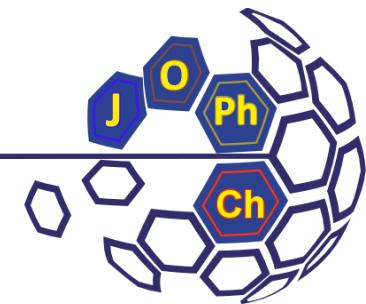


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Hydrolysis of Difluorocyclopropenes: the Role of the Cyclopropenyl Cation and the Effects of Substituents

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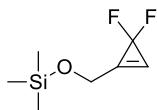
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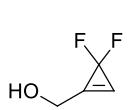
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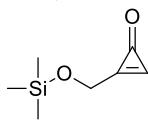
3,3-Difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-ylmethyl TMS-ether (1a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 0.14 (s, 9H).

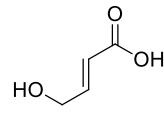
Conditions 4: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 18 h - **1a'**(60%)*, **2a**(25%)**, **3a**(15%)***, **4a**(5%****).



1a' *



2a**

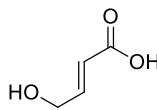


3a***

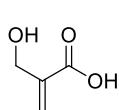
(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)methanol (1a'), 2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)methylcycloprop-2-en-1-one (2a) and (E)-4-hydroxybut-2-enoic acid (3a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.49 (s, 1H***), 8.53 (s, 1H**), 7.29 (s, 2H*), 6.91 – 6.80 (m, 1H***), 5.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H***), 4.76 (s, 2H**), 4.42 (s, 5H*), 4.18 (s, 1H***), 3.38 (s, 1H***).

Conditions 5: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 72 h - **3a**(95%)*, **4a**(5%)**.



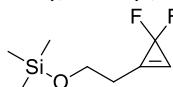
3a



4a

(E)-4-hydroxybut-2-enoic acid (3a) and 2-(hydroxymethyl)acrylic acid (4a)

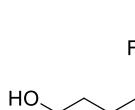
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.36 (s, 1H***), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H*), 6.22 (s, 1H**), 5.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H*), 5.82 (s, 1H**), 4.18 (s, 2H*), 3.80 (s, 1H**), 3.22 (s, 1H***).



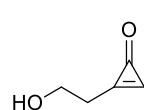
3,3-Difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-ylethyl TMS-ether (1b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 3.85 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 2.83 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 0.11 (s, 9H).

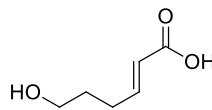
Conditions 4: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 18 h - **1b'**(40%)*, **2b**(45%)**, **3b**(12%)***, **4b**(3%****)



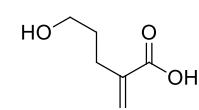
1b' *



2b**



3b***

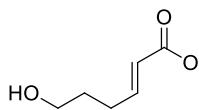


4b****

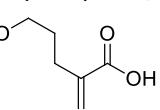
2-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (1b'), 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)cycloprop-2-en-1-one (2b), (E)-6-hydroxyhex-2-enoic acid (3b) and 5-hydroxy-2-methylenepentanoic acid (4b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.05 (s, 1H***+***+***+***), 8.52 (s, 2H*), 7.35 (s, 2H**), 6.89 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H***), 5.90 (s, 1H****), 5.82 – 5.71 (m, 2H***+***), 3.94 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H*), 3.80 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H**), 3.57 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H****), 3.47 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H***), 2.79 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H*), 2.75 – 2.62 (m, 3H***+***), 2.28 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H***).

Conditions 5: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 72 h - **3b**(72%)*, **4b**(28%)**.



3b*

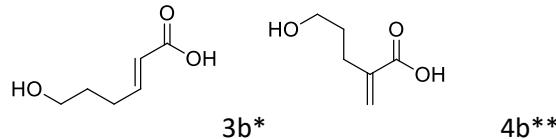


4b**

(E)-6-hydroxyhex-2-enoic acid (3b) and 5-hydroxy-2-methylenepentanoic acid (4b)

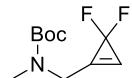
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.05 (s, 1H***), 6.89 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H*), 5.90 (s, 1H**), 5.79 (s, 1H**), 5.76 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H*), 3.57 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H**), 3.47 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H*), 2.67 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H**), 2.28 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H*).

Conditions 6: MeOH-H₂O(5:1) SiO₂, 60C, 18 h – **3b**(72%)*, **4b**(28%)**.



(E)-6-hydroxyhex-2-enoic acid (3b) and 5-hydroxy-2-methylenepentanoic acid (4b)

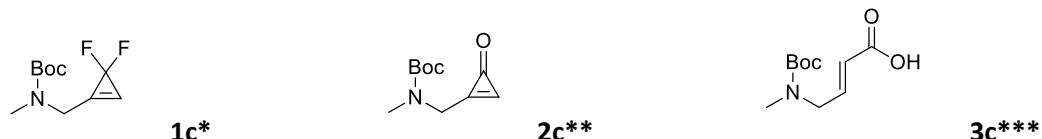
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.77 (s, 1H^{***}), 6.89 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H^{*}), 5.90 (s, 1H^{**}), 5.79 (s, 1H^{**}), 5.76 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H^{*}), 3.57 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H^{**}), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H^{*}), 2.67 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H^{**}), 2.28 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H^{*}).



N-Boc-N-methyl-N-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)methylamine (1c)

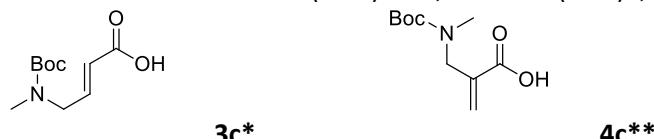
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

Conditions 4: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 18 h – **1c**(55%)*, **2c**(35%)**, **3c**(20%)***.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 10.46 (s, 1H^{***+***}), 7.88 (s, 1H^{**}), 7.21 (s, 1H^{*}), 6.89 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H^{***}), 5.80 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H^{***}), 3.97 – 3.78 (m, 2H^{***+***}), 3.58 (s, 2H^{**}), 3.08 – 2.92 (m, 3H^{***+***}), 2.81 (s, 3H^{***}), 1.53 – 1.29 (m, 9H^{***+***+***}).

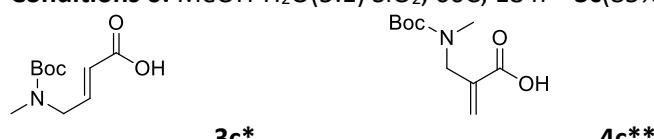
Conditions 5: MeOH-H₂O(10:1) SiO₂, 72 h – **3c**(84%)*, **4c**(16%)**.



(E)-4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino)but-2-enoic acid (3c) and 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino)methylacrylic acid (4c)

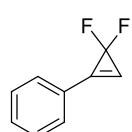
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 10.87 (s, 1H^{***}), 6.89 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H^{*}), 6.25 (s, 1H^{**}), 5.80 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H^{*}), 5.52 (s, 1H^{**}), 4.08 – 3.88 (m, 2H^{***+***}), 2.90 – 2.73 (m, 3H^{***+***}), 1.50 – 1.30 (m, 9H^{***+***}).

Conditions 6: MeOH-H₂O(5:1) SiO₂, 60C, 18 h – **3c**(85%)*, **4c**(15%)**.



(E)-4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino)but-2-enoic acid (3c) and 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino)methylacrylic acid (4c)

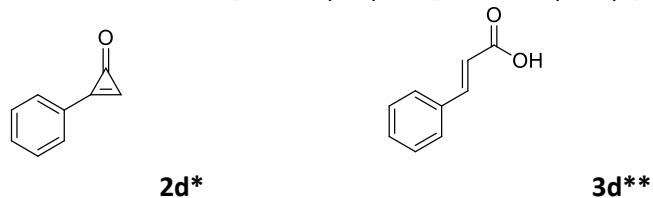
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 10.85 (s, 1H^{***}), 6.89 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H^{*}), 6.25 (s, 1H^{**}), 5.80 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H^{*}), 5.52 (s, 1H^{**}), 4.10 – 3.83 (m, 2H^{***+***}), 2.91 – 2.71 (m, 3H^{***+***}), 1.51 – 1.32 (m, 9H^{***+***}).



(3,3-difluoro-cycloprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (1d)

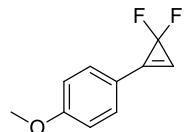
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H).

Conditions 2: DCM/MeOH(1:1) SiO₂, 18h - **2d** (40%)*, **3d** (60%)**



2-phenylcycloprop-2-en-1-one (2d) and cinnamic acid (3d)

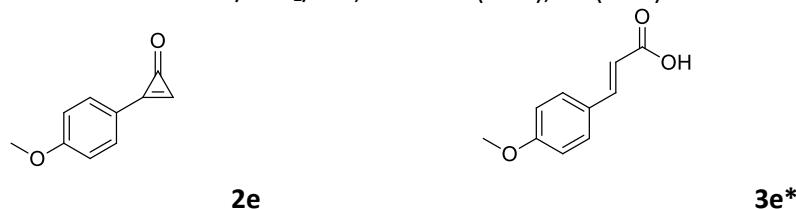
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.50 (s, 1H)**, 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 2H)*, 7.80 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H)**, 7.60 (s, 1H)*, 7.55 (m, 4H)****, 7.41 (br. s, 4H)****, 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H)**.



