absorption at  $\delta$  1.44 in the proton NMR spectrum (Figure 12) of this adduct can be assigned to the methyl group and the absorption at  $\delta$  3.60 to the methoxy group. The bridging methylene protons  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$  can be assigned to the farthest upfield AB pattern absorption

centered at  $\delta$  1.30. The absorptions at  $\delta$  5.72,  $\delta$  5.74 and  $\delta$  5.88 are due to the three vinyl protons and the absorptions in the proton NMR spectral region  $\delta$  2.70- $\delta$  3.40 are due to the tertiary protons. The carbon-13 NMR spectrum (Figure 14) of this adduct reveals thirteen carbon resonances. An APT reveals the presence of one secondary carbon atom and four quaternary carbon atoms. The two carbonyl carbon atoms absorb at  $\delta$  194.0 and  $\delta$  198.1, respectively. The four vinylic carbon resonances appear in the carbon-13 spectral region  $\delta$  114- $\delta$  163. The absorption at the highest field  $\delta$  17.64 could be assigned to the methyl carbon. The remaining highfield absorptions in the carbon-13 spectral  $\delta$  49.8- $\delta$  57.5 are due to the the other aliphatic carbons and the methoxy carbon.

The intense off-diagonal responses in the COSY spectrum (Figure 15) of this adduct correlate  $H_2$  with  $H_3$ . Therefore the absorption at  $\delta$  5.72 in the proton NMR spectrum (Figure 12) could be assigned to  $H_7$ . Careful analysis of this COSY spectrum suggests that the absorptions at  $\delta$  5.88,  $\delta$  5.74,  $\delta$  5.72,  $\delta$  3.32,  $\delta$  3.25, and  $\delta$  2.75 could be assigned to  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $H_1$ ,  $H_{8a}$  and  $H_{4a}$  respectively if the correct structure is 9c or assigned to  $H_3$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_4$ ,  $H_{4a}$  and  $H_{8a}$  respectively if the correct structure is 9d.

The Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOE) (5,6,7) experiment for studies of nonbonding nearest-neighbor interactions between protons in the molecule was performed in order to assign the bridging methylene protons,  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$ .



The NOE experiment in which the signal at  $\delta$  2.75 (which could be due to either  $H_{4a}$  or  $H_{8a}$ ) was saturated. Irradiation of this proton at  $\delta$  2.75 resulted in the intensity enhancement of the upfield resonance at  $\delta$  1.27, but no intensity enhancement of the downfield resonance at  $\delta$  1.32, as shown in Figure 16. As proton  $H_{9a}$  is much closer to  $H_{4a}$  (or  $H_{8a}$ ) than the proton  $H_{9s}$ , the intensity enhancement of the upfield resonance at  $\delta$  1.27 when the signal at  $\delta$  2.75 is irradiated is that of the  $H_{9a}$ . Hence the downfield resonance at  $\delta$  1.32 can be assigned to proton  $H_{9s}$ . Further structural information was made available via analysis of the 1-D and 2-D NMR spectra of the tricyclic alcohol, 10.

The proton NMR spectrum (Figure 17, 18, 19, 20) of the tricyclic alcohol 10 reveals that there are three vinyl protons. The farthest upfield AB pattern absorption centered at  $\delta$  1.30 could be assigned to the bridging methylene protons  $H_{9s}$  and  $H_{9a}$ , and the absorption at  $\delta$  1.50 to the methyl group. The absorption at  $\delta$  3.71 could be assigned to the methoxy group. The carbon-13 spectrum (Figure 21) of the reduction product 10 reveals only one carbonyl carbon atom which absorbs at  $\delta$  199.1. Therefore, only one carbonyl of the cycloadduct 9 was reduced to  $\text{>CH(OH)}$  whose carbon atom absorbs at  $\delta$  65.62 in the carbon-13 spectrum (Figure 21) of the tricyclic alcohol 10. Attempts to differentiate among structures 10a, 10b, 10c and 10d just by the normal HETCOR (Figure 22) and COSY (Figure 23) of the tricyclic alcohol

have been made and are inconclusive.

The carbon-13 spectrum (with APT) (Figure 21), in combination with normal HETCOR spectrum (Figure 22) reveals that the absorptions at  $\delta$  54.68,  $\delta$  58.35,  $\delta$  172.8 and  $\delta$  199.1 are due to C<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>, carbonyl carbon and the carbon attached to the -OCH<sub>3</sub>.

The two vinyl protons at  $\delta$  5.59 and  $\delta$  6.06 are strongly coupled ( $J=5.5$  Hz), which must be H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>. The absorption at  $\delta$  5.59 appears as a simple doublet in the proton spectrum (Figure 20), however, it collapses to a doublet ( $J=1.4$  Hz) when the proton at  $\delta$  6.06 is irradiated. Thus, the signal is a double doublet (dd) with the smaller coupling constant  $J$  being typical of an allylic ( ${}^4J_{H_2,H_4}$ ) coupling in norbornene systems (8). Therefore, the proton at  $\delta$  5.59 must be H<sub>2</sub>. The proton at  $\delta$  6.06 is H<sub>3</sub> (dd,  $J=5.5$ , 2.8 Hz) with the smaller coupling being a typical vicinal  $J_{H_3,H_4}$  in norbornenes. The assignments of H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub> are confirmed by the correlation between H<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>4</sub> in the COSY spectrum (Figure 23). In the delayed COSY spectrum (Figure 24), only H<sub>3</sub> reveals a correlation with H<sub>4</sub>. However, both H<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> correlate with H<sub>4</sub> in the RELAY COSY spectrum (Figure 25). H<sub>4</sub> appears to absorb at approximately  $\delta$  3.19 and is not amenable to first-order interpretation. The normal HETCOR spectrum (Figure 22) correlates directly bonded protons and carbons. Thus, the absorptions at  $\delta$  140.0,  $\delta$  134.9 and  $\delta$  45.39 can be assigned to C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> respectively.

Normally, the two vinylic carbons ( $C_2$  and  $C_3$ ) would give a  ${}^3J_{CH}$  correlation only with  $H_{9a}$  in the long-range HETCOR; and  $C_{4a}$  and  $C_{8a}$  would correlate only with  $H_{9s}$ . However, the long-range HETCOR spectrum (Figure 26) is not well resolved and the protons at  $C_9$  are fairly close ( $\delta$ 1.35,  $\delta$ 1.25). It appears that  $C_2$  ( $\delta$ 140.0) correlates more closely with the higher field  $H_9$  at  $\delta$ 1.25, thus the proton at  $\delta$ 1.25 can be assigned to  $H_{9a}$ . However, the correlation for  $C_3$  ( $\delta$ 134.9) is broad and seems to appear between the two shifts for  $H_9$ . The carbon at  $\delta$ 41.78 (which will be assigned below to  $C_{4a}$ ) appears to correlate closer to the proton at  $\delta$ 1.35 and this would be consistent if that proton were  $H_{9s}$ . The absorption at  $\delta$ 1.35 is a dd ( $J=8.4, 1.8$  Hz) and the 1.8 Hz coupling is with  $H_4$ . The absorption at  $\delta$ 1.25 is actually a dddd ( $J=8.4, 1.2$  Hz, ?? small), which collapses to a dd ( $J=8.4, 1.2$  Hz) when  $H_2$  ( $\delta$ 5.59) or  $H_3$  ( $\delta$ 6.06) is irradiated. The 1.2 Hz coupling is with  $H_4$ . This coupling information is also consistent with the assignment of  $H_{9s}$  at  $\delta$ 1.35 since its  $J$  with  $H_4$  in other norbornenes is usually larger than that of the anti H with  $H_4$ .

In the long-range HETCOR spectrum (Figure 26) the bridgehead methyl carbon at  $\delta$ 18.12 correlates with the proton doublet at  $\delta$ 2.68 ( $J=8.9$  Hz). The same doublet also correlates with  $C_2$  ( $\delta$ 140.0). Thus, the proton at  $\delta$ 2.68 must be on  $C_{8a}$ , which comes at  $\delta$ 53.71. The vinylic carbon  $C_3$  ( $\delta$ 134.9) correlates with a complex proton absorption at

§3.13, which must be  $H_{4a}$ , and the associated carbon ( $C_{4a}$ ) would be the one at §41.78.

The proton  $H_{8a}$  (§2.68) has only one large coupling, which is a coupling with  $H_{4a}$ . Therefore  $C_{8a}$  must be attached to the carbonyl carbon. If  $C_{8a}$  were attached to a protonated carbon ( $C_5$ ), there would certainly be two large couplings. Actually,  $H_{8a}$  is coupled to two other protons ( $H_4$  and  $H_5$ ) but the coupling constants are so small that only a slight broadening of the lines for the  $H_{8a}$  doublet is seen.  $H_5$  appears as a double doublet ( $J=9.3, 1.4$  Hz) at §4.67 and is not coupled vicinally to  $H_{8a}$  whose large coupling constant  $J$  is 8.9 Hz, not 9.3 Hz. Irradiation of the signal at §4.67 ( $H_5$ ) causes the doublet at §5.14 to collapse to a singlet but does not decouple the doublet at §2.68 other than to narrow the two lines slightly. Irradiation at §3.17 with enough decoupling power to decouple both  $H_4$  and  $H_{4a}$  causes collapse of both the signal at §2.68 to a broadened singlet and the signal at §4.67 to a doublet ( $J=1.4$  Hz). This could be consistent only with structures 10c and 10b. Structures 10a and 10d could be ruled out.

The vinyl proton at §5.14 is a clean doublet,  $J=1.4$  Hz. The magnitude of the smaller coupling constant  $J$  for  $H_5$  is 1.4 Hz, which is in the range of allylic coupling, and this immediately suggests 10c as the correct structure for the tricyclic alcohol. In the long-range HETCOR spectrum (Figure 26), the expected  $^3J$ 's support the structure 10c for the

tricyclic alcohol. C<sub>5</sub> (65.62) correlates with H<sub>7</sub> (5.14) and C<sub>7</sub> (102.6) correlates with H<sub>5</sub> (4.67). The remaining carbons are C<sub>8</sub> (199.1), C<sub>6</sub> (172.8) and OCH<sub>3</sub> (56.26, H's at 3.71). Once structure 10c has been assigned to the reduction product 10, this fact can be used to assign the structure 9d to the cycloadduct 9 obtained via fractional crystallization of that Diels-Alder reaction mixture.

Now that structure 9d has been assigned to the cycloadduct 9, the absorptions at  $\delta$  2.75,  $\delta$  3.25 and  $\delta$  3.32 in the proton NMR spectrum (Figure 12) of 9d could be assigned to H<sub>8a</sub>, H<sub>4a</sub> and H<sub>4</sub>, respectively.

The HETCOR spectrum (Figure 13) of 9d correlates directly bonded protons and carbons. Therefore, carbons can be assigned in a very straightforward fashion once the corresponding proton NMR assignments have been made with certainty, and vice versa.

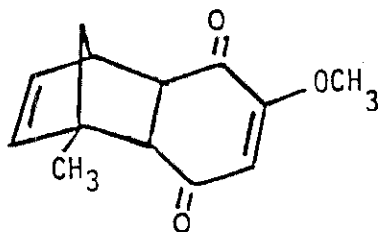
The assignments of structure 9d for the cycloadduct 9 and structure 10c for the tricyclic alcohol 10 have been confirmed by the results of single-crystal X-ray analyses, as shown in Figure 27 and Figure 28, respectively.

### Experimental

Melting points are uncorrected. Proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra were acquired by using a Varian VXR-300 NMR spectrometer that operates at 300 MHz. In all cases, signals were reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) downfield from

internal tetramethylsilane. Infrared spectra were obtained by using a Perkin-Elmer Moder 1330 infrared spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were acquired by using a Hewlett-Packard Model 5970 A GC/MS system that operates at 70 eV. Elemental microanalyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc. Knoxville, TN.

1. 4-Methoxy-8-methyltricyclo[6.2.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]undeca-4,9-diene-3,6-dione, 9d.



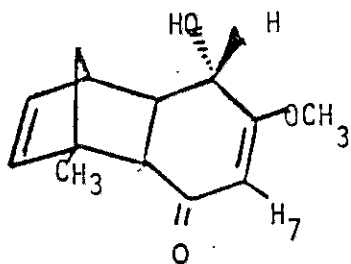
A solution of 2-methoxy-p-benzoquinone (3.0 g, 21.7 mmol.) in benzene (70 ml) was cooled to 0-5°C via application of an external

ice/water bath, and 1.6 g, 6.5 mmol. of dry cupric fluoroborate was added. To this solution was added with stirring freshly cracked methylcyclopentadienes (2.1 g, 26.1 mmol.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5°C for 5 hours, and was then concentrated in vacuo. The residue, a mixture of isomeric Diels-Alder cycloadducts, was obtained as a white solid (4.74 g, 93%). Careful fractional crystallization of this solid from ethyl acetate-hexane mixed solvent afforded a single isometrically pure cycloadduct 9d as a colorless crystal: m.p. 143-144°C; IR (KBr) 3035 (m), 2950 (w), 2865 (m), 1654 (vs), 1620 (vs), 1586 (vs), 1450 (m), 1435 (m), 1360 (m), 1330 (m), 1290 (m), 1280 (m), 1230 (vs), 1200 (s), 1170 (vs), 1135 (m), 1070

(m), 1054 (m), 1040 (m), 990 (s), 880 (m) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) AB pattern,  $\delta_{\text{A}}1.27$ ,  $\delta_{\text{B}}1.32$  (2H methylene bridge protons), 1.44 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.88 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 17.64 (q), 49.80 (d), 50.81 (d), 53.34 (d), 55.81 (t), 56.23 (q), 57.47 (s), 114.8 (d), 134.3 (d), 139.7 (d), 162.7 (s), 194.0 (s), 198.1 (s); mass spectrum (70 eV.), m/e (relative intensity) 138 (30.4), 123 (6.7), 110 (42.7), 108 (36.6), 95 (23.87), 82 (30.2), 68 (100.0), 55 (15.7), 54 (46.0), 53 (38.7), 52 (29.9), 41 (24.5), 39 (31.1).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.54; H, 6.47. Found : C, 71.27; H, 6.42.

2. 4-Methoxy-8-methyltricyclo[6.2.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]undeca-4,9-diene-3-endo-ol-6-one, 10c.



Cycloadduct 9d (162 g, 0.74 mmol.) was dissolved in a 0.6 M solution of cerium (III) chloride heptahydrate in methanol (5 ml, 2.0 mmol.). The resulting solution was cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  by external application of an ice bath. Sodium borohydride (112 mg, 3.0 mmol.) was then added at such a rate that the temperature of the reaction mixture did not rise significantly above  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . After addition of the sodium borohydride had been completed, the reaction mixture was

stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, this examination revealed that no starting material 9d remained unchanged. The reaction was then quenched via addition of distilled water (10 ml), and the resulting mixture was then extracted with methylene chloride. The combined organic layers were dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Crude product 10c (160 mg, 98%) was thereby obtained, which could be purified via flash column chromatography. Recrystallization from ethyl acetate-hexane mixed solvent afforded a colorless crystal: m.p. 128-129°C; IR (KBr) 3450 (w), 2990 (w), 1620 (w), 1480 (m), 1370 (w), 1260 (w), 1170 (m), 1105 (m), 1075 (m), 1040 (m), 880 (m), 850 (m), 810 (m) (cm<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) AB pattern δ<sub>A</sub>1.25, δ<sub>B</sub>1.35 (2H methylene bridge protons), 1.50 (s, 3H), 2.68 (d, 1H), 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.67 (m, 1H), 5.14 (d, 1H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 6.06 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.12 (q), 41.78 (d), 45.39 (d), 53.71 (d), 54.68 (t), 56.27 (q), 58.35 (s), 65.62 (d), 102.6 (d), 134.9 (d), 140.0 (d), 172.8 (s), 199.1 (s); mass spectrum (70 eV.) m/e (relative intensity) 140 (100.0), 125 (93.7), 111 (4.7), 97 (92.0), 79 (10.5), 69 (19.0), 55 (12.6), 52 (22.0), 51 (13.8), 50 (7.3), 43 (7.3), 42 (9.9), 41 (19.9), 39 (18.2).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 70.89; H, 7.32. Found : C, 71.29; H, 7.39.



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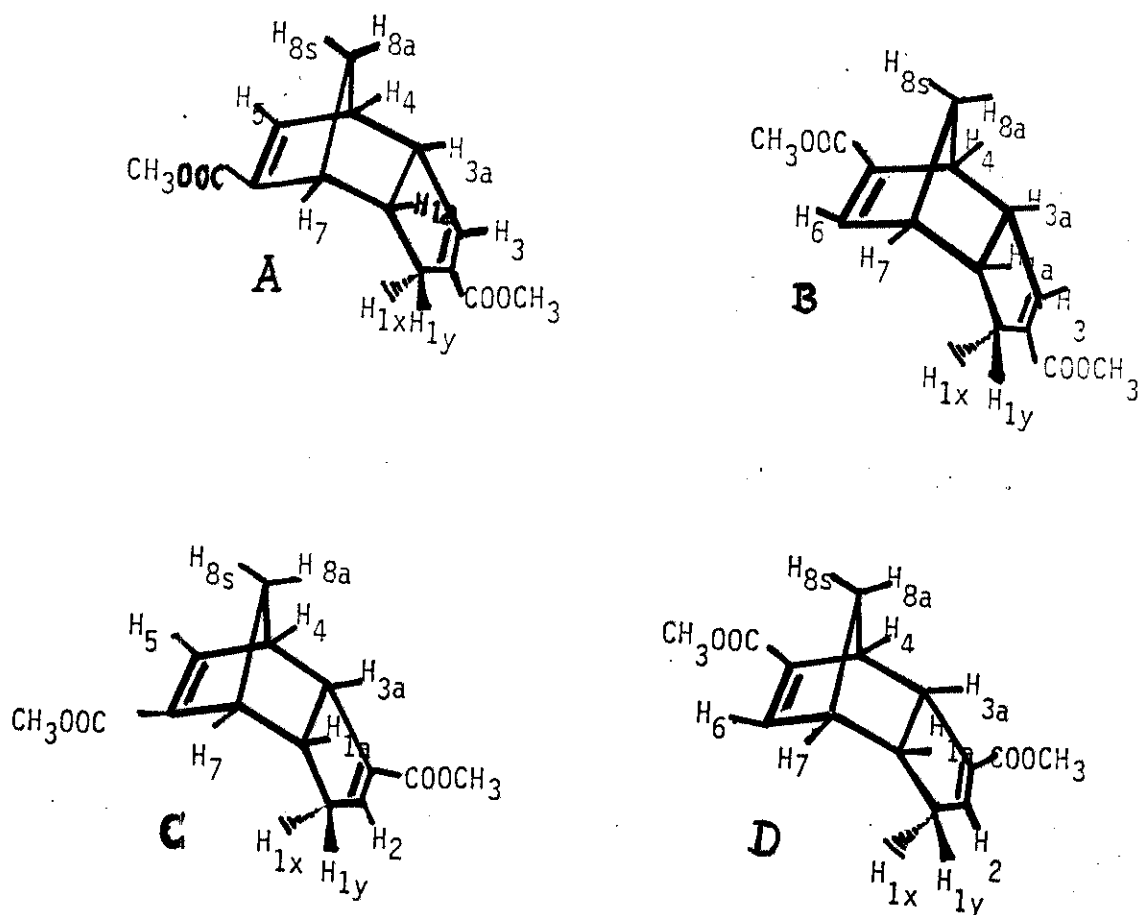
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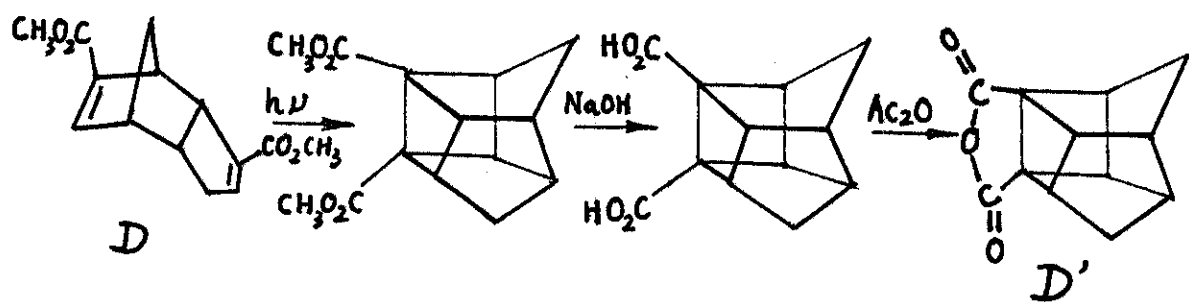
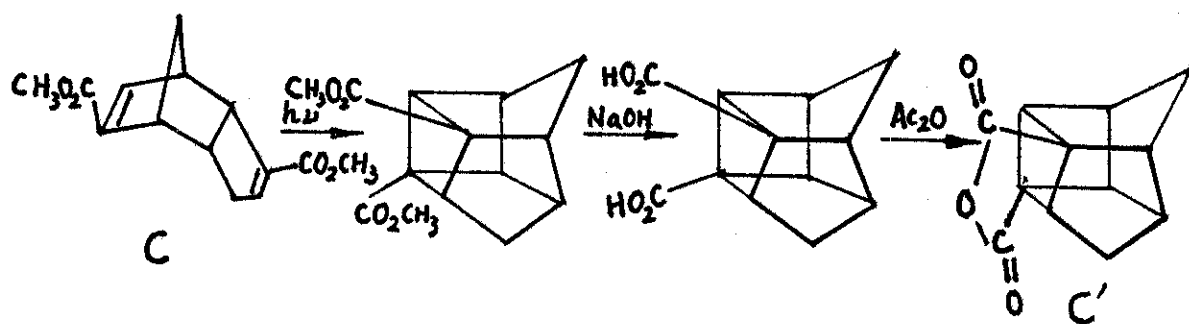
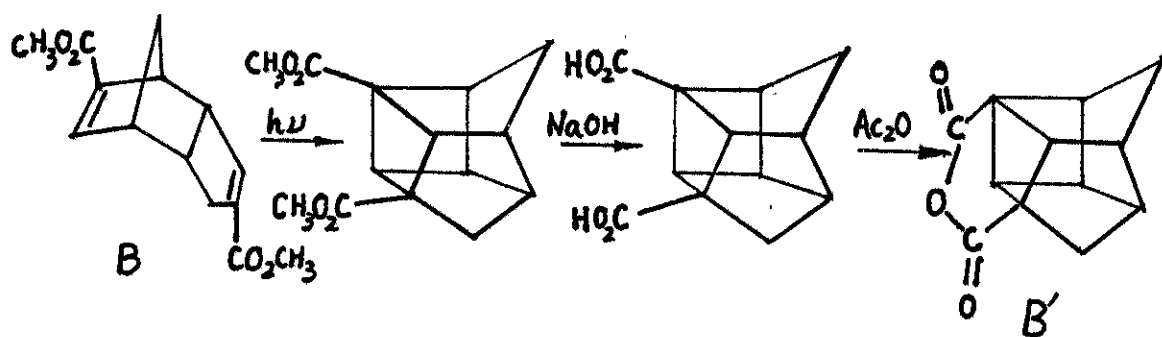
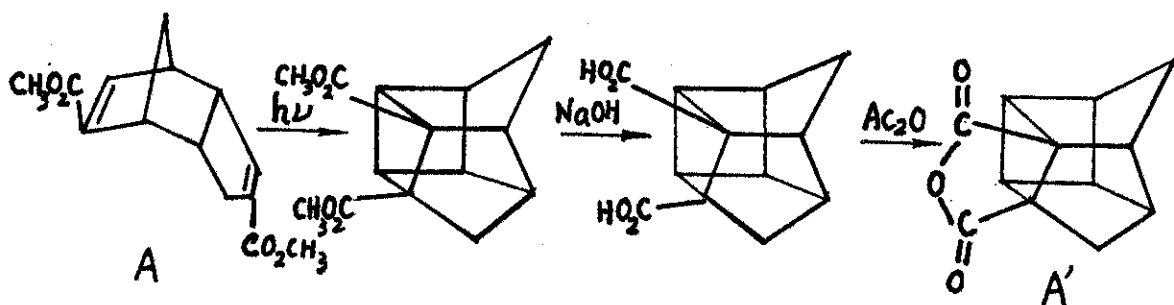
### ANALYSIS OF THE 2-D NMR SPECTRUM OF THIELE'S ESTER

