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Experiment 9 Identification of Organic Unknowns

This experiment will be due at the end of the semester. You will be given one liquid and three solid unknowns to identify. The preliminary report described in the manual will be provided. This will contain the solubility properties of the unknowns as well as some physical properties, normal boiling points for the liquid and melting points for the solids. The following applies to the properties of the boiling points and melting temperatures provided:

Melting points and boiling points will be provided with an uncertainty. The uncertainty in the melting point values will be $\pm 4^\circ \text{C}$; The uncertainty in the boiling temperature will be $\pm 6^\circ \text{C}$.

This means you should consider all solid compounds melting within a temperature range of 8°C and for liquid 12°C of the value reported

A good way of identifying the compounds is to use solubility to classify each compound. Make a list of all the compounds that have melting points or boiling points within the 8 or 12°C range within the classification and then use the spectroscopy to eliminate compounds.

All unknown compounds are included in Appendix 5 available at the bottom of my web page, www.ums1.edu/~chickosj. Also provided below are infrared, proton and carbon NMR spectra of the unknowns. Be sure to review the narrated Powerpoint presentations on spectroscopy and on the use of solubility to classify compounds. Some classification are not unique. You may have to look under different classifications in Appendix 5. Classifications are based on functional groups. Once a positive test is found that should identify the classification

In your report, in addition to identifying the structure of these materials, you should also analyze the spectra, For IR, you should identify the main functional groups and for nmr, you should identify as many protons and carbons as to the type of carbon. Examples include aromatic carbon, methyl group, ... You don't have to identify each carbon if they are grouped closely together.

Each unknown is given a number from 1 to 4. In your final report, be sure to identify each unknown you are describing. The unknown spectra, the preliminary reports and the spectra are provided below. Also included are copies of the final report. Additional ones are available on my web page.

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Liquid Unknown

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Preliminary Report Form

Unknown Number __1__

Physical Properties

a) appearance: liquid

b) melting point:

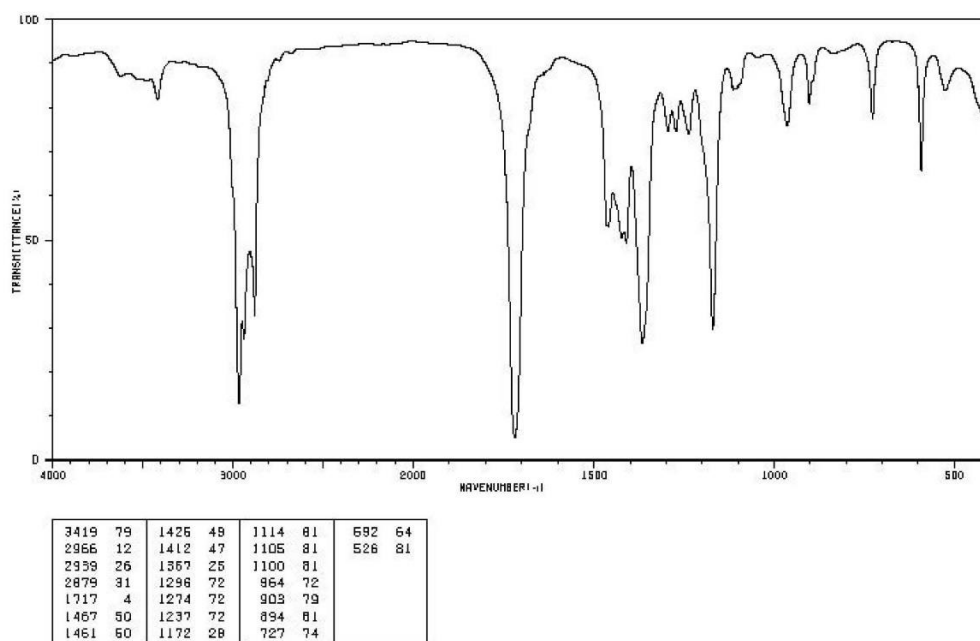
c) boiling point: 103 ° C

Solubility Tests (use +/- to indicate positive, negative tests)