1-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (1e)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

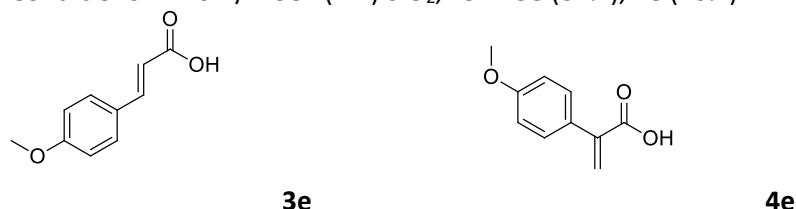
Conditions 1: DCM/ SiO₂/ Air, 18h – **2e** (80%), **3e** (20%)*



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cycloprop-2-en-1-one (2e) and (E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid (3e)

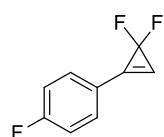
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 10.43 (s, 1H)*, 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H)*, 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H)*, 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H)*, 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H)*, 6.32 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H)*, 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H)*.

Conditions 2: DCM/MeOH(1:1) SiO₂, 18h - **3e** (82%), **4e** (16%)*



(E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid (3e) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid (4e)*

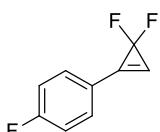
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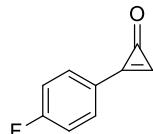
1-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene (1f)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.67 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.18 (t, 2H).

Conditions 2: DCM/MeOH(1:1) SiO₂, 18h – **1f**(75%), **2f**(25%)*

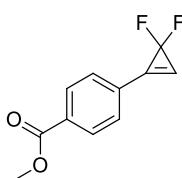


1f



2f*

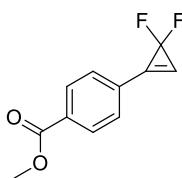
1-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzene (1f) and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)cycloprop-2-en-1-one (2f)
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.47 (s, 1H)*, 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H)*, 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H).



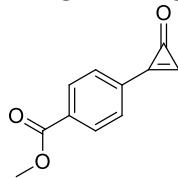
methyl 4-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (1g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H).

Conditions 2: DCM/MeOH(1:1) SiO₂, 18h – **1g**(80%), **2g**(20%)*



1g



2g*

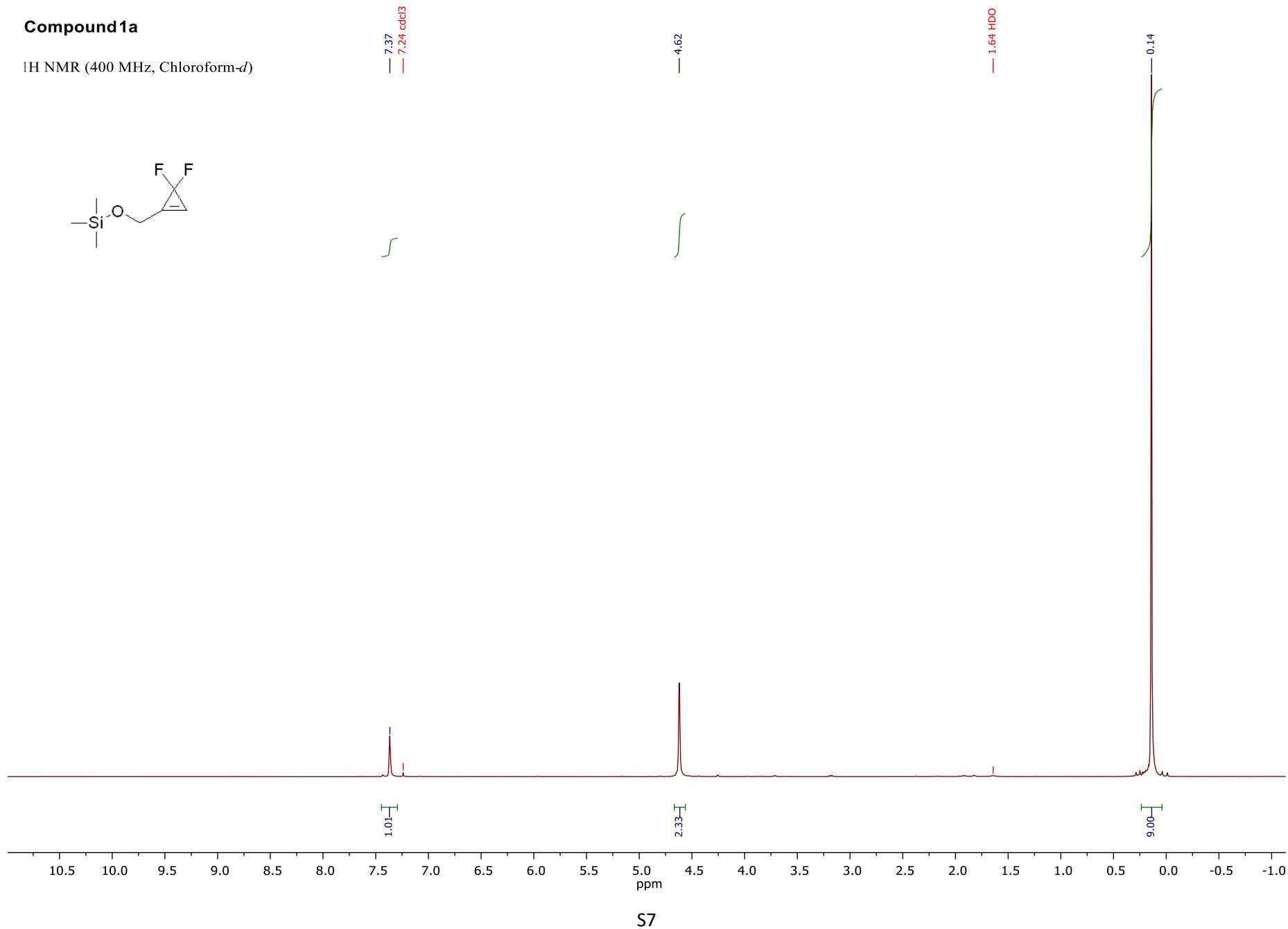
methyl 4-(3,3-difluorocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (1g) and methyl 4-(3-oxocycloprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.25 (s, 1H)*, 8.08 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2H)*, 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 4H (2H+2H*)), 7.60 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H)*, 3.90 (s, 3H).

¹H NMR Spectra

Compound 1a

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)



— 12.49

— 8.81

— 8.53

— 7.29
— 7.23 CDCl₃

— 6.86

— 5.87

— 4.76

— 4.42
— 4.18
— 4.02

— 3.38

— 3.22 HDO

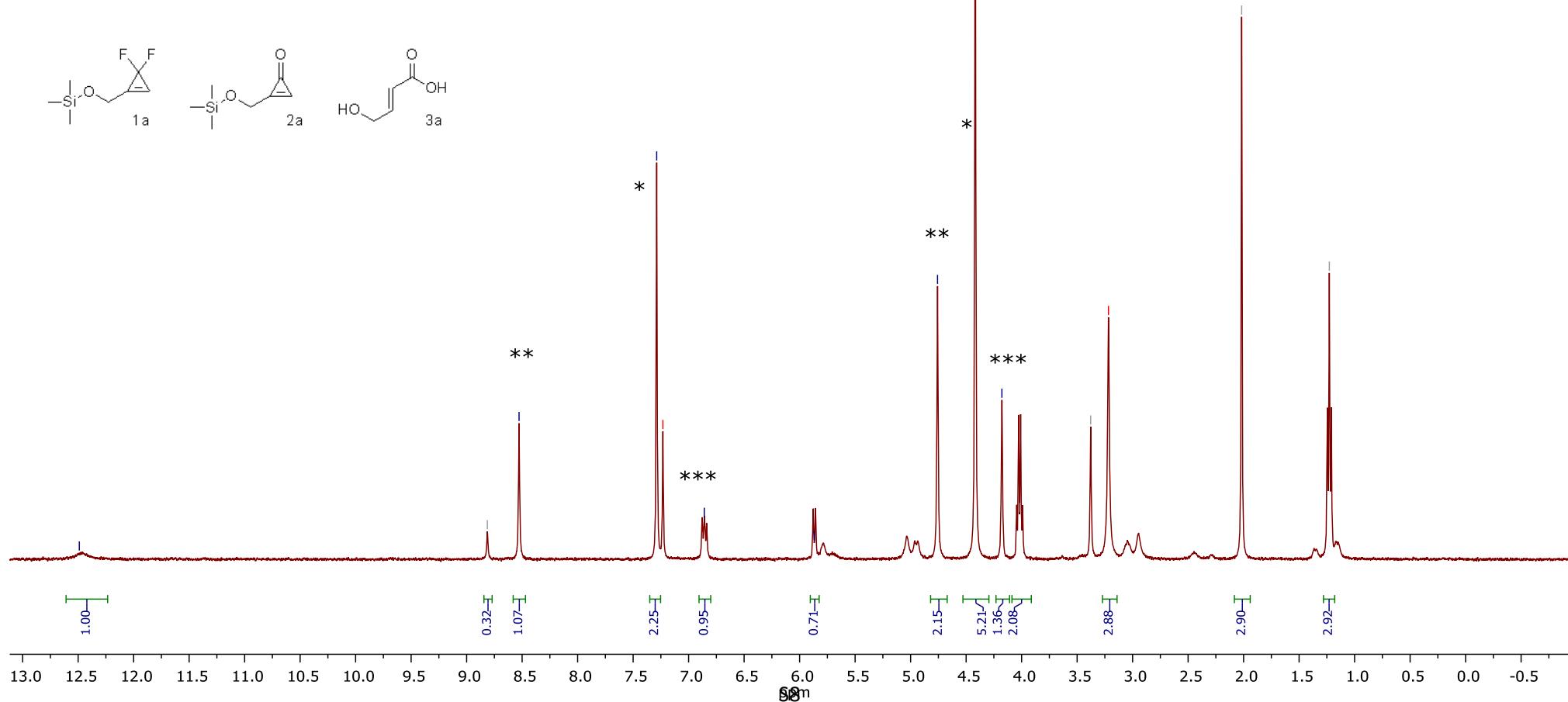
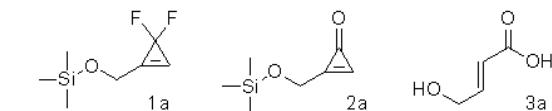
— 2.02