#### Introduction

In 1901 Thiele first prepared (1) a dicyclopentadiene-dicarboxylic acid (Thiele's acid) from the carbonation of cyclopentadienyl potassium, and he prepared also a crystalline dimethyl ester (Thiele's ester) through acid-catalyzed esterification of this acid. Earlier structures postulated by Alder (2) in 1954 were discarded when more recent spectroscopic and proton magnetic resonance data established. In 1959 Peters obtained (3) ultraviolet data of Thiele's acid and concluded that both carboxylic groups were conjugated with the double bonds, however, his subsequent structural assignment of Thiele's acid was then proved to be a mistake. In 1964 Finnegan and McNeese assigned (4) the structure B to Thiele's ester on the basis of Peters' structural assignment of Thiele's acid and a series of chemical and spectroscopic investigations, and their misinterpretation of the NMR spectrum of Thiele's ester was then inevitable. The upfield vinyl proton absorption at  $\delta$  6.51 ( $J$  3.53) was assigned to  $H_2$  ( $H_b$ , using their designation) in structure B, which should be  $H_3$  in structure A.



In 1968 Dunn prepared (5) a saturated ester from the facial intramolecular [2 + 2] photochemical cyclization of Thiele's ester. Hydrolysis of this saturated ester gave the pentacyclodecane diacid, which then was heated in refluxing acetic anhydride to give an anhydride. This is shown as below:



The infrared spectrum (  $\text{CCl}_4$  ) of the anhydride revealed peaks at 1854 and 1787  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( anhydried  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  ), which are indicative of a 5-membered cyclic anhydride, while 1,3-cyclobutanedicarboxylic anhydrides (6-membered) (6) generally absorb at about 1815 and 1765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Therefore Dunn confirmed the endo configuration of Thiele's ester and ruled out B and C as the possible structure of Thiele's ester. Dunn assigned structure A to Thiele ester on the basis of a series of chemical and spectroscopic investigations.

The present work is concerned with the structural assignment of Thiele's ester via analysis of its two dimensional NMR spectra.

#### Results and Discussion

In the proton NMR spectrum (Figure 29, 30, 31) of Thiele's ester there are two vinyl protons, which absorb at  $\delta$  6.51 and  $\delta$  6.85, respectively. Hence, two vinylic carbon atoms bear carboxylate groups. The upfield portion of this spectrum contains resonances for four protons exhibiting two AB patterns: the first at  $\delta$  1.43 and  $\delta$  1.68 with an AB coupling of 8.6 Hz, and the other at  $\delta$  2.01 and  $\delta$  2.47 with an AB coupling of 17.9 Hz ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  solvent). For the first AB pattern absorption, the magnitude of couplings is analogous to those reported for the methylene bridge protons of norborne (7,8) and cyclopentadiene dimer (9,10). Therefore, protons  $\text{H}_{8a}$  and  $\text{H}_{8s}$  can be assigned to the resonances at

$\delta$ 1.43 and  $\delta$ 1.68. The remaining components in the upfield portion exhibit an AB coupling of 17.9 Hz which is indicative of a methylene group. Therefore the absorptions at  $\delta$ 2.01 and  $\delta$ 2.47 can be assigned to the two methylene protons  $H_{1x}$  and  $H_{1y}$ . The absorptions at  $\delta$ 3.66 and  $\delta$ 3.71 can be readily assigned to the two methyl protons. The remaining absorptions in the spectral region  $\delta$ 2.9- $\delta$ 3.6 are due to the four tertiary protons.

The carbon-13 NMR spectrum (Figure 32) of Thiele's ester reveals fourteen carbon resonances. An attached proton test (APT) reveals the presence of two secondary carbon atoms and four quaternary carbon atoms. The two nonequivalent carbonyl carbon atoms absorb at  $\delta$ 165.0 and  $\delta$ 165.2, respectively. The four vinylic carbon absorptions appear in the spectral region  $\delta$ 136-148. The remaining highfield absorptions in the spectral region  $\delta$ 32-56 are due to the other aliphatic carbons.

The normal HETCOR spectrum (Figure 33) of Thiele's ester contains responses that correlates  $H_{8s}$  and  $H_{8a}$  ( $\delta$ 1.68 and  $\delta$ 1.43) with  $C_8$  ( $\delta$ 50.4). Further structural assignment of Thiele's ester below is based on the above conclusion that the bridging methylene carbon  $C_8$  is the one at  $\delta$ 50.4 with attached  $H_{8s}$  and  $H_{8a}$  at  $\delta$ 1.68 and  $\delta$ 1.43.

The long-range HETCOR spectrum I (Figure 34) of Thiele's ester shows a strong  ${}^3J_{CH}$  which correlates both the protonated vinyl carbon at  $\delta$ 146.9 and the unprotonated vinyl

carbon at  $\delta$ 138.4 with the proton at  $\delta$ 1.43. This establishes the shifts for  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  in the norbornene system and also the proton at  $\delta$ 1.43 as  $H_{8a}$ . The structures B and C can be ruled out as Thiele's ester according to Dunn's work discussed above. If the correct structure is A,  $H_5$  must be the one that absorbs at  $\delta$ 6.85. The long-range HETCOR spectrum I (Figure 34) also reveals two correlations for  $H_5$ . One is a residual  $^1J_{CH}$  with  $C_5$ , but the other is a  $^3J_{CH}$  with the carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$ 164.9. This carbonyl carbon also correlates ( $^3J_{CH}$ ) with the methyl (m) protons at  $\delta$ 3.71 (s). Since the normal HETCOR spectrum (Figure 33) establishes the carbon shift for this methyl (m) at  $\delta$ 51.0, then the carbomethoxy group at  $C_6$  has a carbonyl at  $\delta$ 164.9, a methyl (m) carbon at 51.0, and methyl (m) protons at  $\delta$ 3.71. Therefore the other carbomethoxy group attached to the five membered ring has a carbonyl at  $\delta$ 164.7, a methyl (n) carbon at  $\delta$ 50.8, and methyl (n) protons at  $\delta$ 3.66. These assignments are supported by the appropriate 3-bond couplings in the long-range HETCOE spectrum I (Figure 34).

In the long-range HETCOR spectrum II (Figure 35), the proton at  $\delta$ 1.68, which must be  $H_{8s}$ , shows three correlations. One is a residual 1-bond J; but the others correlate  $H_{8s}$  with carbons at  $\delta$ 40.6 and  $\delta$ 54.0, and these carbons must be  $C_{1a}$  and  $C_{3a}$ . The COSY spectrum (Figure 36) of Thiele's ester establishes a vicinal relationship between  $H_5$  and the proton at  $\delta$ 3.14, which must be  $H_4$ . Then  $C_4$  must be

the carbon at  $\delta$ 46.9. The proton at  $\delta$ 3.14 ( $H_4$ ) is also coupled to one at  $\delta$ 3.51, which must be  $H_{3a}$ . Thus,  $C_{3a}$  absorbs at  $\delta$ 54.0 and  $C_{1a}$  must absorb at  $\delta$ 40.6. The remaining bridgehead carbon  $C_7$  must be at  $\delta$ 46.2 and its attached proton at  $\delta$ 3.35. The long-range HETCOR spectrum II (Figure 35) reveals the proper  ${}^3J_{CH}$  correlation between  $C_7$  and  $H_5$ . This spectrum also shows a correct  ${}^3J_{C_4,H_7}$  but not a  ${}^3J_{C_7,H_4}$ . The COSY spectrum (Figure 36) reveals the expected correlations of  $H_7$  with  $H_{8a}$  and  $H_{8s}$  and also with a proton at  $\delta$ 2.97, which must be  $H_{1a}$ .

The methylene group ( $C_1$  at  $\delta$ 32.6,  $H_{1y}$  at  $\delta$ 2.47 and  $H_{1x}$  at  $\delta$ 2.01) must be attached to  $C_{1a}$ . In the COSY spectrum (Figure 36),  $H_{1a}$  correlates with both  $H_{1x}$  and  $H_{1y}$  and vicinal coupling constants  $J$ 's are large (4.0 and 10.4 Hz) and typical.  $H_{3a}$  is also coupled to  $H_{1x}$  and  $H_{1y}$ , but the coupling constants are much smaller (4.0 and 1.9 Hz). It seems that the  ${}^5J_{H_{3a},H_{1x}}$  is abnormally large. The  ${}^5J_{H_{3a},H_{1y}}$  is also abnormally large. The  ${}^5J_{H_{3a},H_{1y}}$  is 1.9 Hz.

The long-range HETCOR spectra I and II helps to differentiate between the structure A and D. The long-range HETCOR spectrum I (Figure 34) reveals a  ${}^3J$  between the vinyl proton at  $\delta$ 6.51 and the carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$ 164.7, but this should be seen regardless of whether the structure is A or D. This HETCOR spectrum also shows a  ${}^3J$  between  $H_{1y}$  and the vinyl carbon at  $\delta$ 142.3. The complementary correlation between  $C_1$  at  $\delta$ 32.6 and the vinyl proton at  $\delta$ 6.51 is seen in



the long-range HETCOR spectrum II (Figure 35) and this is all consistent with structure A. Thus, the structure of Thiele's ester is A.

The  ${}^2J_{CH}$  between  $C_2$  ( $\delta$ 137.5) and  $H_{1y}$  in the long-range HETCOR spectrum I (Figure 34) is firmly believed to be  ${}^2J$ , not a  ${}^3J$ . Obviously, if it were a  ${}^3J$ , then structure D would be possible. However, this would require that both of the other correlations mentioned above be  ${}^2J$ 's. The problem comes from the fact that the  ${}^2J$  for this type of linkage is almost the same magnitude as the  ${}^3J$ . This makes it impossible to choose a JNXH parameter which will suppress the  ${}^2J$ .

Double resonance experiments were made in which protons at  $\delta$ 3.35 and  $\delta$ 6.48 were irradiated. Two spectra (Figure 37, 38) were thus obtained. All coupling constants obtained are listed in Table 1.

The multiples of protons  $H_{1x}$  and  $H_{1y}$  are complicated (Figure 30), however they exhibit quite different vicinal couplings with the proton  $H_{1a}$ . The dihedral angles between protons  $H_{1a}$  and  $H_{1y}$  and  $H_{1x}$  can be estimated from Dreiding models to be 10 and 110°, respectively. Based on the angular dependence (11,12) one can deduce that  $J(1Y, 1a) > J(1X, 1a)$ . The COSY spectrum of Thiele's ester contains a relatively intense response that correlates  $H_{1a}$  with  $H_{1y}$  and a relatively weak response that correlates  $H_{1a}$  with  $H_{1x}$ . Therefore the absorption at  $\delta$ 2.47 could be assigned to  $H_{1y}$  and the absorption at  $\delta$ 2.01 to  $H_{1x}$ . This is consistent with

the structural assignments discussed above.

The farthest upfield AB pattern absorptions are due to the methylene bridge protons  $H_{8s}$  and  $H_{8a}$ . Furthermore, from the generalization based on norbornene derivatives (7,8),  $J$  (8s, 4) and  $J$  (8s, 7) should be slightly larger than  $J$  (8a, 4) and  $J$  (8a, 7). On this basis the upfield resonance at  $\delta$ 1.43 was assigned to proton  $H_{8a}$  and the downfield resonance at  $\delta$ 1.68 to  $H_{8s}$ . The difference between the vicinal couplings of  $H_{8s}$  and  $H_{8a}$  with  $H_4$  and  $H_7$  is, however, very small; consequently, the use of this inequality to differentiate between  $H_{8s}$  and  $H_{8a}$  may be questioned. Nevertheless, this assignment has been confirmed by a nuclear magnetic double resonance experiment in which proton  $H_5$  ( $\delta$ 6.85) is irradiated. The method consists of disturbing  $H_5$  nucleus with a strong R.F. field close to its resonance frequency. This leads to saturation and effectively decouples it from the remaining nuclei. Irradiation of  $H_5$  leads to some change in the fine structure of the upfield resonance but no change in the downfield resonance, as shown in Figure 39.  $H_{8a}$  is expected to exhibit a small W-shape long range coupling to  $H_5$  but  $H_{8s}$  is not, therefore, the upfield absorption at  $\delta$ 1.43 is confirmed to be  $H_{8a}$  and the downfield absorption at  $\delta$ 1.68 to be  $H_{8s}$ .

#### Experimental

The NMR spectra were obtained using a Varian VXR-300

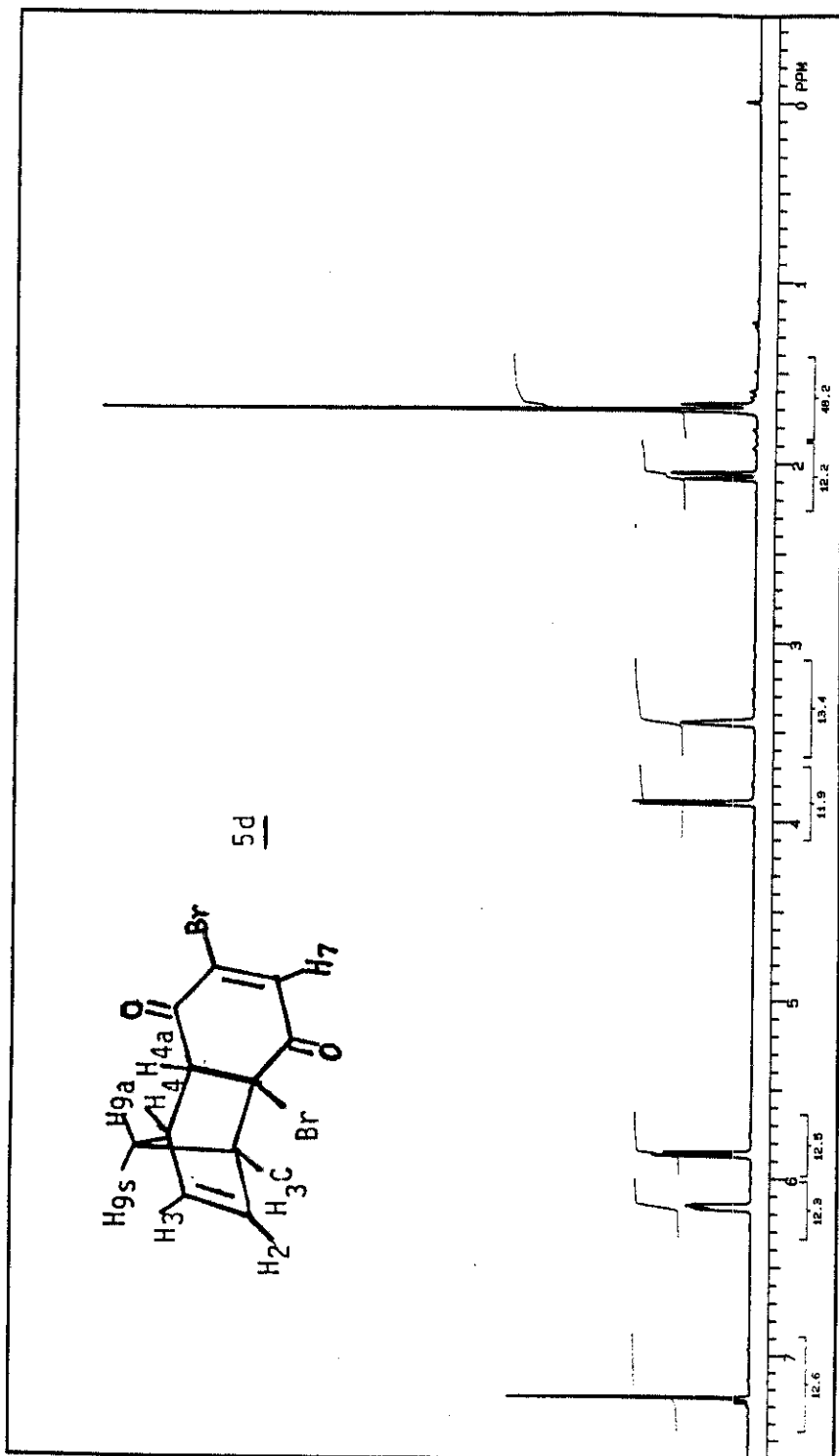
NMR spectrometer that operates at 300 MHz.  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was used as a solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) was included as an internal reference and field locking signal. In all cases, signal were reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) downfield from the internal TMS.