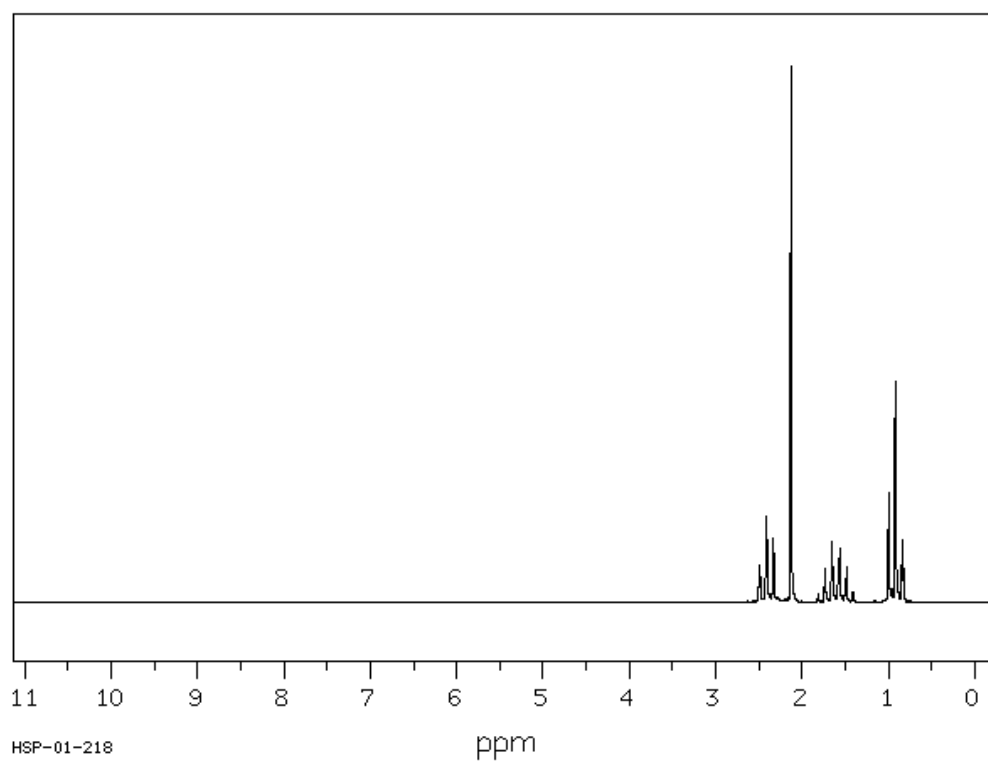
H₂O: __-__; 5% NaOH, __-__; 5% NaHCO₃, __-__; 5% HCl, _-__ ; H₂SO₄, __+__.

