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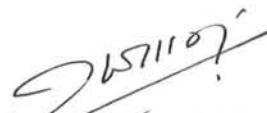
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*Allah will exalt those who believe among you and  
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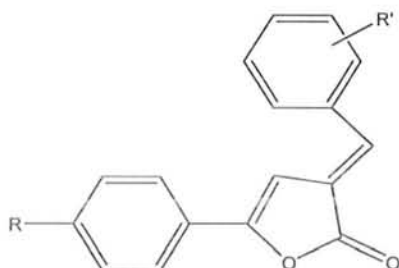
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Butenolides and their derivatives are known to possess a wide range of biological activities. In the present work two series of butenolides were synthesized pertaining to 26 compounds in total. These consist of seventeen compounds of A-series ie 2-arylidene-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides and nine compounds of B-series ie 2-arylidene-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides. These compounds were synthesized by condensing 3-(4-substituted benzoyl)propionic acid with appropriate aromatic aldehydes in the presence of triethyl amine in acetic anhydride. These compounds were purified by using recrystallization and were characterized completely on the basis of their physical and spectral data (IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, Mass) as well as elemental analysis results. The general structure of the synthesized compounds and their names are as follows:



A-Series 2-Arylidene-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides

B-Series 2-Arylidene-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides

### A-Series:

<b>BO2C</b>	2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4C</b>	2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO3B</b>	2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4B</b>	2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO2F</b>	2-(2-Florobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO3F</b>	2-(3-Florobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4F</b>	2-(4-Florobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide

<b>BO2M</b>	2-(2-Methoxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO3M</b>	2-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4E</b>	2-(4-Ethoxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO2H</b>	2-(2-Hydroxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO3H</b>	2-(3-Hydroxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4H</b>	2-(4-Hydroxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO2N</b>	2-(2-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO3N</b>	2-(3-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4N</b>	2-(4-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BO4T</b>	2-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide

**B-Series:**

<b>BBO2C</b>	2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO4C</b>	2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO3B</b>	2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO4F</b>	2-(4-Florobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO3M</b>	2-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO2H</b>	2-(2-Hydroxybenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO3N</b>	2-(3-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO4N</b>	2-(4-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide
<b>BBO4T</b>	2-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide

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## CHAPTER #1

# **INTRODUCTION**



## Chapter – 1

# INTRODUCTION

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Organic synthesis has a long history that can be traced back to ancient times, although it was not recognized as such, due to lack of scientific knowledge. As a science, arguably the synthesis of urea by Wöhler in the year 1828 is the beginning of organic synthesis. This synthesis was followed by other milestones such as synthesis of acetic acid (Kolbe, 1885), glucose (Fisher, 1890),  $\alpha$ -terpineols (Perkin, 1904), camphor (Komppa, 1903), torpinone (Robinson, 1917), quinine (Woodward, 1944), and many other natural products (K.C. Nicolaou et al. 2000).<sup>1</sup> Today, organic synthesis can be broadly divided into two main parts: target oriented (total synthesis) and method oriented. The target oriented molecule can be a natural product or a designed molecule.

The organic chemist is free to imagine and design unlimited numbers of new molecules never seen before either in nature or in the laboratory. This molecular design process is often guided by the particular interests of the chemist and can be aided by molecular modeling studies. These designed molecules can be of theoretical, physical, material science or biological interest. Undoubtedly, the most fertile area of molecular design for the organic chemist is that of biologically interesting molecules. Frequently the designed molecules are based on the structures of bioactive natural products (natural product analogue) or a completely imagined molecule targeted towards a specific biological action. Today molecular design, chemical synthesis and the biological evaluation is a powerful multidisciplinary approach to drug discovery and development. For this reason it has been a great challenge for a synthetic chemist to synthesize analogues of natural products.

From the last twenty years there has been a lot of work directed towards the heterocyclic groups as special substituents in biologically active molecules. Natural and synthetic compounds bearing heterocyclic functionality are endowed with large spectrum of biological properties ranging from enzyme inhibitions to insecticidal, antifungal, herbicidal, antimicrobial, antibiotic, antibacterial, antitumor and antiviral activities (J. Salaun et al. 1995).<sup>2</sup>

Organic synthesis is the preparation of the desired compound from readily available materials. Synthesis is one of the major areas of organic chemistry. A synthesis

may be a simple one-step reaction, or it may involve many steps and incorporate a subtle strategy for assembling the correct carbon skeleton with all the functional groups in the right positions.

The organic synthesis involves the development of new synthetic methodology and asymmetric processes and their application to the synthesis of natural products, enzyme inhibitors and related compounds of biological, pharmaceutical, polymers and agrochemical research interest.

## 1.1 Butenolides

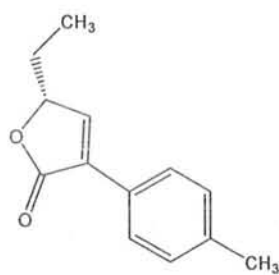
Butenolides consist of unsaturated  $\gamma$ -lactone rings which are also known as 2, 3 and 2, 5-dihydrofuran-2-ones. They have natural as well as synthetic source and are known to possess interesting biological activities. They are valuable synthetic intermediates and key structural subunits of a variety of natural products. They are typical products of a polyketide biochemical synthesis pathway.

## 1.2 Significance of Butenolides

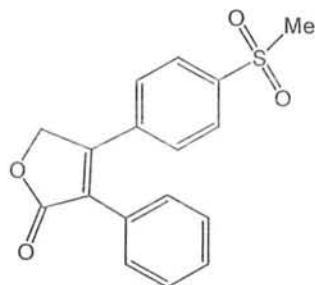
Butenolides and their derivatives are known to possess interesting biological properties which include anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antimicrobial, antitumor, cardiotoxic, anticonvulsant etc (A. Husain et al. 2005).<sup>3</sup>

The butenolide system as present in many cardiac glycosides shows strong oral cardiotoxic activity. Physiological activity of the natural lactones is ever known since santonin was used as an important anthelmintic and ascaricidal agent (A. Husain et al. 2005).<sup>4</sup>

Molecules possessing the 2(5H)-furanone moiety, a frequently found substructure in natural products and biologically active compounds, have received considerable attention in the contexts of plant protection, anti-fungal, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory agents. Especially interesting in this regard are incrustoporin (1) and rofecoxib (2) (Vioxx<sup>R</sup>), which exhibit potent fungicidal and selective COX-II inhibitory activity, respectively (Y.S. Song et al. 2006).<sup>5</sup>

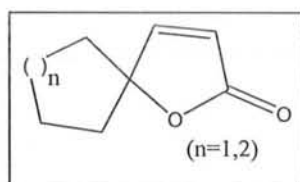


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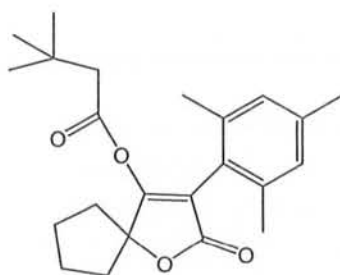


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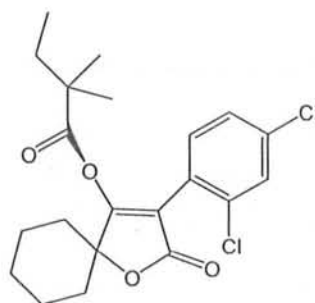
Among the plethora of heterocyclic subunits present in biologically active natural or synthetic products, spirobutenolides occupy a central position. In addition, the unusually high number of molecules displaying useful biological activities and embodying the basic structure of (a) further illustrates the unique properties of this class of compounds. Representative examples including manmade molecules, such as the remarkably active acaricides and insecticides spiromesifen (3), spiroadiclofen (4) and the spirocyclic neuropeptide Y antagonist and naturally occurring substances, such as spirofragilide (5) or the recently isolated lambertellol A (6), are shown below (N. Malulide et al. 2006).<sup>6</sup>



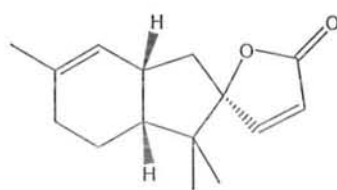
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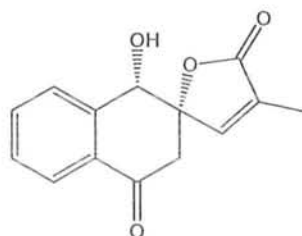
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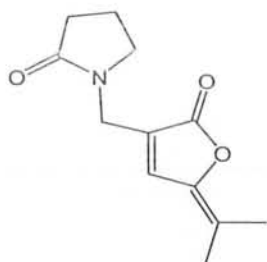


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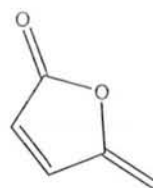


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Uncinine (7) is a novel butenolide alkaloid, isolated from *Artabotrys uncinatus*, a plant used as a traditional folk medicine in Taiwan in the treatment of nasopharyngeal carcinoma. Its structural features, namely the combination of the  $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolide and pyrrolidinone fragments, promise potentially interesting biological activity. Firstly, the presence of the pyrrolidin-2-one moiety is a characteristic of piracetam-derived cognitive enhancers and, secondly,  $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides themselves display a wide array of biological activities. The most simple compound of this class, protoanemonin (8), possesses antimicrobial and antifungal activities. In an in vitro assay, uncinine displayed potentially promising cytotoxicity against the Hep G<sub>2</sub> cell line (H. Fakova et al. 2005).<sup>7</sup>

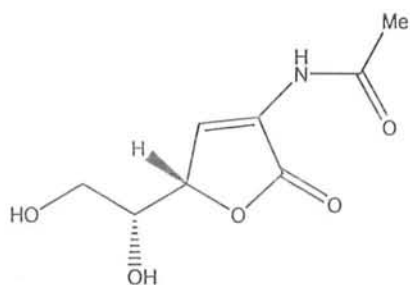


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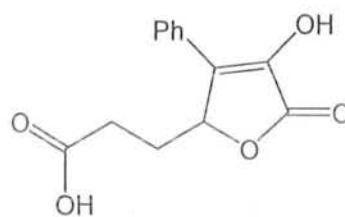


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Isotetronic acids and butenolides are of great pharmacological relevance and occur in a number of natural products: for example, (+)-leptosphaerin (9) represents a metabolite of the marine ascomycete *Leptosphaeria oraemaris* and compound WF-3681 (10) represents an aldose reductase inhibitor produced by *Chaetomella raphigera* (R. Dede et al. 2005).<sup>8</sup>



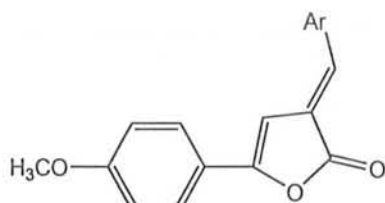
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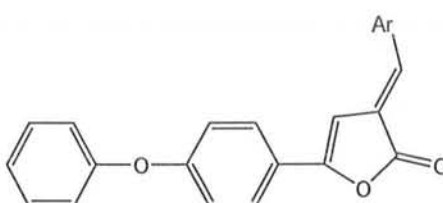
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There are a number of biologically active  $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides for example asparagamine A is an alkaloid from *Asparagus racemosus*, which reveals potent antioxytocin activity, and lissoclinolide from *Lissoclinum patella* exhibits activity against the Gram-negative bacterium *Escherichia coli*. Recently the total synthesis of xerulinic acid, an intensely yellow pigment from the fungus *Xerula melanotricha*, that suppresses the biosynthesis of cholesterol through inhibition of HMG-CoA was reported. Synthesis of halogenated  $\gamma$ -alkylidene-butenolide based natural product analogues with quorum sensing antagonist activities has also been explored (J. Zhang et al 2005).<sup>9</sup>

A. Husain et al. 2005, have reported the antibacterial and anti-inflammatory activities of 2-arylidene-4-(4-methoxy phenyl) but-3-en-4-olides (11)<sup>3</sup> and antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities of 2-arylidene-4-(4-phenoxy phenyl) but-3-en-4-olides (12).<sup>4</sup>

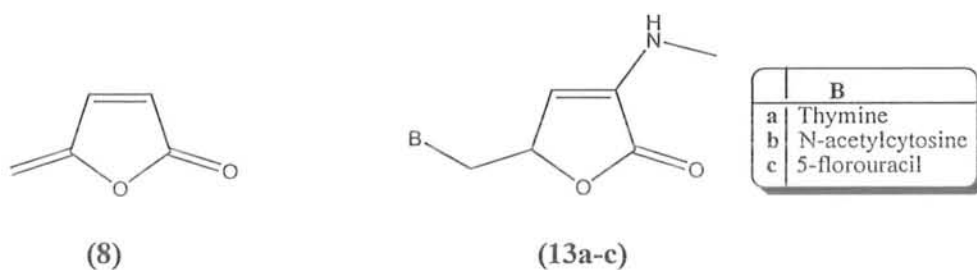


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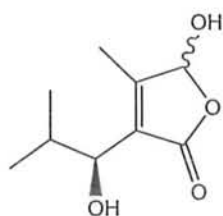


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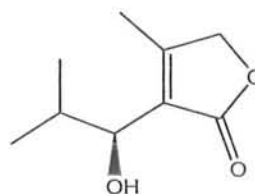
The biological importance of unsaturated lactones ie butenolides is well known: they have been used to prepare peptide analogues or HIV-1 protease inhibitors; protoanemonin (8), its analogues and its derivatives (13a-c) possess antiviral, antibiotic and anticancer activity, as well as 4-(1-alkynyl)-substituted 2-(5H)-furanones (U. Chiacchio et al. 2004).<sup>10</sup>



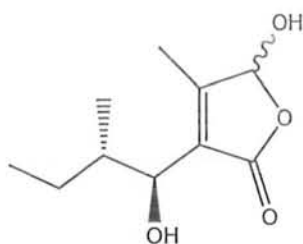
The reinvestigation of the strain *Streptomyces antibioticus* TU 99 using HPLC with photoconductivity detection, led to the discovery of four new metabolites, the substituted butenolides (14-17). These butenolides showed in preliminary tests an antibiotic activity against *pseudomonas* as well weak inhibition of the chitinase from *Serratia marcescens* (G. Grossmann et al. 2003).<sup>11</sup>



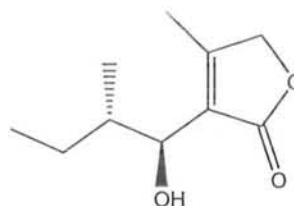
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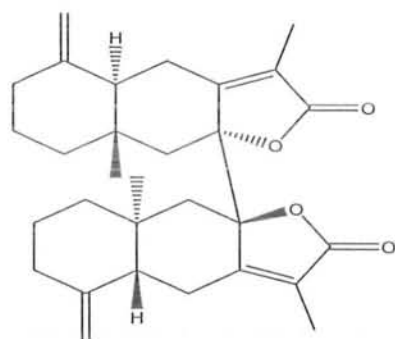


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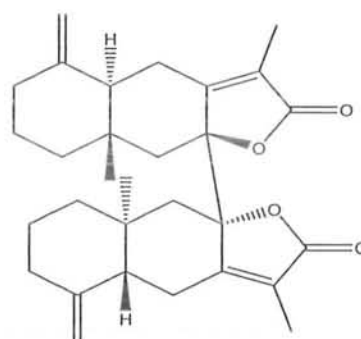


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Biatractylolide (18) and biepiasterolide (19) both containing butenolide moieties are novel bisesquiterpenoids recently isolated from the Chinese medical plant *Atractylodes macrocephala*. Biologically, biatractylolide has shown powerful negative inotropic and chronotropic effects, making it a potential blood pressure lowering agent (S.K. Bagal et al. 2003).<sup>12</sup>

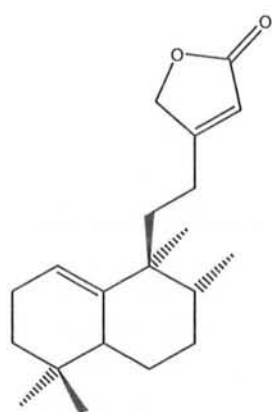


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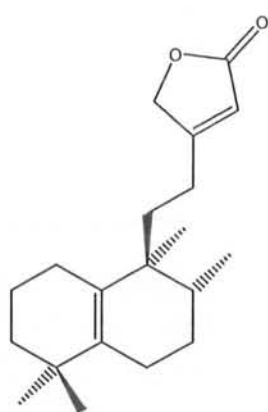


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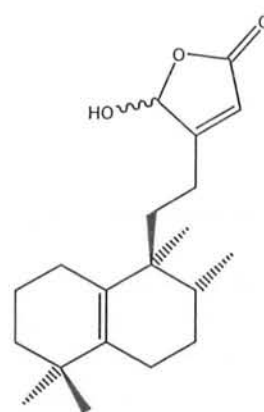
Annonaceae plants are a rich source of bioactive substances such as acetogenins. The occurrence of the natural diterpenes possessing hydroxy butenolides units has been reported frequently in plants of the genera *Polyalthia*, *Acritopappus*, *Premna* and *Cyathocalyx* (Annonaceae). It is interesting to note that many species of these genera are widely used in folk medicine, and that some natural diterpene hydroxyl butenolides show significant biological activity such as antifeedant, antimicrobial, and cytotoxic activities. In 1955, Hara and Co-workers reported the isolation of a great number of clerodanes and ent-halimanes from *polyalthia langifolia*, among them the first three natural ent-halimanolides known until now are (20), (21), and (22). These compounds are the first ent-halimane diterpenes which have been isolated from Annonaceae plants (I.S. Marcos et al. 2003).<sup>13</sup>



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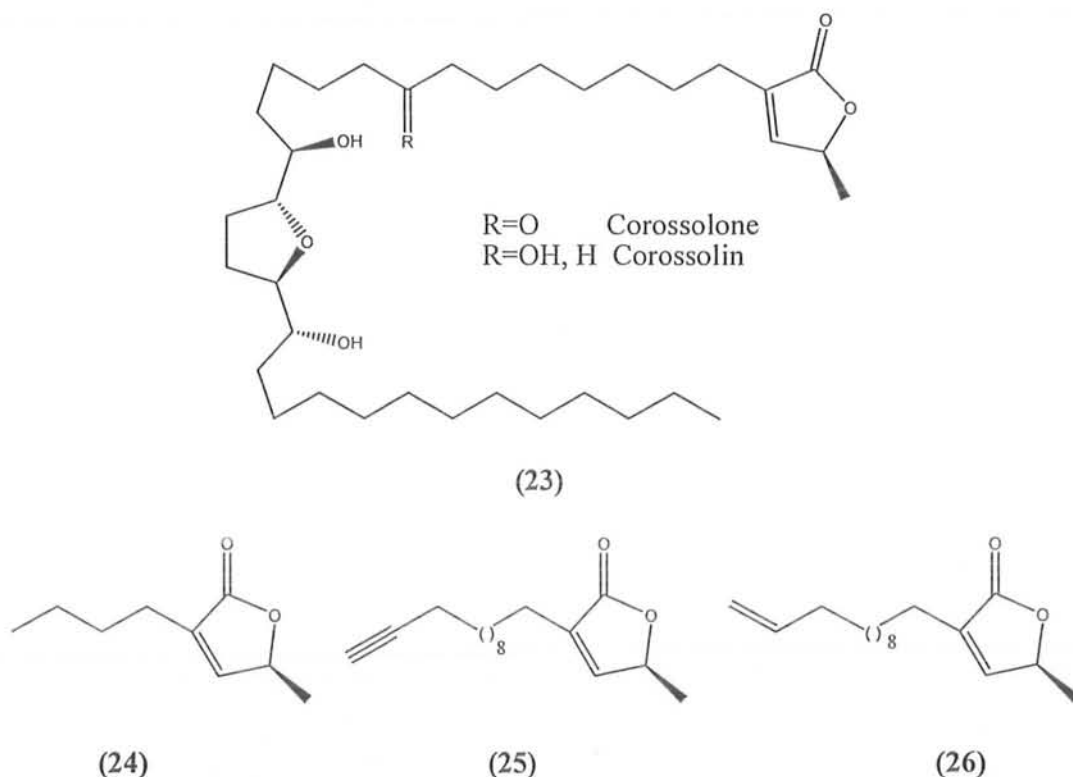


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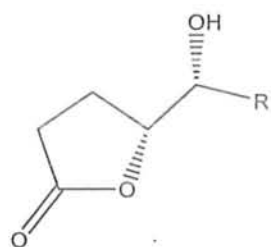
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Annonaceous acetogenins are the most famous representative member of butenolides family. Usually the butenolide segment of annocaceous acetogenins is a typical 3-substituted -5-(S)-methyl-2-(5H)-furanone, which is now believed to be one of the essential subunits for the cytotoxicity of these acetogenins (23) (corossolone and corossolin are examples). Other known butenolides also have interesting properties, for example (24) is a metabolite from *Streptomyces griseas*, and (25) and (26) were recently isolated from leaves of *Hortonia* (family Monimiaceae). Both butenolides (25) and (26) exhibited mosquito larvicidal activity (Y.T. He et al. 2002).<sup>14</sup>



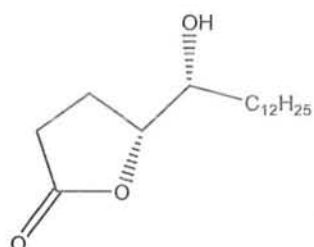
Chiral hydroxyl lactones occupy an important position as bio-active molecules and useful synthetic intermediates in total synthesis. One such group of hydroxyl lactones comprises the 5-hydroxyalkyl butan-4-olides (27). These are widely found in nature and show diverse biological properties. One example is (-)-muricatacin (28). It was isolated from the seeds of *Annona muricata* L.(annonaceae) commonly known as sour soap or guanabana and is grown commercially as a fruit crop through out the tropical regions of the world. Muricatacin was shown to be cytotoxic towards human tumor cells (M. Chandrasekhar et al. 2002).<sup>15</sup>





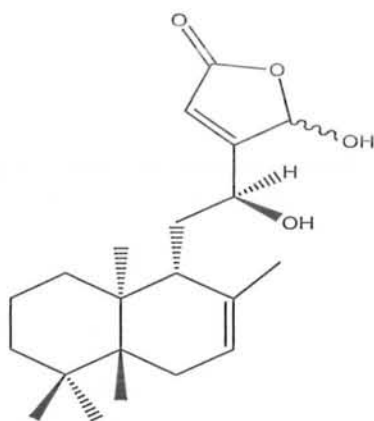
R = CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub> etc

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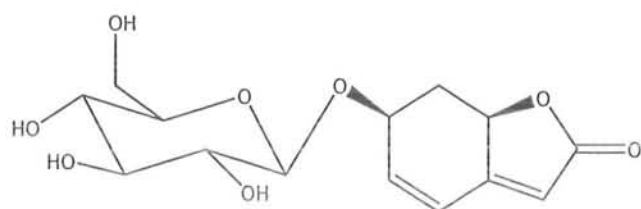
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Labdane diterpenoids are among the most common types of diterpenes isolated from higher plants. The interest of this class of compounds (containing butenolide moiety) resides in their significant antimutagenic, antibacterial, and antifungal activities. As an example (12S,16E)-12,16-dihydroxy-ent-labd-7,13-dien-15,16-olide (29) has been recently isolated from *Alomira myriadenia* (Asteraceae). This compound shows significant cytotoxic activity against human oral epidermoid carcinoma and against colon cancer (M.C. de la Torre et al. 2002).<sup>16</sup>

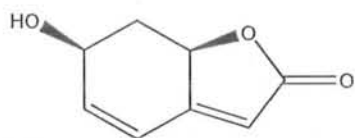


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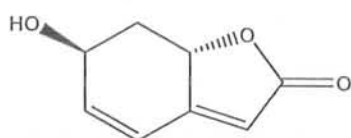
(-)-Phyllanthurinolactone (30), the leaf closing factor of a large tamarind tree (*Tamarindus indica* L.), has its aglycone (-)-menisdaurilide (31), which is one of several cyclohexanoids isolated from *Simunium acutum* containing a butenolides moiety; others include (-) aquilegiolide (32) and (-)-dihydromenisdaurilide (33) (M. Honzumi et al. 2002).<sup>17</sup>



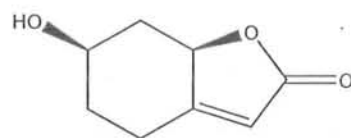
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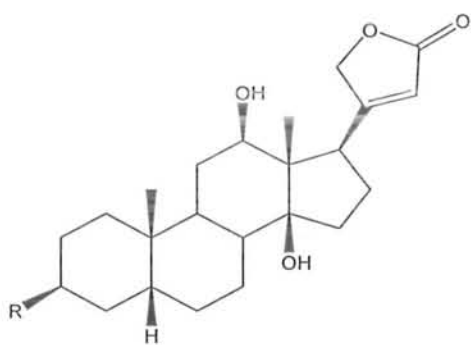


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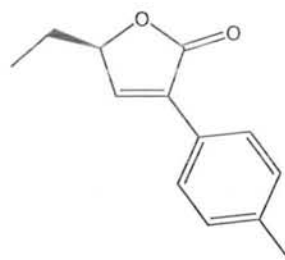


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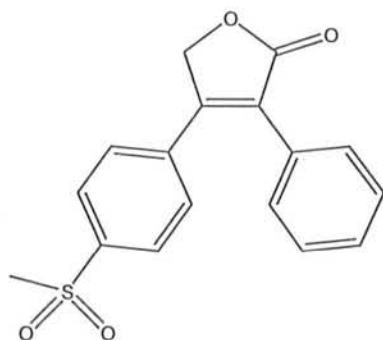
Butenolides also known as 2(5H)-furanones, are ubiquitous chemical moieties found in many natural products. They are typical products of a polyketide biochemical synthesis pathway. Examples are the cardiotoxic digitoxines (34) from *Digitalis* sp. and the antifungal (-)-incrustoprine (35). Rofecoxib (36) is a recently launched NSAID (Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug) with a butenolide core structure and is efficacious in treating rheumatoid arthritis (B. Beck et al. 2001).<sup>18</sup>



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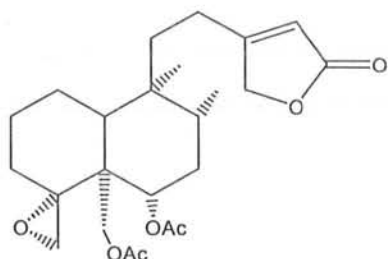


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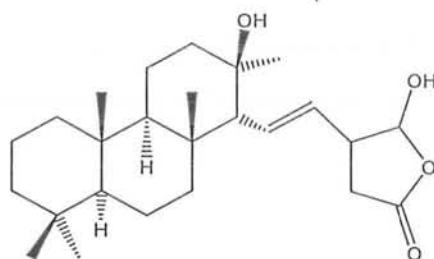


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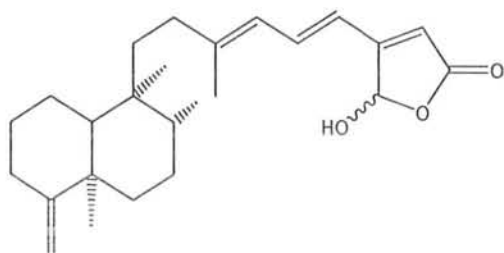
Strong biological activities have been reported for mono or polycyclic molecules, diterpenes or sesterterpenes, that possess a five-membered oxygenated ring with different functionalities. Ajugarin (37), a neoclerodane with a butenolide, is an antifeedant, aplyolide (38) has anti-inflammatory activities, polauolide (39) (an unsaturated hemiacetal) has antimicrobial properties and dysidiolide (40) is the first naturally derived inhibitor of the *cdc25A* protein phosphatase (I.S. Marcos et al. 2000).<sup>19</sup>



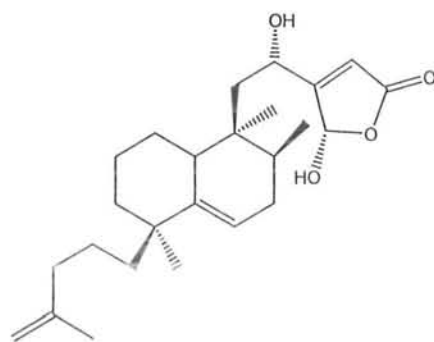
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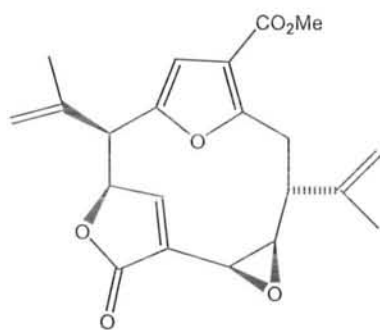


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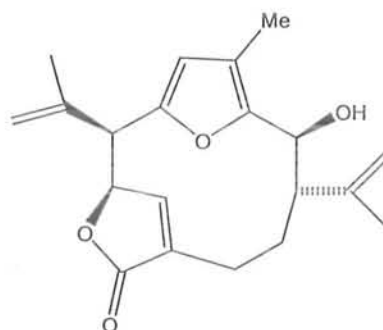


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Octocorals of the genus *pseudopterogorgia* produce, among other metabolites, diterpenoids of the rare pseudopterane family. Several of these possess significant biological activity. Thus pseudopterolide (41), the first member of the family exhibits potent cytotoxicity, and kallolide A (42), is an anti-inflammatory agent with activity comparable to that of indomethacin (J.A. Marshall et al. 1998).<sup>20</sup>

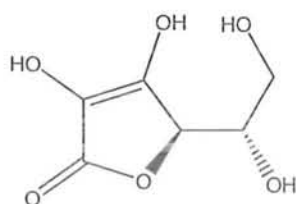


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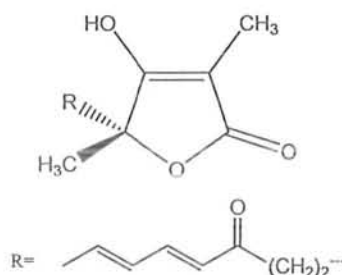


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Tetronic acids comprise a subclass of  $\beta$ -hydroxy butenolides, perhaps the best known of which is Ascorbic acid (43) (Vitamin C). Many tetronic acids and their derivatives possess interesting biological properties like antibiotic, insecticidal, and herbicidal etc. Vertinolide (44) a new mycotoxin is a highly branched tetronic acid isolated from *Verticillium intertextum* (J.E. Wrobel et al. 1983).<sup>21</sup>

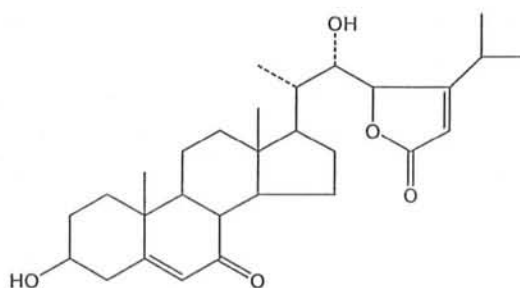


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Antheridiol (45) is a hormonal substance which is secreted by female strains of the aquatic fungus, *Achlya* and which acts on male strains causing the formation of antheridial hyphae or male sex organs (T.C. McMorris et al. 1974).<sup>22</sup>



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### **1.3 Aim of Research:**

In view of the extensive literature survey, it was revealed that butenolides belong to a very important class of heterocyclic compounds that exhibit a vast variety of biological properties such as antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, anti HIV, cardiogenic, anticonvulsant, analgesic, acaricidal, insecticidal, and mosquito larvicidal activities etc. Furthermore, literature survey has also revealed that amongst the methods reported for the synthesis of butenolides, the method involving the condensation reaction of 3-(4-substituted benzoyl) propionic acid with benzaldehydes is probably the most convenient and high yielding. The present study is therefore devoted to the synthesis of butenolides from 3-(4-substituted benzoyl) propionic acid and variably substituted benzaldehydes. This study was carried out in the quest to synthesize butenolides, not synthesized earlier, that may have new and/or enhanced biological properties.