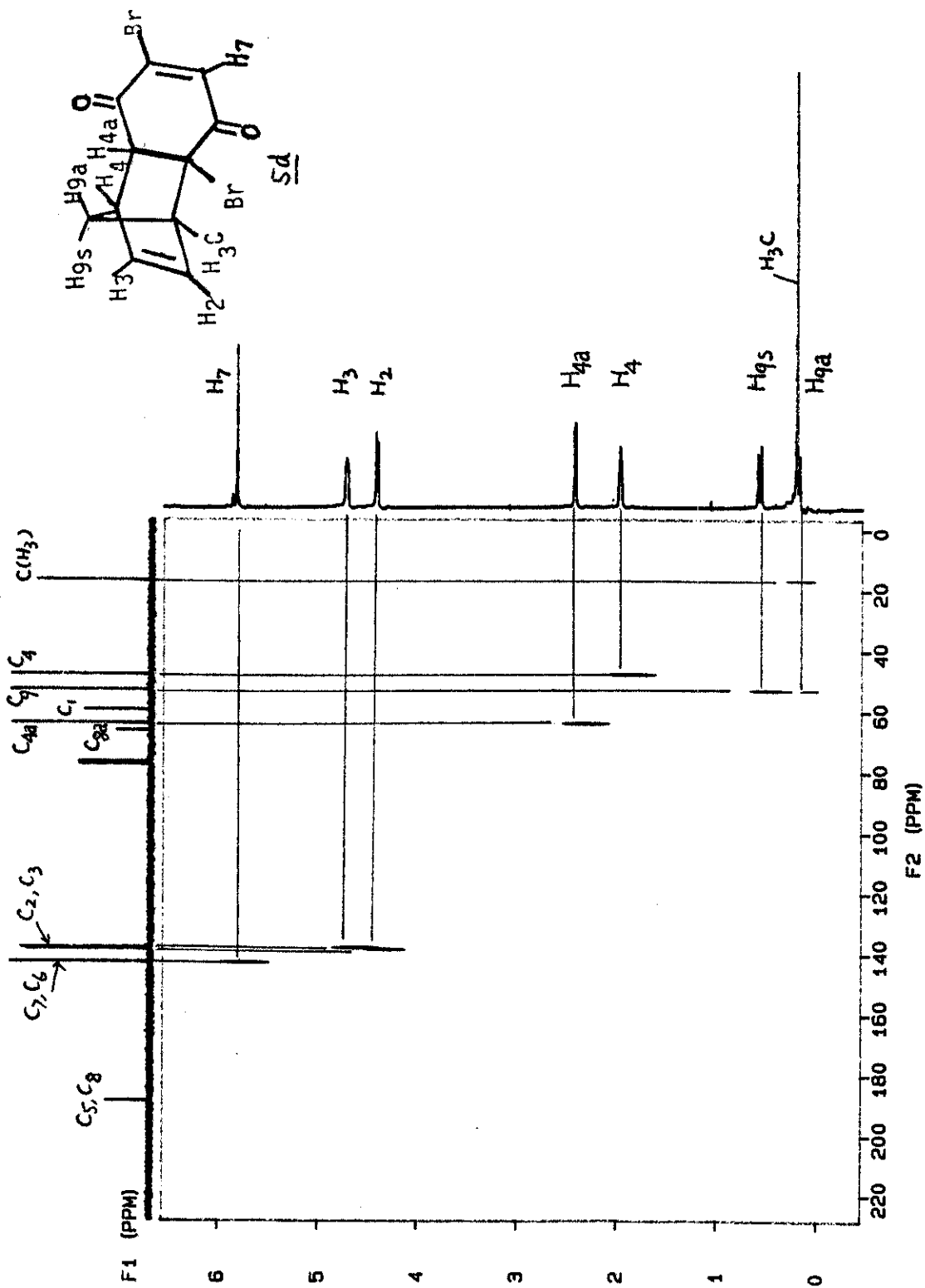
Thiele's ester, A, was prepared according to the method of J. Thiele (1).

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**APPENDIX**

Figure 1 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of **5d**.

Figure 2 The HETCOR Spectrum of **5d**.

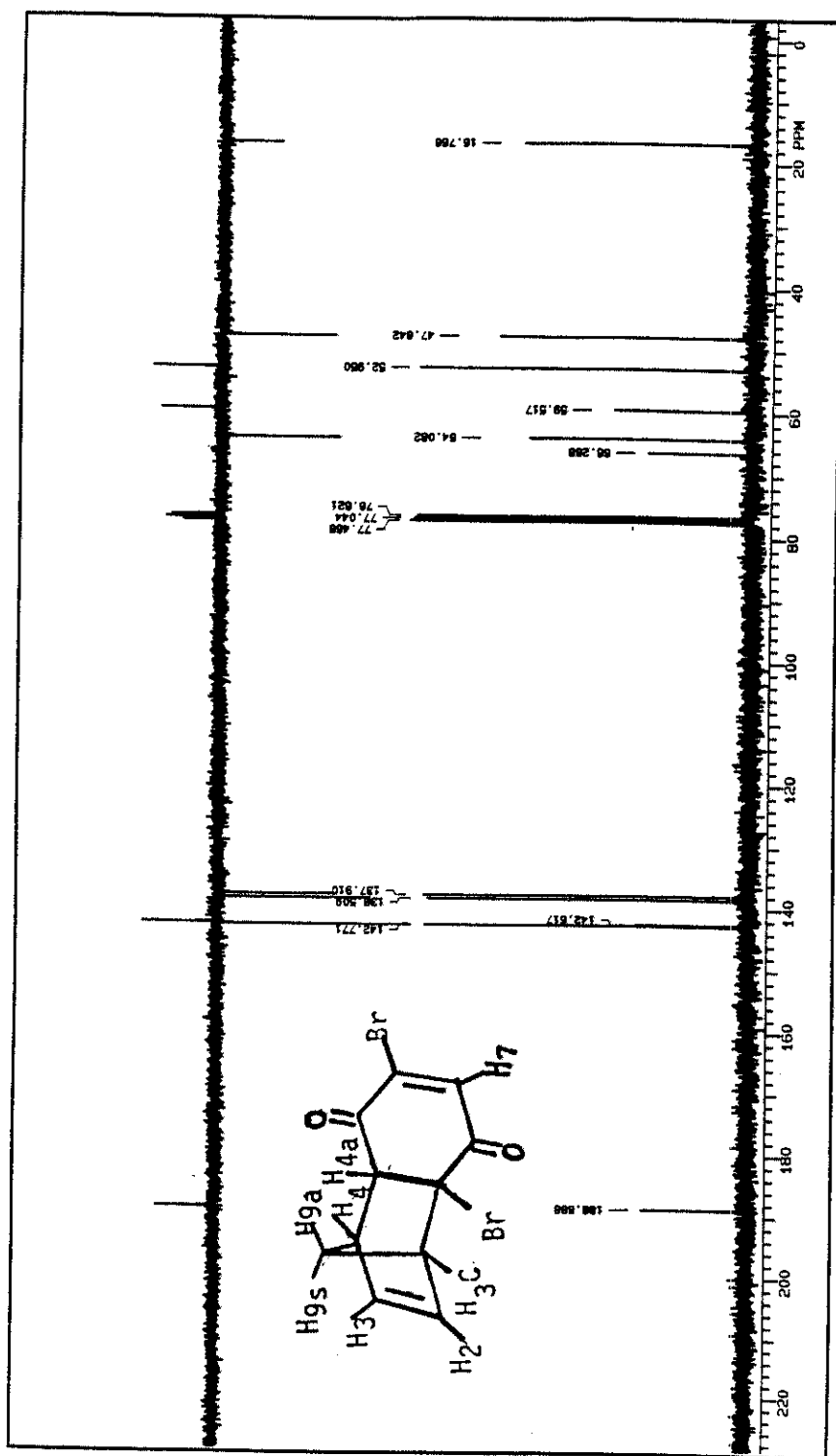
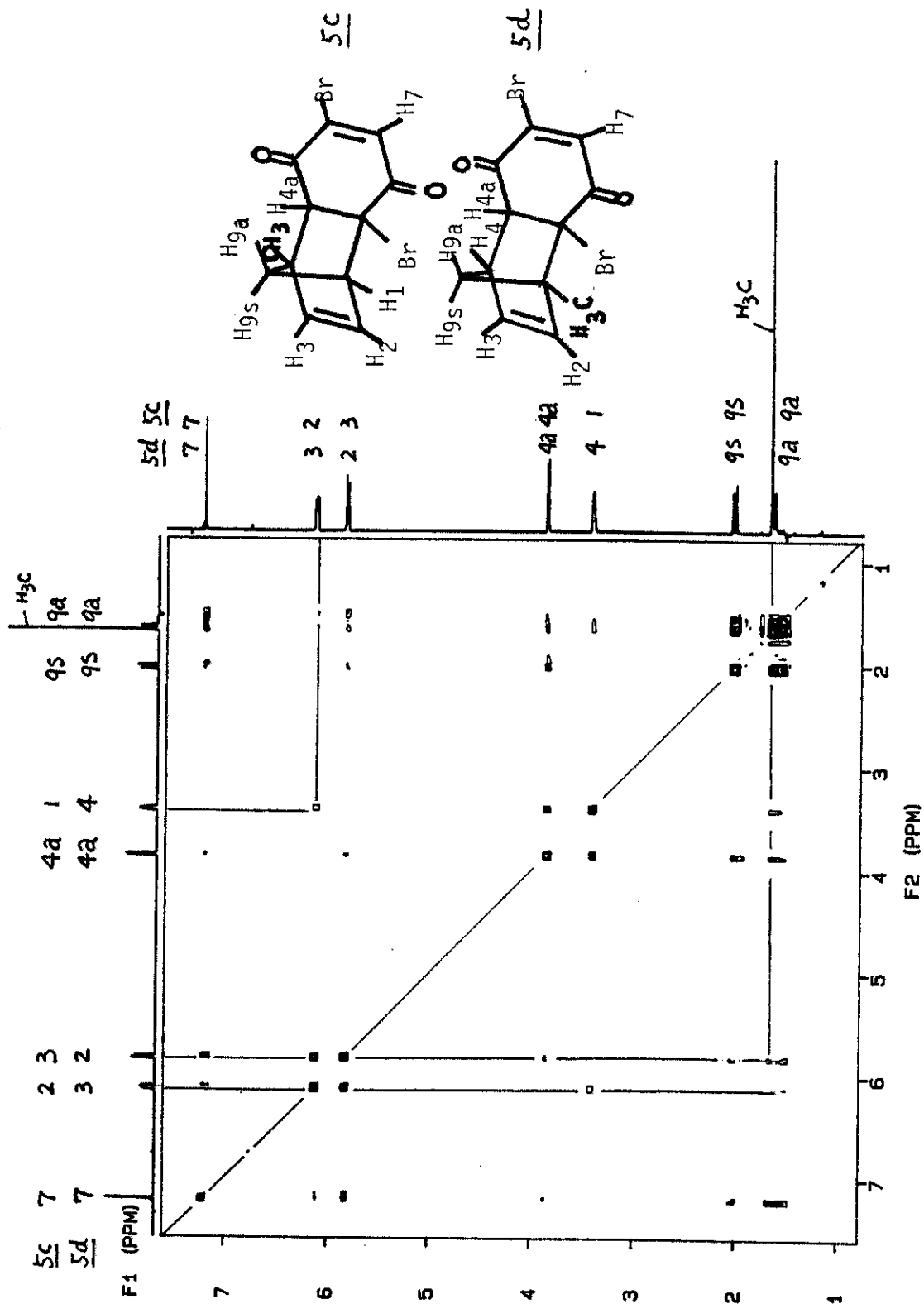


Figure 3 The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum (with APT) of 5d.



Figure 4 The COSY Spectrum of **5d**.

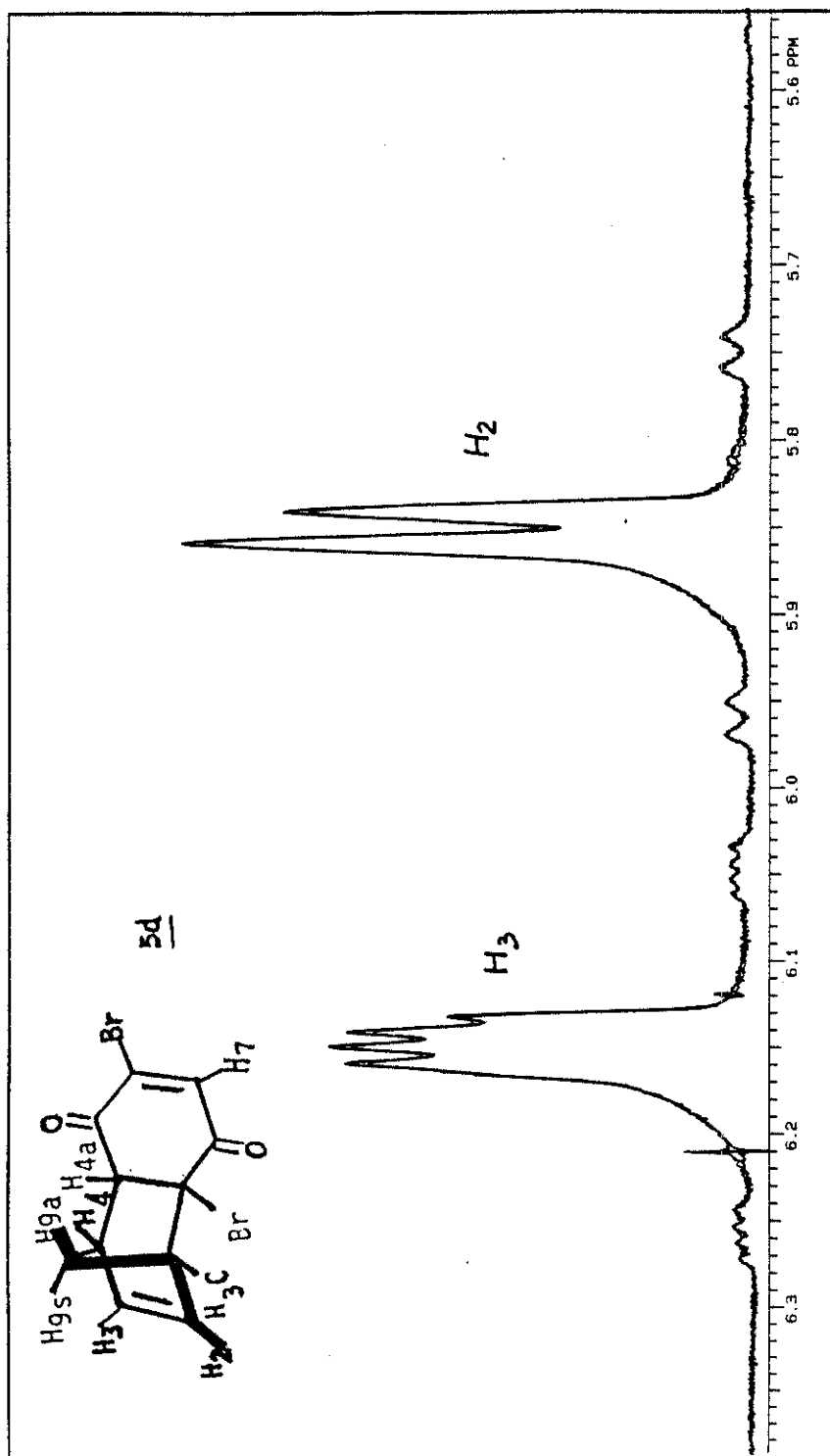


Figure 5 The Nuclear Magnetic Double Resonance Spectrum of **5d**.

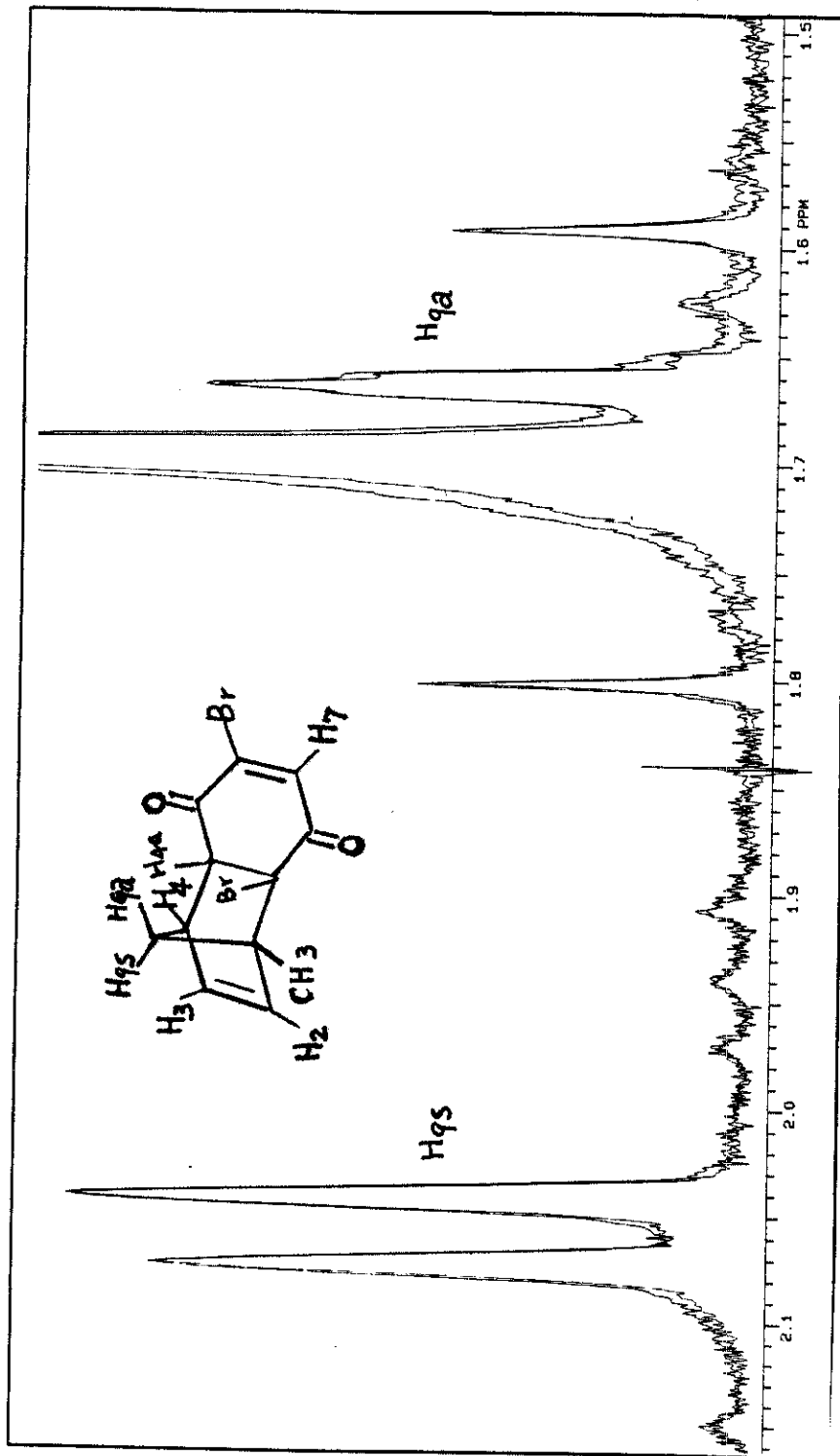
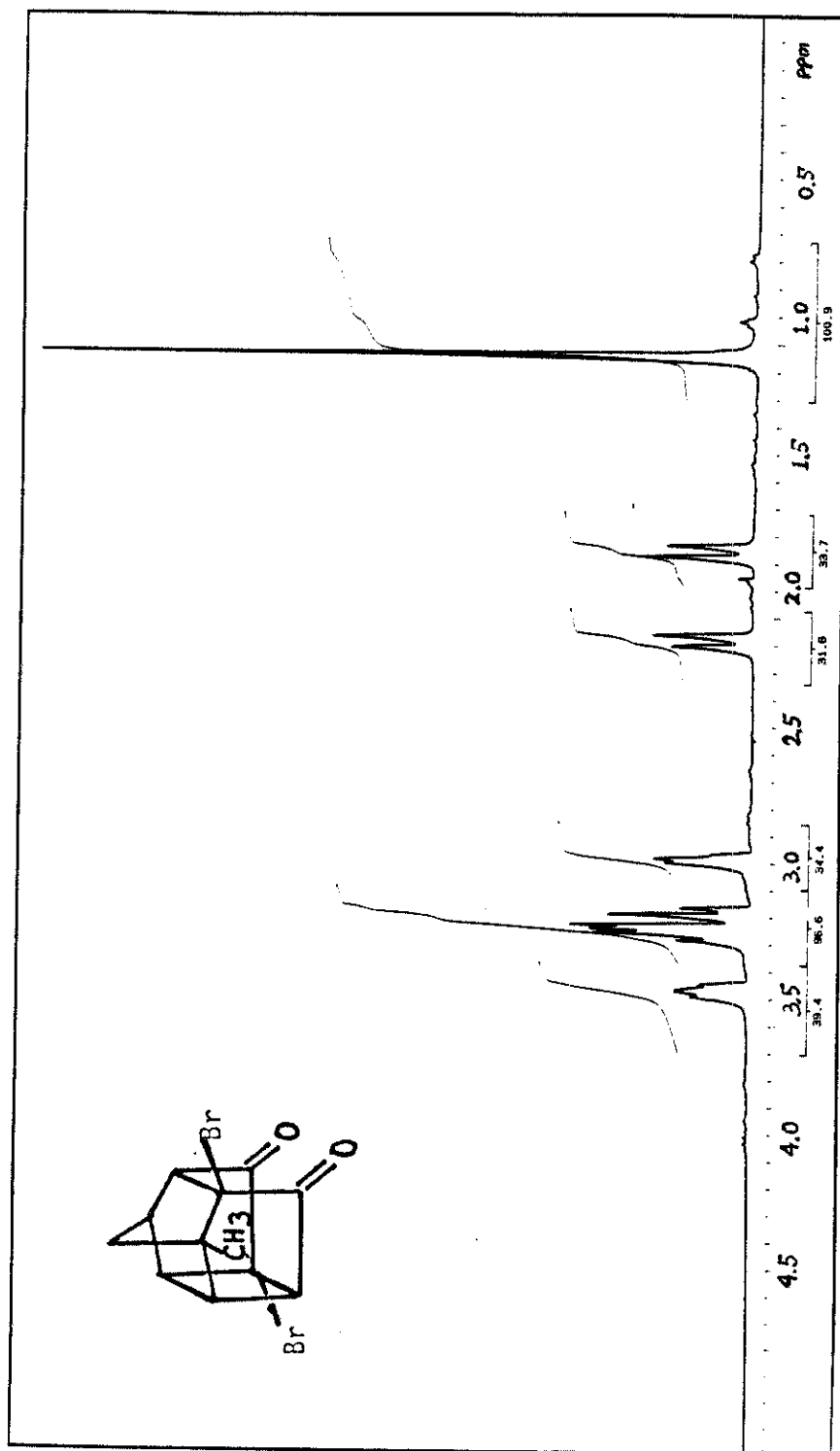


Figure 6 The NOE Spectrum of 5d.