pH(aqueous solution): __~7__

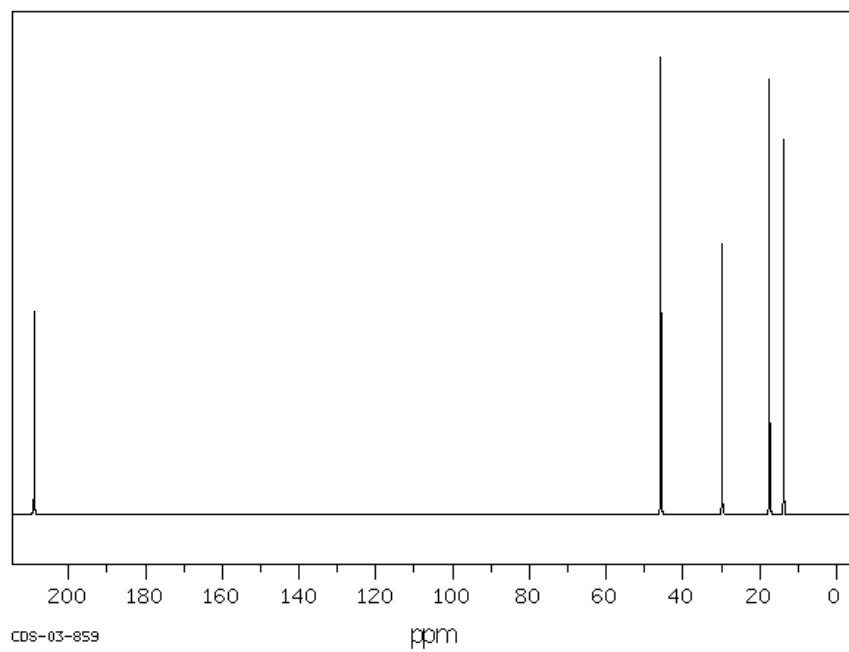
Unknown. 1 IR



Unknown 1. ¹H NMR Area left to right: 2, 3, 2, 3



Unknown 1. ^{13}C NMR: Chemical shifts from left to right 210, 45, 30, 18, 14.



Solid Unknown

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Unknown Number 2

Physical Properties

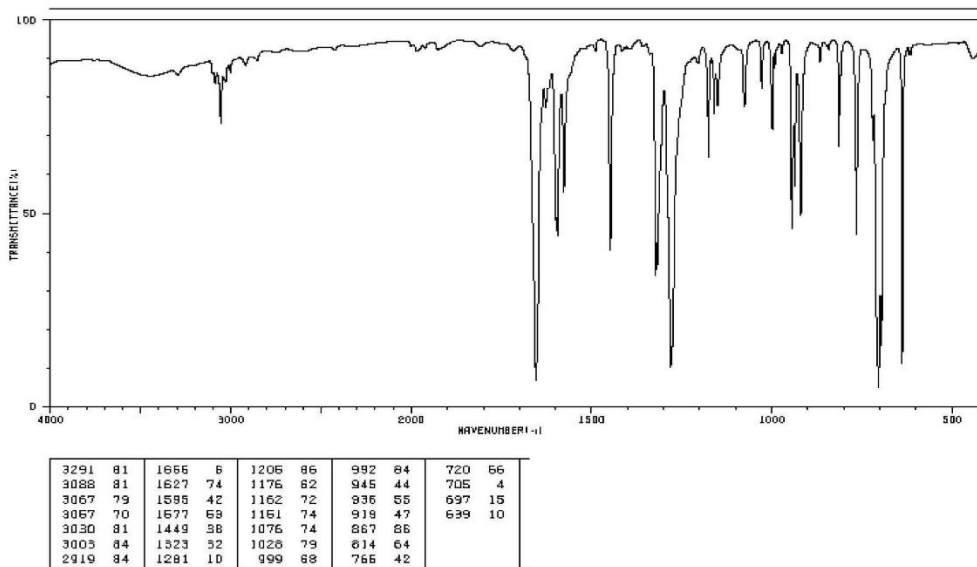
- a) appearance: solid
- b) melting point: 47 °C
- c) boiling point: 298 °C
- e) other properties you may have measured:

Solubility Tests (use +/- to indicate positive, negative tests)

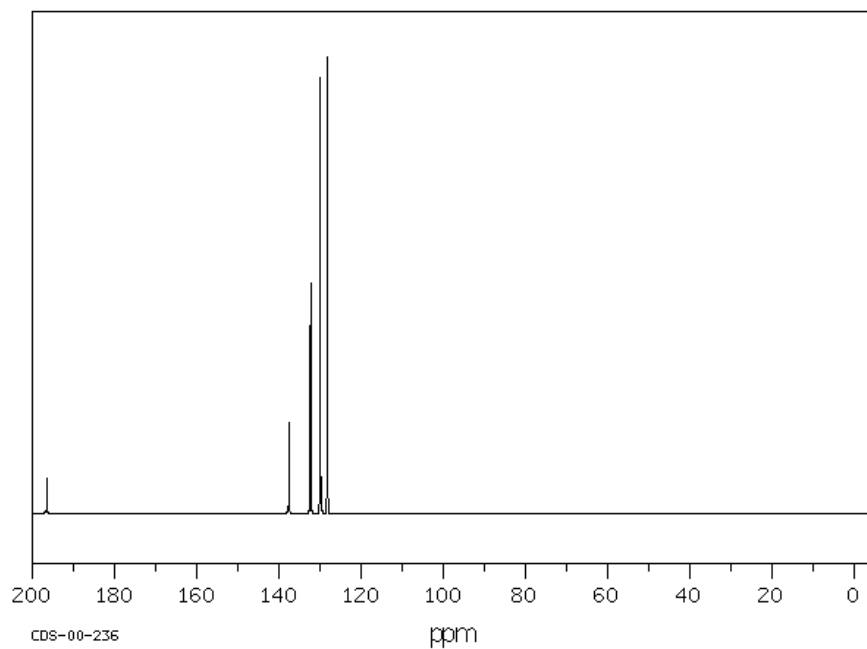
H₂O: - ; 5% NaOH, - ; 5% NaHCO₃, - ; 5% HCl, - ; H₂SO₄, + .