## CHAPTER #2

# **SYNTHETIC METHODS**

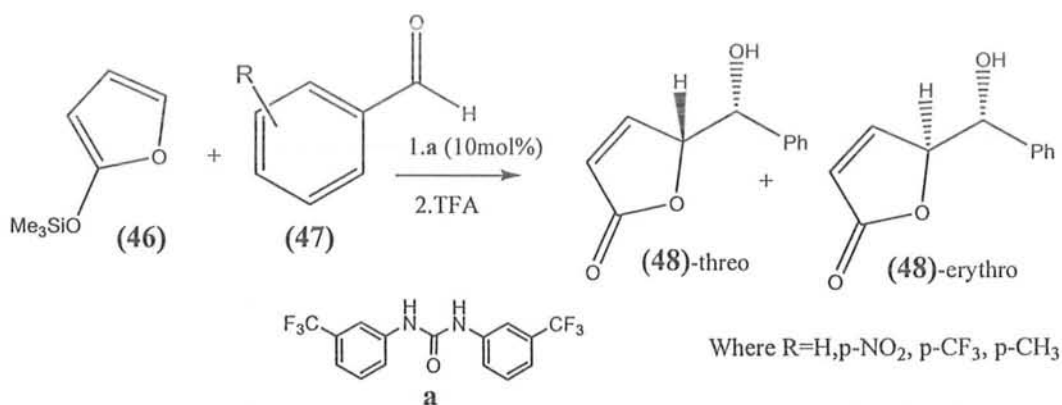
A number of synthetic methods are being developed and reported each year for the synthesis of butenolides.

## 2.1 Methods Used for the Synthesis of Butenolides

Following are different methods used for the synthesis of butenolides.

### 2.1.1 Organocatalytic addition of trimethyl siloxy furan to carbonyl compounds

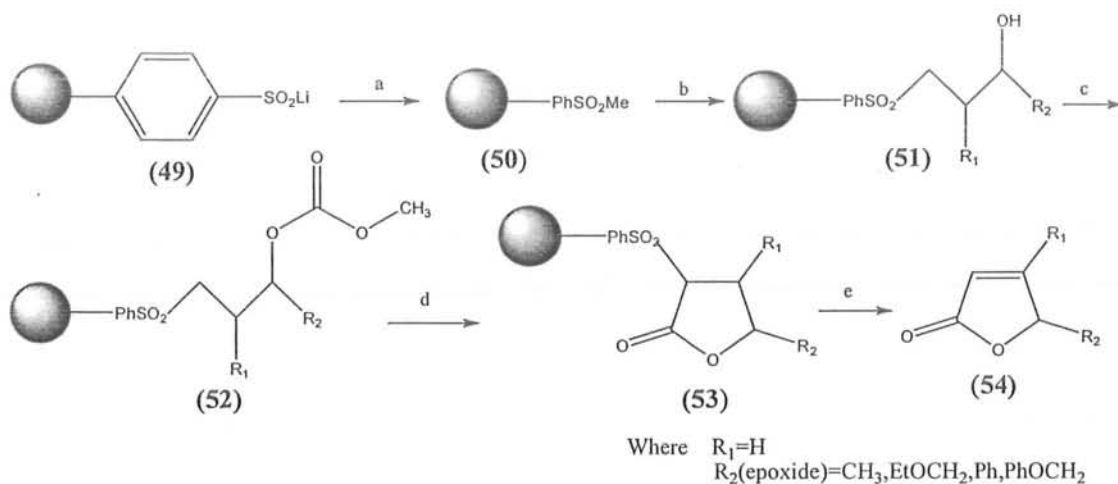
M.D. Rosa et al. 2006,<sup>23</sup> have reported a very attractive method for the synthesis of butenolides substituted at  $\gamma$ -positions by a chain bearing hydroxyl groups. In this 2-trimethyl siloxy furan (TMSOF) (46) was reacted with different aromatic aldehydes in the presence of urea derivative (a) as catalyst at room temperature to give butenolide (48).



### 2.1.2 Solid phase synthesis of substituted butenolides

S.R. Sheng et al. 2006,<sup>24</sup> have reported sulfone linker strategy for convenient, traceless, solid phase synthesis of substituted butenolides. The procedure for the synthesis of target compounds from, polystyrene/1% divinyl benzene lithiophenylsulphinate (49) includes (a) sulphinate S-alkylation to give (50), (b) the sulphenyl anion alkylation with an epoxide giving (51), (c) the acylation of the resulting  $\gamma$ -hydroxy sulphone giving (52), (d) the intramolecular acylation cyclization of the  $\alpha$ -

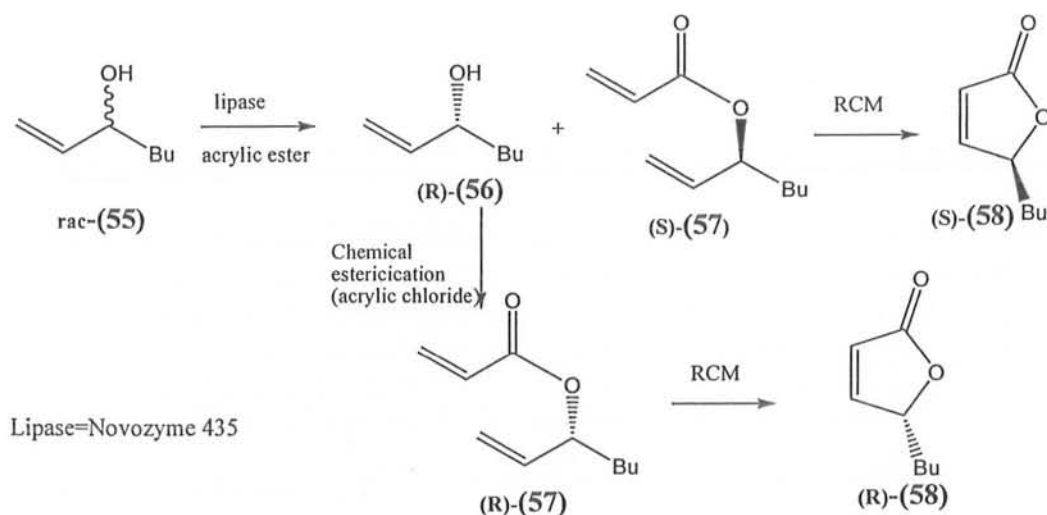
sulphonylcarbanion to give (53), and (e) traceless product release by desulphonation to give butenolides (54).



**Reagents and Conditions:** (a) MeI, THF/DMF (2/1), 80 °C, 15 h (b) (i)  $\text{CH}_3\text{S(O)CH}_2\text{Li}$ , THF, rt, 0.5h (ii) epoxide, THF, rt, 2h (c)  $\text{ClCO}_2\text{CH}_3$ , pyridine, 0 °C, 1h (d) LDA, THF, -78 °C, 1h, 0 °C, 2h, then rt, 1h (e)  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 10h (LDA=Lithium diisopropyl amide)

### 2.1.3 Chemoenzymatic synthesis of optically active $\gamma$ -alkyl- $\gamma$ -butenolide

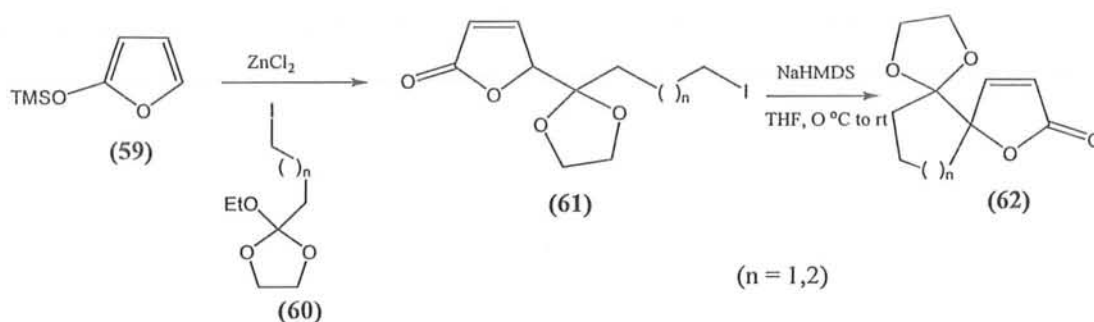
M. Fujii et al. 2006,<sup>25</sup> have reported chemoenzymatic synthesis of optically active  $\gamma$ -alkyl- $\gamma$ -butenolide. They reported a facile chemoenzymatic synthesis of (58) from commercially available racemic hept-1-en-3-ol (55) by the combination of lipase catalyzed transesterification and ring closing metathesis (RCM) by Grubbs' catalyst.





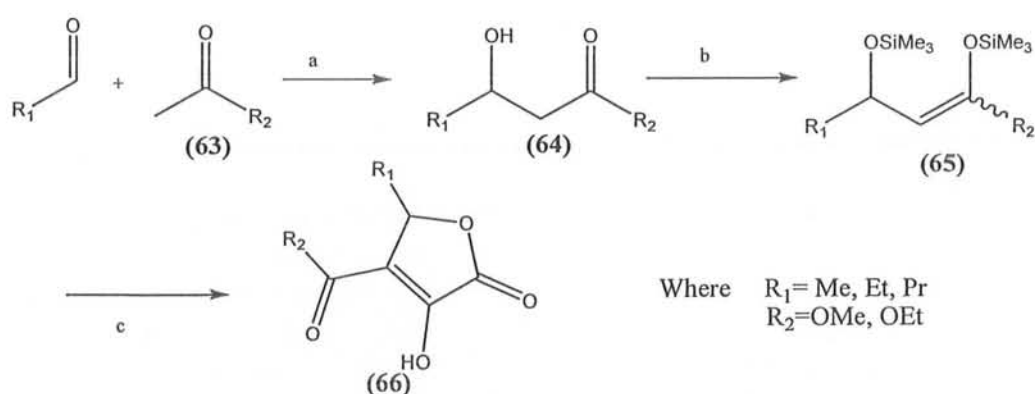
### 2.1.4 A two step synthesis of functionalized spirocyclic butenolides

N. Maulide and I.E. Marko, 2006,<sup>6</sup> have reported a very good method for the synthesis of spirocyclic butenolides as shown in the following scheme. In this scheme (61) is first produced in high yield through the ZnCl<sub>2</sub>-promoted condensation of trimethyl silyl oxy furan (59) with ortho ester (60), which upon treatment with base resulted in the formation of spirocyclic compounds (62).



### 2.1.5 Synthesis of isotetronic acid by cyclization of 1,3-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)alk-1-enes with oxalyl chloride:

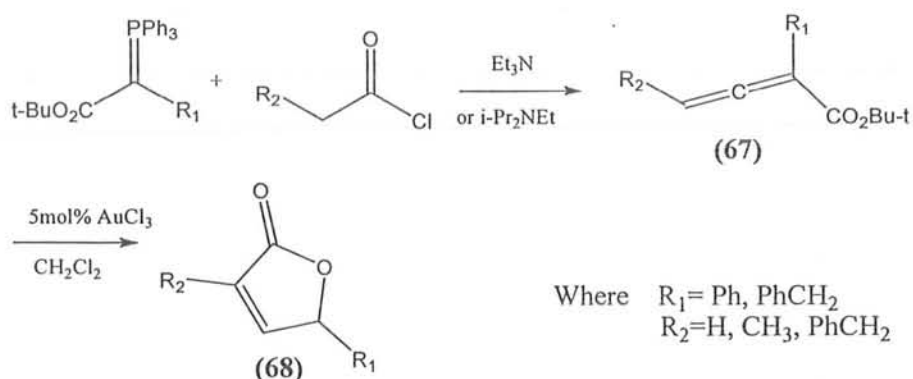
R. Dede et al. 2005,<sup>8</sup> have reported a convenient one pot synthesis of isotetronic acids (66) by cyclization of 1,3-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)alk-1-enes (65) with oxalyl chloride. The 1,3-bis(trimethyl silyloxy)alk-1-enes (65) were prepared by generation of the dianions of the 3-hydroxy alkanones (64) with trimethyl chlorosilane, which are available by aldol reaction of ethyl and methyl acetate (63) with corresponding aldehydes.



**Reagents and Conditions:** (a) LDA, THF, 5 min, -78 °C (b) i) LDA, THF, 1h, -78 °C, ii) Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl, -78-20 °C, 24h (c) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, -78-20 °C, 18h.

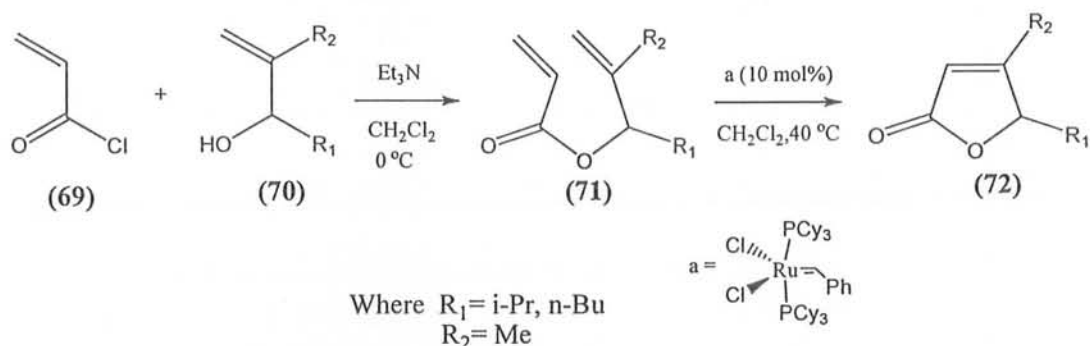
## 2.1.6 General synthesis of 2,4-functionalized butenolides

J.E. Kang et al. 2005,<sup>26</sup> have presented an attractive method for the synthesis of 2,4-disubstituted  $\gamma$ -butenolides. They have shown synthesis of 2,4 functionalized butenolides (68) by gold (III) catalyzed cyclization of tert-butyl allenates (67) which can be obtained by Wittig olefination of ketene i.e.



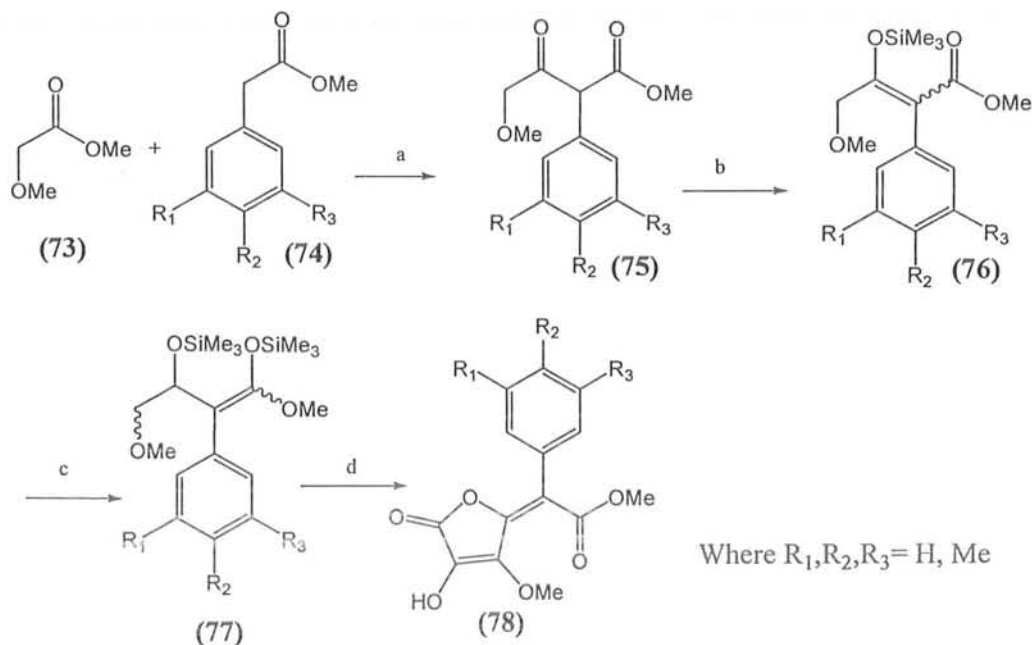
## 2.1.7 Synthesis of 4,5-disubstituted butenolides by ring closing metathesis

M. Bassetti et al. 2005,<sup>27</sup> have reported the synthesis of 4,5-disubstituted butenolides (71) by ring closure metathesis reaction (RCM) of methallyl acrylate esters (72) in the presence of commercially available first generation Grubb's catalyst (a). The starting methallyl acrylate esters have been prepared by the reaction of secondary allyl alcohol (70) with acryloyl chloride (69).



### 2.1.8 Synthesis of $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides

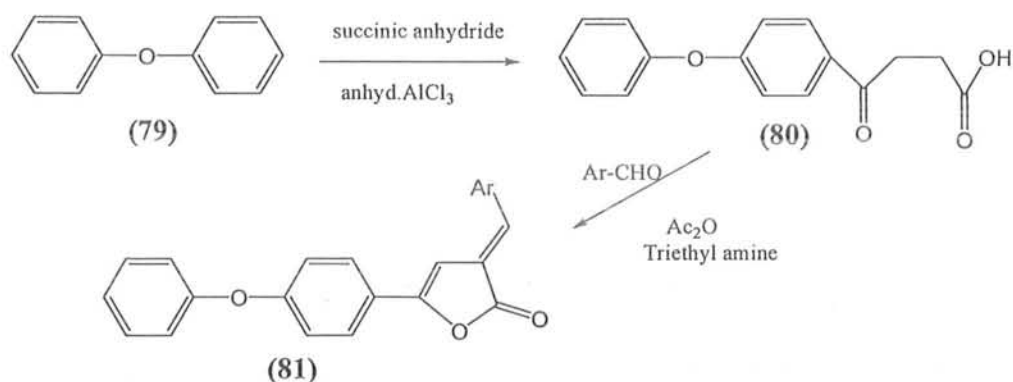
Z. Ahmad and P. Langer, 2005,<sup>28</sup> have reported synthesis of  $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides. This consists of the reaction of methyl methoxy acetate (73) with the arylacetic ester (74) affording formation of  $\beta$ -keto esters (75). The reaction of (75) with  $\text{NEt}_3/\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$  gave the silyl enol ethers (76) which were then transformed into 1,3-bissilylenol ethers (77). The TMSOTf catalyzed cyclization of (77) with oxalyl chloride afforded the  $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolide (78).



**Reagents and Conditions:** (a) i) LDA, THF ii)  $-78$ - $20$  °C (b)  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}, \text{NEt}_3$ , toluene,  $20$  °C (c) i) LDA, THF,  $-78$  °C, ii)  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$ ,  $-78$ - $20$  °C (d) oxalyl chloride,  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiOTf}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78$ - $20$  °C

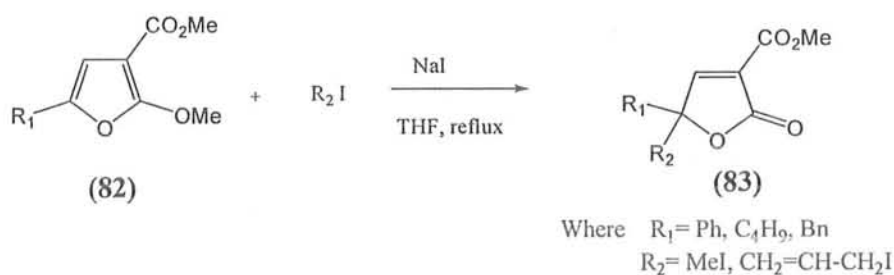
### 2.1.9 Synthesis of 2-Arylidene-4-(4-phenoxy phenyl) but-3-en-4-olides

A. Husain et al. 2005,<sup>4</sup> have reported synthesis of 2-Arylidene-4-(4-phenoxy phenyl) but-3-en-4-olides. They first synthesized 3-(4-phenoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (80) by reaction of succinic anhydride with di-phenyl ether (79) in the presence of anhydrous  $\text{AlCl}_3$  in dry nitrobenzene which was then condensed with different aromatic aldehydes in the presence of triethyl amine to give target butenolides (81).



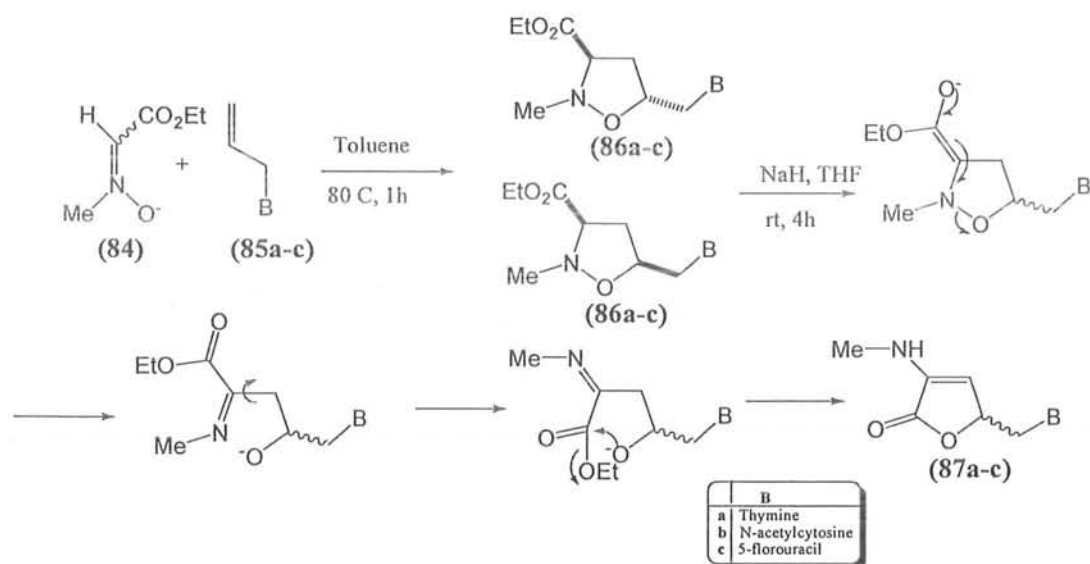
### 2.1.10 An efficient synthesis of butenolides

S. Ma et al. 2005,<sup>29</sup> have reported an efficient I<sup>-</sup>-catalyzed methyl-oxygen bond cleavage in 2-methoxy furans (82). The subsequent C-C bond formation by reaction with organic halides occurred at the 5-position to afford substituted butenolide (83).



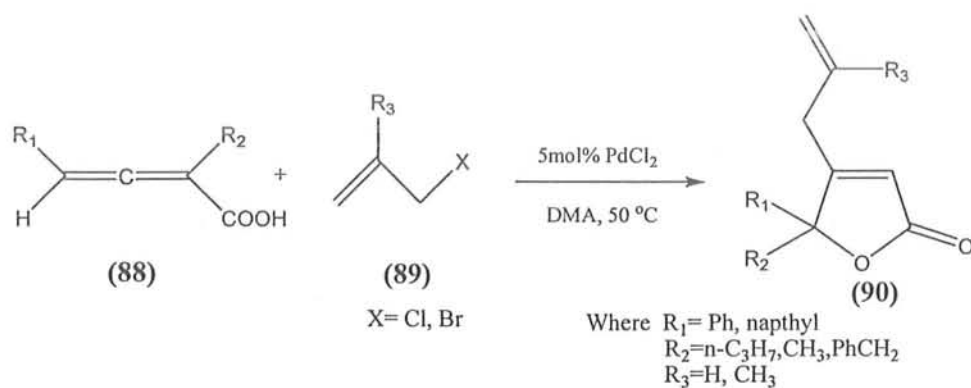
### 2.1.11 Synthesis of pyrimidine-containing 3-aminobutenolides

U. Chiacchio et al. 2004,<sup>10</sup> have recently reported a versatile entry to functionalized 2-(5H) furanones through a new rearrangement pattern of the isoxazolidine (86a-c), easily accessible by 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of nitron (84) with suitable alkenes, here allyl nucleobases (85a-c). The reaction consists of a basic treatment of isoxazolidine (86a-c) with NaH at room temperature to give lactones (87a-c).



### 2.1.12 Pd-Catalyzed coupling cyclization of 2, 3 Allenolic acids with Allyl halides

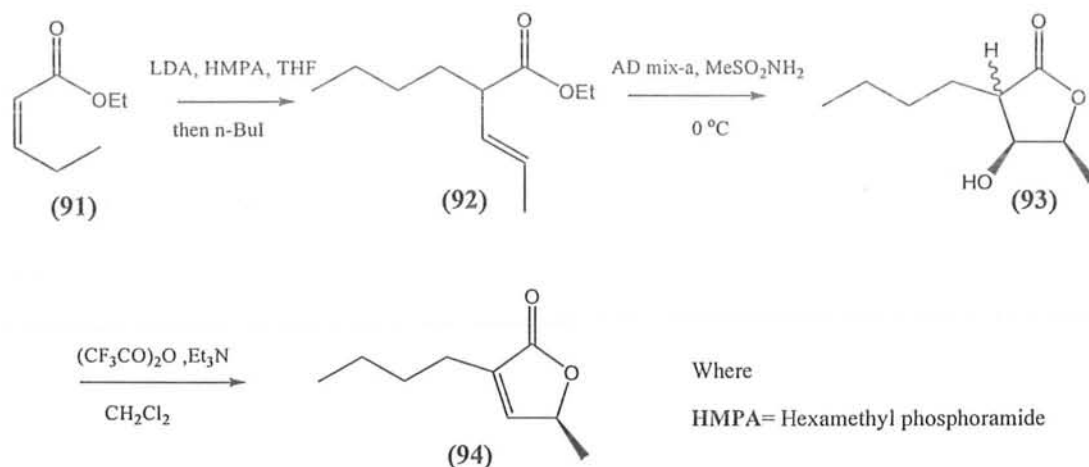
S. Ma and Z. Yu, 2003,<sup>30</sup> have successfully developed a two step protocol for the synthesis of the  $\beta$ -allylic-substituted butenolides. They prepared  $\beta$ -allylic-substituted butenolides (90) by the Pd (II)-catalyzed coupling cyclization of 2,3-allenoic acids (88) with allylic halides (89).



