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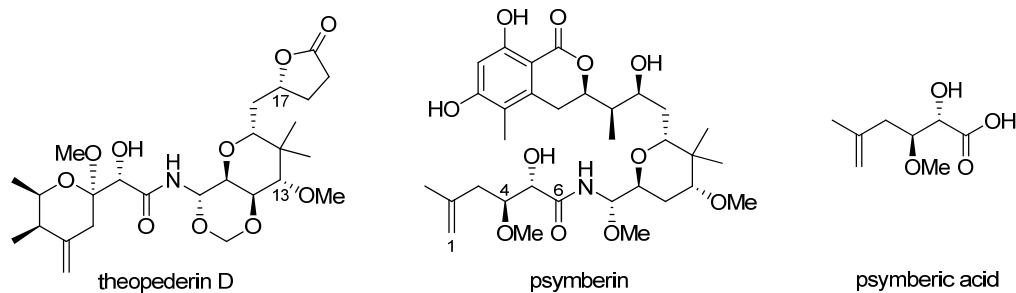
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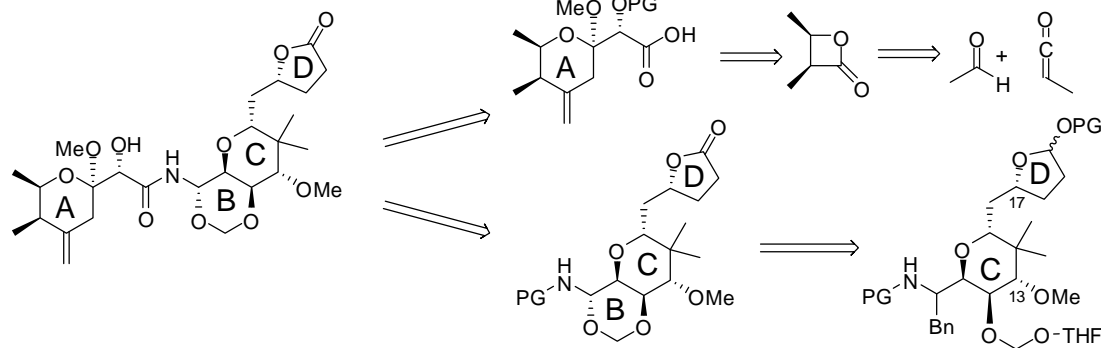
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An investigation of the pederin family of natural products has led to the total synthesis of theopederin D, a synthesis of the C1-C6 portion of psymberin (psymberic acid), and the determination of the absolute configuration of C4 and C5 of this fragment.



Highlights of our theopederin D synthesis include the use of an asymmetric ketene-aldehyde cycloaddition to synthesize the A ring (or pederic acid subunit), a 1,5-*anti*-boron mediated aldol to construct the C16-C17 bond with high a high level of diastereocontrol, formation of the C and D rings in a one-pot, six reaction sequence, selective differentiation of a tetrahydrofuranol in the presence of a tetrahydropyranol, and elaboration of the C ring using vinylation chemistry developed by Yamamoto and Rainier.



The stereochemically labile B ring of theopederin D was constructed during the late stages of this synthesis using carbon-carbon bond activation via an Electron Transfer Initiated Cyclization (ETIC) method previously developed in the Floreancig research laboratories. This transformation proceeded under essentially neutral conditions and furnished the desired amidotrioxadecalin in high yield. The total synthesis of theopederin D was completed through coupling of pederic acid and an aminotrioxadecalin fragment using a modified diastereoselective strategy initially developed by Rawal.

Our efforts toward the total synthesis of psymberin involved the synthesis of psymberic acid, as its absolute and relative stereochemistry was previously undefined. The use of readily available starting materials (D- or L-serine) and subsequent elaboration using *syn* or *anti* selective methallylation allowed for the efficient construction of all possible stereoisomers of psymberic acid. The absolute configuration of psymberic acid was determined through natural product and model system degradative studies, and analysis of the reaction products using a gas-chromatography/ mass spectrometry apparatus (GC-MS) outfitted with a chiral stationary phase.

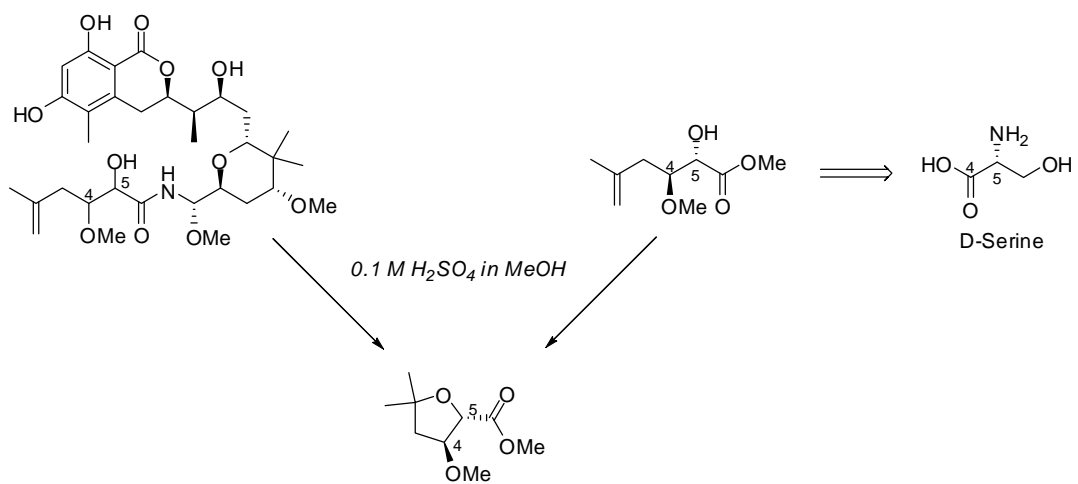


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PREFACE

I entered graduate school wanting to become a better chemist, and hoping to learn as much as possible during my time at the University of Pittsburgh. What I didn't count on, was how much I would learn about myself. My experience during this time has tested my very foundation, pushed me to the brink of failure, and forced me to think "outside the box". For this I am very thankful.

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1.0 TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF THEOPEDERIN D

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Theopederin D¹ (**1**) is a member of the pederin² family of biologically active natural products; a family which also includes mycalamides A-D,³⁻⁶ onnamides A-F,⁷⁻¹⁰ psymberin,^{11, 12} and theopederins A-L.^{1, 13, 14} All members of this family were isolated from marine sponges with the exception of pederin, which was isolated from the *Paederus* beetle.^{15, 16} The observance of highly similar compounds from organisms across different phyla has led to hypotheses that these natural products may be derived from bacterial symbionts.^{11, 17, 18} Several members of the pederin family display cytotoxicity at nM concentrations, and many have been shown to be potent protein synthesis inhibitors.^{19, 20}

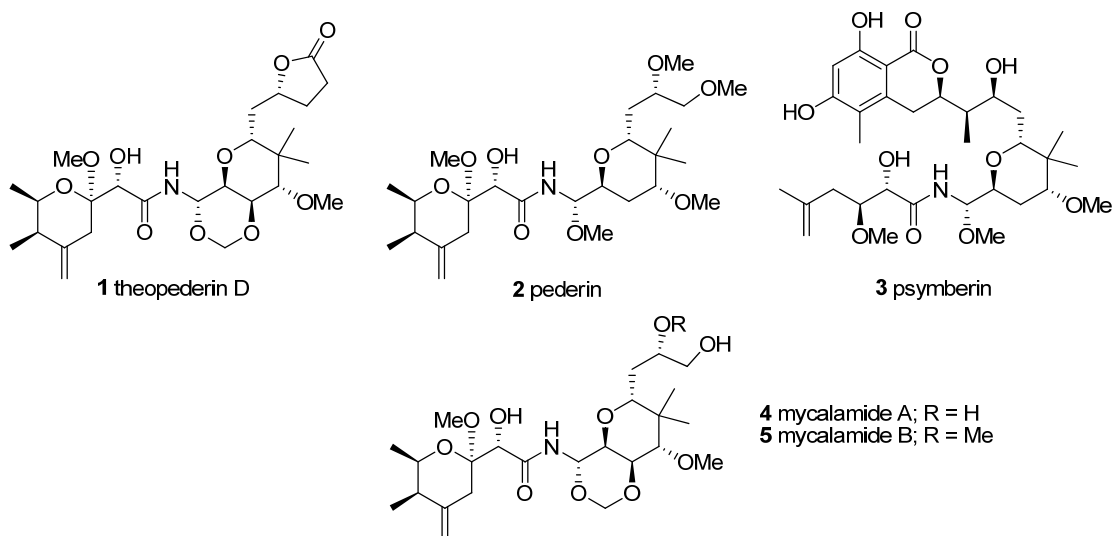


Figure 1. Selected members of the pederin family of natural products

Due to intriguing biological activity, challenging molecular structure, and the lack of natural abundance, this family of natural products has gained the attention of the synthetic community, with total syntheses and fragment syntheses being reported by Matsumoto,²¹⁻²⁴ Meinwald,²⁵⁻²⁸ Kishi,^{29, 30} Nakata,³¹⁻³⁵ Kocienski,³⁶⁻⁴⁵ Hoffman,⁴⁶ Roush,^{47, 48} Ihara,⁴⁹⁻⁵² Trost,⁵³ Rawal,⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ De Brabander,^{57, 58} and Williams.⁵⁹

1.1.1 Isolation and Structural Determination of Theopederin D

Theopederins A-E were isolated from the marine sponge genus *Theonella* by Fusetani and coworkers off the coast of Japan in 1992.¹ The frozen specimens (15 kg) were extracted with EtOH, then partitioned between several organic solvents, and subsequently purified via flash chromatography, gel filtration, and reverse-phase HPLC yielding theopederin A (4.8 mg), theopederin B (2.1 mg), theopederin C (0.5 mg), theopederin D (0.8 mg), and theopederin E (0.6 mg) (Figure 2).

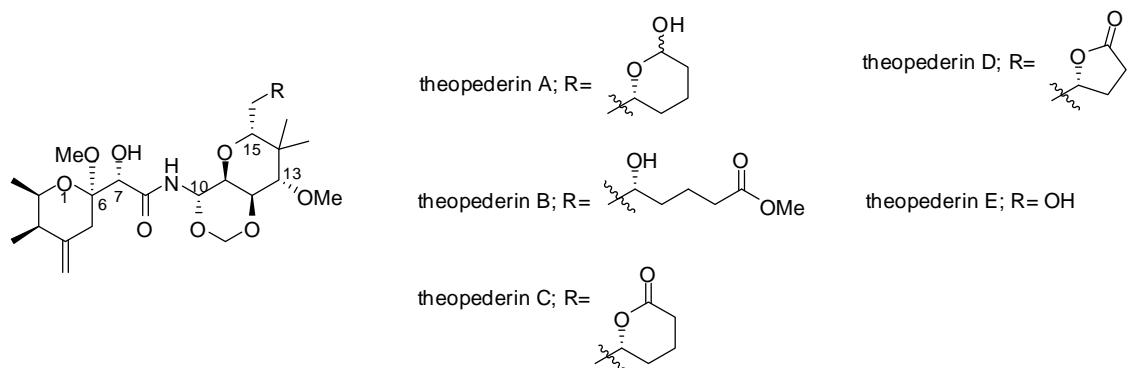


Figure 2. Theopederins A-E

The molecular formula of theopederin D ($C_{26}H_{41}NO_{10}$) was determined using high resolution fast atom bombardment mass spectrometry (HRFABMS). The structure of O1-C16

was initially assigned based upon comparison to spectral data from the mycalamides (see Figure 1), and then confirmed by 2D NMR experiments (COSY, HMQC, and HMBC). The γ -lactone of **1** was assigned based upon HMBC correlations as well as a characteristic IR absorption at 1765 cm^{-1} indicating the presence of a lactone moiety.

1.1.2 Biological Activity of Theopederin D

Theopederin D has demonstrated impressive biological activity, with initial assays performed by Fusetani illustrating that **1** is active at nM concentrations ($\text{IC}_{50} = 1.0 \text{ nM}$; P388 murine leukemia cell line).¹ Although the mechanism of action has yet to be established, it is believed that members of the pederin family derive their cytotoxicity through the inhibition of protein synthesis.¹⁹ While further biological testing has not been performed with **1**, mycalamide A, mycalamide B, theopederin A, and theopederin B, have all recently been shown to bind to the 60S large subunit of the ribosome. This portion of the ribosome is responsible for protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells.⁶⁰

1.1.3 Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) studies

Several structure activity relationship (SAR) studies of the mycalamide class of compounds have been performed by Munro and Blunt,⁶¹⁻⁶³ and Nakata.⁶⁴ The structures of the pederin family are generally similar, and thus, the conclusions drawn by the SAR studies of the mycalamides are likely to hold true for the family as a whole.

In the pederic acid subunit, research has shown that the exocyclic olefin is not a critical factor in the activity of mycalamides.^{63, 64} α -Hydrogenation of the olefin in mycalamide A

afforded **6** (see Table 1) which was more active than mycalamide A (IC_{50} of 0.4 nM compared to 1.0 nM for mycalamide A). α -Hydrogenation of mycalamide B afforded **8**, which gave no significant change in activity. β -Hydrogenation of both mycalamides A and B (compounds **7** and **9**, respectively) resulted in products 4-8 times less biologically active.

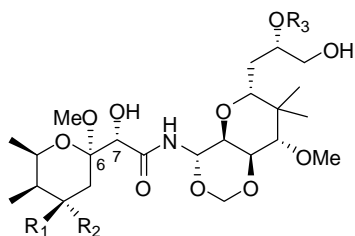


Table 1. mycalamide A and B hydrogenation derivatives

	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃
6	H	Me	H
7	Me	H	H
8	H	Me	Me
9	Me	H	Me

Replacing the C6 methoxy group with an ethoxy group (**10**) (See Table 2) resulted in a 10 fold decrease in activity while incorporation of a hydroxyl group (**11**) at C6 gave a 20-40 fold decrease in activity.⁶³ Derivatives at C7 (**12-15**) afforded compounds 10-10³ fold less active than the starting compounds.⁶¹ Analogs of mycalamide A synthesized by Nakata indicate that the stereochemistry at C7 is an important factor in the biological activity of the compound. The C7 epimer of mycalamide A exhibits an approximately 3 fold decrease in biological activity against the HeLa cell line.⁶⁴

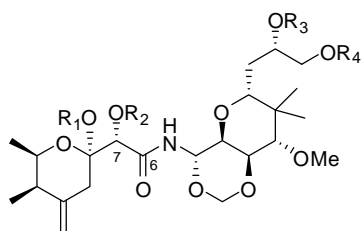


Table 2. Mycalamide A and B alkylated derivatives

	R₁	R₂	R₃	R₄
10	Et	H	H	H
11	H	H	H	H
12	Me	Me	Me	Me
13	Me	Me	H	Me
14	Me	Me	Me	H
15	Me	Me	H	H

Research by Nakata has also shown that the presence of the C3 methyl group is not important to the bioactivity of mycalamide A. Analog **16** (see Figure 3) shares identical bioactivity against the HeLa cell line as mycalamide A.

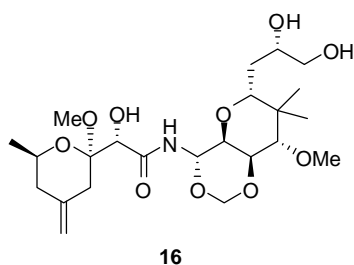


Figure 3. A mycalamide A analog synthesized by Nakata

Structure activity relationship studies have also indicated the importance of the acyl aminal functionality to the biological activity of the mycalamides.⁶² For example, the biological activity of mycalamide C (see Figure 4) which lacks the acyl aminal functionality, is significantly less potent than mycalamides A and B ($IC_{50} = 230$ nM against the P388 leukemia cancer cell line).⁶⁵

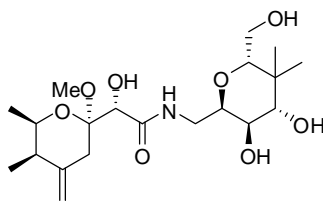


Figure 4. Mycalamide C

The stereochemical configuration of this moiety is also important for the displayed biological activity. Kocienski has reported that the C10 epimer of mycalamide B is 3 times less biologically active than the parent compound.⁴²

Lastly, alkylations or silylations of the tetrahydropyran side chain of the mycalamides also changed the biological activity of the molecules (Figure 6).⁶¹ TBDMS ethers of C17 and C18 decreased the biological activity ($IC_{50} = 1600$ nM), while TMS ethers did not (the researchers speculate that this is likely due to hydrolysis of the TMS ethers in the assay medium). However, methylation of C17 and C18 gave derivatives which were as potent as pederin ($IC_{50} = 0.13$ nM).

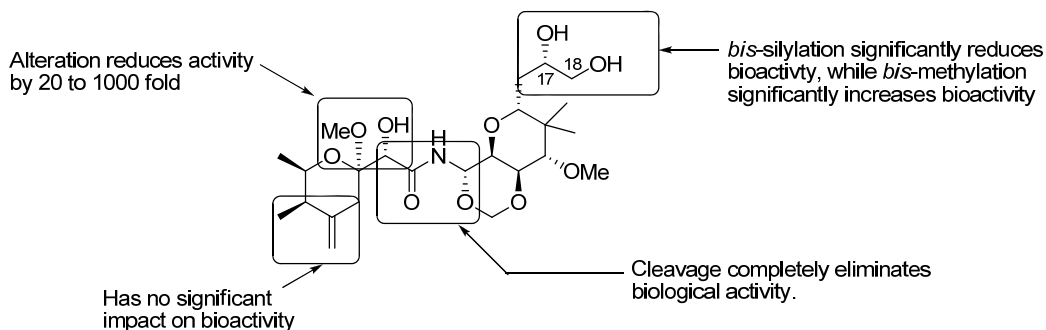


Figure 5. An overview of structure activity relationships

1.2 PREVIOUS SYNTHESSES IN THE PEDERIN FAMILY: APPROACHES TO THE MYCALAMIDE AND THEOPEDERIN FAMILIES

To date, there has been one total synthesis of theopederin D, although total and partial syntheses of structurally similar natural products mycalamides A and B have been reported. Generally speaking, convergent approaches involving pederic acid (**18**) and trioxadecalin subunits (**19**) have been used to construct these natural products (Figure 6).

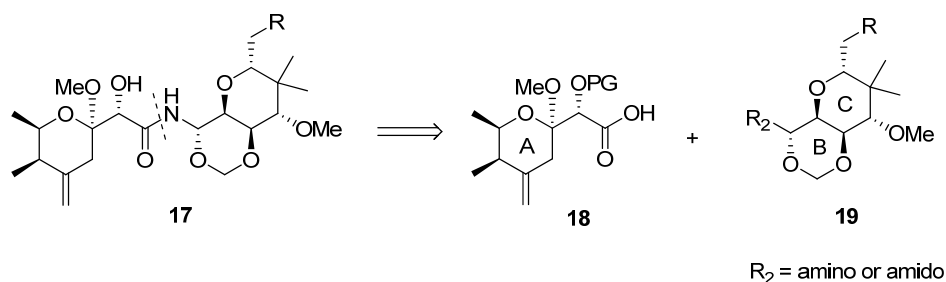


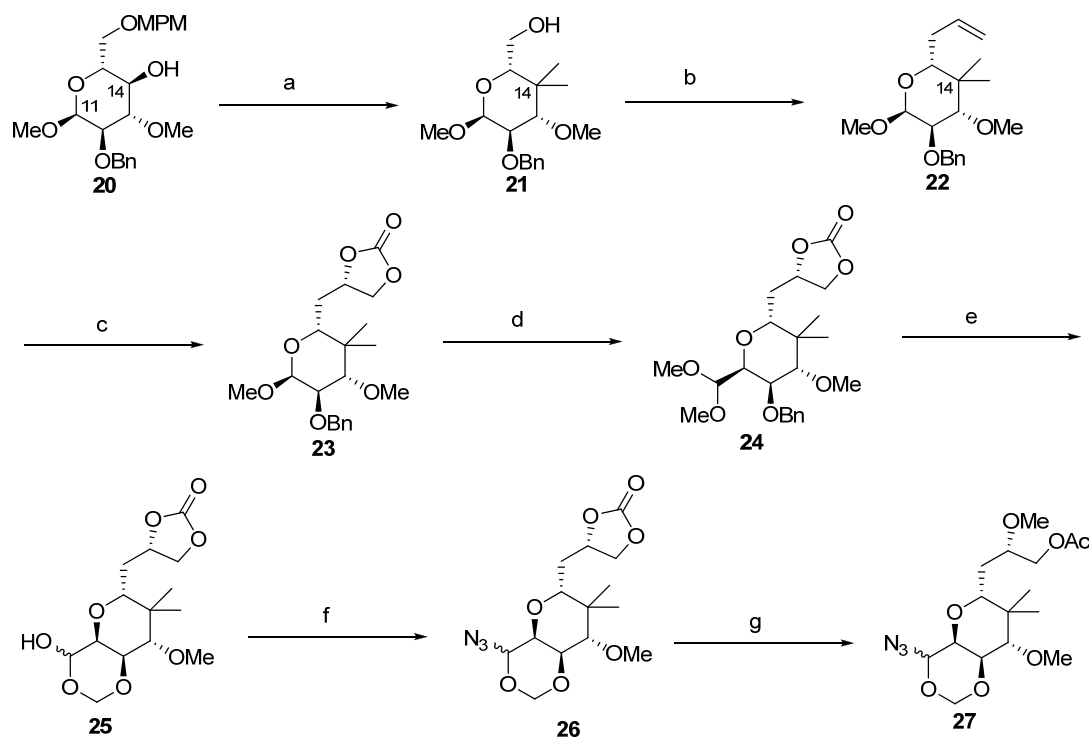
Figure 6. Convergent approach to theopederin and mycalamide families

Several methods have been used in the construction of **18**. Syntheses involving chiral pool starting materials,^{25, 26, 28, 36, 40, 53} chiral auxiliaries,^{34, 47, 49} transition metal mediated cross couplings,⁵⁴ and substrate controlled reactions^{25, 26, 28} have all been reported. However, synthesis of the much more complex trioxadecalin scaffold **19** has not varied greatly, and only two general methods for construction of the pivotal *N*-acyl aminal have been investigated: Acylation of a nucleophilic aminotrioxadecalin subunit,^{29, 30, 33, 35, 54} or generation of an amidotrioxadecalin fragment via Curtius rearrangement, followed by appendage and elaboration of the pederic acid portion of the molecule.^{45, 48, 66} The following sections will briefly describe Kishi's approach for construction of the aminotrioxadecalin ring system, and *N*-acyl aminal functionality in mycalamides A and B, Kocienski's approach to *N*-acyl aminal formation in his synthesis of theopederin D, and Rawal's total synthesis of mycalamide A. Due to the abundance of methods used in preparation of **18**, discussion of the synthesis of this fragment will be mentioned only in

the context of Rawal's efforts toward mycalamide A. Lastly, a discussion of the development of methodology developed in our own research labs directed towards the novel construction of the amidotrioxadecalin scaffold will complete this overview.

1.2.1 Kishi's Syntheses of Mycalamides A and B

Kishi's synthetic efforts towards the mycalamides began with **20**, derived from α -D-glucopyranoside and bearing the requisite stereochemistry at C11, C12, C13, and C15 (see Scheme 1 below).²⁹ Through a series of fairly straightforward transformations pyranoside **20** was converted to **21**, containing geminal methyl groups at C14, in 7 steps and 62% overall yield. Elaboration of the C15 side chain, asymmetric dihydroxylation, and protection of the diol as carbonate **23** completed the C ring of the mycalamide system. Construction of the B ring commenced with propargyltrimethylsilane addition to **23**, ozonolysis, and acetalization providing **24**. Hydrogenolysis followed by acid mediated cyclization with paraformaldehyde generated hemiacetal **25**. Mesylate formation and displacement with tetrabutylammonium azide afforded azidotrioxadecalin **26** as a 2:1 mixture of inseparable diastereomers in 72% yield.



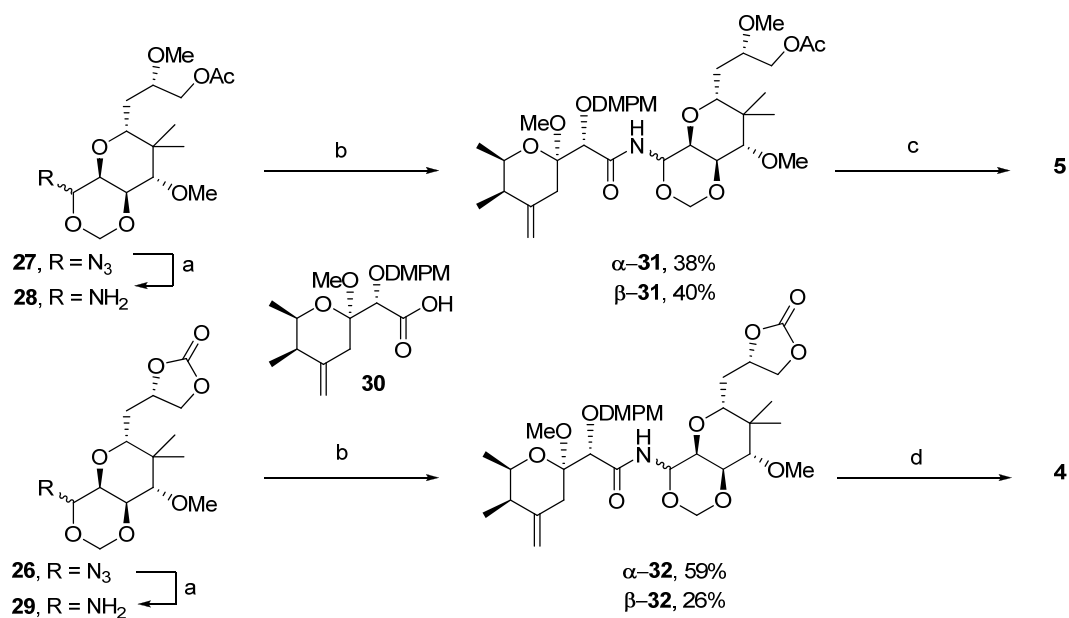
Scheme 1. Kishi's aminotrioxadecalin synthesis

Conditions: a) Swern oxidation; Wittig olefination; $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2/\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, Et_2O , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; H_2 , $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$, EtOAc , rt; H_2/PtO_2 , AcOH , rt; TBPSCl, imidazole, CH_2Cl_2 , rt; TBAF, THF, rt, 62% overall yield; b) Swern oxidation; Horner-Emmons olefination; DIBAL-H, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; H_2/Rh on Al_2O_3 , EtOAc , rt; $o\text{-O}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SeCN}$, $n\text{-Bu}_3\text{P}$, benzene, rt, then $m\text{-CPBA}$, 79% overall yield; c) OsO_4 , N,N' -bis(2, 4, 5-trimethylbenzyl)- (S,S) -1,2-diphenyl-1,2-diaminoethane, CH_2Cl_2 , $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 6:1, 75% d) propargyltrimethylsilane, TMSOTf, CH_3CN , then ozonolysis and acetalization, 60% overall yield; e) $\text{H}_2/\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$ on C , EtOAc , rt; paraformaldehyde, HCl , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 86% overall yield; f) MsCl , Et_3N , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{N}_3^-$, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to rt, 72% overall yield; g) NaOH , $p\text{-dioxane}$ (aq), rt; $4\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-(C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CCl}$, Hunig's base, CH_2Cl_2 , rt; MeI , NaH , DMF , $75\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; $p\text{-TsOH}$, MeOH , rt; Ac_2O , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 76% overall yield.

The C15 side chain of azide **26** was elaborated for the synthesis of mycalamide B through a five step sequence providing **27** in 76% yield, and as a 2:1 (desired to undesired) separable mixture of diastereomers.

Hydrogenation of azide **27** furnished amine **28** as a mixture of isomers, configurationally unstable under acidic, basic, and neutral conditions (see Scheme 2). This was also found to be the case for amine **29**, derived from azide **26**. Coupling of amine **28** with pederic acid derivative **30** afforded $\alpha\text{-31}$ (38%) and $\beta\text{-31}$ (40%) as a mixture of separable diastereomers. Coupling of amine **29** and **30** afforded $\alpha\text{-32}$ (59%) and $\beta\text{-32}$ (26%) as a separable mixture of diastereomers.

Undesired isomers β -**31** and β -**32** could be epimerized to the desired natural product configuration at C10 under basic conditions (*t*-BuOK, THF, reflux). However, Kishi notes that while mycalamide A substrate β -**32** could be completely epimerized to the desired configuration at C10, mycalamide B intermediate β -**31** could only be epimerized to a 1:1 mixture of α and β isomers. The syntheses of mycalamides B and A were completed from α -**31** and α -**32**, respectively. The protecting groups were removed in two steps furnishing mycalamide B (**5**) and mycalamide A (**4**) in 69% and 60% yield, respectively.



Scheme 2. Completion of mycalamides A and B by Kishi and coworkers

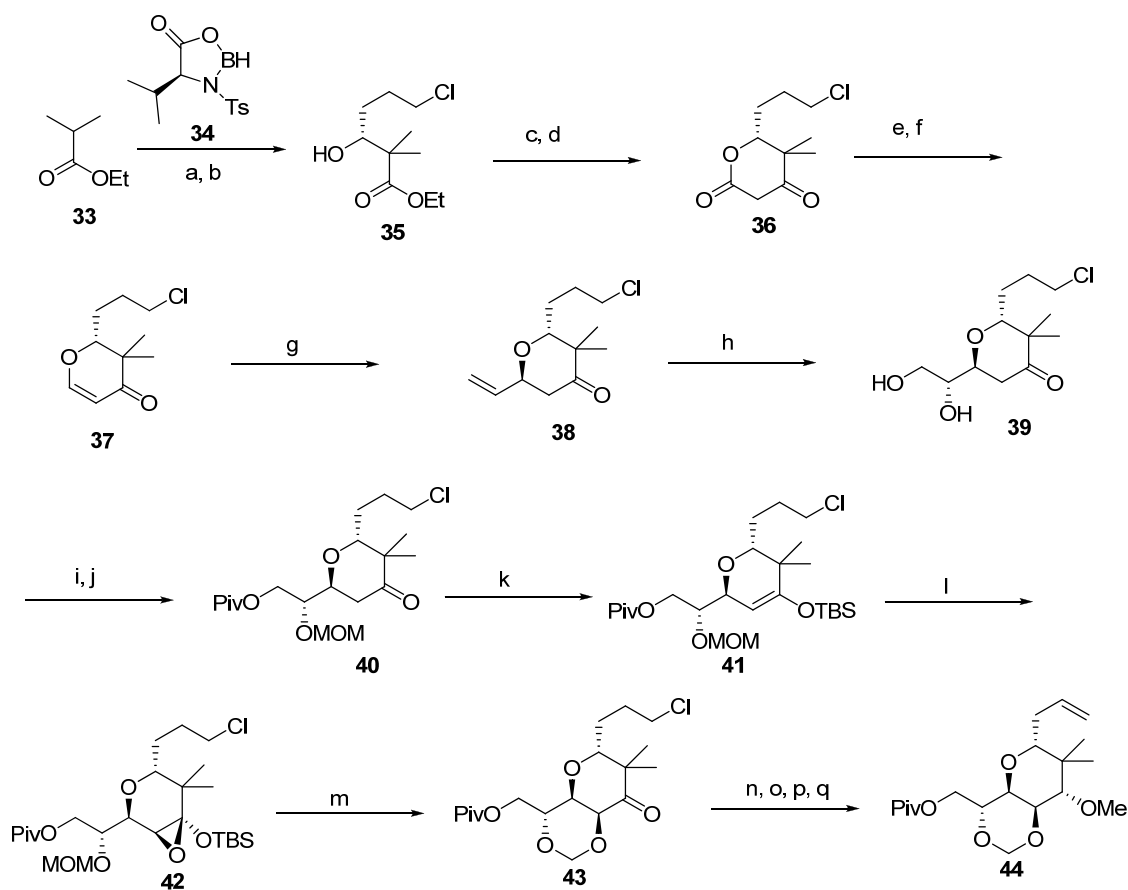
Conditions: a) H₂, Pd/C, EtOAc; b) *p*-TsCl, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, rt; c) LiOH, MeOH, rt; DDQ, H₂O, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 69%; d) *t*-BuOK, THF, rt; DDQ, H₂O, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 60%.

Kishi's monumental syntheses of mycalamides A and B are significant not only because they were the first reported total syntheses of these molecules, but also because of the valuable insight gained about construction of the *N*-acyl aminal, and the larger implications for synthesis of other pederin family members bearing this sensitive functionality. The conformational lability of **28** and **29** under acidic, basic, and neutral conditions led researchers such as Roush and Kocienski (see Section 1.2.2) to search for alternative methods for construction of the *N*-acyl

aminal without proceeding through an aminotrioxadecalin intermediate. Furthermore, the variable success of Kishi's epimerization of β -**31** and β -**32** is illustrative of the subtle effects of the C15 side chain of these natural products.

1.2.2 Kocienski's Synthesis of Theopederin D

Kocienski's approach to the amidotrioxadecalin framework of theopederin D began with an asymmetric aldol condensation between the silyl ketene acetal derived from **33** and 4-chlorobutanal in the presence of scalemic borane **34**, providing alcohol **35** in 95% yield and 94% *ee* (Scheme 3).⁴⁵ Elaboration of the alcohol to the acetate followed by Dieckman condensation afforded keto-lactone **36** in 78% yield. From **36**, enol ether formation followed by DIBAL-H reduction generated dihydropyranone **37** in 85% yield. Copper catalyzed addition of vinyl magnesium bromide to **37**, Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation and orthogonal protection of the resulting diol provided **40**. Silyl enol ether formation (85%) followed by epoxidation with *m*-CPBA generated epoxide **42**. Treating epoxide **42** with dimethoxymethane and phosphorous pentoxide afforded trioxadecalin **43** in 77% yield overall yield. Meerwin-Pondorf-Verley reduction of **43** (6:1 d.r.), methylation, selenide formation, oxidation to the selenoxide, and elimination furnished compound **44** in 53% overall yield.

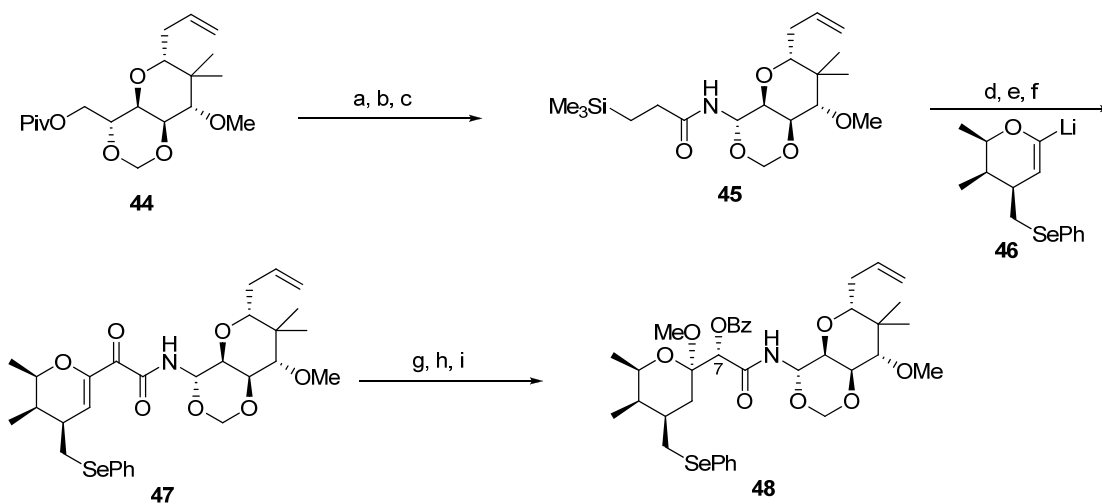


Scheme 3. Kocienski's synthesis of the trioxadecalin framework of Theopederin

Conditions: a) LDA, TMSCl, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 91%; b) $\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CHO}$, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, **34**, 95%, 94% *ee*; c) Ac_2O , Et_3N , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 76%; d) LDA, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 78%; e) Me_2SO_4 , K_2CO_3 , 18-c-6, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 99%; f) DIBAL-H, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 85%; g) vinyl magnesium bromide, CuI (6 mol%), THF, -90 to $-30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 80%; h) Sharpless AD, d.r. $>10:1$; i) PvCl , pyridine, CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 78% from **38**; j) MOMCl, DIPEA, Bu_4NI , PhMe, $90\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 97%; k) TBSOTf, Et_3N ; CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 85%; l) *m*-CPBA, CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; m) P_2O_5 , $\text{CH}_2(\text{OMe})_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 77% from **41**; n) Me_3Al , *i*-PrOH, rt, 66% 6:1; o) NaHMDS, MeOTf, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 86%; p) PhSeNa, EtOH, 96%, reflux; q) NaIO_4 , $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$, rt, then PhMe : Me_3N (1:1), reflux, 98%.

With the bulk of the trioxadecalin framework complete, attention was focused on formation of the *N*-acyl aminal functionality. Cleavage of the pivalate protecting group followed by oxidation to the aldehyde, Curtius rearrangement under Shioiri conditions, and thermolysis in the presence of 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanol afforded **45** in 57% yield over 4 steps (Scheme 4). Treating **45** with methyl-oxalyl chloride followed by TBAF removal of the Teoc-carbamate, and coupling with pederic acid derivative **46** (synthesis not shown) afforded *N*-acyl aminal **47** in 78% yield. Diastereoselective reduction of ketone **47**, methyl acetal formation, and protection of the

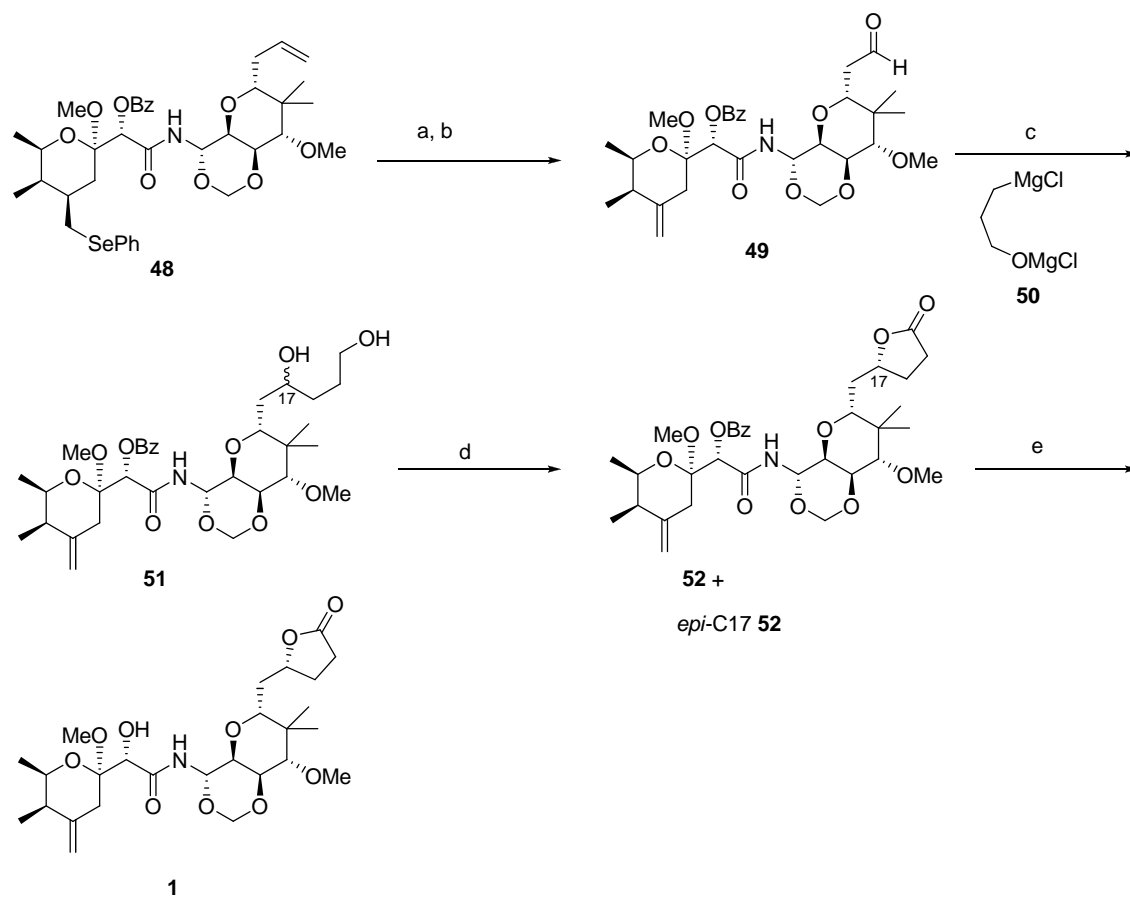
secondary alcohol as the benzoyl carbonate furnished **48** in 77% yield as a separable mixture of diastereomers at C7 (~3:1).



Scheme 4. Kocienski's coupling of trioxadecalin and pederic acid fragments

Conditions: a) Red-Al, THF, -78 °C to 0 °C, 98%; b) PDC, DMF, rt, 24h; c) $(\text{PhO})_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ TMS $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, DIPEA, PhMe, 65 °C, 58% (2 steps); d) MeO_2CCOCl , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 66%; e) TBAF, THF, 83%; f) **46**, TMEDA, THF, -78 °C, 78%; g) LiBHBu_3 , THF, -95 °C, 6:1 d.r.; h) CSA, MeOH, CH_2Cl_2 , rt; i) BzCl, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 77%.

With coupling of the two principle fragments complete, attention was turned to unmasking the exocyclic olefin of the pederic acid scaffold, and to the construction of the C17 lactone (Scheme 5). Treating **48** with Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation conditions, dual NaIO_4 selenide oxidation and diol cleavage, and elimination of the selenoxide furnished **49** in 69% yield over 3 steps. Grignard addition of **50** to aldehyde **49** afforded **51** as a ~1:1 mixture of alcohols at C17. TPAP oxidation of **51** and cyclization afforded a 1:1 mixture of separable lactones at C17. Treatment of the desired isomer **52** with K_2CO_3 in MeOH provided theopederin D (**1**) in 79% yield.