pH(aqueous solution): ~7

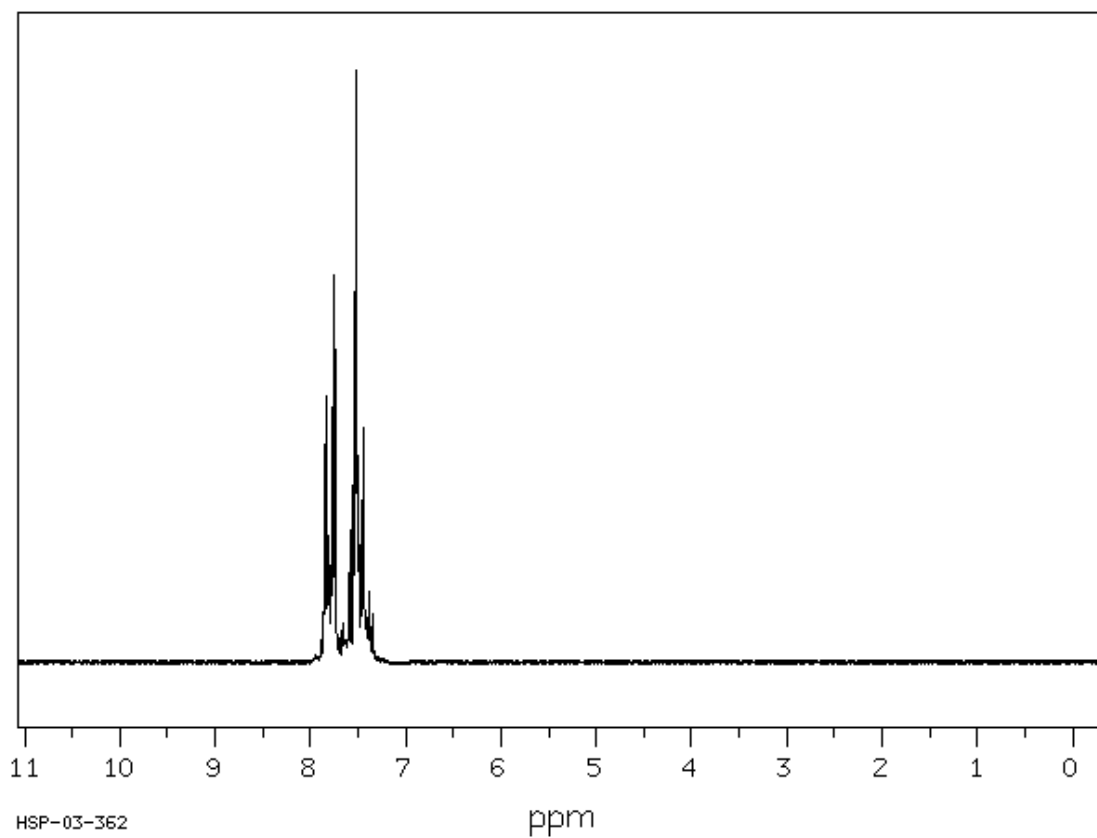
Unknown 2. IR



Unknown 2. ^{13}C NMR From left to right: 198, 139, 132, 130 128 ppm



Unknown 2. ^1H NMR Left to right: area ratio 2: 3



Solid Unknown

Preliminary Report Form

Unknown Number 3

Physical Properties