### 2.1.13 Sharpless AD strategy towards the $\gamma$ -methyl butenolide unit of Acetogenins

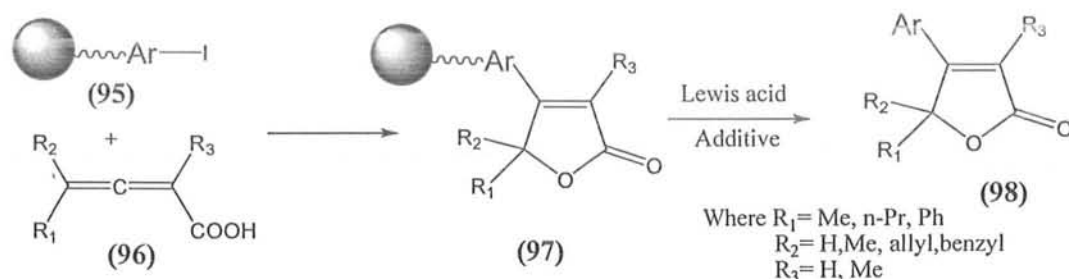
Y-Tao He et al. 2002,<sup>14</sup> have devised a strategy towards the synthesis of  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ -di-substituted butenolides. As shown in the following scheme, *cis*-pent-2-enoic acid ethyl ester (91) was treated with LDA and then coupled to *n*-butyl iodide (*n*-BuI) at -70 to -40 °C for 6h to give only the 3-E-product (92) in good yield. Asymmetric dihydroxylation of the enyne (92) with AD-mix- $\alpha$  gave mixture of diastereomers of  $\beta$  hydroxy lactone

(93), dehydration of which with trifluoroacetic acid anhydride and triethyl amine afforded (94).



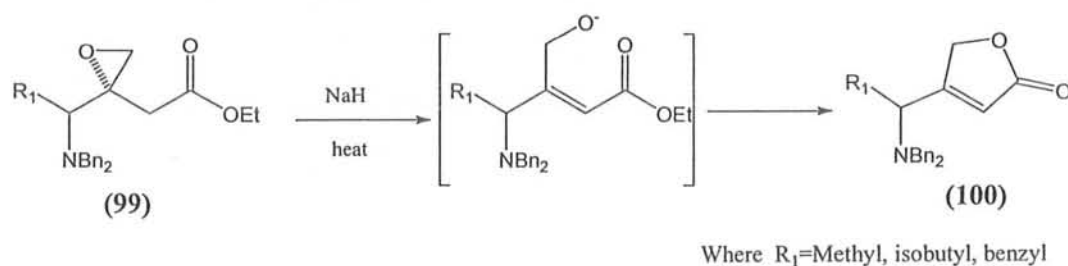
### 2.1.14 Solid phase parallel synthesis of butenolides

S. Ma et al. 2002,<sup>31</sup> devised strategies for the synthesis of combinatorial libraries of butenolides. They attached an organic halide to a polymeric chain to get (95), upon its treatment with an excess amount of 2,3-allenoic acids (96), the reaction afforded polymer supported butenolides (97) which were then detached giving butenolide (98).



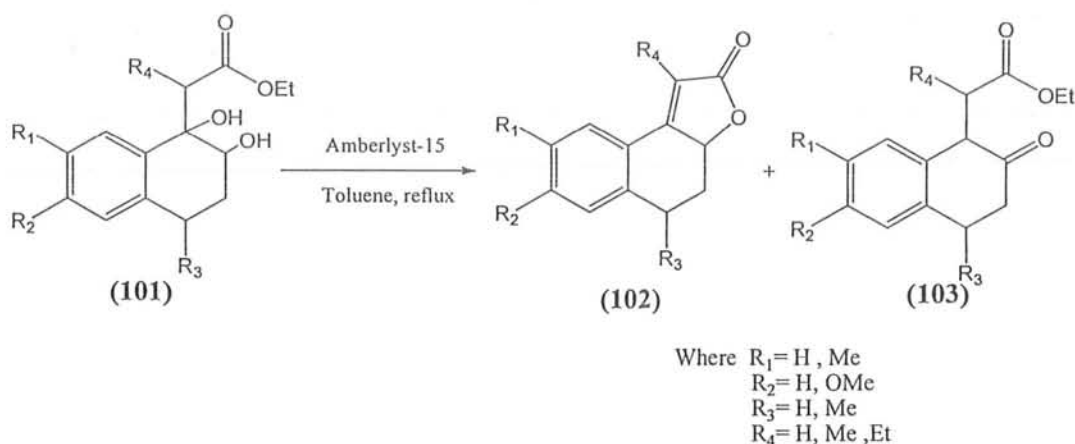
### 2.1.15 Synthesis of chiral amino $\gamma$ -butenolides

J.M. Concellon et al. 2002,<sup>32</sup> have reported synthesis of chiral amino  $\gamma$ -butenolides. When epoxy ester (99) with out  $\alpha$ -substituent were treated with a base such as NaH,  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones (100) were produced in high yield.



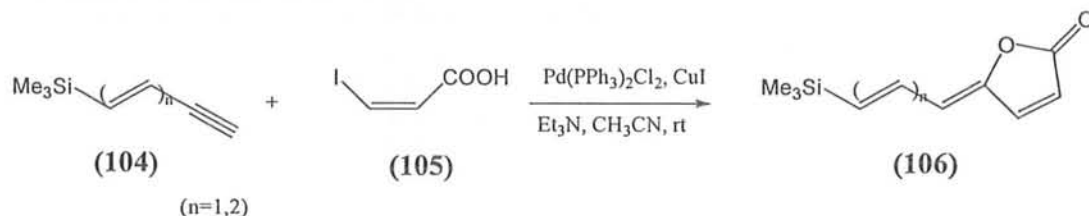
### 2.1.16 Conversion of $\beta,\gamma$ -dihydroxy esters into butenolides

S.P. Chavan and C.A. Govande, 2002,<sup>33</sup> have reported an efficient entry to butenolides synthesis via the corresponding diols (101) involving an intramolecular cyclization using solid catalyst Amberlyst-15. Use of excess catalyst/substrate ratio resulted in the formation of butenolide (102) in good yield.



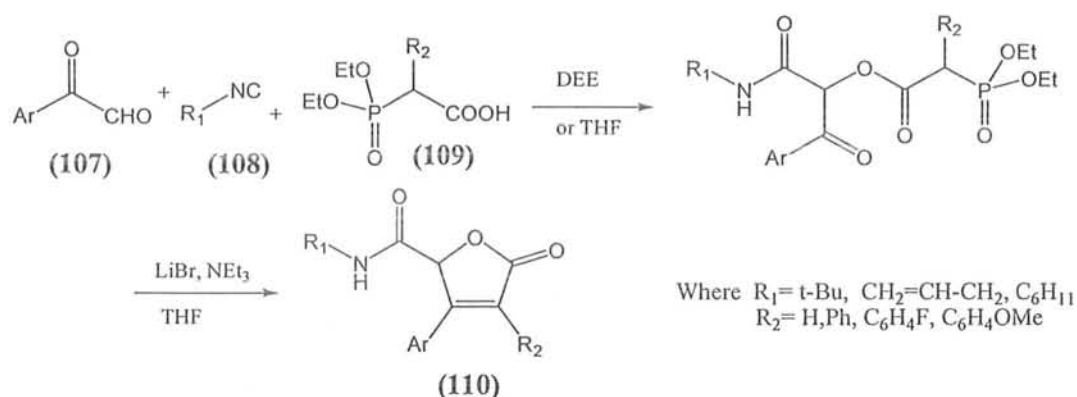
### 2.1.17 An efficient stereoselective approach to silylated polyunsaturated $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides

V. Fiandanese and Co-workers, 2001,<sup>34</sup> have reported this method. In this method the cross coupling reaction between enyne (104) and iodoacid (105) was performed at room temperature in the presence of Pd catalyst in acetonitrile as solvent leading directly to butenolides (106).



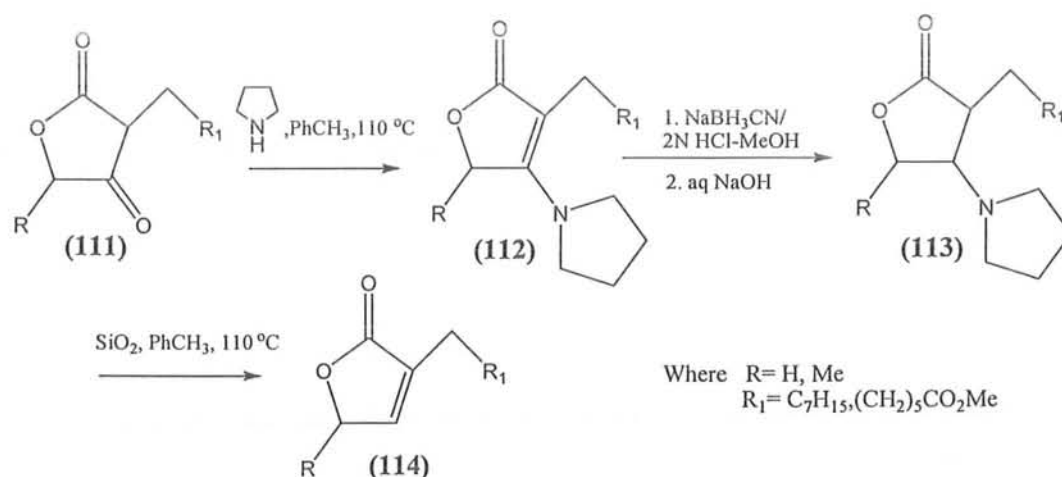
### 2.1.18 A Novel three component butenolide synthesis

B. Beck et al. 2001,<sup>18</sup> have reported a new multi component reaction (MCR) of aryl glyoxals (107), isocyanides (108), and  $\alpha$ -substituted diethyl carboxylicmethan phosphonates (109) producing butenolides (110). The total transformation is a combination of the Passerini three component reaction followed by intramolecular wittig type reaction.



### 2.1.19 A new efficient synthesis of alkyl substituted $\Delta^2$ - butenolides

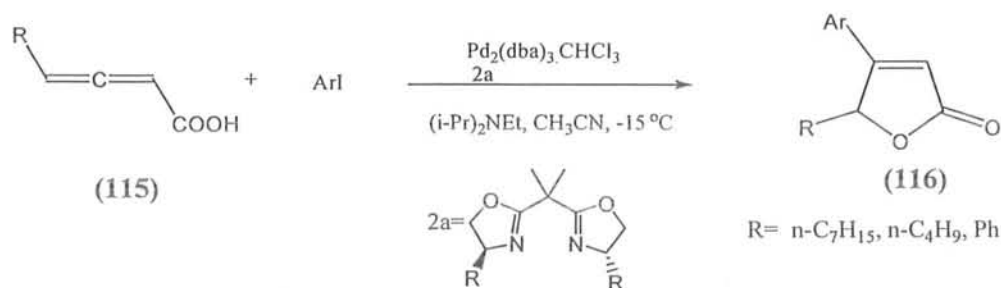
F.S. Pashkovsky et al. 2001, <sup>35</sup> have reported a new three step route to 2-alkyl substituted  $\Delta^2$ - butenolides from the readily available 3-alkyl tetronic acids. Thus boiling of 3-alkyl tetronic acids (111) with pyrrolidine in toluene results in the formation of corresponding enaminolactones (112). Reduction of the conjugated double bond in enaminolactones with sodium cyano borohydride in methanolic 2N HCl solution followed by treatment with NaOH give amino lactones (113) which on reflux in toluene in the presence of silica gel undergo a retro Micheal elimination of the pyrrolidine moiety to give  $\Delta^2$ - butenolides (114).



### 2.1.20 Enantioselective synthesis of $\beta$ -aryl butenolides

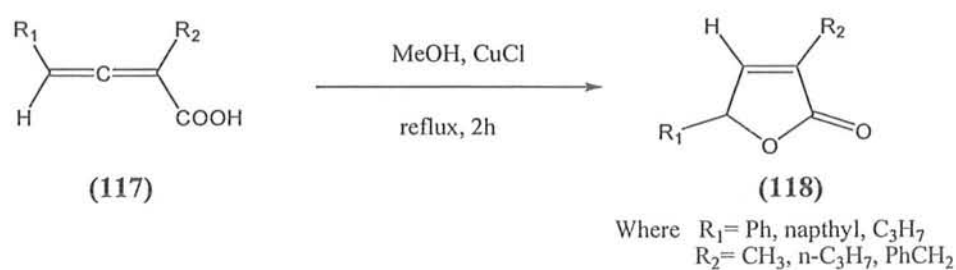
S. Ma et al. 2001, <sup>36</sup> have reported enantioselective synthesis of  $\beta$ -aryl butenolides (116) via palladium(0) catalyzed asymmetric coupling cyclization reaction of 2,3-allenoic acids (115) with aryl iodides.





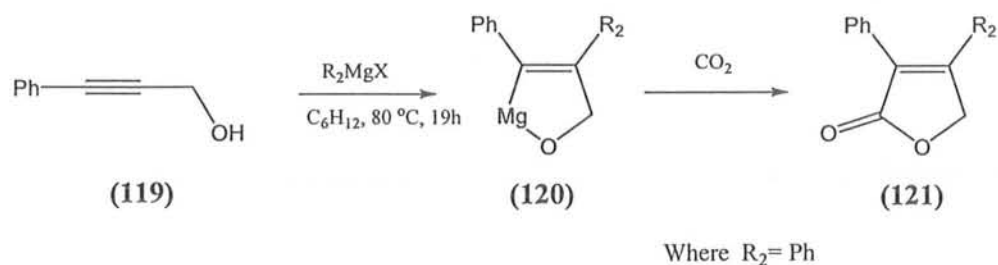
### 2.1.21 A cost effective synthesis of $\beta$ -unsubstituted butenolides

S. Ma et al. 2001,<sup>37</sup> have reported CuCl-catalyzed cycloisomerization reaction of 2,3 allenic acids (117) to  $\beta$ -unsubstituted butenolides (118). i.e.



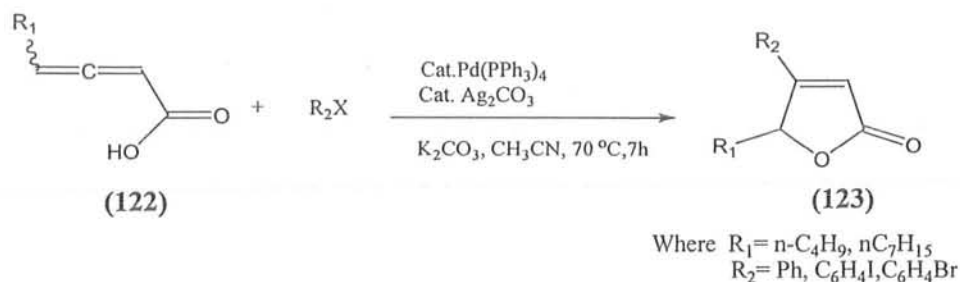
### 2.1.22 Direct synthetic route to furanones

P. Forgione, et al. 2000,<sup>38</sup> have devised direct synthetic route to furanones. In this the butenolide was synthesized by Mg mediated carbometallation of propargyl alcohol (119) with phenyl magnesium chloride to form the chelate (120) followed by exposure to CO<sub>2</sub> giving butenolide (121).



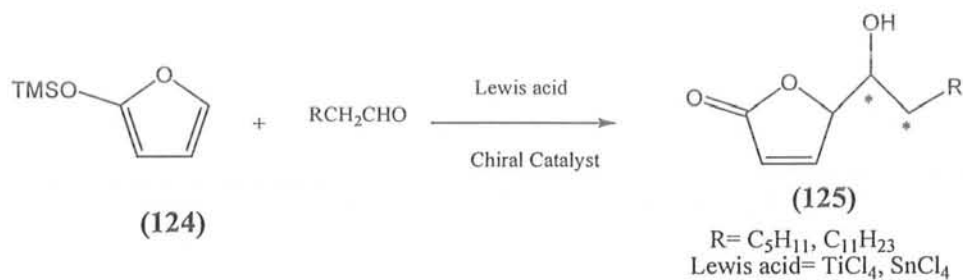
### 2.1.23 An efficient synthesis of butenolides

S. Ma and Z. Shi, 1998,<sup>39</sup> have reported a very efficient method for the synthesis of butenolides. In this method they synthesized butenolides (123) by Pd (0) /Ag+-catalyzed cyclization of 1,2-Allenic carboxylic acids (122) with Aryl halides.



### 2.1.24 Highly enantioselective 1,2 addition of 2-(trimethylsilyloxy) furan to aldehydes

M. Szlosek et al. 1998,<sup>40</sup> reported the first enantioselective addition of trimethylsilyloxy furan (124) on chiral aldehydes to form the expected butenolides (125) in highly enantiomerically pure form.

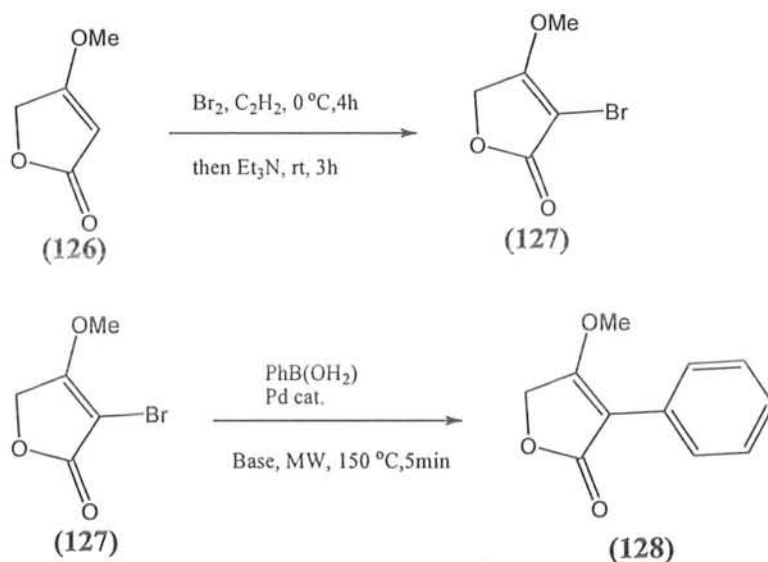


## 2.2 Reactions of Butenolides

Numerous reactions of butenolides have been reported in literature. Some of the important reactions of butenolides are shown below.

### 2.2.1 Suzuki-Miyaura reactions of 3-bromo-4-methoxy-2-(5H) furanones with aryl boronic acids

Y.S. Song et al. 2006,<sup>5</sup> have reported Suzuki-Miyaura reaction of 3-bromo-4-methoxy-2-(5H) furanones (**127**) with aryl boronic acids under microwave irradiation conditions which serves as a general and highly efficient method for the synthesis of 3-aryl-4-methoxy-2-(5H)-furanones (**128**). The starting 3-bromo-4-methoxy-2-(5H)-furanones (**127**) was prepared via sequential bromination and base mediated elimination reactions of commercially available 4-methoxy-2-(5H)furanones (**126**).



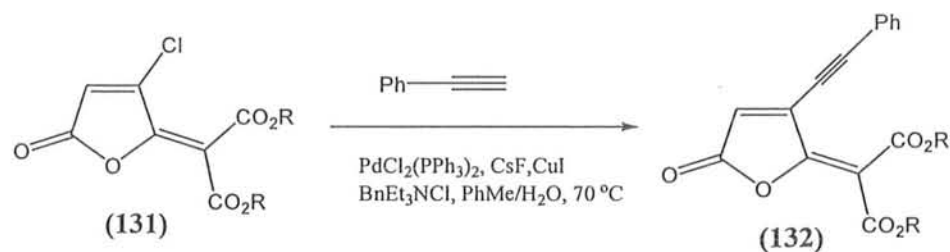
### 2.2.2 Conversion of mucohalic acid to $\gamma$ -Alkylidene butenolides

J. Zhang et al. 2005,<sup>9</sup> have reported formation of a series of  $\beta$ -halo- $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides (**130**) by the reaction of (**129**) with base, DABCO (1,4-diazabicyclo octane) in tert. methyl butyl ether (MTBE).

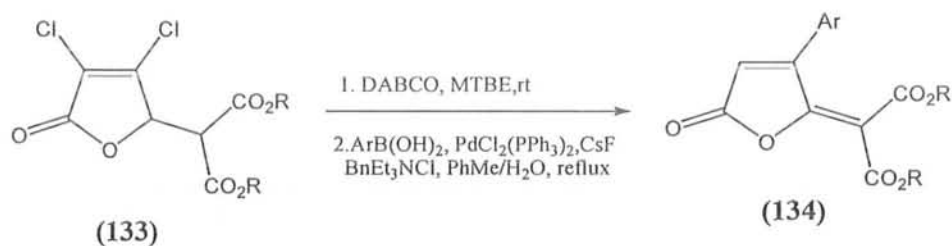


Where X= Cl, Br  
R= Me, Et, i-Pr, Bn

These novel  $\beta$ -halo- $\gamma$ -alkylidene butenolides (**131**) turned out to be useful building blocks for Pd catalyzed C-C bond formation reactions.

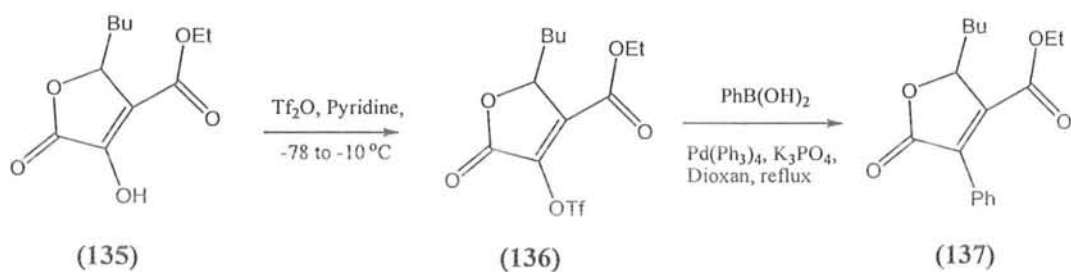


Similarly Suzuki coupling with an aryl boronic acid worked with out using any ligand or harsh conditions.



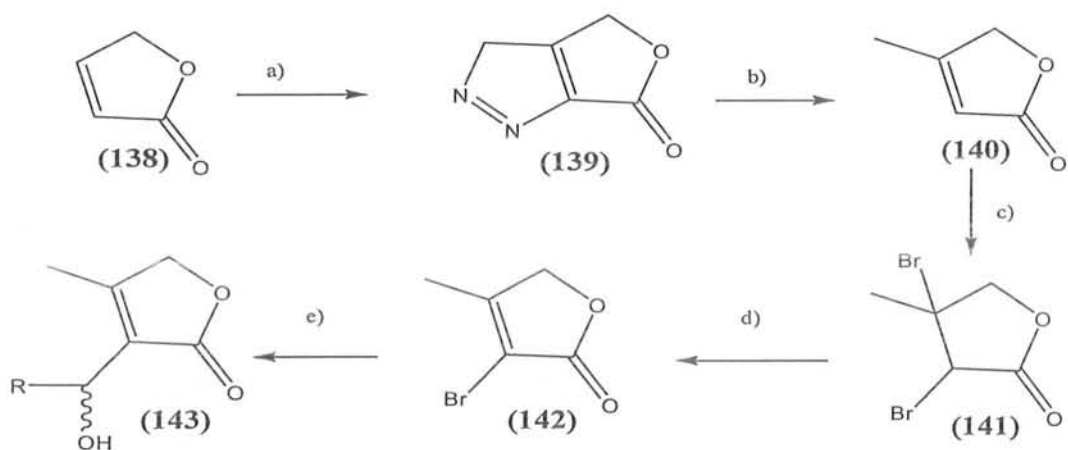
### 2.2.3 Conversion of isotetronic acid into butenolide

R. Dede et al. 2005,<sup>8</sup> have reported this reaction. In this reaction the hydroxyl group of isotetronic acid was successfully functionalized by transition metal catalyzed cross coupling reaction. For example (**135**) was transformed into enol triflate (**136**). The Suzuki reaction of (**136**) with phenyl boronic acid afforded (**137**).



## 2.2.4 Conversion of furanone into various derivatives

G.Grossmann et al. 2003,<sup>11</sup> have reported conversions of furanones into various derivatives. Cycloaddition of diazomethane to the commercially available furanone (138) followed by elimination of nitrogen gave the methylated furanone (140) which was then transformed to (141) and sequentially to (142) by a bromination debromination process. Halogen metal exchange with tert-butyl lithium gave a nucleophile which now could be added to suitable aldehydes giving (143).



Where R= i-pr, 2-methylbutyl

**Reagents and Conditions:** (a) Et<sub>2</sub>O, diazomethane, rt, (b) Dioxane, 130 °C. (c) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>, 40 °C (d) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, sym-collidine, rt (e) THF/pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O, t-BuLi, 2-methyl propanal -120 °C

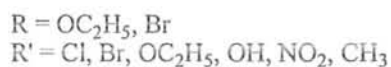
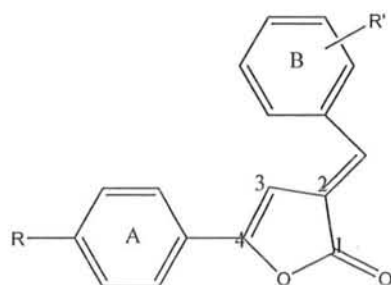
## CHAPTER #3

# **EXPERIMENTAL, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

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### 3.1 Plan of Work

This chapter describes the methods, experimental procedures and instrumentation used for the synthesis of the following two series of butenolides. These series are based on the reactions between substituted benzenes with succinic anhydride and finally the condensation reaction with variably substituted benzaldehydes. As such, there are two elements of diversity present in the target compounds, that is ring A, and ring B based on substituents present in substituted benzene and benzaldehydes respectively.



- A-Series      2-Arylidene-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides  
B-Series      2-Arylidene-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides

Complete stepwise synthesis, mechanism and general protocols are discussed here in detail.

### 3.2 Experimental

#### 3.2.1 Substrates and Reagents

The following substrates and reagents were used:

- 1) Ethoxy benzene
- 2) Bromo benzene
- 3) Succinic anhydride
- 4) Anhydrous Aluminium chloride
- 5) 2 and 4-Chlorobenzaldehyde
- 6) 3 and 4-Bromobenzaldehyde
- 7) 2,3 and 4-Florobenzaldehyde

- 8) 2 and 3-Methoxybenzaldehyde
- 9) 4-Ethoxybenzaldehyde
- 10) 2,3 and 4-Hydroxybenzaldehyde
- 11) 2,3 and 4-Nitrobenzaldehyde
- 12) 4-Tolualdehyde
- 13) Acetic anhydride
- 14) Triethyl amine

The above cited chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Germany). The liquid reagents were distilled at their boiling points and the purity of the solid reagents was determined by recording their melting points. No further purification was required for solid compounds. Sulphuric acid, hydrochloric acid and formic acid were purchased from Fluka (Switzerland).

### 3.2.2 Drying of Solvents

All the solvents were used after necessary purification and drying according to the standard procedures. The dried solvents were stored over molecular sieves (4<sup>o</sup>A). A brief account of purification procedures employed for drying the solvents is as follows.

#### Chloroform

Chloroform was treated with excess amount of water then dried over by using 200 gm/L of CaCl<sub>2</sub> and then distilled at 61°C.

#### Methanol

250 gm of calcium oxide dried in an oven at 120°C, was introduced into a round bottom flask containing one liter of methanol. It was refluxed for 6 hours and then distilled at 65°C.

#### Toluene

Commercial toluene may contain methyl thiophene, b.p. 112-113°C, which cannot be removed by simple distillation. Toluene was therefore purified by shaking it with conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then washing the acidic layer with water, 10% sodium carbonate solution, again with water and finally dried with anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. After filtration, toluene was distilled through an efficient fractionating column, the fraction, b.p. 110.5°C was collected. By this procedure dry toluene was obtained by storing it over Na wire.