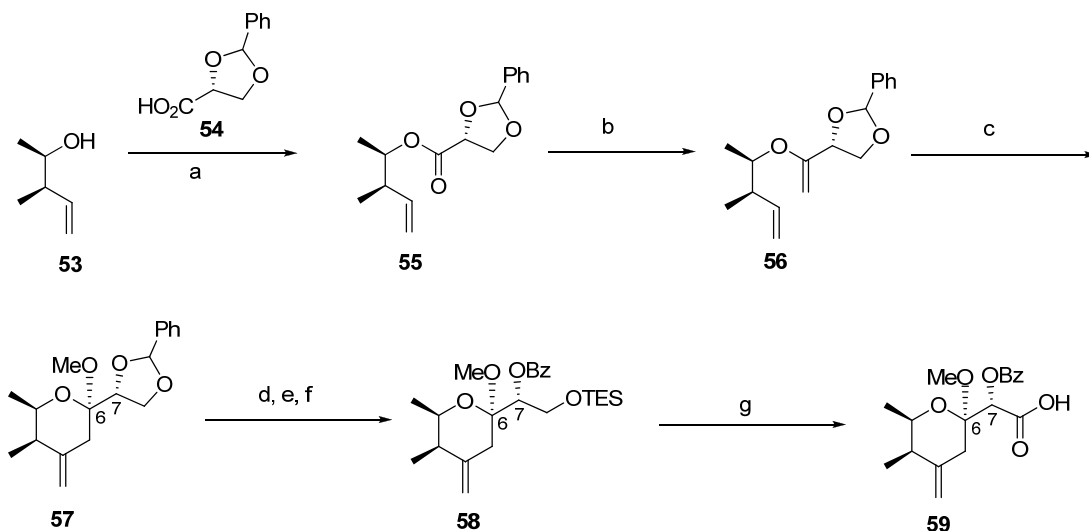
Scheme 5. Kocienski's completion of theopederin D

Conditions: a) Sharpless AD; b) NaIO₄, MeOH, CH₂Cl₂, rt; Et₃N/PhMe, reflux, 69% (3 steps); c) **50**, THF, -78 °C, 1:1 d.r.; d) TPAP, NMO, CH₂Cl₂/MeCN; e) K₂CO₃, MeOH, rt, 79%.

Kocienski's synthesis of theopederin D is noteworthy in that the Curtius rearrangement furnished the amidotrioxadecalin subunit as one stereoisomer at C10, thus avoiding the conformationally labile intermediates present in Kishi's synthesis. Furthermore, the "metallated dihydropyran" approach for coupling of the pederic acid core was novel, and high-yielding. However, the synthetic route was lengthy, and the introduction of the C17 stereocenter could not be accomplished diastereoselectively.

1.2.3 Rawal's Synthesis of Mycalamide A

Rawal's total synthesis of mycalamide A began with construction of the pederic acid portion of the molecule.⁵⁴ Condensation of homoallylic alcohol **53** (synthesized via Brown crotylation of acetaldehyde) with protected glyceric acid derivative **54** furnished **55** in 91% yield (Scheme 6). Subsequent Petasis-olefination of **55** (85% yield) followed by an intramolecular Heck reaction afforded **57** in 78% yield with a 5.7: 1 ratio of desired to undesired diastereomers at C6. Removal of the benzylidene acetal under dissolving metal conditions, selective protection of the resulting primary alcohol as the triethylsilyl ether (TES), and benzylation of the secondary alcohol at C7 afforded **58** in 81% overall yield. Benzoate **58** was directly converted to carboxylic acid **59** in 83% yield by treatment with pyridinium dichromate.

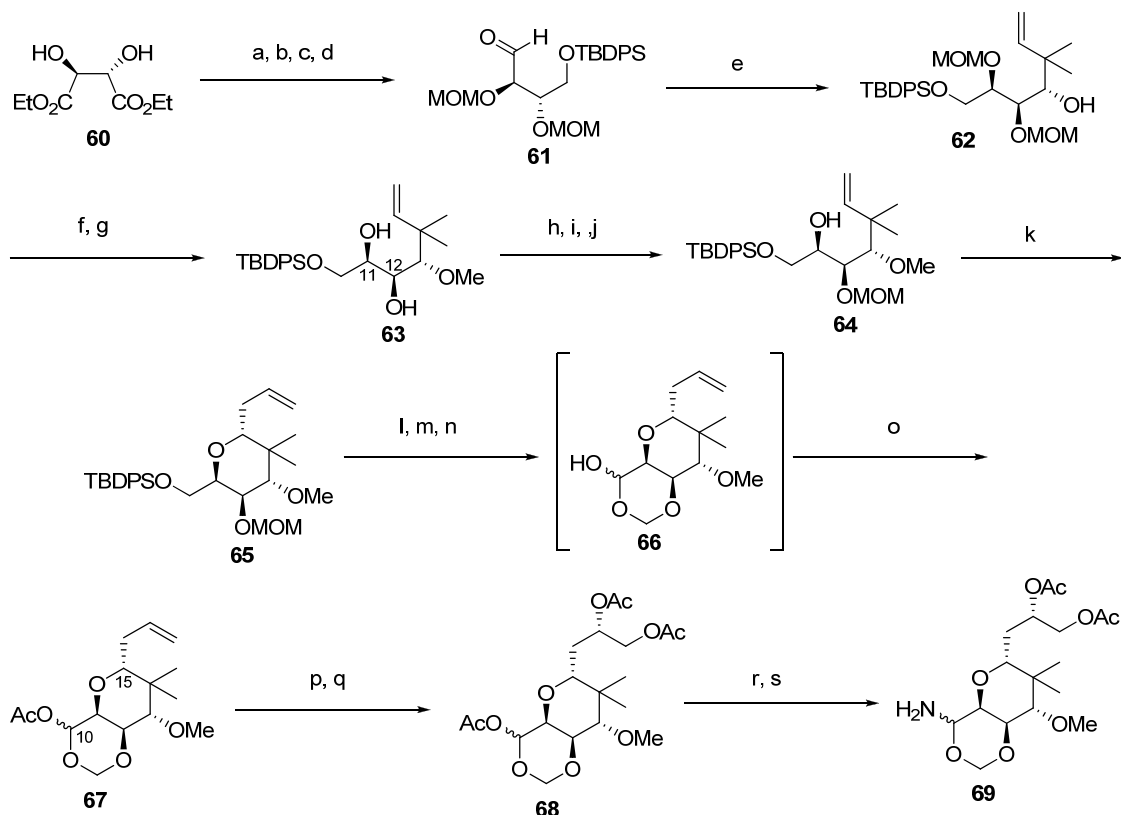


Scheme 6. Rawal's synthesis of pederic acid

Conditions: a) EDC, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 91%; b) Cp₂TiMe₂, PhCH₃, 80 °C, 85%; c) PdCl₂ (0.15 equiv), benzoquinone, MeOH, CH(OMe)₃, propylene oxide, THF/DMF (20:1), 78%, 5.7:1.0 desired to undesired diastereomers at C7; d) Na, liq. NH₃, EtOH, 93%; e) TESCl, DIPEA, CH₂Cl₂, 93%; f) BzCl, DMAP, DIPEA, CH₂Cl₂, 94%; g) PDC, DMF, 83%.

Synthesis of the aminotrioxadecalin scaffold began with commercially available diethyl D-tartrate **60** (Scheme 7). Protection of the diol as the bis-methoxy methyl ether (MOM)

followed by LiAlH_4 reduction of the ethyl esters, mono-TBDPS protection, and Swern oxidation afforded aldehyde **61** in 77% overall yield. Addition of tri-*n*-butyl prenylstannane under chelation controlled conditions (90%), methylation of resulting alcohol **62** (98%), and MOM deprotection under mild conditions afforded diol **63** in 98% yield.



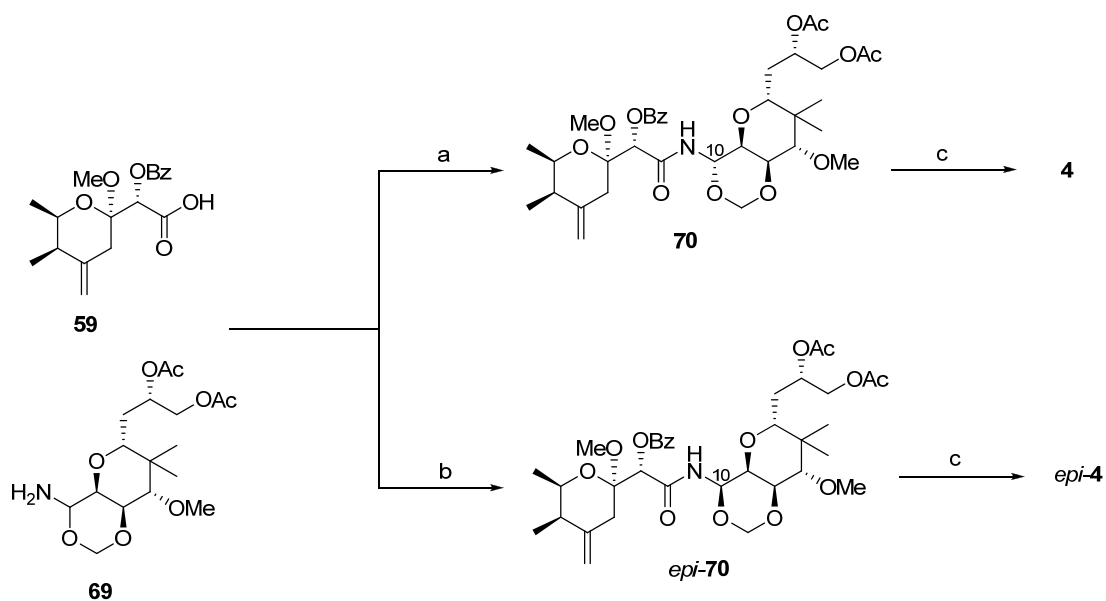
Scheme 7. Rawal's synthesis of the aminotrioxadecalin

Conditions: a) $(\text{MeO})_2\text{CH}_2$, P_2O_5 , CH_2Cl_2 , quant.; b) LiAlH_4 , Et_2O , 86%; c) *n*-BuLi, TBDPSCl, THF, quant.; d) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , 90%; e) $\text{Me}_2\text{CCHCH}_2\text{SnBu}_3$, ZnBr_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , 90%; f) NaH, MeI, THF, 98%; g) ZnBr_2 (2.5 equiv.), *n*-BuSH (3.0 equiv.), rt, 8 min, CH_2Cl_2 , 98%; h) BzCl, DIPEA, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 11 h, 80%; i) $\text{CH}_2(\text{OMe})_2$, P_2O_5 , CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 3 h, 91%; j) K_2CO_3 , MeOH, rt, 3 h, 83%; k) O_3 , Me_2S , CH_2Cl_2 ; Ac_2O , DMAP, pyr; $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{TMS}$, CH_2Cl_2 , 66%; l) TBAF, THF, 91%; m) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; n) $(\text{CHO})_n$, concd. HCl, THF; o) Ac_2O , DMAP, pyr, 63%, d.r. 5.4:1.0; p) OsO_4 , $(\text{DHQ})_2\text{PYR}$, K_2CO_3 , $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$, *t*-BuOH/ H_2O , -3°C , 83%, d.r. 5:1; q) Ac_2O , DIPEA, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , 92%; r) TMSN_3 , TMSOTf, CH_3CN , -78 to 0°C , quant.; s) H_2 , Pd/C, EtOAc, 90%.

Selective mono-benzoylation at C11 of diol **63** (80%), MOM-protection of the remaining free alcohol at C12 (91%), and benzoyl group removal afforded alcohol **64** in 83% yield. Ozonolysis of **64**, and acetylation of the resulting lactol followed by $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ mediated allyl

trimethylsilane addition afforded pyran **65** as a single diastereomer in 66% yield. Cleavage of TBDPS ether **66** with TBAF (91%), Swern oxidation, and subjection of the resulting aldehyde to paraformaldehyde and concentrated HCl at -15 to -10 °C resulted in generation of **66**, which without isolation, was acetylated generating acetate **67** in 63% as a 5.4:1 mixture at C10. The C15 side chain was functionalized through asymmetric dihydroxylation (83%, 5:1) and the resulting alcohols were acylated, furnishing **68** in quantitative yield. The trioxadecalin was completed by displacement of the anomeric acetate with TMSN_3 , providing a 1.8:1.0 mixture of inseparable azide anomers. Hydrogenation of the azidotrioxadecalin mixture afforded aminotrioxadecalin **69** as a mixture of diastereomers.

To complete the synthesis of mycalamide A, **59** and **69** were coupled using DCC and DMAP affording **70** and *epi*-C10-**70** as a favorable 5:1 mixture of separable diastereomers in 56% yield (Scheme 8). Interestingly, coupling fragments **59** and **69** using PyAOP and DIPEA resulted in generation of *epi*-**70** as a single diastereomer in 61% yield. Treatment of **70** with 1N LiOH removed the benzoyl and acetate protecting groups yielding mycalamide A (**4**) in 78% yield. Removal of the protecting groups from *epi*-**70** generated *epi*-**4** (*epi*-mycalamide A) in 75% yield. Attempts to epimerize *epi*-**4** to **4** were unsuccessful.



Scheme 8. Rawal's diastereoselective mycalamide A coupling

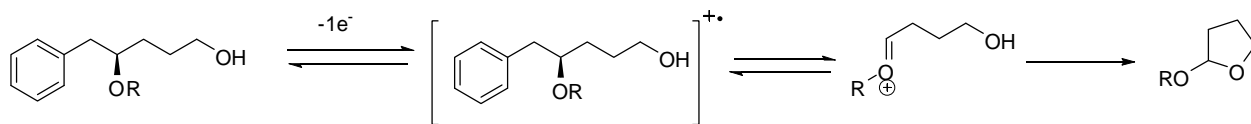
Conditions: a) DCC, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 12 h, 56%, 5:1 (**70**:*epi-70*); b) PyAOP, DIPEA, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 24h, 61%, *epi-70* sole diastereomer; c) 1N LiOH, THF; 78% (**4**), 75% (*epi-4*).

Rawal's mycalamide A synthesis represents a significant step forward for the synthesis of molecules in the pederin family. Coupling of the pederic acid fragment with a mixture of aminotrioxadecalin epimers to afford a favorable diastereomeric ratio elegantly circumnavigated the task of creating the C10 acyl aminal stereoselectively. Furthermore, the use of an intramolecular Wacker/Heck cyclization as a means for construction of the pederic acid fragment employed a novel disconnection, and eliminated the need for an exocyclic olefin surrogate in the pederic acid subunit.

1.2.4 The Floreancig Approach to the Amidotrioxadecalin Scaffold

Due to the paucity of methods used to synthesize the amidotrioxadecalin ring system, and an interest in pursuing a total synthesis of mycalamide B, Floreancig and coworkers sought to improve upon previous synthetic efforts by employing the Electron Transfer Initiated Cyclization

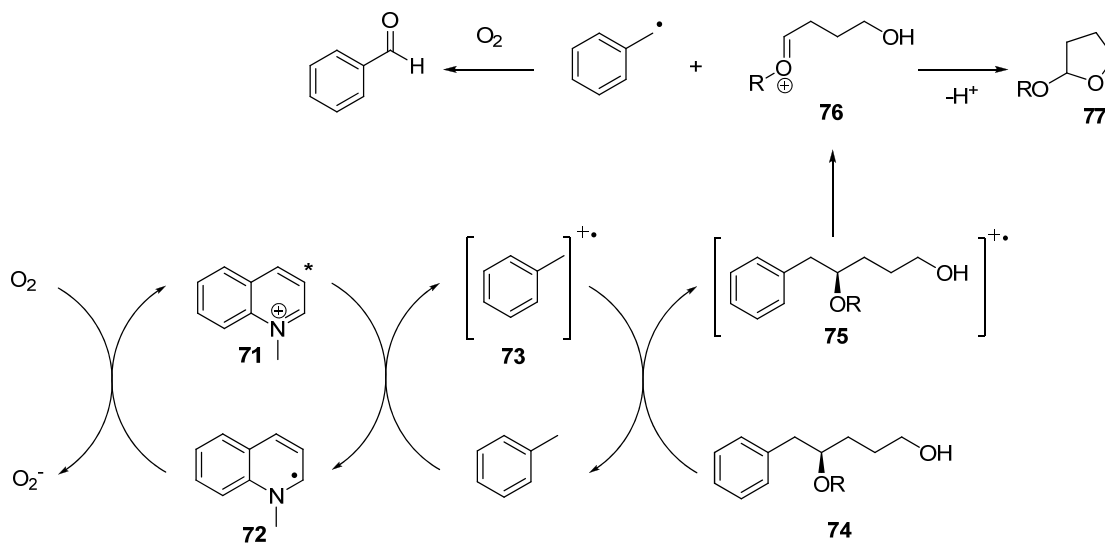
methodology (ETIC) developed in their research labs. Previous reports illustrated that this method allowed for the construction of cyclic ethers and acetals from homobenzylic ethers under mild conditions (Scheme 9).^{67, 68}



Scheme 9. Cyclic acetal construction by Floreancig and coworkers

Conditions: $h\nu$, *N*-methylquinolinium hexafluorophosphate (cat), O₂, toluene, DCE, NaOAc, Na₂S₂O₃, 4 Å MS.

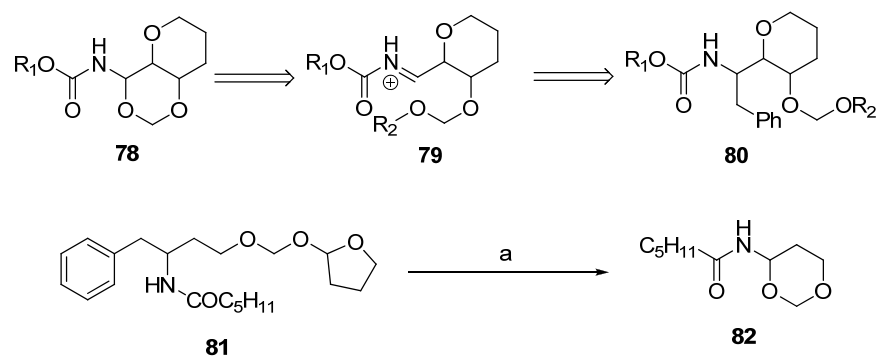
When irradiated, *N*-methylquinolinium hexafluorophosphate (NMQPF₆, **71**) becomes photoexcited, and can accept an electron from the co-sensitizer toluene, generating quinolyl radical **72** and the radical cation of toluene (**73**) (Scheme 10). Electron transfer between homobenzylic ether **74** and radical cation **73** regenerates toluene, and affords radical cation **75**. Mesolytic cleavage of **75** generates a benzyl radical and oxocarbenium ion **76**. Cyclization of the tethered nucleophilic alcohol and deprotonation with NaOAc provides the desired product **77**.



Scheme 10. The mechanism of the Electron Transfer Initiated Cyclization (ETIC)

During the reaction, atmospheric oxygen is gently bubbled through the solution. This serves to oxidize the benzylic radical to benzaldehyde, and to regenerate the catalyst by serving as a terminal oxidant (Note: $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ serves to reduce the superoxide species to H_2O , which is sequestered with molecular sieves).

Based on their cyclic ether work, Floreancig and coworkers reasoned that the amidotrioxadecalin ring system (**78**) could arise via nucleophilic addition of a masked hemiacetal nucleophile into acyliminium ion **79** (Scheme 11).⁶⁹ The ETIC conditions would allow for mild generation of such a reactive species from homobenzylic carbamate **80**. After careful optimization of reaction conditions homobenzylic carbamate **81**, bearing a tethered tetrahydrofuranyl protected nucleophile, was synthesized. When treated with standard ETIC conditions this substrate underwent cyclization furnishing acyl aminal **82** in 79% yield (Scheme 11).

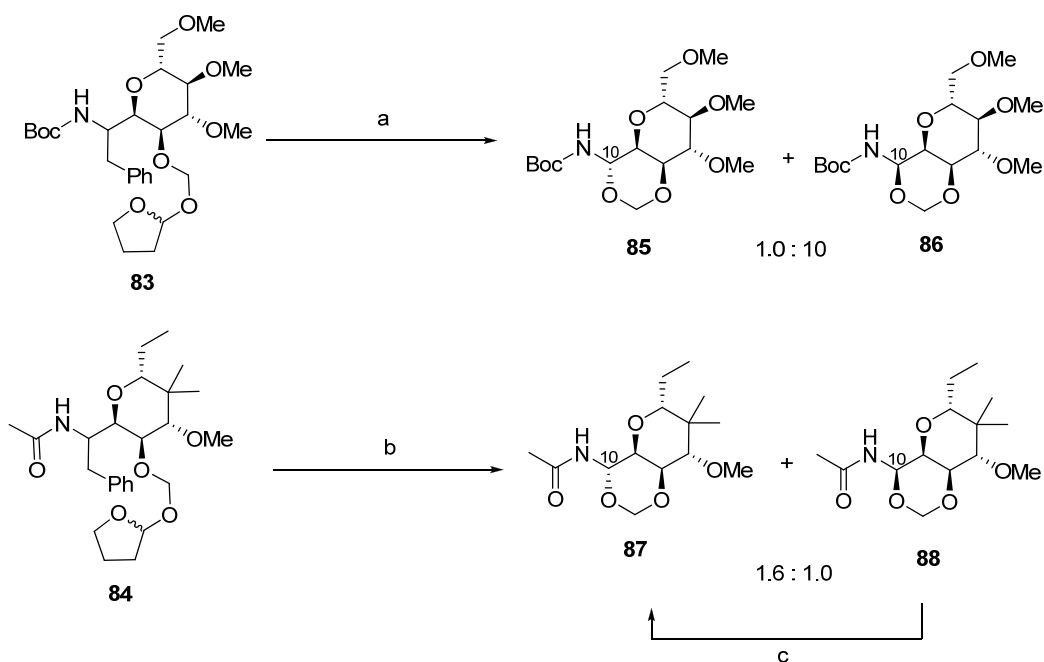


Scheme 11. An electron initiated cyclization forming an *N*-acyl aminal

Conditions: a) $h\nu$, NMQPF_6 (cat), O_2 , toluene, DCE, NaOAc , $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$, 4Å MS, 79%.

To test the feasibility of the ETIC methodology in substrates resembling the trioxadecalin ring system, model substrates **83** and **84** were synthesized (Scheme 12). Treatment of **83** with standard ETIC conditions afforded **85** and **86** in 94% yield as 1:10 mixture of separable

diastereomers.⁷⁰ Subjection of **84** to identical conditions afforded products **87** and **88** in 94% yield as a 1.6:1.0 mixture of separable diastereomers.⁷¹



Scheme 12. Construction of a trioxadecalin model system under ETIC conditions

Conditions: a) $h\nu$, NMQPF₆ (cat), O₂, toluene, DCE, NaOAc, Na₂S₂O₃, 4Å MS, 94%; b) $h\nu$, NMQPF₆ (cat), O₂, toluene, DCE, NaOAc, Na₂S₂O₃, 4Å MS, 94%; c) *p*-TsOH, trifluoroethanol.

The outcome from cyclization of substrate **83** was surprising in that the major product contained the opposite configuration of the natural product at C10 (natural product numbering) (Figure 7). Product **86** has the majority of its substituents in an axial orientation while the configuration of compound **85** (identical to that of the natural product) places all of the ring substituents in an equatorial orientation (Figure 7).

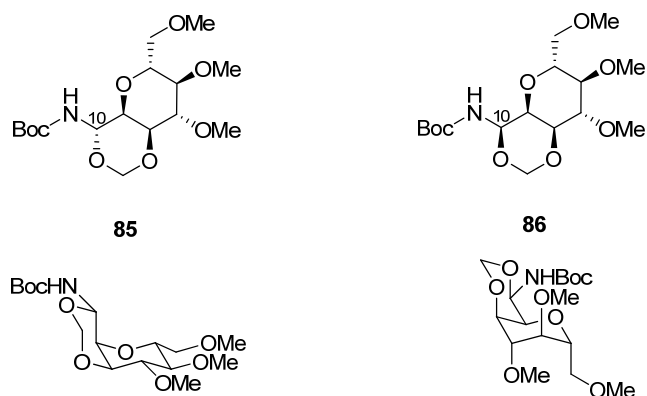


Figure 7. Amidotrioxadecalin diastereomers

From previous experiments, it was noted that ETIC cyclizations of homobenzylic amides likely proceed through late transition states, indicating that the relative energies of the products from these reactions (**85** and **86**) should be comparable to the relative energies of the transition states (**89** and **90**). That is, if product **86** is formed preferentially over **85**, transition state **90** should be lower in energy than transition state **89** (Figure 8).

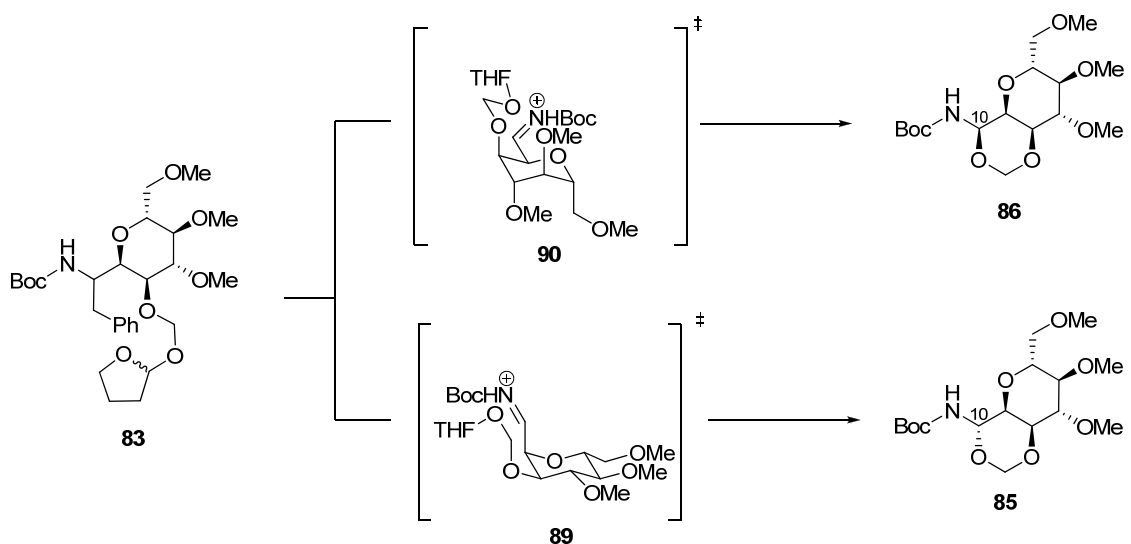


Figure 8. Transition states leading to amidotrioxadecalin model system products

Fuchs and coworkers have performed molecular modeling calculations on the trioxadecalin core structure and have found **91** to be 4.3 kcal/mol lower in energy than **92**, which

has the configuration found in the natural product (Figure 9).⁷² This was rationalized by the unfavorable *gauche* COCC bond interactions found in **92**, in comparison to the favorable *anti* COCC bond orientation present in **91**. Molecular modeling calculations (MM3) performed on the product by Floreancig and coworkers indicated a 4.4 kcal/mol difference between products **86** and **85**.⁷¹

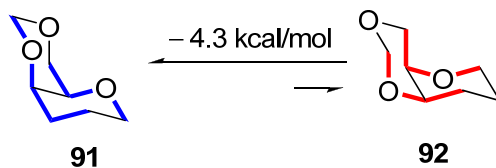


Figure 9. Analysis of the trioxadecalin core

In a reversal of this trend, substrate **84** was found to afford products in a 1.6:1.0 ratio of desired to undesired diastereomers, indicative of how the substituents on the ring system can override the energetic penalty of the developing *gauche* interactions in the desired amidotrioxadecalin (Scheme 12).

The Floreancig approach offers a novel method for the construction of the amidotrioxadecalin scaffold, with model studies indicating that the transformation is exceptionally high yielding. While the diastereocontrol was modest for substrate **84**, the acyl aminal stereocenter could easily be epimerized under mild conditions (*p*-TsOH, trifluoroethanol). In addition, Rawal's subsequent report of a diastereoselective coupling during his synthesis of mycalamide A illustrates the inconsequentiality of the acyl aminal stereocenter in downstream chemistry. Thus, the ETIC approach offers a powerful method for the construction of highly reactive intermediates under mild conditions, providing products with high levels of molecular complexity, and in high yield.

1.3 PROJECT GOALS

1.3.1 Retrosynthetic Analysis of Theopederin D

With the precedent of construction of *N*-acyl aminals via our electron transfer initiated cyclization (ETIC) method well established, we focused our attention on the application of this method to a natural product total synthesis. We made our initial disconnection of **1** at the C8-N9 bond generating pederic acid (**59**) and aminotrioxadecalin fragments (**3**) (Figure 10). In a forward sense, construction of this pivotal bond could be accomplished through a diastereoselective amide bond formation between **59** and **93**, as reported in Rawal's mycalamide A synthesis (see Scheme 8, page 18).⁵⁴

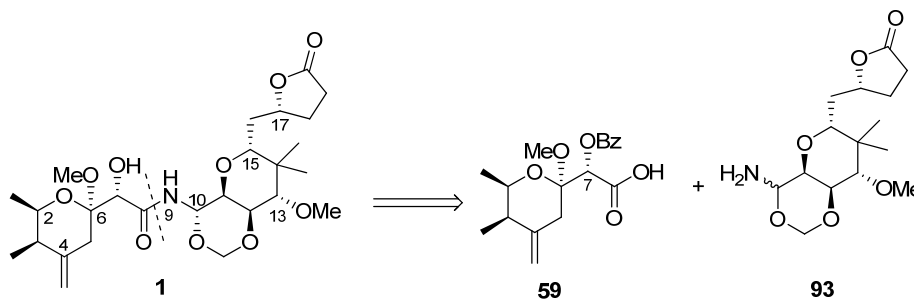


Figure 10. Initial bond disconnection of theopederin D

We anticipated that **59** could be generated via Nakata's diastereoselective Claisen condensation of a suitably protected lactone **94** with glycolate derivative **95** (Figure 11).³⁴ Lactone **94** could arise from dihydropyranone **96**. We envisioned construction of **96** via an asymmetric hetero-Diels Alder cycloaddition between diene **97** and acetaldehyde.

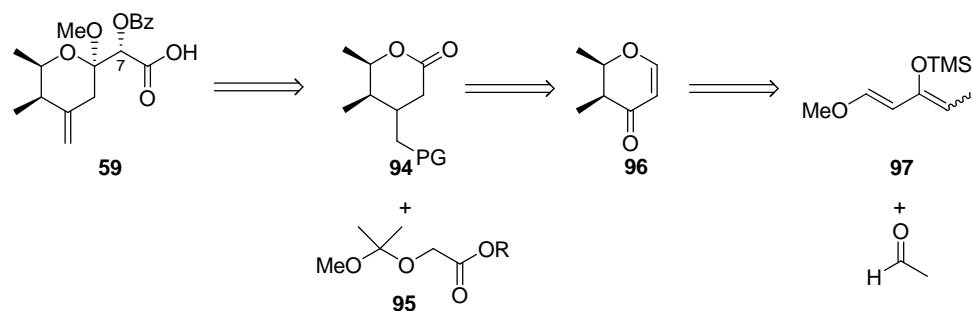


Figure 11. Pederic acid retrosynthesis

Due to the expected lability of **93**,²⁹ we envisioned late stage formation of this sensitive fragment from deprotection of amidotrioxadecalin **98** under mild hydrogenolytic conditions (Figure 12).

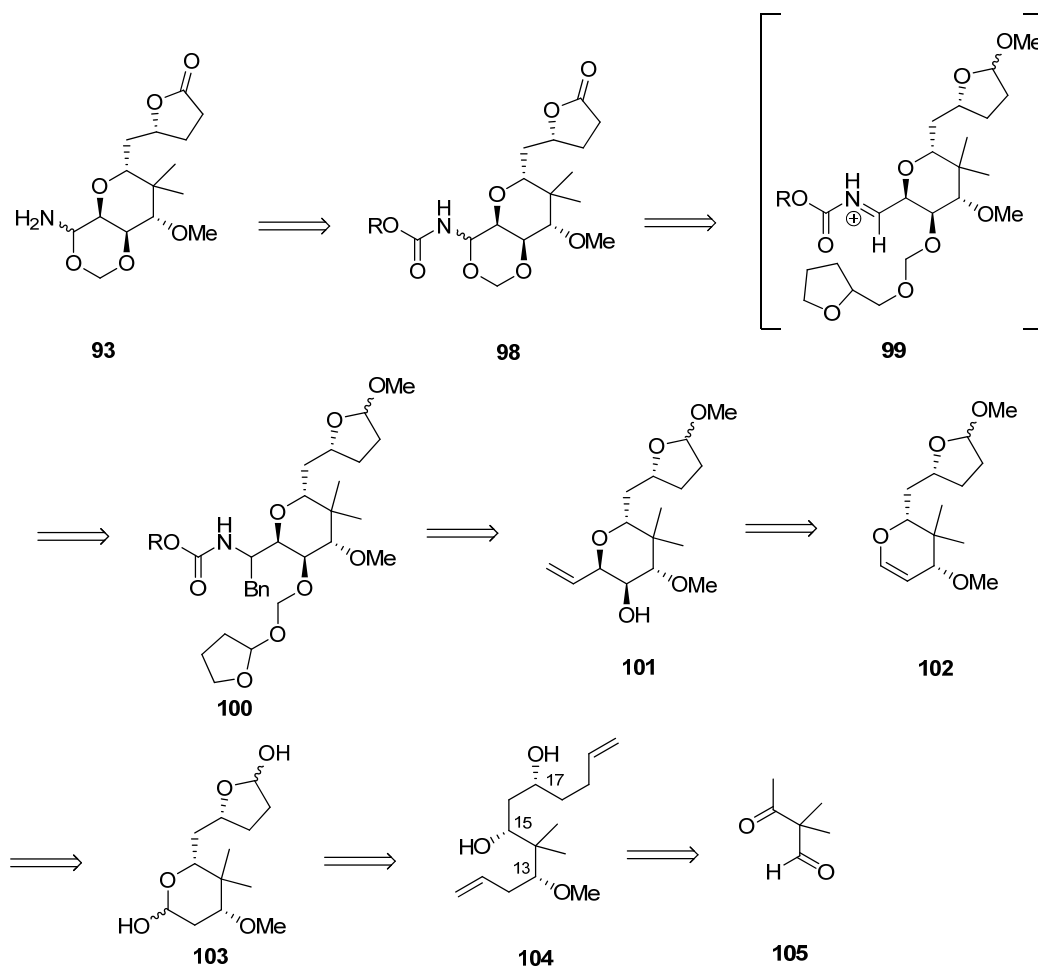


Figure 12. Retrosynthesis of an aminotrioxadecalin fragment

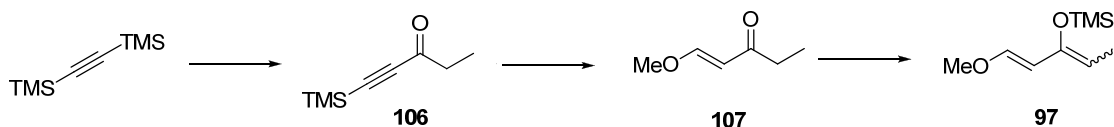
Carbamate **98** could be generated from intermediate **99**, formed in situ via an ETIC reaction of substrate **100**. Homobenzylic carbonate **100** could be obtained from **101** via facile elaboration of

the anomeric vinyl and secondary alcohol functionalities. We envisioned generation of **101** via diastereoselective epoxidation and *syn* vinyl addition to dihydropyran **102**. Dihydropyran **102** could be obtained from bis-lactol **103** via selective tetrahydrofuranol acetal formation, and subsequent tetrahydropyranol dehydration. Intermediate **103** could be obtained from oxidative cleavage and cyclization of diol **104**. Compound **104** could be generated via asymmetric allylation of keto-aldehyde **105**, methylation of the resulting alcohol, followed by a substrate controlled 1, 5-*anti*-boron mediated aldol, and chelation controlled *syn* reduction to construct requisite stereocenters at C13, C15, and C17 (natural product numbering).

1.4 PEDERIC ACID SYNTHESIS

1.4.1 Efforts toward Pederic Acid: Hetero-Diels-Alder Approach

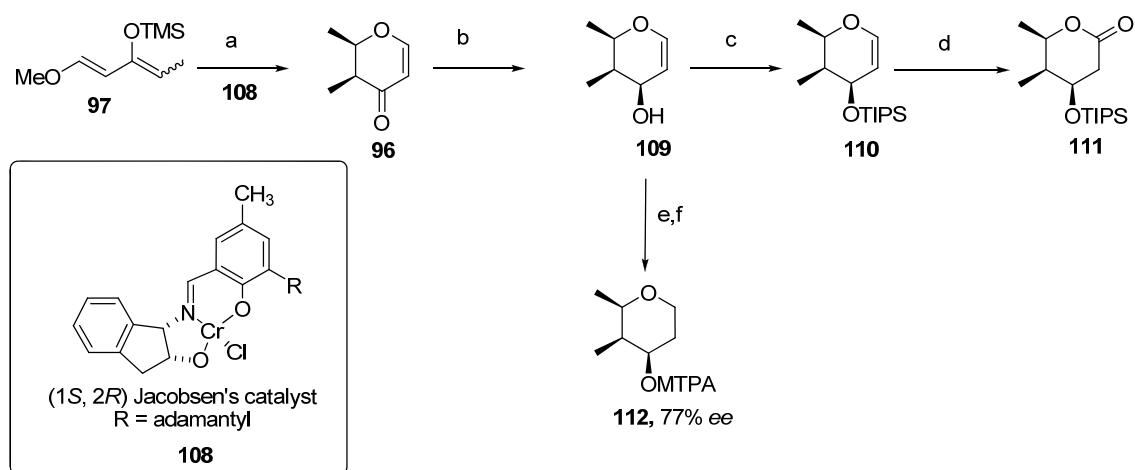
Our synthetic efforts began with synthesis of Danishefsky-type diene **97** (Scheme 13). Acylation of commercially available bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene with propionyl chloride in the presence of aluminum chloride afforded alkyne **106**, which was used without further purification.⁷³ Treatment of **106** with methanol and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO)⁷⁴ afforded enol ether **107** in 70% yield over 2 steps. Diene formation was achieved by reaction of **107** with Et₃N, TMSOTf, and ZnCl₂, generating **97** as a 4:1 ratio of *Z*:*E* isomers in 85% yield.⁷⁵



Scheme 13. Synthesis of a diene for hetero-Diels Alder chemistry

Conditions: a) propionyl chloride, AlCl₃, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt; b) MeOH, DABCO, rt, 70% over 2 steps; c) ZnCl₂, Et₃N, TMSOTf, toluene, 40 °C, 85%.

Employing chemistry developed by Jacobsen and coworkers,^{76, 77} we were able to synthesize dihydropyranone **96** in 82% yield (Scheme 14) via an asymmetric hetero-Diels Alder reaction between **97** and acetaldehyde in the presence of catalyst **108**. Luche reduction⁷⁸ of dihydropyranone **96** (87% yield), followed by protection of the resulting alcohol **109** as the triisopropylsilyl ether afforded **110** in 54% yield. Silyl protected dihydropyranol **110** was converted to lactone **111** in 71% yield via oxidation with PCC. The *ee* of pyranone **96** (77%) was established via hydrogenation of dihydropyranol **109** then subsequent treatment with (*S*)-(+)-Mosher's acid chloride to afford **112**. The diastereomers of this compound were sufficiently resolved in the ¹H NMR spectrum to permit analysis.



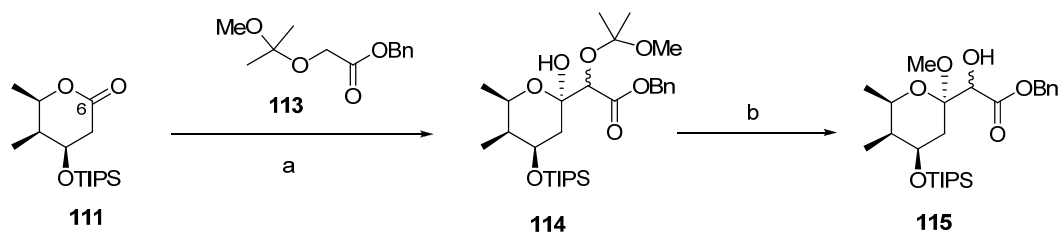
Scheme 14. Synthesis of the pederic acid core via hetero-Diels Alder

Conditions: a) acetaldehyde, 4Å MS, **108**, 40 h, then TFA, 82%, 77% *ee* (see text); b) NaBH₄, CeCl₃, MeOH, -10 °C to rt, 87%; c) TIPSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH₂Cl₂, -10 °C to rt, 54%; d) PCC, DCE, 71%; e) H₂, Pd/C, MeOH; f) (*S*)-(+)-Mosher's acid chloride, pyridine, CH₂Cl₂.

With the core of pederic acid complete, our next task was the synthesis of the C6 side chain using glycolate derivative **113** and lactone **111** following the literature protocol developed by Nakata and co-workers in their synthesis of pederic acid derivatives.³⁴ Our decision to use protected benzyl glycolate was based on two desires: avoidance of the late stage usage of HMPA in our synthetic route (as reported by Nakata), thus easing the purification of the anticipated

labile final product, and the possibility of employing mild saponification conditions to cleave benzyl ester.

Treatment of lactone **111** and ester **113** under literature conditions afforded acetal **114**, which when treated with acidic MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ afforded desired product **115** (Scheme 15).