Figure 7 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of 6.

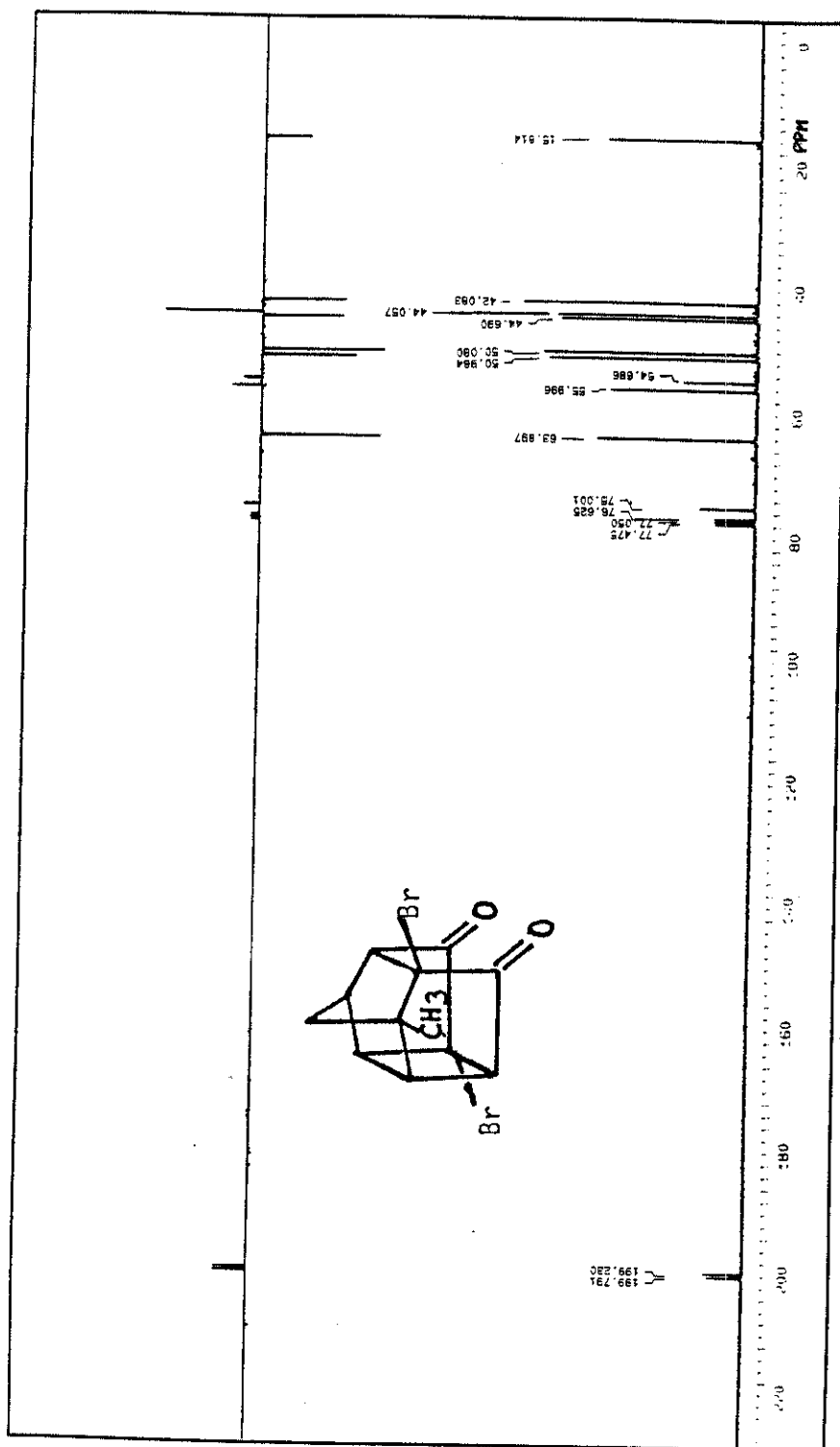


Figure 8 The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of 6.

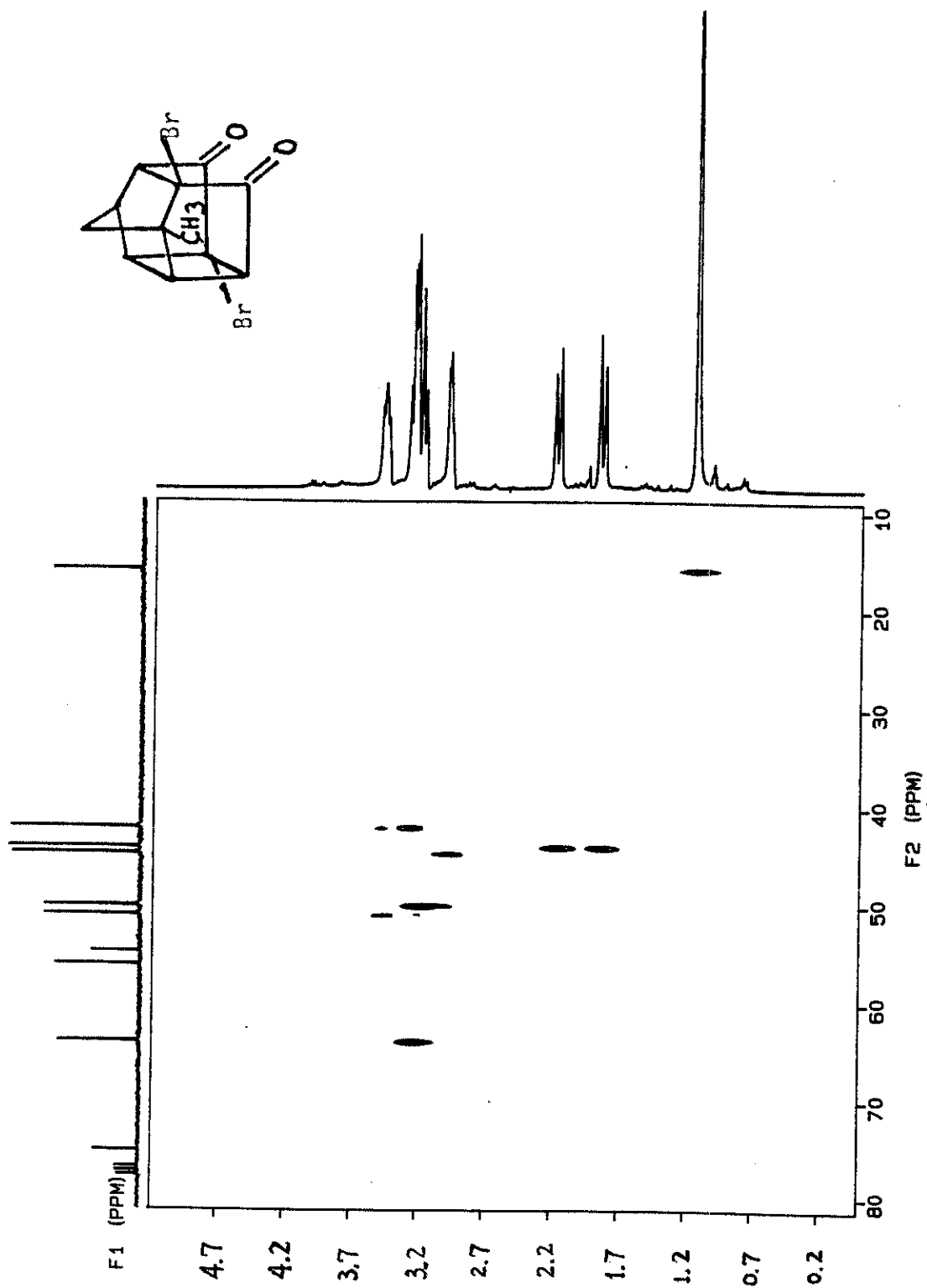


Figure 9 The HETCOR Spectrum of 6.

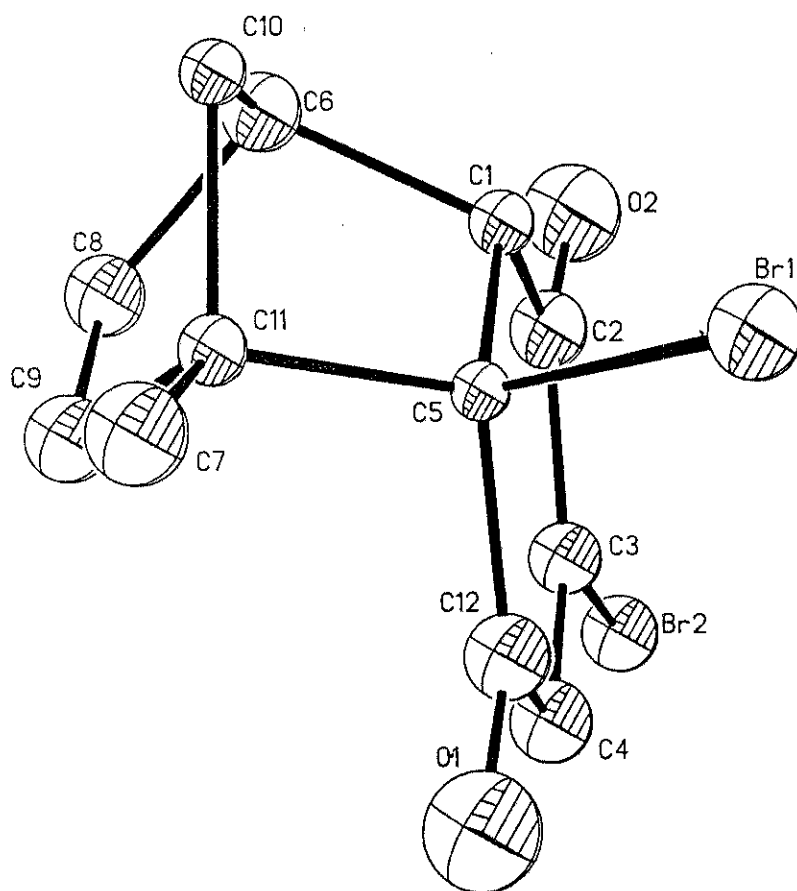


Figure 10 The Single crystal X-ray Structure of 5d.

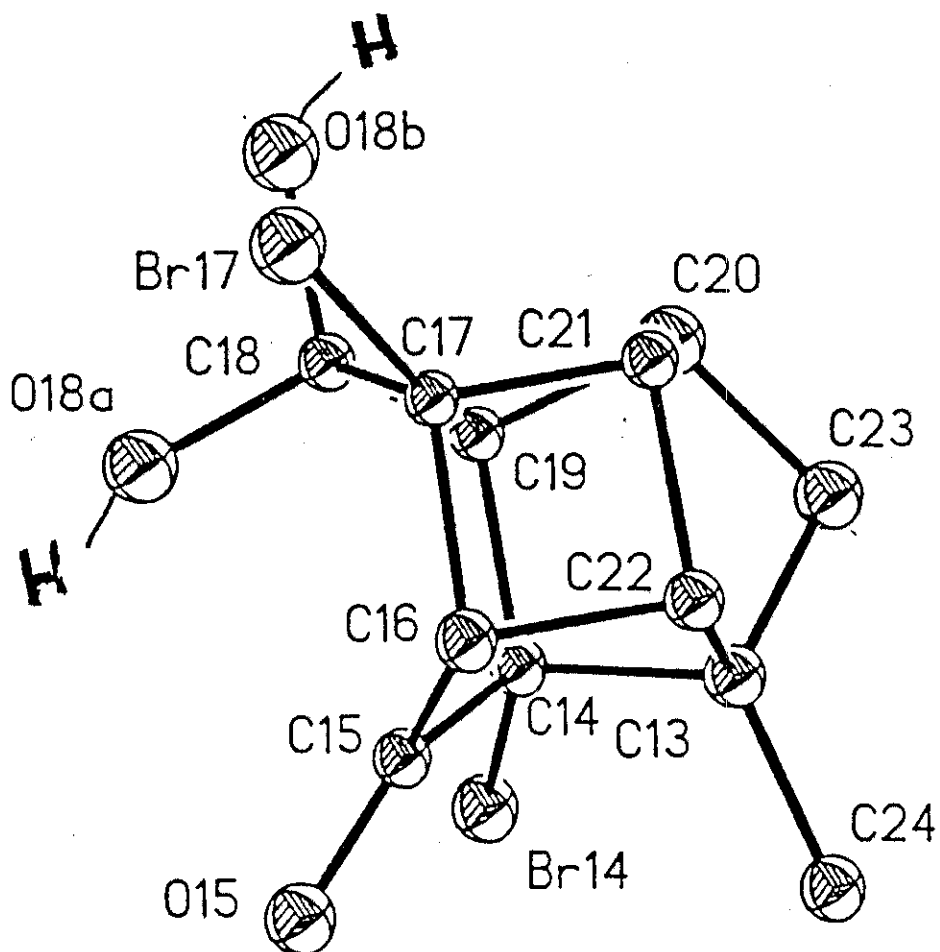


Figure 11 The Single crystal X-ray Structure of 7.



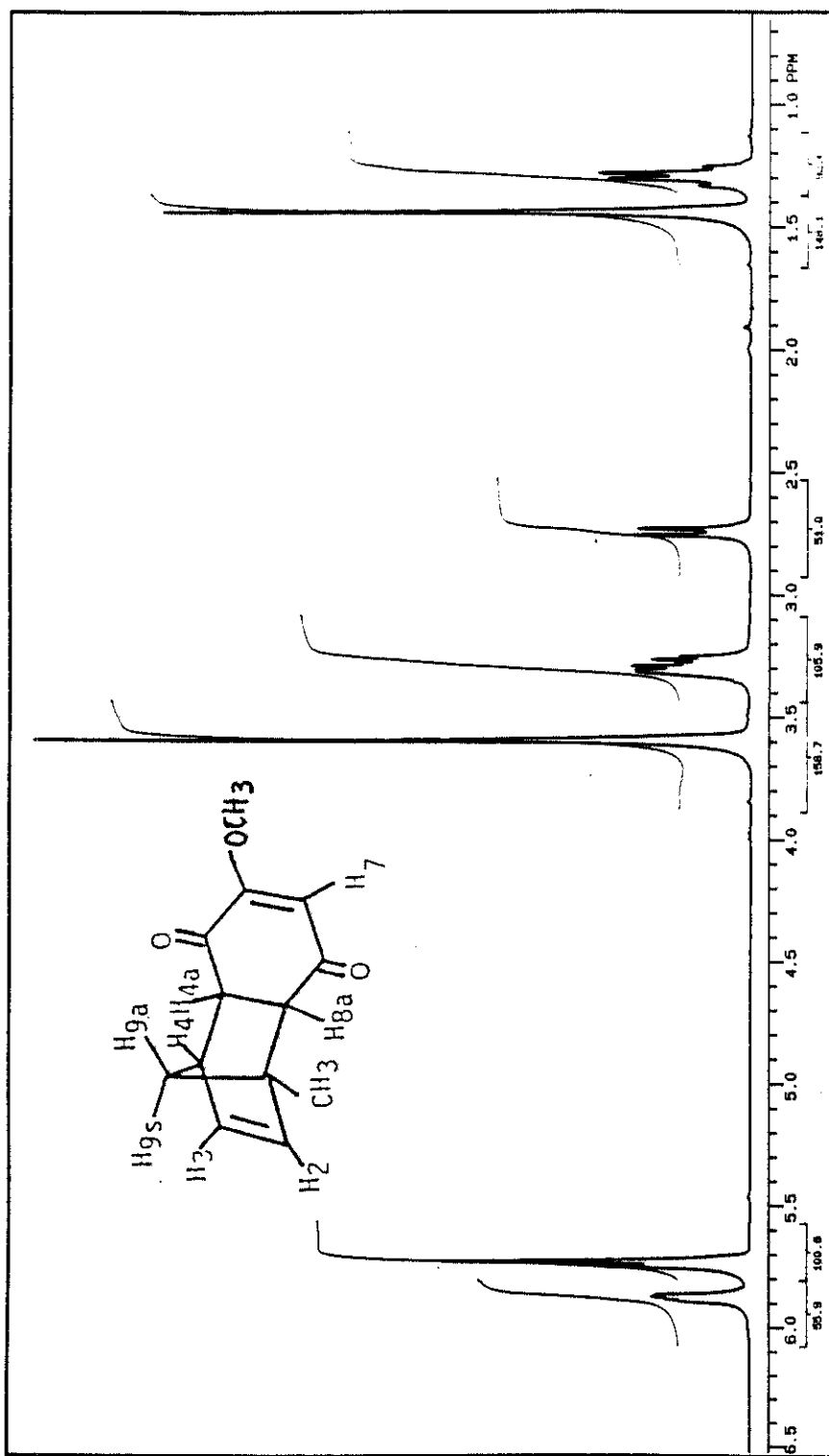


Figure 12 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of **9d**.

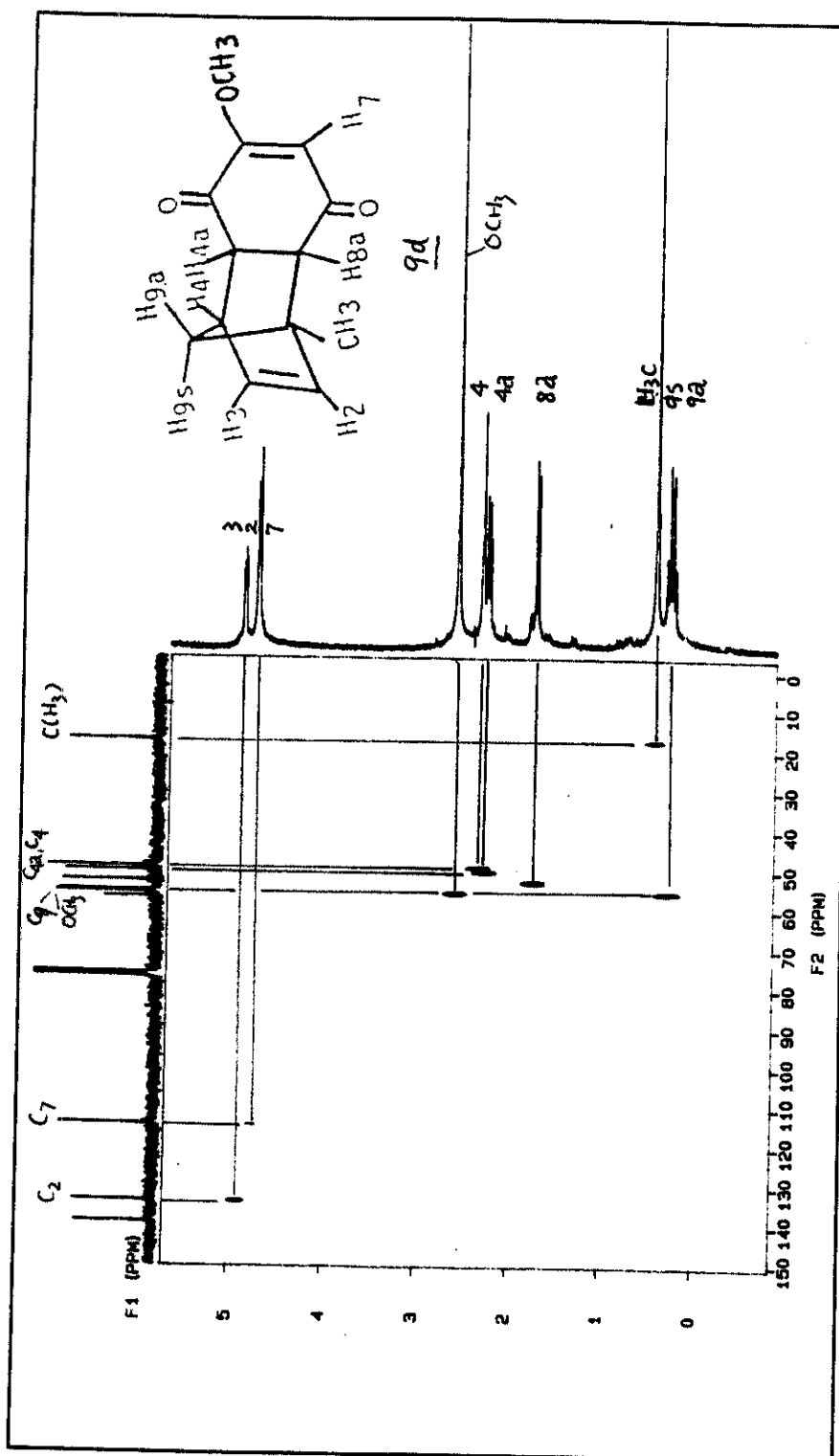


Figure 13 The HETCOR Spectrum of **9d**.