### **Ethyl acetate**

In one liter of ethyl acetate, 50 ml of acetic anhydride and 10~15 drops of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added and refluxed for 5 hours. It was fractionated and treated with 25 gm of anhydrous potassium carbonate. This mixture was filtered and distilled over 40 gm of CaH<sub>2</sub> at 77 °C.

### **Pet-ether**

A R grade pet-ether (40-60°C) was used.

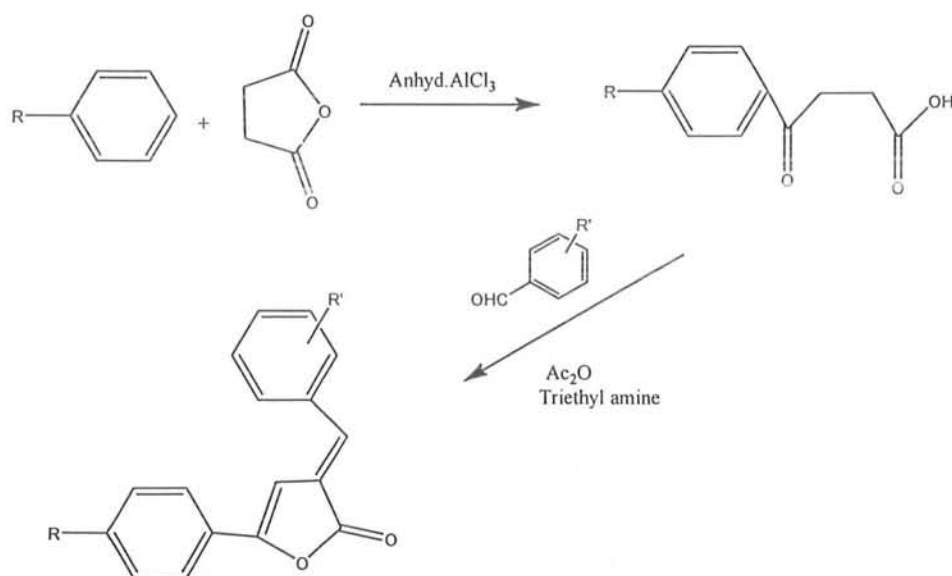
## **3.3 Instrumentation**

R<sub>f</sub> values were calculated by using pre-coated silica gel aluminum backed plates Kiesel gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> Merck (Germany), using toluene: ethyl acetate: formic acid (5:4:1) as developing solvents. Melting points of the compounds were determined in open capillaries using Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are un-corrected. The FTIR spectra were recorded on Bio-Rad Merlin spectrophotometer using KBr discs. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker (300 MHz) AM-250 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on Agilent GCMS model (5973 MSD). Purity of each compound was monitored by thin layer chromatography and the purification of the synthesized compounds was achieved by recrystallization.

### 3.4 General Synthetic Strategy

In view of the immense pharmacological and physiological importance of butenolides, the present work was undertaken to synthesize this class of heterocycles, which afforded us to diversify the substituents in the aromatic rings provided by starting substituted benzenes and different benzaldehydes. The general applicability of this procedure is apparent, as it is found to be tolerant of a wide range of substitution patterns on the butenolide moiety and a variety of butenolide derivatives were obtained in moderate to good yields. The synthetic strategy for the target compounds is outlined in scheme 3.1. The methodology employed for the synthesis of butenolides is that reported by A. Husain et al. 2005<sup>4</sup> (scheme 2.1.9).

To the best of our knowledge, this study is a first attempt to synthesize these target butenolides which may possess substantial biological activities, and providing promising new templates for further discovery of potent inhibitors targeting a number of microbes, fungi and bacteria.



Series	R	R'
A-Series	OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Cl, Br, F, OCH <sub>3</sub> , OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , OH, NO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub>
B-Series	Br	Cl, Br, F, OCH <sub>3</sub> , OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , OH, NO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub>

**Scheme 3.1: General methodology for the synthesis of butenolides.**

### 3.5 Proposed Mechanism for the Synthesis of Butenolides

The step-wise proposed mechanism of the reactions involved in the synthesis of butenolides is as follows:

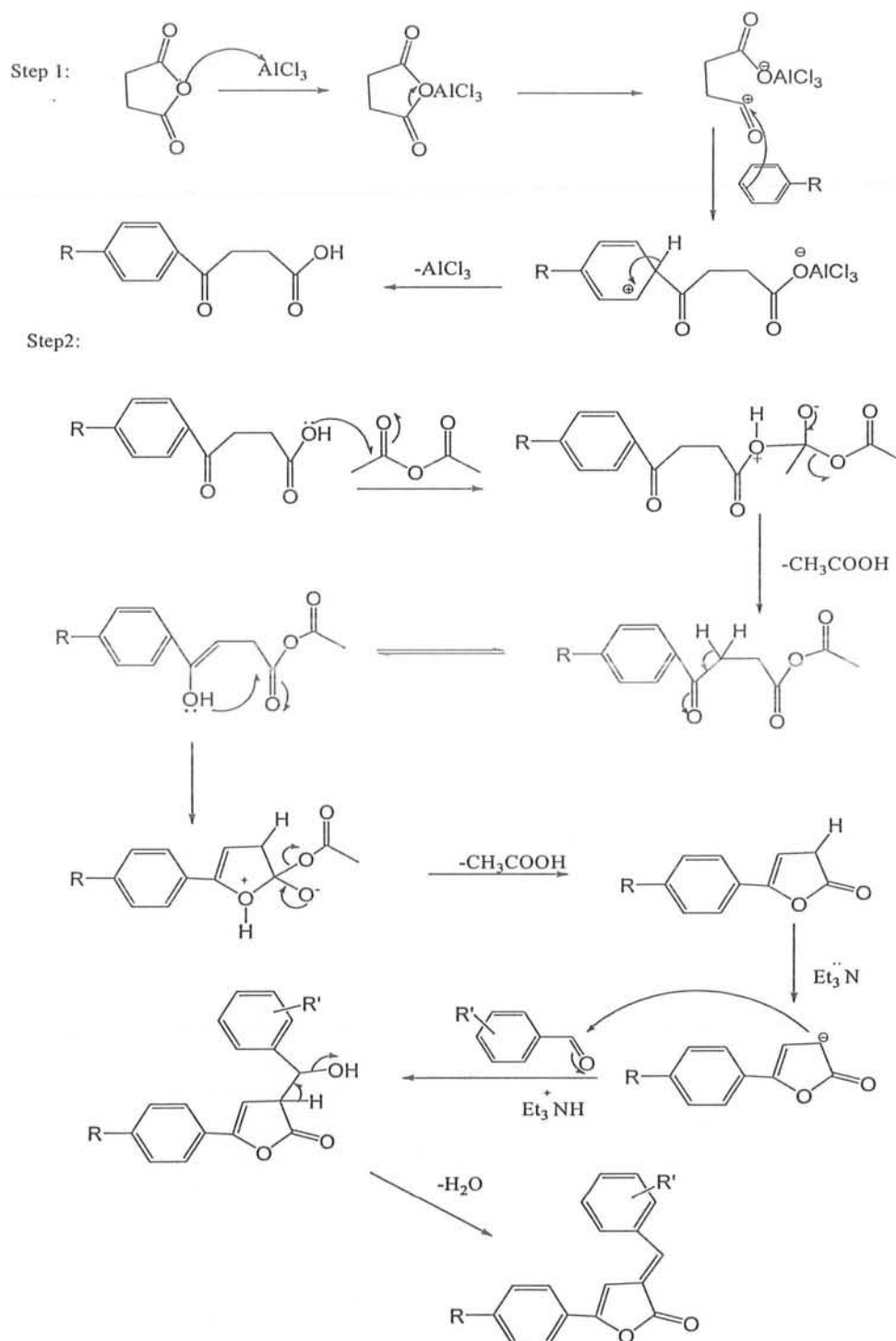


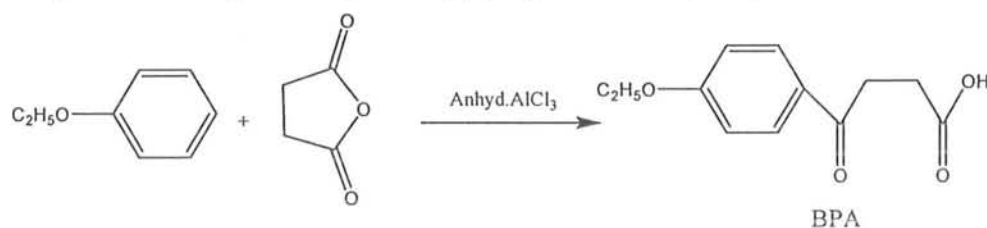
Fig. 3.1: Proposed mechanism involved in the synthesis of butenolides.

## 3.6 Results and Discussion

### 3.6.1 Synthesis of A-Series Butenolides

A total of 17 new compounds in this series were prepared as outlined in scheme 3.1. 2-Arylidene-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides were synthesized from 3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA) by reacting with benzaldehydes in the presence of triethyl amine in acetic anhydride. The required 3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA) was prepared by condensing ethoxy benzene with succinic anhydride in the presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride following Friedal Craft's acylation reaction conditions. One of the representative compounds from A-series has been described here in detail. Complete physical data and structural elucidation of representative molecule is discussed. The same is applicable to the rest of the compounds of this series, and physical and spectral data about them are presented in tabulated form.

#### 3.6.1.1 Synthesis of 3-(4-Ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA):



Succinic anhydride (2g, 0.02 mol) was condensed in the presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride (6g, 0.044 mol) with phenetole (15 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4h. After completion of the reaction, excess solvent (phenetole) was removed by steam distillation. The resultant solid product was purified by dissolving it in sodium hydroxide solution (5% w/v), filtering followed by addition of hydrochloric acid. The solid mass so obtained was filtered, washed with cold water, dried and crystallized from methanol to give 3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA).

3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA) was obtained as white crystals with (65%) yield and was recrystallized using methanol. The molecular formula and molecular weight of the compound (BPA) was found to be  $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$  and 222 respectively. The FTIR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at  $1244$ ,  $1040$   $cm^{-1}$ ,  $1677$   $cm^{-1}$ ,  $1709$   $cm^{-1}$ , and  $2979$   $cm^{-1}$  which are characteristics of C – O, C = O (ketone), C = O (acid), and O – H, respectively. (Table 3.1).

**Table 3.1: FTIR data of compound BPA.**

Compd.	C – O ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C = O ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C = C (Ar) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	O – H ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
BPA	1244,1040	1677 (ketone), 1709 (Acid)	1570	2979

The elemental analysis of BPA shows good agreement between the calculated and found values which show the formation of this product and is shown below:

**Table 3.2: CHN analysis of BPA(  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ ).**

Analysis	%C	%H	%N
Calculated	64.85	6.35	----
Found	64.08	6.25	----

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3-(4-Ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA) showed a triplet at  $\delta$  1.46 ppm for the methyl protons at position 1 with coupling constant  $J = 6.9$  Hz. The methylene protons at position 2 showed quartet at  $\delta$  4.12 ppm, with  $J = 6.9$  Hz. The aromatic protons at position 2' and 6' showed a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$  6.94 ppm by coupling with ortho and meta protons respectively which is evident by  $J$  values at 9 and 2.7 Hz. Similarly the protons at position 3' and 5' also showed doublet of doublet at  $\delta$  7.97 ppm with ortho and meta coupling,  $J$  values being 9.6 and 3.0 Hz. The methylene protons at 2'' and 3'' gave triplet each at  $\delta$  3.29 and 2.81 ppm respectively with coupling constant  $J = 6.6$  Hz. The carboxyl proton at 5'' gave singlet at  $\delta$  11.1 ppm. The  $\delta$  values, multiplicity and  $J$  values of all protons of BPA are tabulated in table 3.3.

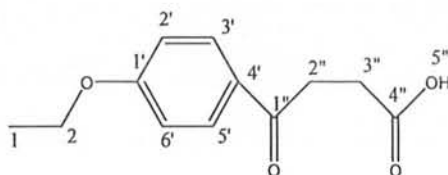


Table 3.3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral data of compound BPA ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz).

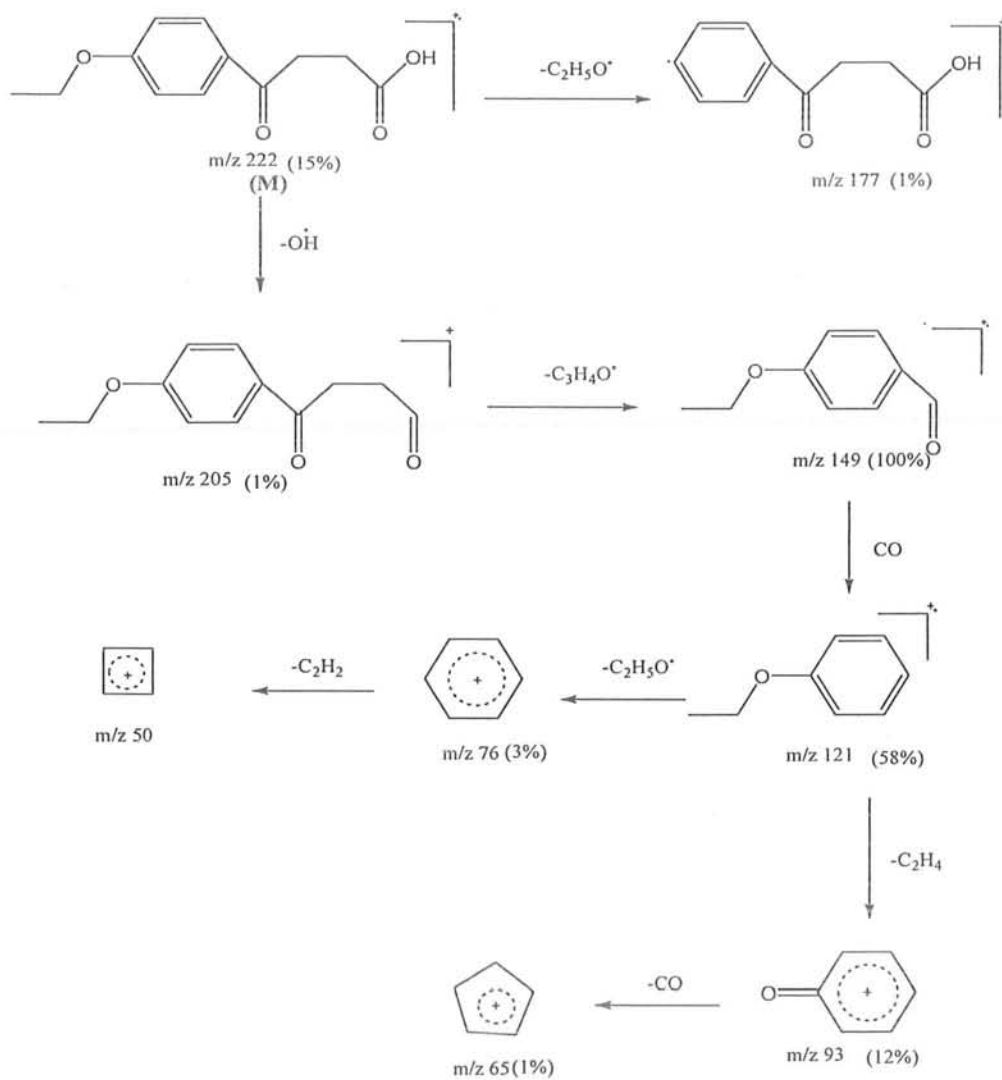
Type of Proton	$^1\text{H}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)	Multiplicity	J(Hz)
1	1.46	3H, t	6.9
2	4.12	2H, q	6.9
2', 6'	6.94	2H, dd	9, 2.7
3', 5'	7.97	2H, dd	9, 2.7
2''	3.29	2H, t	6.6
3''	2.81	2H, t	6.6
5''	11.1	1H, s	—

In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (BPA), a peak is observed at  $\delta$  14.69 ppm for the carbon at position 1. Similarly carbon at position 2 gave a peak at  $\delta$  63.79 ppm. The aromatic carbon at position 1' gave a peak at  $\delta$  163.11 ppm. The aromatic carbons at positions 2' and 6' gave peak at  $\delta$  114 ppm. Similarly the carbons of aromatic ring at position 3' and 5' gave peak at  $\delta$  130.36 and that at position 4' at  $\delta$  129.25 ppm. The other carbons at positions 1'', 2'', 3'' and 4'' gave peaks at  $\delta$  196.5, 32.79, 28.4 and 178.36 ppm respectively. The  $\delta$  values of all carbons of BPA are tabulated in table 3.4.

Table 3.4:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compound BPA ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz).

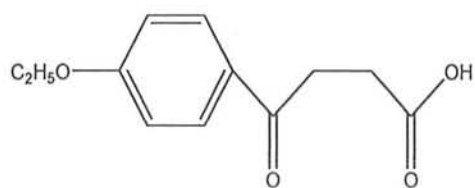
Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)	Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)
1	14.69	4'	129.25
2	63.79	1''	196.5
1'	163.11	2''	32.79
2' 6'	114	3''	28.4
3' 5'	130.36	4''	178.36

The mass spectrum of BPA showed molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  222 in reasonable intensity (15%) which is in good agreement with the molecular weight of the compound. The base peak appears at  $m/z$  149 by loss of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$  from the molecular ion. The base peak by loss of CO give peak at  $m/z$  121 in good intensity (51%). This can further loss  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}$  to give peak at  $m/z$  76 which on further loss of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  give peak at  $m/z$  50. The ion at  $m/z$  121 can also loss  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  by McLafferty rearrangement to give peak at  $m/z$  93 which on successive loss of CO and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  give peaks at  $m/z$  65 and 39 respectively. The complete fragmentation pattern of BPA is given in fig 3.3.



**Fig 3.2: Mass fragmentation of BPA.**

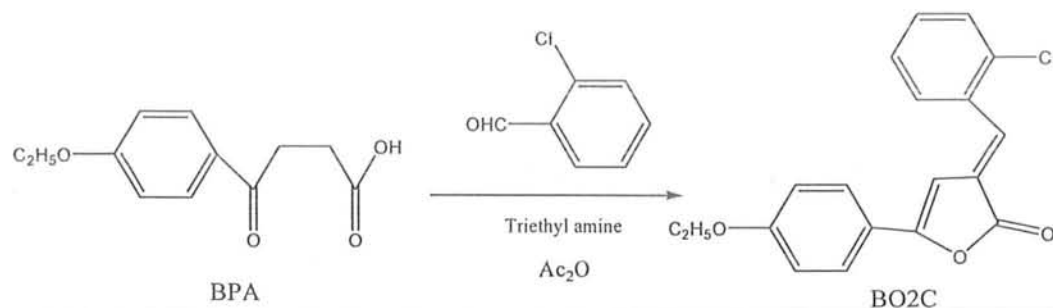
On the basis of interpretation of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, mass spectral data and physical constants, the structure of (BPA) was determined as 3-(4-Ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid :



3-(4-Ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid



### 3.6.1.2 Synthesis of 2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BO2C):



To a solution of 3-(4-ethoxy benzoyl) propionic acid (0.5g, 0.002 mol) and 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (0.22ml, 0.002 mol) in acetic anhydride (5 ml) was added triethyl amine (3-4 drops) and reaction mixture was refluxed for 4h under anhydrous conditions. After completion of reaction, the mixture was poured onto crushed ice and a yellow colored solid mass, which separated out, was filtered, washed, dried and crystallized from methanol: chloroform mixture (1:1) to give butenolide (BO2C).

2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BO2C) was obtained as yellow fluffy solid with 65% yield which was recrystallized by methanol: chloroform (1:1). The molecular formula and molecular weight of the compound (BO2C) is C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> and 326 respectively. The FTIR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at 1245, 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1186 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1508 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup> which are characteristics of C – O, C = O, C = C (Ar), C – Cl respectively. (Table 3.5).

**Table 3.5: FTIR data of compound BO2C.**

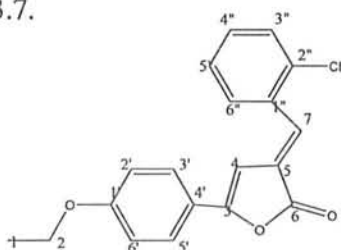
Compd.	C – O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C = O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C = C(Ar) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C – Cl (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
BO2C	1245,1043	1786	1508 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1120

The CHN analysis of BO2C shows good agreement between the calculated and found values which show the formation of this product and is shown below:

**Table 3.6: CHN analysis of BO2C ( C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>)**

Analysis	%C	%H	%N
Calculated	69.84	4.63	-----
Found	70.10	4.52	-----

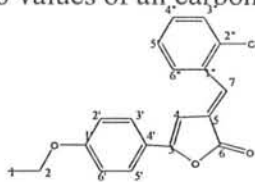
The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of 2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BO2C) showed two characteristic singlets at  $\delta$  6.69 and 7.28 ppm, which could be assigned to the lactone ring  $\beta$ -H and the olefinic hydrogen of the arylidene substituent respectively. A triplet is observed at  $\delta$  1.46 ppm for the methyl hydrogens at position 1 while a quartet at  $\delta$  4.10 ppm for the methylene hydrogens at position 2 with J value being 6.9 Hz. A doublet of doublet at 6.96 ppm is observed for aromatic protons at 2' and 6' due to ortho and meta coupling as shown by J values 8.7 and 3 Hz while a multiplet at  $\delta$  7.70 ppm is observed for aromatic protons at positions 3', 5' and 6''. A multiplet at  $\delta$  7.32-7.41 ppm is observed for aromatic protons at 4'' and 5''. A doublet of doublet at  $\delta$  7.49 ppm is observed for aromatic proton at 3'' due to ortho and meta coupling with J values being 6.6 and 2.4 Hz. The  $\delta$  values, multiplicity and J values of all protons of BO2C are tabulated in table 3.7.



**Table 3.7:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral data of compound BO2C ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz).**

Type of Proton	$^1\text{H}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)	Multiplicity	J(Hz)
1	1.46	3H, t	6.9
2	4.10	2H, q	6.9
4	6.69	1H, s	--
7	7.28	1H, s	--
2' 6'	6.96	2H, dd	8.7,3
3' 5'	7.68-7.73	2H, m	--
3''	7.49	1H, dd	6.6,2.4
4''	7.32-7.41	1H, m	--
5''	7.32-7.41	1H, m	--
6''	7.68-7.73	1H, m	--

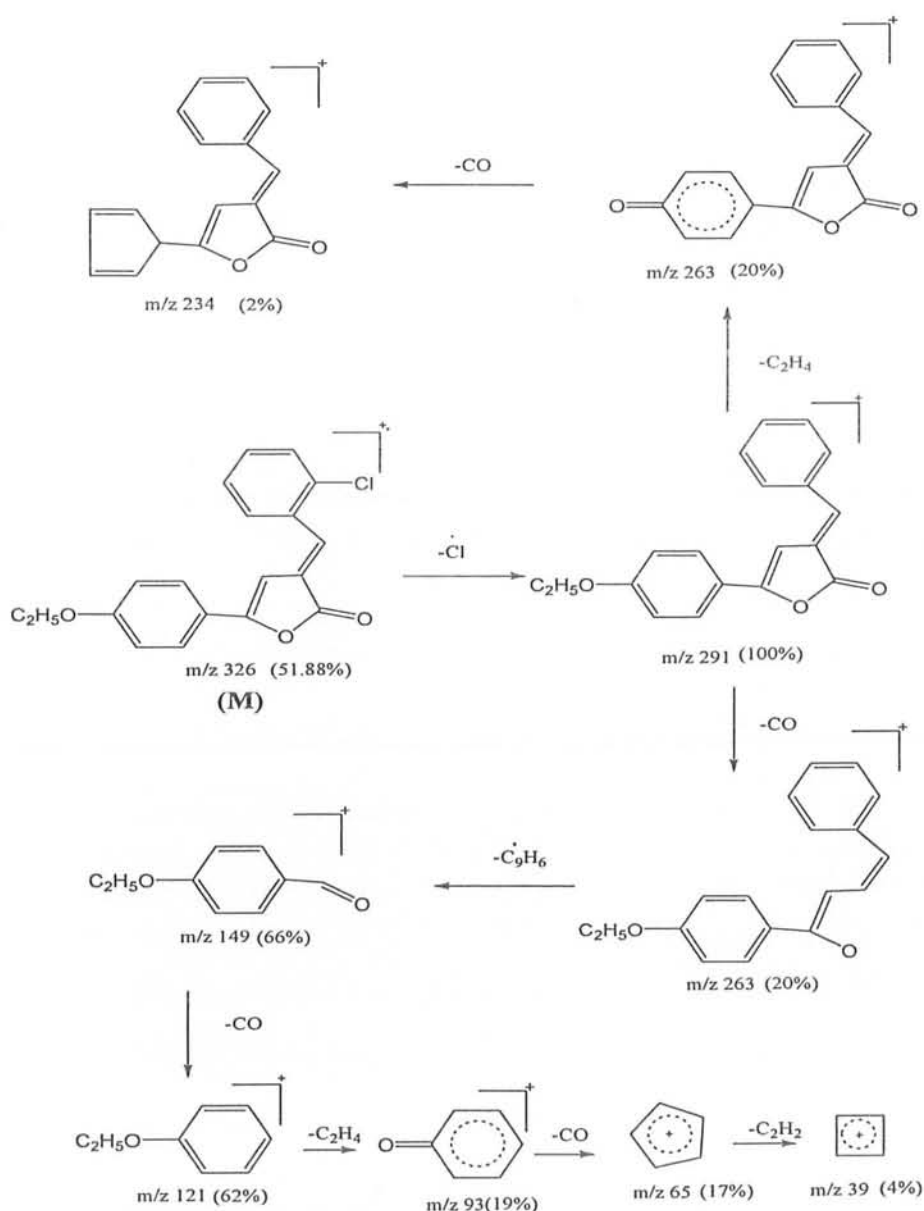
In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BO2C) a characteristic peak at  $\delta$  97.44 ppm is observed for the lactone ring  $\beta$  C at position 4 and a peak at  $\delta$  135.51 for the olefinic C at position 7. A peak at  $\delta$  14.74 ppm is observed for the carbon at position 1. Similarly C at position 2 gave a peak at  $\delta$  63.74 ppm. Carbons at position 5, 6 gave peak at  $\delta$  97.44 and 135.51 ppm respectively. The aromatic C at 1' gave peak at  $\delta$  161.13 ppm. Similarly the aromatic carbons at positions 2', 6' and 3', 5' gave peaks at  $\delta$  114.89 and 127.22 respectively. The aromatic C at position 4', gave peak at  $\delta$  120.26 ppm. The arylidene ring carbons gave peaks in close range i.e.  $\delta$  129-133 ppm. The  $\delta$  values of all carbons of BO2C are tabulated in table 3.8.



**Table 3.8:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compound BO2C ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz).

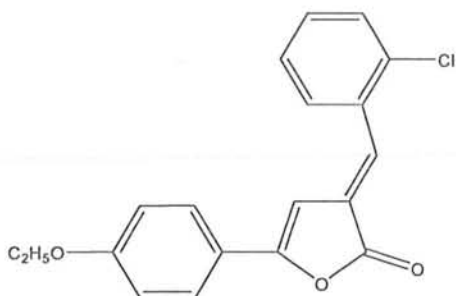
Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)	Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)
1	14.74	3', 5'	127.22
2	63.74	4'	120.26
3	151.87	1''	133.74
4	97.44	2''	130.66
5	130.66	3''	129.60
6	168.97	4''	129.76
7	135.51	5''	127.65
1'	161.13	6''	129.60
2', 6'	114.89	-----	-----

The mass spectrum of BO2C showed characteristic isotopic peaks for chlorine. The molecular ion peak appears in reasonable intensities (52%) at  $m/z$  326 which are found in good agreement with molecular weight of the compound. The molecular ion on loss of chlorine gave the base peak at  $m/z$  291. This base fragment ion can further lose CO to give peak at 263 which subsequently loses  $C_9H_6$  and CO, to give peak at  $m/z$  149 and 121 in good intensity. It can further lose  $C_2H_4$  by McLafferty rearrangement to give peak at  $m/z$  93 which on successive loss of CO and  $C_2H_2$  give peaks at  $m/z$  65 and 39 respectively. The base peak at  $m/z$  291 can also lose  $C_2H_4$  by McLafferty rearrangement to give peak at  $m/z$  263 which on further loss of CO give peak at  $m/z$  235. The complete mass fragmentation pattern of BO2C is given in fig 3.4.



**Fig 3.3: Mass fragmentation pattern of BO2C.**

On the basis of interpretation of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, mass spectral data and physical constants, the structure of (BO2C) was determined as 2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide :



2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxy phenyl)  
but-3-en-4-olide

#### 3.6.1.3 Synthesis of other A-Series Butenolides:

The synthetic procedure used for the synthesis of BO2C was also used for the synthesis of other members of the A-series of butenolides. Molar ratios, physical data, FTIR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and EIMS data for these compounds are tabulated in Table 3.9-3.15.