— 1.23

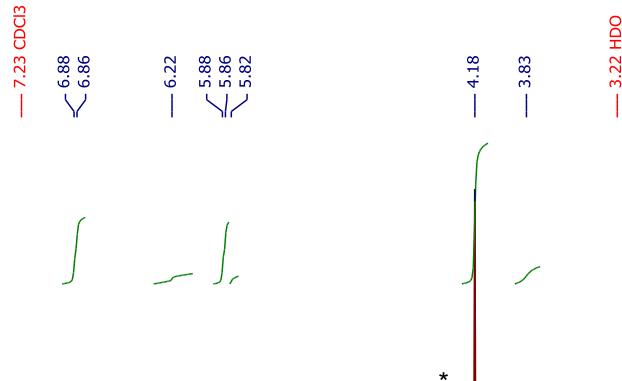
Compounds 1'a(60%)*, 2a(25%), 3a(15%)*****

Reaction conditions 4: MeOH/H₂O (10:1), SiO₂/ 18h

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)



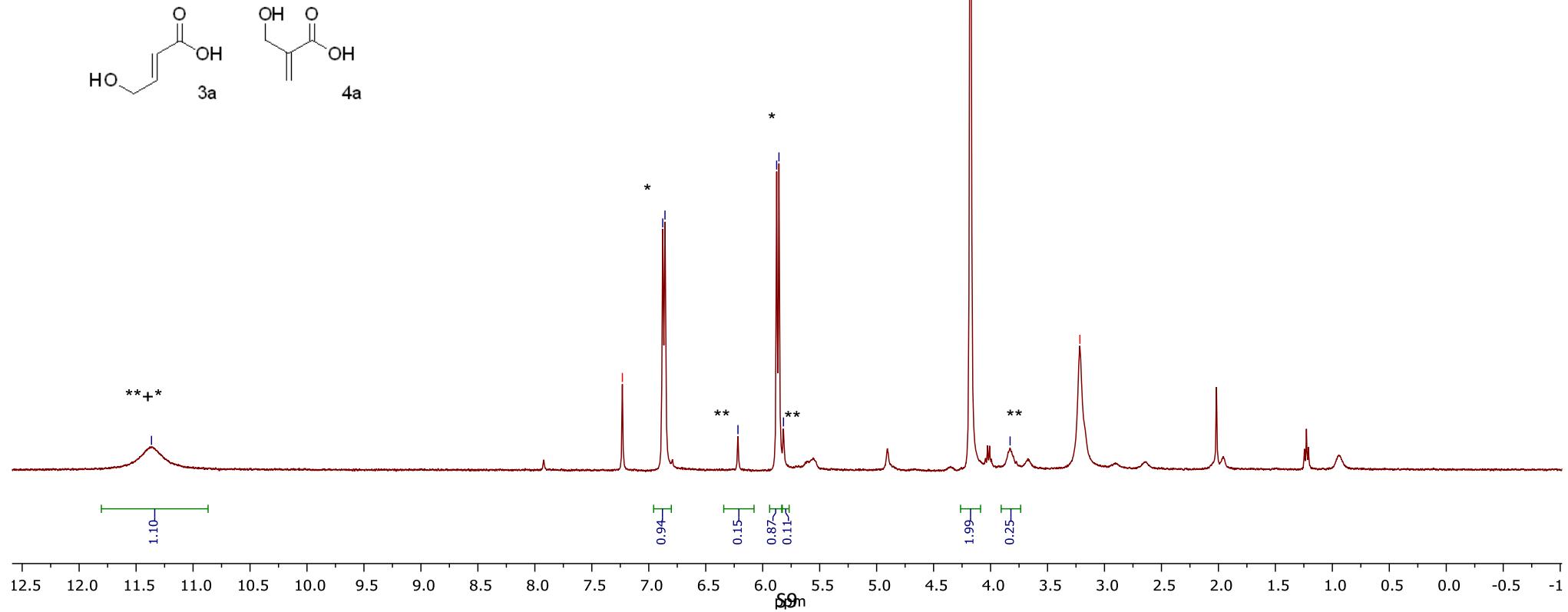
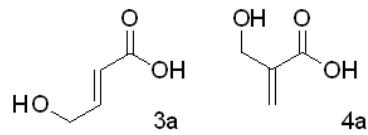
— 11.36



Compounds 3a(95%)*, 4a(5%)**

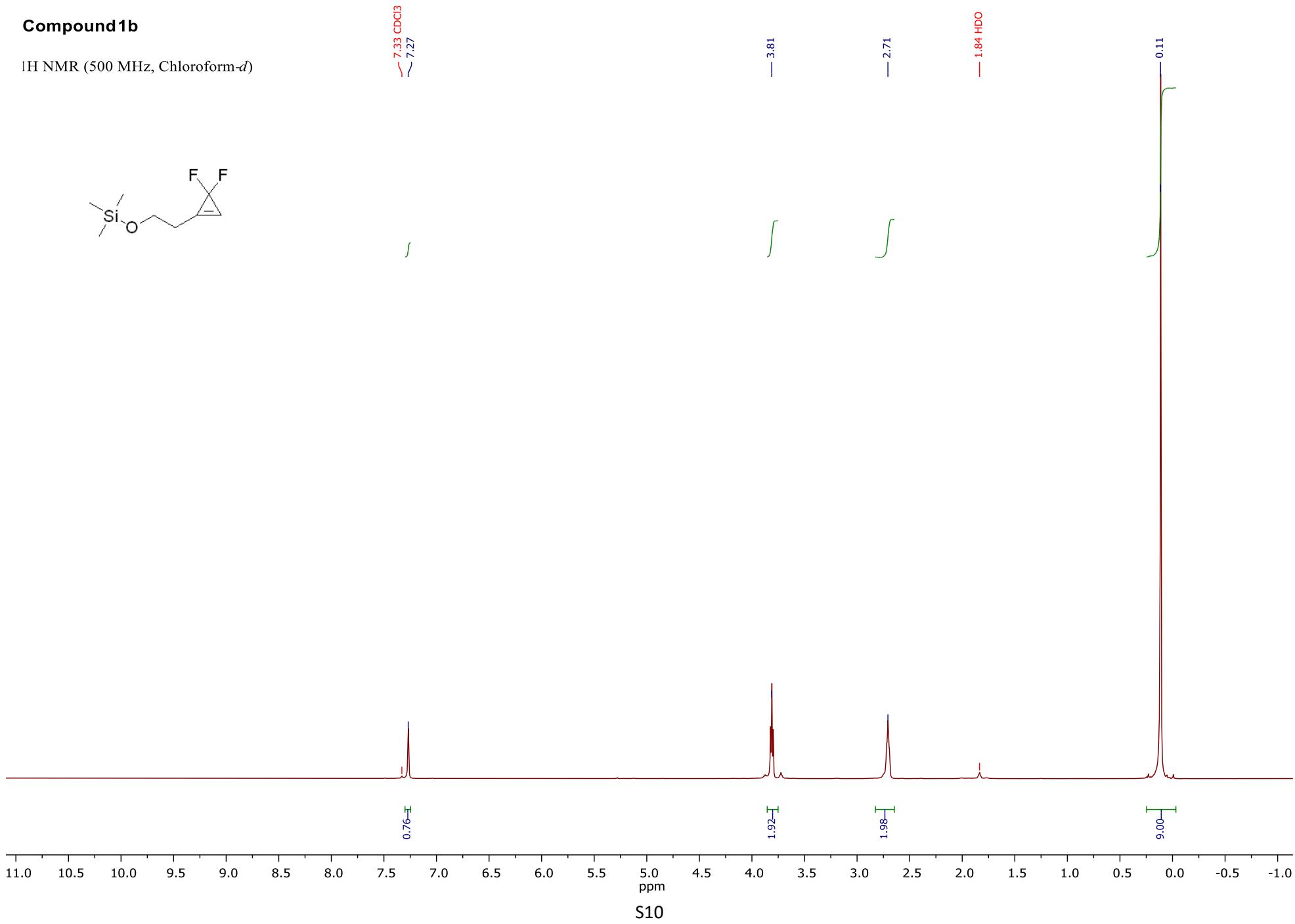
Reaction conditions 5: MeOH/²H₂O (10:1), SiO₂/ 72h