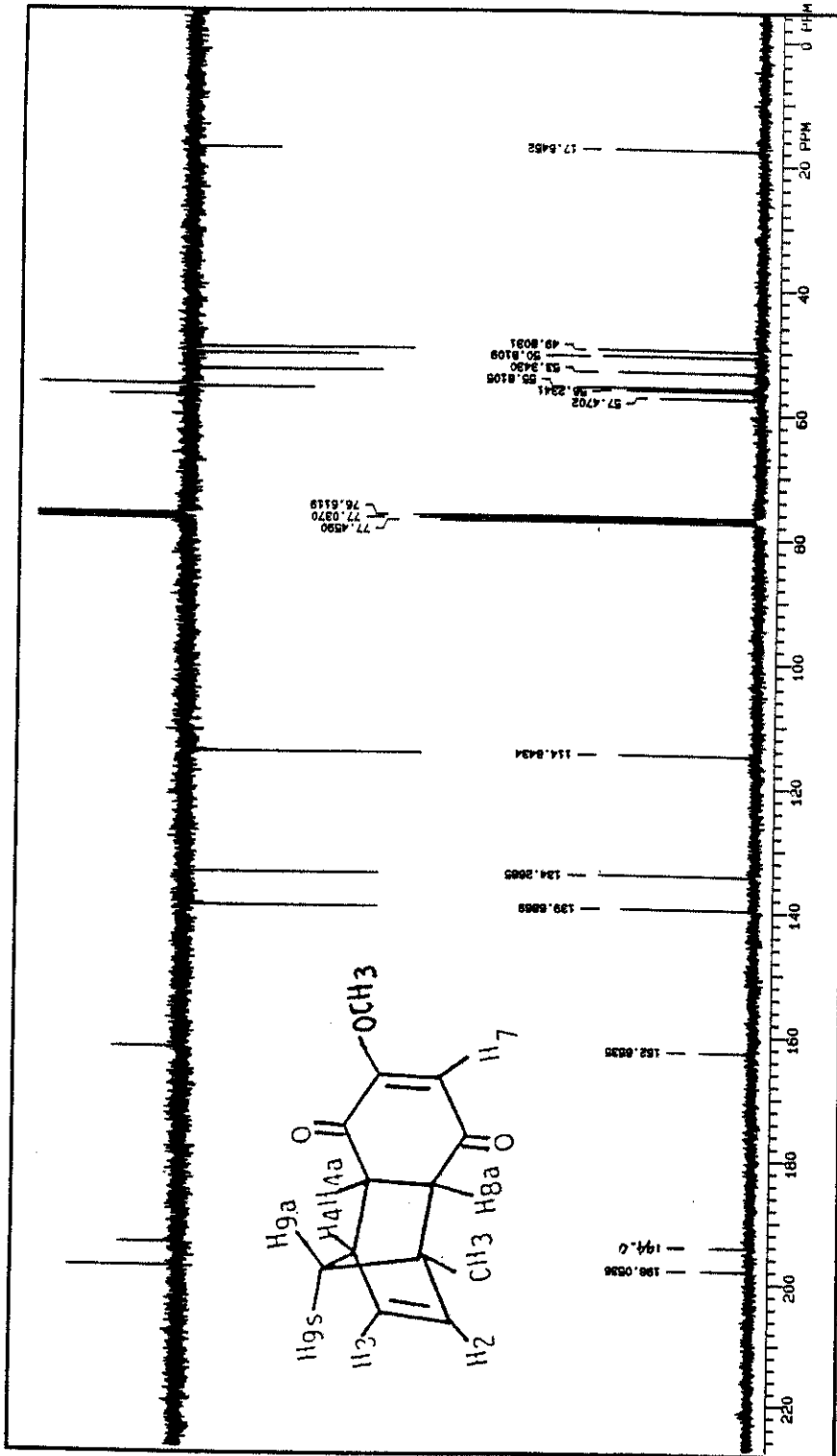


Figure 14 The <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum (with APT) of 9d.



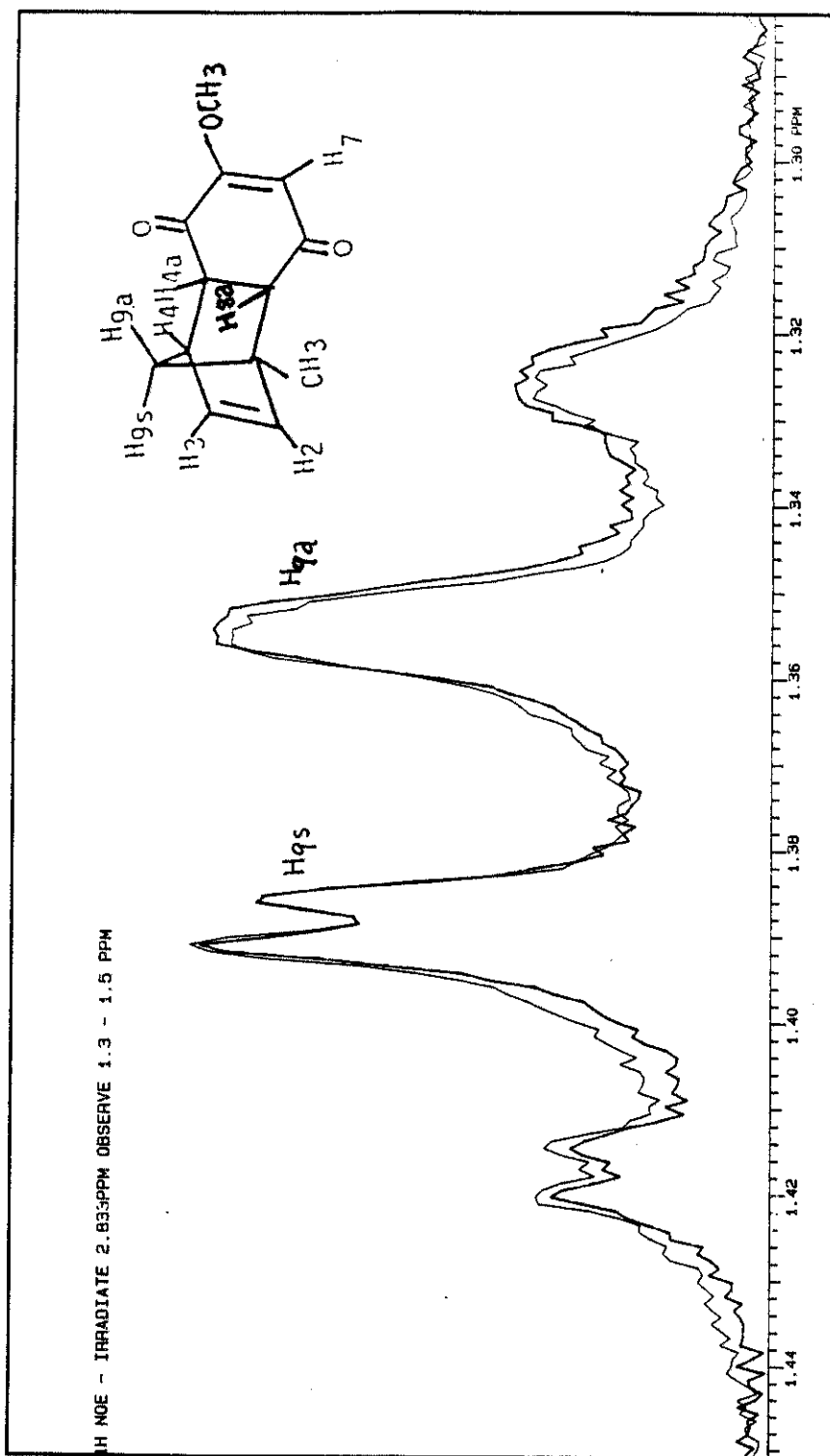
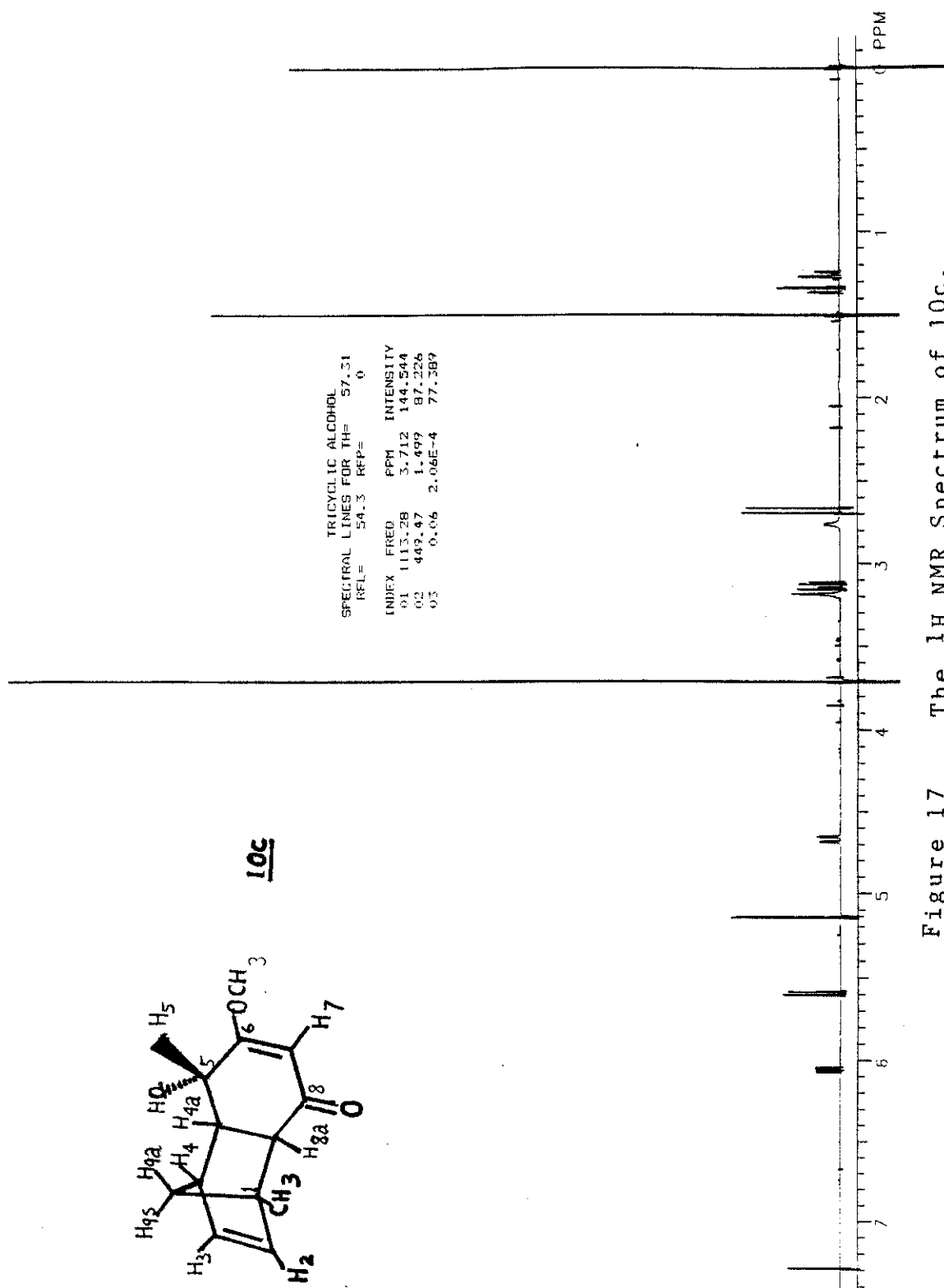
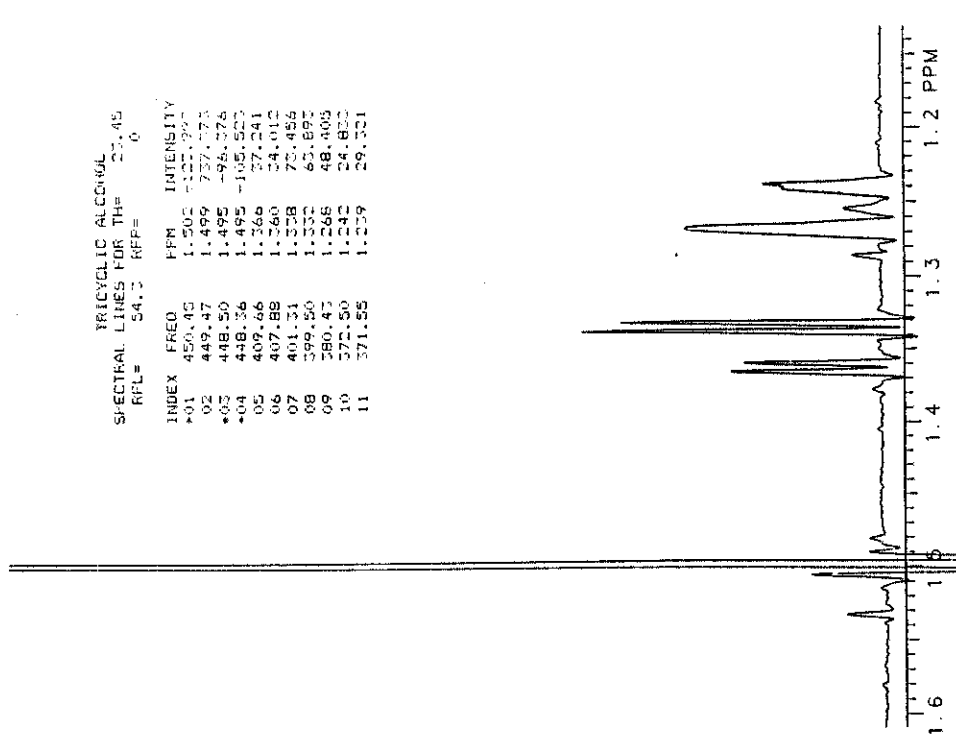


Figure 16 The NOE Spectrum of 9d.

Figure 17 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of 10c.

Figure 18 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of 10c.

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03	954.49	3.182	76.603
04	949.69	3.156	87.170
05	947.08	3.144	46.328
06	937.27	3.125	84.328
07	937.75	3.115	83.028
08	828.20	2.781	32.494
09	808.41	2.695	-59.056
10	807.62	2.693	199.334
11	798.72	2.662	190.451

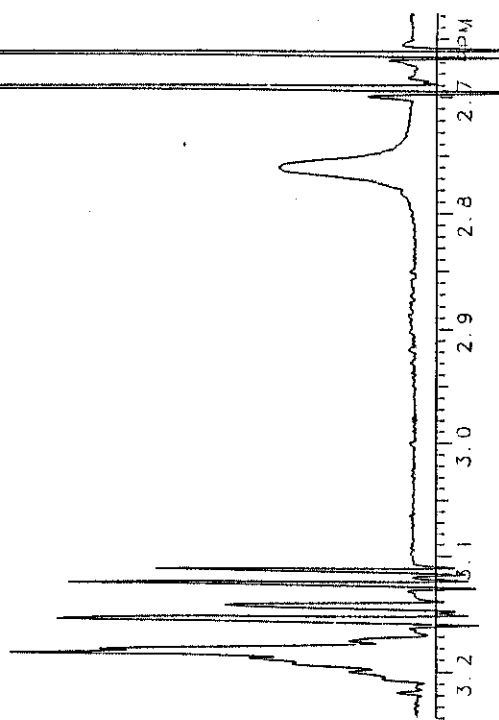


Figure 19 The <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of 10c.