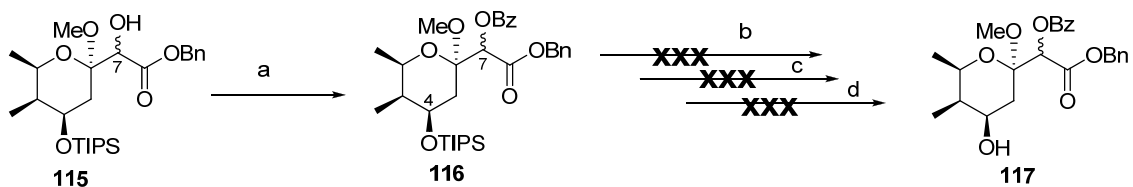
Scheme 15. A diastereoselective Claisen condensation and subsequent acetal deprotection

Conditions: a) LDA (11.3 equiv), **113** (11.3 equiv), THF, HMPA (16.4 equiv), ZnCl₂ (1M in Et₂O, 11.3 equiv.), -78 to -40 °C, 17 h; b) CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1), CSA, CH(OMe)₃, rt, 10 min, 28% from **111**, 19:81 d.r.

This particular reaction sequence was performed several times with the reaction yields varying from poor to moderate (28%, 40%, and 51%). In addition, the diastereoselectivity for the transformation was extremely variable, ranging from 19:81 to 56:44 ratios of diastereomers at C7 from which neither *syn* nor *anti* products could be assigned from the ¹H NMR spectra. The large quantities of reagents used in this transformation, and the lack of purification of intermediate **114** made analysis and purification of the final products a fairly difficult process.

Although yields were moderate at best, material was moved towards downstream chemistry to determine the viability of our synthetic route (Scheme 16). A 19:81 mixture of diastereomers of substrate **115** was protected at C7 as the benzoate furnishing **116** in 52% yield. With **116** in hand, we envisioned that the silyl ether at C4 could be removed to furnish the desired alcohol **117**. An oxidation/olefination route would allow for installation of the C4 exocyclic olefin present in the molecule. Thus, silyl ether **116** was subjected to TBAF in THF in an attempt to obtain alcohol **117**. However, no reaction was observed (even upon heating).

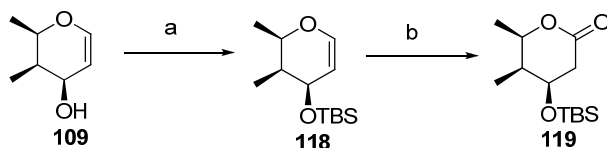
Several other conditions were also employed, but the desired transformation could not be accomplished.



Scheme 16. Protecting group manipulation for pederic acid intermediates

Conditions: a) BzCl, pyridine, DMAP, 52%; b) TBAF, THF, 25 to 40 °C, no reaction; c) TBAT, THF, no reaction; d) HF-pyridine, THF, overnight stirring, no reaction.

In an attempt to avoid C4 silyl deprotection issues, compound **119** bearing the more labile TBS silyl ether was synthesized from **109** in good yield (Scheme 17).



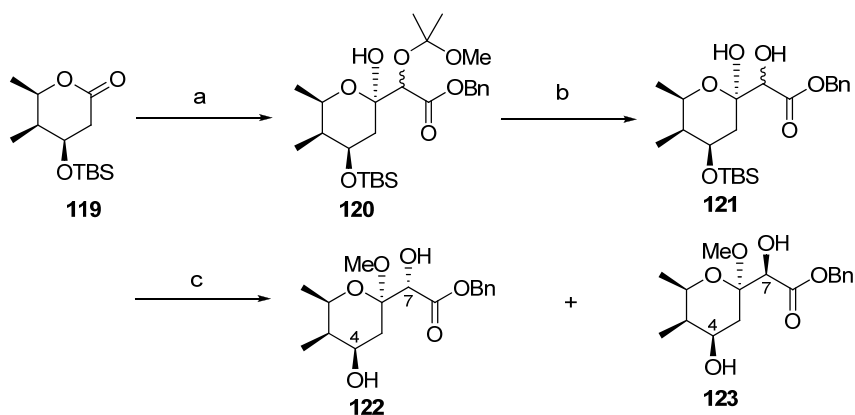
Scheme 17. Synthesis of a TBS lactone substrate

Conditions: a) TBSCl, imidazole, DMF, 72%; b) PCC, DCE, 71%.

TBS protected lactone **119** was subjected to the aforementioned literature Claisen conditions (Scheme 18) but with a few subtle changes in the procedure: Stirring times between the addition of reagents were shortened (see experimental section Appendix A) and the subsequent reaction with camphorsulfonic acid, trimethylorthoformate, and methanol was shortened, due to our belief that our poor yields may have been due to product decomposition under the acidic conditions. Furthermore, commercial LHMDS (1M in THF) rather than LDA was used in an attempt to eliminate variability in preparation of the base. After several attempts at acidic cleavage of the C7 acetal (see experimental), and removal of excess reagents and byproducts from the reaction mixture, diol **121** was isolated. This compound was found to be configurationally unstable in

CDCl₃. We hypothesized that this could possibly be an explanation for the variable diastereoselectivities in the preparation of substrate **115**, as all the diastereomeric ratios were determined via analysis of ¹H NMR spectra in CDCl₃.

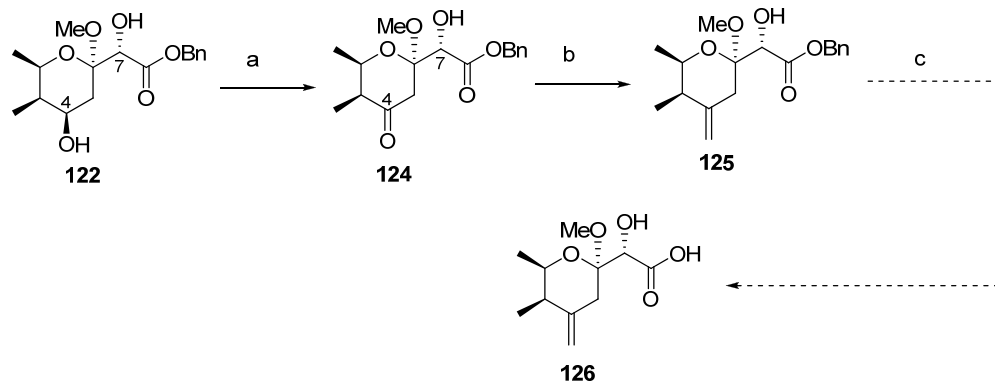
Resubjection of **121** to acidic MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ led to formation of the desired acetal as well as C4 silyl-deprotection. The C7 epimers were separable via flash column chromatography, and the structure of the desired diastereomer **122** was confirmed via X-ray crystallography.



Scheme 18. C6 side chain elaboration via a diastereoselective Claisen condensation

Conditions: a) LHMDS (11.3 equiv.), **113** (11.3 equiv.), THF, HMPA (16.4 equiv.), ZnCl₂ (1M in Et₂O, 11.3 equiv.), -78 to -40 °C, 17 h; b) CSA, CH(OMe)₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1), rt, (see text for a discussion of d.r.); c) CSA, CH(OMe)₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1), rt, 2 h.

To determine the viability of this synthetic route, **122** was used for subsequent studies (Scheme 19). Oxidation of the C4 hydroxyl group generating **124** was achieved via PCC oxidation, albeit in a moderate 55% yield. Attempts at other oxidative methods (Parikh-Doering and Dess-Martin oxidations) afforded no reaction or oxidation at C4 and C7, respectively. Takai-Nozaki olefination afforded compound **125** in a 25% unoptimized yield.



Scheme 19. Synthesis of pederic acid

Conditions: a) PCC, CH₂Cl₂, 55%; b) CH₂I₂ZnTiCl₄, THF, 25%; c) DMF, NaH, dodecanethiol.

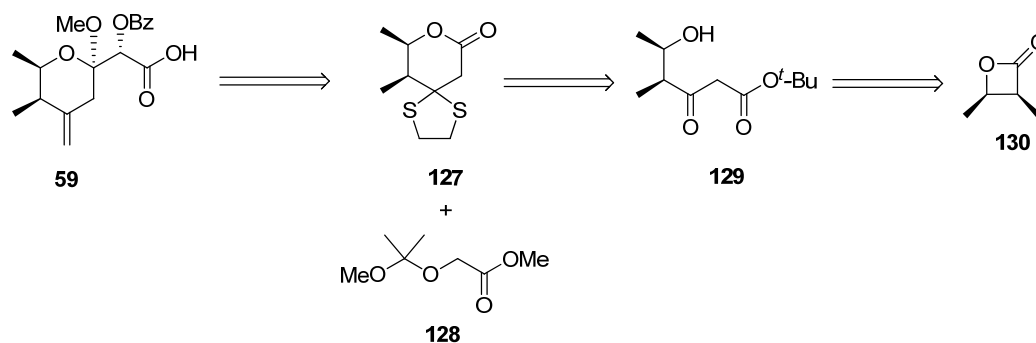
An attempt to cleave the benzyl ester of **125** using sodium dodecanethiolate gave consumption of starting material and formation of one major product which appeared consistent with carboxylic acid formation based upon thin-layer chromatography analysis (i.e. an extremely polar and streaky major product). However, due to the small scale of this reaction (5 mg) and the large excess of reagents used (DMF and dodecanethiol), product formation could not be confirmed with certainty.

From the aforementioned studies we were able to gain significant insight about intermediates in the diastereoselective Claisen reaction as well as a possible explanation of the wildly inconsistent diastereoselectivities. Furthermore, we were also able to isolate our desired Claisen product **122** and determine the relative stereochemistry of this compound via X-ray crystallography. Lastly, we were able to reach the penultimate step in the synthesis of pederic acid.

1.4.2 Synthesis of Pederic Acid: Enantioselective Ketene-Aldehyde Cycloaddition

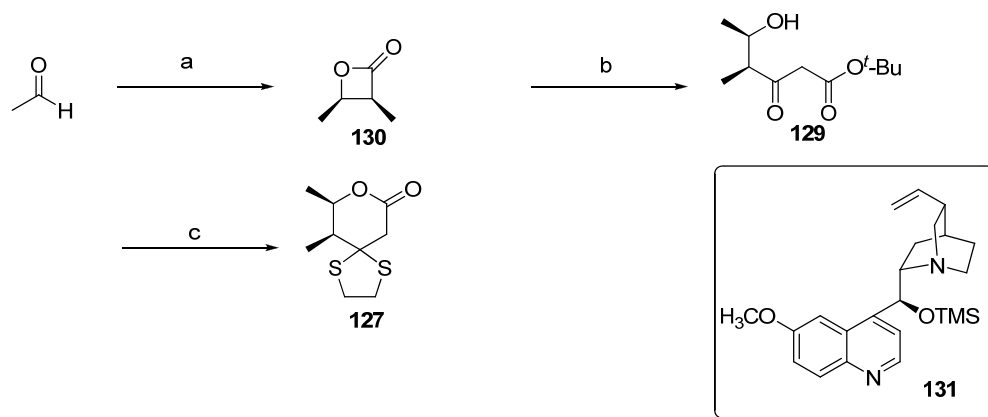
Approach

To streamline our synthesis and avoid protecting group issues, we chose to alter our retrosynthetic analysis to construct known key intermediate **127** (Scheme 20).³⁴ While our forward synthesis would be largely similar to Nakata's work, we were excited about the possibility of construction of the pederic acid core from β -lactone **130**, which we anticipated could be constructed on multi-gram scale and in high enantiopurity through an enantioselective ketene-aldehyde cycloaddition.



Scheme 20. A second generation pederic acid retrosynthesis

Our forward synthesis commenced with the synthesis of **130** using cycloaddition chemistry developed by Nelson and coworkers.⁷⁹ Treatment of acetaldehyde with propionyl chloride and DIPEA in the presence of catalytic trimethylsilyl-protected quinidine (**131**) afforded **130** in excellent *ee* (>99%), and a modest 45% isolated yield (Scheme 21).



Scheme 21. Synthesis of lactone substrate for Claisen condensation

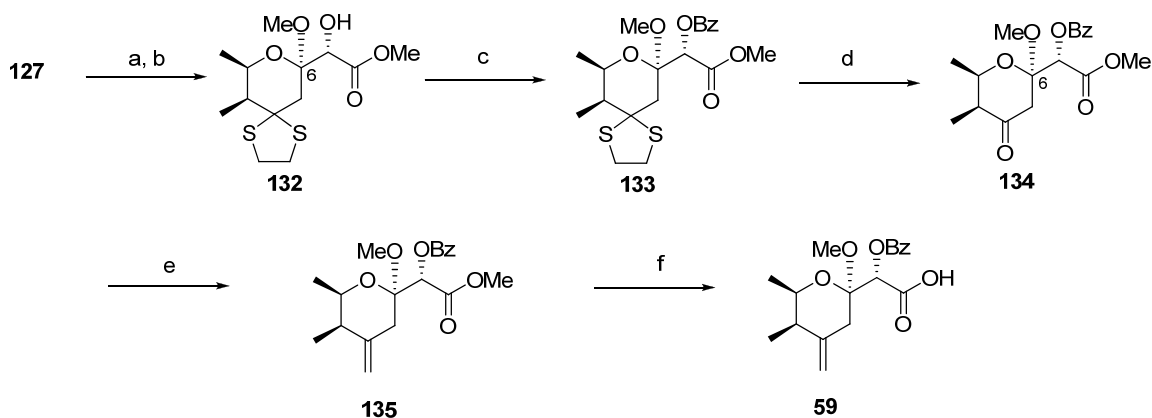
Conditions: a) TMS-quinidine (**131**) (10 mol%), LiClO₄ (20 mol %), propionyl chloride (2 equiv.), DIPEA (2.5 equiv.), Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 99% *ee*; b) LDA, *t*-BuOAc, THF, -78 °C, 76% (2 steps); c) BF₃·Et₂O, ethanedithiol, CH₂Cl₂, -40 °C to rt, 3 days, 64%.

Due to the volatility of **130** however, it was more advantageous to avoid purification and isolation of this substrate. Addition of a crude mixture of **130** in CH₂Cl₂/ Et₂O to a solution of the lithium enolate of *tert*-butyl acetate afforded the desired β-keto ester **129** in 76% yield over 2 steps. Subjection of **129** to BF₃·Et₂O, and ethanedithiol for 3 days afforded the desired product **127** in 64% yield.

With lactone **127** in hand, we were able to carry out the diastereoselective Claisen condensation protocol affording **132** as a single diastereomer in 60% yield (70% brsm) (Scheme 22). While our yields were not as high as those reported by Nakata (83% yield, 88% brsm), it was our observation that this reaction was a consistently difficult undertaking. Rigorous drying of all reagents, the use of deoxygenated solvents, and a painstaking attention to the rates of reagent addition and stirring times was necessary to achieve even moderate yields for this transformation.

Protection of the secondary alcohol **132** with benzoyl chloride, pyridine, and DMAP provided benzoate **133** in 94% yield. Removal of the dithiolane protecting group afforded ketone

134 in 58% yield, which was slightly lower than expected due to unavoidable product decomposition upon purification caused by elimination at C6.



Scheme 22. Completion of C7-O-Bz pederic acid

Conditions: a) LDA, *O*-(2-methoxy-2-propyl)-glycolate (**128**), (see Scheme 20), HMPA, ZnCl₂ (1M in Et₂O), THF, -78 to -40 °C, 17 h; b) CH(OMe)₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1), CSA, 2 h, 60% (70% brsm) (2 steps); c) BzCl, DMAP, pyridine, 94%; d) bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo benzene, CH₃CN, H₂O, 58%; e) CH₂I₂ZnTiCl₄, THF, 76%; f) (CH₃)₃SnOH, 1,2-dichloroethane, 80 °C, 82%.

Subjecting **44** to Takai-Nozaki olefination conditions followed by a fairly rapid purification via flash column chromatography afforded exocyclic olefin **135** in 76% yield. While compound **135** was stable for weeks after isolation and purification, it should be noted that prolonged exposure to silica gel during purification of the crude residue resulted in markedly lower yields. Saponification of methyl ester **135** under conditions developed by Nicolau⁸⁰ afforded our desired product **59** in 82% yield. This material could be stored for several weeks in a benzene matrix at -20 °C without any decomposition.

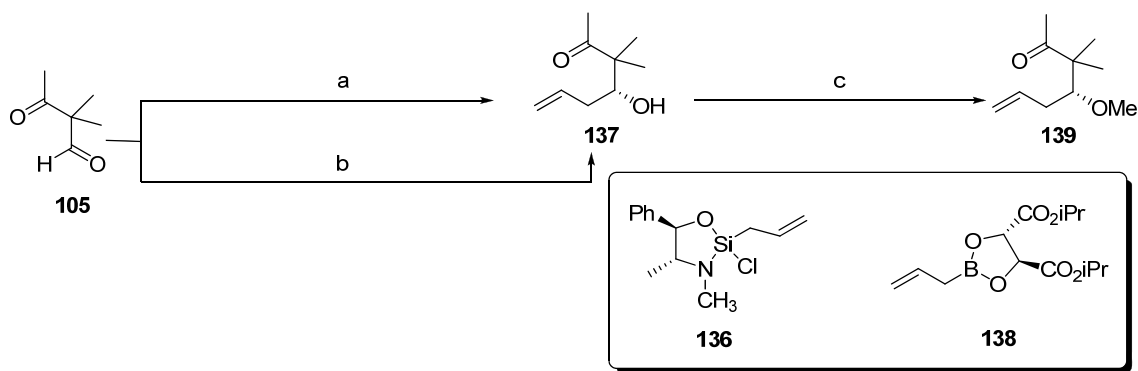
1.4.3 Conclusions

Two methods for construction of the pederic acid core were developed. The initial method utilized an asymmetric hetero-Diels-Alder to construct the core pyran in moderate

enantioselectivity (77% *ee*). Additionally, the pederic acid core was synthesized using an enantioselective ketene-aldehyde cycloaddition furnishing the desired substrate in 99% *ee*. The substrate was functionalized as reported by Nakata. However, a mild tin-mediated saponification was employed to ease purification, affording the desired protected pederic acid fragment in good yield.

1.5 AMIDOTRIOXADECALIN SYNTHESIS

With the pederic acid portion of the molecule complete, we turned our attention to the construction of amidotrioxadecalin fragment **98**. For known keto-aldehyde **105**,⁸¹ several methods for asymmetric allylation were at our disposal. Treatment of **15** with Leighton's pseudoephedrine derived allylsilane⁸² **136** afforded homoallylic alcohol **137** in an excellent 94% yield, and 90% *ee* (Scheme 23).^{69, 71} This reaction could not be consistently reproduced however, and yields varied by as much as 30%. Furthermore, in our hands preparation of **136** was inefficient and prohibitively expensive on multi-gram scale. Our desire to synthesize large quantities of starting materials efficiently and economically led us to investigate the utility of Roush's diisopropyl tartrate derived allyl borane **138** for this transformation.⁸³



Scheme 23. Alkylation of keto-aldehyde 15

Conditions: a) **136**, toluene, $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 60-94%, 90% *ee*; b) **138**, toluene, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 71%, 85% *ee*; c) 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, MeOTf, CH_2Cl_2 , 88%.

Although the enantiomeric excess was slightly lower (85% *ee*), the yield of this reaction was consistently reproducible. In addition, allylborane **138** could be prepared easily and relatively inexpensively from D-diisopropyl tartrate. Alcohol **137** was methylated under non-anionic conditions with methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine to avoid a retro-aldol pathway, generating methyl ether **139** in 88% yield.

With ether **139** in hand we envisioned using 1,5-asymmetric induction via a boron aldol condensation to construct the requisite C17 stereocenter (Scheme 24). This method, initially developed by Masamune⁸⁴ and further elaborated by Paterson,⁸⁵ has been shown to provide excellent stereocontrol for the aldol reaction of methyl ketones bearing β -*p*-methoxybenzyl (PMB), β -methoxybenzylidene (PMP) acetal, and β -tetrahydropyran (THP) substituents.

β -Methoxy ketones have been shown to afford moderate diastereocontrol, while β -silyl ethers show poor 1,5-*anti* diastereocontrol. Although several transition state models have been proposed, a detailed understanding of the root of this induction remains unclear, with empirical results largely serving as the explanation for the selectivity. Recently, Goodman has proposed a

model which invokes a formyl bond between the reactive aldehyde and the oxygen of the β -directing group based upon theoretical calculations (Figure 13).⁸⁶

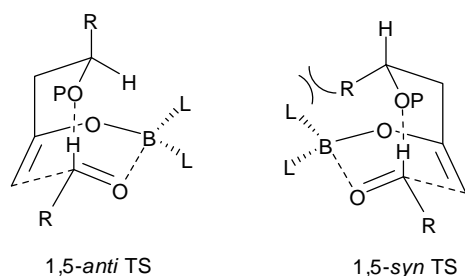
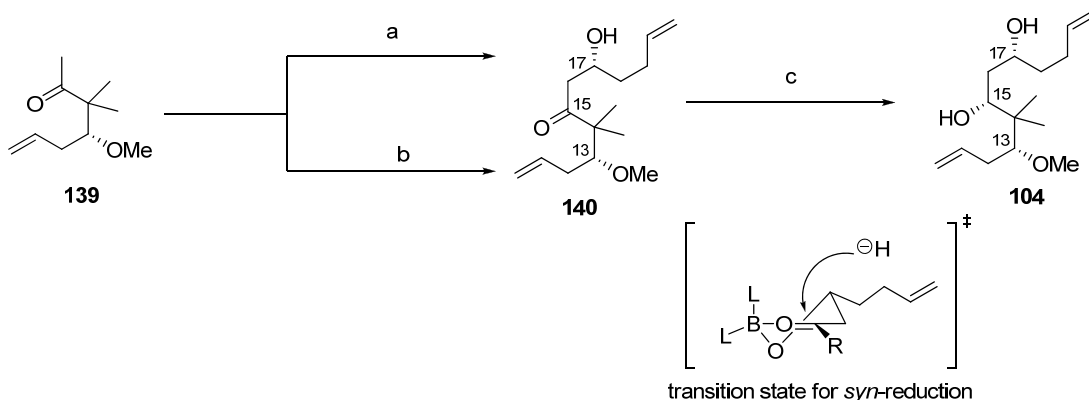


Figure 13. Goodman's transition state model for boron mediated 1,5-asymmetric induction

Treating ketone **139** with diethylboron triflate, and diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) in Et₂O at -78 °C, followed by addition of 4-pentenal at -78 °C afforded alcohol **140** in excellent yield as a 3:1 (*anti:syn*) mixture of inseparable isomers (Scheme 24). To improve upon this result, we chose to generate the boron enolate using (+)-DIP-Cl as our boron source in an attempt to synergistically enhance our diastereoselectivity through matched substrate *and* reagent control.^{87, 88}



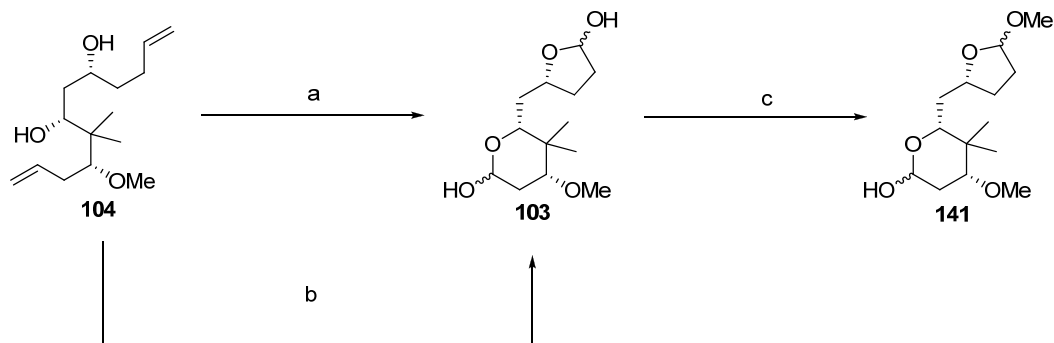
Scheme 24. Synthesis of a diol bearing C13, C15, and C17 stereocenters

Conditions: a) Et₂BOTf, DIPEA, Et₂O, 0 °C, then 4-pentenal, -78 °C, 86%, 3:1 (*anti:syn*); b) (+)-DIP-Cl, Et₃N, 0 °C, then 4-pentenal, Et₂O, -78 °C, 62%, 10:1 (*anti:syn*); c) Et₂BOMe, THF:MeOH (10:1), NaBH₄, -78 °C, 76%.

Treating **139** with Et₃N and (+)-DIP-Cl in Et₂O at 0 °C, followed by addition of 4-pentenal at -78 °C afforded alcohol **140** in 62% yield and a 10:1 ratio of inseparable isomers. Keto-alcohol

140 was selectively reduced with NaBH₄ in the presence of diethylmethoxyborane to *syn*-diol **104** in 76% yield.⁸⁹

With material in hand, we set about construction of the C and D rings of theopederin D (Scheme 25).



Scheme 25. Synthesis of rings C and D of theopederin D

Conditions: a) O₃, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, then PPh₃, 30%; b) OsO₄, NaIO₄, 2,6-lutidine, *p*-dioxane, H₂O, rt, 82%; c) PPTs, MeOH/THF (1:1), rt, 40 minutes, quantitative (used without purification).

Ozonolysis of **104** afforded bis-lactol **103** in consistently poor yields (~30%). However, subjecting **104** to modified Johnson-Lemieux conditions⁹⁰ afforded **103** in an excellent 82% yield. It should be noted that this reaction is essentially a one-pot 6 step transformation consisting of two dihydroxylations, two oxidative cleavages, and two intramolecular cyclizations. Treating **103** with PPTs in MeOH/THF at room temperature selectively furnished tetrahydrofuranyl acetal **141** in quantitative yield. This selectivity can be explained by the differences in ring strain energy of the two possible oxocarbenium ions formed during the acidic methanolysis (**103a** and **103b**, Figure 14). Due to a lower barrier of formation for **103b** relative to **103a** this oxocarbenium ion forms faster, leading to the observed kinetic product **141**. This selective tetrahydrofuranyl ether formation enabled us to selectively mask the D ring lactone of theopederin D until a later point in our synthesis.

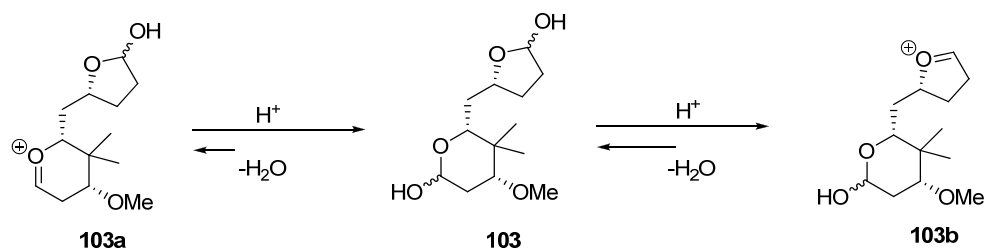
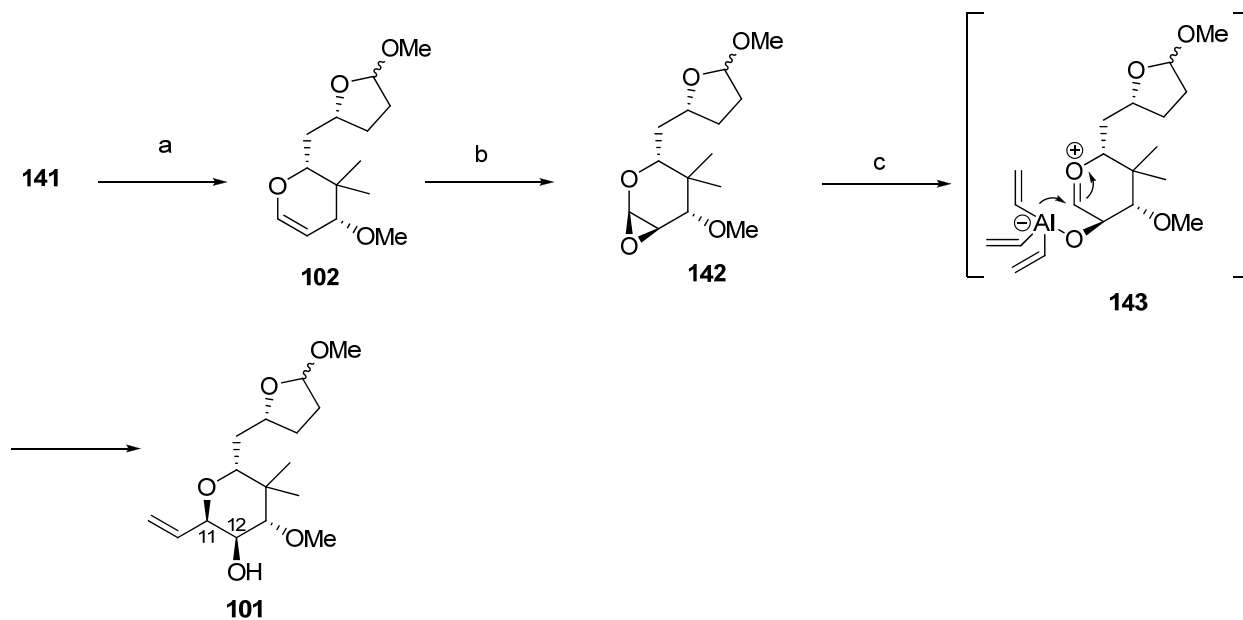


Figure 14. An illustration of the oxocarbenium ions possibly formed during acidic methanolysis of substrate **103**

Cyclic acetal **141** was dehydrated under basic conditions using DIPEA, and trifluoroacetic anhydride to afford dihydropyran **102** in 92% yield (2 steps from **103**) (Scheme 26).



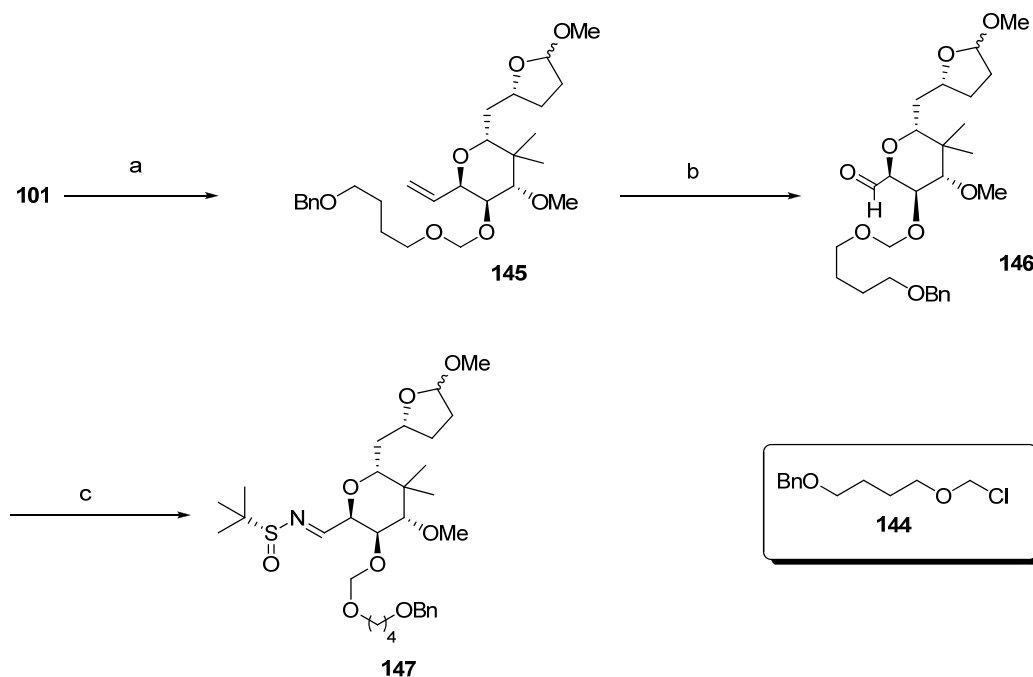
Scheme 26. Towards the synthesis of the aminotrioxadecalin. Elaboration of the theopederin D C ring

Conditions: a) trifluoroacetic anhydride, DIPEA, CH_2Cl_2 , 50°C , 92% (2 steps from **103**); b) DMDO, CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C , then c) trivinylalane, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C .

Treatment of **102** with dimethyldioxirane (DMDO)^{91, 92} afforded labile epoxide **142** which, without purification, was quickly added to a stirring solution of trivinylalane in THF at -78°C generating *syn* addition product **101**.^{93, 94} Interestingly, slow dropwise addition of **142** to

the trivinylalane solution afforded markedly lower yields, with the major product appearing to be oligomerization adduct. Rapid addition of the epoxide however (< 15 min independent of the scale of the reaction), consistently produced the desired product in quantitative yield as one stereoisomer, and without the need for purification.

With stereocenters C11 and C12 constructed, we embarked upon a sequence of functional group interconversions to construct our ETIC substrate. Treatment of **101** with 4-chloromethoxybutoxymethylbenzene⁷⁰ (**144**) afforded **145** in 77% yield (over 2 steps from **102**) (Scheme 27).



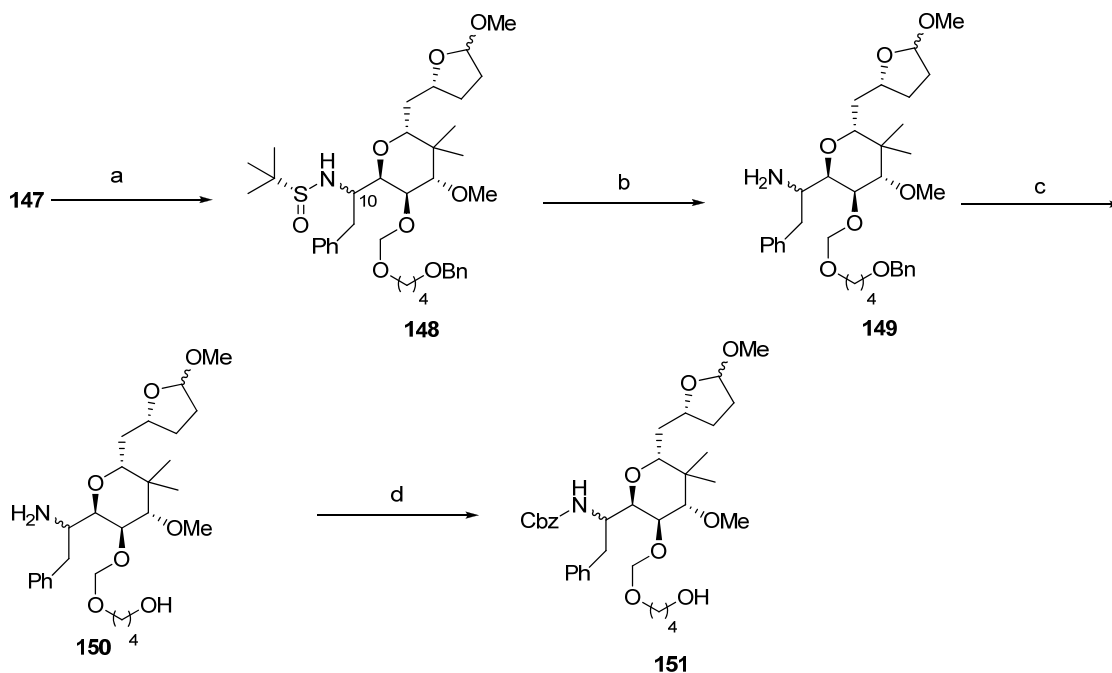
Scheme 27. Tetrahydropyran elaboration towards an ETIC substrate for cyclization

Conditions: a) **144**, KI, CH_2Cl_2 , 50 °C, 77% (2 steps); b) O_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C, then c) $\text{Ti}(\text{O}i\text{Pr})_4$, *(R)*-*tert*-butyl-sulfonamide, 55% (2 steps).

Ozonolysis of **145** followed by treatment of the resulting labile aldehyde **146** with Ellman's *(R)*-*tert*-butyl sulfonamide and $\text{Ti}(\text{O}i\text{Pr})_4$ afforded **147** in 55% yield over 2 steps.⁹⁵ The low yield for this transformation is presumably due to the sensitivity of intermediate aldehyde **146**. Attempts

at purification of aldehyde **146** followed by sulfonamide condensation afforded significantly lower yields.

Sulfinylimine **147** however, was exceptionally stable and addition of benzylmagnesium chloride afforded **148** in 75% yield as 1:1 mixture of diastereomers at C10 (Scheme 28).⁹⁶



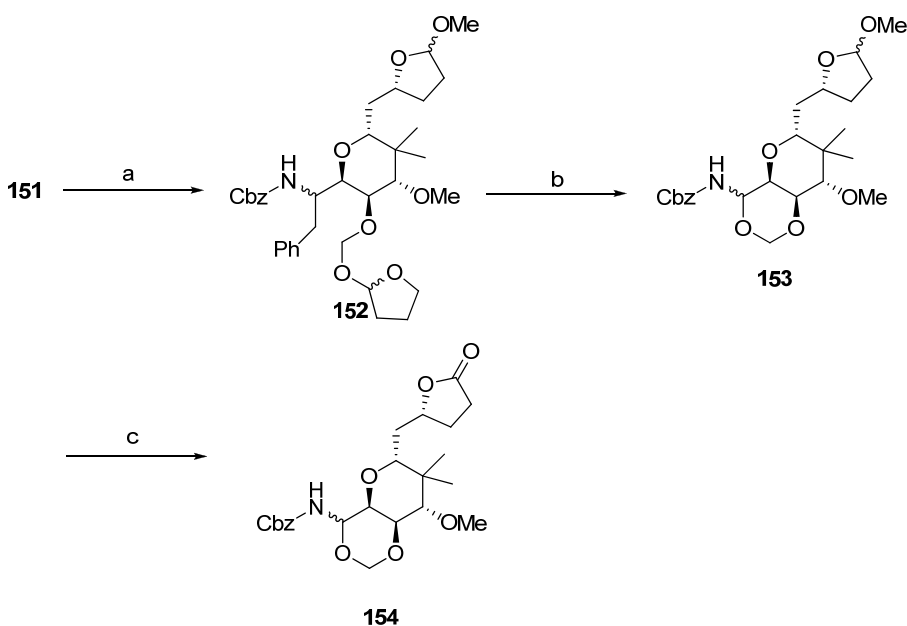
Scheme 28. Completion of the amidotrioxadecalin ring system

Conditions: a) BnMgCl, CH₂Cl₂, 75%, 1:1 d.r.; b) 4M HCl in *p*-dioxane, MeOH, 75%; c) H₂, Pd/C, AcOH, MeOH; d) Cbz chloride, H₂O/THF, NaHCO₃, 70% (2 steps).

While the lack of diastereocontrol was surprising, the stereocenter in question had no bearing on the outcome of our synthesis. However, attempts at improving the diastereoselectivity were made in an effort to ease interpretation of spectral data. Adding tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) to the reaction mixture to enhance selectivity⁹⁶ also afforded a 1:1 ratio of products. In addition, to determine if the poor diastereocontrol was due to “mismatched” double diastereodifferentiation, the (*S*)-*tert*-butylsulfinylimine was prepared and treated with identical reaction conditions. Again, benzyl addition afforded only a 1:1 ratio of diastereomers.

Cleavage of the chiral sulfur auxiliary with 4M HCl afforded amine **149** in 75% yield as a mixture of diastereomers (Scheme 28). Hydrogenolysis of **149** in the presence of acetic acid afforded amino alcohol **150**. Protection of the amine functionality with CbzCl and NaHCO₃ in H₂O/THF afforded carbamate **151** in 70% yield.

Treatment of **151** with oxidative etherification conditions developed by Suarez and coworkers⁹⁷ (PhI(OAc)₂, iodine, cyclohexane, then *hν*) afforded tetrahydrofuran substrate **152** in 80% yield (Scheme 29).⁹⁷



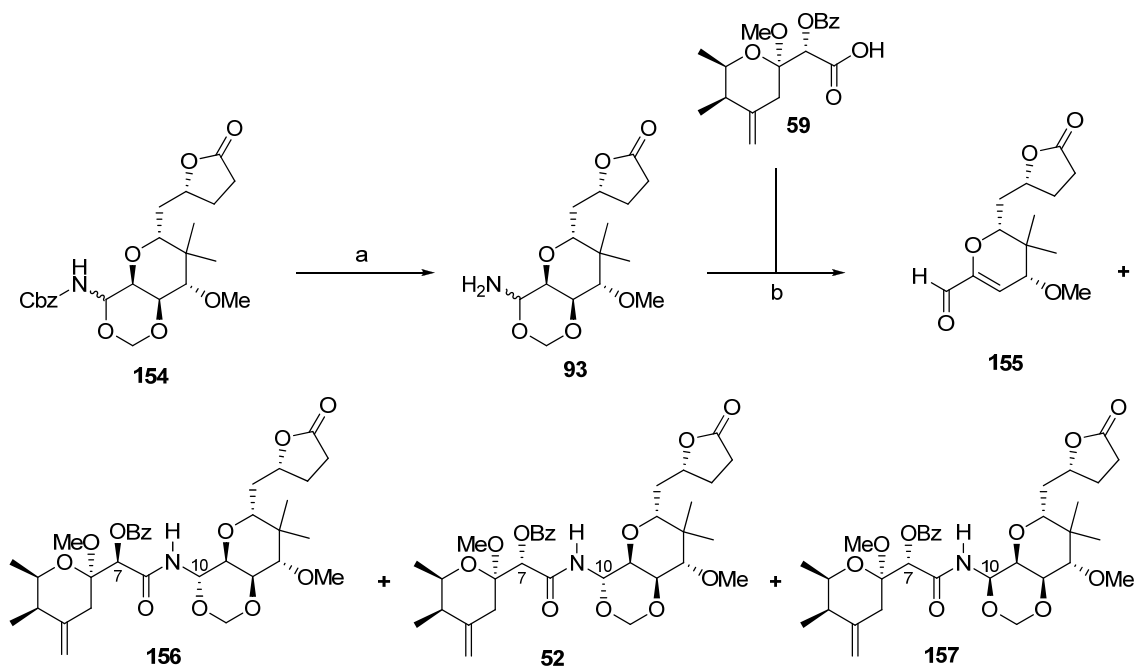
Scheme 29. Completion of the theopederin D amidotrioxadecalin

Conditions: a) DIB, I₂, cyclohexane, 80%, *hν*; b) *hν*, NMQPf₆, O₂, NaOAc, Na₂S₂O₃, DCE, PhMe, 4Å MS, 76%, 2:1 d.r.; c) Jones oxidation, 64%.