**Table 3.9: Molar Ratios of A-series compounds.**

Compd.	Benzoyl propionic acid	Substituted benzaldehyde	Yield	Solvent for Recrystallization
BO4C	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.28 g (0.002 mol)	0.35 g (50%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO3B	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.23 ml (0.002 mol)	0.6 g (70%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4B	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.37 g (0.002 mol)	0.6 g (70%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO2F	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.21 ml (0.002 mol)	0.5 g (72%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO3F	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.211 ml (0.002 mol)	0.48 g (70%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4F	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.214 ml (0.002 mol)	0.45 g (69%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO2M	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.27 g (0.002 mol)	0.4g (60%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO3M	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.24 ml (0.002 mol)	0.45 g (65%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4E	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.27 ml (0.002 mol)	0.4 g (50%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO2H	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.21 ml (0.002 mol)	0.45 g (68%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO3H	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.24 g (0.002 mol)	0.4 g (65%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4H	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.24 g (0.002 mol)	0.4 g (65%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO2N	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.30 g (0.002 mol)	0.5 g (68%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO3N	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.30 g (0.002 mol)	0.56 g (72%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4N	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.30 g (0.002 mol)	0.6 g (75%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BO4T	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.23 ml (0.002 mol)	0.4 g (60%)	Methanol: Chloroform

**Table 3.10: Physical data of A-series compounds.**

Comp.	Molecular Formula	Molecular Weight	m.p. (°C)	R <sub>f</sub> <sup>*</sup> Values x 100	Solubility
BO4C	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClO <sub>3</sub>	326.5	205-206	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO3B	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub>	371	166-167	68	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4B	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub>	371	208-209	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO2F	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> FO <sub>3</sub>	310	146-147	62	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO3F	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> FO <sub>3</sub>	310	169-170	64	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4F	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> FO <sub>3</sub>	310	161-162	65	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO2M	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	322	137-138	60	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO3M	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	322	124-125	64	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4E	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	336	181-182	63	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO2H	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	308	142-143	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO3H	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	308	137-138	72	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4H	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	308	190-191	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO2N	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	337	189-190	76	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO3N	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	337	175-176	74	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4N	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	337	252-253	72	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BO4T	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	306	164-165	68	CHCl <sub>3</sub>

\* Solvent for R<sub>f</sub> values = Pet. ether : ethyl acetate (4:1)

Table 3.11: FTIR data of A-series butenolides

Compd.	C-O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C=O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C=C (Ar) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C-X (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
BO4C	1255, 1050	1759	1508	1092 (C-Cl)
BO3B	1262, 1044	1761	1504	1069 (C-Br)
BO4B	1078, 1256	1758	1509	923(C-Br)
BO2F	1043,1265	1786	1506	1117 (C-F)
BO3F	1043, 1257	1785	1508	1117 (C-F)
BO4F	1049, 1258	1758	1507	1113 (C-F)
BO2M	1244	1778	1504	1115 (C-OMe)
BO3M	1250	1759	1507	1175 (C-OMe)
BO4E	1167	1752	1506	1250 (C-OEt)
BO2H	1258	1762	1506	3100 (O-H)
BO3H	1256	1785	1511	3068 (O-H)
BO4H	1256	1758	1505	3053 (O-H)
BO2N	1263	1775	1522	1522,1341 (C-N)
BO3N	1249	1758	1528	1561, 1350 (C-N)
BO4N	1249	1763	1507	1563, 1339 (C-N)
BO4T	1254	1759	1506	1395 (C-CH <sub>3</sub> )



Table 3.12:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral data of A series compounds  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz.

Protons	Spectral data	BO4C	BO3B	BO4B	BO2F	BO3F	BO4F	BO2M	BO3M
1	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	1.47 t 6.9	1.47 t 6.9	1.47 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9
2	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.8	4.10 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9
4	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.76 s --	6.75 s --	6.76 s ---	6.74 s ---	6.77 s ----	6.76 s ---	6.76 s ---	6.80 s ---
7	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.28 s ---	7.25 s ---	7.72 s ---	7.54 s ---	7.12 s ---	7.33 s ---	7.67 s ---	7.14 s ---
2' 6'	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.98 dd 9,2.7	6.97 dd 8.7,3	6.97 dd 9,3	6.97 dd 9,2.1	6.97 dd 8.7,3	6.97 dd 8.7,1.8	6.95 dd 9,1.8	6.97 dd 9,2.1
3' 5'	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.44 dd 8.4,2.7	7.53 dd 9, 2.8	7.49 dd 8.4,2.8	7.74- 7.66 m ---	7.48- 7.28 m	7.71 dd 9,2.1	7.72- 7.66 m ---	7.71 dd 9,2.1
2''	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.72 dd 7.3,2.4	7.35- 7.45 m ----	7.28 dd 8.8,2.1	----	7.72 dd 4,2.4	7.63 ddd 5.4,1.8	7.14- 7.25 m ----	7.42- 7.34 m ---
3''	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.57 dd 8.4,2.7	----	7.60 dd 8.4,3	7.45- 7.37 m ---	----	7.17 ddd 8.7,2.1	---	----
4''	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	---	7.35- 7.45 m ---	----	7.74- 7.66 m ---	7.48- 7.28 m	----	7.43- 7.38 m ----	7.42- 7.34 m ---
5''	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplic J(Hz)	7.57 dd 8.4,2.7	7.32 dd 8.8,3	7.60 dd 8.4,3	7.26- 7.13 m ---	7.48- 7.28 m	7.17 ddd 8.7,2.1	7.08- 7.03 m ---	7.24 dd 7.5,0.6
6''	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.72 dd 9,2.7	7.24 m ---	7.28 dd 8.8,2.1	7.74- 7.66 m ---	7.48- 7.28 m	7.63 ddd 5.4,1.8	7.72- 7.66 m ---	7.42- 7.34 m ---
X-H	$^1\text{H}$ - $\delta$ ppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.91 s ---	3.89 s ---

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Protons	Spectral data	BO4E	BO2H	BO3H	BO4H	BO2N	BO3N	BO4N	BO4T
1	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	1.49- 1.44 m(6H) ---	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9	1.47 t 6.8	1.48 t 6.9	1.46 t 6.9
2	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	4.07- 4.15 m(4H) ----	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9	4.10 q 6.9	4.12 q 6.8	4.12 q 6.9	4.11 q 6.9
4	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.80 s ---	6.73 s ---	6.77 s ---	6.78 s ---	6.52 s ---	6.80 s ---	6.81 s ---	6.81 s ---
7	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.34 s ---	6.95 s ---	7.33 s ---	7.74 s ---	8.15 s ---	8.48 s ---	7.34 s ---	7.36 s ---
2' 6'	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.94- 7.00 m ---	7.19 dd 6.6,2.2	6.36 dd 8.7,3	7.21 dd 8.7,2.1	6.96 dd 9,2.7	7.19 dd 9,3	7.00 dd 8.7,2	6.96 dd 9,2.1
3' 5'	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.70 dd 9,2.1	7.75 dd 6,1.5	7.72 dd 9,2.1	7.71 dd 9,2.1	7.56- 7.62 m ---	7.63- 7.91 m ---	7.75 dd 6.7,2.7	7.71 dd 9,2.1
2''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.58- 7.61 m ----	----	6.97 dd 9,2.1	7.65 dd 8.7,2.4	----	8.24 dd 7,3	7.78 dd 6.8,2.7	7.54 dd 8.1,2.7
3''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.94- 7.00 m ---	6.96 dd 9,3	----	6.97 dd 9,2.1	8.18 dd 7.8,2.4	----	8.33 dd 9,3	7.27- 7.29 m ----
4''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	----	7.33- 7.48 m	7.13- 7.16 m	----	7.66- 7.75 m	7.63- 7.91 m	----	----
5''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.94- 7.00 m ---	7.33- 7.48 m ---	7.48 dd 7.8,2.3	6.97 dd 9,2.1	7.66- 7.75 m ---	7.63- 7.91 m ---	8.33 dd 9,3	7.27- 7.29 m ----
6''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.58- 7.61 m ----	7.70 dd 9,2.1	7.13- 7.16 m	7.65 dd 8.7,2.4	7.66- 7.75 m	7.63- 7.91 m ---	7.78 dd 6.8,2.7	7.54 dd 8.1,2.7
X-H	//	----	2.39 s	2.38 s	2.36 s	----	----	----	2.43 s

Table 3.13:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of A series compounds.

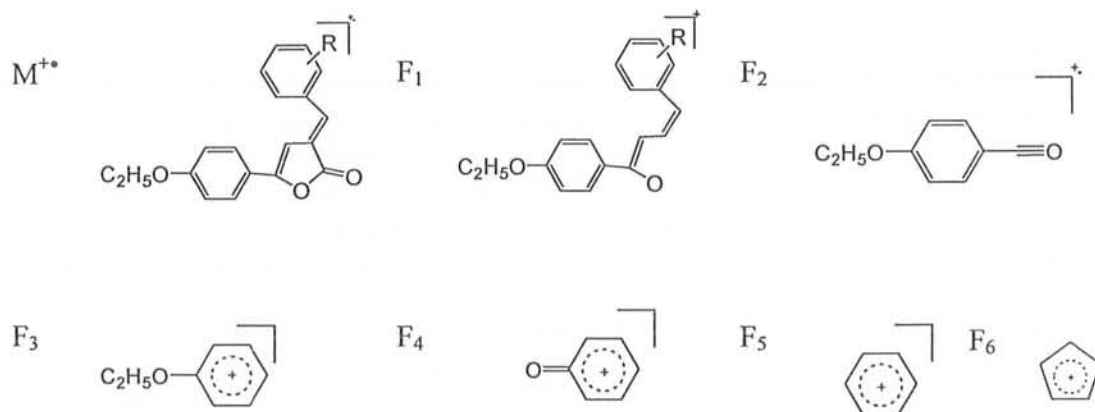
carbon No.	$^{13}\text{C}$ - $\delta$ (ppm), Compounds							
	BO4C	BO3B	BO4B	BO2F	BO3F	BO4F	BO2M	BO3M
1	14.74	14.74	14.75	14.73	14.73	14.74	14.76	14.74
2	63.74	63.75	63.75	63.73	63.74	63.72	63.69	63.71
3	157.49	157.89	156.20	157.20	157.80	157.22	156.40	151.09
4	97.57	97.48	97.61	98.00	97.55	97.48	98.17	97.94
5	129	128.48	130.05	129.86	130.53	131.70	129.39	130.05
6	169.5	169.28	167.40	169.21	169.36	169.64	169.80	169.68
7	135.83	137.43	139.60	131.55	137.51	132.42	131.60	136.66
1'	161.10	161.20	156.70	157.48	161.30	161.38	158.56	159.89
2' 6'	114.91	114.91	114.90	114.89	114.92	114.88	114.82	115.38
3' 5'	127.20	127.32	127.21	127.16	127.27	125.26	125.22	125.91
4'	120.30	123.15	119.87	120.34	120.21	120.39	124.61	122.50
1''	132.07	132.59	134.27	123.60	131.90	131.88	117.25	133.70
2''	126.01	130.52	131.22	161.12	115.50	127.10	160.79	116.60
3''	126.01	120.17	132.33	116.20	164.61	116.34	111.07	160.96
4''	133.88	132.26	122.30	129.83	116.73	165.10	129.25	114.87
5''	126.01	130.51	123.60	124.53	131.91	116.34	120.73	127.11
6''	127.8	126.71	125.68	127.21	125.95	127.10	126.93	120.45
X-C	----	----	----	----	----	----	55.60	55.41

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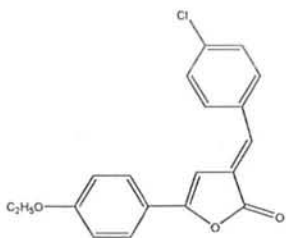
carbon No.	<sup>13</sup> C-δ (ppm), Compounds							
	BO4E	BO2H	BO3H	BO4H	BO2N	BO3N	BO4N	BO4T
1	14.76	14.73	14.74	14.74	14.71	14.72	14.70	14.76
2	63.70	63.73	64.73	63.72	63.76	63.80	63.70	63.70
3	155.93	149.67	151.04	157.25	146.2	148.71	146.2	156.50
4	97.98	97.80	97.69	97.65	96.90	97.03	97.20	98.04
5	134.08	129.40	130.02	127.12	130.5	130.10	130.5	130.07
6	170.22	169.19	169.39	169.50	168.40	168.89	168.39	169.97
7	131.96	130.85	136.85	133.14	137.60	137.01	137.50	140.65
1'	160.66	157.61	157.56	151.63	160.70	161.53	161.70	160.81
2' 6'	115.08	114.90	120.31	114.89	114.91	114.99	114.3	114.84
3' 5'	128	127.20	127.24	125.69	127.35	127.56	127	126.99
4'	123.04	126.78	126.57	122.35	122	123.75	122	120.62
1''	126.85	123.22	132.37	131.09	130.99	135.49	141.3	132.66
2''	128	161.09	114.89	132.56	158.10	119.84	127.3	124.65
3''	114.82	120.30	161.09	120.41	121	158.94	121	129.85
4''	160.60	128.39	122.48	161	129.83	128	158.60	134.13
5''	114.82	126.38	127.46	120.41	134.8	129.66	121	129.85
6''	128	127.42	122.99	132.56	128.63	132.5	127.3	124.65
X-C	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	21.64

Table 3.14: EIMS data of A series compounds.

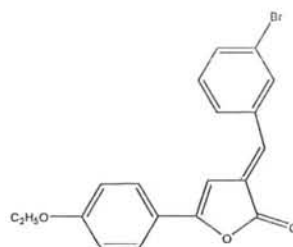
Compd.	Peaks ( m/z, %)						
	M <sup>+</sup>	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>5</sub>	F <sub>6</sub>
BO4C	326(100)	298(8)	149(80)	121(75)	93(14)	76(3)	65(11)
BO3B	370(73)	342(4)	149(95)	121(100)	93(19)	76(5)	65(17)
BO4B	370(100)	342(10)	149(80)	121(75)	93(15)	76(5)	65(10)
BO2F	310(100)	282(8)	149(65)	121(70)	93(15)	76(3)	65(11)
BO3F	310(100)	282(8)	149(71)	121(80)	93(20)	76(3)	65(15)
BO4F	310(100)	282(10)	149(67)	121(66)	93(20)	76(3)	65(11)
BO2M	322(100)	294(5)	149(88)	121(66)	93(19)	76(6)	65(15)
BO3M	322(81)	294(5)	149(100)	121(65)	93(14)	76(5)	65(11)
BO4E	336(100)	308(19)	149(76)	121(52)	93(15)	76(4)	65(10)
BO2H	308(100)	280(10)	149(55)	121(65)	93(15)	76(5)	65(10)
BO3H	308(46)	280(7)	149(100)	121(75)	93(20)	76(6)	65(15)
BO4H	308(100)	280(8)	149(60)	121(52)	93(13)	76(3)	65(12)
BO2N	337(38)	309(10)	149(100)	121(89)	93(29)	76(10)	65(24)
BO3N	337(100)	309(8)	149(90)	121(52)	93(20)	76(5)	65(15)
BO4N	337(100)	309(10)	149(52)	121(95)	93(20)	76(5)	65(5)
BO4T	306(100)	278(10)	149(85)	121(57)	93(15)	76(3)	65(11)



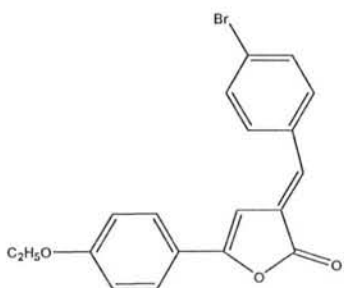
As a result of interpretation of physical and spectral data, the structures of A-series butenolides were elucidated and are given below:



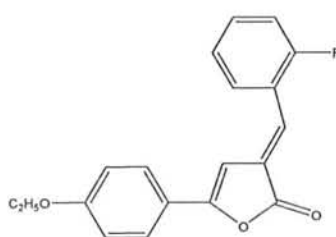
2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (**BO4C**)



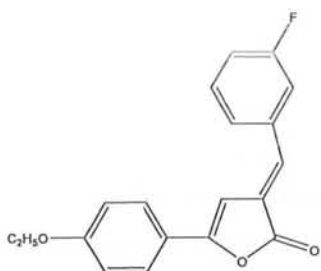
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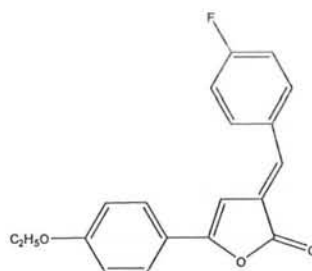
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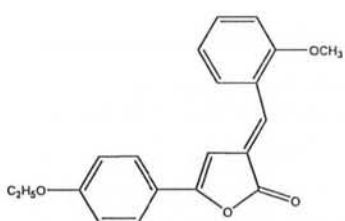
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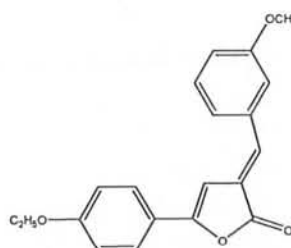
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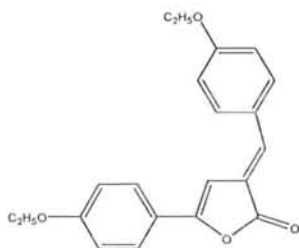
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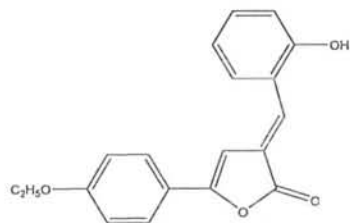
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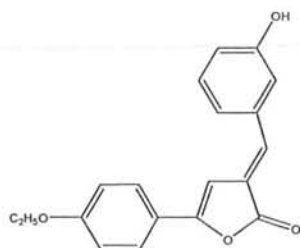
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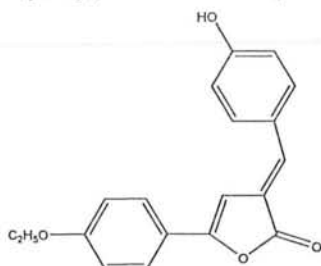
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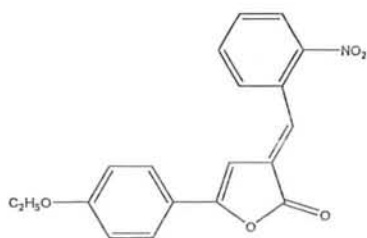
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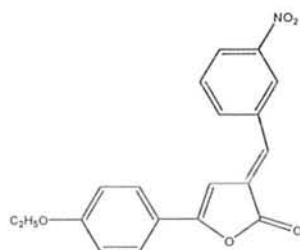
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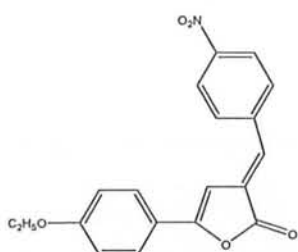
2-(4-Hydroxybenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but3-en-4-olide (**BO4H**)



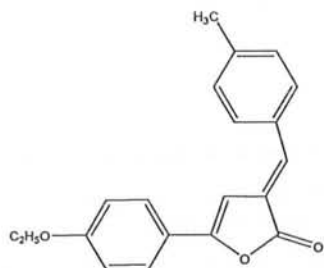
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2-(3-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but3-en-4-olide (**BO3N**)



2-(4-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but3-en-4-olide (**BO4N**)

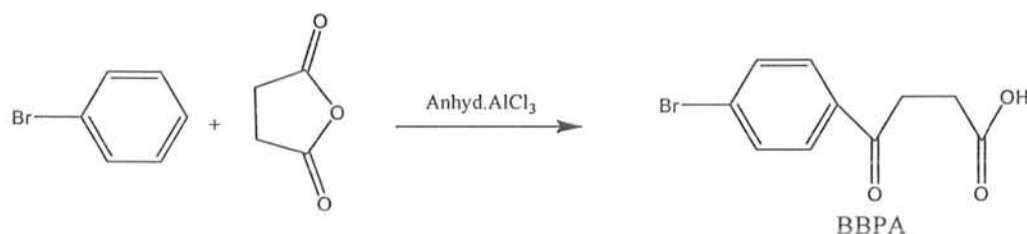


2-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but3-en-4-olide (**BO4T**)

### 3.6.2 Synthesis of B-Series Butenolides

Overall 9 new compounds were prepared following scheme as outlined in scheme fig 3.1. 2-Arylidene-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olides were synthesized from 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA) by reacting with aromatic aldehydes in the presence of triethyl amine in acetic anhydride. The required 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA) was prepared by condensing bromo benzene with succinic anhydride in the presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride following Friedal Craft's acylation reaction conditions. One of the representative compounds from B-series has been described here in detail. Complete physical data and structural elucidation of representative molecule is discussed. The same is applicable to the rest of the compounds of this series, and physical and spectral data about them are presented in tabulated form.

#### 3.6.2.1 Synthesis of 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA):



Succinic anhydride (2g, 0.02 mol) was condensed in presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride (6g, 0.044 mol) with bromobenzene (15 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4h. After completion of the reaction excess solvent (bromobenzene) was removed by steam distillation. The resultant solid product was purified by dissolving it in sodium hydroxide solution (5% w/v), filtering followed by addition of hydrochloric acid. The solid mass so obtained was filtered, washed with cold water, dried and crystallized from methanol to give 3-(4-bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA).

3-(4-bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA) was obtained as white crystals with (75%) yield and was recrystallized by methanol. The molecular formula and molecular weight of the compound (BBPA) was found to be  $C_{10}H_9BrO_3$  and 256 respectively. The FTIR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at  $1674\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1072\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1584\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $3059\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which are characteristics of  $C=O$  (ketone),  $C=O$  (Acid),  $C-Br$ ,  $C=C$  (Ar) and  $O-H$ , respectively. (Table 3.15).



**Table 3.15: FTIR data of compound BBPA.**

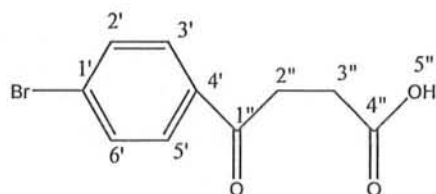
Compd.	C = O ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C - Br ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C = C(Ar) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	O - H ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
BBPA	1674 (ketone), 1700 (Acid)	1072	1584	3059

The elemental analysis of BBPA shows good agreement between the calculated and found values which show the formation of this product and is as shown below:

**Table 3.16: CHN analysis of BBPA(  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ ).**

Analysis	%C	%H	%N
Calculated	46.72	3.53	----
Found	47.72	3.49	----

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl) propionic acid (BBPA) showed doublet of doublet at  $\delta = 7.64$  ppm for the aromatic protons at position 2' and 6' by coupling with ortho and meta protons respectively which is evident by J values 8.4 and 1.8 Hz. Similarly the aromatic protons at positions 3' and 5' also showed doublet of doublet at  $\delta 7.86$  ppm with ortho and meta coupling, J values being 8.7 and 2.1 Hz. The methylene protons at 2'' and 3'' gave triplet each at  $\delta 3.29$  ppm and 2.81 ppm respectively with coupling constant 6.6 and 6.3 Hz respectively. The carboxyl proton at 5'' position gave singlet at  $\delta 11.3$  ppm. The  $\delta$  values, multiplicity and J values of all protons of BBPA are tabulated in table 3.17.



**Table 3.17: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of compound BBPA (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz).**

Type of Proton	<sup>1</sup> H (δ ppm)	Multiplicity	J(Hz)
2' 6'	7.64	2H, dd	8.4,1.8
3' 5'	7.86	2H, dd	8.7,2.1
2''	3.29	2H, t	6.6
3''	2.83	2H, t	6.3
5''	11.3	1H, s	–

In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl)propionic acid (BBPA), aromatic carbon at position 1' gave a peak at δ 128.58 ppm. The aromatic carbons at positions 2' and 6' gave peak at δ 132.00 ppm. Similarly the carbons of aromatic ring at positions 3' and 5' gave peak at δ 129.58 ppm and that at position 4' gave peak at δ 135.07 ppm. The other carbons at positions 1'', 2'', 3'' and 4'' gave peaks at δ 196.83, 33.10, 27.87 and 178.35 ppm respectively. The δ values of all carbons of BPA are tabulated in table 3.18.

**Table 3.18: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of compound BBPA (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz).**

Carbon #	<sup>13</sup> C (δ ppm)	Carbon #	<sup>13</sup> C (δ ppm)
1'	128.58	1''	196.83
2' 6'	132.00	2''	33.10
3' 5'	129.58	3''	27.87
4'	135.07	4''	178.35

The mass spectrum of BBPA showed molecular ion peak at m/z 256 in reasonable intensity (7%) which is in good agreement with the molecular weight of the

compound. The base peak appears at  $m/z$  183 by loss of  $C_3H_5O_2$  from the molecular ion. The base peak by loss of CO give peak at  $m/z$  155 in good intensity (29%). This can further loss Br to give peak at  $m/z$  76 which on further loss of  $C_2H_2$  give peak at  $m/z$  50. The ion at  $m/z$  155 can also loss  $C_2H_2$  to give peak at  $m/z$  129 which on further loss of  $C_2H_2$  give peaks at  $m/z$  103. The complete fragmentation pattern of BBPA is given in fig 3.5.

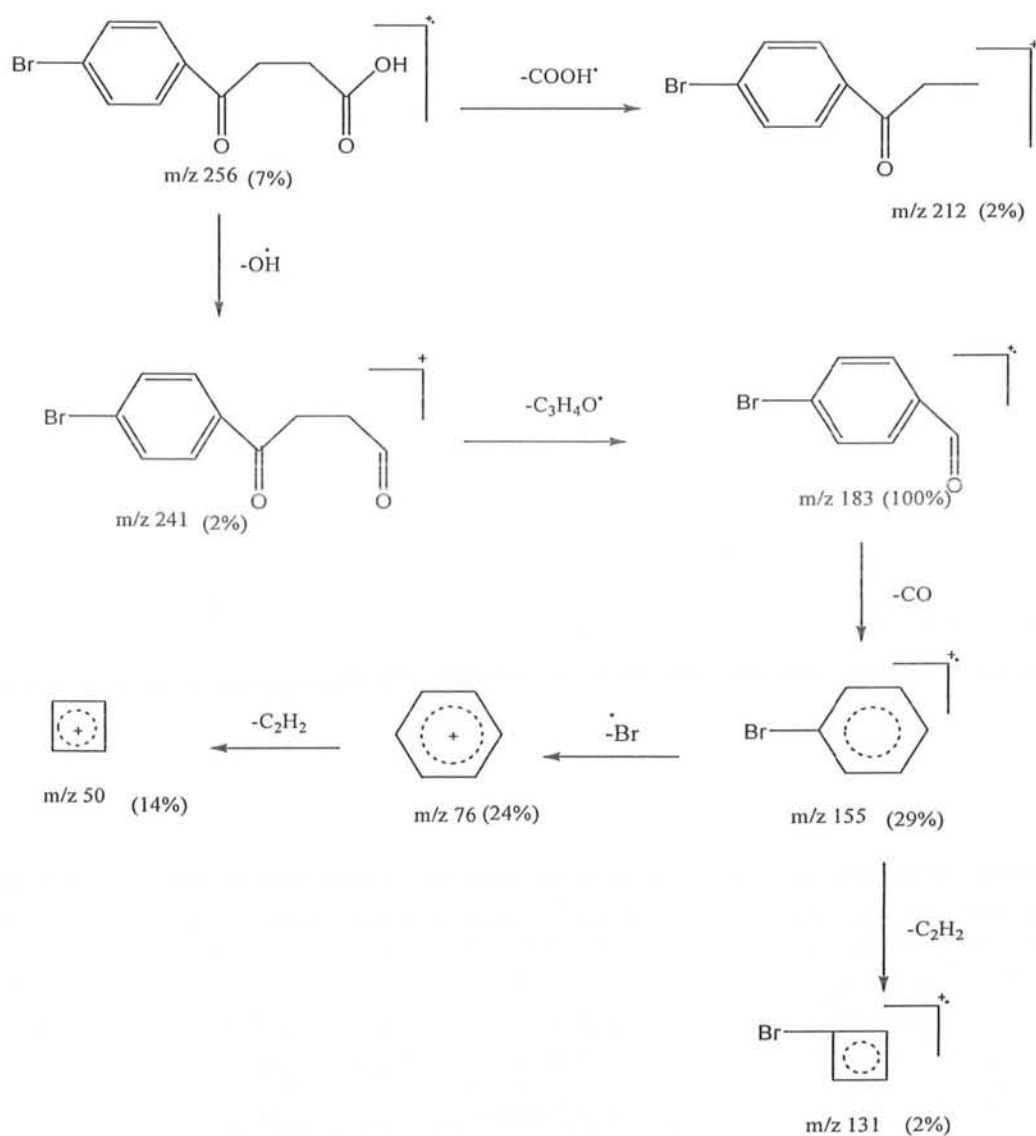
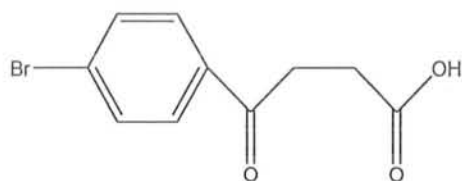


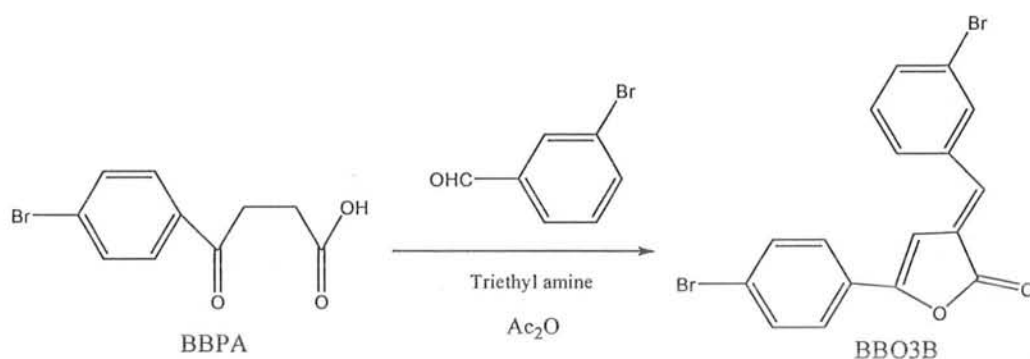
Fig 3.4: Mass fragmentation of BBPA.