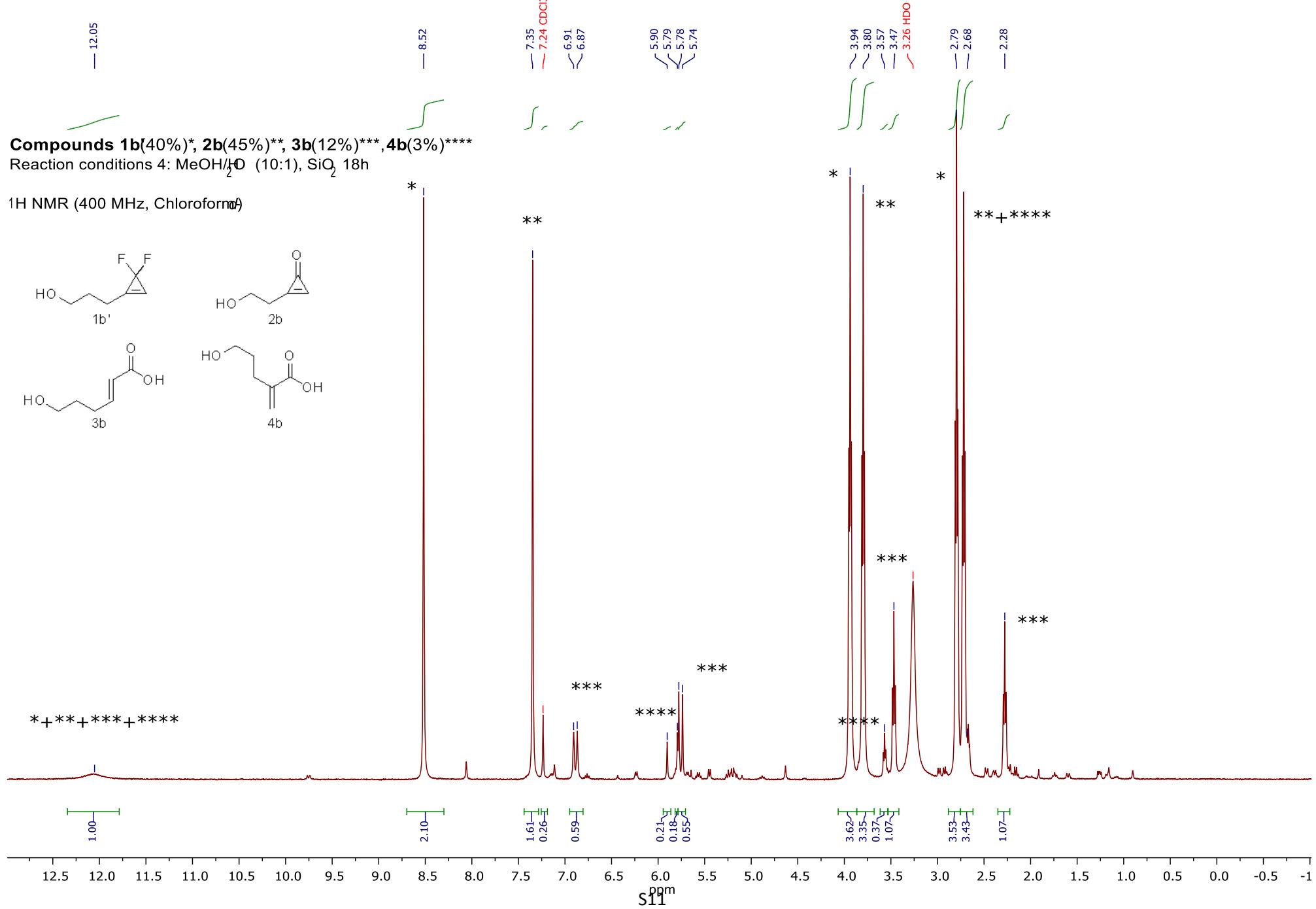
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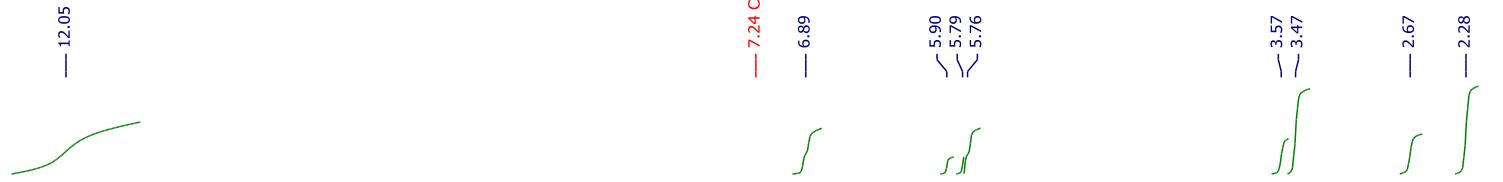


Compound 1b

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)



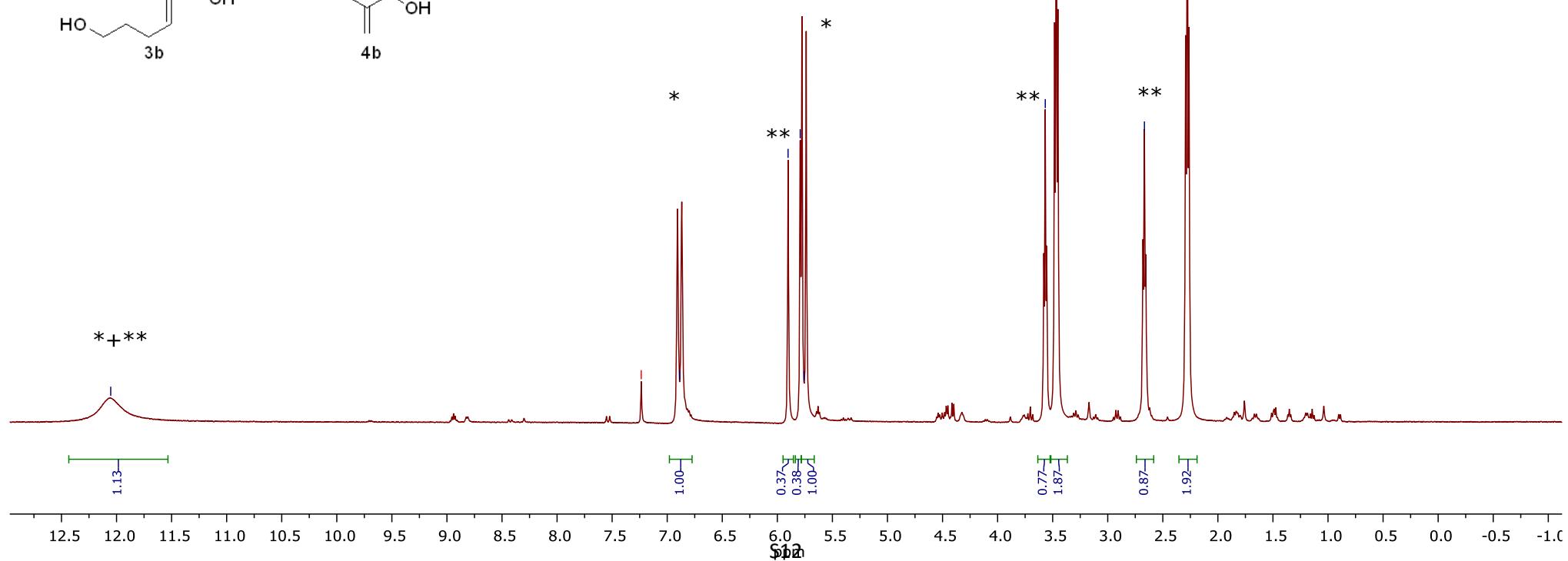
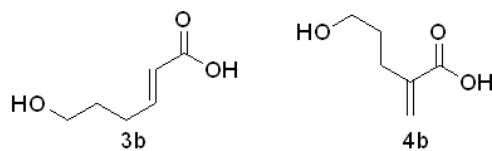