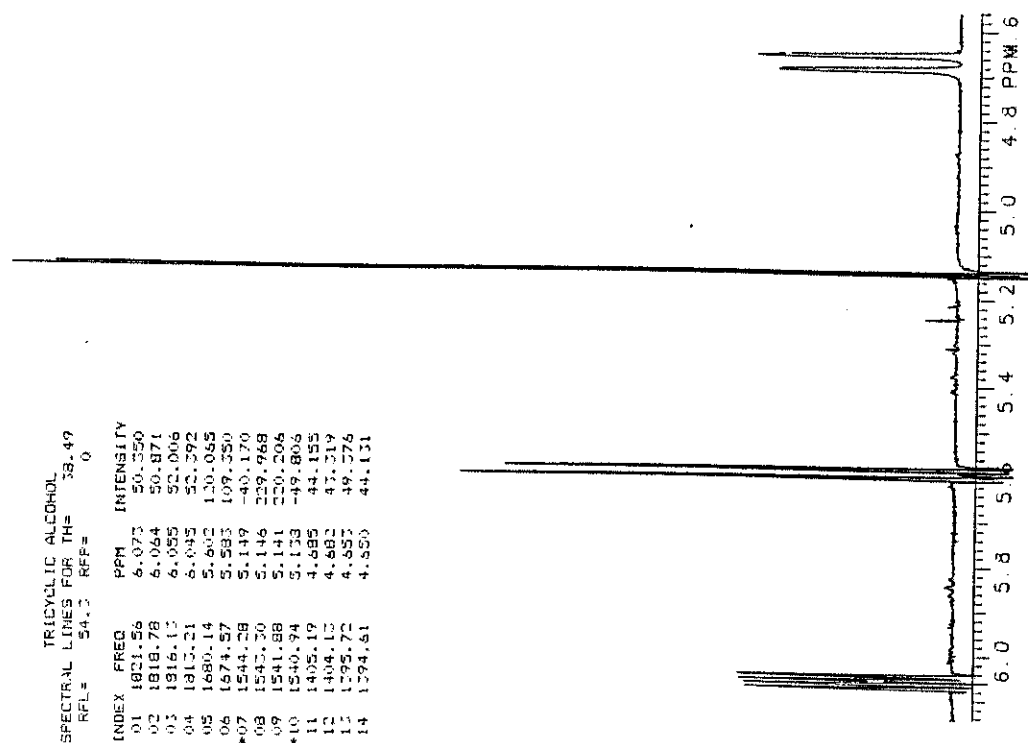


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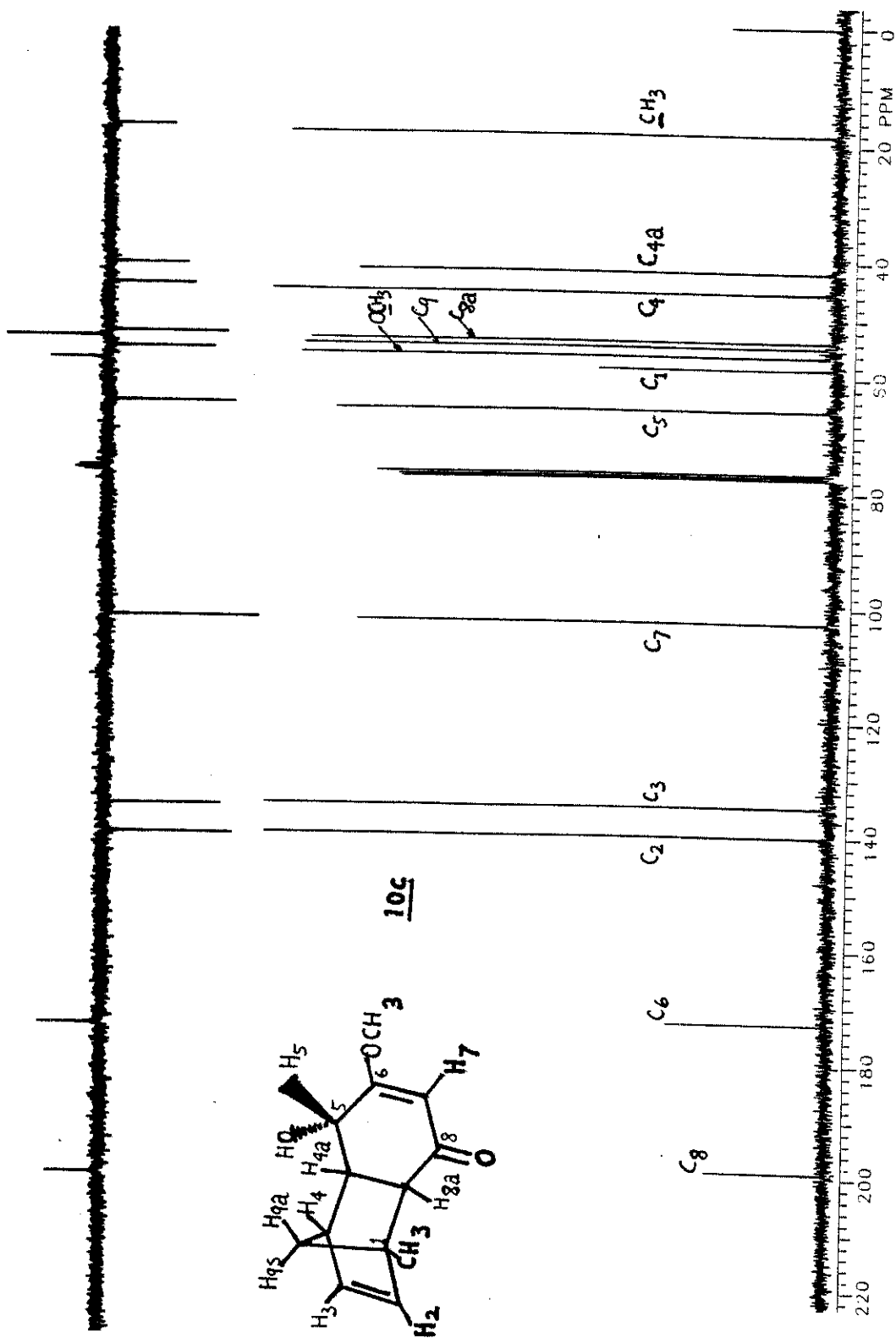
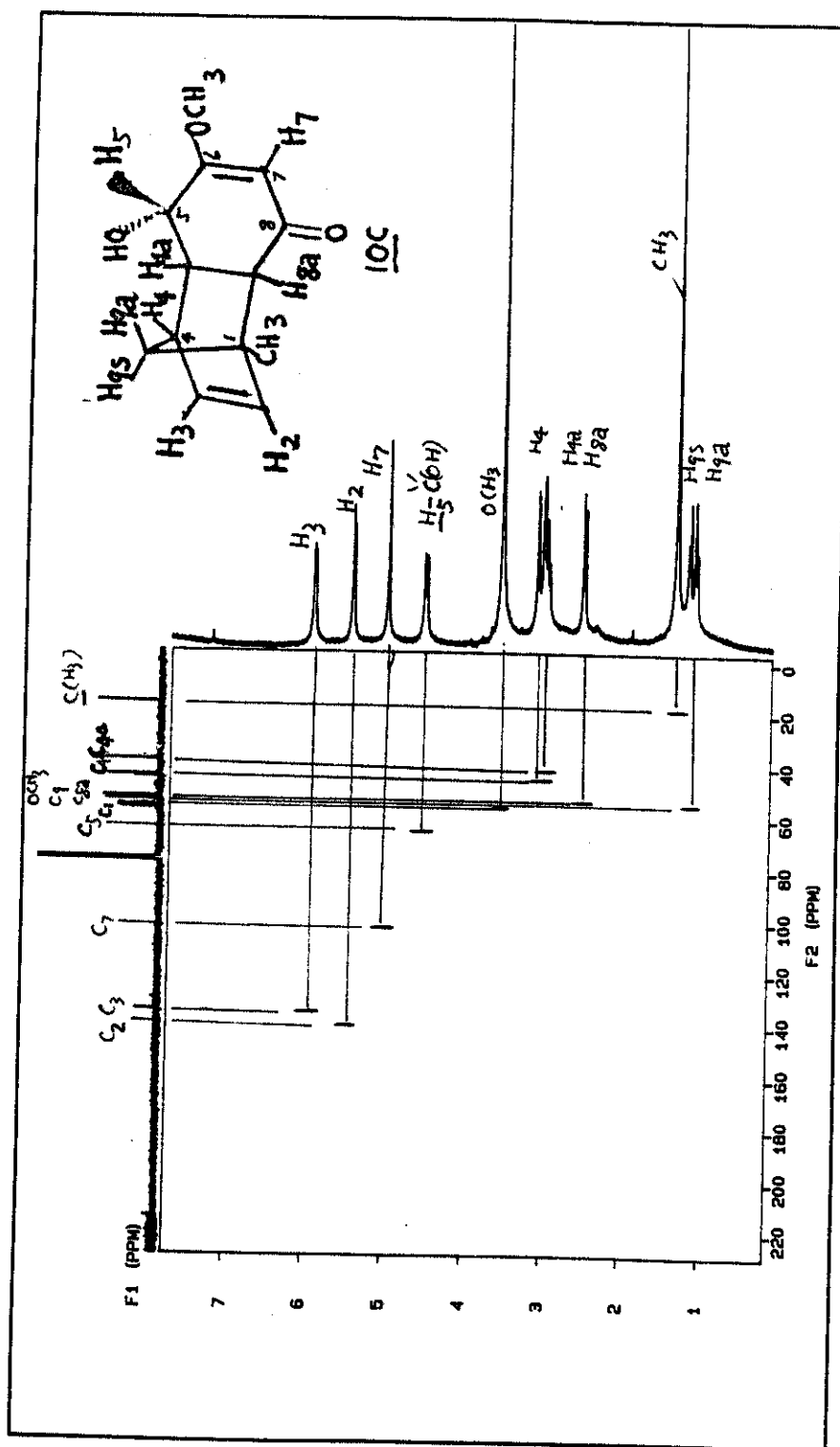


Figure 21 The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **10c**.

Figure 22 The HETCOR Spectrum of **10c**.

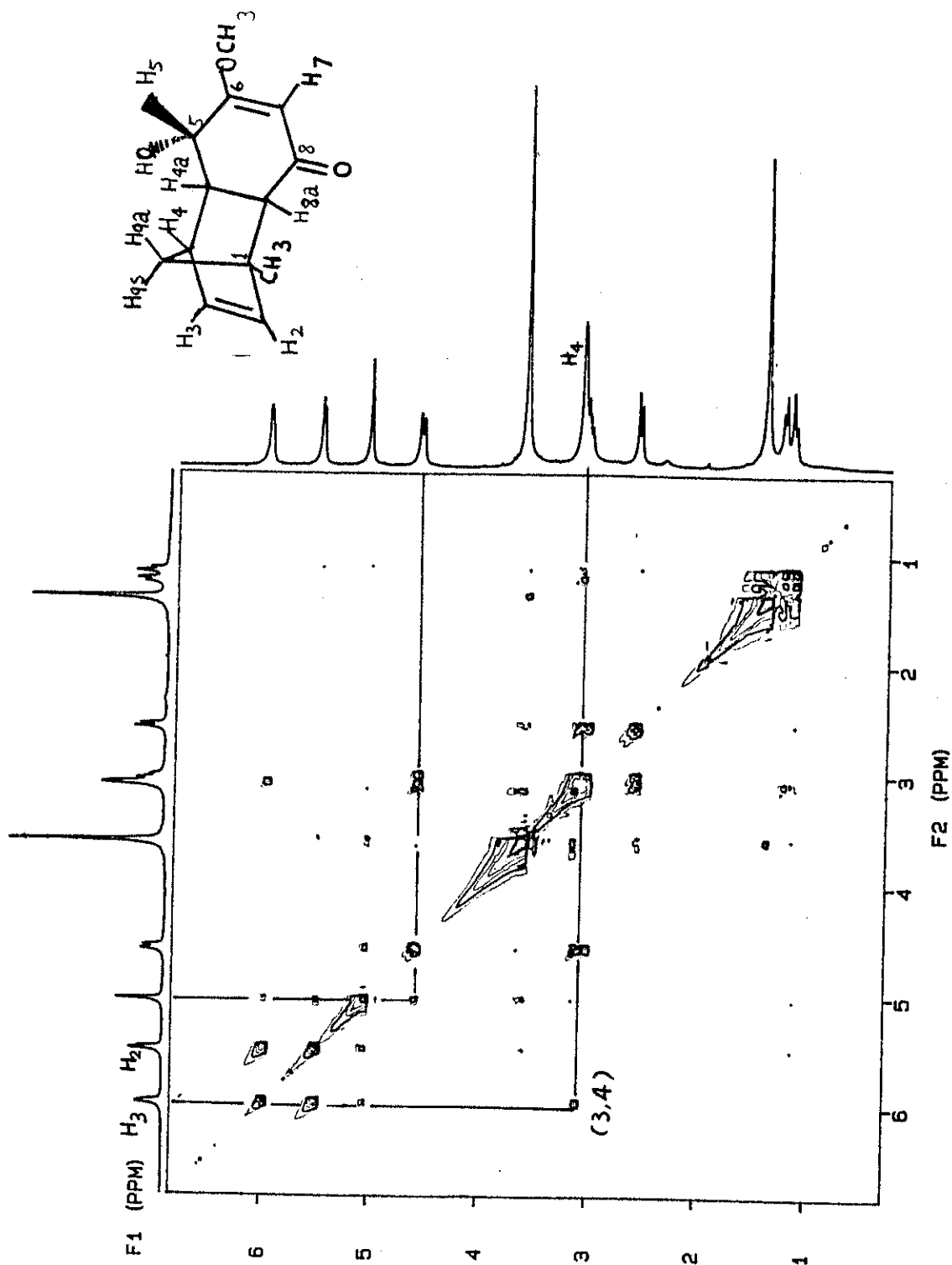


Figure 23 The COSY Spectrum of 10c.

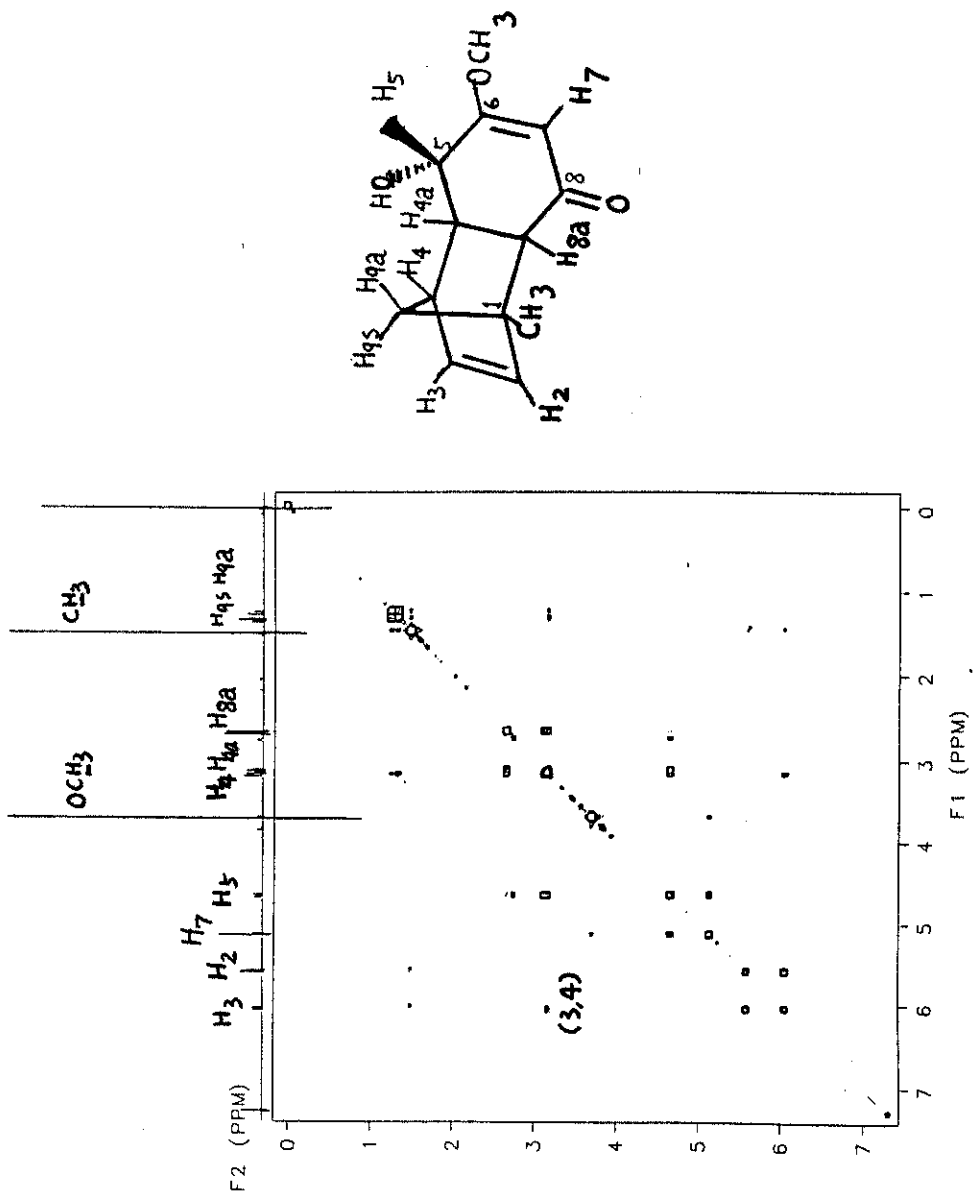


Figure 24 The Delayed COSY Spectrum of 10c.

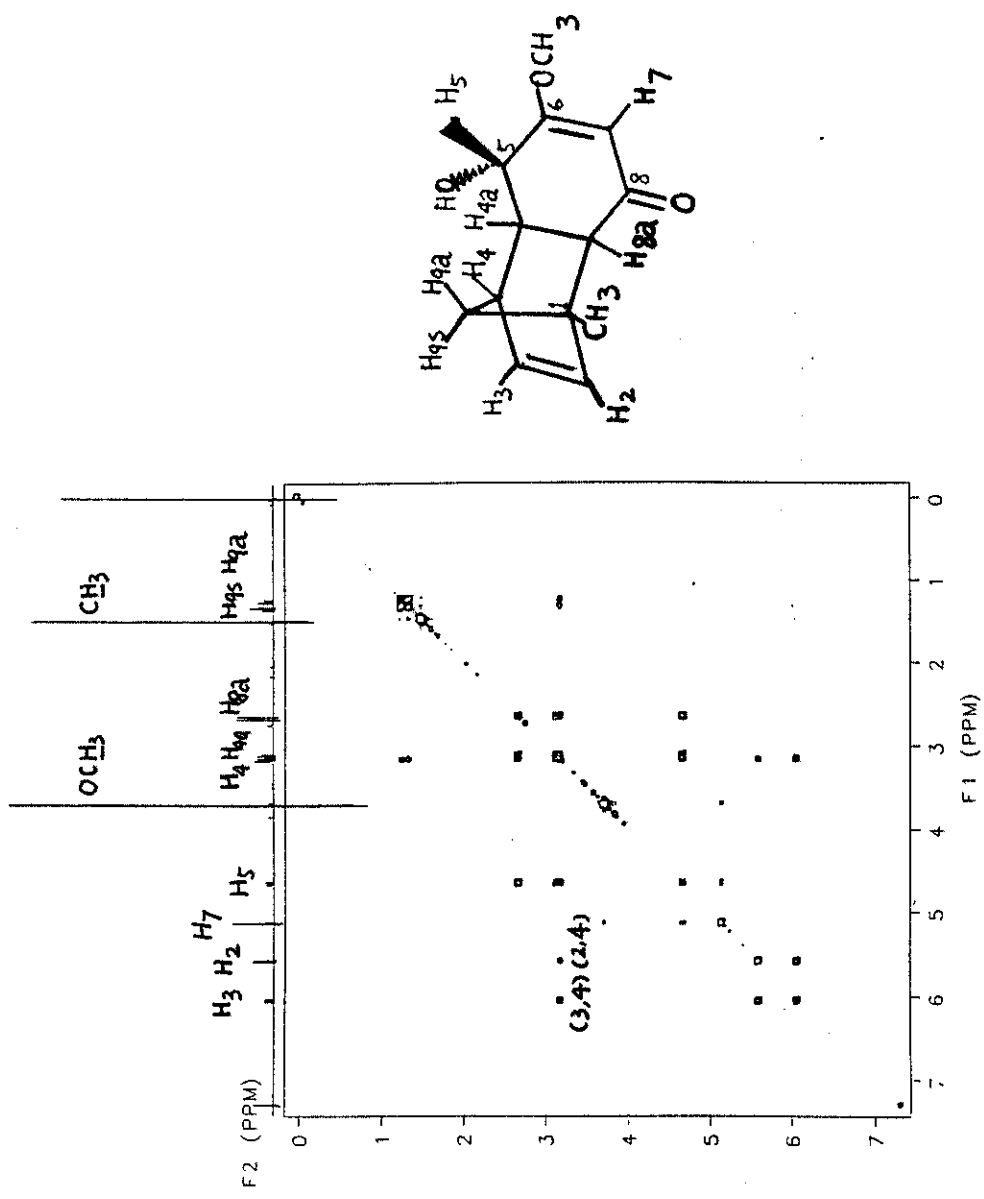


Figure 25 The RELAY COSY Spectrum of 10c.

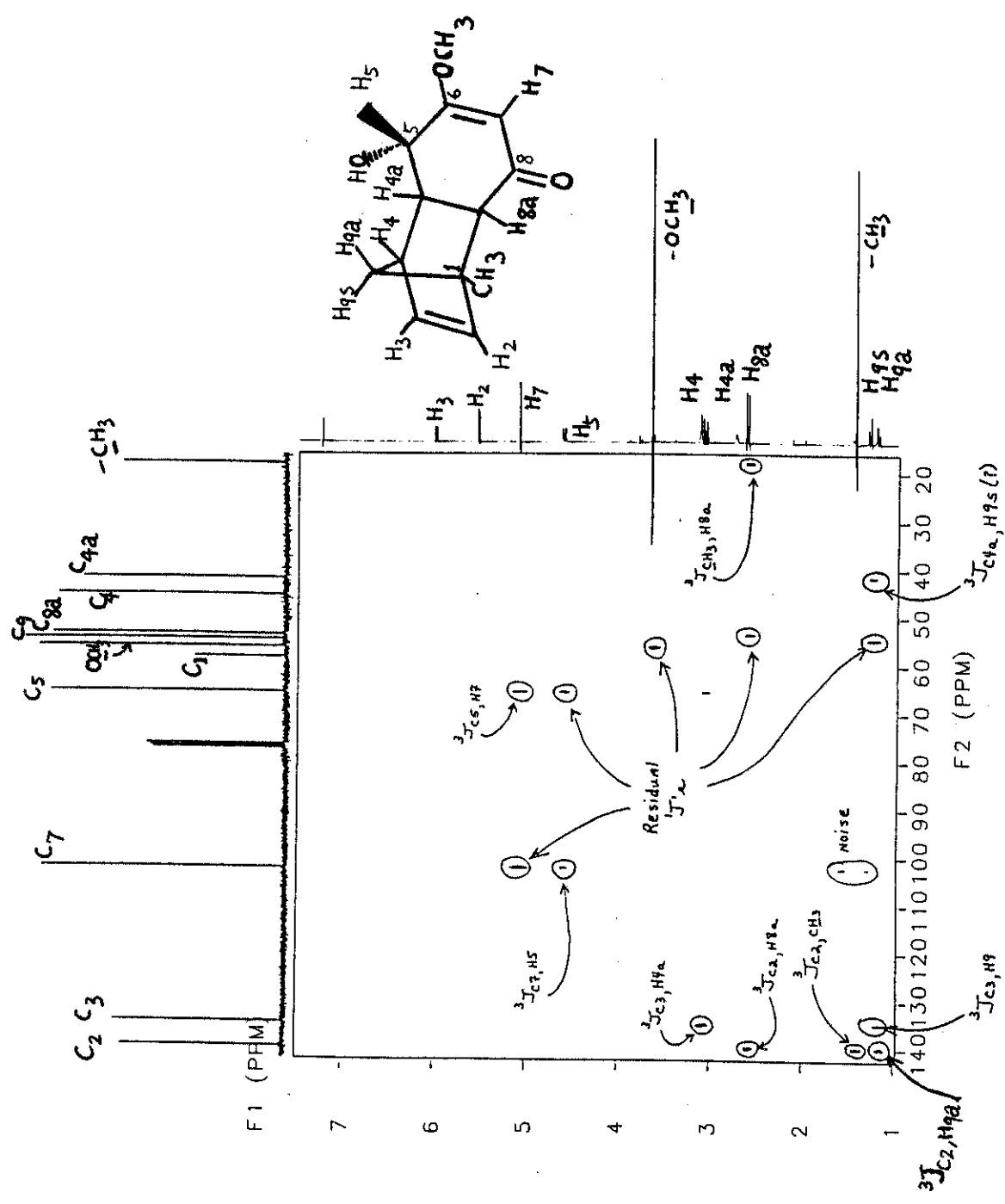


Figure 26 The Long-range HETCOR Spectrum of 10c.