On the basis of interpretation of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, mass spectral data and physical constants, the structure of (BBPA) was determined as 3-(4-bromo benzoyl) propionic acid :



3-(4-bromo benzoyl)propionic acid

### 3.6.2.2 Synthesis of 2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BBO3B):



To a solution of 3-(4-Bromo benzoyl)propionic acid (0.5g, 0.002 mol) and 3-bromobenzaldehyde (0.35g, 0.002 mol) in acetic anhydride (5 ml) was added triethyl amine (3-4 drops) and reaction mixture was refluxed for 4h under anhydrous conditions. After completion of reaction, the mixture was poured onto crushed ice and a colored solid mass, which separated out, was filtered, washed dried and crystallized from methanol: chloroform mixture (1:1) to give butenolide (BBO3B).

2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BBO3B) was obtained as yellow fluffy solid with (65%) yield and was recrystallized by methanol: chloroform (1:1). The molecular formula and molecular weight of the compound (BBO3B) was found to be  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2$  and 404 respectively. The FTIR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at  $1763\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1335\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1590\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $1071, 999\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which are characteristics of  $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}-\text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$ , and  $\text{C}-\text{Br}$  respectively. (Table 3.19).

**Table 3.19: FTIR data of compound BBO3B.**

Compd.	C = O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C – O (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C = C(Ar) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C – Br (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
BBO3B	1763	1335	1590	1071,999

The CHN analysis of BBO3B shows good agreement between the calculated and found values which show the formation of this product and is shown below:

**Table 3.20: CHN analysis of BBO3B (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)**

Analysis	%C	%H	%N
Calculated	50.28	2.48	----
Found	49.20	2.80	----

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BBO3B) showed two characteristic singlets at δ 6.91 and 7.76 ppm, which could be assigned to the lactone ring β-H and the olefinic hydrogen of the arylidene substituent respectively. A doublet of doublet at δ 7.37 ppm is observed for aromatic protons at 3' and 5' due to ortho and meta coupling as shown by J values 8.8 and 3 Hz while a multiplet in the range δ =7.54-7.67 ppm is observed for aromatic protons at positions 2', 6', 2'', 4'' and 6''. A doublet of doublet at δ 7.34 ppm is observed for aromatic proton at 5'' due to ortho and meta coupling with J values being 7.8 and 1.2 Hz. The δ values, multiplicity and J values of all protons of BBO3B are tabulated in table 3.21.

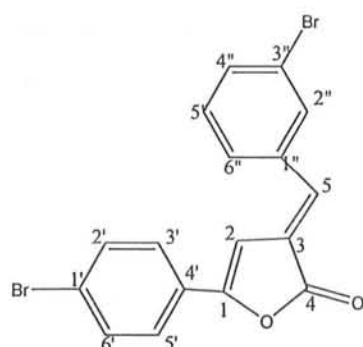


Table 3.21: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of compound BBO3B (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz).

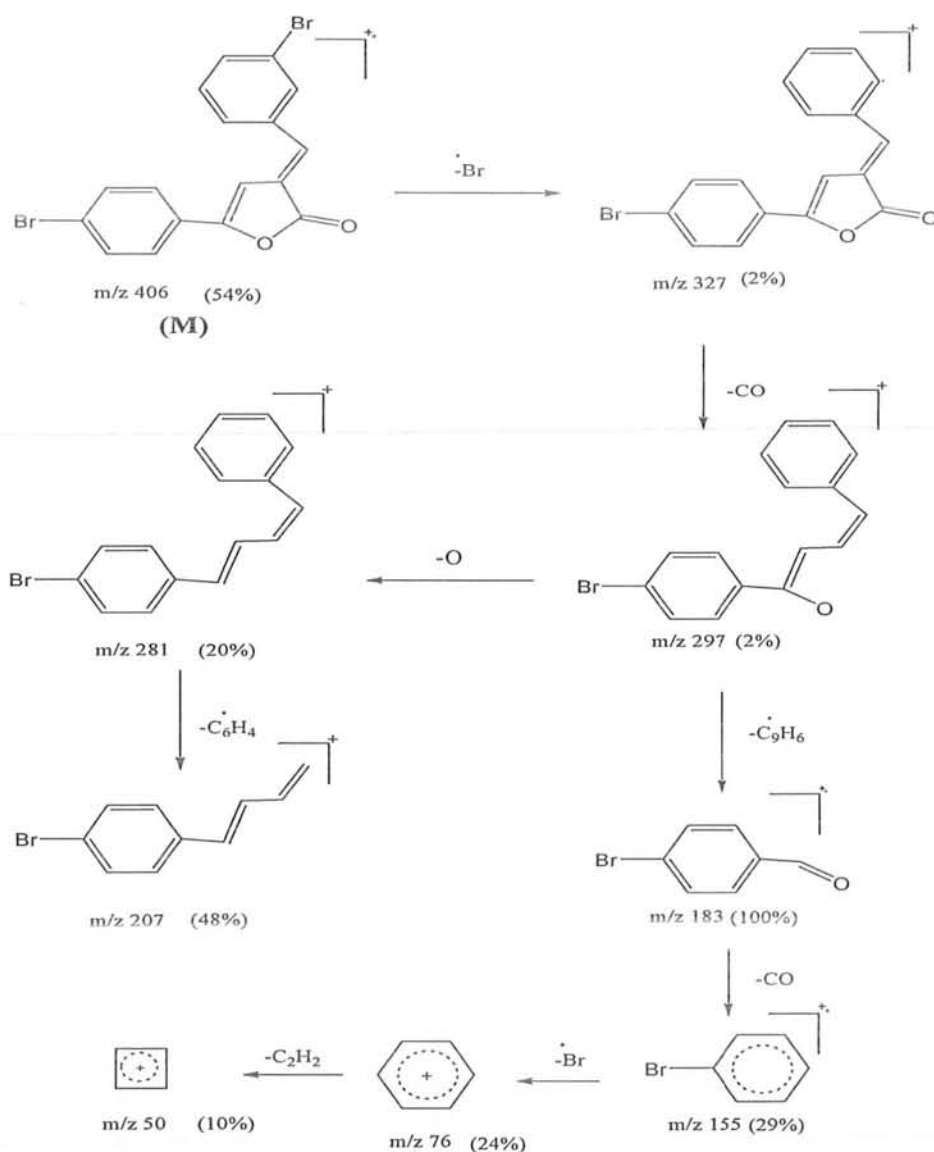
Type of Proton	<sup>1</sup> H (δ ppm)	Multiplicity	J(Hz)
2	6.91	1H, s	---
5	7.76	1H, s	---
2' 6'	7.54-7.67	2H,m	---
3' 5'	7.37	2H, dd	8.8,3
2''	7.54-7.67	1H,dd	6.2,2.1
4''	7.54-7.67	1H, m	--
5''	7.34	1H, dd	7.8,1.2
6''	7.54-7.67	1H, m	--

In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (BBO3B), a characteristic peak at δ 99.92 ppm is observed for the lactone ring β-C at position 2 and a peak at δ 168.61 ppm for the olefinic C at position 5. A peak at δ 156.77 ppm is observed for the carbon at position 1. Similarly C at position 3 and 4 gave peak at δ 130.64 and 168.61 ppm respectively. The aromatic C at 1' gave peak at δ 123.27 ppm. Similarly the aromatic carbons at positions 2', 6' and 3', 5' gave peaks at δ 132.27 and 126.91 ppm respectively. The aromatic C at position 4' gave peak at δ 128.65 ppm. The arylidene ring carbons gave peaks in close range i.e. δ 125-133 ppm. The δ values of all carbons of BBO3B are tabulated in table 3.22.

Table 3.22:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compound BBO3B ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz).

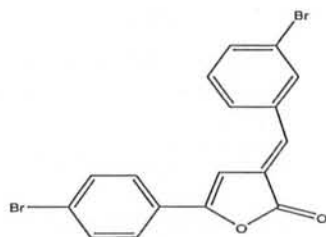
Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)	Carbon #	$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\delta$ ppm)
1	156.77	4'	128.65
2	99.92	1''	133.91
3	130.64	2''	125.27
4	168.61	3''	126.35
5	137.02	4''	132.43
1'	123.27	5''	126.35
2' 6'	132.27	6''	125.27
3' 5'	126.91	-----	-----

The mass spectrum of BBO3B showed characteristic isotopic peaks for bromine. The molecular ion peak appears at reasonable intensities (54%) at  $m/z$  404 which is found in good agreement with molecular weight of the compound. The molecular ion on loss of bromine gave the peak at  $m/z$  325. This fragment ion can further lose CO to give peak at  $m/z$  297 which subsequently loses  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6$  to give base peak at  $m/z$  183 which on loss of CO give peak at  $m/z$  155 in good intensity (29%). It can further lose bromine to give peak at  $m/z$  76 which on further loss of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  give peaks at  $m/z$  50. The peak at  $m/z$  297 can also lose oxygen to give peak at  $m/z$  281 which on further loss of bromine give peak at  $m/z$  205 in good intensity (48%). The complete fragmentation pattern of BBO3B is given in fig 3.6.



**Fig 3.5: Mass fragmentation pattern of BBO3B.**

On the basis of interpretation of IR,  $^1H$ ,  $^{13}C$  NMR, mass spectral data and physical constants, the structure of (BBO3B) was determined as 2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide :



2-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)but-3-en-4-olide



### 3.6.2.3 Synthesis of other B-Series Butenolides:

The synthetic procedure used for the synthesis of BBO3B was also used for the synthesis of other members of the B-series of Butenolides. The molar ratios, physical data, FTIR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and EIMS data for these compounds are tabulated in Table 3.23-3.28.

**Table 3.23: Molar ratios of B-series compounds.**

Compd.	Benzoyl propionic acid	Substituted benzaldehyde	Yield	Solvent for Recrystallization (1:1)
BBO2C	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.213 ml (0.002 mol)	0.55g (70%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO4C	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.266 g (0.002 mol)	0.4g (50%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO4F	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.203 ml (0.002 mol)	0.42g (50%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO3M	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.230 ml (0.002 mol)	0.45g (50%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO2H	0.5 g (0.002 mol))	0.202 ml (0.002 mol)	0.49g (60%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO3N	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.286 g (0.002 mol)	0.56g (65%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO4N	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.286 g (0.002 mol)	0.6g (70%)	Methanol: Chloroform
BBO4T	0.5 g (0.002 mol)	0.223 ml (0.002 mol)	0.48g (60%)	Methanol: Chloroform

**Table 3.24: Physical data of B-series compounds.**

Compd.	Mol. Formula	Mol. Wt.	m.p. °C	R <sub>f</sub> -Values x 100	Soluble
BBO2C	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrClO <sub>2</sub>	360	234-235	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO4C	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrClO <sub>2</sub>	360	272-273	75	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO4F	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrFO <sub>2</sub>	344	143-244	68	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO3M	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub>	356	180-181	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO2H	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>11</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub>	342	175-176	68	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO3N	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrNO <sub>4</sub>	371	224-225	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO4N	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrNO <sub>4</sub>	371	277-278	70	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
BBO4T	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrO <sub>2</sub>	340	261-262	75	CHCl <sub>3</sub>

\* Solvent for R<sub>f</sub> values = Pet. ether : ethyl acetate (4:1)

Table 3.25: FTIR data of B-series compounds.

Comp.	C=O ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C=C(Ar) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C-Br ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	C-X ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
BBO2C	1775	1584	1069	998(C-Cl)
BBO4C	1756	1585	1092	998(C-Cl)
BBO4F	1757	1585	1070	996 (C-F)
BBO3M	1754	1589	1069	997(C-OCH <sub>3</sub> )
BBO2H	1762	1582	1070	3140 (C-OH)
BBO3N	1784	1585	1067	1517, 1358 (C-N)
BBO4N	1761	1600	1073	1520, 1344 (C-N)
BBO4T	1755	1584	1067	1402(C-CH <sub>3</sub> )

Table 3.26: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of B series compounds CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz.

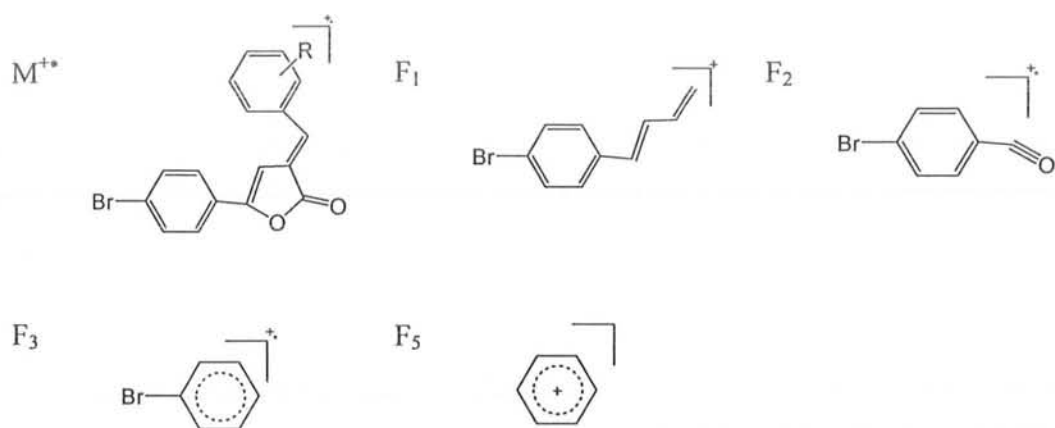
Protons	Spectral data	BBO2C	BBO4C	BBO4F	BBO3M	BBO2H	BBO3N	BBO4N	BBO4T
2	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	6.87 s ----	6.89 s ---	6.90 s ---	6.94 s ---	6.87 s ---	6.92 s ---	6.90 s ---	6.91 s ---
5	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.86 s --	7.59 s ---	7.59 s ---	7.60 s ---	7.52 s ---	7.70 s ---	7.73 s ---	7.59 s ---
2', 6'	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.38 dd 8.8,3	7.38 dd 8.8,2.4	7.38 dd 9,3	7.58-7.66 m ---	7.73 dd 9,2.1	7.38 dd 8.8,3	7.38 dd 8.7,3	7.38 dd 8.8,3
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2''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	---	7.22- 7.24 m ---	7.28 dd 7,3	6.99-7.02 m ---	----	8.23 dd 7.7,2.4	7.56 dd 8.7,2.4	7.18- 7.19 m ---
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6''	<sup>1</sup> H-δppm Multiplicity J(Hz)	7.24 dd 8,2.3	7.22- 7.24 m ---	7.28 dd 9,2.1	7.25 dd 8.2,2.7	7.35- 7.40 m ----	7.47- 7.69 m ---	7.56 dd 7,2.4	7.18- 7.19 m ---
X-H	----	---	----	----	3.89 s	2.40 s	---	----	2.35

Table 3.27:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of B-series compounds ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz)

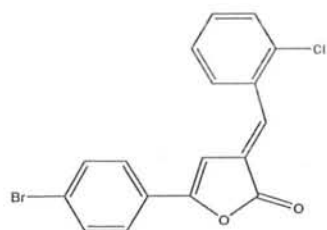
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2	99.27	99.92	99.92	100.41	100.27	100.27	100.27	100.27
3	129.60	130.64	130.64	130.19	129.48	129.48	129.48	128.50
4	167.35	167.4	169.50	169.04	169	169	169	169.8
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1'	122.3	122.3	123.27	122.62	123.35	123.35	123.35	122.35
2' 6'	132.27	132.27	132.27	132.20	129	129	129	129
3' 5'	126.91	126.91	126.91	126.80	126.85	126.85	126.85	126.85
4'	128.65	128.65	128.65	126.95	128.07	128.07	128.07	128.07
1''	132	132	135.8	136	126.48	135.49	141.3	128
2''	131.2	133.87	124	115.67	156.48	119.84	127.3	126.3
3''	125.50	128.8	128.14	159.94	125.10	158.94	121	129
4''	133.87	131.2	162.14	124.89	131.41	128	147.6	137.6
5''	124.90	128.8	115.4	132	121.3	129.66	121	129
6''	127.8	127.8	128	125.45	127.8	132.5	127.3	126.3
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Table 3.28: EIMS data of B series compounds.

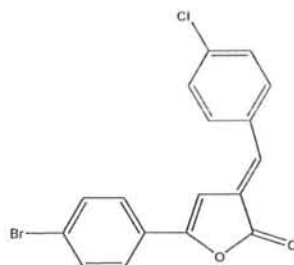
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BBO2C	362(50)	205(15)	183(100)	155(28)	103(15)	76(25)
BBO4C	362(100)	205(20)	183(85)	155(30)	103(20)	76(20)
BBO4F	346(100)	205(15)	183(68)	155(30)	103(19)	76(22)
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BBO2H	344(100)	205(15)	183(80)	155(38)	103(15)	76(33)
BBO3N	373(100)	205(16)	183(45)	155(30)	103(16)	76(20)
BBO4N	373(100)	205(18)	183(35)	155(75)	103(20)	76(30)
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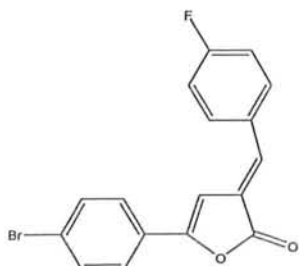
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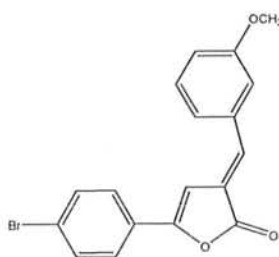
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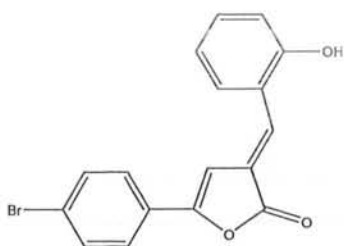
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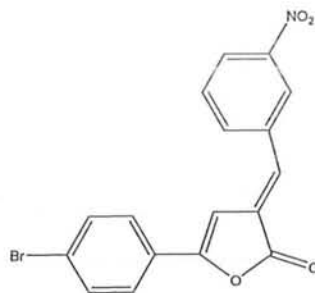
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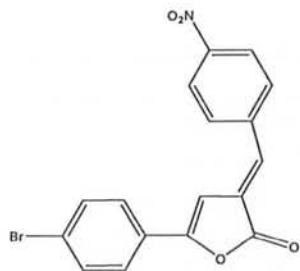
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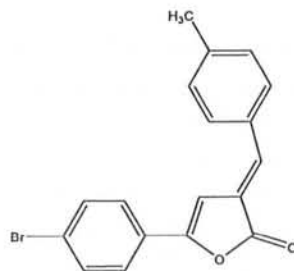
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2-(4-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(4-bromophenyl)but-3-en-4-olide (**BBO4N**)



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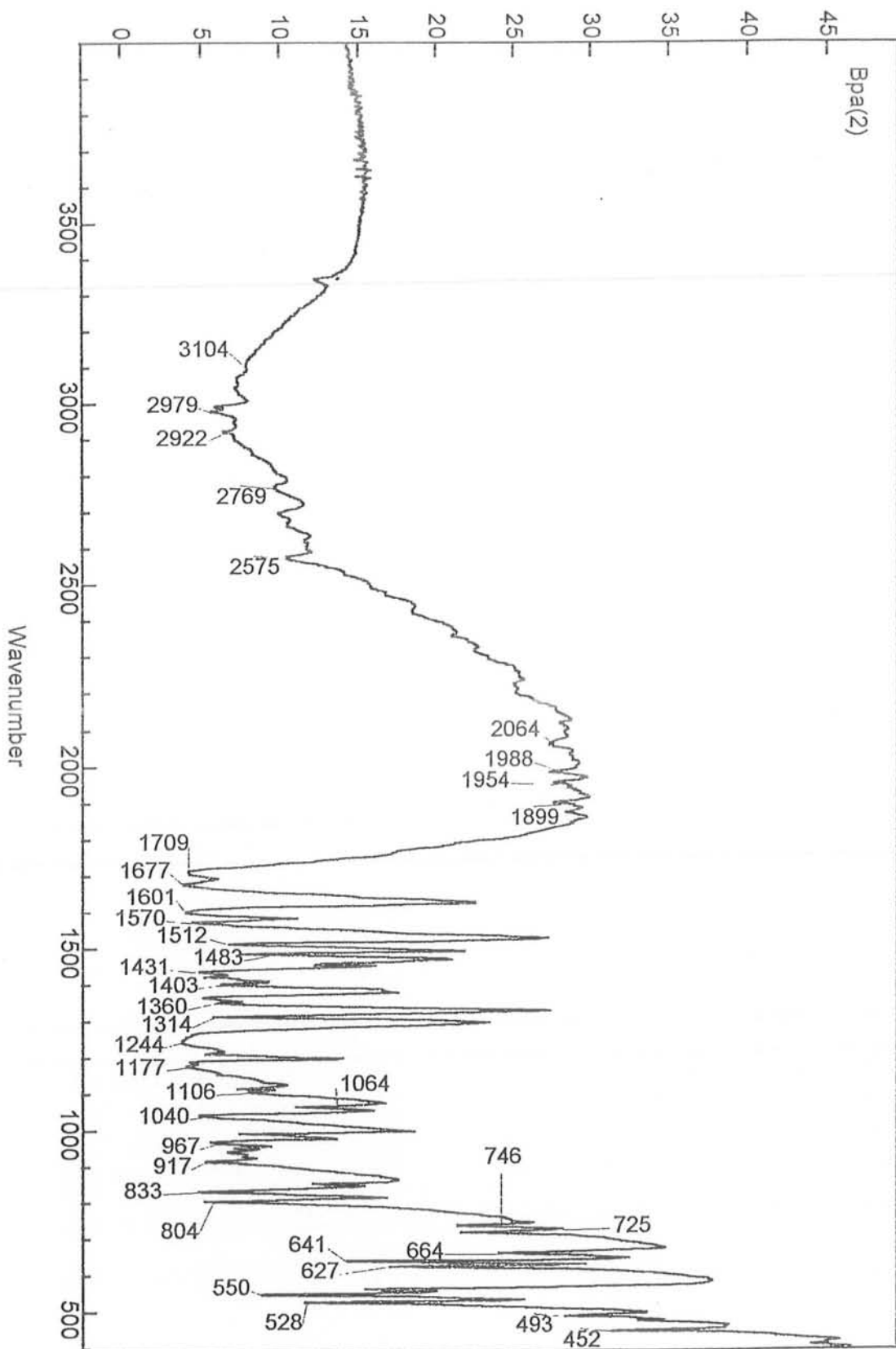


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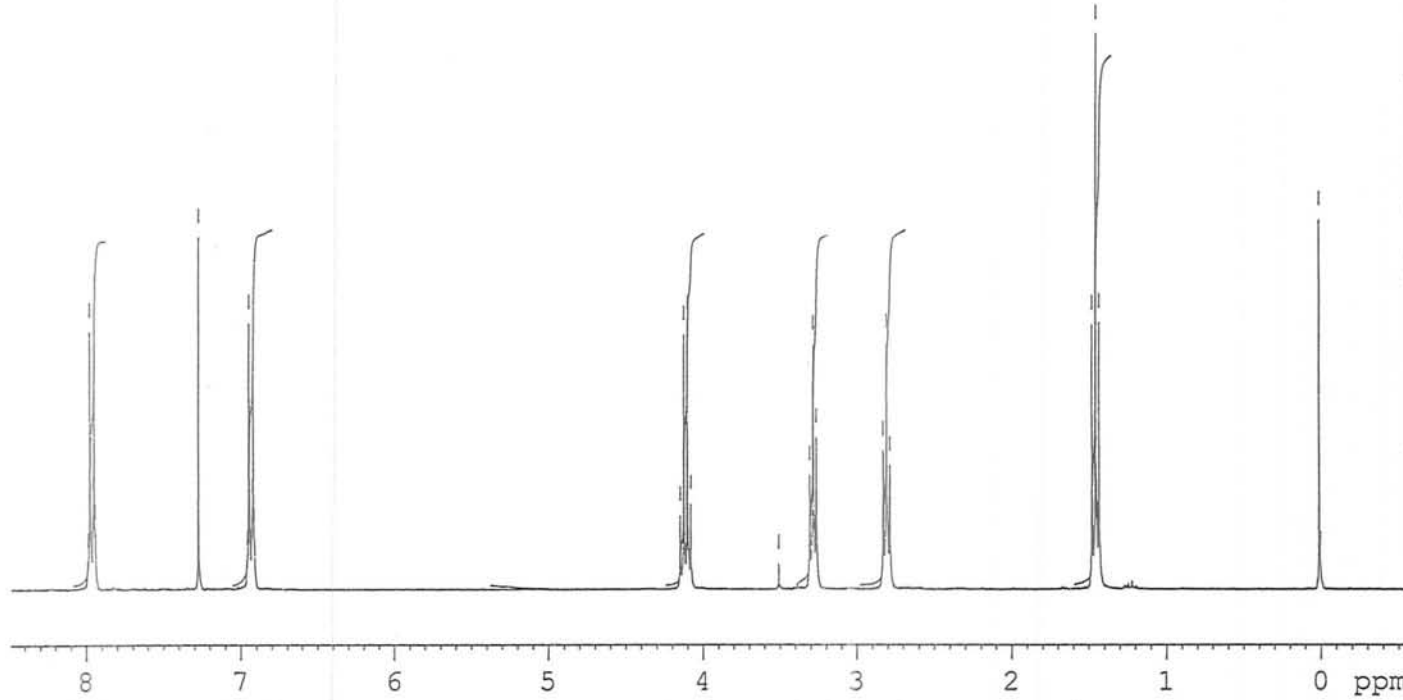