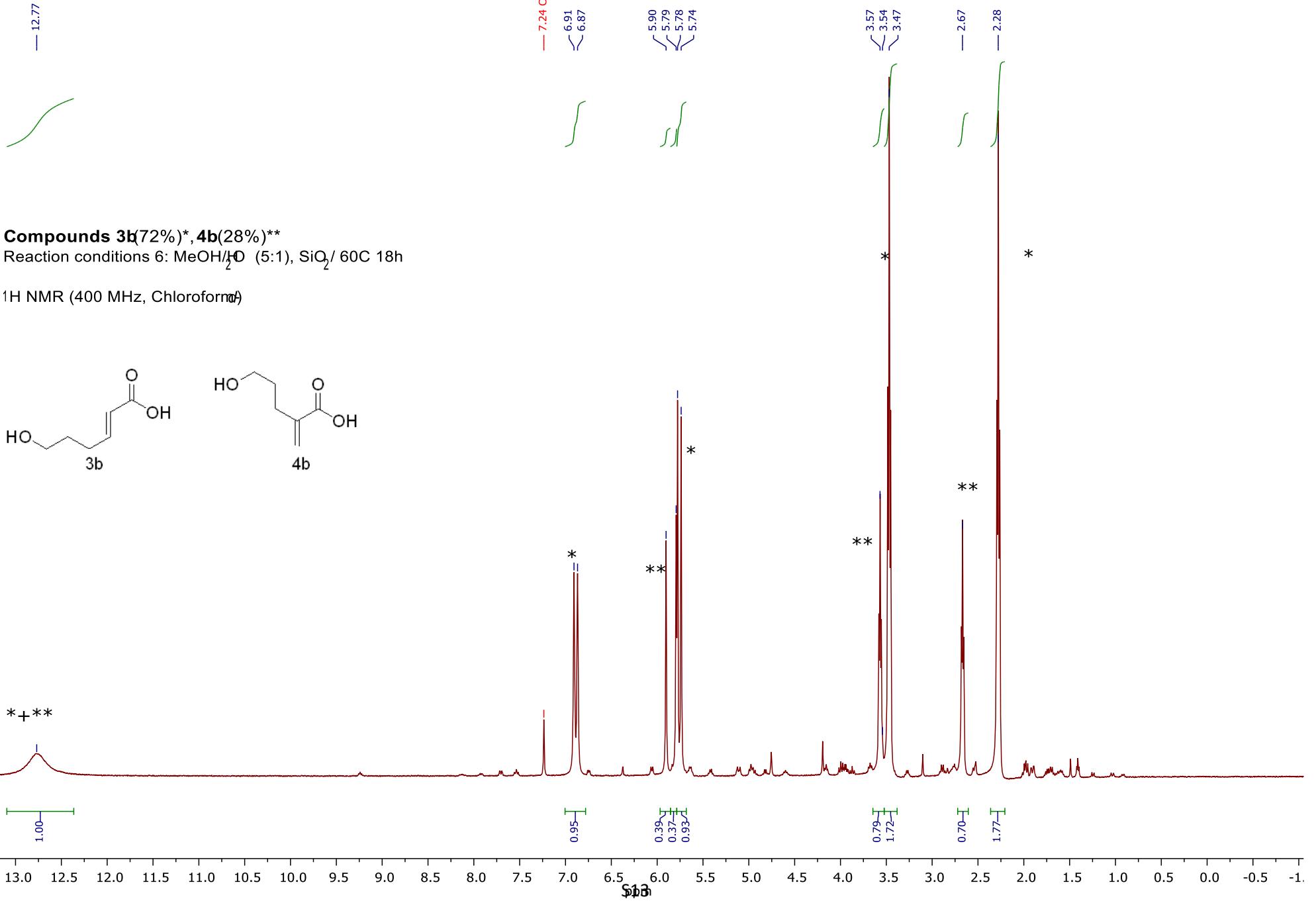


Compounds 3b(72%)*, 4b(28)**

Reaction conditions 5: MeOH/H₂O (10:1), SiO₂ / 72h

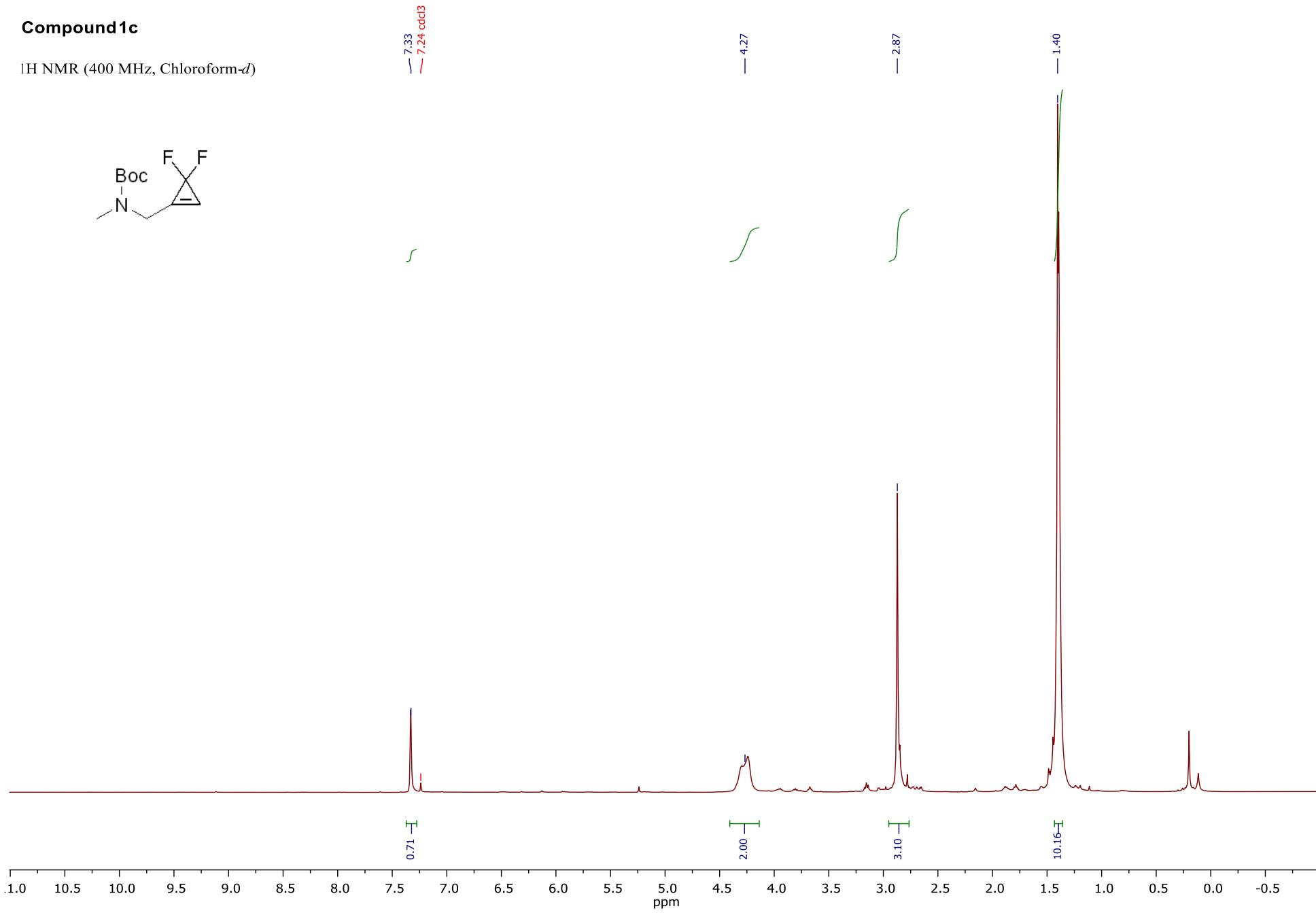
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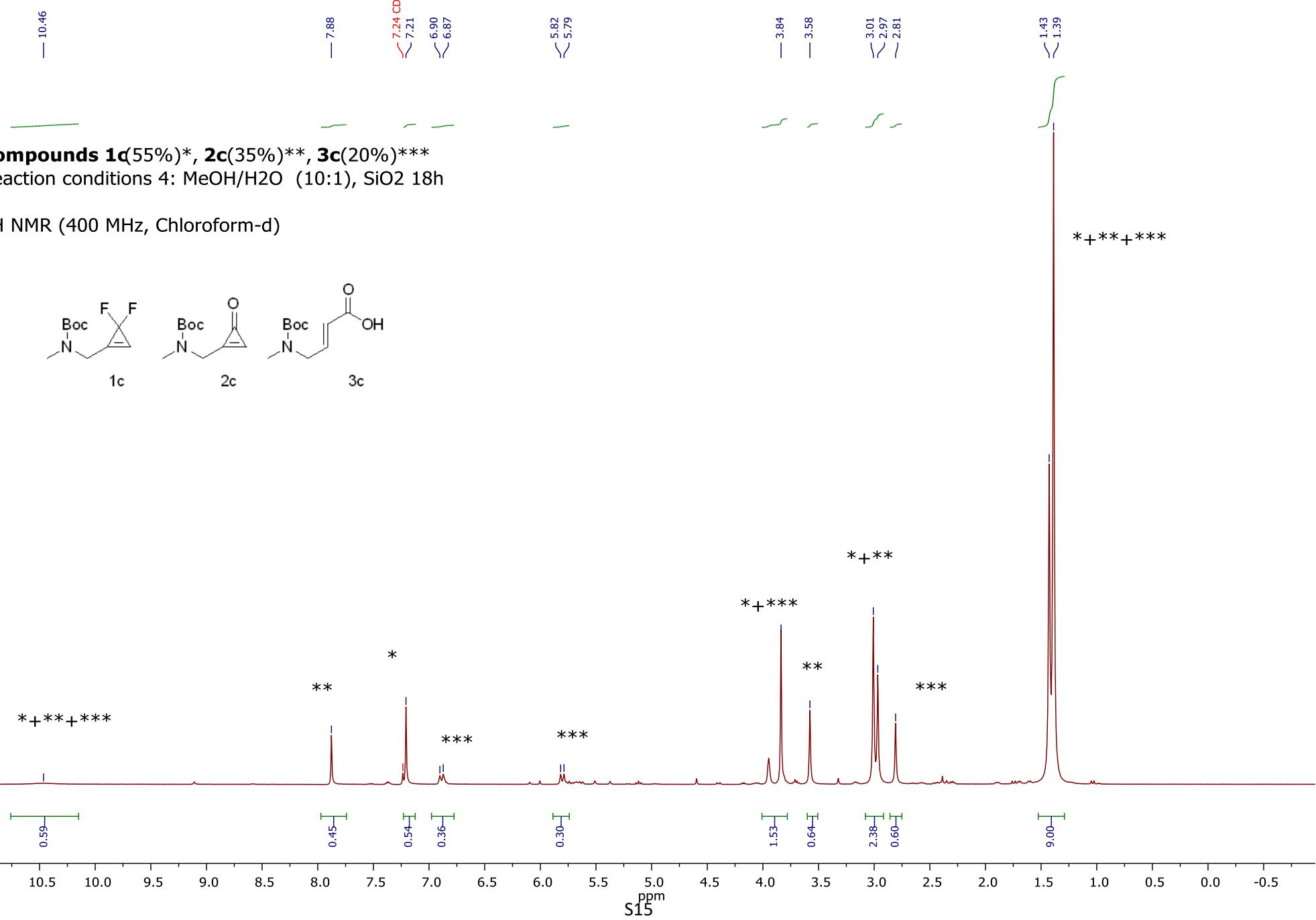