To our delight, subjecting **152** to our ETIC conditions afforded amidotrioxadecalin **153** in 76% yield.⁶⁸ Jones oxidation of acetal **153** afforded lactone **154** in 64% yield.

1.6 FRAGMENT COUPLING AND COMPLETION OF THE TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF THEOPEDERIN D

With fragments **59** and **154** in hand our attention turned to coupling of these compounds under conditions developed by Rawal and coworkers (Scheme 30).⁵⁴

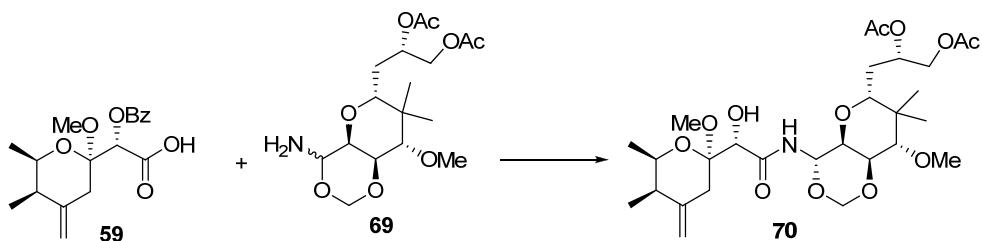


Scheme 30. DCC coupling of C7-OBz-pederic acid and aminotrioxadecalin

Conditions: a) H₂, Pd/C, EtOAc; b) **59**, DMAP, DCC, CH₂Cl₂, rt, mixture of **52**, **155-157**, 15%.

Treating carbamate **154** with H₂ and Pd/C in EtOAc furnished aminotrioxadecalin **93**. While Kishi has reported isolation and ¹H NMR studies of similar aminotrioxadecalin compounds in his total syntheses of the mycalamides,²⁹ in our hands **93** was found to decompose fairly rapidly and had to be used within minutes of isolation. Prompt addition of **93** to a solution of freshly prepared **59**, DCC, and DMAP in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature, followed by stirring for 12 hours afforded products **52**, and **155-157**. From this product mixture α,β -unsaturated aldehyde **155**, the product of aminotrioxadecalin **93** decomposition, was the major product. Coupled products **156**,

52 and **157** were formed in approximately 15% yield in a 1:1:1 ratio. The poor yield and diastereoselectivity for this transformation, in addition to the formation of C7 epimer **156** was perplexing in light of Rawal's elegant mycalamide A synthesis (Scheme 31 below).



Scheme 31. Rawal's mycalamide A fragment coupling

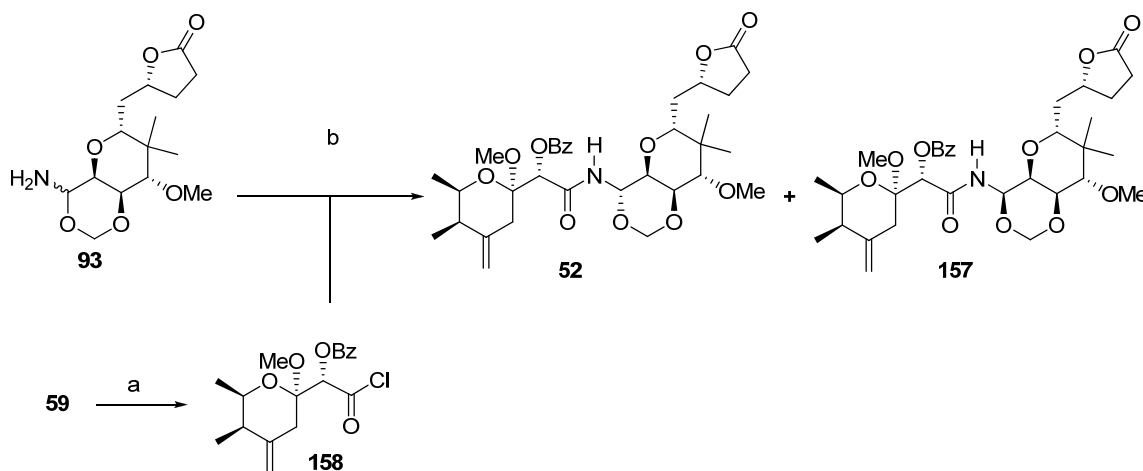
Conditions: DMAP, DCC, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 56%, 5:1 (desired:undesired).

Based upon our unsatisfactory results we hypothesized that the C15 tetrahydrofuran side chain could be exerting a remote effect on our substrate. The subtle effects of this side chain on reactivity and diastereocontrol at C10 were initially observed by Kishi in his total syntheses of mycalamides A and B (see Scheme 2, page 10).²⁹

Thus, we set about optimization of our coupling reaction. Our intent was to decrease the length of reaction in an effort to suppress decomposition leading to formation of **155**, and to increase the electrophilicity of the pederic acid coupling fragment **59**. To accomplish these objectives, we chose to perform the coupling using C7-OBz-pederic acid chloride **158** (Scheme 32).

Treating **59** with SOCl₂ and pyridine in CH₂Cl₂ afforded acid chloride **158**,⁹⁸ which was used without further purification (Scheme 32). Treating **158**, with a freshly prepared solution of **93** in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C followed by warming to room temperature afforded coupled products **52** and **157** in 40% yield, and in a 1:1 d.r. This reaction was performed several times, and was

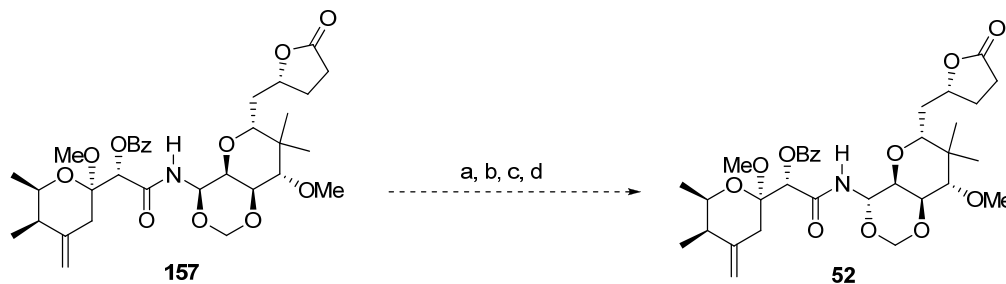
highly reproducible. However, varying amounts of the C7 epimer **156** were also recovered during each coupling.



Scheme 32. Acid chloride coupling conditions

Conditions: a) SOCl_2 , pyridine, CH_2Cl_2 , rt; b) **158**, CH_2Cl_2 , 40%.

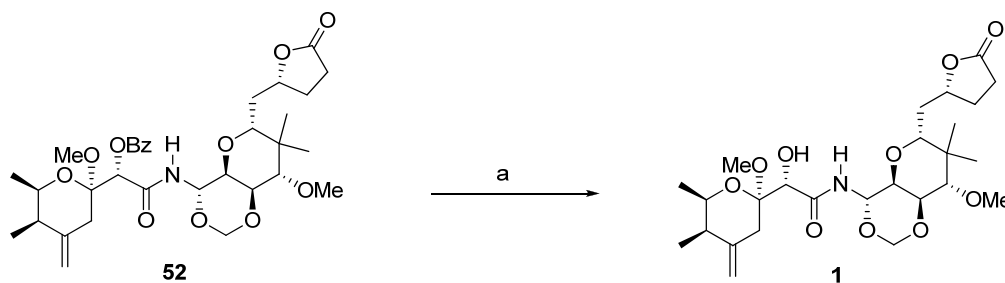
Attempts at epimerization of the *epi*-C10 isomer **157** were unsuccessful. Treating **157** with stoichiometric 2-hydroxypyridine (pyridone) in acetonitrile at room temperature followed by heating to 80 °C for 12 hours afforded only starting material (Scheme 33). Employing DMAP, DMAP hydrochloride salt, and a combination of these two reagents also afforded only starting material, even at elevated temperatures.



Scheme 33. Epimerization studies of *epi*-C10-*O*-Bz-theopederin D

Conditions: a) pyridone, CH_3CN , rt to 80 °C, 12 h, no reaction; b) DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , 4 h no reaction; c) DMAP-HCl, CH_2Cl_2 , 4 h, no reaction; d) DMAP, DMAP-HCl, CH_2Cl_2 , rt to 50 °C, 1.5 h, no reaction.

To complete our synthesis, C7 *O*-Bz-theopederin D (**52**) was treated with K_2CO_3 in MeOH to afford theopederin D **1**, in 66% yield (Scheme 34).



Scheme 34. Final protecting group removal to afford theopederin D

Conditions: a) K_2CO_3 in MeOH, rt, 66%.

1.7 CONCLUSION

The amidotrioxadecalin ring system comprising the eastern hemisphere of theopederin D (B, C, and D rings) was successfully synthesized. A 1,5-*anti*-boron aldol was used to establish the required stereochemical relationship between C13 and C17. The C and D rings of theopederin D were constructed in high yield via a one-pot six reaction sequence of dihydroxylation, $NaIO_4$ cleavage, and cyclization. From this bis-lactol substrate, selective tetrahydrofuranylether formation in the presence of a tetrahydropyranol allowed for differentiation/protection of the D ring for late stage oxidation to the requisite lactone functionality. The C ring was elaborated using epoxidation/ *syn* vinylation chemistry developed by Yamamoto and Rainier providing functional group handles for preparation of our electron transfer initiated cyclization (ETIC) substrate. After a series of straightforward functional group manipulations, the ETIC substrate was constructed in short order. Treatment of our substrate with mild and essentially neutral ETIC conditions furnished the amidotrioxadecalin ring system

in excellent yield. Lastly, Jones oxidation of the pendant D ring furnished the desired amidotrioxadecalin system with the proper oxidation state.

The aminotrioxadecalin and pederic acid subunits were coupled using conditions based upon literature precedent (DCC, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂) affording the desired coupled product, albeit in 15% yield, with the major product being derived from aminotrioxadecalin decomposition. Optimization of the reaction conditions, namely the usage of pederic acid chloride, led to an increase in reaction rate and a significantly higher yield (40% 1:1 d.r.). Lastly, benzoyl protecting group removal furnished the natural product in 66% yield.

Thus the synthesis of theopederin D was completed, with our synthesis furnishing the natural product in 0.8 % overall yield. The longest linear sequence was 16 steps from keto-aldehyde **105**. This material can be easily obtained in multi-gram quantities in two steps from commercially available and inexpensive starting materials.⁸¹ Our usage of a 1,5-*anti* boron aldol to establish the proper C17 stereochemistry on the theopederin side chain should allow for the construction of several other pederin family members, notably mycalamides A and B. Furthermore, our catalytic asymmetric approach to the construction of the pederic acid core allows for rapid construction of this fragment on multi-gram scale.

2.0 SYNTHESIS AND DETERMINATION OF THE ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE STEREOCHEMISTRY OF PSYMBERIC ACID

2.1 INTRODUCTION

In relation to our interest in the pederin family of natural products, our labs were involved in research towards the total synthesis of psymberin (Figure 15). This distant relative of the theopederin and mycalamide classes of compounds displays *selective* cytotoxicity against several cancer cell lines. In addition to our synthetic studies, we also endeavored to determine the absolute and relative stereochemistry of the C1-C6 side chain (which we have named psymberic acid).

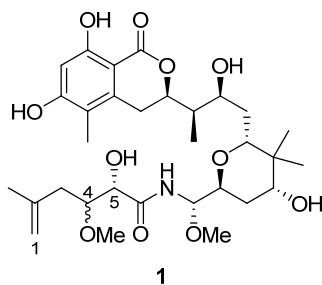


Figure 15. Psymberin

Psymberin's unique departure from the structural and biological motifs of the pederin family attracted the interest of several research groups, and many of them were simultaneously working towards the total synthesis of this natural product. The following sections discuss the

isolation and structure elucidation of **1**, as well as its intriguing biological activity. Lastly an overview of the syntheses of psymberic acid (performed concurrently with our own synthetic work) is presented.

2.1.1 Isolation and Elucidation of the Structure of Psymberin

Irciniastatin A was isolated in 2004 from the marine sponge *Ircinia Ramosa* by Pettit¹² and coworkers in Indonesian waters. Also in 2004, Crews and coworkers¹¹ isolated a compound from the *Psammocinia* sp. sponge off the coast of Papua New Guinea which they named psymberin. Due to their similar biological and structural properties, it was speculated that the two compounds were identical. However, because the spectra of these compounds were reported in different deuterated solvents, this could not be absolutely confirmed.

The planar structure of psymberin (**1**) was elucidated by the two groups in roughly the same manner, with researchers separating the molecule into 3 pieces: The acyclic amide side chain (psymberic acid), the rigid THP ring, and the pendant dihydroisocoumarin (Figure 16). Crews and coworkers established the connectivity of psymberic acid and the THP ring based upon an HMBC correlation between carbonyl C6 and H8. Connectivity to the pendant dihydroisocoumarin was established based upon a COSY correlation between H13 and H15 as well as an HMBC correlation between C14 and H15. Pettit used a somewhat similar HMBC correlation approach in his determination of the connectivity of the molecule.

With the skeletal structure of psymberin established, it was clear that the compound was related to the pederin family. Like other members of the family, psymberin contains acyl aminal functionality as well as an eastern hemisphere THP ring. However, the trioxadecalin ring system

present in the mycalamides, onnamides, and theopedierins is absent, and the cyclic pederic acid subunit (seen in all of the 33 other family members) is not present.

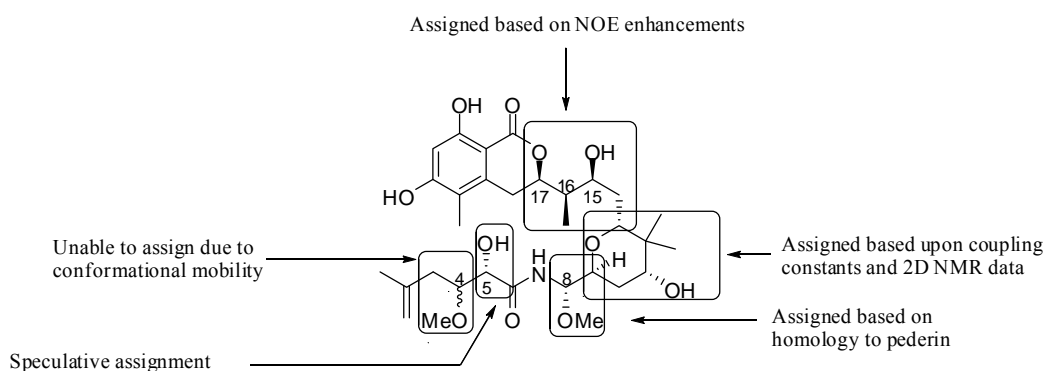


Figure 16. The partially elucidated structure of psymberin/irciniastatin A by Crews

Although both groups arrived at identical planar structures, their assignment of psymberin's stereochemical configuration was not entirely identical. Attempts by both groups to make derivatives or obtain crystal structures of psymberin were unsuccessful.

The Crews group assigned the structure of the psymberic acid side chain using nOe, and HSQMBC data (see Figure 17). However, the C4 stereocenter could not be determined because of the chain's rotational freedom, and assignment of the stereochemistry at C5 (*S*^{*}) was speculated based on psymberin's homology to pederin (the same rotamers for the analogous C6 and C7 carbons were reported for mycalamide A). The Pettit group made no attempts at assigning the stereochemical configuration of psymberic acid.

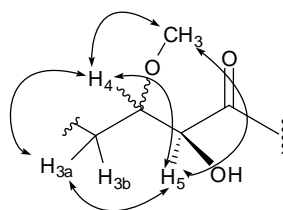


Figure 17. Observed coupling in the determination of psymberic acid stereochemistry

Furthermore, the Crews and Pettit groups reported different stereochemical assignments for the eastern hemisphere THP ring and appended acyl aminal functionality (see Figure 18). The Crews group confirmed the chair structure based on spin-spin couplings and nOe enhancements, with the stereochemistry at C8 being assigned based upon nOe enhancements between H8/H11a, H8/H13a, and 8-OCH₃/H-10e. These enhancements in addition to gauche coupling between H8/C10 ($J = 3$ Hz) and H8/C9 ($J = 6$ Hz) confirmed their stereochemical assignment of 8*S**, 9*S**, 11*R**, and 13*R**.

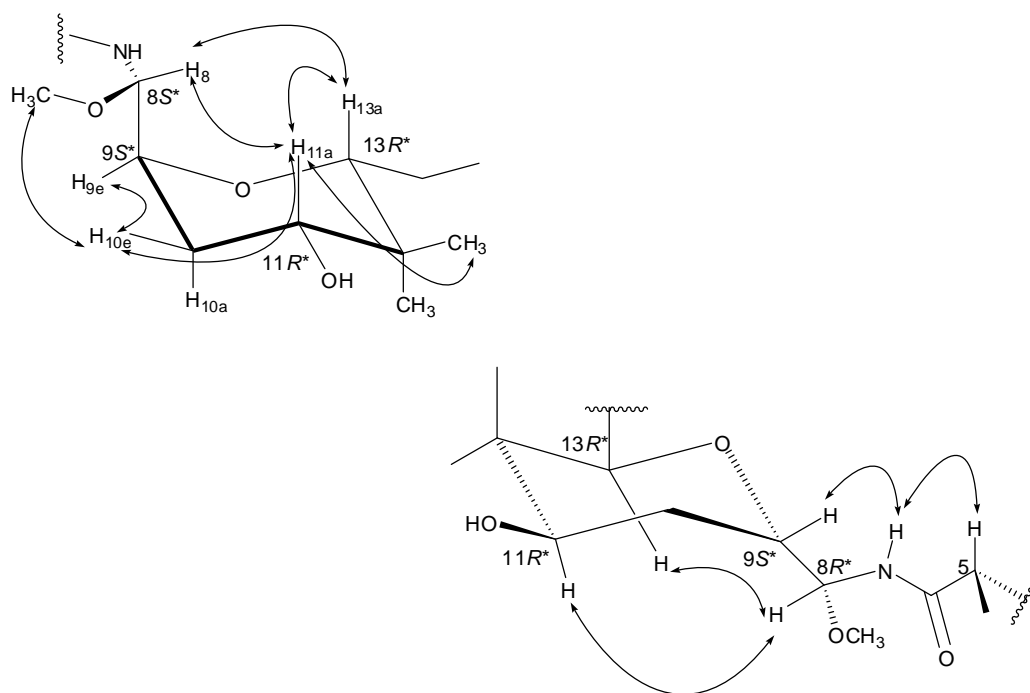


Figure 18. A comparison of Crews (upper) and Pettit (lower) stereochemical assignments using nOe enhancements (arrows) for the THP ring and appended acyl aminal

The Pettit group determined the stereochemistry of the eastern hemisphere tetrahydropyran ring based upon nOe enhancements as well (see Figure 18 above). However, their assignment of C8 differs from that of Crews and co-workers. Their stereochemical configuration is rationalized by enhancements between H5 and the amide proton, and H9 and the

amide proton which led to them to conclude that these protons were all oriented on the same side in space. Further enhancements of H8 to H11 and H13 completed their analysis of the system.

Lastly, Crews and researchers defined the stereochemical configuration of the C15 to C17 system using coupling constants, nOe's (see Figure 19) and the observance of a Cotton effect at the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ (ca. 270 nm) transition for the chiral dihydroisocoumarin. The Pettit group made no assignment for these stereocenters.

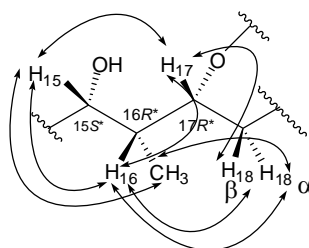


Figure 19. Stereochemical configuration of C15 to C18 of psymberin by Crews and researchers based upon nOe enhancements (arrows)

2.1.2 Biological activity of psymberin

In addition to psymberin's striking structural departures from the class of pederin-like molecules, its biological activity also differs from other family members. Psymberin displays selective *in vitro* biological activity (see Table 3).⁹⁹ For example, for multiple leukemia cell lines (CCRF-CEM, HL-60(TB), K-562) psymberin displayed relatively high LC_{50} values ($>2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M). However, for other cell lines such as melanoma (MALME-3M) or breast cancer (MDA-MB-435) psymberin is 4 orders of magnitude more potent ($LC_{50} < 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$).

Table 3. In vitro LC50 (M) values for psymberin against various cancer cell lines

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cell line	LC50 (M)	cell line	LC50 (M)
Leukemia		Melanoma	
CCRF-CEM	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	LOX IMVI	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵
HL-60(TB)	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	MALME-3M	<2.5 x 10 ⁻⁹
K-562	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	SK-MEL-2	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁹
MOLT-4	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	SK-MEL-5	<2.4 x 10 ⁻⁹
RPMI-8226	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	SK-MEL-28	1.41 x 10 ⁻⁵
SR	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	UACC-257	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵
		UACC-62	<2.5 x 10 ⁻⁹
breast cancer		colon cancer	
MCF7	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	HCC-2998	3.76 x 10 ⁻⁷
HS 578T	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵	HCT-116	<2.5 x 10 ⁻⁹
MDA-MB-435	<2.5 x 10 ⁻⁹	HT29	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵
NCI/ADR-RES	1.9 x 10 ⁻⁵	SW-620	>2.5 x 10 ⁻⁵
T-47D	1.36 x 10 ⁻⁵		

Psymberin also displays potent growth inhibition against numerous cancer cell lines (GI₅₀ values of 10⁻³-10⁻⁴ µg/mL) (see Table 4). Initial hypotheses suggested that the psymberic acid and dihydroisocoumarin moieties may have been responsible for psymberin's selective biological activity. However, recent work by De Brabander using psymberin/pederin analogues has illustrated that while the cyclic pederic acid subunit is responsible for the cytotoxicity of pederin and mycalamide, the dihydroisocoumarin is critical to the displayed cytotoxicity of psymberin.⁵⁸

Table 4. Inhibition of cell line growth (GI₅₀, µg/mL) for psymberin

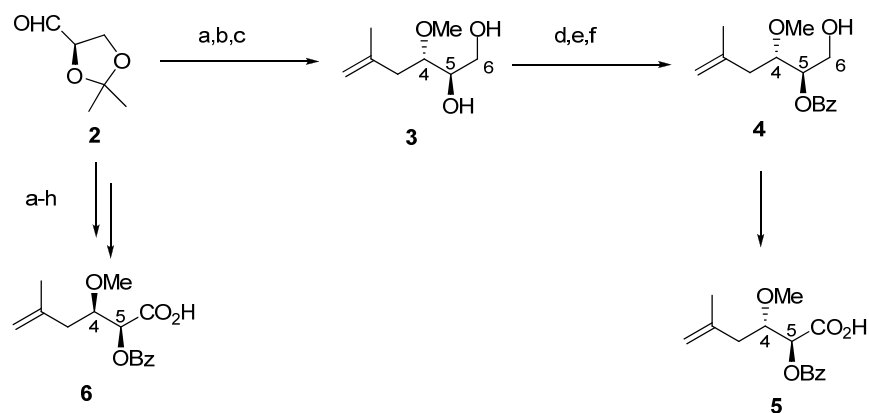
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Human cancer cell line	GI ₅₀ (µg/mL)	
Pancreas	BXPC-3	0.0038
Breast	MCF-7	0.0032
CNS	SF268	0.0034
Lung	NCI-H460	< 0.0001
colon	KM20L2	0.0027
prostate	DU-145	0.0024
Leukemia (murine)	P388	0.00413

2.2 PREVIOUS SYNTHESSES OF PSYMBERIC ACID

2.2.1 Synthesis of Psymberic Acid by De Brabander and Coworkers

Based on the belief that Crews' assignment of the stereochemical configuration of C5 was correct, the synthetic route toward psymberic acid pursued by De Brabander involved construction of the two possible stereoisomers at C4 (see Scheme 35).⁵⁷ Commercially available acetonide **2** was diastereoselectively methallylated using (-)-(Ipc)₂BOMe and methallyllithium to afford an alcohol at C4. The alcohol was subsequently converted to the methyl ether, and the acetonide was removed to afford diol **3** in 62% yield over 3 steps. Substrate **4** was prepared via protection of the C6 hydroxyl group as the TBS ether, benzylation of the C5 hydroxyl group, and TBS deprotection of the C6 hydroxyl group in 90% yield over 3 steps. Primary alcohol **4** was converted to the aldehyde with Dess Martin-periodinane, followed by a Pinnick oxidation to generate carboxylic acid **5** in 87% yield over 2 steps. *Syn* diastereomer **6** was constructed under identical conditions using (+)-(Ipc)₂BOMe.



Scheme 35. De Brabander's synthesis of a protected psymberic acid substrate

Conditions: a) (-)-(Ipc)₂BOMe for the *anti*-series and (+)-(Ipc)₂BOMe for the *syn*-series, CH₂CMeCH₂Li, Et₂O, -78 °C; b) NaH, MeI, THF; c) PPTs, MeOH/H₂O, 50 °C, 62% over 3 steps; d) TBSCl, imid., CH₂Cl₂; e) BzCl, pyr.; f) aq. 3 N HCl, 90% over 3 steps; g) DMPI, CH₂Cl₂, Me₂S; h) NaH₂PO₄, NaClO₂, 2-methyl-2-butene, *t*-BuOH/H₂O, 87% over 2 steps.

The De Brabander group would later determine the correct stereochemical configuration of psymberic acid (4*S*, 5*S*) upon completion of the total synthesis of psymberin and comparison to the natural product's characterization data.

2.2.2 Williams' Model System Approach

In addition to work by the De Brabander group, Williams and coworkers investigated the stereochemical configuration of psymberic acid.¹⁰⁰ Following a similar synthetic route to the De Brabander group, the Williams group was able to synthesize model amides **7** and **8** (see Figure 20).

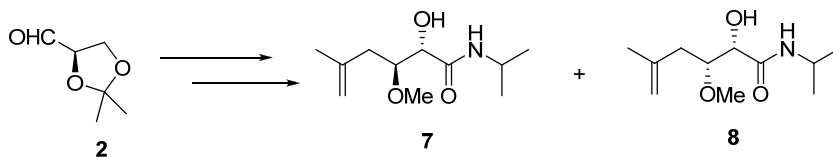


Figure 20. Model substrates for Williams' NMR psymberic acid studies

Comparison of the differences between the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of the natural product with those of the model substrates led to the conclusion that the correct stereochemical configuration was $4S, 5S$ (see Figure 21).

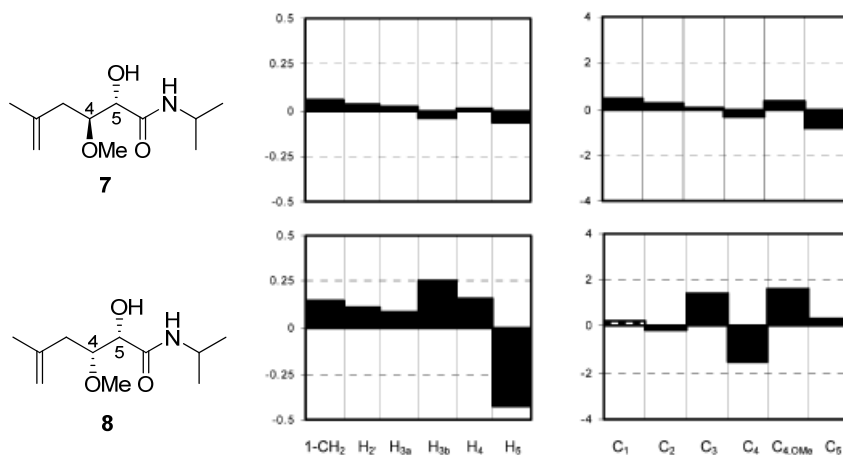


Figure 21. A histogram of the differences between psymberin and psymberic acid model substrates. The x -axis identifies the appropriate proton/ carbon signals. The y -axis is $\delta(\text{psymberin}) - \delta(\text{anti or syn model})$. Reprinted with permission from Kiren, S; Williams, L.J. “Configuration of the Psymberin Amide Side-chain” *Org. Lett.* 7 (14); 2905-2907. Copyright 2005 American Chemical Society.

2.3 RETROSYNTHESIS OF PSYMBERIC ACID

At the time of our synthesis, the stereochemistry of pederin at C4 was undefined and the configuration at C5 was hypothesized as $5S^*$ based solely on psymberin’s homology to pederin. Thus, we required a synthetic strategy that would allow for generation of all stereoisomers of this side chain for determination of the absolute and relative stereochemistry. Our retrosynthetic analysis began with cleavage of psymberin’s amide bond to afford protected psymberic acid derivative **9** (see Figure 22). We envisioned that carboxylic acid **9** could be constructed via diastereoselective methallylation of orthogonally protected dihydroxypropionaldehyde **10**, which

could be generated from known methyl ester **11**. Diol **11** could be obtained from serine, of which both enantiomers are inexpensive and readily available.

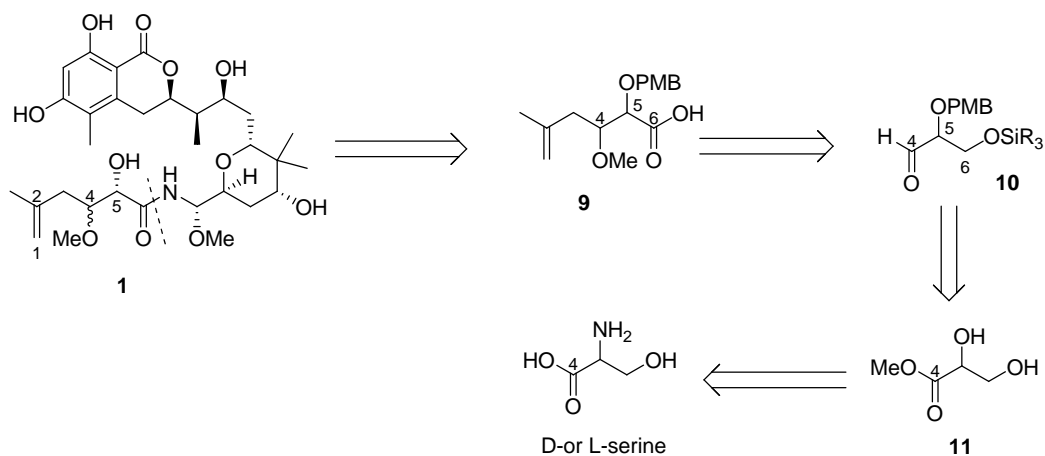
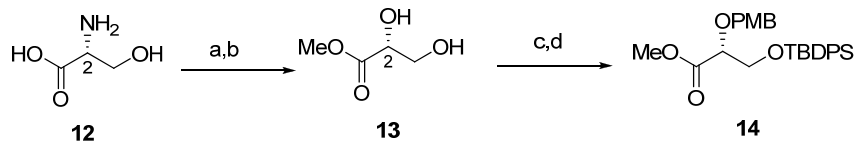


Figure 22. Retrosynthesis of psymberic acid

2.4 SYNTHESIS OF PSYMBERIC ACID

Our synthesis of psymberic acid began with the diazotization of D-serine by treatment with H₂SO₄ and NaNO₂ in H₂O for 3 days affording an alcohol at C2, followed by esterification to the methyl ester generating **13** in a modest 41% yield over 2 steps (see Scheme 36). Although our yield of **13** was not comparable to the reported literature yield,¹⁰¹ the starting materials were inexpensive and the ease of reaction on multi-gram scale, in addition to the high enantiopurity of the product, justified our continued usage of this protocol.



Scheme 36. Synthesis of psymberic acid intermediates

Conditions: a) H_2SO_4 , NaNO_2 , H_2O , 3 days; b) $\text{CH}(\text{OMe})_3$, MeOH , $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 41% over 2 steps; c) TBDPSCl, imidazole, $-42\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 74%; d) *p*-methoxybenzyltrichloroacetimidate, $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{THF}$, CH_2Cl_2 , cyclohexane, $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 76%.

Mono-protection of the primary alcohol of **13** as the TBDPS ether followed by protection of the secondary alcohol using *p*-methoxybenzyltrichloroacetimidate and catalytic $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{THF}$ in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{cyclohexane}$ afforded **14**. It should be noted that although many literature procedures call for extended reaction times (i.e. overnight stirring) and catalytic $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$,¹⁰² overnight stirring resulted in isolation of only starting material, and shorter reaction times with $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ resulted in yields much lower than reported literature values for this transformation.¹⁰³ The use of milder conditions (less than 1 mol% $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{THF}$), shorter reaction times (~ 3 min) and a “reverse quench” method (see Experimental Appendix B), gave consistently reliable yields on various scales (0.20 g to 9.00 g).

From methyl ester **14**, several choices were available for construction of the C4 stereocenter. A one pot DIBAL-H reduction and methallylation using methallylmagnesium chloride resulted in a 1.8:1.0 ratio of *syn:anti* products (**15**) in excellent yield, with our selectivity rationalized by a chelation-controlled transition state (see Figure 23).

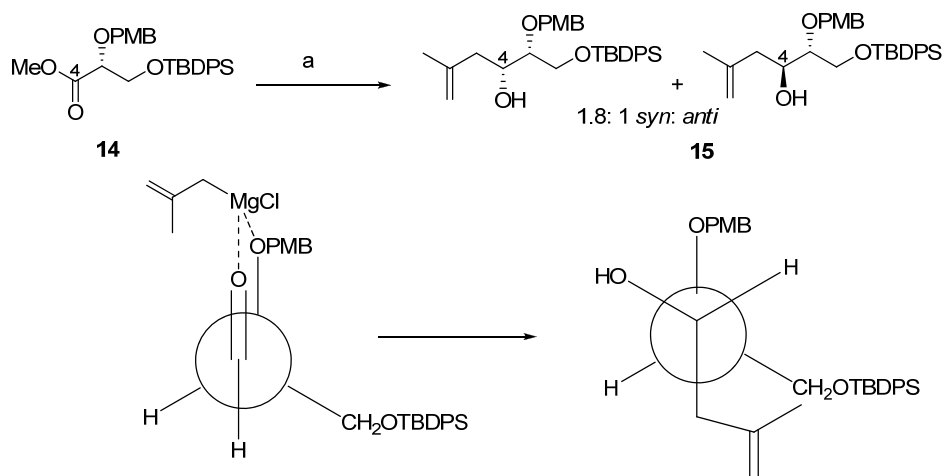
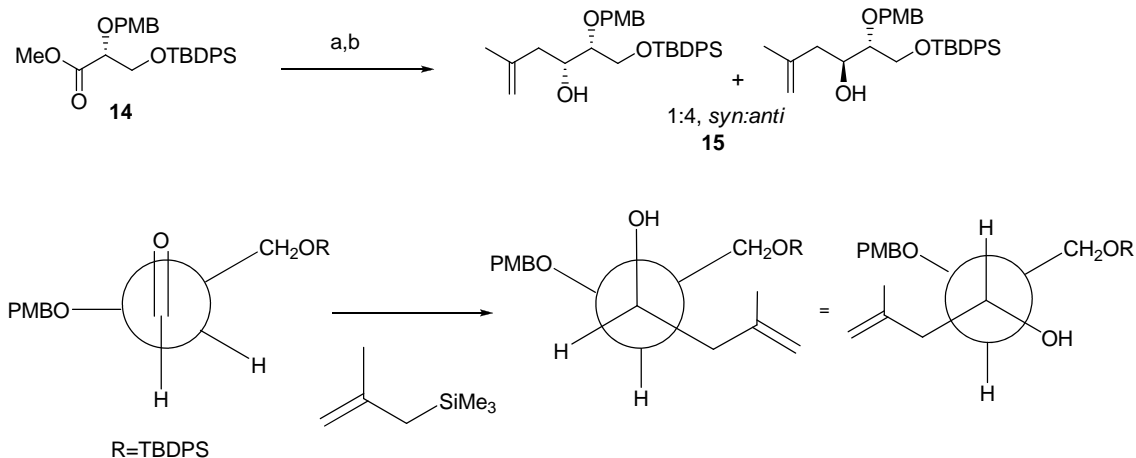


Figure 23. Chelation controlled methallylation

Conditions: a) DIBAL-H, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, then methallylmagnesium chloride, $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to rt, 91%.

Due to our need for large quantities of both diastereomers the observed diastereoselectivity was deemed acceptable for our studies. However, research by Mulzer has shown that the addition of MgBr_2 to Grignard additions can greatly improve the ratio of *syn* to *anti* products.¹⁰⁴

Furthermore, we were able to improve our ratio of *syn* to *anti* products by treating the isolated (but crude) aldehyde from DIBAL-H reduction of **14** with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$, and methallyltrimethyl silane at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to afford **15** in a 1:4 *syn:anti* diastereomeric ratio, albeit with much lower yields (typically 30% yield over 2 steps) due to decomposition of the product in the presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$. Modification of the reaction conditions by using $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{THF}$ resulted in a more desirable yield (56% over 2 steps, Scheme 37).

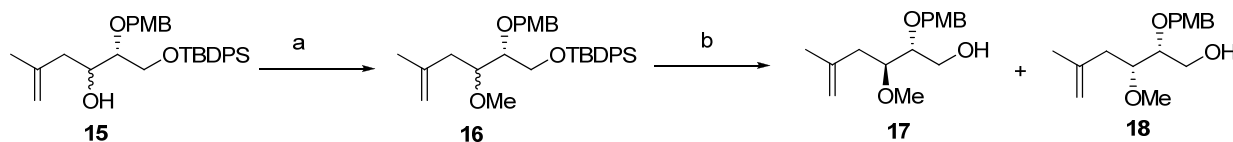


Scheme 37. Felkin-Anh methallylation

Conditions: a) DIBAL-H, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C ; b) Methallyltrimethylsilane, $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{THF}$, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C , 56% 2 steps.

Attempts to improve upon this yield through the use of other methallylating reagents such as methallyl-tri-*n*-butyltin, resulted in good selectivity (based upon crude ^1H NMR). However, removal of the excess tin reagent required for this transformation was difficult.

The diastereomeric mixture of secondary alcohols (**15**) was methylated under non-anionic conditions generating a separable diastereomeric mixture of ethers **16** (see Scheme 38). Although the diastereomers could be separated at this point, material throughput and separation of the diastereomers was improved by delaying separation until removal of the silyl ether protecting group. Treating **16** with TBAF in THF furnished alcohols **17** and **18** in 76% yield.

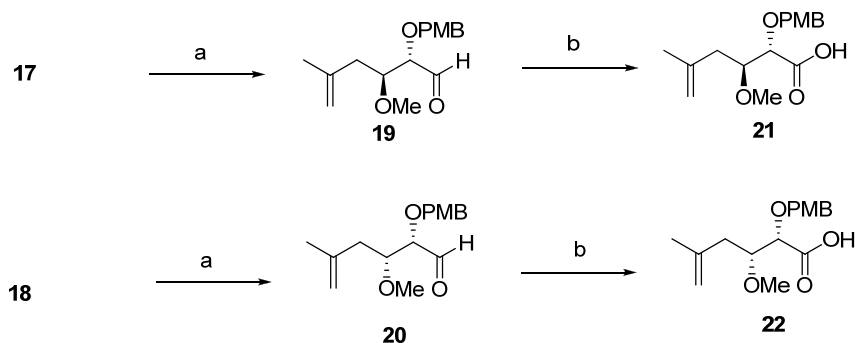


Scheme 38. Methylation and deprotection of a psymberic acid precursor

Conditions: a) MeOTf, 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C to rt, 87%; b) TBAF, THF, 76%.

From this point, both *anti* and *syn* products (as well as the opposite enantiomeric series) were taken through identical syntheses (Scheme 39). Parikh-Doering oxidation of alcohols **17**

and **18** furnished aldehydes **19** and **20**, respectively. A mild Pinnick oxidation was employed to avoid epimerization at the α -position, providing *anti* and *syn* carboxylic acids **21** and **22**, in 77% and 82% yield, respectively.



Scheme 39. Completion of *anti* and *syn* protected psymberic acid substrates

Conditions: a) $\text{SO}_3 \cdot \text{pyridine}$ complex, Et_3N , DMSO; b) NaOCl_2 , NaH_2PO_4 , 2-methyl-2-butene, *t*-BuOH, H_2O , 77% over 2 steps (*anti* series), 82% over 2 steps (*syn* series).

2.5 DETERMINATION OF THE ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE STEREOCHEMISTRY OF PSYMBERIC ACID: NATURAL PRODUCT DEGRADATION AND ANALYSIS

With the synthesis of all possible stereoisomers of psymberic acid complete, our next task was the determination of the absolute and relative chemistry of the side chain in the natural product. During the late 1960's and early 1970's, Matsumoto and Cardani performed extensive degradation studies of pederin.^{105, 106} In their work, they developed conditions for cleavage of the acyl aminal bond (Figure 24). We hypothesized that we could cleave the acyl aminal bond of psymberin in a likewise manner.

