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**ctc**  This must be either the ctc or ttt isomer, each of which has an axis of symmetry. In the ctc isomer two of the groups (an OH and a CH$_2$OH) on each side are cis to each other, and thus there is a $\gamma$-gauche interaction between them that is largely absent in the ttt isomer, so expect an upfield shift of the CH$_2$OH carbon. So this must be the ctc isomers since all carbons are upfield of the ttt isomer.

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**ttc**  This is the only isomer which has all carbons different (no symmetry), so must be ttc.

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**F**  This is the C-F carbon, split into a doublet by $J_{CF}$