Compound 1c

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)





— 10.87

— 7.23 CDCl₃

— 6.90

— 6.87

— 6.25

— 5.82

— 5.79

— 5.52

— 3.96

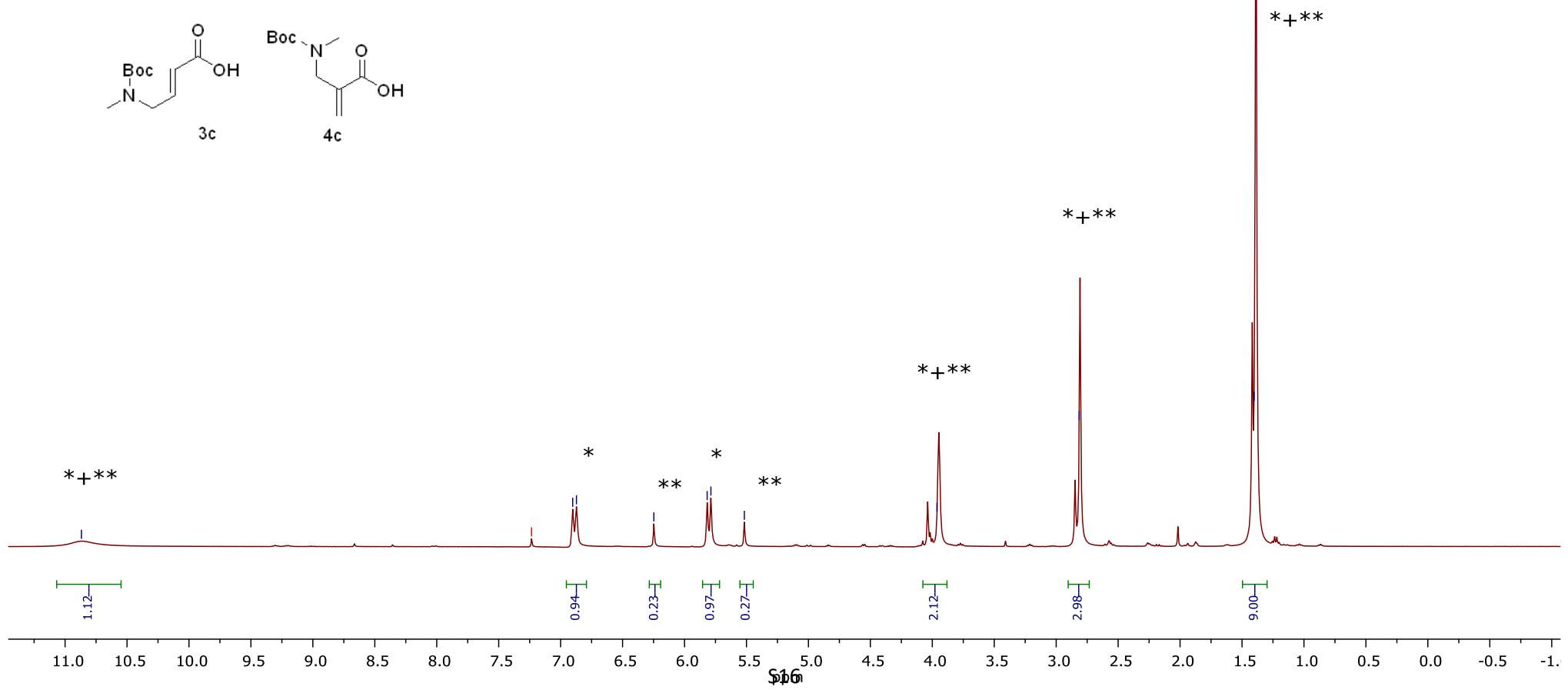
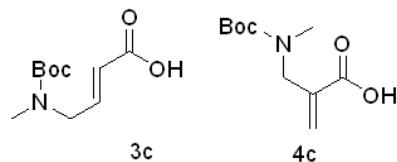
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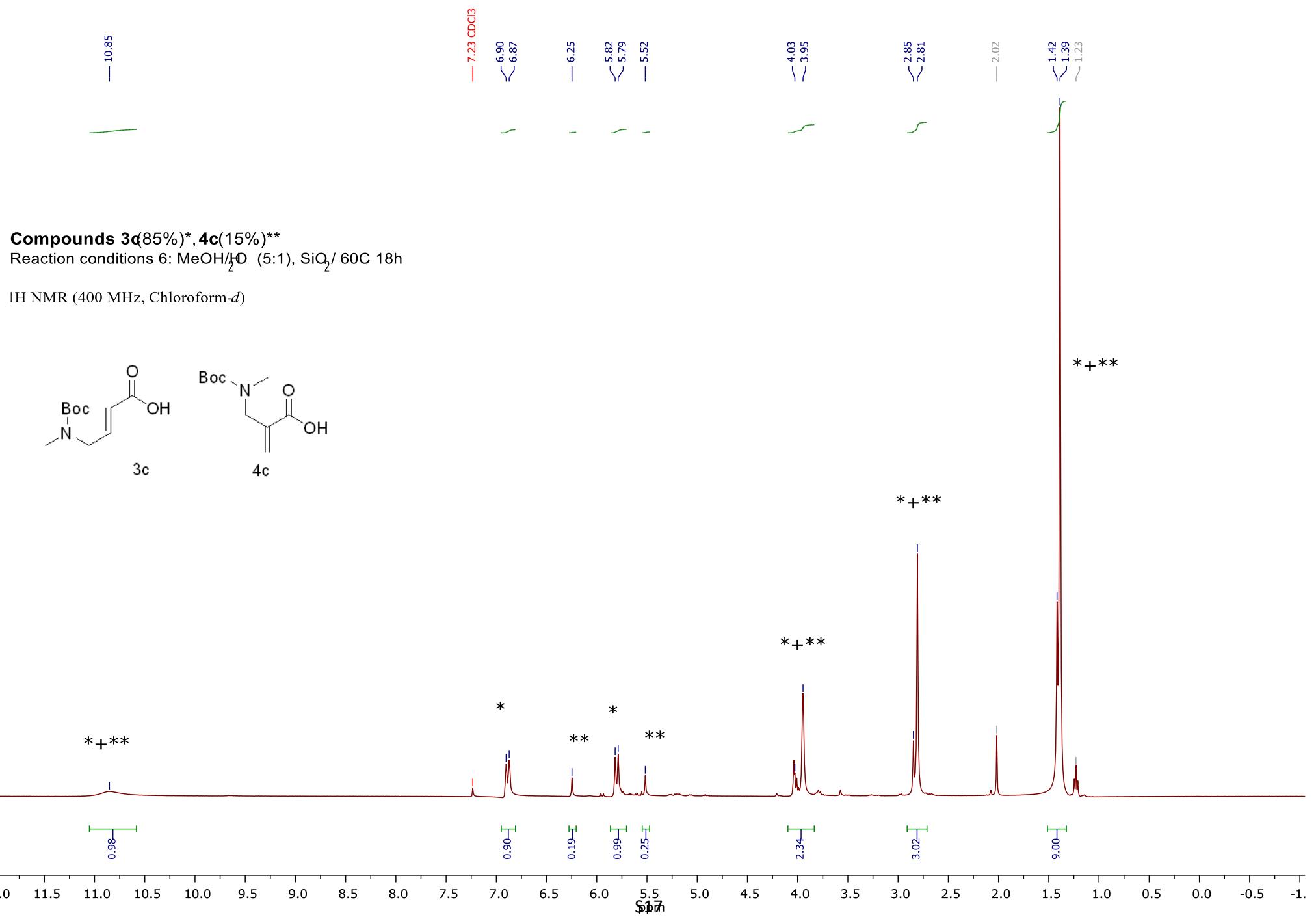
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Compounds 3c(84%)*, 4c(16%)**

Reaction conditions 5: MeOH/H₂O (10:1), SiO₂, 72h

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)