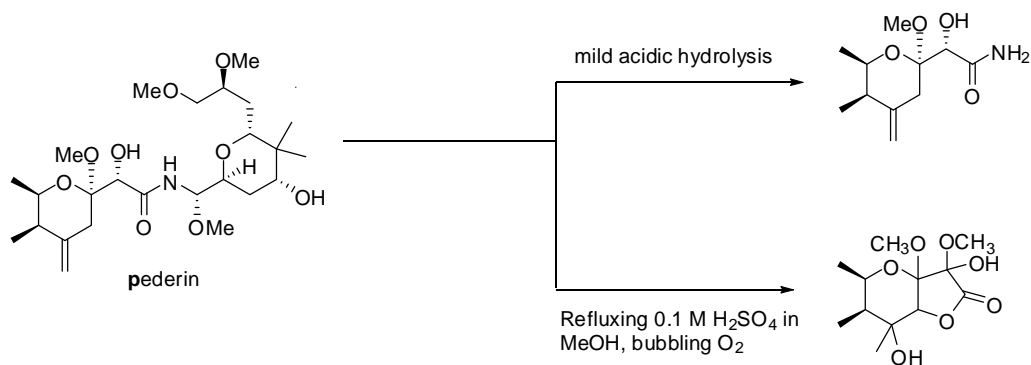
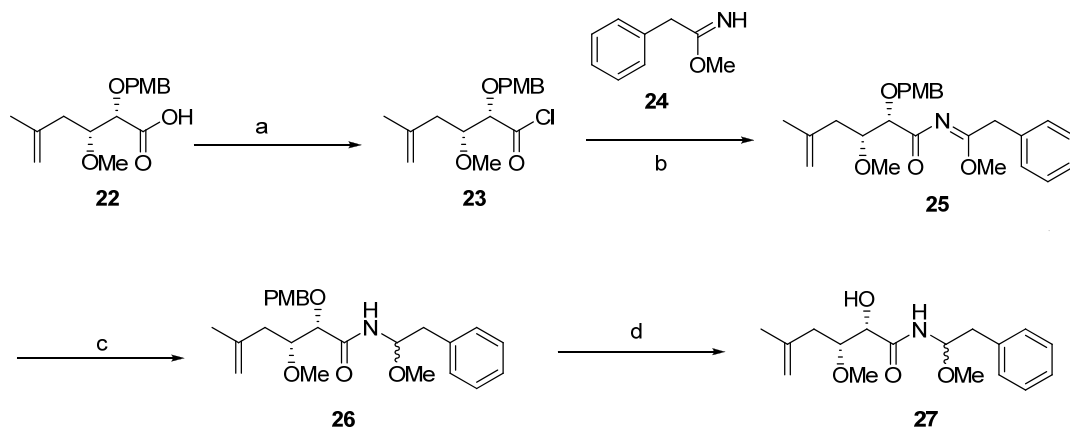


Figure 24. A summary of acyl aminal cleavage conditions and products by Matsumoto (upper) and Cardani (lower)

Due to limited amounts of the natural product at our disposal (0.5 mg were graciously donated to our lab by Prof. Phil Crews), we required an analytical method that would allow for comparison to synthetic material and analysis on a small scale. Thus, we chose to use GC and GC-MS outfitted with chiral stationary phases for analysis of our degradation products.

2.5.1 Construction of a Degradation Model System

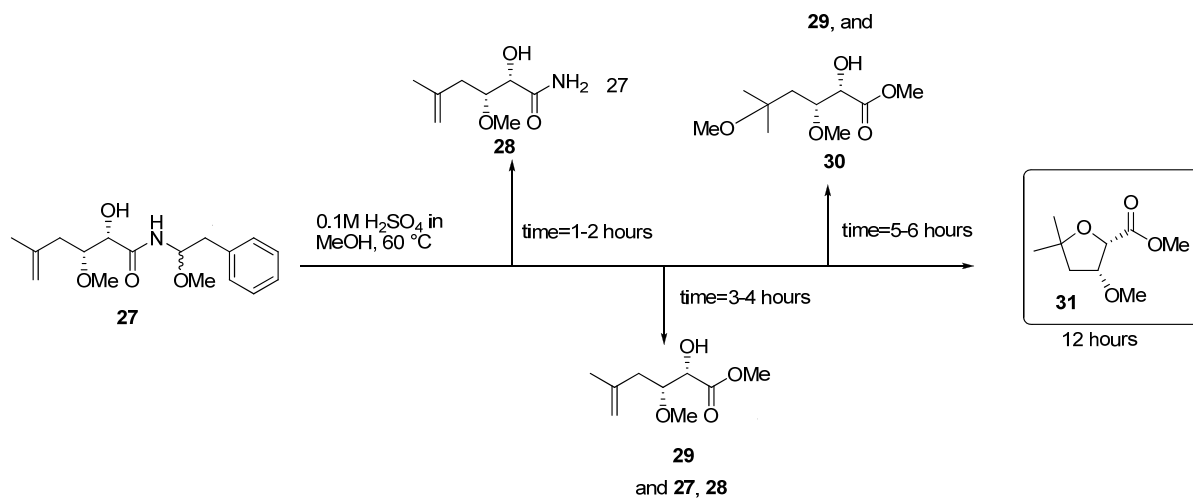
We chose to construct a model system bearing the acyl aminal functionality so that we could develop and optimize the reaction conditions required for cleavage (Scheme 40). Treating protected psymbelic acid derivative **22** with Et₃N and thionyl chloride in CH₂Cl₂ generated acid chloride **23**, which was used without purification in subsequent acyl imidate formation with imidate **24**.¹⁰⁷ NaBH₄ reduction of acyl imidate **25** afforded acyl aminal **26** in 44% yield over 3 steps, and in a 2:1 ratio of inseparable diastereomers.¹⁰⁷ Deprotection of PMB ether **26** with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) afforded our model substrate **27** in a modest 39% yield.



Scheme 40. Synthesis of a model degradation system

Conditions: a) SOCl_2 , Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to rt; b) **24**, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to rt; c) NaBH_4 , EtOH , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 44% over 3 steps from **22**, 2:1 d.r.; d) DDQ, pH 7 buffer, CH_2Cl_2 , 39%.

Treating our model system to modified conditions developed by Cardani¹⁰⁸ afforded several degradation products, depending on the length of reaction. Scheme 41 (see below) provides a timeline of products that can be identified during this reaction based upon ^1H NMR analysis.



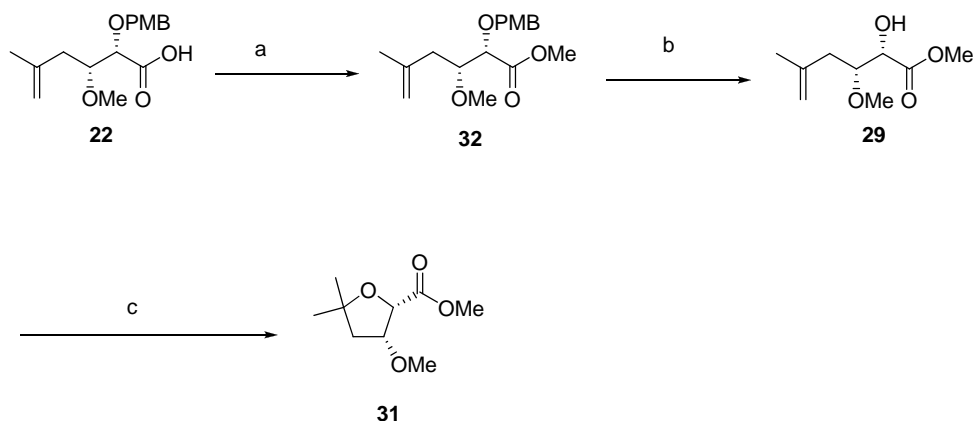
Scheme 41. Degradation products of the acyl aminal model system

After 1 to 2 hours, amide **28** could be detected (based upon ^1H NMR), in addition to unreacted starting material. After 3 to 4 hours **27**, **28** and methyl ester **29**, were observed in the

reaction mixture. After 5 to 6 hours, the reaction mixture was composed of methyl ester **29**, and compound **30**, the product of olefin protonation followed by reaction of the resulting carbocation with MeOH. Prolonged reaction (~12 hours) provided **31** as the sole product. No epimerization was seen for this substrate (based initially upon ^1H NMR, then upon subsequent research (See following text)).

2.5.2 Construction of Tetrahydrofuran Stereoisomers

With knowledge of the degradation products from our model study, we set about synthesizing the final THF degradation products for all of the stereoisomers of psymboric acid (Scheme 42).



Scheme 42. Synthesis of model system degradation products

Conditions: a) SOCl_2 , Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to rt, then MeOH at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 35%; b) CAN , CH_3CN , H_2O , 96%; c) $0.1\text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$ in MeOH, $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 14 h, quant.

Carboxylic acid **22** was treated with SOCl_2 and Et_3N to form the acid chloride which was treated with methanol to afford the methyl ester **32** in 35% yield. The *p*-methoxybenzyl protecting group was subsequently removed to afford alcohol **29** in 96% yield. Treating **29** with $0.1\text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$ in MeOH at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 14 hours afforded **31** in quantitative yield, as one

stereoisomer and with no signs of epimerization. The *syn* stereochemistry was confirmed by 2D NOESY analysis.

This synthetic sequence was performed for all stereoisomers (with similar yields), and in each case, only one stereoisomer was observed for the final product. Furthermore, each compound was analyzed by GC using a chiral column (Chiraldex G-TA) and only one peak was noted for each substrate. Lastly, conditions were developed that allowed for separation of a mixture of all four stereoisomers (see Figure 25).

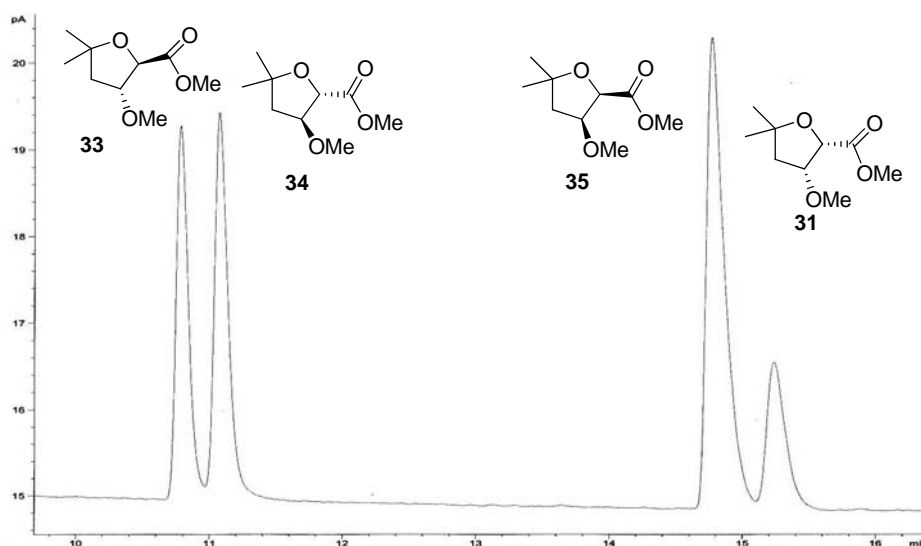


Figure 25. A Chiral GC trace of all possible stereoisomers of psymberic acid degradation products

2.5.3 Determination of the Absolute and Relative Stereochemistry of Psymberic Acid

With the synthesis of all stereoisomers completed and conditions developed to analyze each substrate, we decided to subject psymberin to our acidic methanolysis conditions to determine the absolute and relative stereochemical configuration of the psymberic acid side chain.

Treating 0.1 mg of psymberin with 0.1 M H₂SO₄ in MeOH at 60 °C for 14 hours in a sealed reaction tube provided us with degradation products that we could analyze by GC outfitted with a chiral column (Chiraldex G-TA) (see Figure 26).

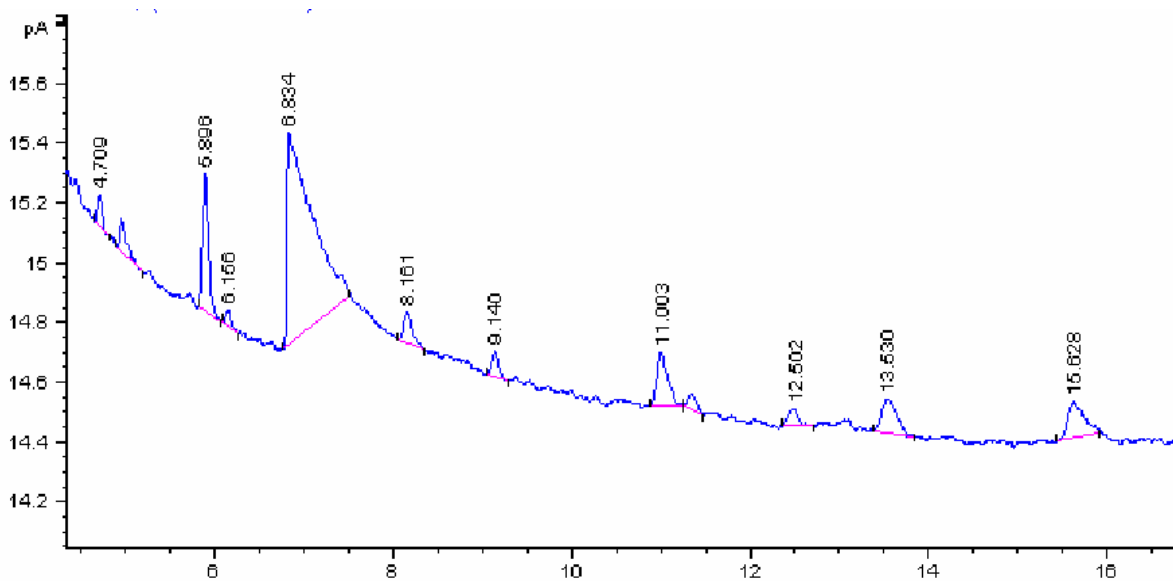


Figure 26. A chiral GC trace of psymberin degradation products

Comparison of the retention times as well as a co-injection of the psymberin degradation mixture with tetrahydrofuran **34** led to our determination that **34** was present in the degradation reaction mixture (see Figure 27).

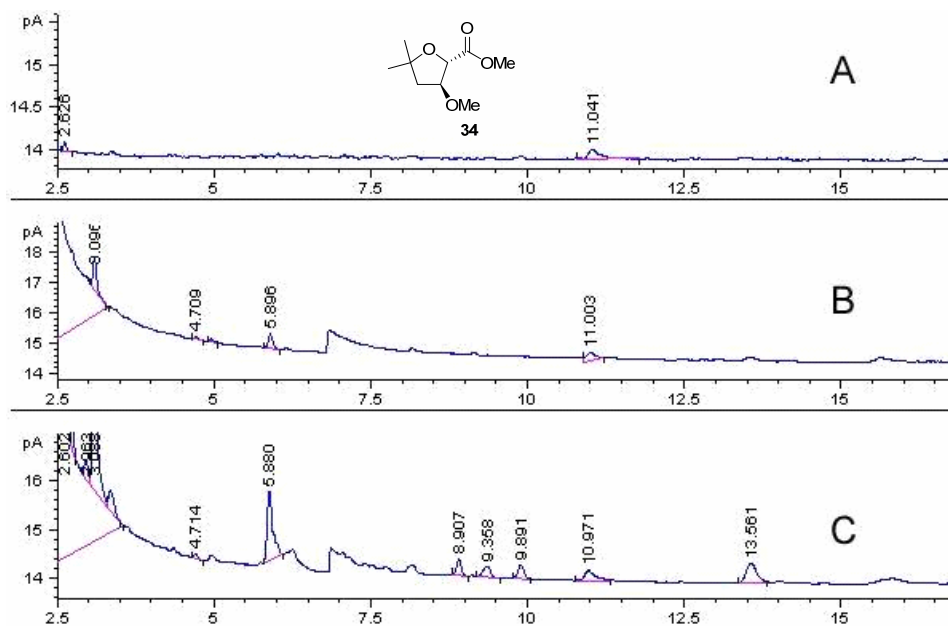


Figure 27. An overlay of degradation products. A: A diluted sample of **34**; B: The psymberin degradation reaction mixture; C: A co-injection of **34** and the psymberin degradation reaction mixture

We also chose to analyze our products by GC-MS using a chiral column. A peak with similar retention time and fragmentation pattern corresponding to **34** was seen in the psymberin degradation mixture (Figure 28). These results led us to conclude that the stereochemical configuration of psymberic acid was 4*S*, 5*S*, which was in agreement with the reports from De Brabander and Williams laboratories.^{57, 100}

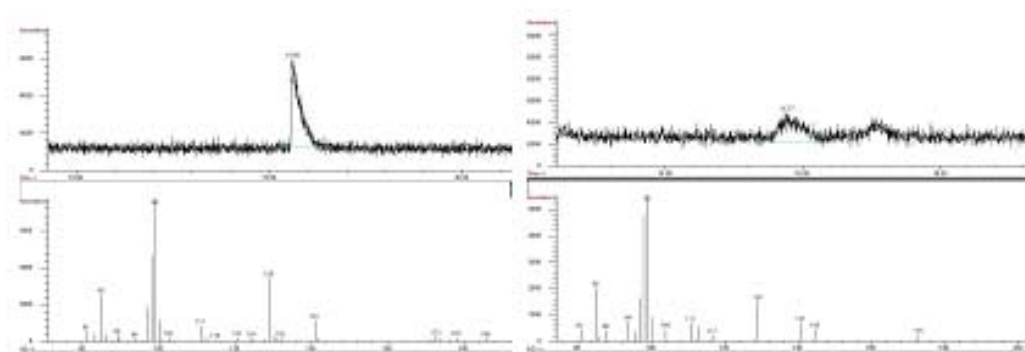


Figure 28. Chiral GC-MS traces of psymberin degradation products Left: A chiral GC-MS trace of **34**. Right: A Chiral GC-MS trace of the psymberin degradation mixture

2.6 CONCLUSION

Starting from the appropriate enantiomer of serine, we were able to construct all possible stereoisomers of the C1-C6 portion of psymberin (psymberic acid). Access to *syn* and *anti* diastereomers was accomplished through chelation controlled or Felkin-Anh methallylations, respectively. Construction of a simple acyl aminal model system and subjection to acidic methanolysis afforded tetrahydropyran degradation products. All possible tetrahydropyran stereoisomers were synthesized and were separable by chiral gas chromatography. Degradation of an authentic sample of psymberin under identical acidic methanolysis conditions afforded one tetrahydrofuran isomer. Comparison of the authentic tetrahydrofuran to synthetic material by GC and GC-MS outfitted with a chiral column (Chiraldex G-TA) enabled assignment of the absolute and relative stereochemistry of psymberin as 4*S*, 5*S*.

APPENDIX A

EXPERIMENTAL: TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF THEOPEDERIN D

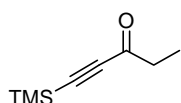
General Experimental

Proton (^1H NMR) and carbon (^{13}C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 spectrometers (300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively), Bruker Avance 500 spectrometers (500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively) Bruker Avance 600 spectrometers (600 MHz and 150 MHz, respectively), and a Bruker Avance 600 spectrometer equipped with a 5mm cryoprobe (600 MHz, and 150 MHz, respectively). The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta (δ) scale. The solvent peak was used as reference value. For ^1H NMR: $\text{CDCl}_3 = 7.27$ ppm, $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6 = 7.15$. For ^{13}C NMR: $\text{CDCl}_3 = 77.00$ ppm, $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6 = 128.00$ ppm. For proton data: app = apparent; br = broad; s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; p = pentet; dd = doublet of doublets; dt = doublet of triplets; ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; dddd = doublet of doublet of doublet of doublets; ddt = doublet of doublet of triplets; ddq = doublet of doublet of quartets; qd = quartet of doublets; m = multiplet. High resolution and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were

collected on a Mattson Cygnus 100 spectrometer. Samples for IR were prepared as a thin film on NaCl plates. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Hewlett Packard 1100 liquid chromatograph equipped with a variable wavelength UV detector (deuterium lamp, 190-600 nm) using a Daicel ChiralpakTM AD column (250 x 4.6 mm) (Daicel Inc.), and HPLC-grade isopropanol and hexanes were used as the eluting solvents. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on E. Merck pre-coated (25 nm) silica gel 60F-254 plates. Visualization was done under UV (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed using ICN SiliTech 32-63 60Å silica gel. Preparatory thin layer chromatography (PTLC) was performed on Sorbent Technologies pre-coated (25 nm) silica gel HL UV254 plates. Reagent grade ethyl acetate, hexanes (commercial mixture), ether, dichloromethane, benzene, acetone, and toluene were purchased from EM Science and used as is for chromatography. Reagent grade methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) were distilled from CaH₂ under N₂. Diethyl ether (Et₂O) was dried by passage through an aluminum drying column. THF was dried by passage through an aluminum drying column, except where noted. In these cases THF, was distilled from sodium benzophenone under N₂. Anhydrous methanol (MeOH) was purchased from Aldrich and used as is. All reactions were conducted under argon or nitrogen atmosphere, in oven or flame dried glassware with magnetic stirring except where noted. “*Careful concentration*” refers to the handling of volatile substrates by concentration under reduced pressure at low temperatures (0 °C to room temperature), or concentration by gently passing a stream of air over the volatile material.

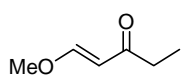
NOTE: The compounds reported on pages 71-82 are from exploratory work towards the synthesis of the pederic acid subunit of Theopederin D. This route was abandoned after a superior strategy was discovered and thus, the compounds on pages 71-82 were not fully characterized.

1-Trimethylsilylanylpent-1-yn-3-one (106)



To a solution of bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (50.0 g, 293 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (673 mL) at 0 °C was added propionyl chloride (24.6 g, 266 mmol). After stirring for 10 minutes, AlCl₃ (42.6 g, 320 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0 °C. After 2 hours, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 2 hours. After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into an ice/10% HCl (aq) solution (700 mL) and stirred for 10 minutes. The biphasic solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 250 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. *Careful concentration* under reduced pressure afforded the product as a brown oily residue. The material was taken on crude: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.59 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.25 (s, 9 H). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*¹⁰⁹

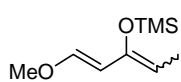
1-Methoxypent-1-en-3-one (107)



To a solution of crude **106** (41.0 g, 266 mmol) in MeOH (216 mL) was slowly added 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO) (60.0 g, 533 mmol) at room temperature. After 20 minutes the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), extracted with brine (2 x 100 mL), dried

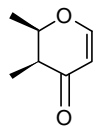
(MgSO₄), and filtered. After concentration under reduced pressure, the crude material was distilled under vacuum to afford the desired product (2 torr, 45 °C, 21.4 g, 70% yield over 2 steps): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 2.48 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*¹¹⁰

1-(2-Methoxyvinyl)propenyloxy|trimethyl-silane (97)



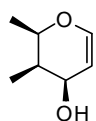
To ZnCl₂ (0.29 mg, 2.10 mmol) was added Et₃N (17.9 mL, 0.14 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. To this mixture was added a solution of **107** (8.00 g, 7.00 mmol) in toluene (16.5 mL) at room temperature, followed by addition of TMSCl (15.2 g, 140 mmol). A condenser was fitted atop the reaction vessel, and the reaction mixture was heated at 40 °C. After 14 hours, satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) was added at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered. The organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure, then distilled (40 °C at 2 torr) to afford the desired product as well as trimethylsilanol. Filtration of the distillate through an oven dried frit containing oven dried Na₂SO₄ (to remove silyl impurities) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow liquid (11.1 g, 4:1 ratio of *Z*: *E* isomers, 85% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.80 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 0.2 H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 0.8 H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.2 Hz), 5.36 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 0.8 H), 4.66-4.45 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (s, 0.6 H), 3.57 (s, 2.4 H), 1.63-1.54 (m, 3 H), 0.23-0.19 (m, 9 H). *These data are consistent with reported literature values values.*⁷⁵

2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydropyran-4-one (96)



To a mixture of **97** (0.16 g, 0.32 mmol) and crushed 3Å molecular sieves (0.40 g) was added acetaldehyde (2.64 g, 53.7 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours at room temperature. After 3 hours **108**⁷⁶ (2.00 g, 10.7 mmol) was added to the reaction at room temperature, and the reaction was stirred for 40 hours. After 40 hours, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, CH₂Cl₂ was added (2 ml) followed by 5 drops of trifluoroacetic acid, and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After stirring for 15 minutes the reaction mixture was filtered through silica on Celite and the filter cake was rinsed with Et₂O. The filtrate was *carefully concentrated* to afford a brown residue which was purified via flash chromatography (20% Et₂O in pentane to 25% Et₂O in pentane) to afford the desired product as a yellow oil (0.66 g, 82% yield based on reactive diene present): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (qd, *J* = 3.5, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.37 (qd, *J* = 3.5, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.09 (d, 1.09, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 162.1, 104.5, 77.5, 43.8, 15.0, 8.6; IR (neat): 2980, 2940, 2249, 1678, 1597, 1454, 1406, 1386, 1225, 1088; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₇H₁₀O₂ (M⁺) 126.0608, found 126.066.

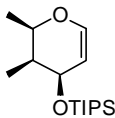
2,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-4-ol (109)



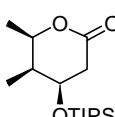
To a solution of **96** (0.58 g, 4.6 mmol) in MeOH (9.5 mL) was added CeCl₃·7H₂O (2.14 g, 5.75 mmol) at room temperature and the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred until all the CeCl₃·7H₂O was dissolved. The reaction was cooled to -10 °C and NaBH₄ (0.37 g, 9.89 mmol) was added slowly. After addition, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 minutes. Brine (20 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (5 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (20 mL), dried

(Na₂SO₄), and filtered. The material was *carefully concentrated* under reduced pressure to afford a brown/yellow oil which was used crude without further purification: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.31 (dd, *J* = 1.53, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (ddd, *J* = 2.1, 2.1, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.53-4.52 (m, 1 H), 4.13 (qd, *J* = 2.0, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 103.2, 73.8, 65.8, 36.3, 17.2, 5.1; IR (neat): 3418, 2980, 2882, 2251, 1643, 1383, 1230, 1086.

(2,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-4-yloxy)triisopropylsilane (110)

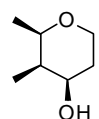
 To a stirring solution of **109** (1.13 g, 8.83 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4.00 mL) and cooled to –10 °C was added 2,6-lutidine (1.14 g, 10.6 mmol) followed by triisopropylsilyl-trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.25 g, 10.6 mmol). After 3 hours of stirring at –10 °C, satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) was added (2 mL) and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 3 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure, followed by purification via flash column chromatography (5% Et₂O in pentane) afforded the desired compound as a clear oil (1.36 g, 54% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.24 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (ddd, *J* = 1.8, 1.8, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (ddd, *J* = 1.7, 1.8, 6.3 Hz, 1 H) 4.09 (qd, *J* = 1.9, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 1 H) 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.08 (s, 21 H) 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H).

5,6-Dimethyl-4-triisopropylsilyloxytetrahydropyran-2-one (111)

 To a stirring solution of **110** (1.36 g, 4.79 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (53.0 mL) at room temperature was added pyridinium chlorochromate (2.07 g, 9.58 mmol). After 4 hours, the reaction mixture was filtered through a frit of Celite then concentrated under reduced

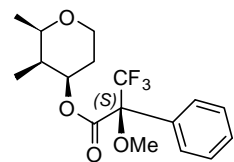
pressure to afford a crude yellow residue. Purification via flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow to colorless waxy solid (1.03 g, 71% yield): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.40 (qd, $J = 2.1, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (ddd, $J = 4.5, 6.9, 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (ddd, $J = 0.8, 6.9, 18.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.49 (dd, $J = 10.2, 18.4$ Hz, 1 H) 2.05 (m, 1 H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 1.06 (s, 21 H), 0.97 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3 H).

2,3-Dimethyltetrahydropyran-4-ol (159)



To a stirring solution of **109** (336 mg, 2.63 mmol) in MeOH (5.50 mL) was added Pd/C (40.0 mg). A balloon filled with hydrogen gas was attached to a three-way adapter, and the reaction vessel was pumped and purged three times under water aspirator pressure to remove the oxygen atmosphere. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was filtered through a frit of Celite, and the filtrate was carefully concentrated. Purification via flash column chromatography (40% Et_2O in pentane to 100% Et_2O) afforded the desired product as a slightly yellow liquid (100 mg, 29% yield): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.95 (ddd, $J = 1.3, 5.0, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.83 (m, 1 H), 3.51-3.37 (m, 2 H), 1.83-1.63 (m, 3 H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3 H).

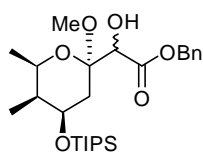
3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenylpropionic acid 2,3-dimethyltetrahydropyran-4-yl ester (112)



To a solution of **159** (25.0 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was added pyridine (0.30 mL) followed by (*S*)-(+)-alpha-Methoxy-alpha-trifluoromethylphenylacetyl chloride (0.13 μL , 0.67 mmol). After 90

minutes, all starting material was consumed. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and H₂O was added (0.10 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 0.30 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded a crude yellow oil which was used without purification for analysis. The diastereomers were sufficiently separated in the ¹H NMR spectrum such that integration could be easily performed. *Peaks used for analysis:* ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 0.98 H), 0.81 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 0.28 H).

Hydroxy-(2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-triisopropylsilyloxytetrahydropyran-2-yl)-acetic acid benzyl ester (115)

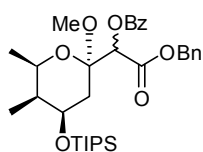


To a solution of diisopropylamine (2.63 mL, 18.7 mmol) in THF (37.0 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (11.4 mL, 1.6 M in hexane). After 5 minutes, **113** (4.47 g, 18.8 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction mixture, and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour. HMPA (4.74 mL, 27.3 mmol) was subsequently added, and after stirring at -78 °C for 15 minutes, ZnCl₂ (18.8 mL, 1 M in Et₂O) was added to the reaction at this same temperature. After 75 minutes, a solution of **111** (0.5 g, 1.66 mmol) in THF (9.50 mL) was slowly added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to -40 °C. After 18 hours, satd. NH₄Cl (aq) (15 mL) was added to the reaction at -40 °C, and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NH₄Cl (aq) (20 mL), satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. The organic material was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a purple oily residue. To this crude residue at room temperature was added CH₂Cl₂ (6.0 mL) and MeOH (6.0 mL), followed by CH(OMe)₃ (1.74 mL, 15.9 mmol),

and 10-camphorsulphonic acid monohydrate (0.12 g, 0.5 mmol). After 10 minutes, the reaction mixture was poured into water (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), then dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. After concentration under reduced pressure, the crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product in a 19:81 mixture of diastereomers (0.22 g, 28% yield over 2 steps). **Major Diastereomer:** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 5 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 4.9, 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (qd, *J* = 2.1, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.86 (ddd, *J* = 0.8, 5.0, 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.74-1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.04 (s, 21 H) 0.66 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H).

Benzoic acid benzyloxycarbonyl-(2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-

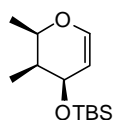
triisopropylsilanyloxytetrahydropyran-2-yl)methyl ester (116)



To a 19:81 diastereomeric mixture of **115** (0.04 g, 0.08 mmol) in pyridine (2.00 mL) and cooled to 0 °C was added benzoyl chloride (0.06 mL, 0.56 mmol) followed by DMAP (0.01 g, 0.08 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and 10% w/v aqueous tartaric acid (1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 2 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with 10% w/v aqueous tartaric acid (2 mL), satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (2 mL) and brine (2 mL), then dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded a yellow residue, which after purification via flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes), afforded the desired product as a colorless oil and as a single diastereomer (0.03 g, 52% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10-8.07 (m, 2

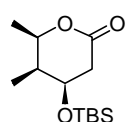
H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.48-7.33 (m, 6 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 5.30 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H), 5.18 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.2 (app. p. $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.8 (qd, $J = 3.1, 6.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 2.10-1.95 (m, 2 H), 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.08 (s, 24 H), 0.68 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3 H).

tert-Butyl-(2,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-4-yloxy)-dimethyl-silane (118)



To a solution of **109** (1.00 g, 7.80 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added imidazole (1.06 g, 15.6 mmol) followed by addition of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (2.35 g, 15.6 mmol). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for one hour, then the solution was cooled to 0 °C and satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with pentane (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with H₂O (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash column chromatography (5% Et₂O in pentane) to afford the desired product as a brown oil (1.31 g, 72% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.25 (dd, $J = 1.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (ddd, $J = 1.4, 2.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (ddd, $J = 1.7, 1.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.1 (qd, $J = 2.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 0.94 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (s, 9 H), 0.08 (s, 6 H).

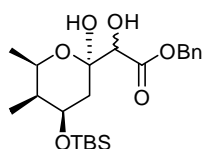
4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5,6-dimethyltetrahydropyran-2-one (119)



To a solution of **118** (1.05 g, 4.36 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (60 mL) was added pyridinium chlorochromate (2.34 g, 10.9 mmol) at room temperature. After 5 hours the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a white solid (0.80 g, 71% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.43 (qd, $J = 2.6, 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.13 (ddd, $J = 4.4, 6.7, 9.6$ Hz, 1 H), 2.72 (ddd, $J = 0.7,$

6.8, 18.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.46 (dd, $J = 9.6, 18.3$ Hz, 1 H) 2.05-1.96 (m, 1 H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 0.95 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H) 0.07 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 76.6, 67.7, 38.2, 36.0, 25.6, 18.0, 17.9, 4.5, -4.6, -4.9; IR (neat): 2930, 2254, 1726, 1471, 1384, 1242, 1114, 911, 734; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ [M^+] 258.1651, found 258.1664.

4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-hydroxy-5,6-dimethyltetrahydropyran-2-yl]-hydroxy-acetic acid benzyl ester (121)

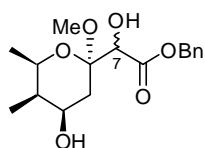


To a solution of LHMDS (18.0 mL, 1 M in THF) in THF (35.0 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added a solution of **113** (4.42 g, 18.6 mmol) in THF (9.00 mL). After 10 minutes HMPA (4.69 mL 27.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 15 minutes ZnCl_2 (18.0 mL, 1M in Et_2O) was added and the reaction was stirred for an additional 75 minutes at -78 °C. Afterwards, **119** (0.42 mg, 1.64 mmol) in THF (8.50 mL) was slowly added to the reaction mixture at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to -40 °C overnight. The next day, satd. NH_4Cl (aq) (15 mL) was added to the reaction at -40 °C, and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NH_4Cl (aq) (20 mL), satd. NaHCO_3 (aq) (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and filtered. The organic material was concentrated under reduced pressure, and this residue was used without further purification.

To this crude residue at room temperature was added CH_2Cl_2 (8.00 mL) and MeOH (8.00 mL), followed by $\text{CH}(\text{OMe})_3$ (1.72 mL, 15.8 mmol), and 10-camphorsulphonic acid monohydrate (0.11 g, 0.49 mmol). After 20 minutes, the reaction mixture was poured into water (15 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed

with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL), brine (10 mL), then dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. The acidic methanol sequence was repeated again with a reaction length of 5 minutes, with an identical workup procedure. Removal of excess reagents and byproducts afforded a crude residue containing the product, as well as a small amount of starting material. This material was used without further purification in subsequent chemistry.

Hydroxy-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyltetrahydropyran-2-yl)-acetic acid benzyl ester

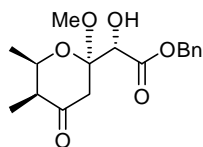


To crude residue **121** (231 mg, 0.544 mmol) at room temperature was added CH₂Cl₂ (3.00 mL) and MeOH (3.00 mL), followed by CH(OMe)₃ (0.57 mL, 5.2 mmol), and 10-camphorsulphonic acid monohydrate (0.04 g, 0.16 mmol).

After 2 hours, the reaction mixture was poured into water (15 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), then dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded a crude residue which was purified by flash column chromatography (70% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a separable mixture of diastereomers (56 mg, 32%). **7R* stereoisomer (Faster eluting) 123:** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.18-7.02 (m, 5 H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (app. p, *J* = 4.3, 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (qd, *J* = 4.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.12 (s, 3 H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.94 (app. t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.48-1.44 (m, 1 H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); **7S* stereoisomer (slower eluting) 122:** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.23-7.06 (m, 5 H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.11-4.07 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (qd, *J* = 1.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 12.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.72 (app. t, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1 H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H).

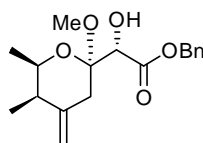
Hydroxy-(2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-tetrahydropyran-2-yl)-acetic acid benzyl ester

(124)



To a solution of **122** (0.016 g, 0.050 mmol) and 4Å molecular sieves (0.02 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (540 μL) was added pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (0.011 g, 0.05 mmol) at room temperature. After 2 hours, the reaction mixture was poured onto Celite and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (0.009 g, 55% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.07-7.01 (m, 5 H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (qd, *J* = 2.9, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1 H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 2 H), 2.01 (qd, *J* = 3.1, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 0.74 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

Hydroxy-(2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-methylenetetrahydropyran-2-yl)-acetic acid benzyl ester (125)



To a solution of **124** (0.02 g, 0.06 mmol) in THF (1.50 mL) was added CH₂I₂-Zn-TiCl₄ (1 mL, stock solution as prepared by Nakata³⁴) at room temperature. After, 50 minutes, another 0.5 mL of CH₂I₂-Zn-TiCl₄ was added. After an additional hour, the reaction mixture was poured into satd. NaHCO₃ (aq.) (2 ml), and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (2 mL) and brine (2 mL), then dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure followed by purification via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the desired product (5.00 mg, 25.2%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.21-7.48 (m, 5 H), 5.10 (d, *J* =

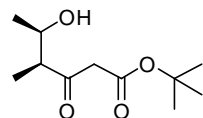
12.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (app. t, $J = 2.0, 2.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (app. t, $J = 2.0, 2.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (qd, $J = 2.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.52 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1 H), 2.39 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1 H), 1.9 (qd, $J = 2.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 0.89 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 0.75 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 3 H).

(3S,4R)-3,4-Dimethyloxetan-2-one (130)



To a solution of LiClO₄ (1.61 g, 15.1 mmol) in Et₂O (50.0 mL) was added TMS-quinidine¹¹¹ (2.00 g, 5.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100.0 mL). The reaction was cooled to –78 °C whereupon DIPEA (21.9 mL, 125.8 mmol) and acetaldehyde (3.8 mL, 67.3 mmol) were added. To this reaction mixture was added propionyl chloride (8.8 mL, 100.6 mmol) as a solution in CH₂Cl₂ (25.0 mL), slowly dropwise over 3 hours. After addition, the reaction was stirred at –78 °C overnight. The following morning Et₂O (40.0 mL) was added to the reaction at –78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature then filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated to 1/3 its total volume under reduced pressure at 0 °C, and was used crude without further purification. *Alternatively*, the filtrate can be concentrated under reduced pressure at 0 °C and purified via flash column chromatography (100% pentane to 10% Et₂O in pentane to 20% Et₂O in pentane) to afford the desired product as a low boiling colorless liquid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.77 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (m, 1 H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3 H). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*¹¹²

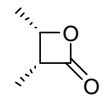
(4S,5R)-tert-Butyl 5-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-oxohexanoate (129)



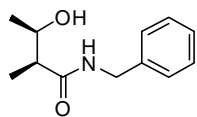
To a freshly prepared solution of LDA (150.0 mL, 1 M in THF) cooled to –78 °C was added *t*-butyl acetate slowly dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, before crude **130** in Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂ was slowly added dropwise at –78 °C. After 30 minutes, satd. NH₄Cl (aq) (150 mL) was added, and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL), and the combined

organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL). The organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow oil. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes to 70% EtOAc in hexanes to 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford the desired product as an 8:1 inseparable mixture with its tautomer (5.15 g, 76%). *Underlined values correspond to assignable tautomer peaks:* ^1H (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.4 (br s, 1 H) 4.94 (s, 1 H), 4.21-4.13 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.43 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1 H) 2.72 (qd, $J = 3.3, 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 2.53 (br s, 1 H), 1.49 (s, 9 H), 1.47 (s, 9 H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 1.17 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

(3R, 4S)-3,4-Dimethyloxetan-2-one (ent-130)

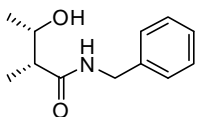
 To a solution of LiClO_4 (0.64 g, 6.0 mmol) in Et_2O (30.0 mL) was added TMS-quinine¹¹¹ (1.19 g, 3.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (60.0 mL). The reaction was cooled to -78 °C whereupon DIPEA (13.1 mL, 75.0 mmol) and acetaldehyde (4.0 mL, 71.0 mmol) were added. To this reaction mixture was added propionyl chloride (5.2 mL, 60.0 mmol) as a solution in CH_2Cl_2 (15.0 mL) slowly dropwise over 2 hours. After addition, the reaction was stirred at -78 °C overnight. The following morning Et_2O (30.0 mL) was added to the reaction at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature then filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure at 0 °C and purified via flash column chromatography (pentane to 10% Et_2O in pentane to 20% Et_2O in pentane) to afford the desired product as a low boiling colorless liquid (0.51 g, 9%).

(2S, 3R)-N-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylbutanamide (160)



To a solution of **130** (0.15 g, 1.50 mmol) in CH₃CN (5.0 mL) at room temperature was added catalytic DMAP followed by benzylamine (0.16 g, 1.50 mmol). After 4 hours, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and 3% Et₃N in Et₂O (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, followed by addition of H₂O (2 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 5 mL), and the organic layers were combined. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30 to 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a white solid: ¹H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.25 (m, 5 H), 6.50 (br s, 1 H), 4.43 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (s, 1 H), 4.06 (qd, *J* = 4.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.45 (br s, 1 H), 2.32 (qd, *J* = 3.0, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H).

(2R, 3S)-N-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylbutanamide (ent-160)

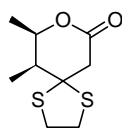


See procedure for enantiomer (**104**). HPLC was performed on a Hewlett Packard 1100 liquid chromatograph equipped with a variable wavelength UV detector (deuterium lamp, 190-600 nm) using a Daicel Chiracel™ OD-H column (250 x 4.6 mm) (Daicel Inc.) and HPLC-grade 8% isopropanol in hexanes as the eluting solvent.

Undesired derivative **ent-160** retention time: 10.05 minutes.

Desired isomer **160** retention time: 11.12 minutes.