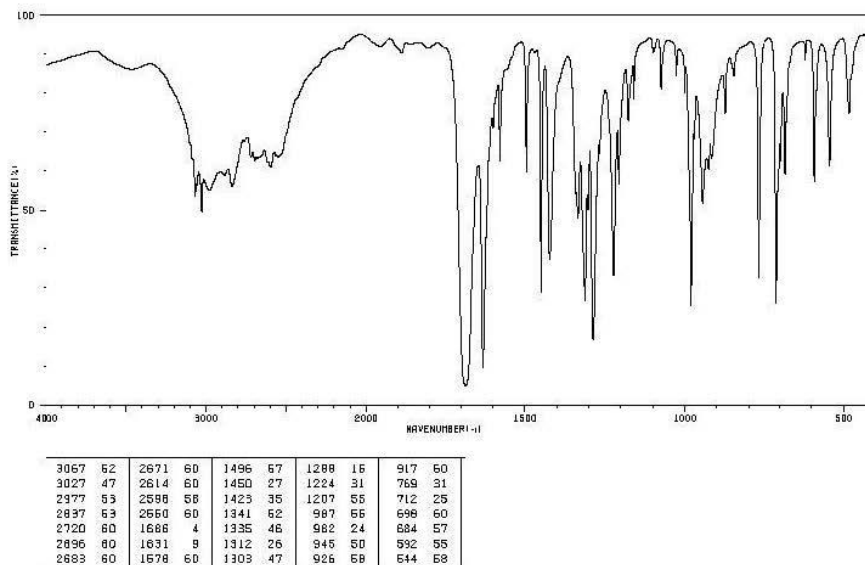
- a) appearance: solid
- b) melting point: 132 °C
- c) boiling point:

Solubility Tests (use +/- to indicate positive / negative tests)

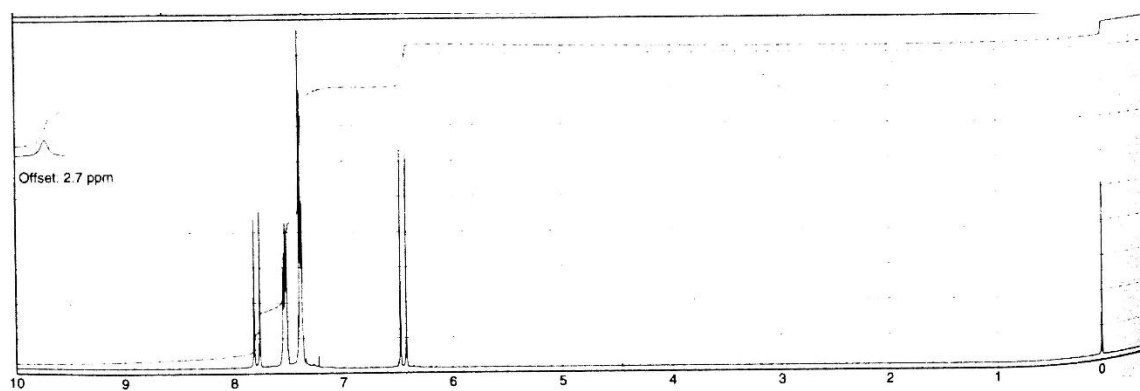
H₂O: -; 5% NaOH, +; 5% NaHCO₃, +; 5% HCl, -; H₂SO₄, .