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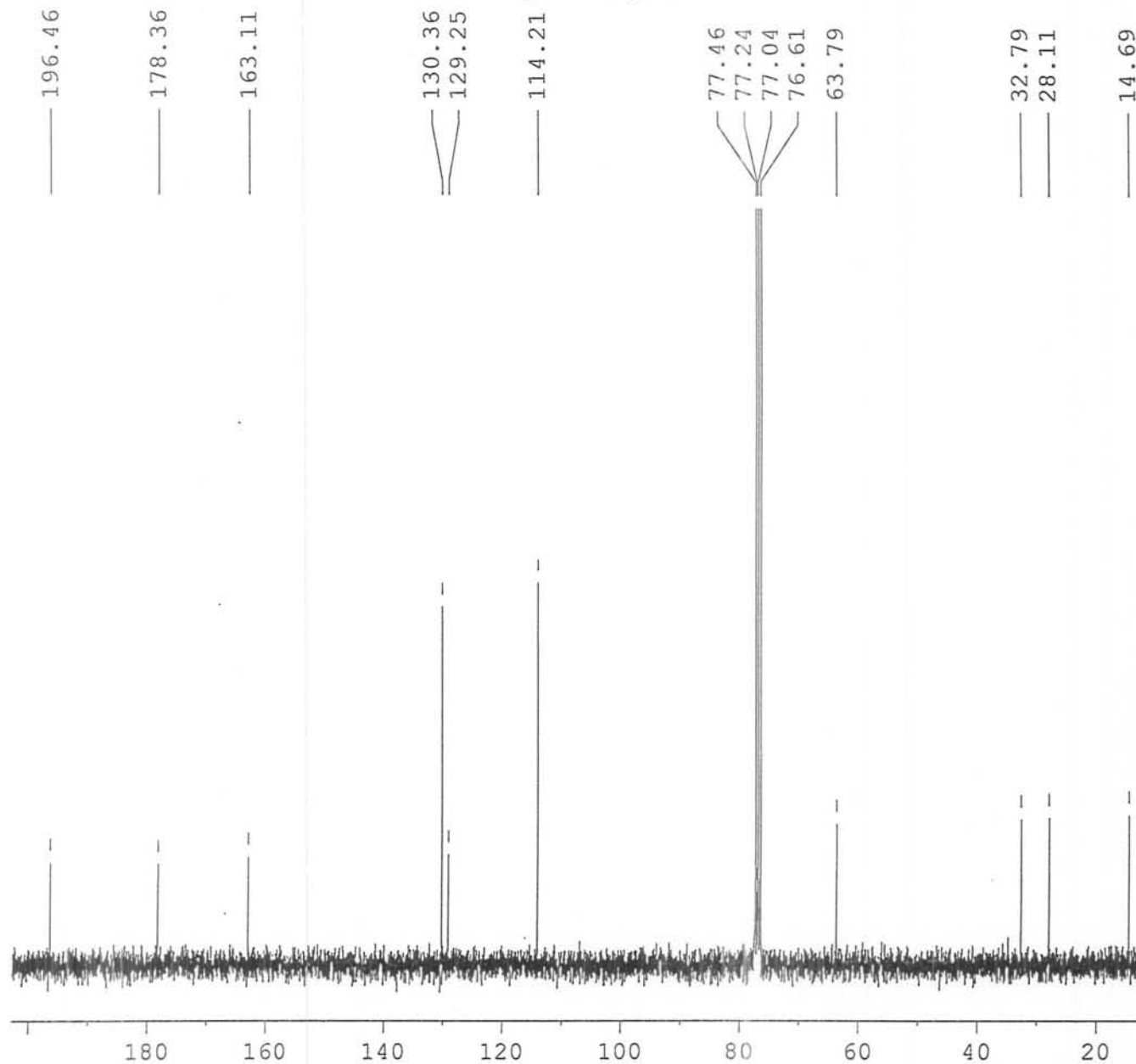
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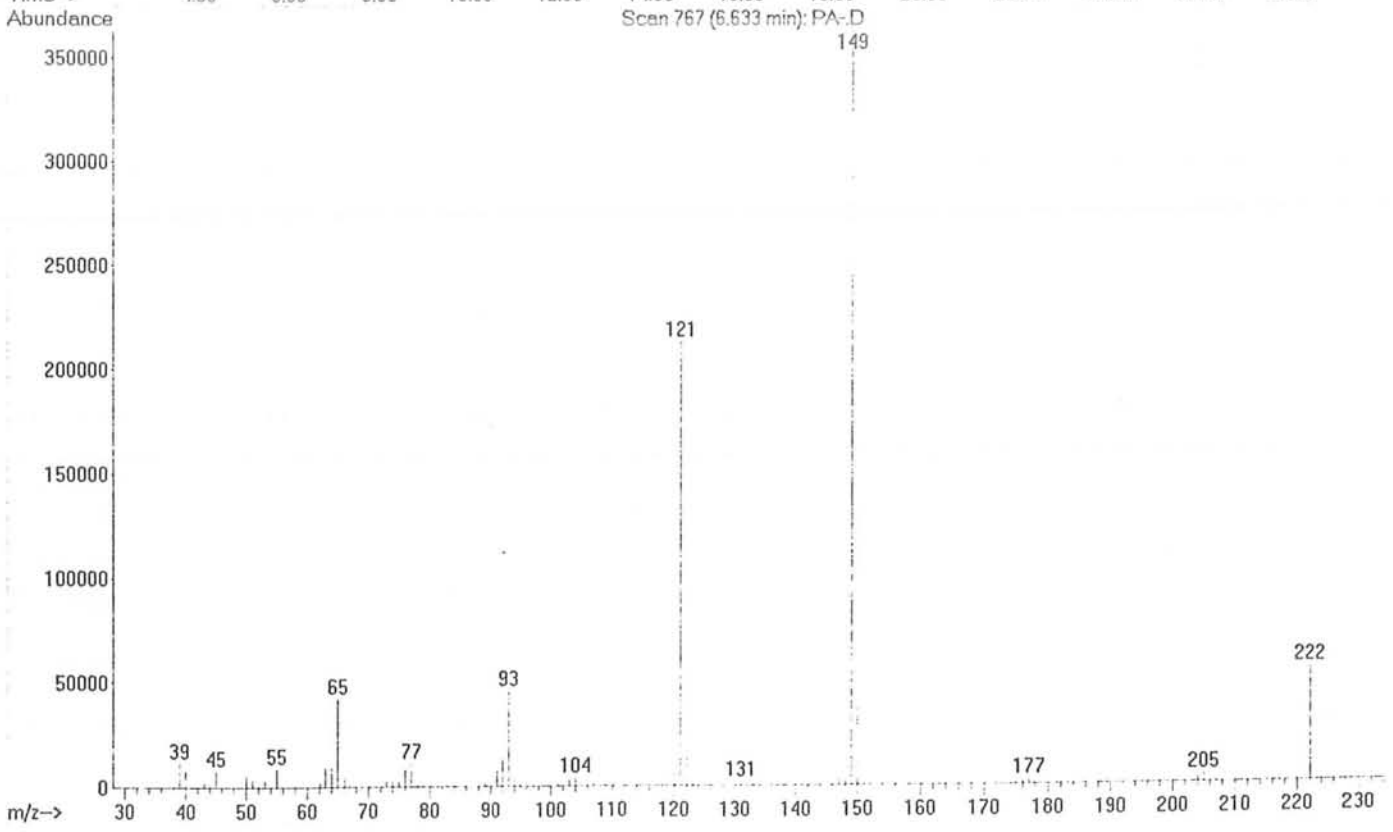
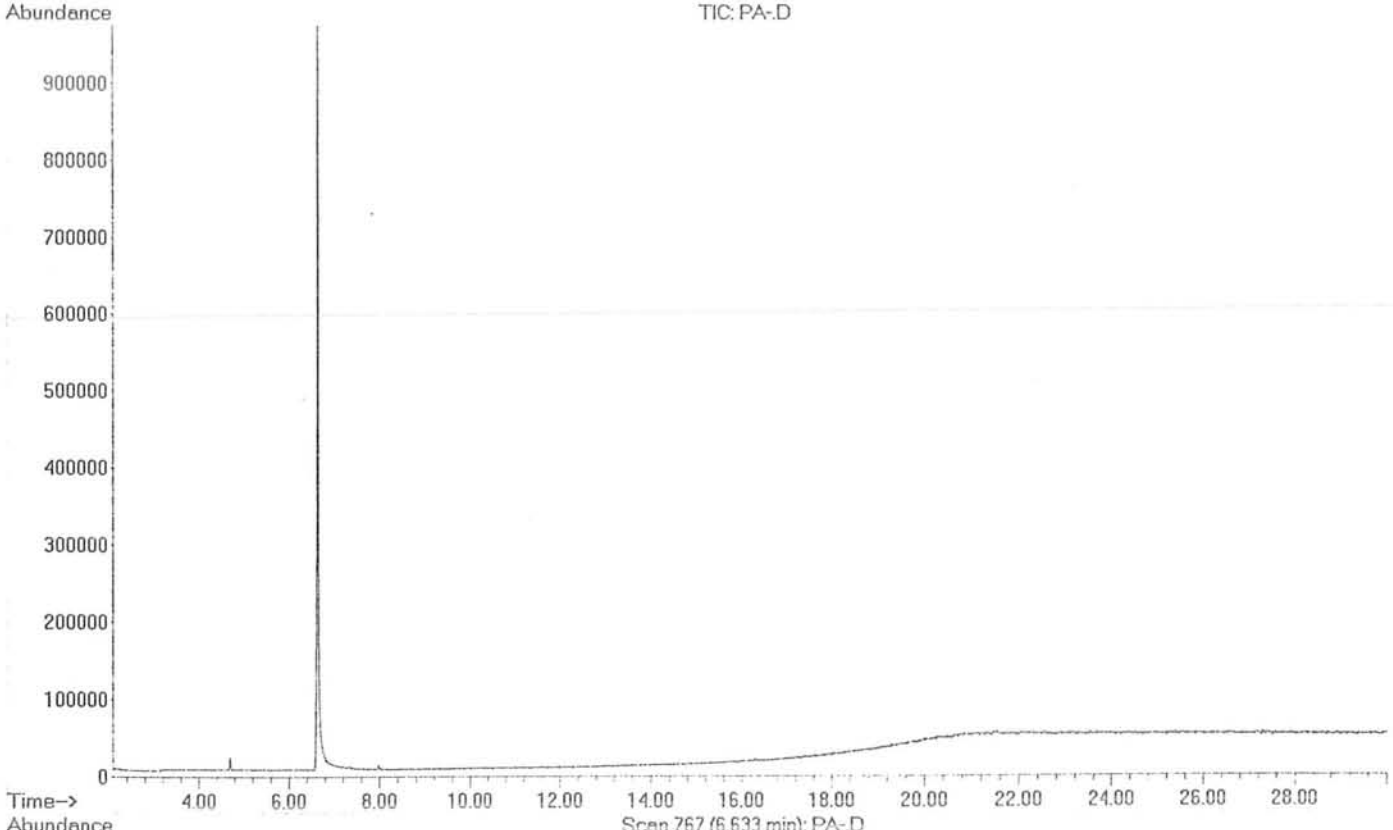
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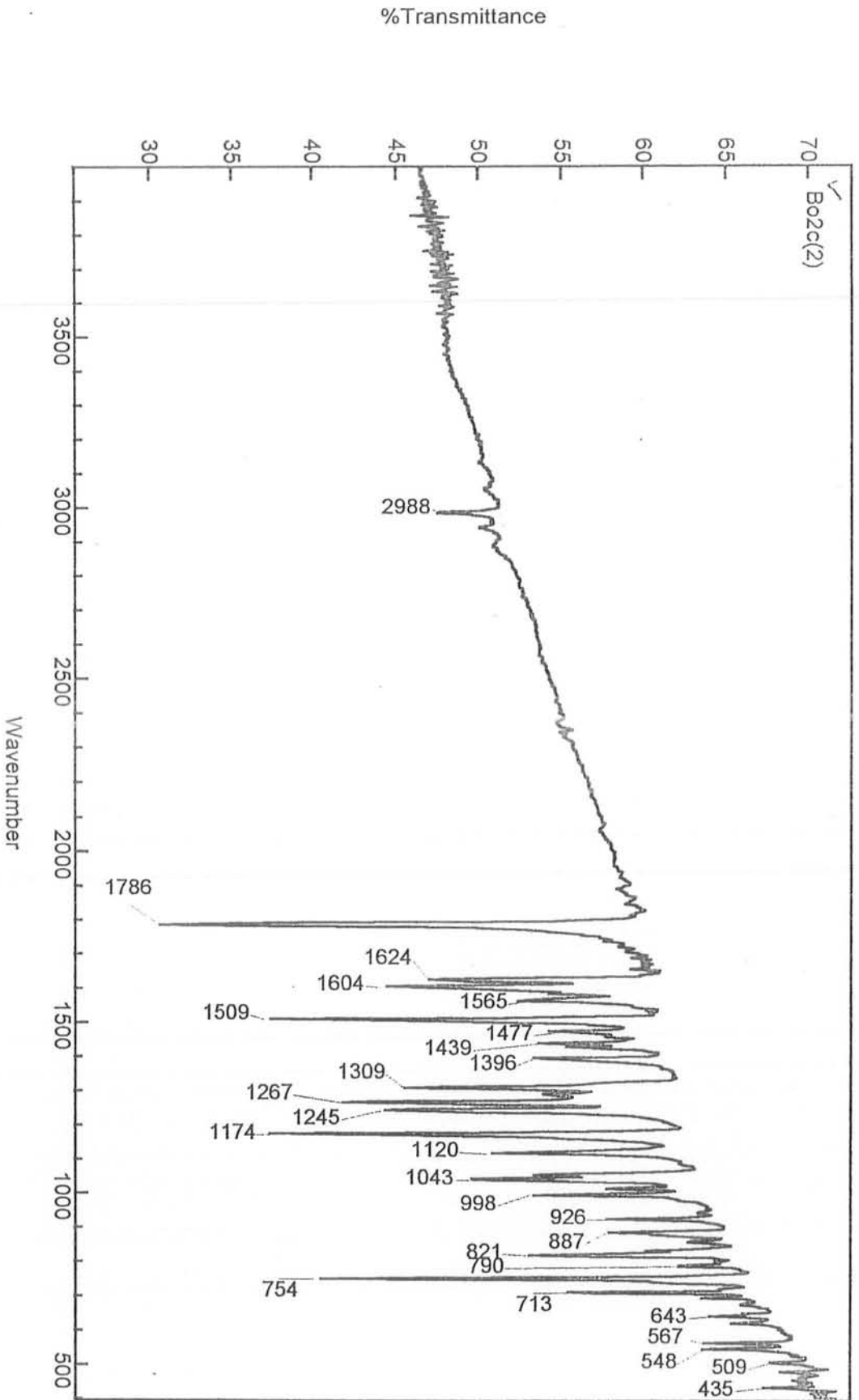
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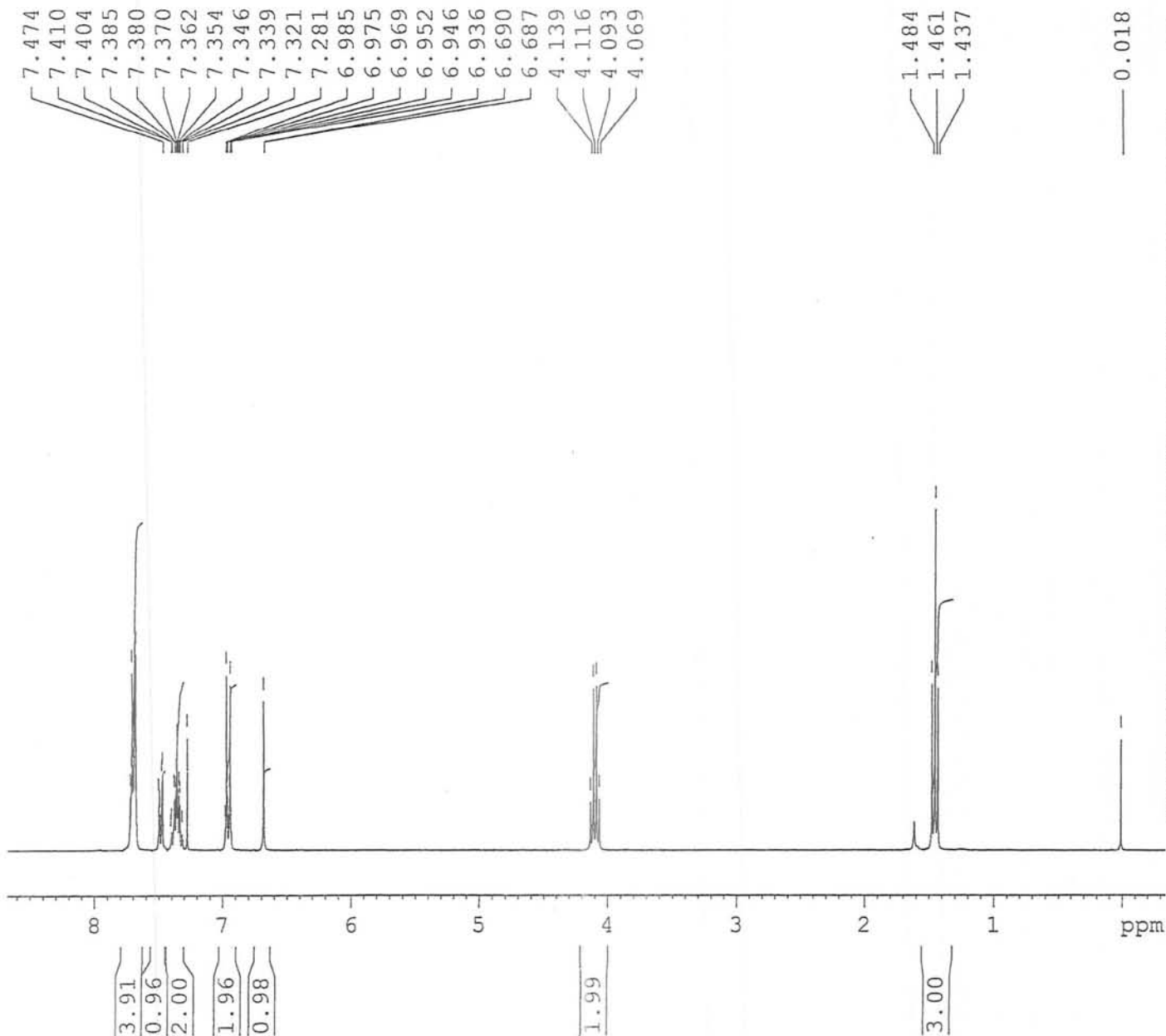
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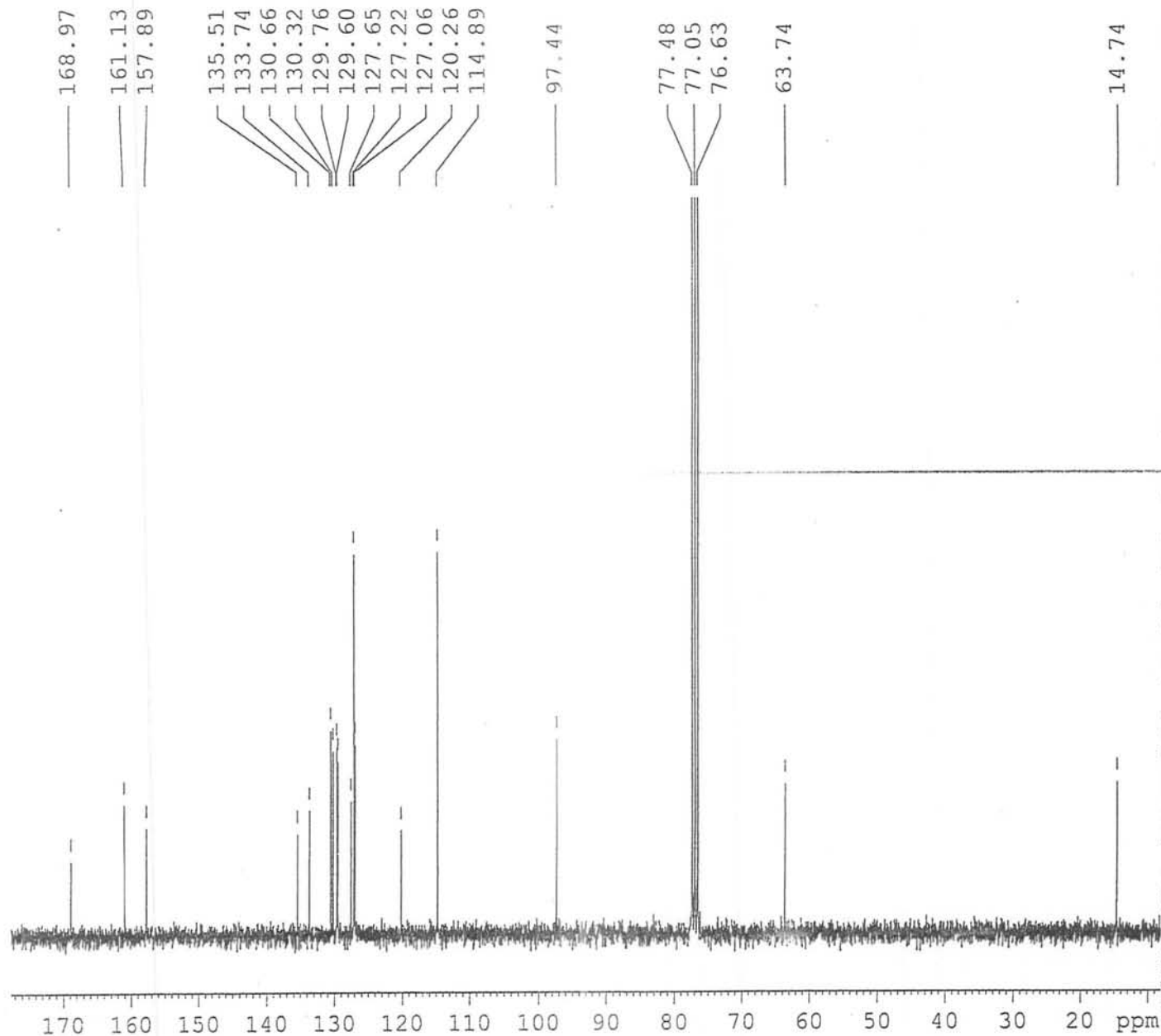
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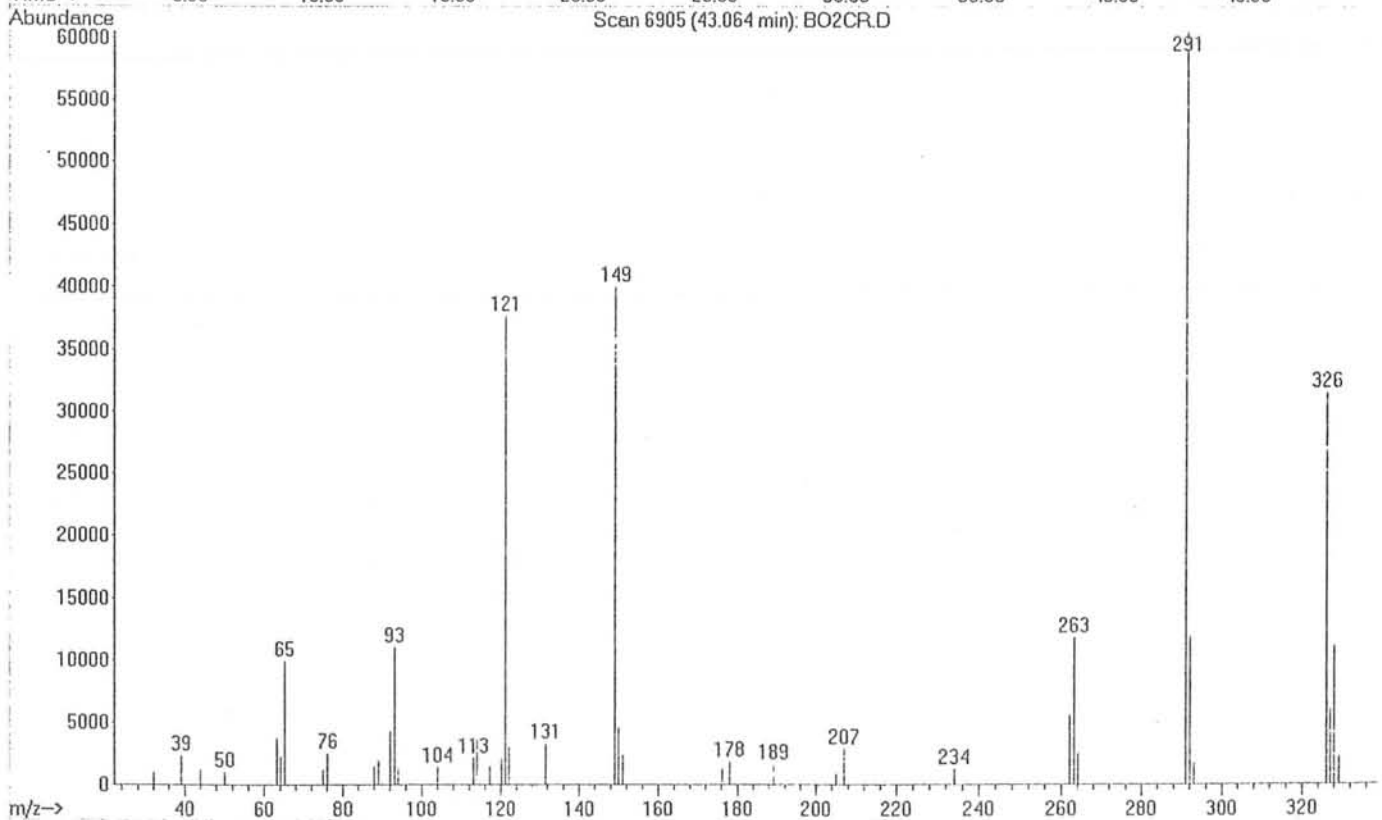
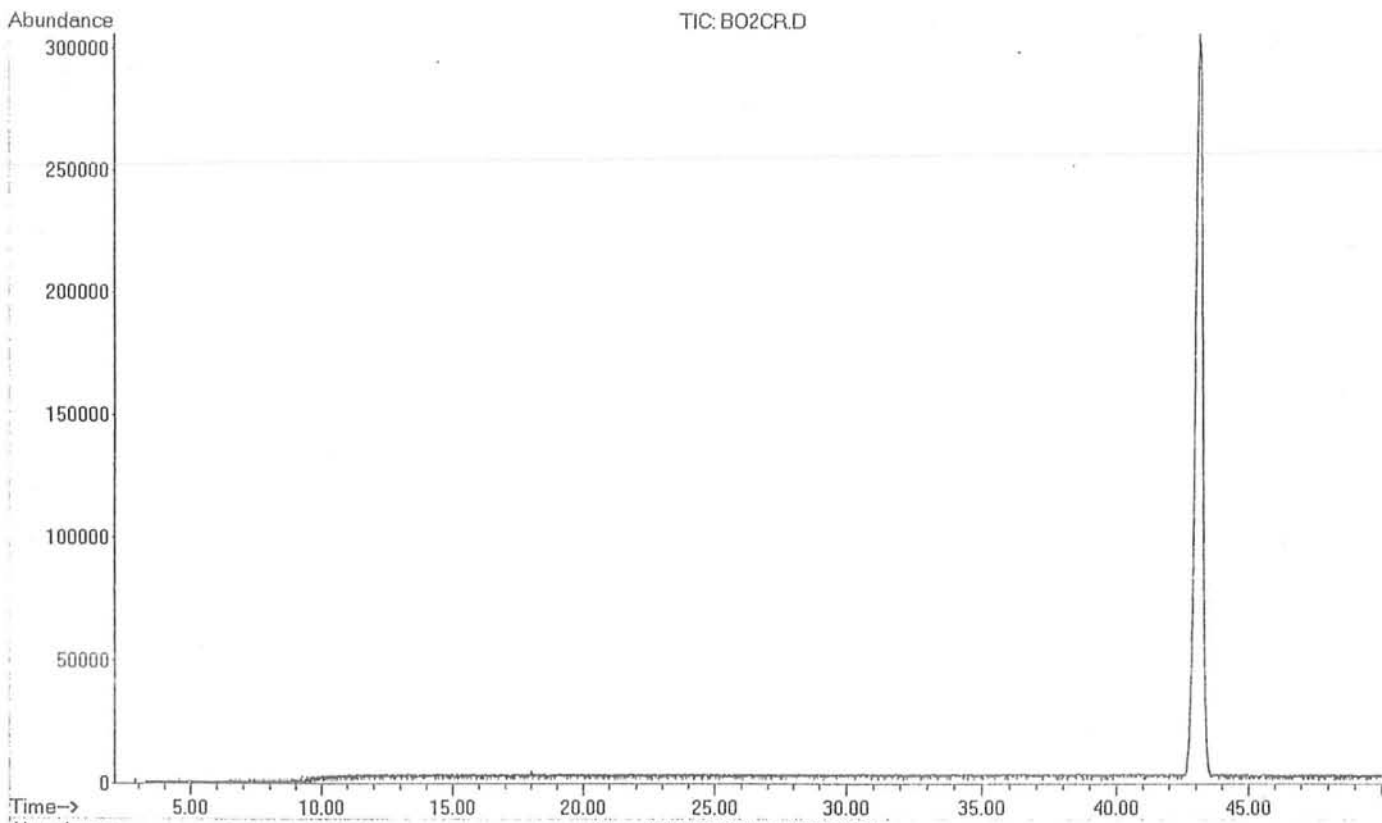
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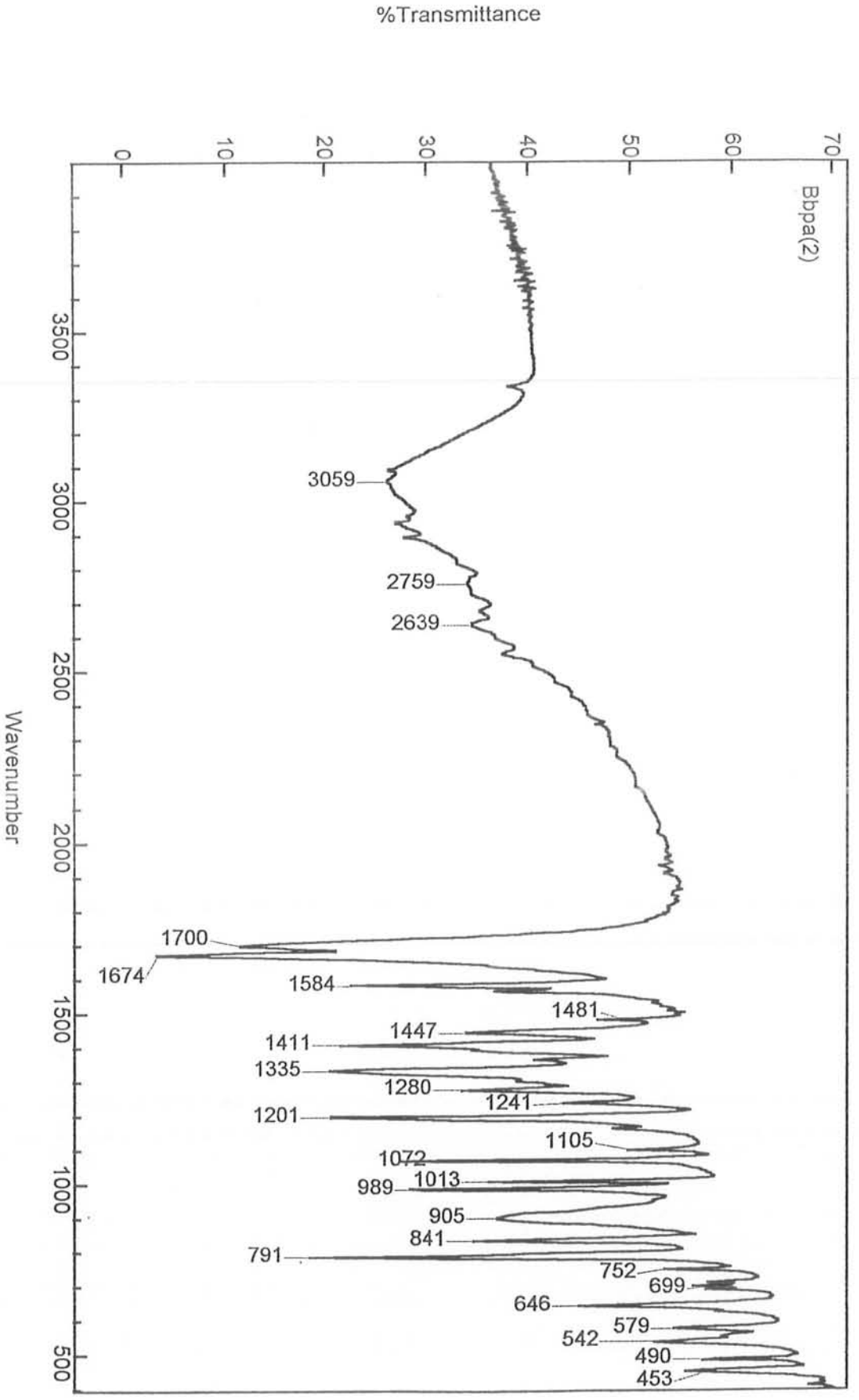
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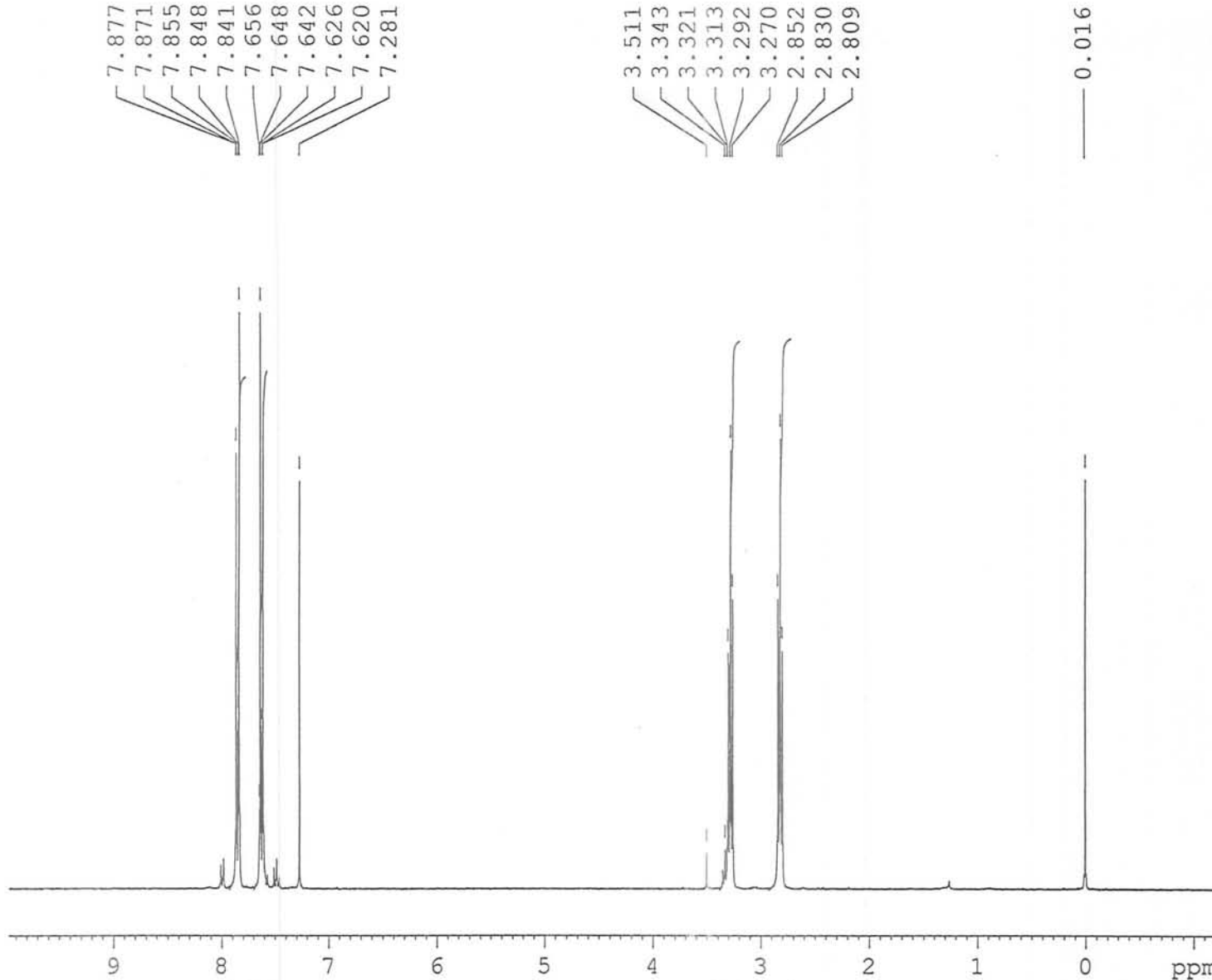
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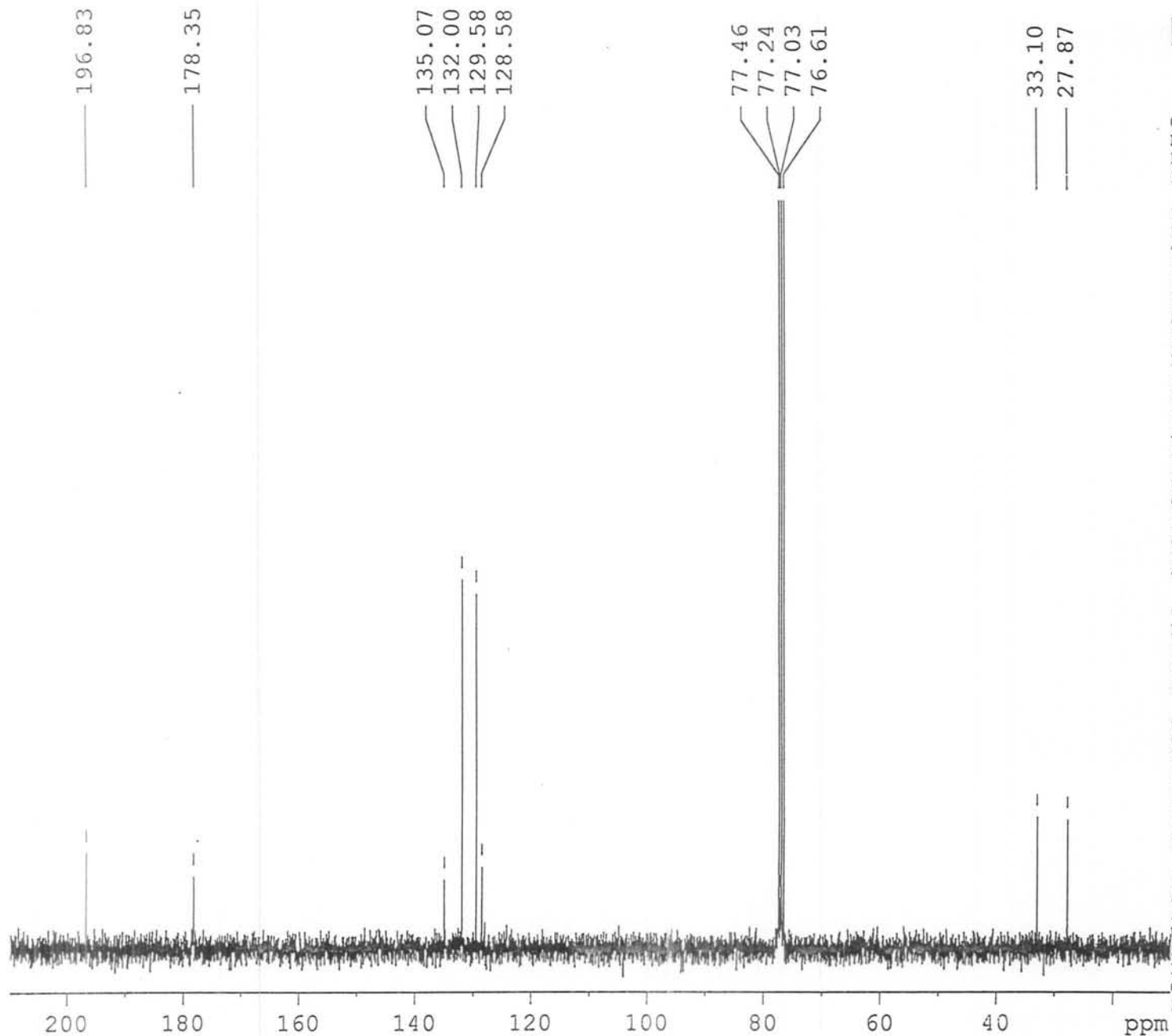
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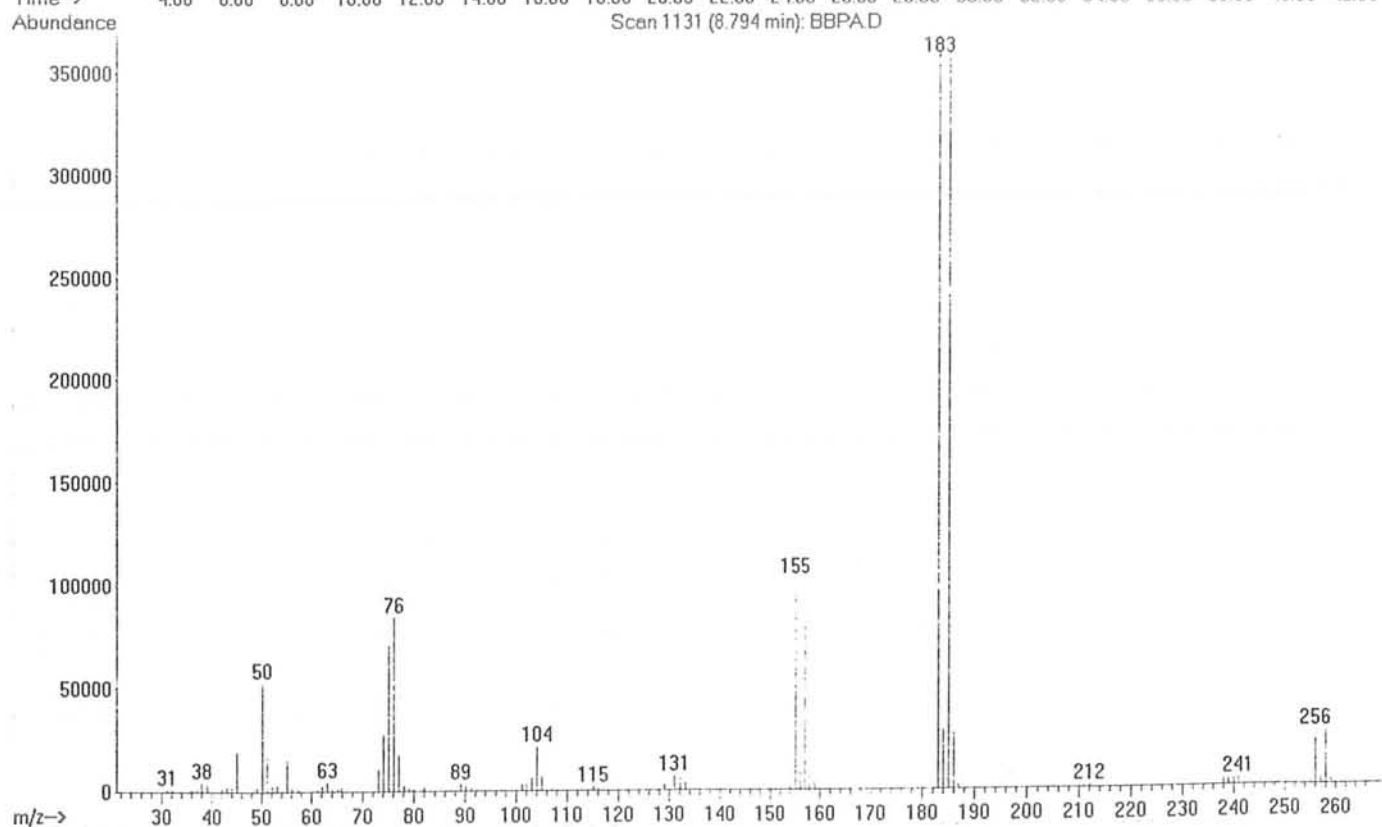
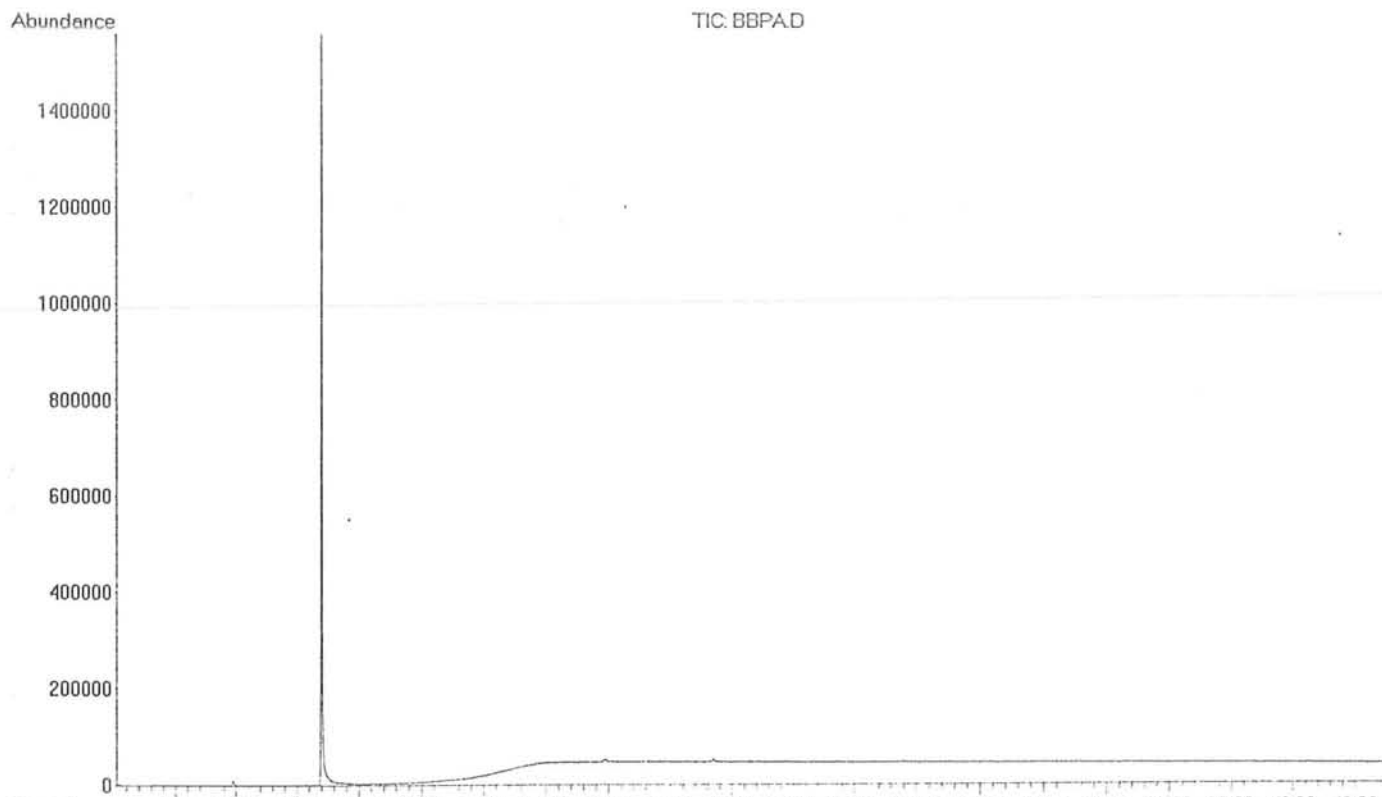
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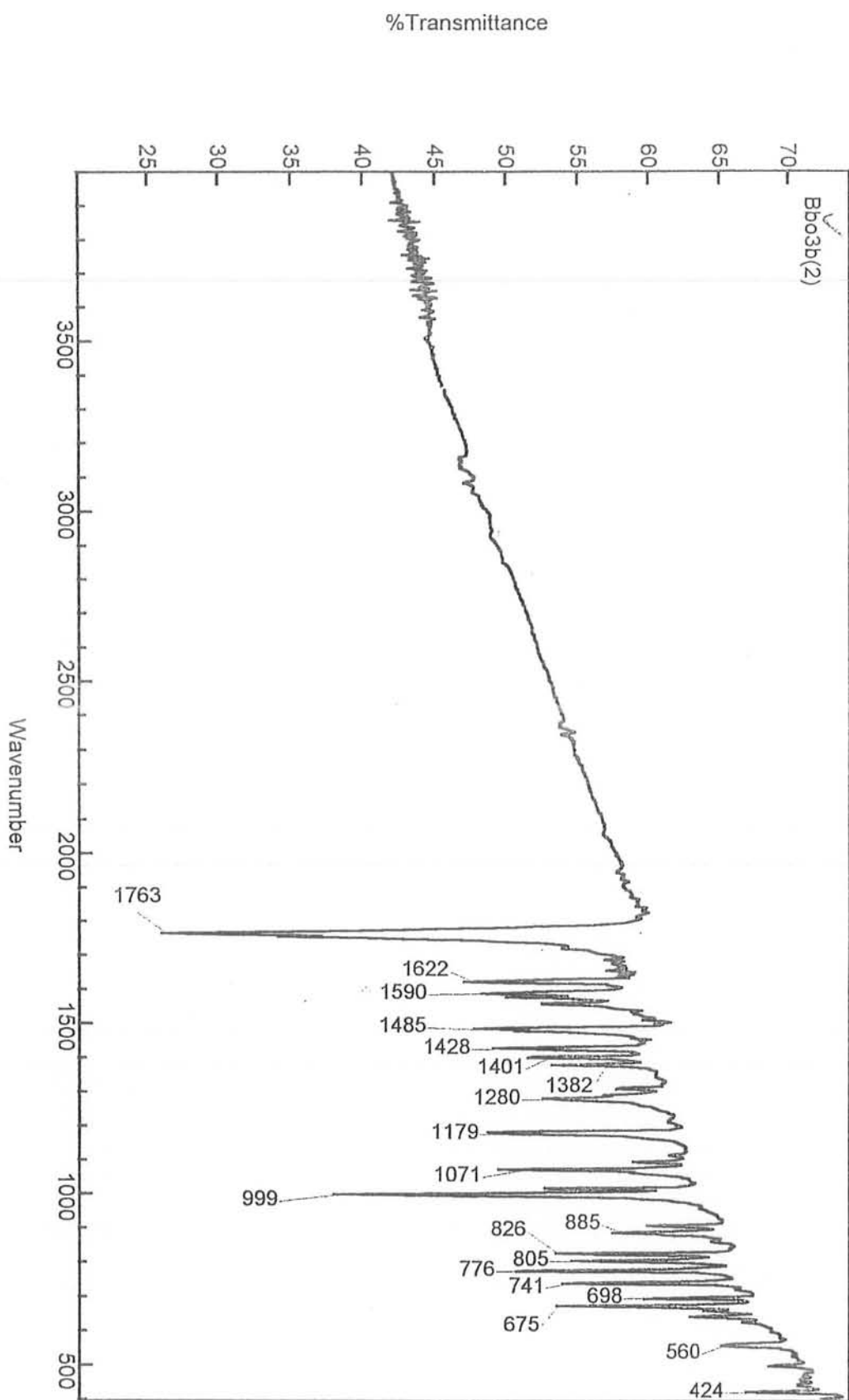
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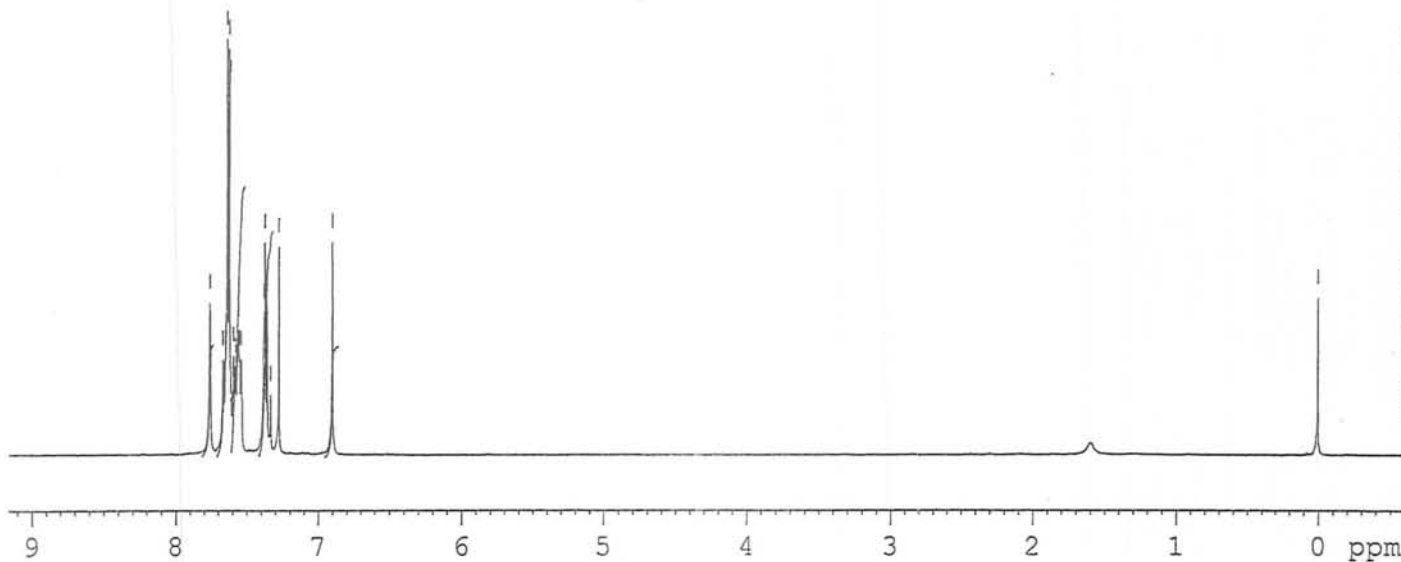