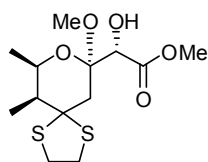
(9R, 10S)-9,10-Dimethyl-8-oxa-1,4-dithiaspiro[4.5]decan-7-one (127)



To a solution of **129** (2.50 g, 11.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (69.0 mL) at -40 °C was added 1,2-ethanedithiol (3.00 mL, 34.7 mmol) followed by BF₃·Et₂O (7.30 mL, 57.8 mmol) and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After 48 hours, the reaction mixture was

carefully poured into a 0 °C solution of satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (100 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude orange residue. The material was purified via flash column chromatography (100% hexanes to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product and its C2 diastereomer (~10:1) as a yellow solid. The solid was recrystallized from 30% EtOAc in hexanes to afford the desired product (1.60 g, 64%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.89 (qd, *J* = 2.7, 6.3, 1 H), 3.45-3.29 (m, 4 H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (d, 19.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.17 (qd, *J* = 2.7, 6.9, 1 H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), [α]_D²⁷ +99.8 (c 1.10, CHCl₃), lit. [α]_D²⁷ +106.7 (c 1.10, CHCl₃). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

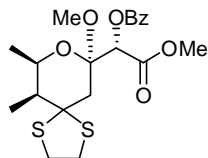
(S)-Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-((7R, 9R, 10S)-7-methoxy-9,10-dimethyl-8-oxa-1,4-dithiaspiro[4.5]decan-7-yl)acetate (132)



To a flame dried flask under Ar (g) atmosphere was added diisopropylamine (2.9 mL, 20.7 mmol) and freshly distilled THF (42.0 mL). The flask was evacuated and purged with Ar (g) three times, then cooled to -78 °C, whereupon *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 12.5 mL) was added slowly dropwise. The reaction was warmed to 0 °C for 15 minutes, then cooled to -78 °C. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of **128** (3.36 g, 20.7 mmol) in freshly distilled THF (21.0 mL) (*separately prepared and evacuated/ backfilled with Ar (g)*) slowly dropwise over 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour, then freshly distilled HMPA (5.2 mL, 30.1 mmol, *evacuated and backfilled with Ar (g)*) was added slowly dropwise over 8 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 15 minutes before ZnCl₂ (20.7 mL, 1 M in Et₂O) was added slowly dropwise over 15

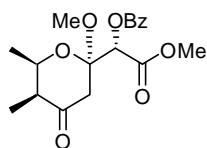
minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 hours. After 2 hours, **127** (0.40 g, 1.8 mmol) in freshly distilled THF (10.8 mL) (*evacuated and backfilled with Ar (g)*) was added to the reaction mixture slowly dropwise over 4 minutes. The reaction was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 hours then warmed to $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. After 12 hours at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, satd. NH_4Cl (aq) (30 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NH_4Cl (aq) (20 mL), satd. NaHCO_3 (aq) (20 mL), and brine (20 mL), then dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow oil. The crude material was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (26 mL), MeOH (26 mL). To this reaction mixture was added trimethylorthoformate (10 mL) and camphorsulfonic acid (0.55 g, 2.4 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours then poured into a separatory funnel containing ice water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with satd. NaHCO_3 (aq) (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a yellow oil (0.35 g, 60% isolated, 70% brsm) and recovered **127** (0.06 g, 10%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.38 (qd, $J = 1.8, 6.6\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 4.29 (d, $J = 5.7\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.37-3.1 (m, 4 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 2.81 (d, $J = 5.7\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 2.33 (d, $J = 14.7$, 1 H), 2.26 (d, $J = 14.7\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 1.69 (br q, $J = 6\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 1.20 (d, $J = 6.3\text{ Hz}$, 3 H), 1.00 (d, $J = 6.9\text{ Hz}$, 3 H); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +63.0$ (c 0.60, CHCl_3), lit. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +102.8$ (c 1.04, CHCl_3). *This compound is consistent with literature values.*³⁴

(S)-2-Methoxy-1-((7R, 9R, 10S)-7-methoxy-9,10-dimethyl-8-oxa-1,4-dithiaspiro[4.5]decan-7-yl)-2-oxoethyl benzoate (133)



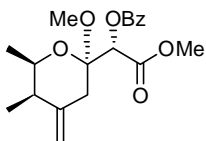
To a solution of **132** (0.13 g, 0.42 mmol) in pyridine (4.50 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added benzoyl chloride (0.35 mL, 3.00 mmol) followed by a few crystals of DMAP (cat). The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes then allowed to warm to room temperature. After 17 hours, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and benzoyl chloride (0.35 mL, 3.00 mmol) followed by a few crystals of DMAP (cat) were added again. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 0 °C then warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir overnight. The following morning the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and 10% tartaric acid (aq., w/v, 10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the reaction was stirred vigorously for 10 minutes at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with 10% tartaric acid (aq.) (w/v) (10 mL), satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a white solid (0.17 g, 94%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-8.04 (m, 2 H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1 H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2 H), 5.38 (s, 1 H), 4.40 (qd, *J* = 1.9, 6.3 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.34-3.32 (m, 4 H), 3.30 (s, 3 H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.67 (br q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); [α]_D²² +84.0 (*c* 0.81, CHCl₃), lit. [α]_D²⁸ +87.9 (*c* 1.29, CHCl₃). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

(S)-2-Methoxy-1-((2R, 5S, 6R)-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl benzoate (134)



To a solution of **133** (0.07 g, 0.16 mmol) in CH₃CN (3.58 mL) and H₂O (0.47 mL) cooled to -5 °C was added bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo benzene (0.21 g, 0.49 mmol). The reaction was stirred at -5 °C for 50 minutes then warmed to room temperature. After 20 minutes, the reaction mixture was poured into satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (5 mL) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (5 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow oil. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product. (0.04 g, 63%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-8.04 (m, 2 H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2 H), 5.49 (s, 1 H), 4.20 (qd, *J* = 3.0, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (s, 3 H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (br qd, *J* = 2.7, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); [α]²³_D +94.6 (*c* 0.84, CHCl₃), lit. [α]²⁸_D +114.4 (*c* 1.23, CHCl₃). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

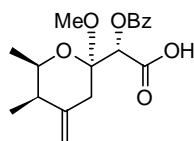
(S)-2-Methoxy-1-((2R, 5R, 6R)-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-methylenetetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl benzoate (135)



To a solution of **134** (0.12 g, 0.34 mmol) in THF (6.2 mL) at room temperature was added freshly prepared “Stock” Takai-Nozaki olefination reagent³⁴ slowly dropwise (5.1 mL). After addition was complete, the reaction was poured into 0 °C satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL), and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL), brine (10 mL),

dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product (0.01 g, 85%) as a colorless oil (**NOTE**: The purification was carried out quickly using a short pad of silica gel to decrease decomposition on the column): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11-8.08 (m, 2 H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 2 H) 5.43 (s, 1 H), 4.88 (br t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (br t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (qd, *J* = 2.4, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.24 (br qd, *J* = 2.4, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.961 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); [α]_D²³ +104.6 (*c* 2.65, CH₂Cl₂), lit. [α]_D²⁸ +112.5 (*c* 0.51, CH₂Cl₂). *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

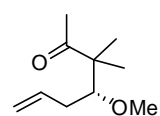
(S)-2-(Benzoyloxy)-2-((2R, 5R, 6R)-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-methylenetetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetic acid (59)



To a solution of **135** (0.08 g, 0.22 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (12.3 mL) was added trimethyltin hydroxide (0.20 g, 1.11 mmol) and the reaction was heated to 80 °C. After 4 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and NaHSO₄ (10 mL, 0.01 M in H₂O) was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes to 100% EtOAc to 10% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford the desired product (0.06 g, 82%): ¹H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2 H), 5.67 (s, 1 H), 4.94 (s, 1 H), 4.86 (s, 1 H), 4.09 (qd, *J* = 2.7, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.36-2.32 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (d, *J*

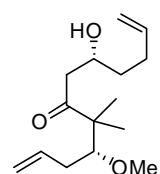
= 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.05 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +133.7$ (c 0.40, CH_2Cl_2), lit. (antipode) $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -93.1$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2).⁵³ *These data are consistent with reported literature values.*³⁴

(R)-4-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylhept-6-en-2-one (139)



To a solution of **137**^{69, 71} (2.03 g, 13.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (13.0 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl pyridine (4.3 mL, 19.5 mmol) followed by methyltrifluoromethane sulfonate (1.9 mL, 16.9 mmol), and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After 12 hours, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl pyridine (4.3 mL, 19.5 mmol) and methyltrifluoromethane sulfonate (1.9 mL, 16.9 mmol) were added again, and the reaction was subsequently warmed to room temperature. After 12 hours, H_2O (15 mL) was added, and the reaction was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 15 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with satd. NaHCO_3 (aq) (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and *carefully concentrated* under reduced pressure at 0 °C. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% Et_2O in pentane) to afford the desired product (2.01 g, 91%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.96-5.82 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.08 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.03 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 6.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 212.9, 136.0, 116.4, 86.0, 59.9, 52.4, 36.7, 26.5, 10.9, 20.2; IR (neat) 2977, 2827, 1704, 1469, 1100 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}-\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2$] 129.0915, found 129.0915; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -9.72$ (c 1.19, CHCl_3).

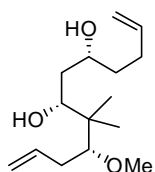
(4R, 8R)-8-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-5,5-dimethyldodeca-1,11-dien-6-one (140)



To a solution of (+)-DIP-Cl (2.83 g, 8.81 mmol) in Et_2O (6.0 mL) at 0 °C was added Et_3N (1.4 mL, 10.00 mmol), followed by **139** (1.00 g, 5.87 mmol). The

reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes then cooled to -78 °C, whereupon 4-pentenal (1.7 mL, 17.61 mmol) was added slowly dropwise. After 15 minutes, pH 7 (phosphate) buffer solution (16 mL), MeOH (8 mL), and hydrogen peroxide solution (aq., 30%, 8 mL) were added to the reaction at -78 °C, and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After stirring for 20 minutes at room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL) and the organic layers were combined. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), satd. Na₂SO₃ (aq) (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a yellow oil (0.93 g, 62%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.91-5.75 (m, 2 H), 5.15-4.95 (m, 4 H), 4.05-3.97 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 18 Hz, 1 H), 2.56, (dd, *J* = 9, 18 Hz, 1 H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 4 H), 1.70-1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.16 (s, 3 H), 1.09 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.0, 138.3, 136.0, 116.9, 114.8, 86.2, 67.1, 60.0, 52.5, 45.3, 35.6, 35.4, 29.8, 21.4, 19.8; IR (neat): 3526, 3079, 2978, 2936, 1694, 1640 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₅O₂ [M-OH] 237.1854, found 237.1843; [α]_D²⁴ -21.0 (*c* 0.80, CHCl₃).

(5*R*, 7*R*, 9*R*)-9-Methoxy-8,8-dimethyldodeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diol (104)

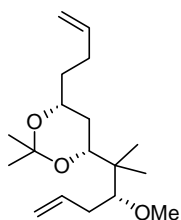


To a solution of **140** (2.09 g, 8.2 mmol) in THF (82.0 mL) and MeOH (8.20 mL) at -78 °C was added Et₂BOMe (1.13 mL, 9.04 mmol). After 1 hour, NaBH₄ (0.93 g, 24.7 mmol) was added at -78 °C. After one hour, hydrogen peroxide solution (aq., 30%, 31.0 mL) was added *carefully dropwise* and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After 3 hours the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL) and satd. Na₂SO₃ (aq) (40 mL). The reaction

mixture was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude residue. The material was purified via flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product (1.63 g, 77%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.90-5.77 (m, 2 H), 5.17- 4.95 (m, 4 H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (s, 1 H), 3.87-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.43-2.13 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.40 (m, 4 H), 0.98 (s, 3 H), 0.86 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3, 136.0, 116.3, 114.1, 89.6, 77.8, 71.7, 59.9, 41.4, 36.9, 36.6, 34.7, 29.4, 21.2, 20.2; IR (neat): 3440, 2977, 2253, 1641, 1470, 1389 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₈O₃Na [M + Na] 279.1936, found 279.1911; [α]_D²⁴ +2.0 (*c* 0.85, CHCl₃).

(4*R*, 6*R*)-4-(But-3-enyl)-6-((*R*)-3-methoxy-2-methylhex-5-en-2-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane

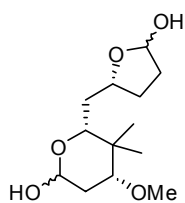
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To a solution of **104** (0.05 g, 0.20 mmol) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane (2.79 mL) at room temperature was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (5.00 mg, 0.03 mmol). After 3 hours, Et₃N (0.10 mL) was added followed by H₂O (3.00 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford an oily yellow residue. The material was purified via flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.03-5.89 (m, 1 H), 5.89-5.76 (m, 1H), 5.14-4.95 (m, 4 H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.36-2.07 (m, 4 H), 1.68-1.15 (m, 4 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 137.6, 115.8, 114.6, 98.3, 83.9, 71.2, 68.5, 60.2, 41.7, 35.7, 35.5, 30.9, 30.3, 29.3, 20.0, 18.2, 17.3.

(4*R*, 6*R*)-6-(((*R*)-5-Hydroxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-4-methoxy-5, 5-

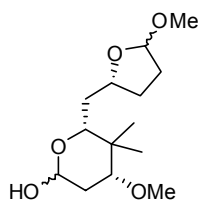
dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-ol (103)



To a solution of **104** (0.92 g, 3.60 mmol) in *p*-dioxane (18.0 mL) and H₂O (18 mL) at room temperature was added 2,6-lutidine (0.77 g, 7.20 mmol), OsO₄ (0.02 g, 0.07 mmol), and NaIO₄ (3.08 g, 14.4 mmol). After 4 hours, the chalky reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted again with EtOAc (2 x 200 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude residue. The material was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes to 50% EtOAc in hexanes, to 70% EtOAc in hexanes, to 100% EtOAc, to 10% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford the desired product as a viscous oil (0.77 g, 82%): ¹³C (75 MHz CDCl₃) δ 98.6, 98.4, 97.9, 94.6, 94.5, 91.8, 91.6, 83.3, 80.1, 80.0, 79.8, 79.7, 79.3, 78.4, 78.1, 74.7, 73.8, 60.2, 57.1, 57.1, 56.9, 38.8, 38.7, 38.0, 35.7, 34.7, 34.3, 33.6, 33.3, 33.1, 32.2, 32.1, 30.8, 30.6, 30.3, 30.1, 29.3, 22.3, 22.2, 20.8, 14.0, 12.9, 12.0; IR (neat): 3404, 2962, 1737, 1443, 1244 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₂₄O₅Na [M+Na] 283.1521 found 283.1537; [α]_D²³ +16.6 (*c* 0.79, MeOH).

(4*R*, 6*R*)-4-Methoxy-6-(((*R*)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-

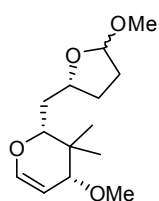
dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-ol (141)



To a solution of **103** (0.60 g, 2.31 mmol) in THF (12.0 mL) and MeOH (12.0 mL) at room temperature was added pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTs) (0.17 g, 0.69 mmol). After 40 minutes the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL) was added. The reaction was subsequently warmed to room temperature then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine

(10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a viscous yellow residue which was used without further purification: ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 104.8, 104.8, 104.7, 104.6, 94.6, 91.9, 83.6, 83.5, 80.0, 79.9, 79.1, 78.8, 78.12, 78.06, 76.0, 75.7, 72.9, 72.8, 57.2, 57.1, 54.5, 54.4, 54.3, 38.7, 38.6, 37.9, 37.9, 35.5, 35.2, 34.1, 34.1, 34.0, 33.1, 33.0, 31.9, 31.0, 29.0, 28.8, 28.6, 28.5, 22.4, 22.3, 22.3, 22.2, 13.0, 13.0, 12.1, 12.1; IR (neat): 3411, 2962, 2829, 2246, 1733, 1443, 1367, 1244 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₂₆O₅Na [M + Na] 297.1678 found 297.1705; [α]²³_D +30.1 (*c* 0.60, MeOH).

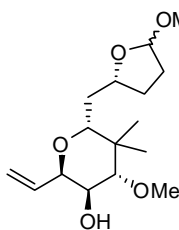
(2*R*, 4*R*)-4-Methoxy-2-(((*R*)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran (102)



Crude **141** (0.6 g, 2.31 mmol) was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (14 mL) and cooled to -78 °C whereupon diisopropylethylamine (2.5 mL, 13.9 mmol) was added followed by trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.69 mL, 4.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at -78 °C then warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 1 hour. Afterwards, the reaction was heated to 40 °C. After 2 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and brine was added (10 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 12 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL), brine (15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (the column was washed with 3% Et₃N in hexanes, then eluted with 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a mixture of inseparable isomers (0.55 g, 92%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.33 (app. d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 5.1 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.81 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 4.8, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.31-4.21 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (br s, 1 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (s, 1.5 H), 3.34 (s, 1.5 H), 2.19-1.80 (m, 4 H), 1.72-1.43 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (s, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 104.7,

104.6, 100.0, 100.0, 80.3, 80.2, 80.1, 78.1, 75.3, 56.9, 54.4, 54.1, 35.4, 35.2, 35.1, 33.5, 33.0, 31.9, 28.7, 28.4, 23.4, 13.7; IR (neat): 3056, 2979, 2934, 2825, 1648, 1464, 1367, 1266, 1195, 1100, 1042 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ [M^+] 256.1675, found 256.1675; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -30.0 (c 1.02, CHCl_3).

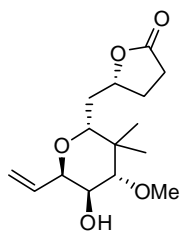
(2R, 3S, 4S, 6R)-4-Methoxy-6-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyl-2-vinyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-ol (101)



To a solution of **102** (0.47 g, 1.85 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (19.0 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added DMDO (0.07 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 75.0 mL) in 3 portions. After the final addition was complete, the reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure at 0 °C, (using argon to backfill the rotary evaporator after the vacuum was removed), until approximately 5 mL of solvent remained. The crude solution was diluted in CH_2Cl_2 (31.0 mL) and added dropwise over 15 minutes to a stirring -78 °C solution of trivinyl alane (0.1 M, 111.0 mL). The reaction was stirred for 2 hours at -78 °C, then warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 30 minutes. Afterwards, H_2O (30 mL) followed by satd. sodium potassium tartrate (aq) (100 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product in quantitative yield: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.21-6.12 (m, 1 H), 5.51-5.41 (m, 1 H), 5.03 (br d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 4.94 (br d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 4.56-4.50 (m, 1 H) 4.34-4.19 (m, 1 H), 3.91-3.80 (m, 1 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.44-3.34 (m, 4 H), 2.82 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.08-1.62 (m, 6 H), 0.95 (s, 1.5 H), 0.94 (s, 1.5 H), 0.89 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 132.5, 132.3, 119.3, 119.1, 104.7, 104.5, 87.2, 87.1, 78.2, 75.8, 75.8, 75.7, 74.5, 74.1, 69.4, 67.7, 62.3, 54.3, 54.1, 41.2, 41.1, 36.5, 34.5, 33.0, 31.8, 28.9,

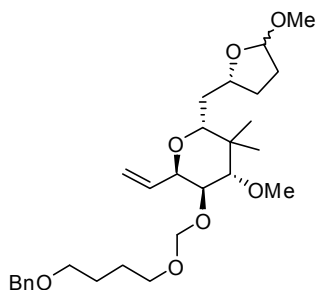
28.5, 25.4, 23.2, 23.1, 13.7, 13.6; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{15}H_{25}O_4$ [M-OMe] 269.1752 found 269.1745.

(R)-5-(((2R,4S,5S,6R)-5-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-3,3-dimethyl-6-vinyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (162)



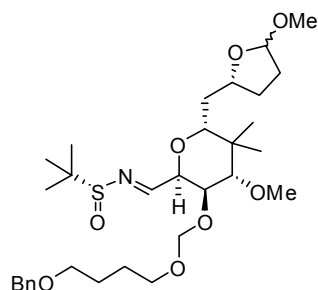
To a solution of **101** (0.02 g, 0.07 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.34 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added *m*-CPBA (0.02 g, 0.09 mmol) followed by $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (0.018 mL, 0.15 mmol). After 2 minutes, the reddish-orange reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. After 20 minutes, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and Et_3N (0.050 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (70% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.23-6.12 (m, 1 H), 5.47 (app. s, 1 H), 5.42 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.71-4.65 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (dd, $J = 5.4, 6.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (dd, 6.6, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.44 (app. d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.57-2.52 (m, 2 H), 2.36-2.26 (m, 1 H), 2.09-1.83 (m, 2 H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (s, 3 H), 0.91 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 177.0, 132.2, 120.5, 87.1, 78.8, 75.9, 73.0, 69.5, 62.6, 41.2, 34.1, 28.8, 27.3, 23.5, 14.1; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{15}H_{24}O_5$ [M^+] 284.1624 found 284.1621.

(2R, 4S, 5S, 6R)-5-((4-(Benzyloxy)butoxy)methoxy)-4-methoxy-2-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-3, 3-dimethyl-6-vinyltetrahydro-2H-pyran (145)



To a solution of **101** (0.042 g, 0.14 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.05 mL) was added DIPEA (0.06 mL, 0.35 mmol), and the solution was stirred for 30 minutes. Afterwards, a heterogeneous mixture of BBM-Cl⁷⁰ (0.08 g, 0.35 mmol) and KI (0.06 g, 0.35 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.05 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C. After stirring overnight the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and H₂O (1 mL) was added to the reaction. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (10% to 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product (0.053 g, 77%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.25-7.21 (m, 5 H), 6.11-6.05 (m, 1 H), 5.48-5.37 (m, 2 H), 5.04-5.03 (m, 0.5 H), 4.95-4.93 (m, 0.5 H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.60-4.51 (m, 4 H), 4.31-4.15 (m, 1 H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 1 H), 3.56-3.38 (m, 6 H), 3.31-3.24 (m, 4 H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.03-1.20 (m, 10 H), 0.83 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.5, 133.5, 133.2, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 119.1, 119.0, 104.8, 104.6, 95.7, 85.7, 85.6, 78.3, 76.3, 75.8, 74.9, 74.4, 74.0, 72.7, 70.0, 67.8, 61.9, 54.5, 54.2, 41.5, 41.4, 36.8, 34.8, 33.1, 31.9, 29.1, 28.7, 26.4, 26.3, 23.0, 22.9, 13.8, 13.7; IR (neat): 3019, 2400, 1215, 1100, 1040, 757 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₈H₄₄O₇Na [M + Na] 515.2985 found 515.2963; [α]_D²⁴ +32.6 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).

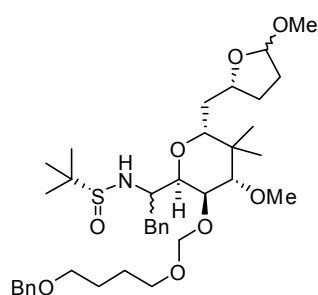
(E)-N-(((2R,3R,4S,6R)-3-((4-(Benzyloxy)butoxy)methoxy)-4-methoxy-6-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)methylene)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (147)



To a solution of **145** (0.50 g, 1.02 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10.00 mL), cooled to -78 °C was bubbled O₃ in 20 second intervals until all starting material was observed to be consumed by TLC (approximately 3 minutes total bubbling time). The solution was placed under N₂ atmosphere for 10 minutes, and PPh₃ (0.80 g, 3.06 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at -78 °C. The solution was subsequently warmed to room temperature. After stirring for 1 hour at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in THF (13.40 mL). To this solution at room temperature was added Ti(*i*-OPr)₄ (1.56 mL, 5.20 mmol), followed by (*R*)-*tert*-butylsulfonamide (0.37 g, 3.06 mmol), and the reaction was stirred overnight. The following morning brine (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, the heterogeneous mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite, and the filter cake was washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude yellow to translucent oil was purified via flash column chromatography (30 to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a pale yellow oil (0.34 g, 55%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 5 H), 5.03-5.00 (m, 0.57 H), 4.93 (app. d, 0.43 H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.79-4.73 (m, 1 H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (s, 2 H), 4.65-4.23 (m, 1 H), 4.05-3.98 (m, 1 H), 3.70-3.64 (m, 1 H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 7 H), 3.33-3.32 (m, 3 H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.2-1.4 (m, 10 H), 1.27-1.22 (m, 9 H), 0.90 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 166.5, 138.5, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 104.8, 104.7, 96.0, 86.2, 86.2, 78.2, 76.5,

76.3, 76.0, 75.9, 75.4, 70.7, 69.8, 68.1, 62.0, 57.1, 57.1, 54.5, 54.2, 41.4, 41.3, 36.8, 34.8, 33.0, 32.0, 29.6, 29.3, 28.9, 26.4, 26.3, 22.7, 22.5, 22.3, 13.4; IR (neat): 3052, 2933, 2248, 1620, 1454, 1364, 1265, 1100, 1039, 909 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{51}\text{NO}_8\text{NaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 620.3233 found 620.3267; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -10.7$ (c 0.58, CHCl_3).

***N*-((1-((2*R*, 3*R*, 4*S*, 6*R*)-3-((4-(Benzyloxy)butoxy)methoxy)-4-methoxy-6-(((*R*)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-phenylethyl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (148)**

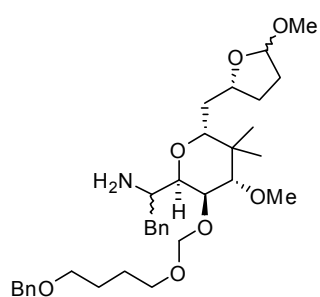


To a solution of **147** (0.78 g, 1.31 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (33.0 mL) cooled to -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ was added benzylmagnesium chloride (18.0 mL, 1 M in Et_2O) slowly dropwise. After addition was complete H_2O (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the solution was warmed to 0 $^\circ\text{C}$.

The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes to 100% EtOAc) to afford the desired product as a ~1:1 mixture of inseparable isomers (0.66 g, 73%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34-7.18 (m, 10 H), 5.30-5.19 (m, 1 H), 5.03-4.95 (m, 1 H), 4.77-4.67 (m, 2 H), 4.6-4.5 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 4.38-4.22 (m, 1 H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.54-3.23 (m, 9 H), 3.19-3.03 (m, 2 H), 2.90-2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.38-1.78 (m, 4 H), 1.68-1.26 (m, 7 H), 1.21-0.80 (m, 15 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.4, 138.2, 138.0, 136.8, 136.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 126.0, 104.9, 104.7, 104.6, 96.4, 95.3, 84.1, 84.0, 78.8, 78.4, 78.2, 76.4, 75.6, 73.8, 72.7, 72.1, 71.8,

71.0, 69.8, 68.4, 68.3, 68.0, 61.5, 60.5, 59.7, 55.7, 55.5, 55.3, 55.2, 54.5, 54.2, 54.1, 41.2, 41.0, 39.1, 37.3, 37.1, 36.3, 36.1, 35.3, 34.3, 33.8, 33.0, 31.9, 31.8, 29.1, 29.1, 29.0, 25.9, 24.6, 23.8, 23.6, 22.4, 22.1; IR (neat): 3252, 3029, 2947, 2360, 1454, 1364, 1268, 1042, 953 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{59}\text{NO}_8\text{NaS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ 712.3859 found 712.2859; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ -22.6. (c 0.53, CHCl_3).

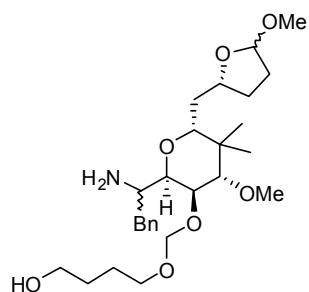
1-((2*R*, 3*R*, 4*S*, 6*R*)-3-((4-(Benzyloxy)butoxy)methoxy)-4-methoxy-6-(((*R*)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-phenylethylamine (149)



To a solution of **148** (1.60 g, 2.39 mmol) in MeOH (120 mL) at 0 °C was added 4M HCl in *p*-dioxane (6.00 mL, 23.90 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 0 °C then warmed to room temperature. After 40 minutes the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and 10% NaOH (aq. w/v) was added until precipitation occurred. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL). The organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (the column was washed in 3% Et_3N in hexanes then eluted with 50% EtOAc in hexanes to 100% EtOAc) to afford the desired product (1.13 g, 80%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 10 H), 5.03-5.01 (m, 0.64 H), 4.94 (app d, 0.36 H), 4.83 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.77-4.48 (m, 3 H), 4.49-4.48 (m, 2 H), 4.32-4.28 (m, 1 H), 4.01-3.55 (m, 5 H), 3.49-3.45 (m, 3 H), 3.34-3.29 (m, 3 H), 3.22-3.17 (m, 1 H), 3.08-3.04 (m, 1 H), 2.58-1.41 (m, 12 H), 1.14-1.07 (m, 3 H), 0.95-0.93 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.4, 139.3, 139.2, 139.1, 138.3, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0,

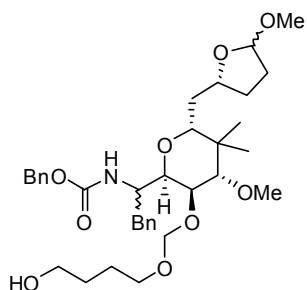
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4-(((2R, 3R, 4S, 6R)-2-(1-Amino-2-phenylethyl)-4-methoxy-6-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-yl)oxy)butan-1-ol (150)



To a solution of **149** (0.13 g, 0.22 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added glacial acetic acid (0.10 mL, 1.67 mmol). To the reaction mixture was added Pd/C (0.10 mg, 10 wt. %), the reaction vessel was evacuated, and then placed under H_2 (g) atmosphere. After stirring overnight the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filter cake was rinsed copiously with EtOAc. The filtrate was washed with satd. NaHCO_3 (aq) (10 mL), followed by brine (20 mL). The aqueous layers were combined and back-extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was without further purification.

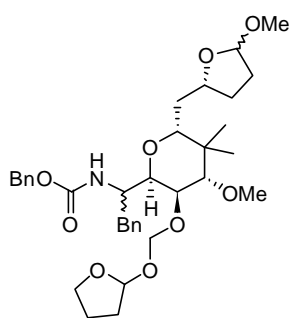
Benzyl 1-((2*R*, 3*R*, 4*S*, 6*R*)-3-((4-hydroxybutoxy)methoxy)-4-methoxy-6-(((*R*)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-phenylethylcarbamate (151)



To a solution of crude **150** (0.11 g, 0.22 mmol) in THF/H₂O (1:1, 4.0 mL) was added NaHCO₃ (0.22 g, 0.27 mmol) followed by benzylchloroformate (0.05 g, 0.27 mmol). After 2 hours the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (3 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexane to 70% EtOAc in hexanes, to 100% EtOAc) to afford the desired product (0.08 g, 70%, 2 steps): ¹H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.13 (m, 10 H), 6.42 (br s, 0.32, 1 H), 5.98 (br s, 0.68 H), 5.46 (app d, 0.62 H), 5.35 (app d, 0.38 H), 5.13-5.06 (m, 0.66 H), 5.02-4.91 (m, 2.85 H), 4.82-4.74 (m, 1.22 H), 4.65-4.63 (m, 1.5 H), 4.57-4.42 (m, 1.36 H), 4.40-4.29 (m, 0.41 H), 4.26-4.05 (m, 1.07 H), 3.92-3.77 (m, 1.15 H), 3.67-3.54 (m, 2.53 H), 3.46-3.27 (m, 6.06 H), 3.20-3.00 (m, 1.43 H), 3.00-2.72 (m, 1.76 H), 2.70-2.14 (m, 1.22), 2.12-1.78 (m, 3.15 H), 1.63-1.31 (m, 5.63 H), 1.25 (s, 1.35 H), 1.09 (s, 1.07 H), 1.00 (s, 0.96 H), 0.90-0.85 (m, 2.62 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 156.0, 155.7, 137.6, 137.5, 137.1, 136.8, 130.0, 130.0, 129.6, 129.6, 129.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 126.2, 126.1, 104.9, 104.7, 96.1, 96.0, 95.1, 84.4, 84.0, 83.9, 83.7, 80.0, 78.6, 77.1, 75.7, 68.6, 68.1, 66.1, 65.9, 62.3, 62.2, 60.8, 59.9, 59.7, 54.5, 54.2, 54.1, 51.8, 51.2, 39.8, 38.3, 37.7, 37.0, 36.6, 35.1, 34.6, 34.0, 33.1, 32.7, 31.8, 31.5, 29.8, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 39.3, 39.3, 29.2, 28.9, 28.8, 26.2, 26.1, 24.5; IR (neat): 3432,

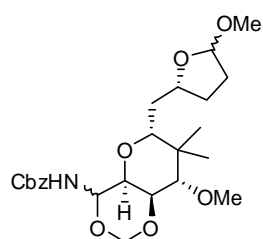
2936, 2360, 1702, 1496, 1453, 1365, 1096, 1038 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{51}\text{NO}_9\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]$ 652.3462 found 652.3436; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +19.6$ (c , 1.40 CHCl_3).

Benzyl 1-((2R, 3R, 4S, 6R)-4-methoxy-6-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-5, 5-dimethyl-3-((tetrahydrofuran-2-yloxy)methoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-2-phenylethylcarbamate (152)



To a solution of **151** (0.13 g, 0.21 mmol) in cyclohexane (14.0 mL) at room temperature was added (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (0.150, 0.46 mmol) followed by I_2 (0.04 g, 0.33 mmol). The reaction was stirred vigorously for 20 minutes, and then irradiated using a medium pressure mercury lamp. After 2 hours the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (14.0 mL) and washed with satd. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (aq) (15 mL) followed by brine (15 mL). The aqueous layers were combined then back-extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4) filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow oil. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (the column was washed with 3 % Et_3N in hexanes, then eluted with 30% EtOAc in hexanes to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product (0.10 g, 80%). The product was used immediately.

2-((4aS, 6R, 8S, 8aR)-8-Methoxy-6-(((R)-5-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-7, 7-dimethylhexahydropyrano[3,2-d][1,3]dioxin-4-ylamino)-1-phenylethanone (153)

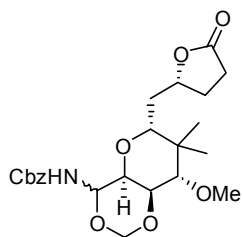


To a solution of **152** (0.044 g, 70.2 μmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (9.0 mL) and toluene (1.4 mL) at room temperature was added NMQPF_6 (0.001 mg, 4.21 μmol), NaOAc (0.088 mg), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (0.088 mg) and powdered 4Å

mol. sieves (0.088 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, and then irradiated for 4 hours while air was gently bubbled through the solution. The crude reaction mixture was then filtered through a short pad of Celite, and the filter cake was washed copiously with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a 2:1 mixture of inseparable diastereomers (0.024 g, 73%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 5 H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 0.33 H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 0.67 H), 5.18-5.07 (m, 4.5 H), 4.93 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 0.5 H), 4.85 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.12-4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.83-3.64 (m, 3 H), 3.39 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.40-1.40 (m, 6 H), 1.24 (s, 3 H), 0.92 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8, 136.3, 136.1, 128.5, 128.4, 105.1, 105.0, 91.3, 83.8, 83.7, 81.6, 81.5, 80.6, 80.0, 77.7, 77.2, 72.9, 67.1, 66.9, 61.4, 61.3, 59.4, 59.3, 54.4, 54.3, 36.7, 36.6, 34.7, 32.9, 31.6, 29.9, 29.8, 27.7, 27.6; IR (neat): 3054, 2986, 2306, 1729, 1512, 1422, 1265 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_8\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 488.2260 found 488.2268; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} -8.5$ (c 0.61, CHCl_3).

(5R)-5-(((4aS, 6R, 8S, 8aR)-8-Methoxy-7, 7-dimethyl-4-(2-oxo-2-phenylethylamino)hexahydropyrano[3,2-d][1,3]dioxin-6-yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one

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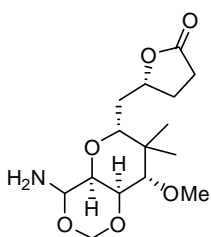


To a solution of **153** (0.13 g, 0.27 mmol) in acetone (5.00 mL) at 0 °C was added Jones reagent (0.20 mL, 2.67M). After addition, the reaction was complete by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was loaded directly onto a silica column and purified via flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes to 70% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a mixture of inseparable

hexanes to 70% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a mixture of inseparable

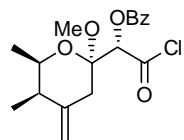
diastereomers (0.08 g, 64%), d.r. = 7.3:1) *Distinguishable peaks assigned to the minor diastereomer are underlined.* ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-7.0 (m, 5 H), 6.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 0.88 H), 5.95 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 0.12), 5.21-5.09 (m, 4 H), 4.89 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 0.16 H), 4.83 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 0.84 H), 4.54-4.44 (m, 0.74 H), 4.38-4.25 (m, 0.26 H), 3.75 (br s, 2 H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 2.7, 12.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.39 (s, 2.72 H) 2.98 (s, 0.27 H), 2.95 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1 H), 2.65-2.59 (m, 1 H), 2.52-2.47 (m, 2 H), 2.41-2.29 (m, 1 H), 1.93-1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.16-1.58 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (s, 1.13 H), 1.24 (s, 1.87 H), 0.94 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 155.5, 136.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 91.4, 83.4, 79.7, 79.5, 79.2, 78.8, 72.6, 67.2, 61.7, 59.3, 36.4, 33.4, 28.6, 28.1, 27.3, 22.5; IR (neat): 3019, 2400, 1771, 1730, 1514, 1423, 1024, 929 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_8\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 472.1947, found 472.1914; $[\alpha]_D^{23} -1.4$ (c 0.63, CHCl_3).

(5R)-5-(((4aS,6R,8S,8aR)-4-Amino-8-methoxy-7,7-dimethylhexahydropyrano[3,2-d][1,3]dioxin-6-yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (93)

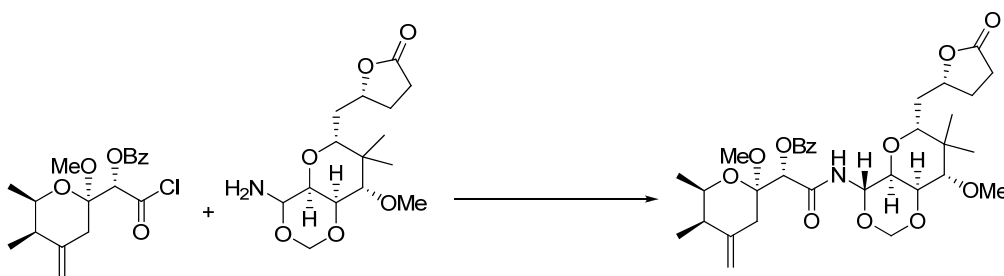


To a solution of **154** (0.016 g, 0.037 mmol) in EtOAc at room temperature was added Pd/C (30 mg, 10 wt%). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with H_2 (g) 3 times before being left under H_2 (g) atmosphere. After 40 minutes, the reaction was complete by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite and the filter cake was washed several times with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a colorless oil which was used immediately without further purification.

(S)-2-(Benzyloxy)-2-((2R,5R,6R)-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-4-methylenetetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetyl chloride (158)



To a solution of **159** (0.025 g, 0.075 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.60 mL) was added pyridine (0.31 mL, 0.62 M in CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄) and SOCl₂ (0.31 mL, 0.48 M in CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 20 minutes then concentrated under reduced pressure. The material was used immediately without further purification.



To a solution of **158** (0.026 g, 0.075 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.75 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added DMAP (0.009 g, 0.075 mmol), and the reaction was stirred for 5 minutes. Afterwards, a solution of **93** (0.012 g, 0.037 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.37 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 5 minutes and then warmed to room temperature. After 4 hours the reaction mixture was directly purified via PTLC (50% EtOAc in hexanes) followed by a second prep plate, (20% EtOAc in benzene, 2 elutions) to afford the desired products (**156** and **52**) as a 1:1 mixture of separable products (0.008 g, 40%).

epi-C₇-O-Bz-theopederin D 156 (Fastest eluting): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) 8.29-8.28 (m, 2 H), 7.07-6.97 (m, 3 H), 5.93 (s, 1 H), 5.53 (app. t, *J* = 9.2, 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.85 (app t, *J* = 1.9, 3.7

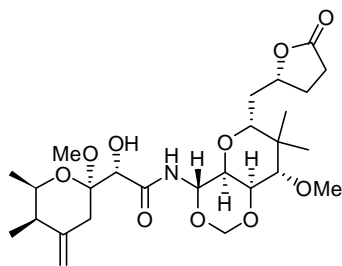
Hz, 1 H), 4.82 (app t, $J = 2.0, 3.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.26-4.22 (m, 1 H), 4.22 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (qd, $J = 2.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.31-3.27 (m, 1 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H), 3.1 (dd, $J = 2.6, 10.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.04-3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.93-2.75 (m, 4 H), 2.56 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1 H), 2.03 (qd, $J = 2.7, 7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.79-1.74 (m, 2 H), 1.43-1.37 (m, 2 H), 1.20 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H), 1.18 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 0.84 (s, 3 H), 0.66 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 177.5, 167.6, 166.0, 146.1, 133.3, 110.6, 99.7, 92.3, 85.9, 80.9, 80.1, 78.6, 77.1, 76.7, 72.5, 70.0, 61.6, 48.0, 41.9, 41.3, 34.5, 32.0, 30.2, 29.0, 28.0, 22.6, 17.8, 14.5, 12.2, 1.4; IR (neat): 3608, 3359, 2960, 2923, 2852, 1725, 1659, 1632, 1465, 1412, 1378, 1261, 1094, 1021 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{45}\text{NO}_{11}\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 654.2890 found 654.2870; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +9.8$ (c 0.1, CHCl_3).