pH(aqueous solution): ~2

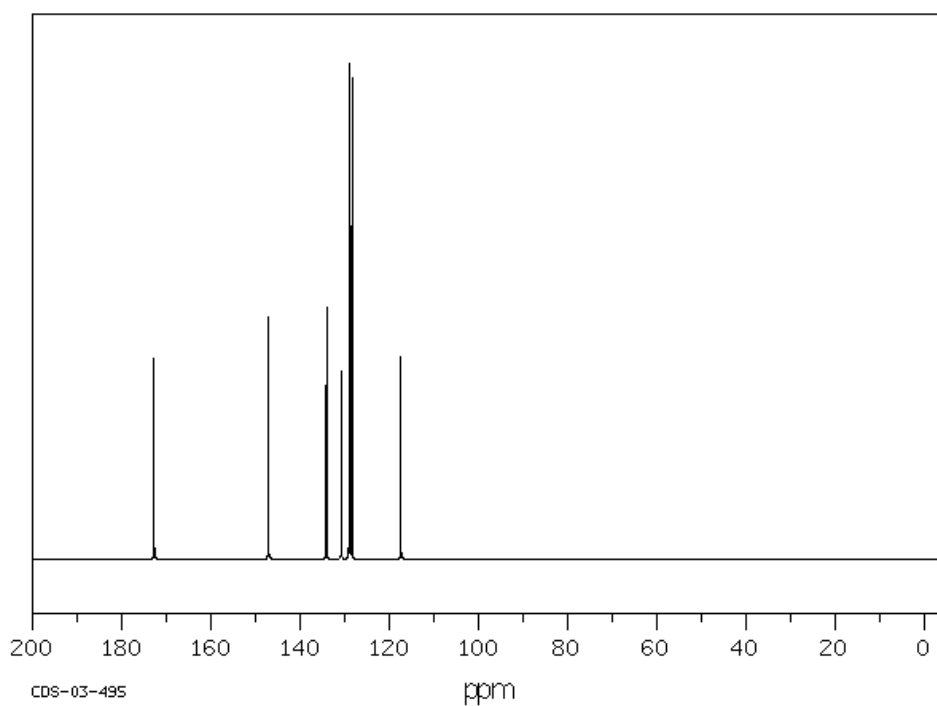
Unknown 3. IR



Unknown 3. ^1H NMR: The peak at 0 ppm is tetramethylsilane (standard); the chemical shift that is offset 2.7 ppm is 12.7 ppm. The area ratio left to right starting with 12.7 ppm is: 1, 1, 2, 3, 1.



Unknown 3, ^{13}C NMR: Chemical shifts: 172.7, 147.0, 133.9, 130.7, 128.9, 117.3



Solid Unknown

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Preliminary Report Form

Unknown Number 4

Physical Properties

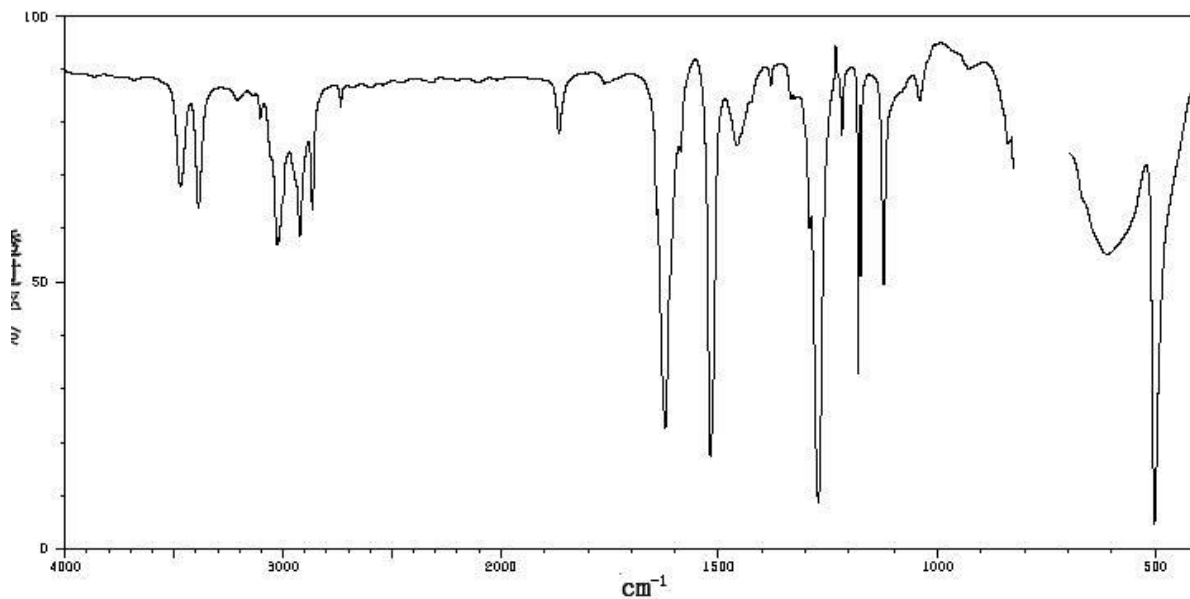
- a) appearance: solid
- b) melting point: 40 °C
- c) boiling point: 195 °C

