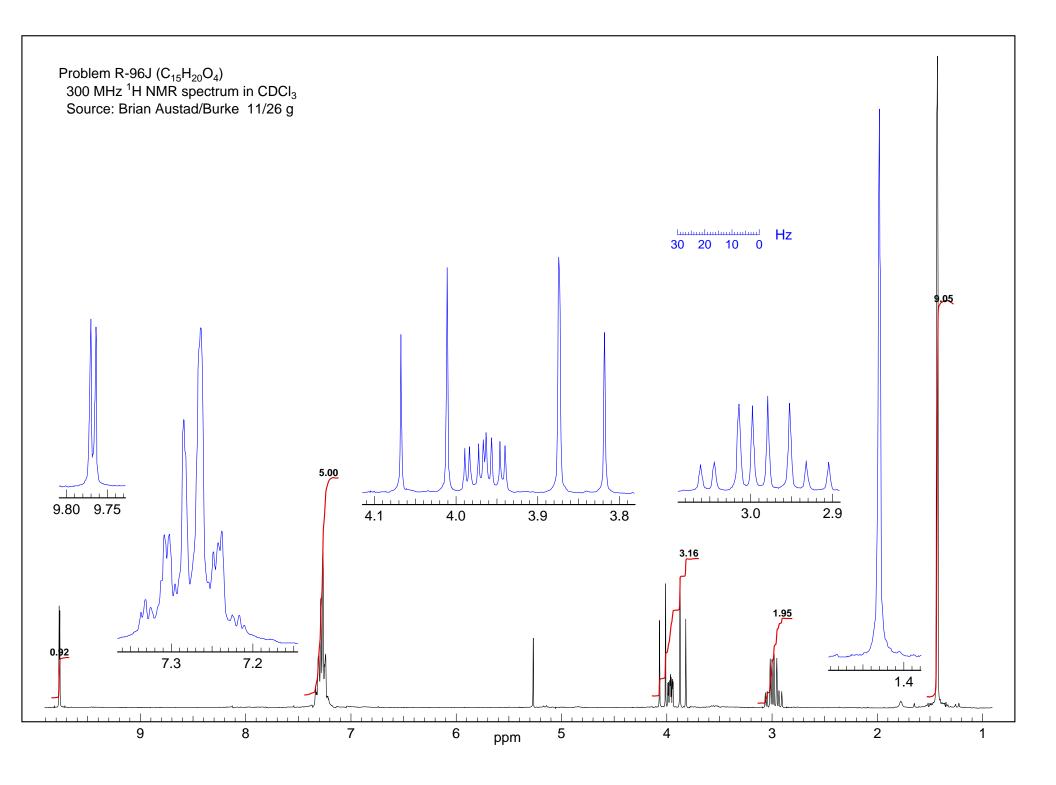


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- $\delta$  3.0 AB of **AB**XY,  $J_{AB} = 14$  Hz,  $J_{AX} = 5$  Hz,  $J_{BX} = 8$  Hz
- $\delta$  3.9 3.85 and 4.05, MN quartet,  $J_{MN} = 16 \text{ Hz}$

Diastereotopic CH<sub>2</sub>

- the large J suggest  $\alpha$ -carbonyl or maybe  $\alpha$ -Ph
- the  $\delta$  suggests  $\alpha$  to O:

3.95, ddd, 
$$J = 8$$
, 5, 2 H, 1H, X of ABXY

δ 7.3 5H, Ph

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δ 9.7 d, J = 2 Hz, 1H (Y of ABX**Y**)

Must be aldehyde proton

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- The known groups are H-C-CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-, Ph, CO<sub>2</sub>-t-Bu. Quite a few ways of putting these together, some can be distinguished by chemical shift considerations

Correct structure, and smallest error

These structures can probably be ruled out on the basis of the large shift error