*C*₇-*O*-Bz-theopederin D **52** (*faster eluting*): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 8.25 (dd, $J = 1.5, 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 3 H), 5.84 (s, 1 H), 5.76 (app t, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.82 (br s, 1 H), 4.79 (br s, 1 H), 4.58 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.56-4.52 (m, 1 H), 4.50 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (dd, $J = 6.6, 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (qd, $J = 3.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (dd, $J = 7.2, 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (s, 3 H), 2.77 (br d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1 H), 2.33 (dt, $J = 11.4, 16.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.14 (ddd, $J = 3.0, 9.0, 12.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.93-1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.90 (qd, $J = 2.4, 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 1.21-1.17 (m, 2 H), 1.04 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 0.75 (s, 3 H), 0.68 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 175.9, 167.0, 165.4, 144.9, 133.6, 130.1, 129.8, 127.6, 111.5, 99.8, 86.6, 78.7, 78.0, 75.2, 74.9, 74.1, 73.0, 71.9, 69.9, 61.3, 48.4, 41.4, 41.2, 45.6, 34.6, 28.8, 28.2, , 22.8, 17.6, 12.2; IR (neat): 3354, 2962, 2924, 2854, 2360, 2339, 1770, 1727, 1526, 1453, 1413, 1261 cm^{-1} ; HRMS

(ES) m/z calcd. for $C_{33}H_{45}NO_{11}Na$ $[M+Na]$ 654.2890 found 654.2877; $[\alpha]_D^{22} +29.0$ (c 0.1, EtOAc); literature⁴⁵: $[\alpha]_D^{23} +54.0$ (c 0.5, EtOAc).

*C*₇-*O*-Bz-*epi*-*C*₁₀-theopederin D (**157**) (slowest eluting): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 8.36-8.33 (m, 2 H), 8.13 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 3 H), 6.20 (s, 1 H), 5.23 (dd, $J = 1.8, 9.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (br t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (br t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.31-4.27 (m, 1 H), 4.11-4.00 (m, 1 H), 4.00 (qd, $J = 2.7, 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 2.7, 11.4$ Hz, 1 H), 3.17 (s, 3 H), 3.14 (br s, 1 H), 3.05 (br d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H), 2.84 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.30 (ddd, $J = 3.6, 7.5, 15.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.09 (qd, $J = 2.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 1 H) 1.98 (dd, $J = 1.5, 9.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.39-1.15 (m, 2 H), 1.31-1.29 (m, 6 H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3 H), 0.76 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 175.9, 167.3, 166.3, 146.9, 133.4, 130.8, 110.8, 100.3, 91.7, 84.1, 80.2, 79.9, 78.2, 73.2, 72.4, 70.2, 61.7, 59.0, 48.5, 42.5, 36.9, 35.1, 33.4, 32.3, 29.0, 28.5, 28.0, 23.4, 18.5, 14.7, 14.6, 12.6, 1.6; IR (neat): 3608, 3593, 3376, 2924, 1774, 1730, 1703, 1522, 1453, 1270, 1148, 1091, 1027 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $C_{33}H_{45}NO_{11}Na$ $[M+^{23}Na]$ 654.2890 found 654.2901; $[\alpha]_D^{23} +24.5$ (c 0.22, CHCl₃).

Theopederin D (1)



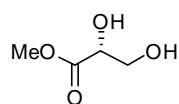
To a solution of **52** (2.0 mg, 0.004 mmol) in MeOH (0.500 mL) at room temperature was added K₂CO₃ (1.0 mg, 0.006 mmol). After 10 minutes, the reaction was complete by TLC analysis. H₂O (1.00 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes to 100% EtOAc in hexanes). This material was purified using PTLC (70% EtOAc in hexanes), followed by running an additional prep plate (70% EtOAc in acetone) to afford the desired product as well as an inseparable impurity (1.1 mg, 66%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1 H), 5.83 (dd, $J = 9.3, 9.6$ Hz, 1 H), 5.15 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.88 (br s, 1 H), 4.76 (br s, 1 H), 4.50-4.41 (m, 1 H), 4.29 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (dd, $J = 6.6, 9.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.16 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.04 (qd, $J = 2.7, 6.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (dd, $J = 6.3, 9.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.58 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.43 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.32 (s, 3 H), 2.53-2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.46-2.33 (m, 2 H) 2.36 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1 H); 2.28-2.18 (m, 2 H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.80-1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3 H), 1.03 (s, 3 H), 1.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 172.3, 145.0, 111.0, 99.8, 86.5, 79.5, 76.1, 74.0, 73.7, 71.6, 69.5, 61.7, 48.5, 41.3, 35.0, 33.3, 28.7, 28.0, 22.7, 18.1, 14.1, 12.0; IR (neat): 3541, 3164, 3060, 2999, 2943, 2292, 2252, 1735, 1627, 1442, 1375, 1270, 1039, 919 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_{10}\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 550.2528 found 550.2655. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +7.56$ (c 0.14, CHCl_3); literature¹ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +80$ (c 0.04, CHCl_3) (*no temperature was reported for the optical rotation*).

APPENDIX B

EXPERIMENTAL: SYNTHESIS AND DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION OF PSYMBERIC ACID

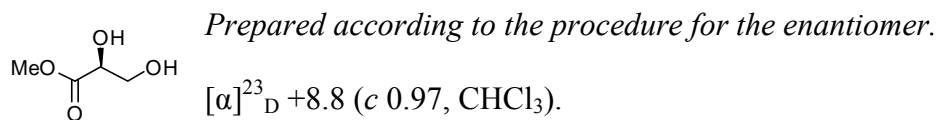
(R)-2,3-Dihydroxypropionic acid methyl ester (13)



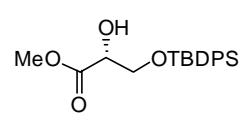
To a solution of D-serine (25.0 g, 238 mmol) in H₂O (56.0 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added aqueous H₂SO₄ (3.0 M, 126 mL) followed by slow addition of aqueous NaNO₂ (6.0 M, 42.0 mL). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 hours, then subsequently cooled to 0 °C whereupon aqueous H₂SO₄ (3.0 M, 63 mL) and aqueous NaNO₂ (6.0 M, 42.0 mL) were added again. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 days after which H₂O was distilled away from the reaction mixture (ca. 250 mL) under water aspirator pressure. The remaining reaction residue was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of NaOH (10.5 g, 263 mol) in H₂O (25.0 mL) was added followed by addition of acetone (25.0 mL) and MeOH (75 mL). The resulting solids were removed via filtration through a frit of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The above process

(aqueous NaOH addition followed by acetone/MeOH addition, filtration, and concentration) was repeated an additional 3 times. To the partially solvent free residue was added toluene (50.0 mL) and the material was concentrated under reduced pressure. This process was repeated three times. To the crude residue was added MeOH (125 mL) and CH(OMe)₃ (25 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C. After 30 minutes, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and the solution pH was neutralized by addition of solid NaOCH₃. The solids were removed via filtration through a frit of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude residue which was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product (11.4 g, 41% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.29 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.95-3.81 (m, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H); [α]²³_D -10.4 (*c* 0.97, CHCl₃). *This compound is consistent with literature values.*¹¹³

(S)-2,3-Dihydroxypropionic acid methyl ester (ent-13)

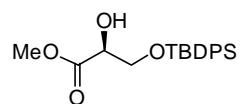


(R)-3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2-hydroxypropionic acid methyl ester (36)


 To a solution of (*R*)-methyl 2,3-dihydroxypropanoate (5.00 g, 41.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (208 mL) at room temperature was added imidazole (5.67 g, 83.3 mmol). After complete dissolution of the solids, the reaction mixture was cooled to -42 °C and *tert*-butyldiphenylsilylchloride (13.7 g, 50.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at -42 °C for 1 hour then satd. NH₄Cl (aq) (50 mL) was added and the solution was warmed to room temperature. The reaction was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic

layers were dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. The combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (11.0 g, 74% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.62 (m, 4 H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6 H), 4.27-4.25 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); [α]²³_D -23.9 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃). *The product is consistent with literature values.*¹¹⁴

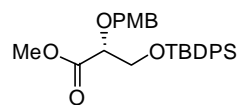
(S)-3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsiloxy)-2-hydroxypropionic acid methyl ester (ent-36)



This material was prepared from (S)-(+)-methyl 2,3-dihydroxypropanoate through the procedure that was reported for its enantiomer.

[α]²³_D +22.8 (*c* 1.91, CHCl₃).

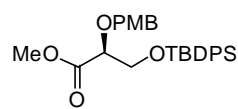
(R)-3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsiloxy)-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)propionic acid methyl ester (14)



To a stirring solution of *p*-methoxybenzyl trichloroacetimidate (5.26 g, 18.6 mmol) in cyclohexane (30 mL) at room temperature was added a solution of the appropriate secondary alcohol (2.22 g, 6.20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7.5 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and BF₃·THF (6.8 μL, 0.062 mmol) was added. An orange/white solid immediately precipitated. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and cyclohexane (1:2, 50 mL), and poured into satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (50 mL). The solution was extracted with a CH₂Cl₂/cyclohexane mixture (1:2, 3 x 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to an oily yellow semi-solid. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (2.27 g, 76% yield): ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 4 H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6 H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H) 4.11 (app. t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 1.03 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 159.3, 135.7, 135.6, 135.5, 135.4, 133.1, 133.0, 129.5, 129.4, 127.6, 113.7, 113.7, 78.8, 72.0, 64.7, 55.1, 51.7, 26.6, 19.2; IR (neat): 1818, 1740, 1423, 1363, 1249, 1202, 1143, 981, 947, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS(ES) m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₃₄O₅NaSi [M + Na] 501.2073, found 501.2052; [α]_D²⁵ +18.8 (c 1.3, CHCl₃).

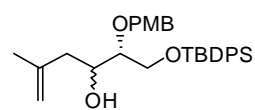
(S)-3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)propionic acid methyl ester (ent-14)



This material was prepared from the appropriate secondary alcohol through the procedure that was reported for its enantiomer. [α]_D²⁵ -20.2 (c 1.30,

CHCl₃).

1-(tert-Butyl-diphenylsilyloxy)-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-en-3-ol (15)



Method A: To a solution of **14** (2.27 g, 4.74 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (32 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (6.16 mL, 1.00 M in hexanes). The solution

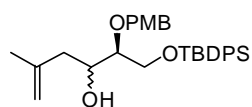
was stirred for 1 hour at -78 °C then methylmagnesium chloride (23.7 mL, 0.80 M in THF) was slowly added. The temperature was held at -78 °C for 15 minutes and then warmed to 0 °C. After 30 minutes H₂O (20 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. 10% HCl (aq) (20 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (40 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. After concentration under reduced pressure, the crude residue was

purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil in a 1.8:1 (*syn:anti*) diastereomeric mixture (2.19 g, 91% yield over 2 steps): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71-7.67 (m, 4 H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 6 H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2 H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2 H), 4.86-4.83 (m, 1 H), 4.78 (s, 0.38 H), 4.72 (s, 0.69 H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 11.3, 0.43 H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 0.68 H), 4.0-3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.89-3.74 (m, 6 H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 10.2 Hz, 0.40 H), 3.39 (m, 0.69 H), 2.40-2.39 (m, 0.46 H), 2.38 (s, 0.5 H), 2.34-2.12 (m, 2 H) 1.76 (s, 3 H), 1.07 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.24, 159.2, 142.7, 142.6, 135.6, 135.5, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 130.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.26, 127.7, 113.7, 112.9, 112.8, 81.4, 80.4, 72.5, 72.3, 69.7, 68.9, 63.8, 63.2, 55.1, 42.1, 41.2, 26.8, 22.4, 22.3, 19.1; IR (neat): 2875, 2953, 2860, 1612, 1513, 1470, 1462, 1391, 1300, 1250, 1120, 1106, 1079, 1038, 824, 705 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₁H₄₀O₄NaSi [M + Na] 527.2594, found 527.2596; [α]_D²⁵ -17.5 (*c* 1.30, CHCl₃).

Method B: To solution of **14** (0.52 g, 1.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7.2 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (1.40 mL, 1.00 M in hexanes). The solution was stirred for 1 hour at -78 °C, then EtOAc (2.0 mL) was added followed by satd. sodium potassium tartrate (aq) (10 mL) at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 3 hours. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 8 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine (15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered. The aldehyde was concentrated under reduced pressure and trace solvent removed under high vacuum. The crude material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (4.5 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. Methallyltrimethylsilane (0.28 g, 2.16 mmol) was added to the solution followed by slow addition of BF₃·THF (121 μL, 1.1 mmol). After 1 hour satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (2 mL) was added at -78 °C and the reaction was warmed to room temperature.

The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered. The residue was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil in 1:4 (*syn:anti*) ratio (303 mg, 56% yield over 2 steps).

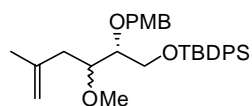
1-(*tert*-Butyl-diphenylsilanoxy)-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-en-3-ol (*ent*-15)



Prepared according to the procedure for the enantiomer.

$[\alpha]_D^{24} +19.78$ (*c* 0.74, CHCl₃).

***tert*-Butyl-[3-methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enyloxy]-diphenylsilane (16)**

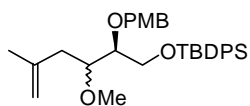


To a mixture of diastereomers of **15** (2.97 g, 5.88 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.50 mL) was added 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (1.96 mL, 8.83 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and methyl triflate was added (1.0 mL, 8.83 mmol). The solution was slowly warmed to room temperature over 12 hours, then H₂O was added (10.0 mL) and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. The crude material was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (100% hexanes to 10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (2.66 g, 87% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70-7.66 (m, 4 H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 6 H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2 H), 6.85-6.82 (m, 2 H), 4.79-4.78 (m, 1 H), 4.73 (s, 0.48 H), 4.65 (s, 0.61 H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 11.3, 0.75 H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.80 H) 4.43 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 0.60 H), 3.90-3.73 (m, 5 H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 1.61 H), 3.53-3.48 (m, 0.79 H) 3.36-3.29 (m, 3 H), 2.34-2.17 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (s, 3 H), 1.07-1.05 (m, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 150.0,

143.2, 142.9, 135.6, 133.6, 133.5, 133.47, 131.0, 130.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 127.7, 113.6, 112.5, 112.2, 80.3, 79.9, 79.6, 78.7, 77.2, 72.7, 72.3, 63.4, 62.8, 58.3, 58.0, 55.2, 22.2, 38.6, 38.1, 26.9, 22.8, 22.7, 19.2; IR (neat) 3071, 2932, 2858, 1612, 1512, 1248, 1110 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4\text{NaSi}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] 541.2750, found 541.2774; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -14.2$ (c 0.74, CHCl_3).

tert-Butyl-[3-methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enyloxy]-diphenylsilane (ent-

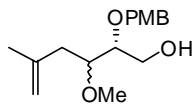
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Prepared according to the procedure for the enantiomer. Diastereomeric ratio after column chromatography was 1:1, *syn:anti*. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} +5.57$ (c 1.74, CHCl_3).

CHCl_3).

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-en-1-ol

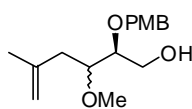


To a mixture of diastereomers of **16** (0.28 g, 0.53 mmol) in THF (5.33 mL) was added Bu_4NF (TBAF) (0.21 g) at room temperature. After 3 hours H_2O (5 mL)

was added. The solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and filtered. Concentration of the crude material under reduced pressure, followed by purification via flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded separation of the two diastereomeric products (0.11 g total, 76.2% yield). **Anti diastereomer (17)** (faster eluting): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.25 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 6.90-6.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 4.82 (s, 1 H), 4.78 (s, 1 H) 4.59 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.77-3.75 (m, 2 H), 3.58-3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.48-3.44 (m, 4 H), 2.36-2.22 (m, 3 H), 1.76 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 142.5, 130.3, 129.4, 113.8, 112.9, 80.5, 80.2, 71.7, 61.2, 58.6, 55.2, 39.5, 22.8; IR (neat): 3452, 2935, 1612, 1513, 1460, 1513, 1248, 1101,

1035 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ [M^+] 280.1675 found 280.1671; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} +7.6$ (c , 0.90, CHCl_3); **Syn diastereomer (18)** (slower eluting): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30-7.26 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.90-6.87 (d, $J = 7.4$, 2H) 4.80 (s, 1 H), 4.74 (brs, 1 H), 4.59, (s, 2 H) 3.83-3.78 (m, 4 H), 3.67-3.50 (m, 4 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (dd, $J = 4.9, 14.3$ Hz, 1 H), 2.19 (dd, $J = 2.19, 14.3$ Hz, 1 H) 1.76 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 142.7, 130.4, 129.5, 113.8, 112.6, 80.4, 78.7, 72.4, 61.9, 58.3, 55.2, 37.9, 22.7; IR (neat): 3447, 2934, 1612, 1513, 1461, 1301, 1248, 1088, 1036 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ (M^+) 280.1674 found 280.1656; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -6.5$ (c 1.06, CHCl_3).

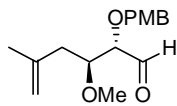
3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-en-1-ol



These compounds were prepared in accord with the procedure for their enantiomers. **Anti diastereomers (ent-17)**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -8.8^\circ$ (c 1.15, CHCl_3);

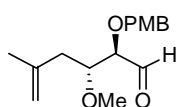
Syn diastereomers (ent-18): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} +5.8$ (c 1.29, CHCl_3).

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enal (19)



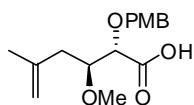
To a solution of **17** (0.15 g, 0.54 mmol) in DMSO (1.1 mL) at room temperature was added Et_3N (0.45 mL, 3.2 mmol) followed by a solution of sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (0.26 g, 1.6 mmol) in DMSO (1.1 mL). After 30 minutes H_2O (2 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 4 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (4 mL) and brine (4 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and filtered. The material was concentrated under reduced pressure and used without further purification.

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enal (ent-19)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for its enantiomer.

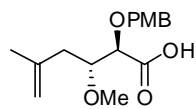
3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid



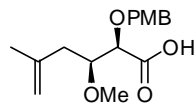
To a solution of crude aldehyde **19** (0.15 mg, 0.54 mmol) in *tert*-butanol (8.5 mL) was added 2-methyl-2-butene (7.2 mL) at room temperature. A solution of 80% NaClO₂ (1.35 g, 14.9 mmol) and NaH₂PO₄·H₂O (1.08 g, 7.80 mmol) in water (8.5 mL) was added and the colorless reaction slowly turned lime green. After 30 minutes the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL), and the organic and aqueous phases separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL), 10% aq. w/v citric acid (20 mL), and brine (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to a crude yellow oil. The material was purified via flash chromatography using a short column of silica (20% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to afford the desired product as a clear oil (0.12 g, 77% yield): **Anti isomer (21)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.29 (m, 2 H), 6.91-6.84 (m, 2 H), 4.83 (s, 1 H), 4.79 (s, 1 H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 14.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 14.6 Hz), 1.75 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 159.6, 141.7, 129.7, 128.9, 113.9, 113.3, 80.8, 80.0, 72.6, 58.3, 55.2, 38.5, 22.6; IR (neat): br 2934, 1728, 1613, 1514, 1302, 1250, 1174, 1109 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₂O₅ [M⁺] 294.1467, found 294.1452; [α]_D²⁷ -25.9 (*c* 1.08, CHCl₃); **Syn isomer (22)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.90-6.87 (m, 2 H), 4.81 (s, 1 H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.67 (s, 1 H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.81-3.77 (m, 4 H), 3.39 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 14.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 159.5, 141.5, 130.1, 128.7, 113.8, 113.6, 80.1, 77.9, 73.1, 58.3, 55.2, 37.7, 22.6; IR (neat): br 2937, 1729, 1612, 1249, 1177,

1093, 1033 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$ [M^+] 294.1467, found 294.1467; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27}$ -20.8 (c 0.85, CHCl_3).

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid

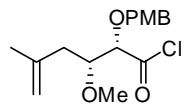


Anti isomer (ent-21): This compound was prepared according to the procedure for its enantiomer. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +23.4$ (c 0.93, CHCl_3).



Syn Isomer (ent-22): This compound was prepared according to the procedure for its enantiomer. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +26.8$ (c 1.10, CHCl_3).

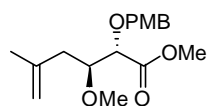
3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoyl chloride (23)



To a solution of **22** (0.108 g, 0.367 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) at 0°C was added SOCl_2 (54 μL , 0.734 mmol) followed by addition of Et_3N (143 μL , 1.03 mmol).

The solution was warmed to room temperature. After 2 hours the reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with ether (5 mL) and filtered over Na_2SO_4 . The material was concentrated under reduced pressure, and used crude in subsequent reactions.

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid methyl ester

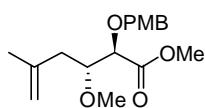


To a solution of **21** (0.122 g, 0.41 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.50 mL) at 0°C was added SOCl_2 (60.4 μL , 0.83 mmol) followed by addition of Et_3N (162 μL , 1.16

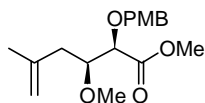
mmol) and the solution was warmed to room temperature. After 2 hours the reaction was cooled to 0°C and anhydrous MeOH (5 mL) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography (10% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (70 mg g, 54% yield): *Anti isomer (37)*: $^1\text{H NMR}$

(300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.81 (s, 1 H), 4.76 (s, 1 H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 4.05 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 2 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 159.4, 142.1, 129.7, 129.3, 113.7, 112.9, 80.7, 78.9, 72.2, 58.1, 55.2, 51.8, 38.9, 22.7; IR (neat): 2935, 1749, 1613, 1514, 1439, 1249, 1173, 1108, 1034 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄O₅Na [M + Na] 331.1521, found 331.1515; [α]²⁹_D -57.0 (*c* 0.73, CHCl₃); **Syn isomer (32)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.28 (m, 2 H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.78 (s, 1 H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 4 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (app. d, 2 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 159.4, 141.9, 129.9, 129.4, 113.7, 113.2, 80.2, 78.7, 72.7, 58.2, 55.3, 51.9, 38.0, 31.6, 22.7, 14.2; IR (neat): 2951, 1752, 1613, 1438, 1250, 1174, 1097, 1034 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄O₅Na [M + Na] 331.1521, found 331.1512; [α]²⁹_D -38.4 (*c* 0.59, CHCl₃).

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid methyl ester

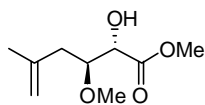


Anti isomer (ent-37): [α]²⁷_D +45.9 (*c* 0.63, CHCl₃).



Syn isomer (ent-32): [α]²⁷_D +41.5 (*c* 1.40, CHCl₃).

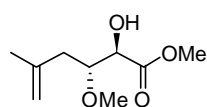
2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid methyl ester



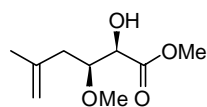
To a solution of **37** (70 mg, 0.22 mmol) in acetonitrile (4 mL) and water (400 μL) was added ceric ammonium nitrate (0.39 g, 0.72 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated by *careful evaporation*, and

purified via flash chromatography (10% to 40% Et₂O in pentane) to afford the desired product as a light yellow oil (0.025 mg, 60% yield): **Anti isomer (38)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.85 (s, 1 H), 4.80 (s, 1 H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.70-3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.24-3 (br s, 1 H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 14.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.78 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 141.7, 113.3, 81.4, 71.9, 58.2, 52.5, 37.9, 22.6; IR (neat): 3424, 3020, 2400, 1736, 1440, 1216, 1107, 929, 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₉H₁₆O₄ (M⁺) 188.1048, found 188.1043; [α]_D²⁹ +26.6 (*c*, 0.37, CHCl₃); **Syn isomer (29)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.89 (s, 1 H), 4.85 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (s, 1 H), 3.85-3.75 (m, 4 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 2.46-2.28 (m, 2 H), 1.8 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 141.4, 113.8, 80.3, 71.5, 58.0, 52.4, 37.9, 22.7; IR (neat): 3434, 2953, 1744, 1648, 1440, 1281, 1092; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₈H₁₃O₄ [M-CH₃] 173.0813, found 173.0813; [α]_D²⁹ +13.1 (*c* 0.19, CHCl₃).

2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid methyl ester

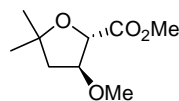


Anti Isomer (ent-38): [α]_D²⁸ -30.5 (*c* 0.71, CHCl₃).



Syn Isomer (ent-29): [α]_D²⁹ -13.0 (*c* 1.13, CHCl₃).

3-Methoxy-5,5-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

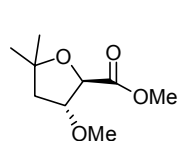


To **38** (33 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added a H₂SO₄ in MeOH (0.1 M, 1 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C and stirred for 12 hours.

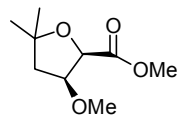
CaCO₃ (50 mg) was added and the reaction mixture was filtered to remove the solid. After *careful evaporation* of solvent, the desired product was obtained as a colorless oil in quantitative yield: **Anti isomer (34)**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.53 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 4.12 (app. q, 1 H),

3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 2.02-1.90 (m, 2 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 1.37 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 85.9, 83.7, 82.3, 57.3, 52.2, 43.8, 29.1, 28.3; IR (neat): 2916, 2848, 1755, 1620, 1439, 1366, 1260, 1107; HRMS: (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_3]$ 173.0813, found 173.0802; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{29} +2.5$ (c , 0.13, CHCl_3); **Syn isomer (31) prepared from 29**: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.64 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.25-4.20 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (dd, $J = 3.9, 13.2$ Hz, 1 H), 1.93 (dd, $J = 5.8, 13.1$ Hz, 1 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H), 1.26 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 83.4, 82.5, 80.5, 57.6, 51.9, 42.8, 28.9, 29.0; IR (neat): 2926, 2850, 1754, 1439, 1367, 1197, 1136, 1098; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_3]$ 173.0813, found 173.0819; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{29} -7.7$ (c 0.29, CHCl_3).

3-Methoxy-5,5-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

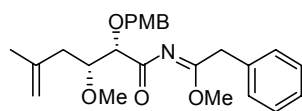


Anti isomer (33, prepared from ent-38): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{29} -9.2$ (c 0.26, CHCl_3).



Syn isomer (35, prepared from ent-29): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{29} +10.5$ (c 0.40, CHCl_3).

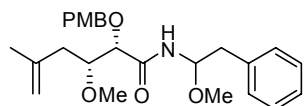
3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid (1-methoxy-2-phenylethylidene)amide (25)



To a solution of **24** (methyl imidate) (56 mg, 0.37 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) at 0 °C was added Et_3N (208 μL , 1.50 mmol) followed by a solution of crude **23** (0.12 g, 0.37 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour then warmed to room temperature for 3 hours, after which the reaction mixture was

concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with ether, and filtered over Na₂SO₄. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded a brown oil which was used crude without further purification.

3-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid (1-methoxy-2-phenylethyl)amide (26)

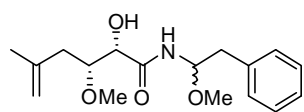


To a solution of crude **25** (0.16 g, 0.374 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of NaBH₄ (350 mg, 9.25 mmol) in EtOH (7 mL).

The reaction was stirred for 2 hours at 0 °C then satd. NaHCO₃ (aq) was slowly added dropwise.

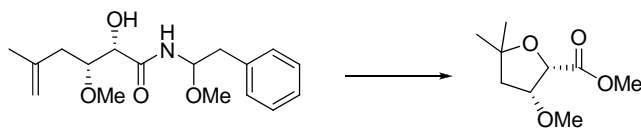
The reaction was warmed to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. The material was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography (20 to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a slightly yellow oil in a 2:1 ratio of diastereomers (61 mg, 44% over 3 steps): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.11 (m, 8 H), 6.94-6.84 (m, 3 H), 5.51-5.36 (m, 1H), 4.80 (s, 0.72 H), 4.76 (s, 0.33 H), 4.66 (s, 0.81 H), 4.58 (s, 0.33 H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 0.79 H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 0.74 H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 0.31 H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 0.41 H), 3.83-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 3.18 (s, 2 H) 3.06-2.80 (m, 2 H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 14.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 14.0 Hz, 1 H) 1.74-1.72 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 171.8, 159.73, 159.66, 141.8, 141.7, 136.1, 136.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 114.0, 113.9, 113.5, 81.0, 80.4, 80.2, 80.0, 79.8, 73.9, 73.5, 58.6, 58.3, 55.9, 55.6, 55.2, 41.6, 38.5, 37.9, 22.6; IR (neat): 3400, 3065, 3029, 2933, 2833, 1686, 1612, 1586, 1514, 1454, 1363, 1322, 1302, 1249, 1177, 1089, 1033, 894, 824, 736, 701; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀NO₄ [M-OCH₃] 396.2175, found 396.2172; [α]_D²⁹ -36.4 (*c* 0.79, CHCl₃).

2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-methylhex-5-enoic acid (1-methoxy-2-phenylethyl)amide (27)



To a solution of **26** (0.61 g, 0.15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and pH 7 (phosphate) buffer solution (100 μL) was added DDQ (0.38 mg, 0.17 mmol) at room temperature. After 4 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography (20% to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired product as a slightly yellow oil (0.19 g, 39% yield, mixture of diastereomers): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.23 (m, 5 H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.48-5.39 (m, 1 H), 4.86 (s, 1 H), 4.82 (s, 1 H), 4.0 (br s, 1 H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (s, 1.15 H), 3.39 (s, 2 H), 3.36 (s, 0.91 H), 3.19 (s, 2 H) 3.14-2.89 (m, 3 H), 2.29 (app. d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.22-2.16 (m, 1 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 172.9, 141.8, 141.7, 135.9, 135.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 113.5, 81.1, 80.9, 79.0, 78.8, 71.2, 71.1, 58.2, 56.1, 55.9, 41.6, 41.5, 39.0, 38.2, 22.6; IR (neat): 3403, 2936, 2253, 1678, 1511, 1455, 1379, 1112, 1087, 919, 733, 650 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁NO₃ [M-CH₃OH] 275.1521, found 275.1514; [α]_D²⁹ -15.3 (*c* 1.09, CHCl₃).

Model System Degradation



Imidate **27** (0.01 g, 0.03 mmol) was diluted in 1 mL of 0.1 M H₂SO₄ in MeOH. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 12 hours then cooled to 0 °C. CaCO₃ (10 mg) was added and the reaction was filtered. The filtrate was carefully concentrated to afford a yellow residue. The

crude material was purified via flash chromatography to afford the desired product (**31**) as a colorless oil (0.002 g, 34%).

Psymberin Degradation

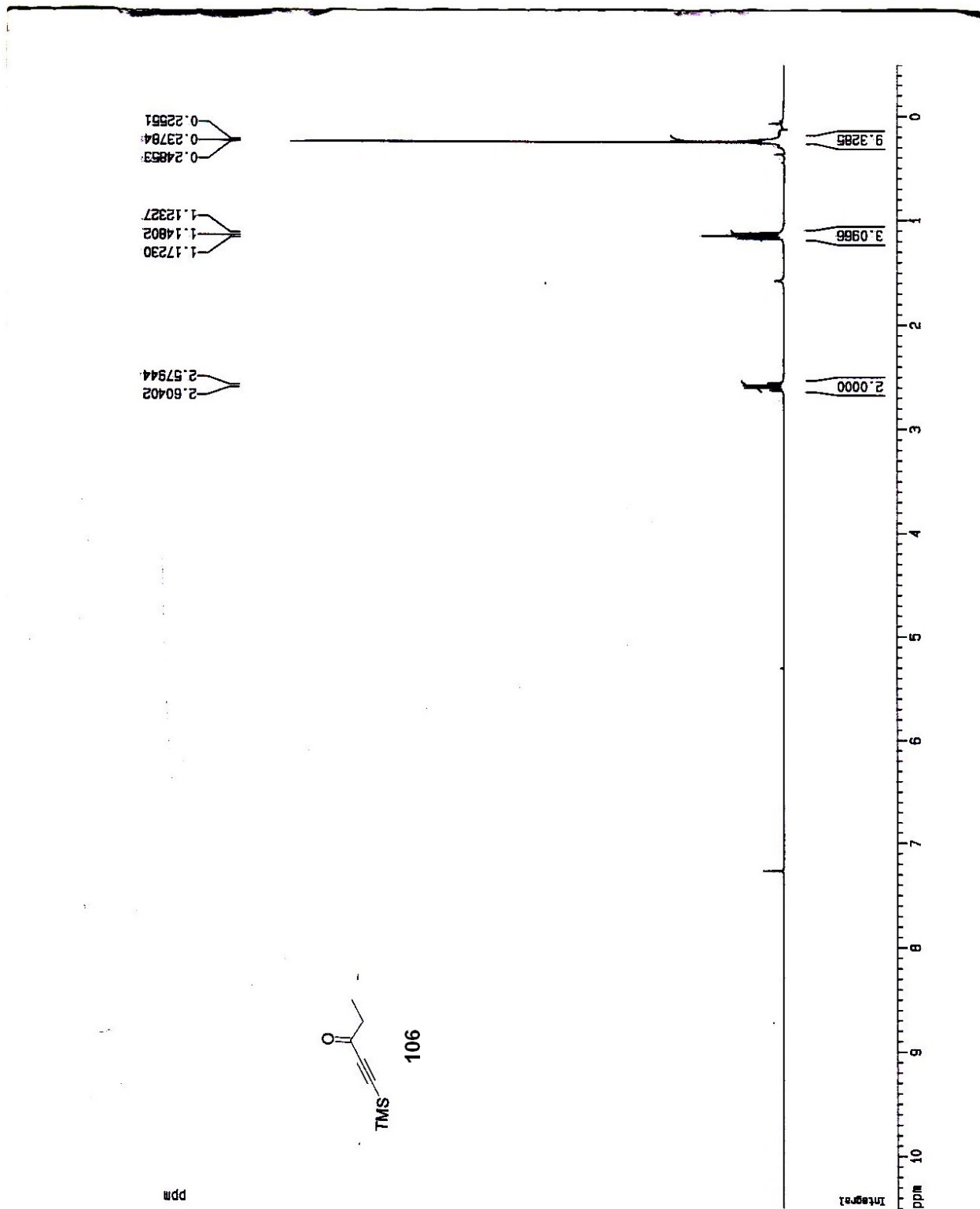
To a sample of psymberin (0.2 mg) in MeOH (250 μ L) was added a solution of H₂SO₄ (5.5 μ L) in MeOH (750 μ L). The reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 12 hours in a sealed tube. After 12 hours CaCO₃ was added, and the contents of the sealed tube were transferred via syringe into a 3 mL GC vial. The solvent was removed via *careful air evaporation*. The sealed tube as well as the syringe were washed copiously with ether (4 times) and the washings were transferred to the GC vial where the solvent was again carefully evaporated.

GC Experiments

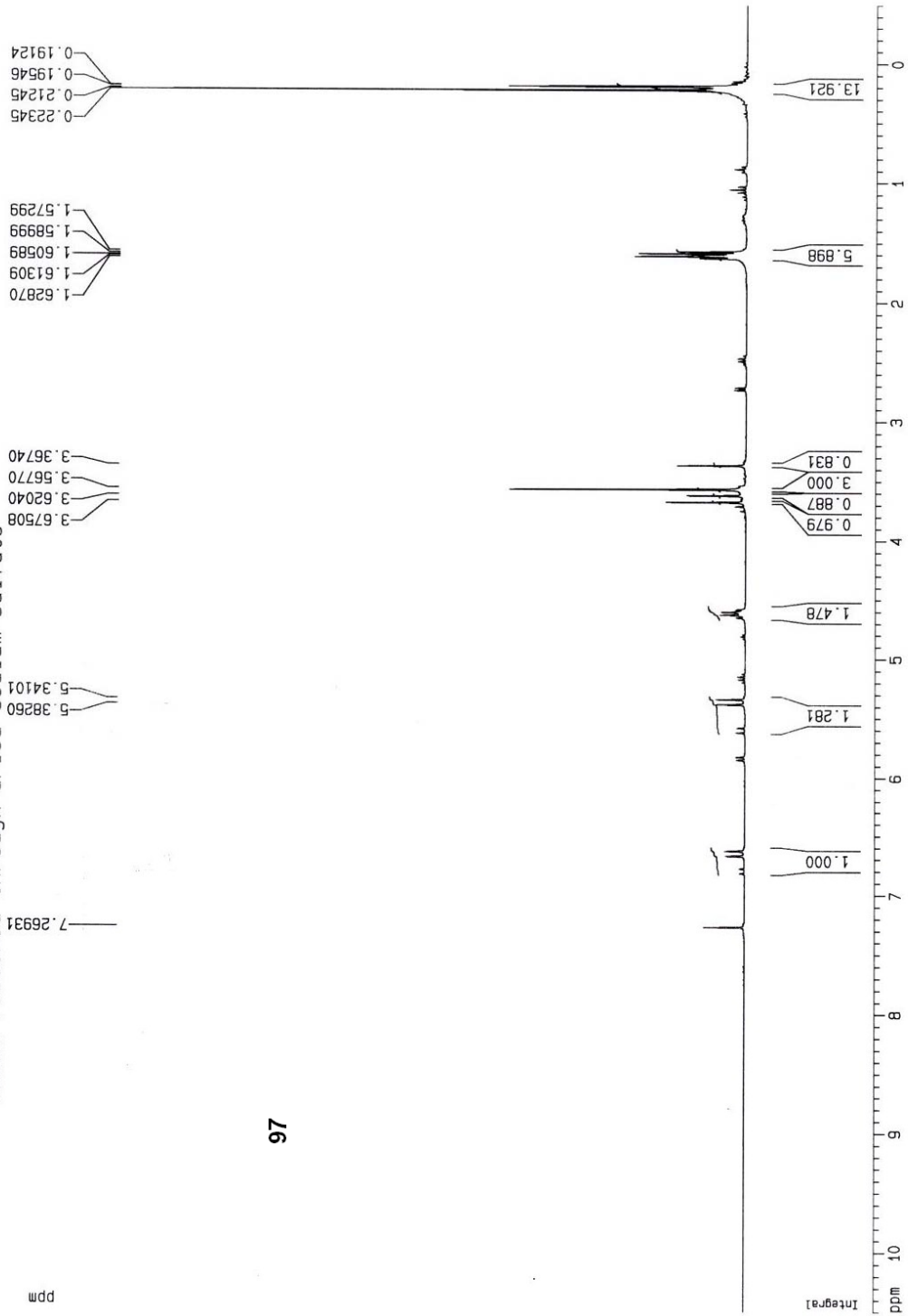
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APPENDIX C

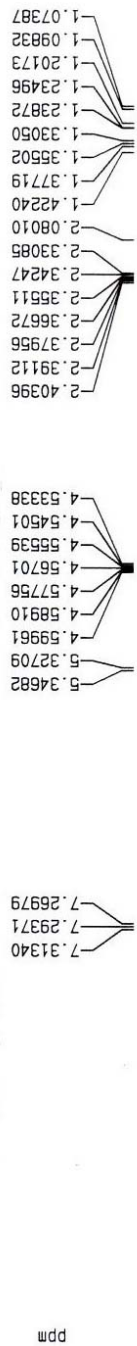
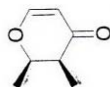
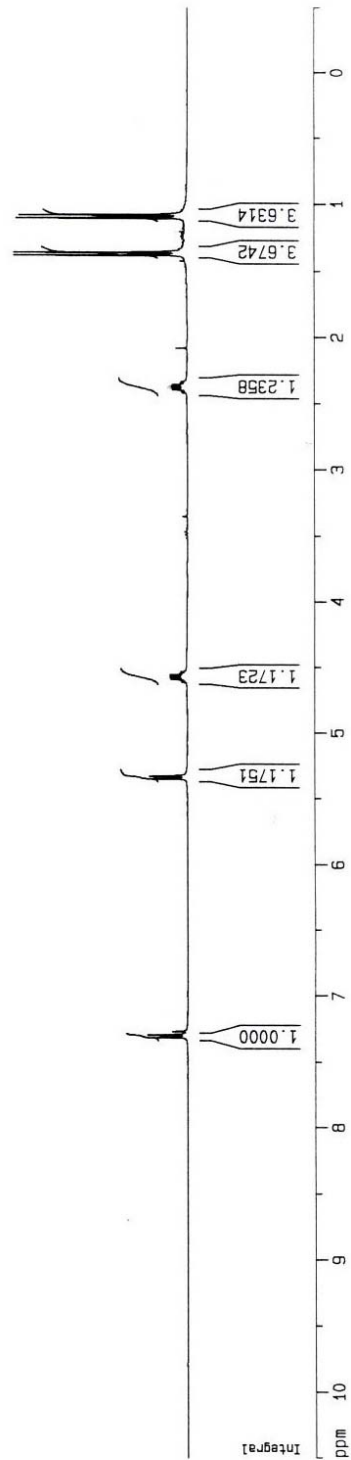
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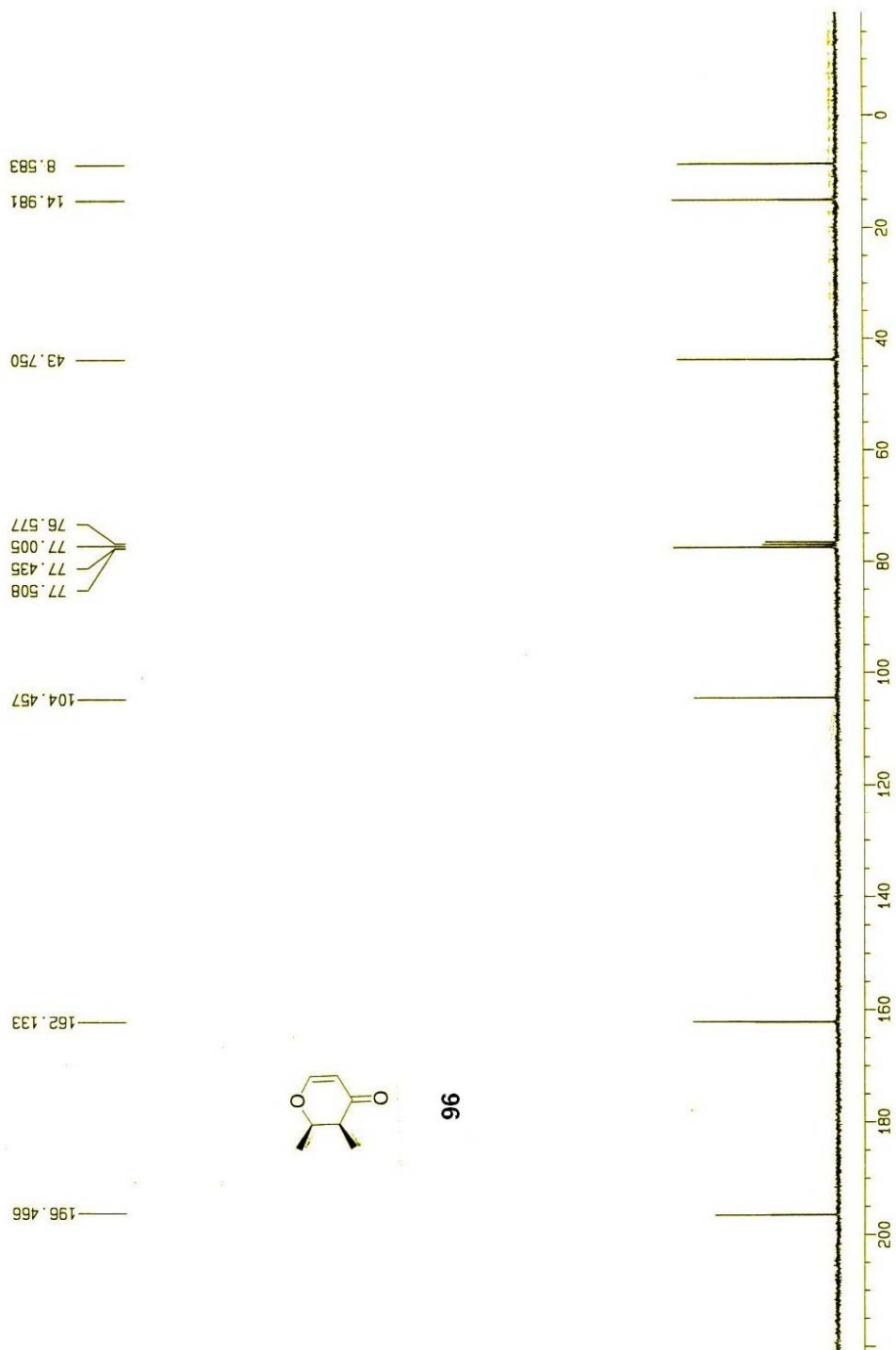