Solubility Tests (use +/- to indicate positive, negative tests)

H₂O: __-__; 5% NaOH, __-__; 5% NaHCO₃, __-__; 5% HCl, _+__ ; H₂SO₄, __+__.

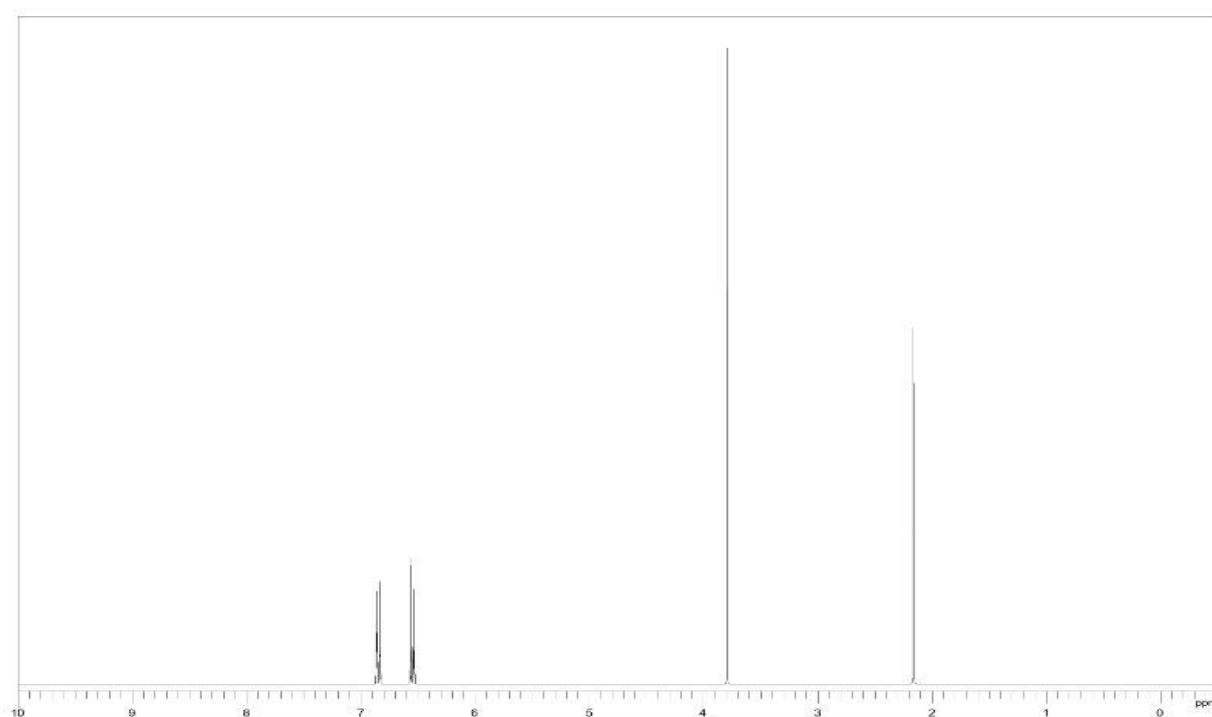
pH (aqueous solution): __~9__ .

Unknown 4. IR



3470	66	2855	62	1291	58	831	72
3388	62	2735	79	1271	8	611	53
3206	81	1658	74	1216	74	502	4
3105	79	1622	22	1179	32		
3029	55	1519	17	1125	49		
3017	55	1457	72	1041	81		
2922	57	1380	84	830	74		

Unknown 4. ^1H NMR: Area ratio from left to right: 2, 2, 3, 2



Unknown 4. ^{13}C NMR: Chemical shifts from left to right 148, 135, 130, 115, 20 ppm