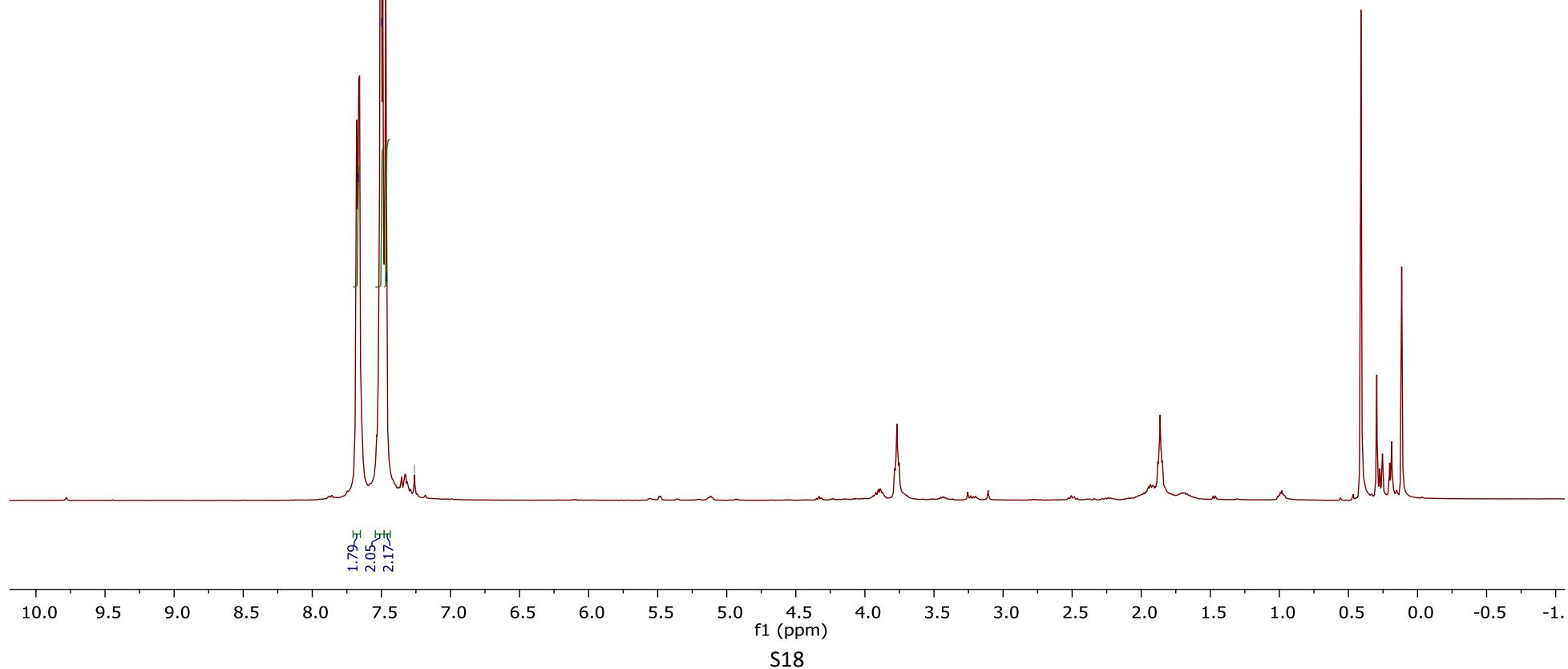
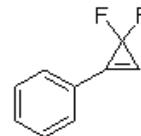