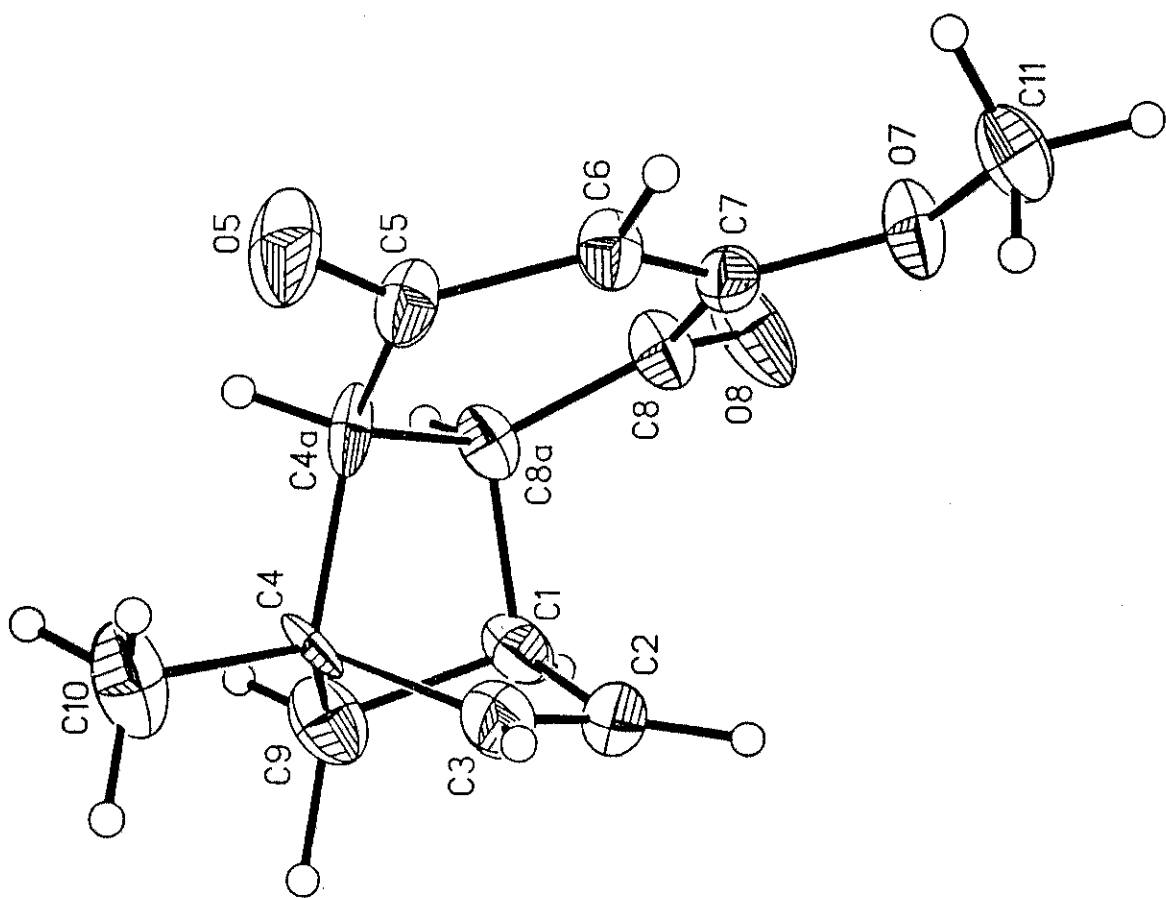


Figure 27 The Single-crystal X-ray Structure of 9d.



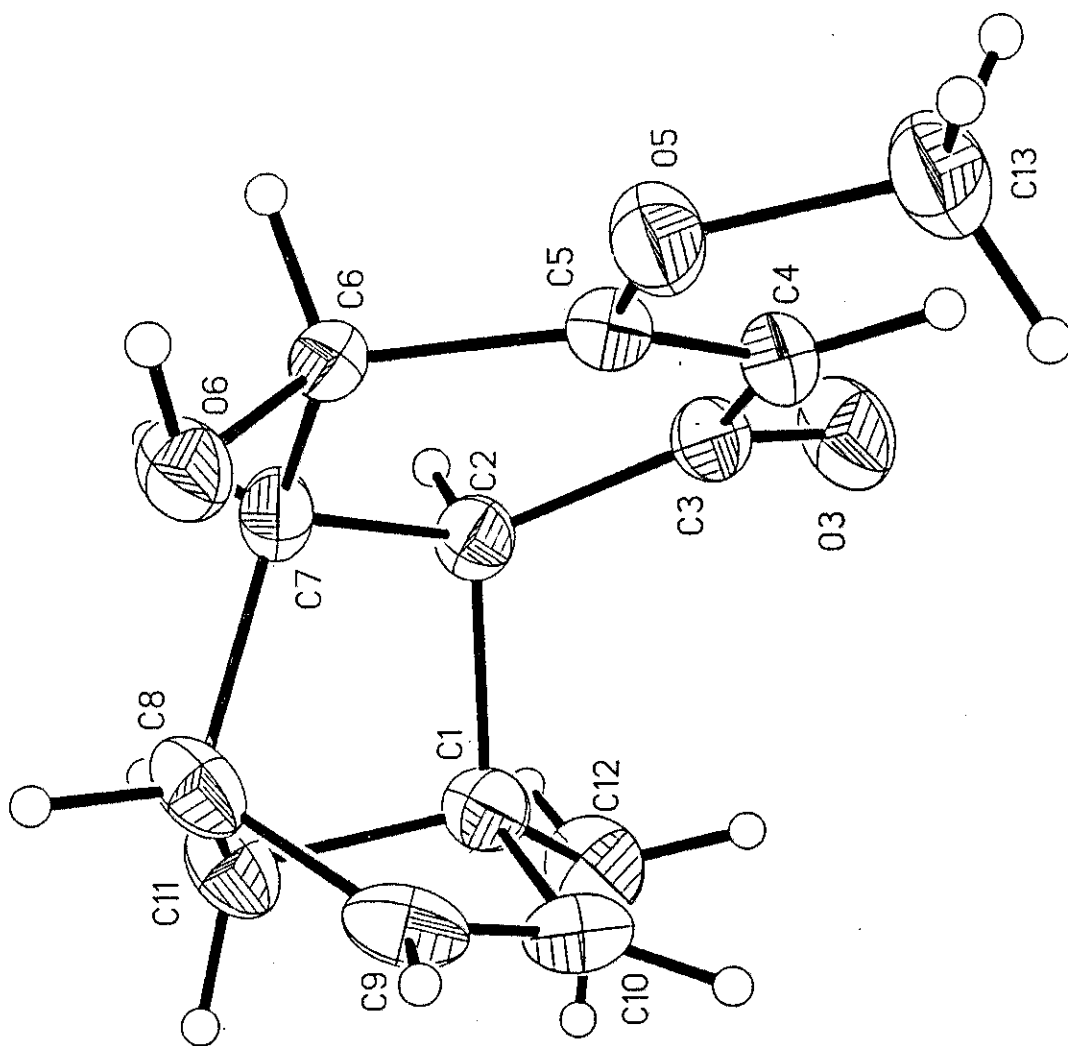


Figure 28 The Single-crystal X-ray Structure of 10c.

THIELE'S ESTER

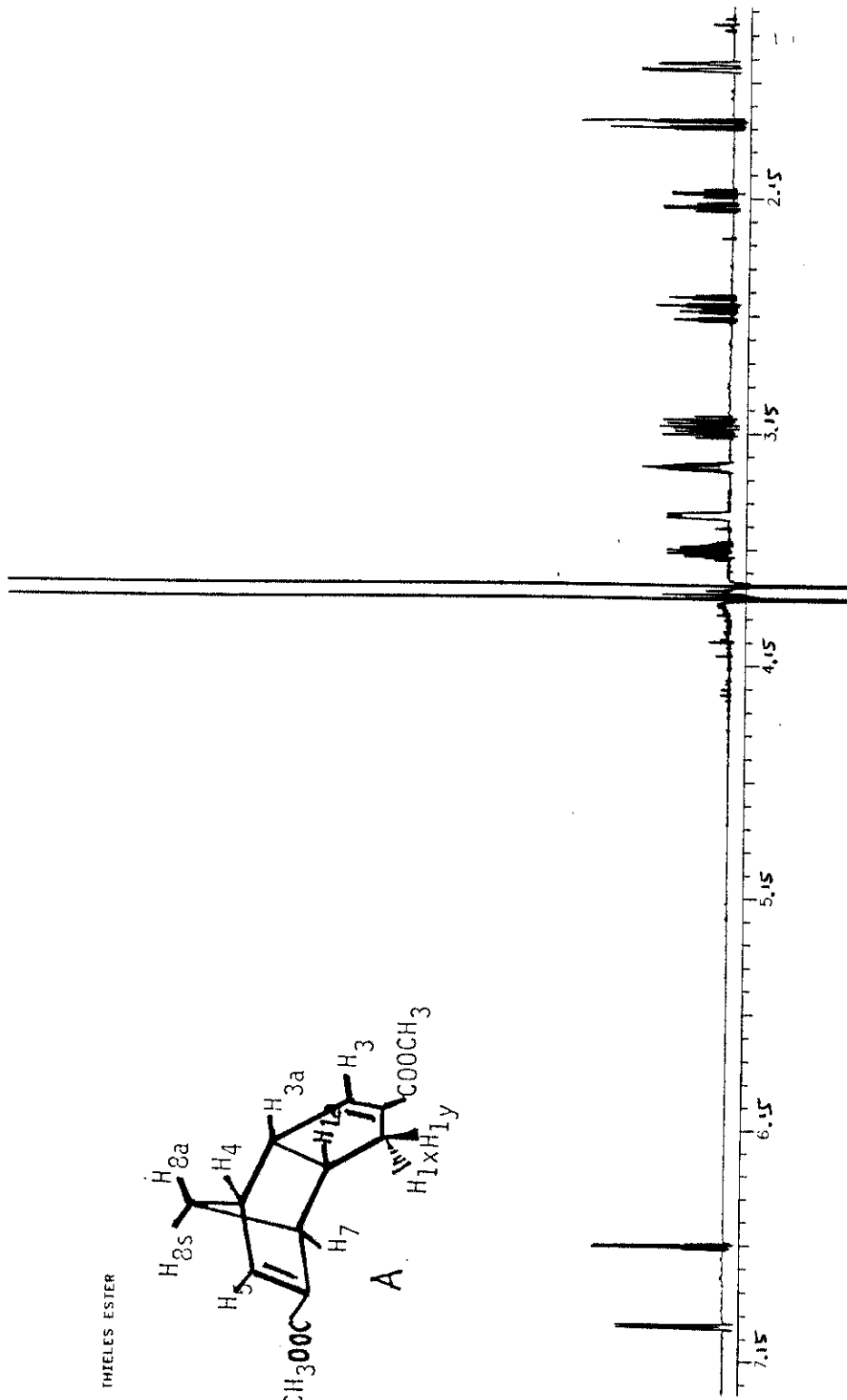
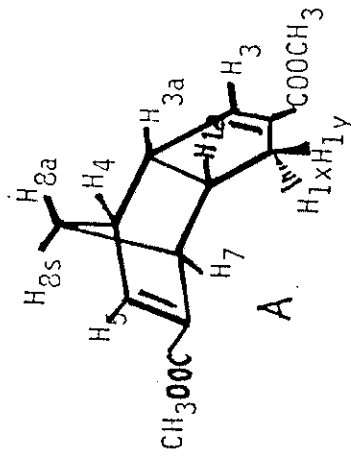