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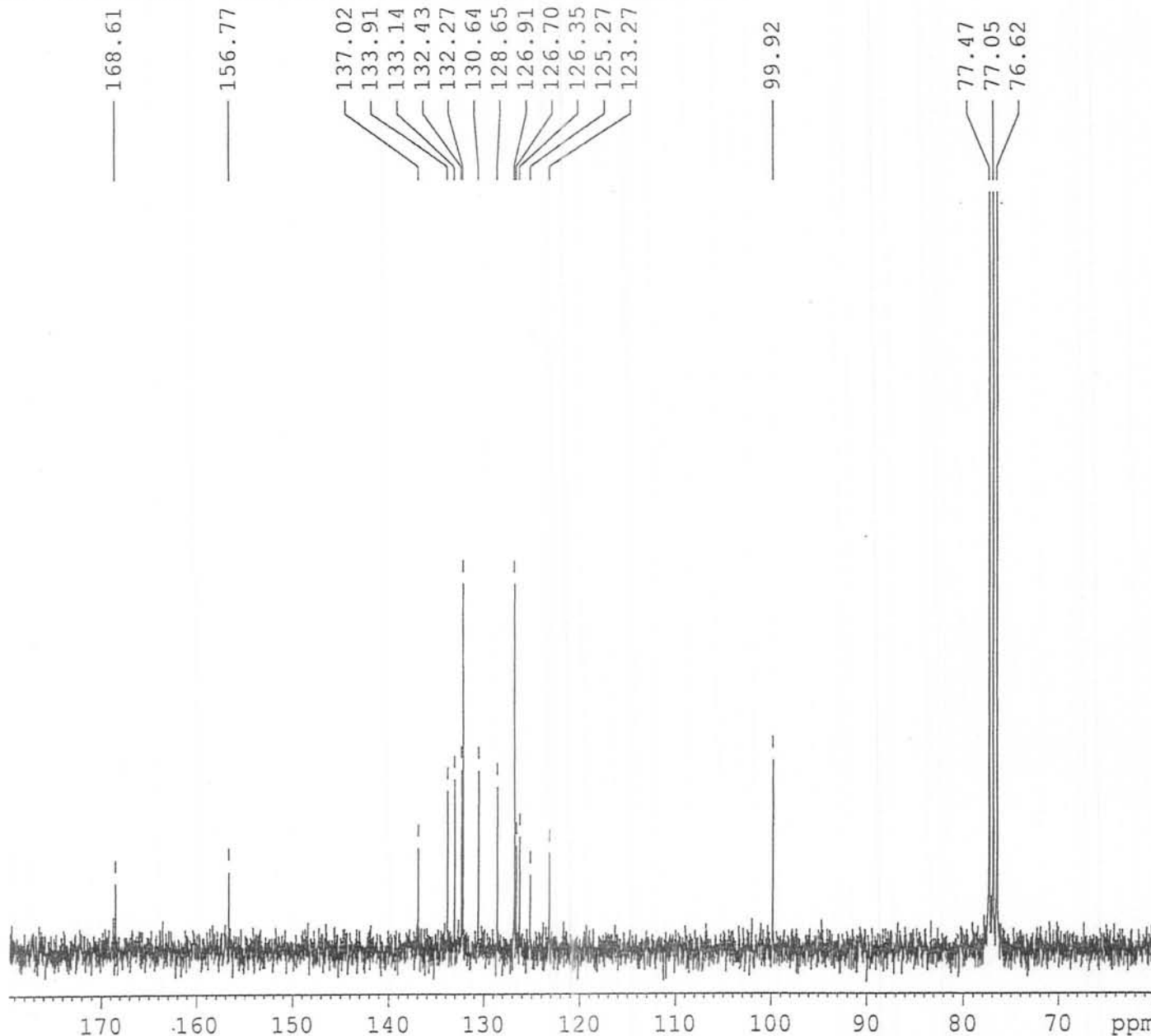
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