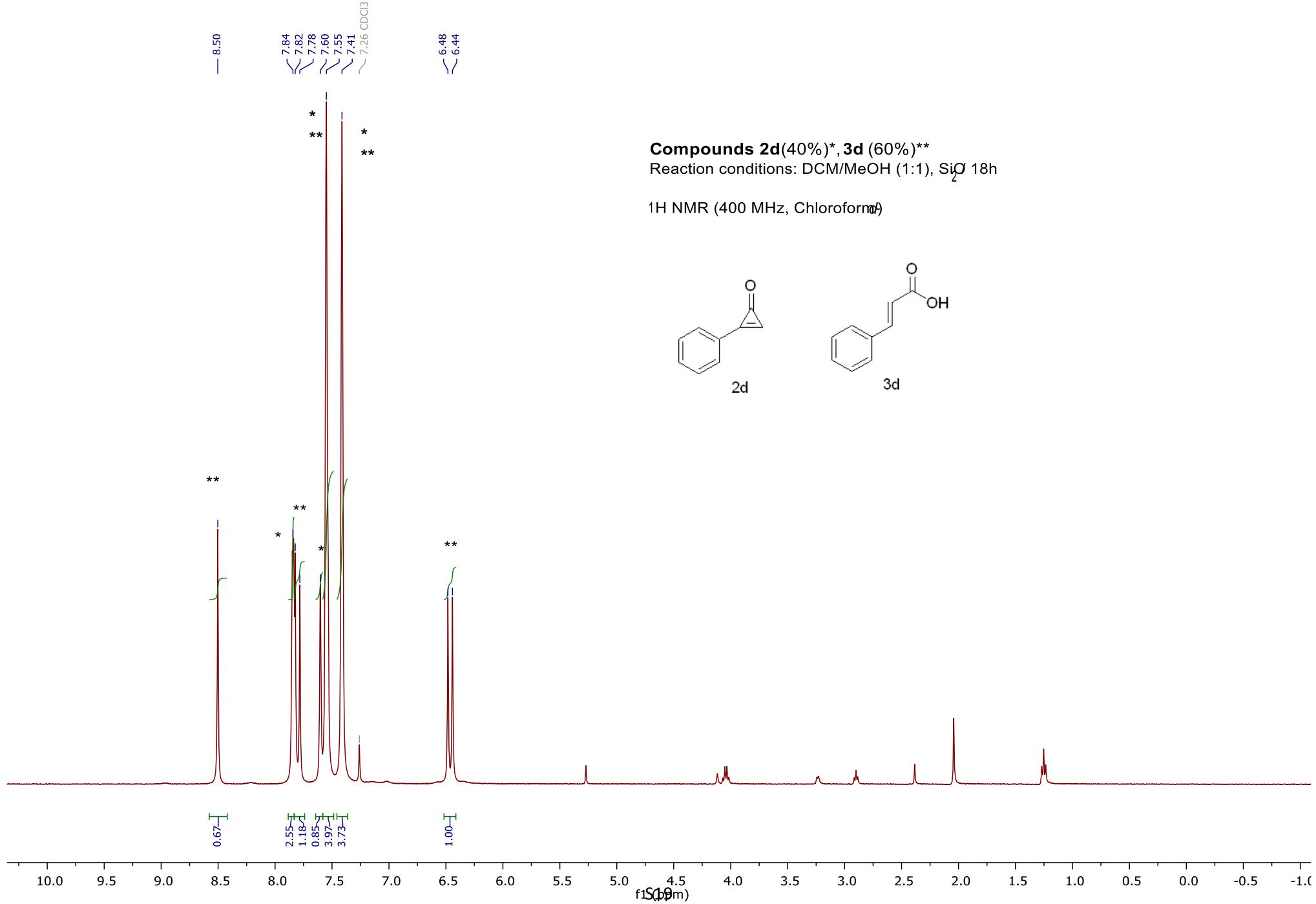


— 7.67
— 7.50
— 7.46
— 7.26 CDCl₃

Compound 1d

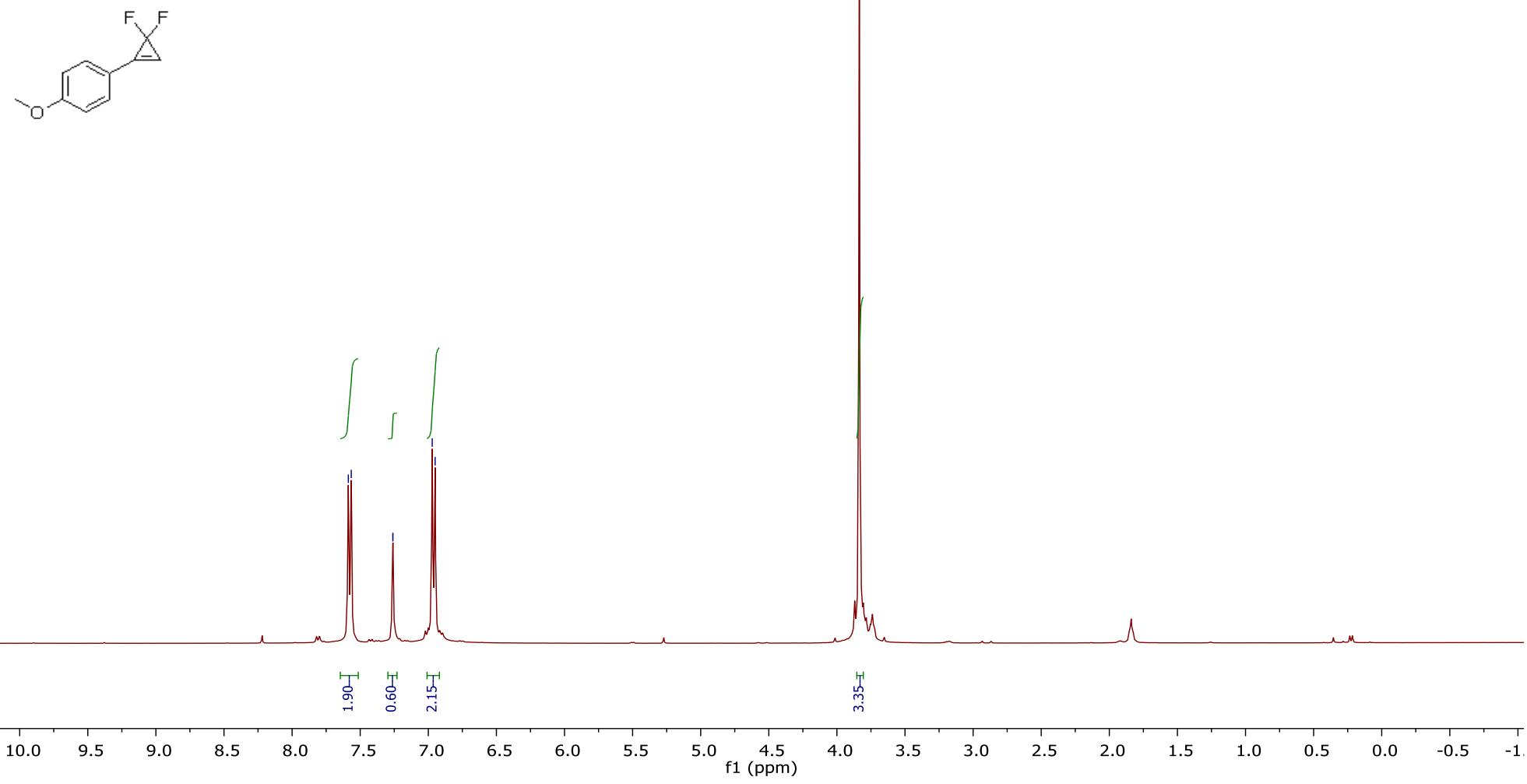
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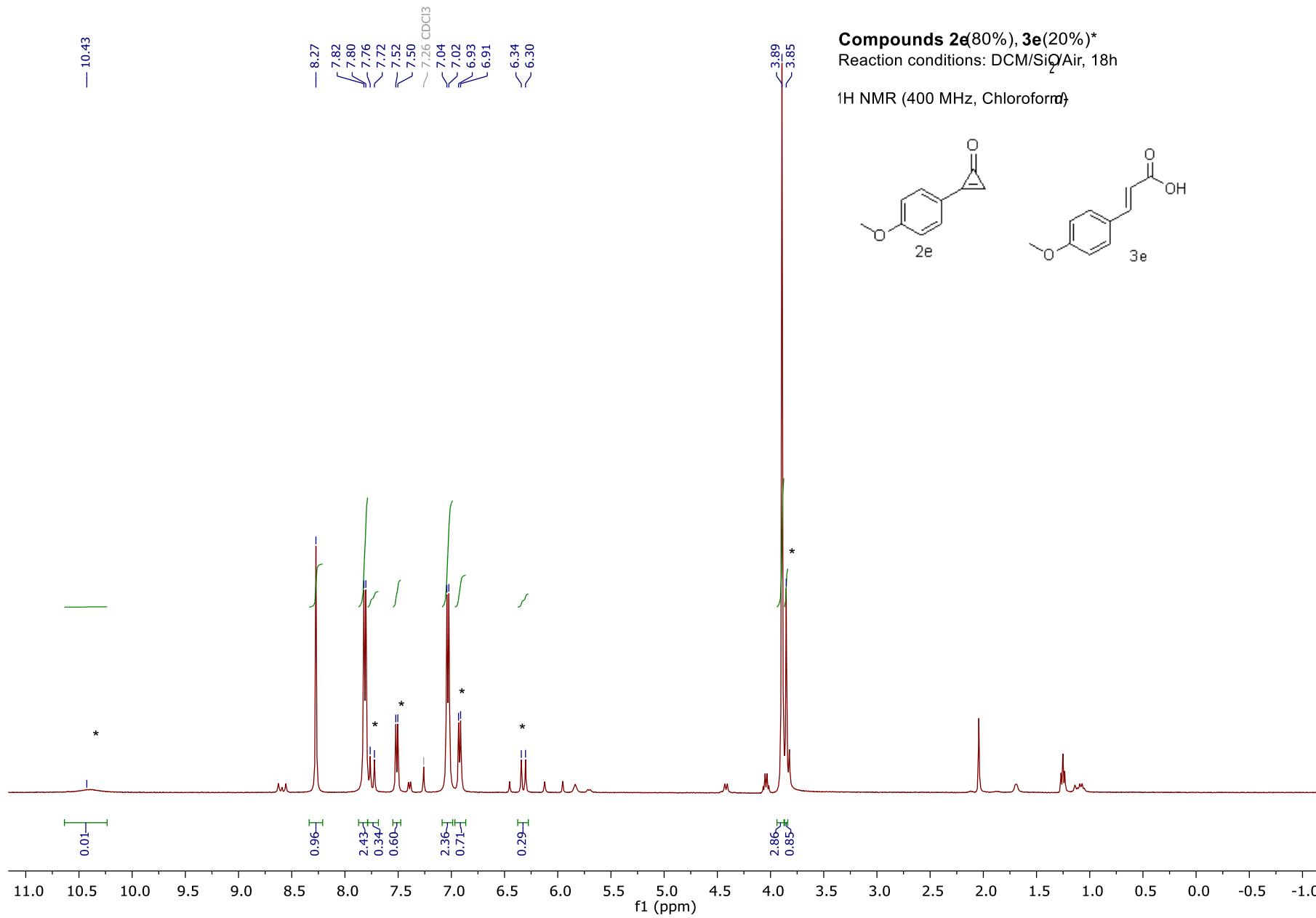




Compound 1e

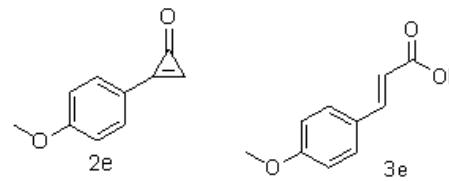
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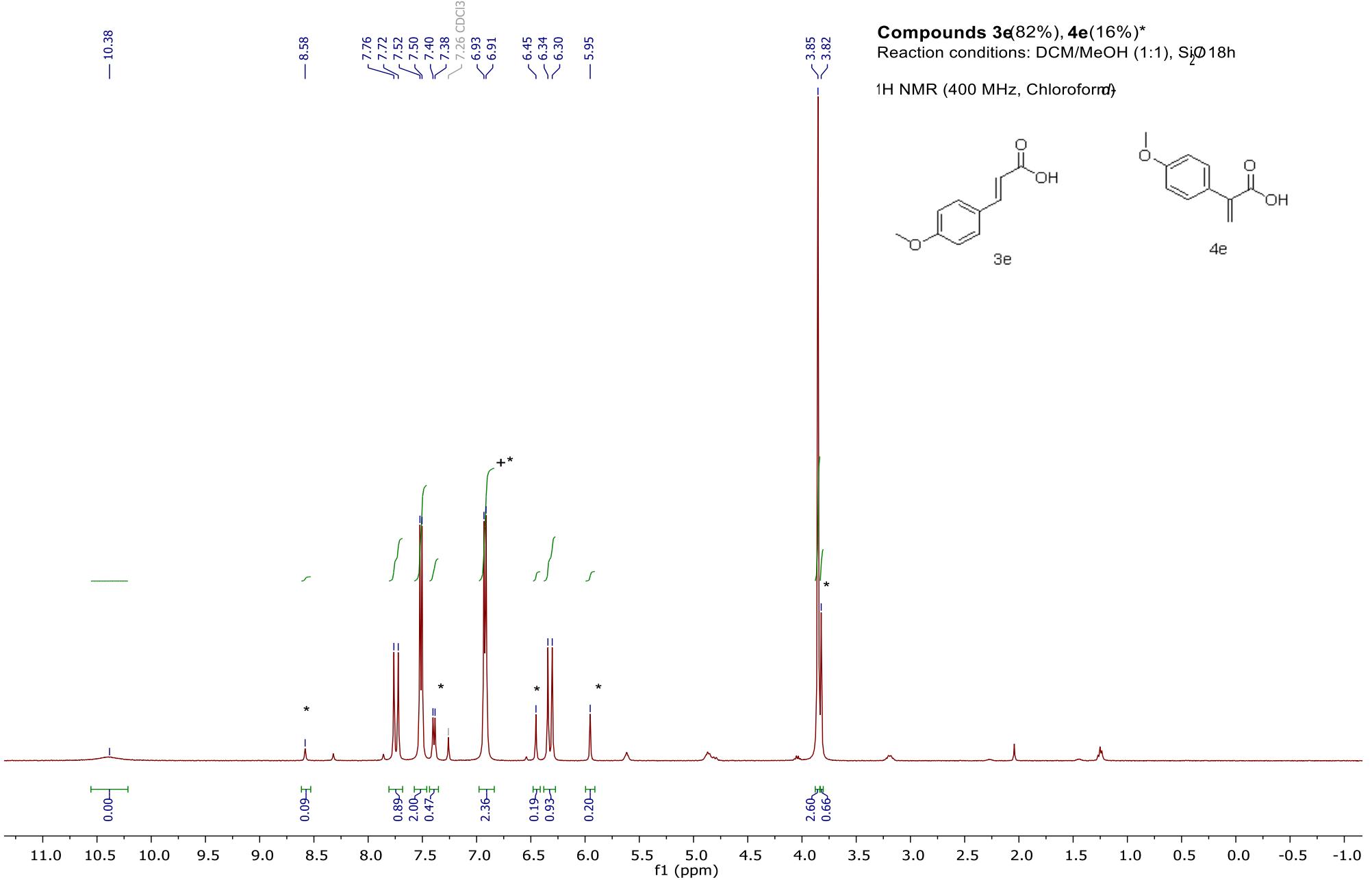




Compounds 2e(80%), 3e(20%)*

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)





Compound 1f

^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)