Figure 29 The <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

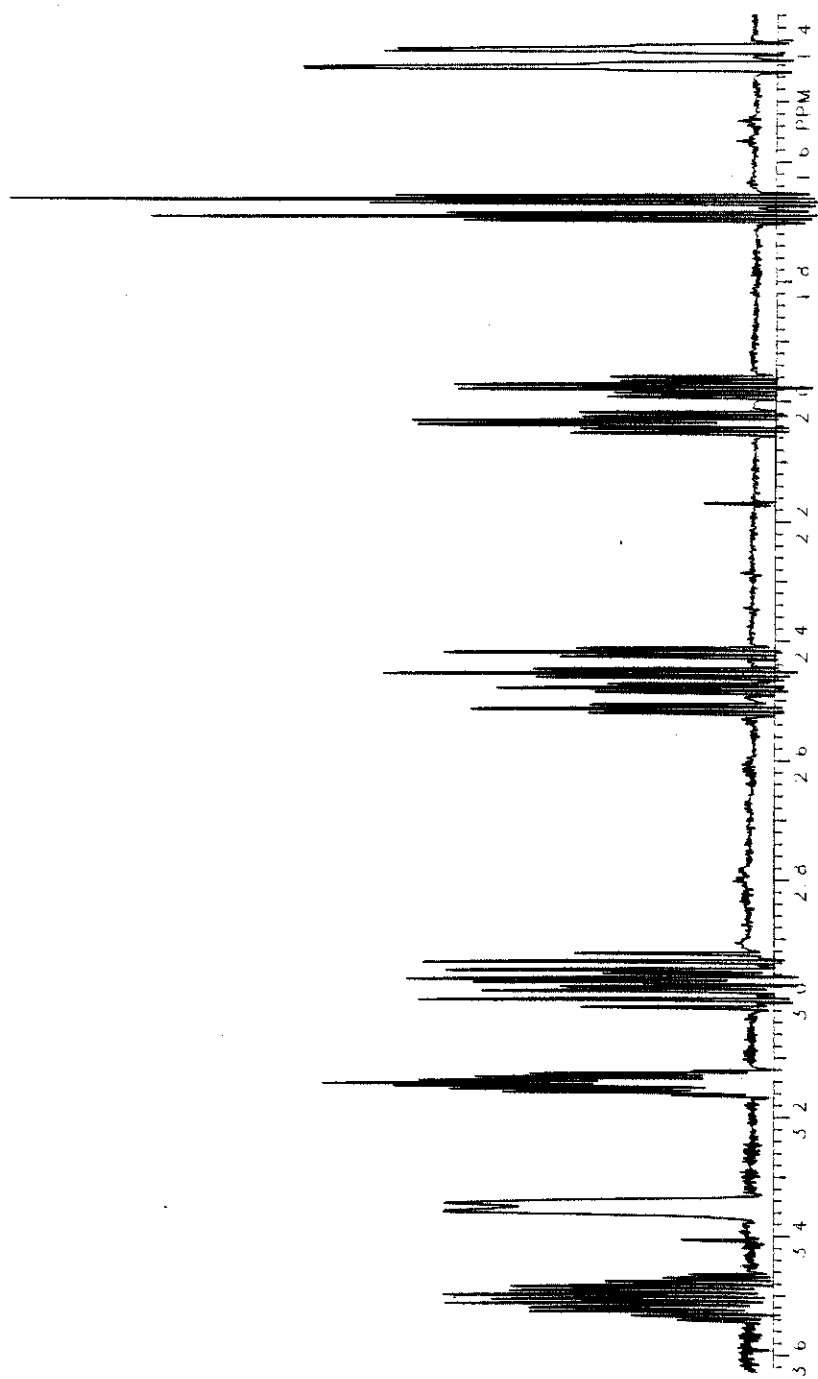


Figure 30 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

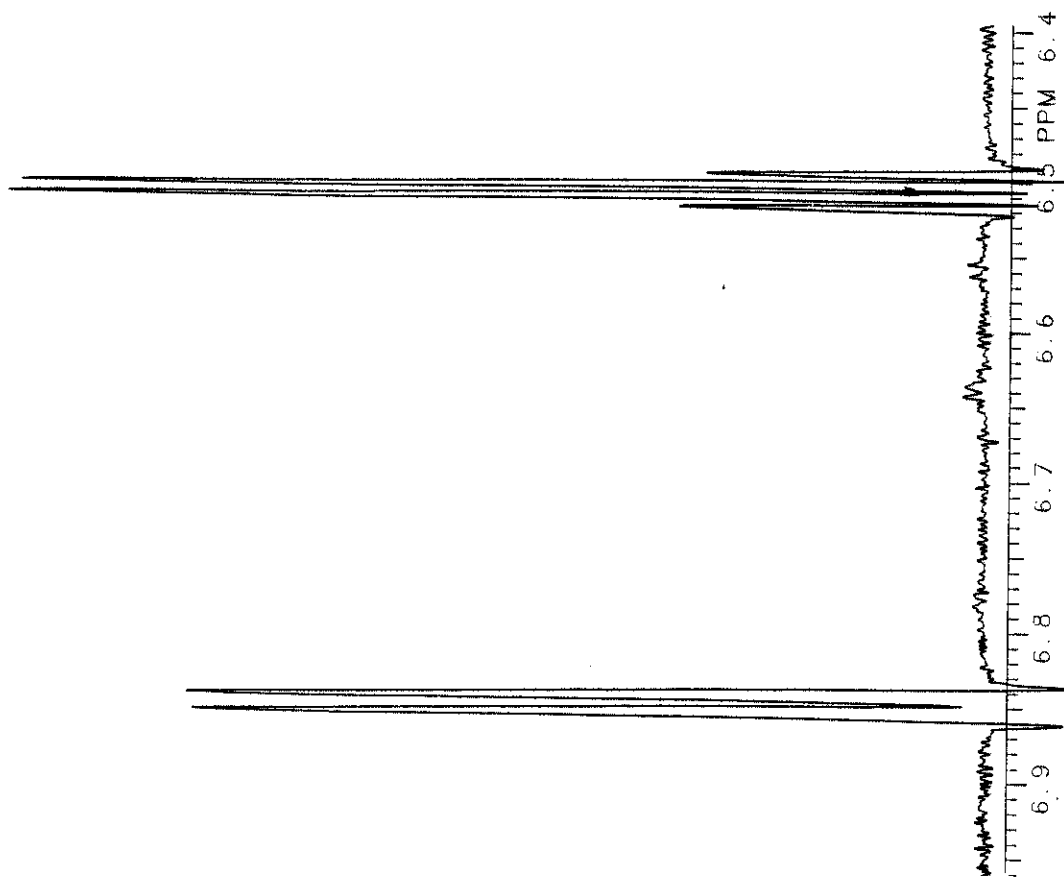


Figure 31 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

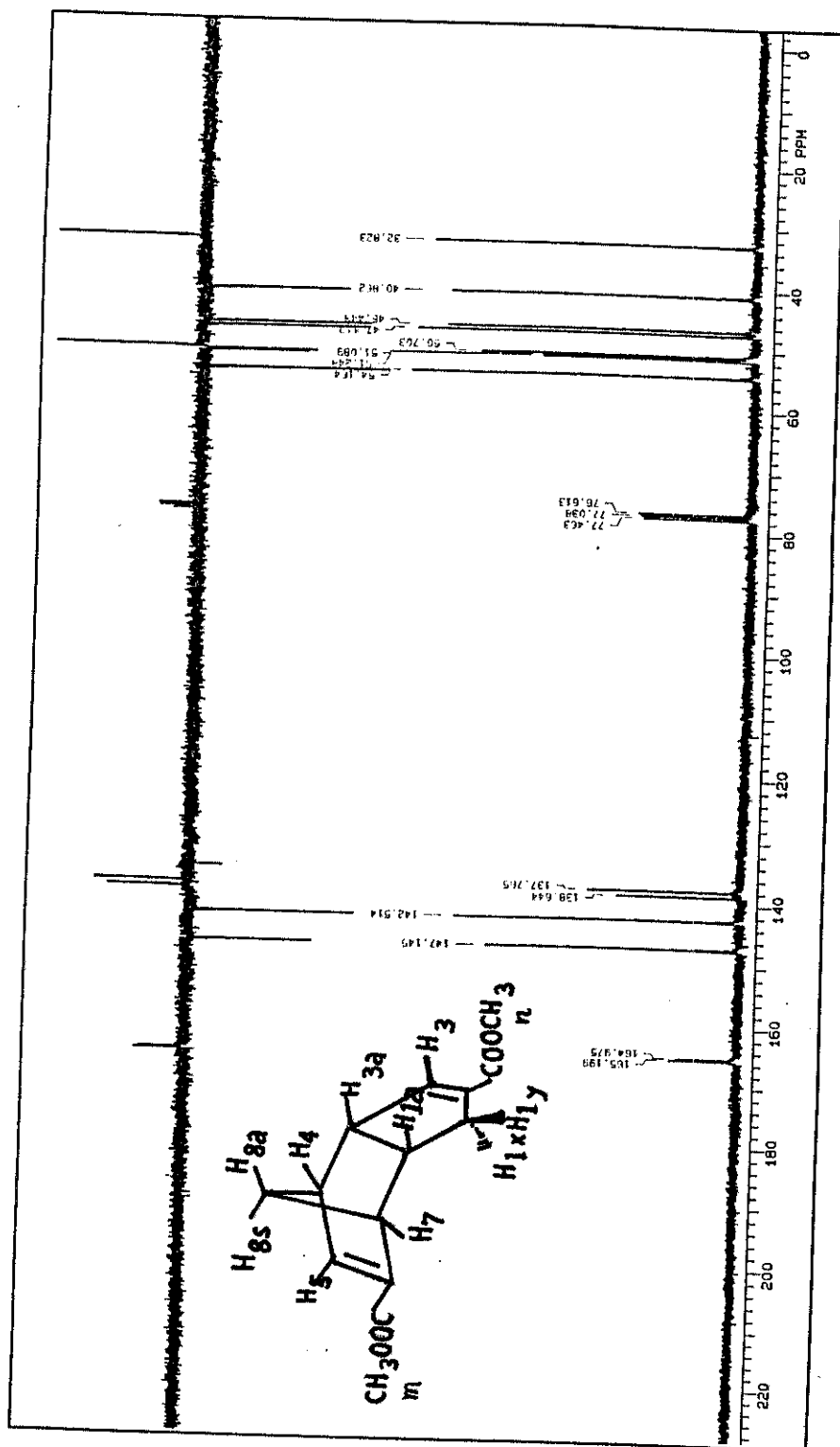


Figure 32 The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

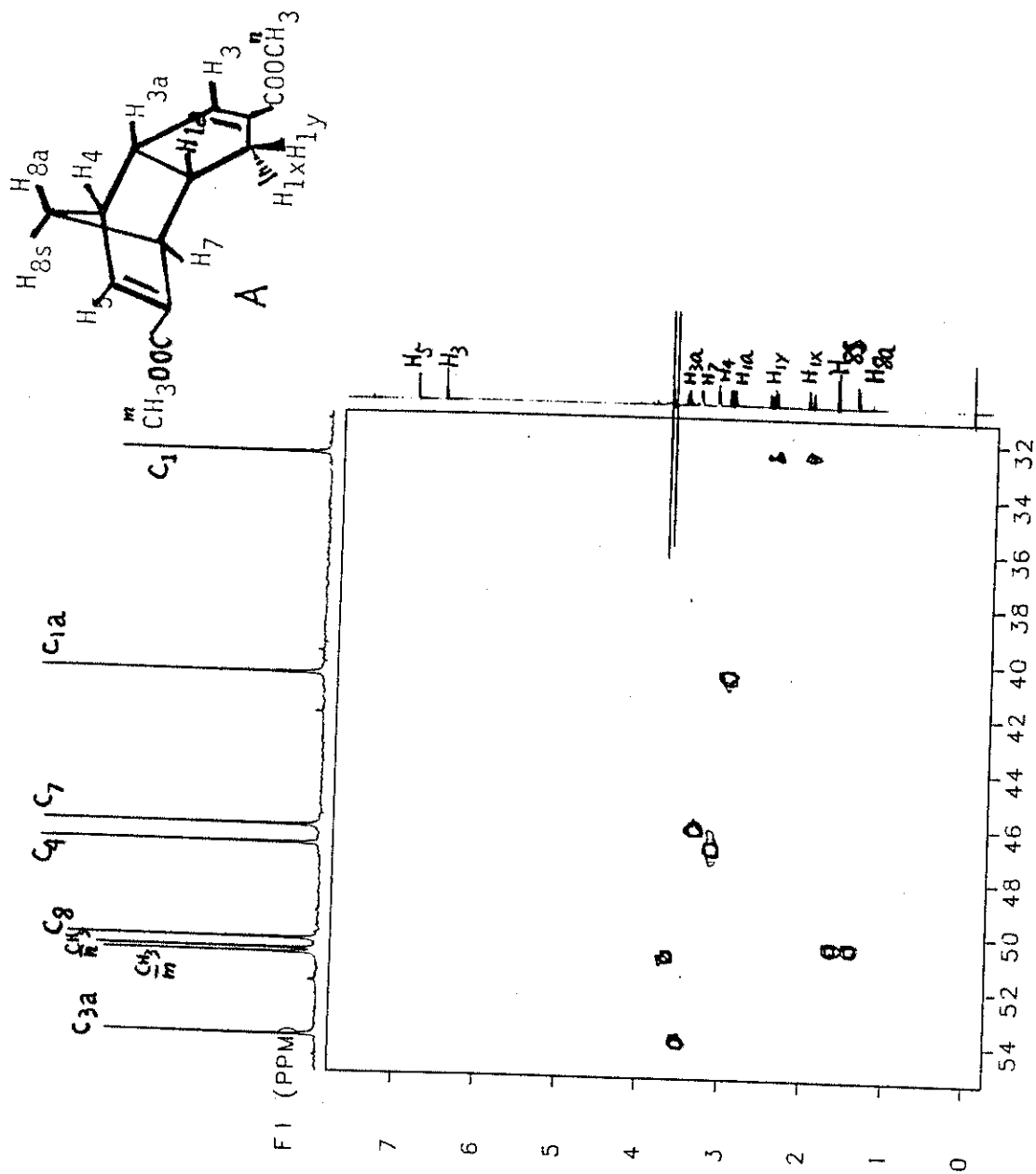


Figure 33 The HETCOR Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

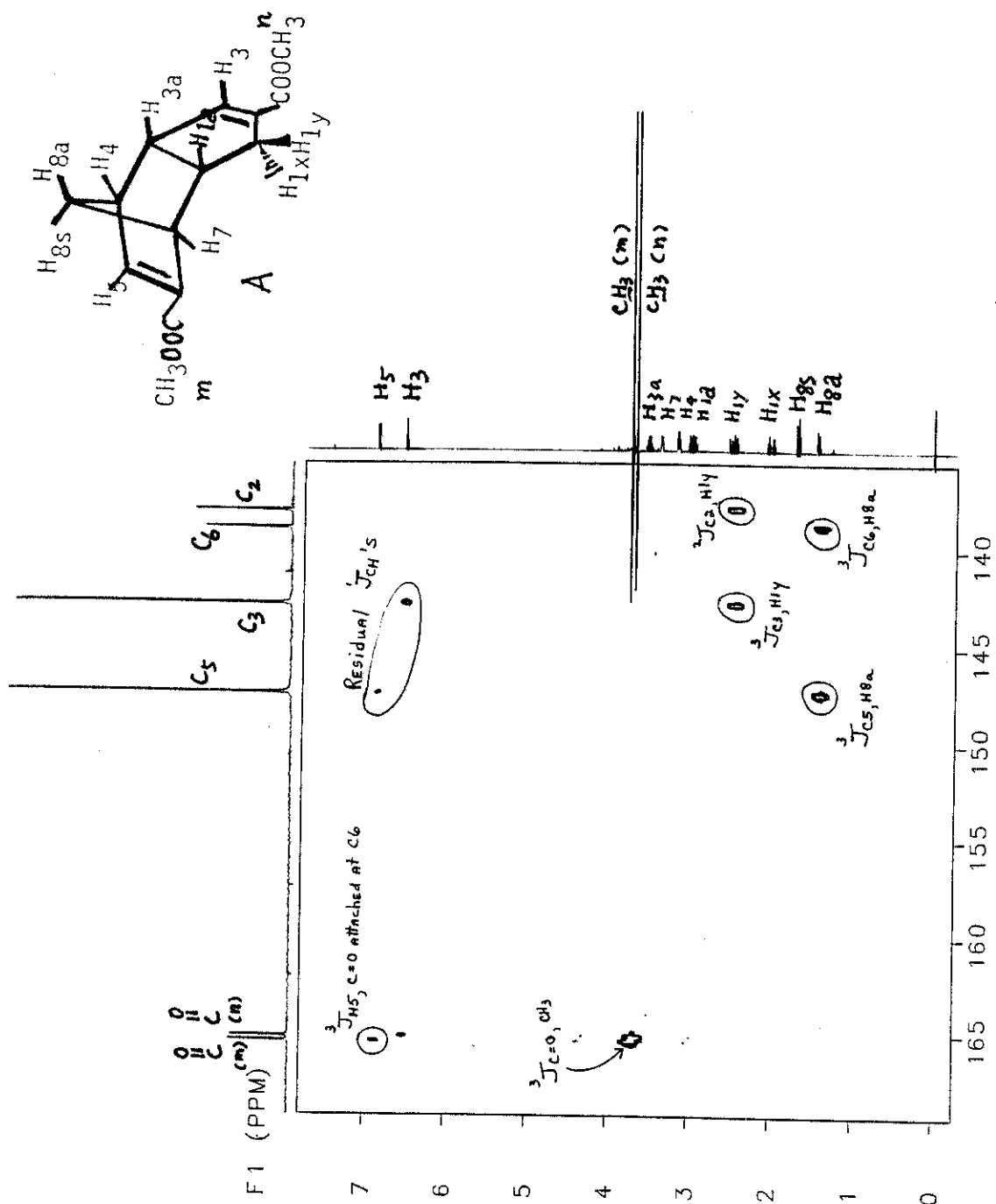


Figure 34 The Long-range HETCOR Spectrum I of Thiele's Ester.

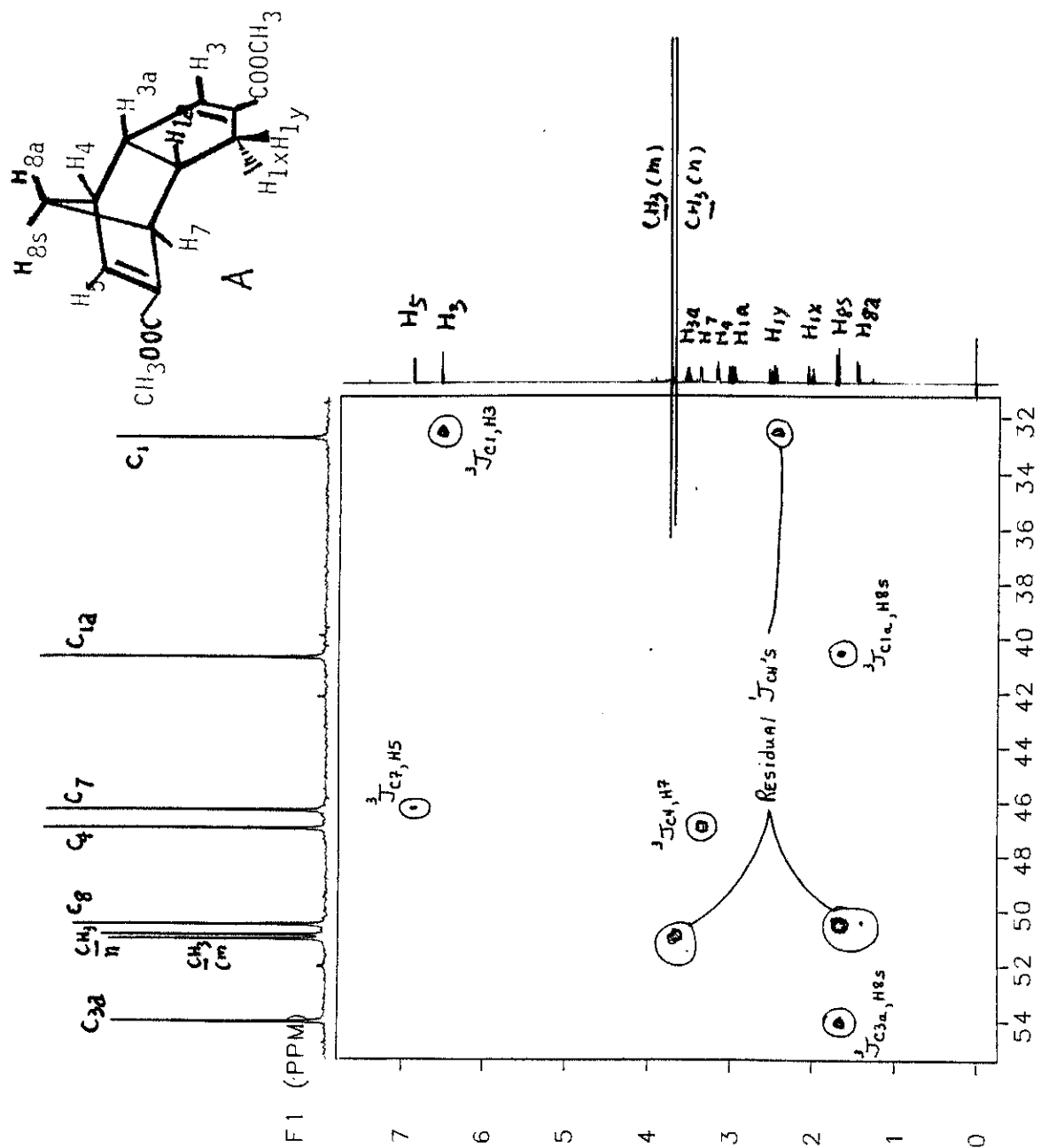


Figure 35 The Long-range HETCOR Spectrum II of Thiele's Ester.





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03	497.11	1.657	143.559
04	495.58	1.652	132.186
05	431.66	1.439	62.706
06	430.57	1.436	137.883
07	429.57	1.432	78.242
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10	421.00	1.404	62.239

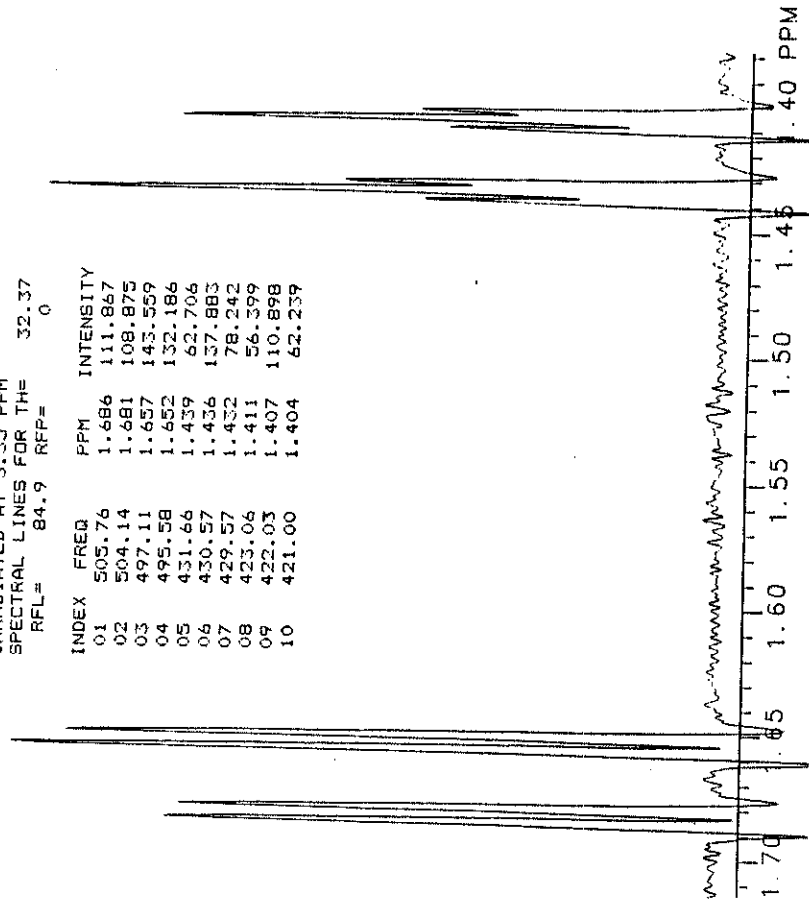


Figure 37 The Nuclear Magnetic Double Resonance Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

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04	741.80	2.473	57.691
05	736.09	2.454	98.245
06	734.29	2.448	100.523
07	725.76	2.420	81.448
08	723.88	2.413	80.788
09	613.63	2.046	72.603
*10	610.54	2.036	-36.117
11	609.69	2.033	194.809
12	605.68	2.019	79.712
13	595.71	1.986	66.656
14	591.73	1.973	132.298
15	587.73	1.960	65.957

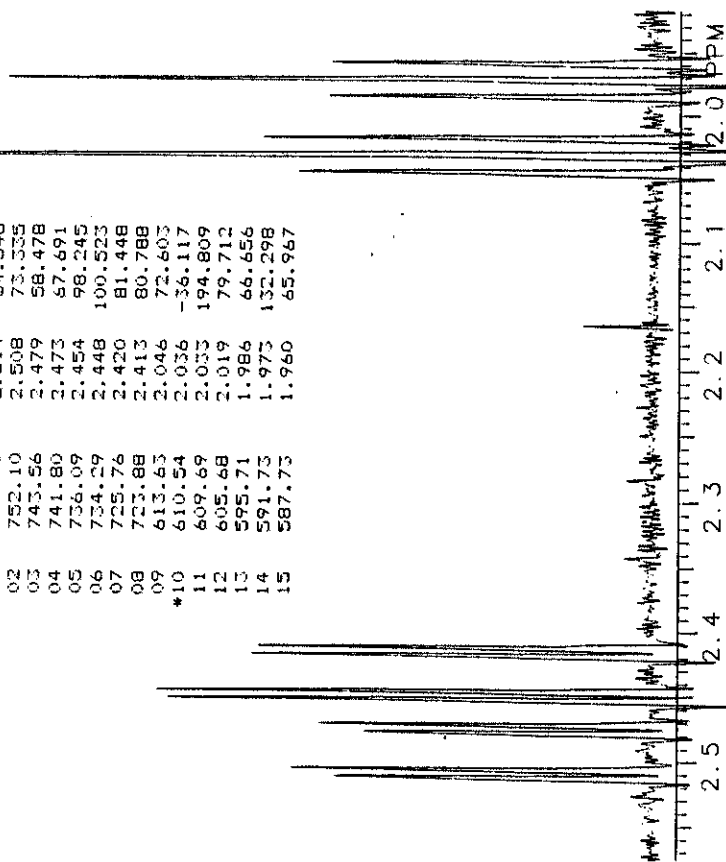


Figure 38 The Nuclear Magnetic Double Resonance Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

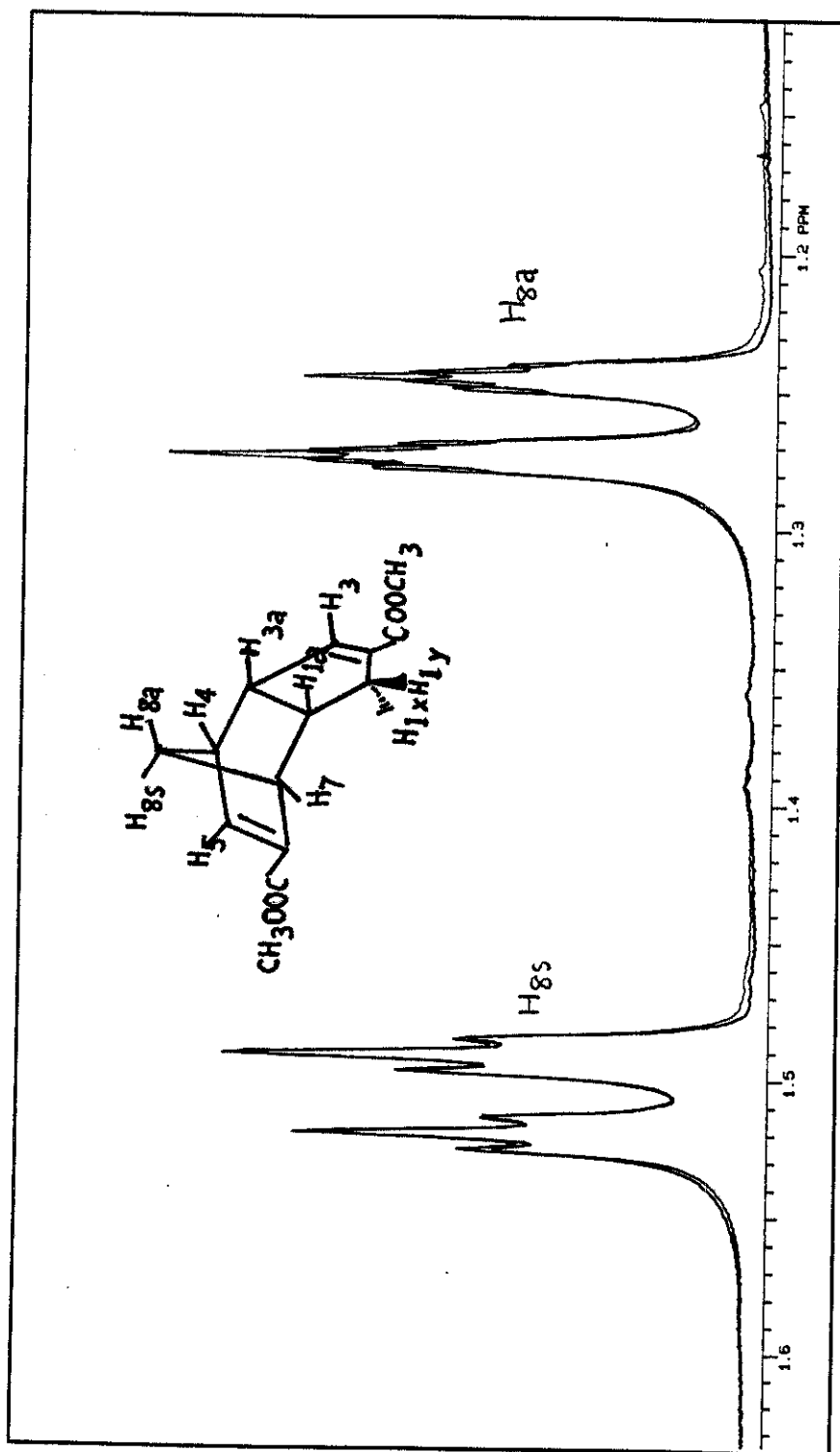


Figure 39 The Nuclear Magnetic Double Resonance Spectrum of Thiele's Ester.

Table 1. Coupling Constants Between The Protons  
of Thiele's Ester

Shift	2.97	2.01	2.47	6.51	3.51	3.14	6.85	3.35	1.68	1.43
Proton	1a	1x	1y	3	3a	4	5	7	8s	8a
1a	---	4.0	10.4	---	8.6	---	---	4.1	---	---
1x	4.0	---	17.9	2.2	4.0	---	---	---	---	---
1y	10.4	17.9	---	2.2	1.9	---	---	---	---	---
3	---	2.2	2.2	---	2.3	---	---	---	---	---
3a	8.6	4.0	1.9	2.3	---	4.6	---	---	---	---
4	---	---	---	---	4.6	---	3.3	1.4	1.8	1.4
5	---	---	---	---	---	3.3	---	1.1	---	1.0
7	4.1	---	---	---	---	1.4	1.1	---	1.8	1.4
8s	---	---	---	---	---	1.8	---	1.8	---	8.6
8a	---	---	---	---	---	1.4	1.0	1.4	8.6	---

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