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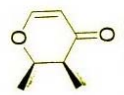


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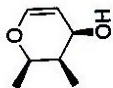
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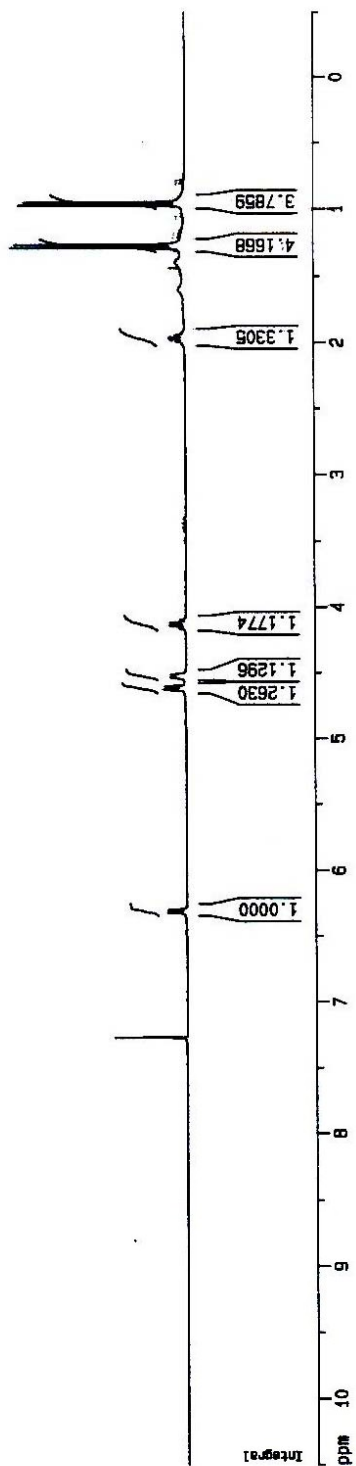
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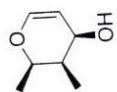
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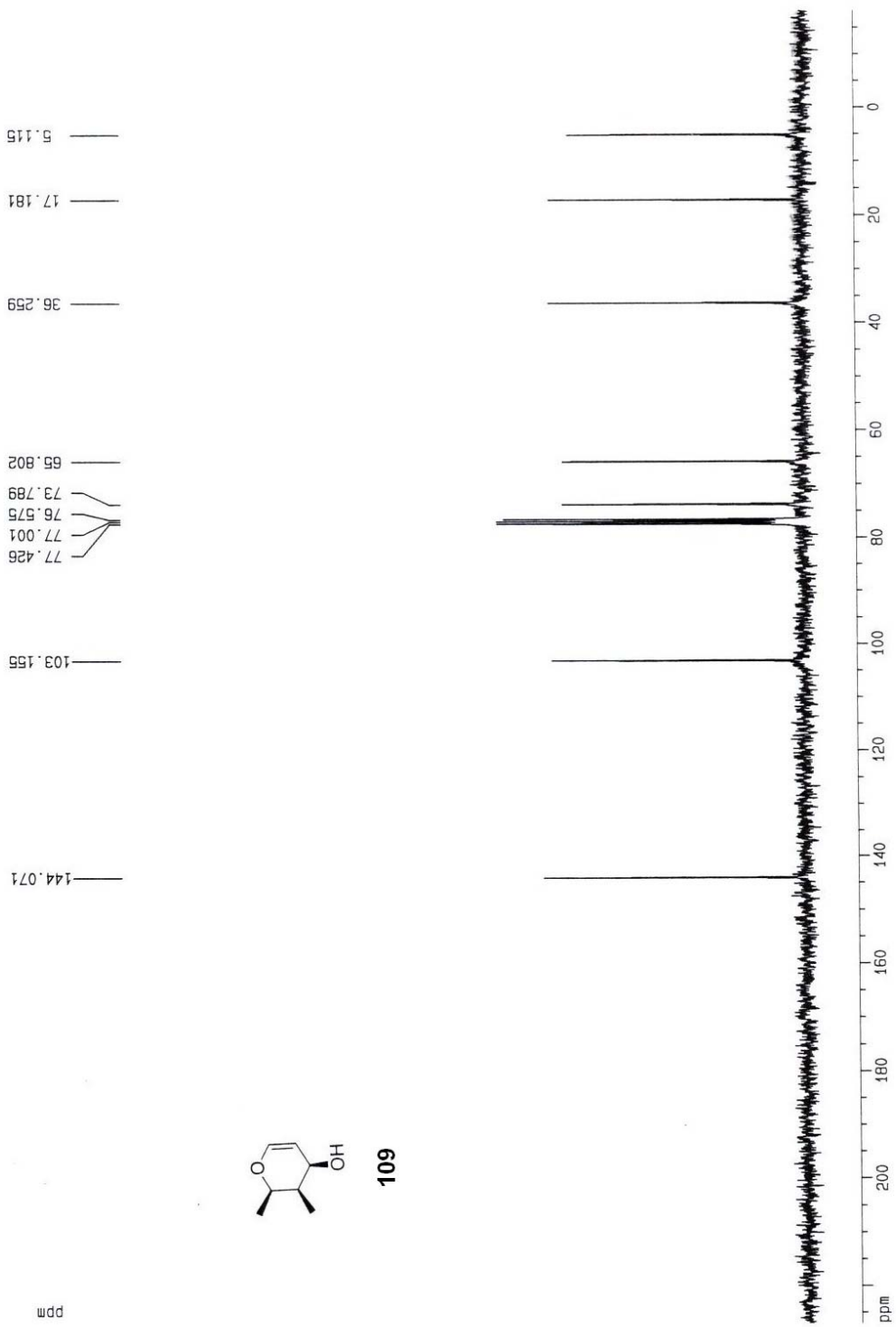


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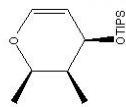
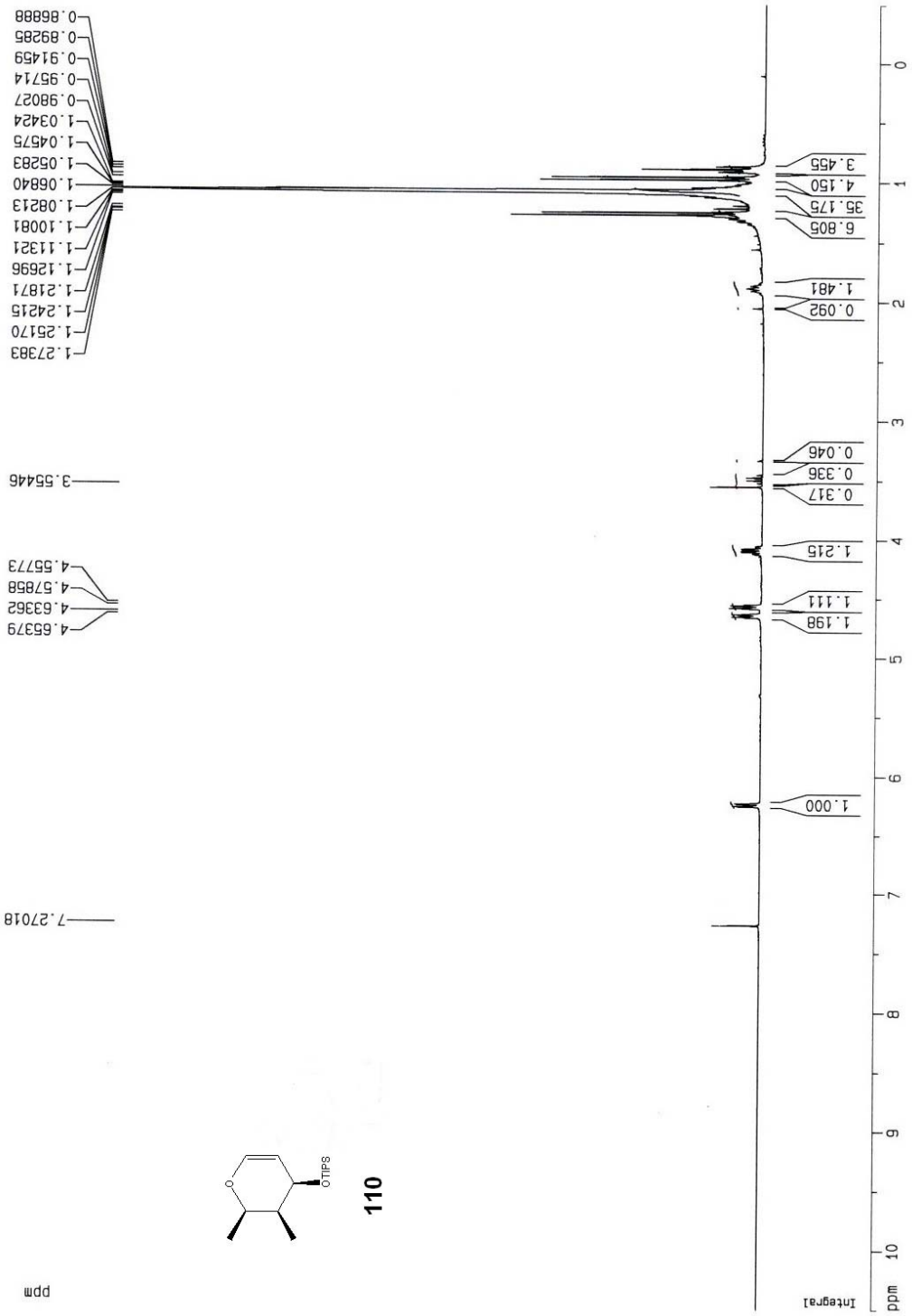




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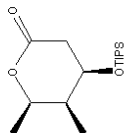
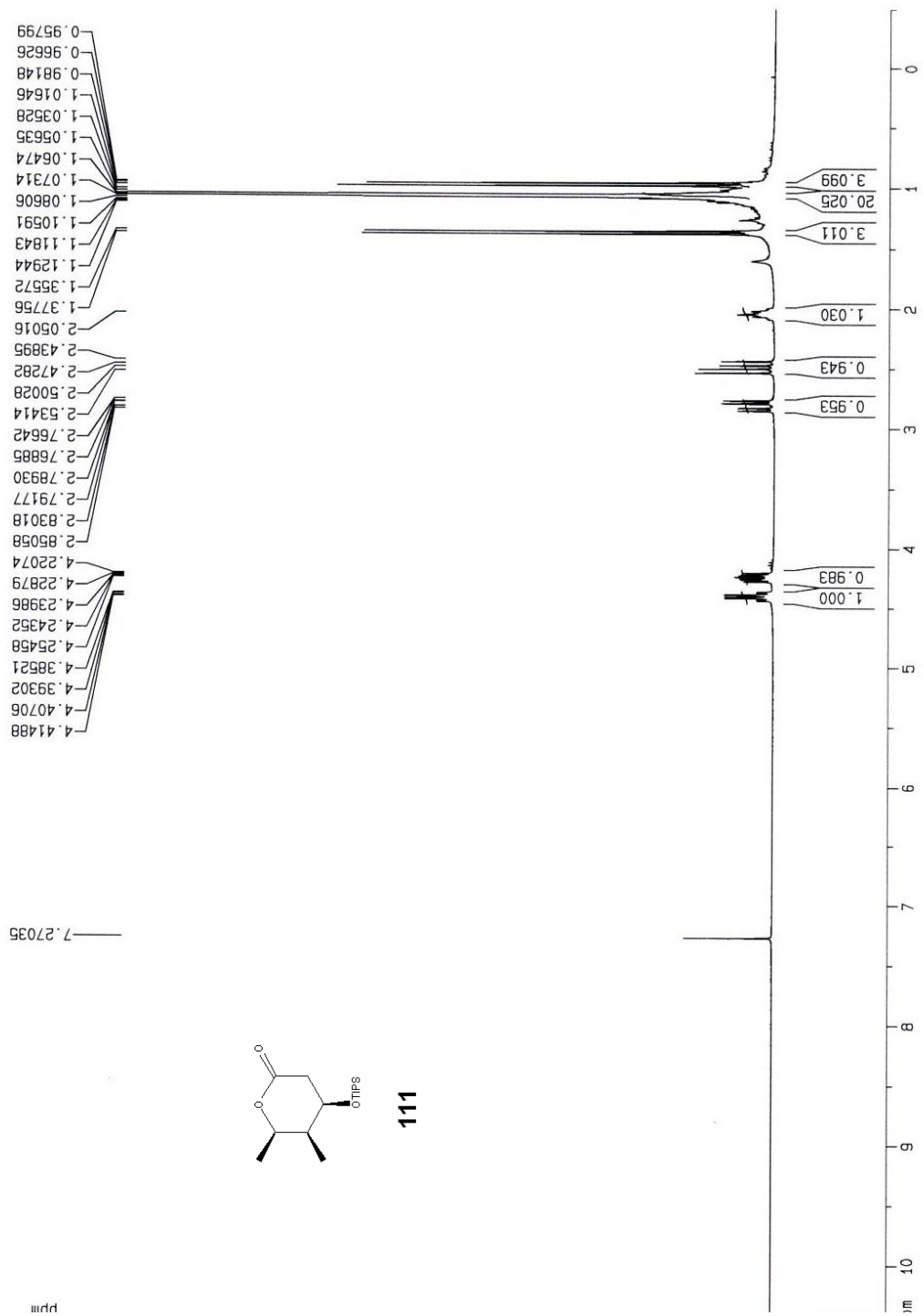


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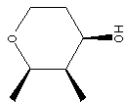
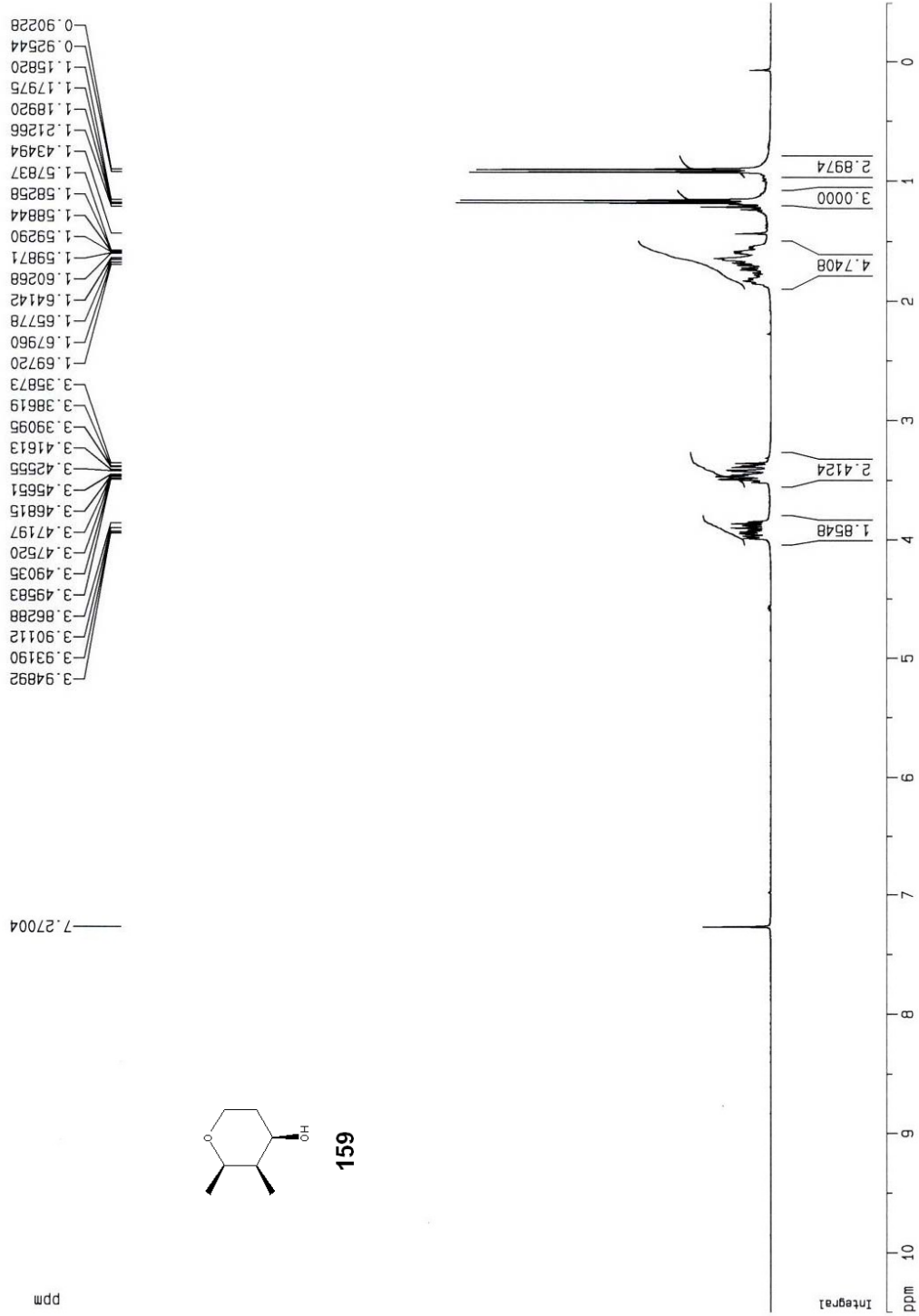
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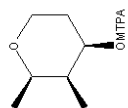


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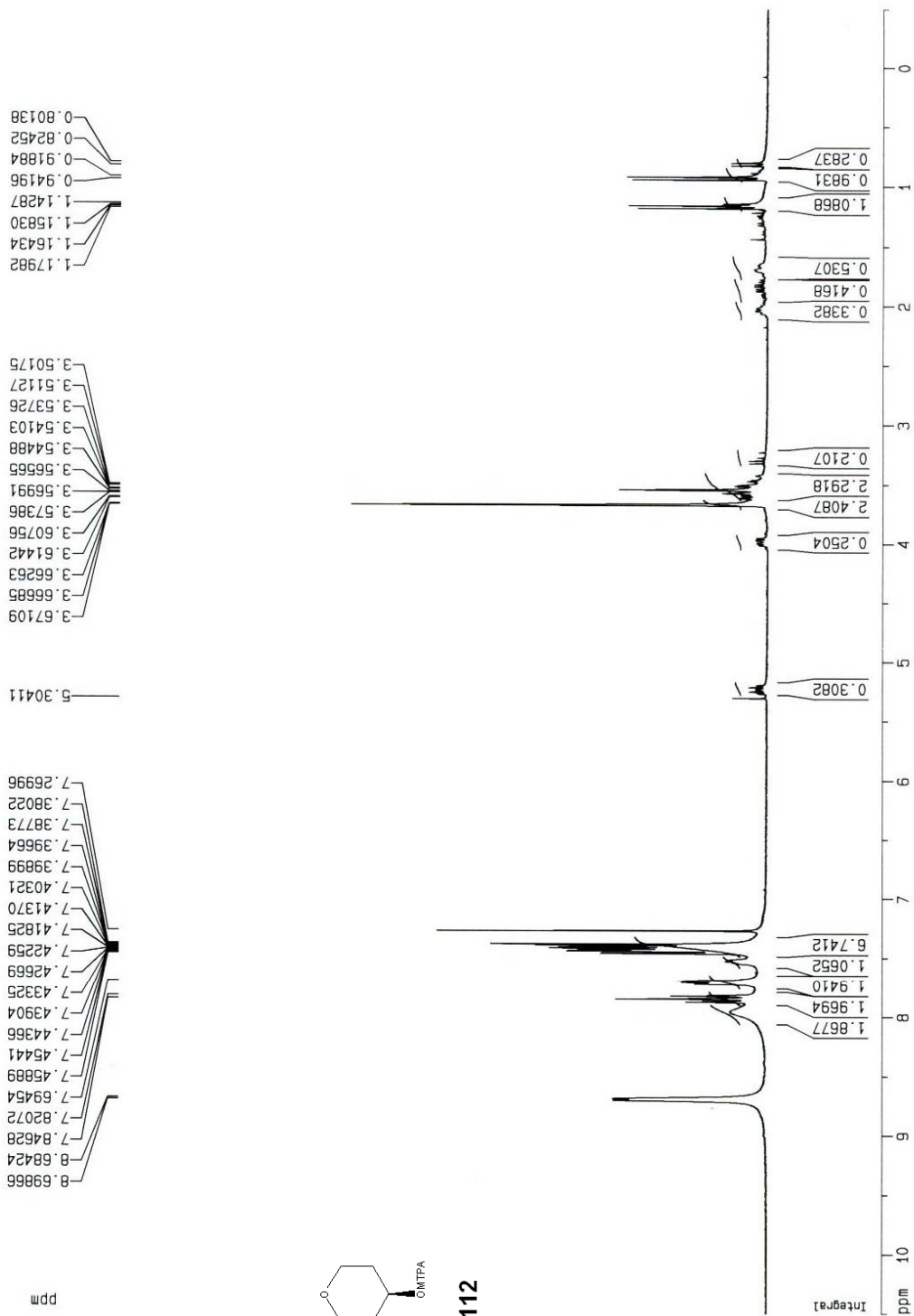


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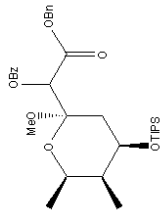
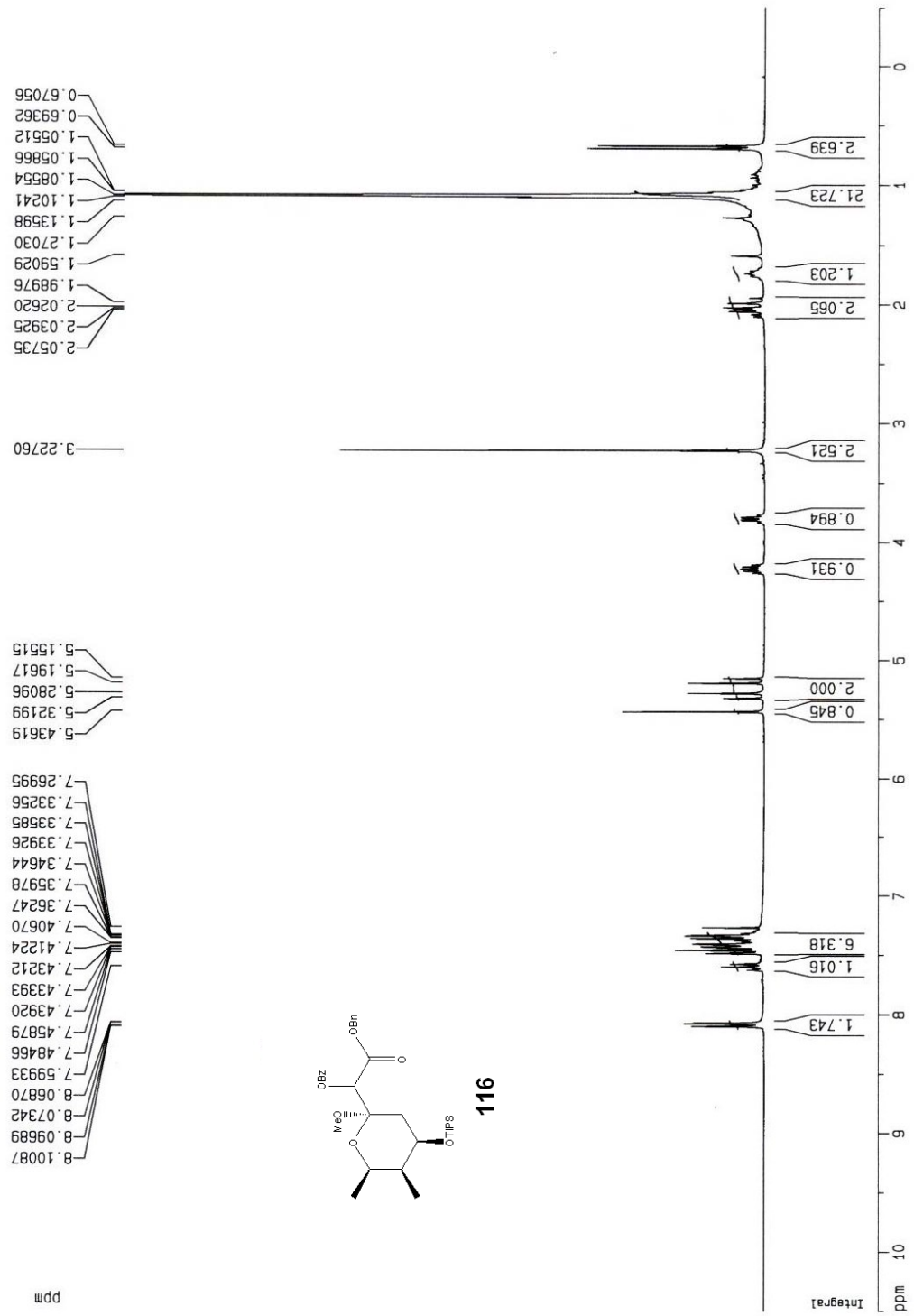


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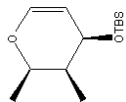
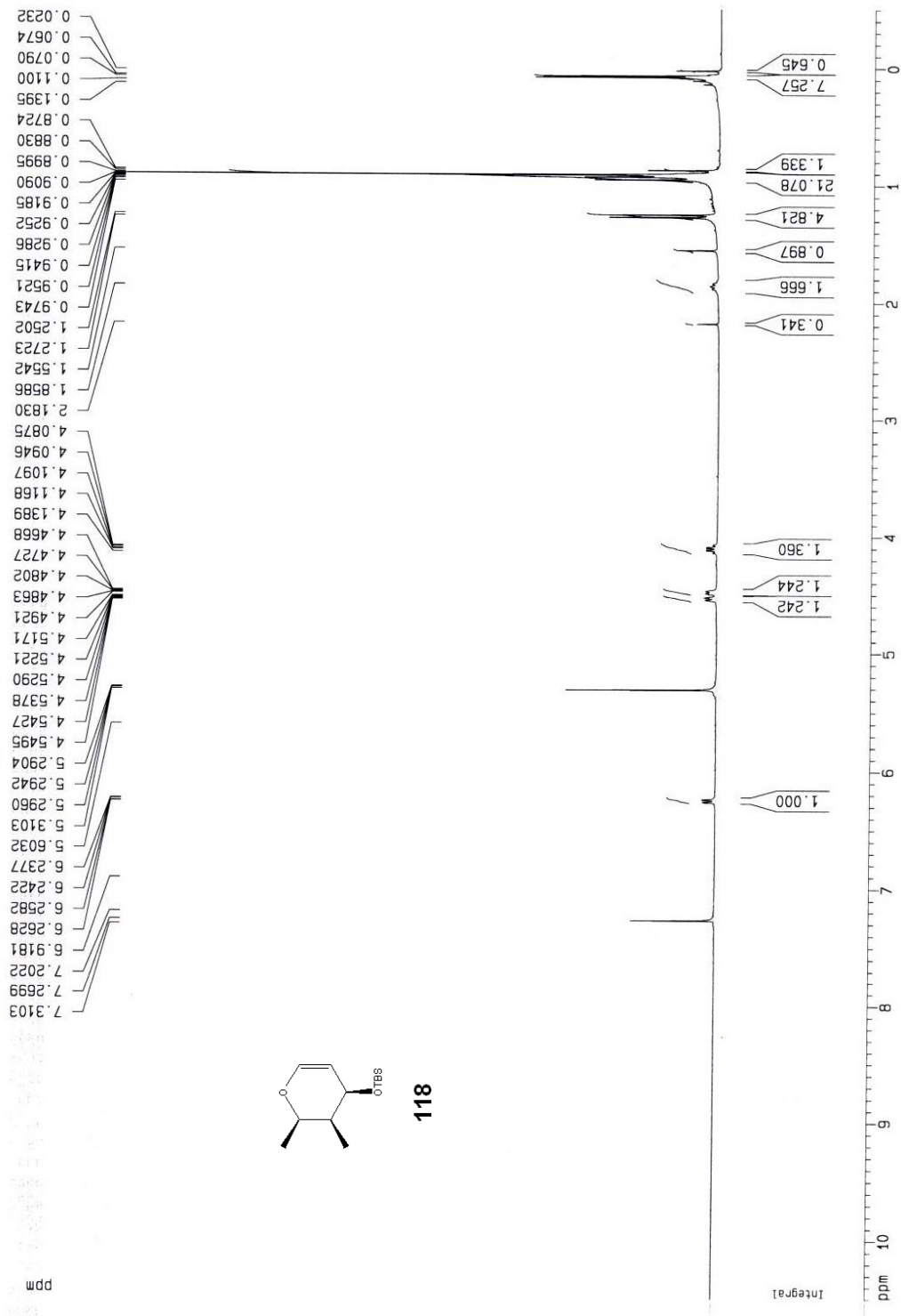
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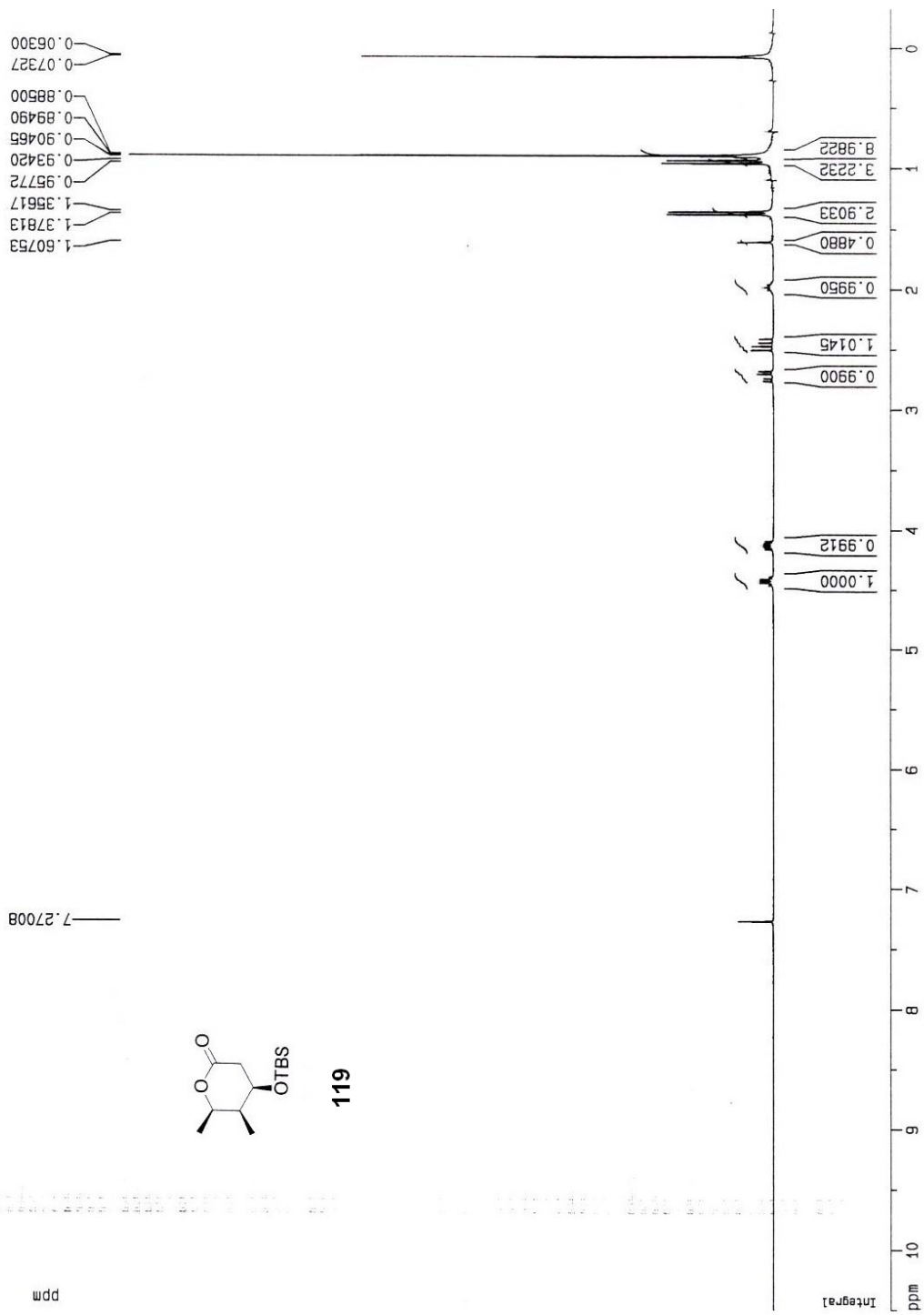
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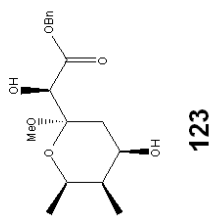
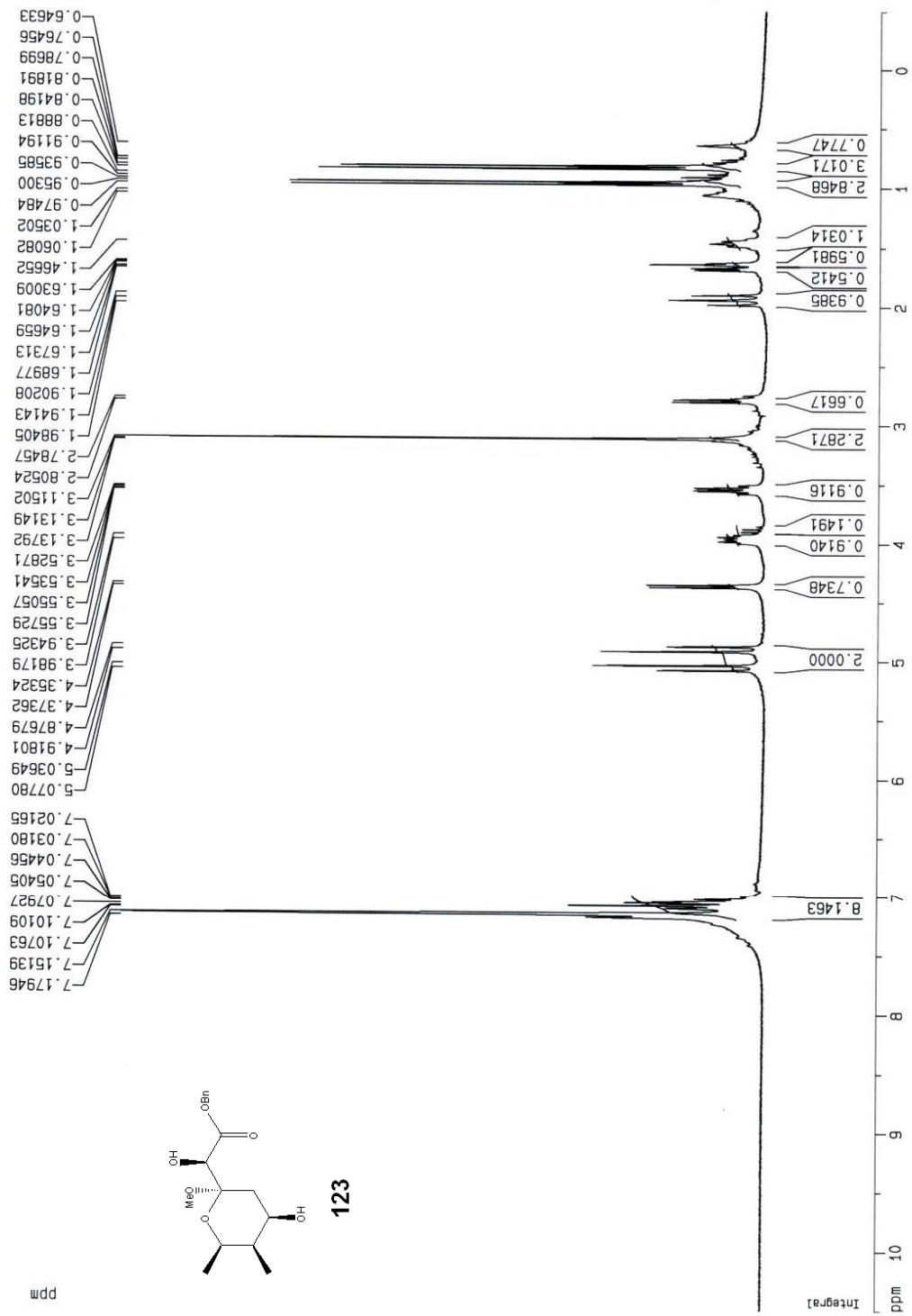
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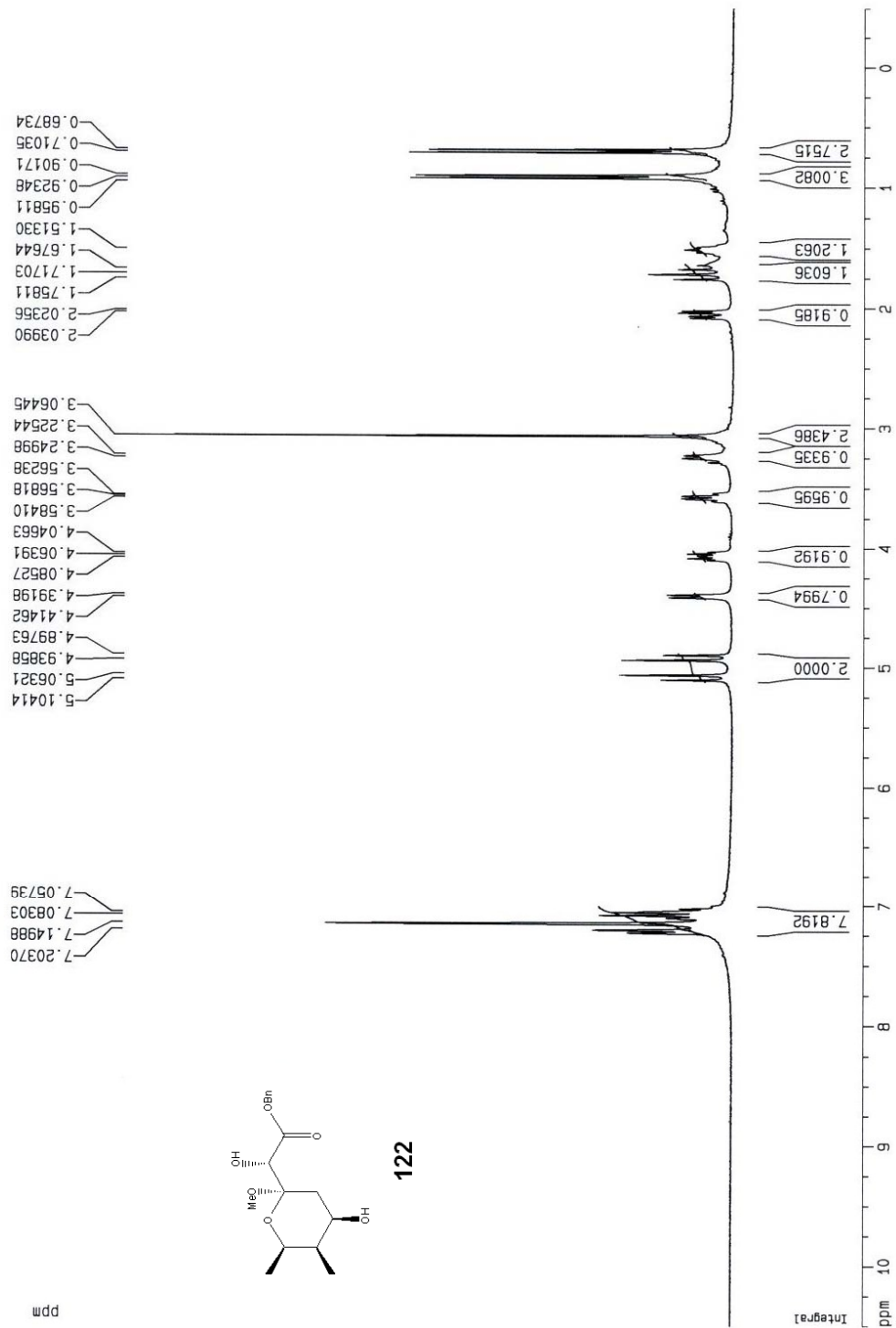
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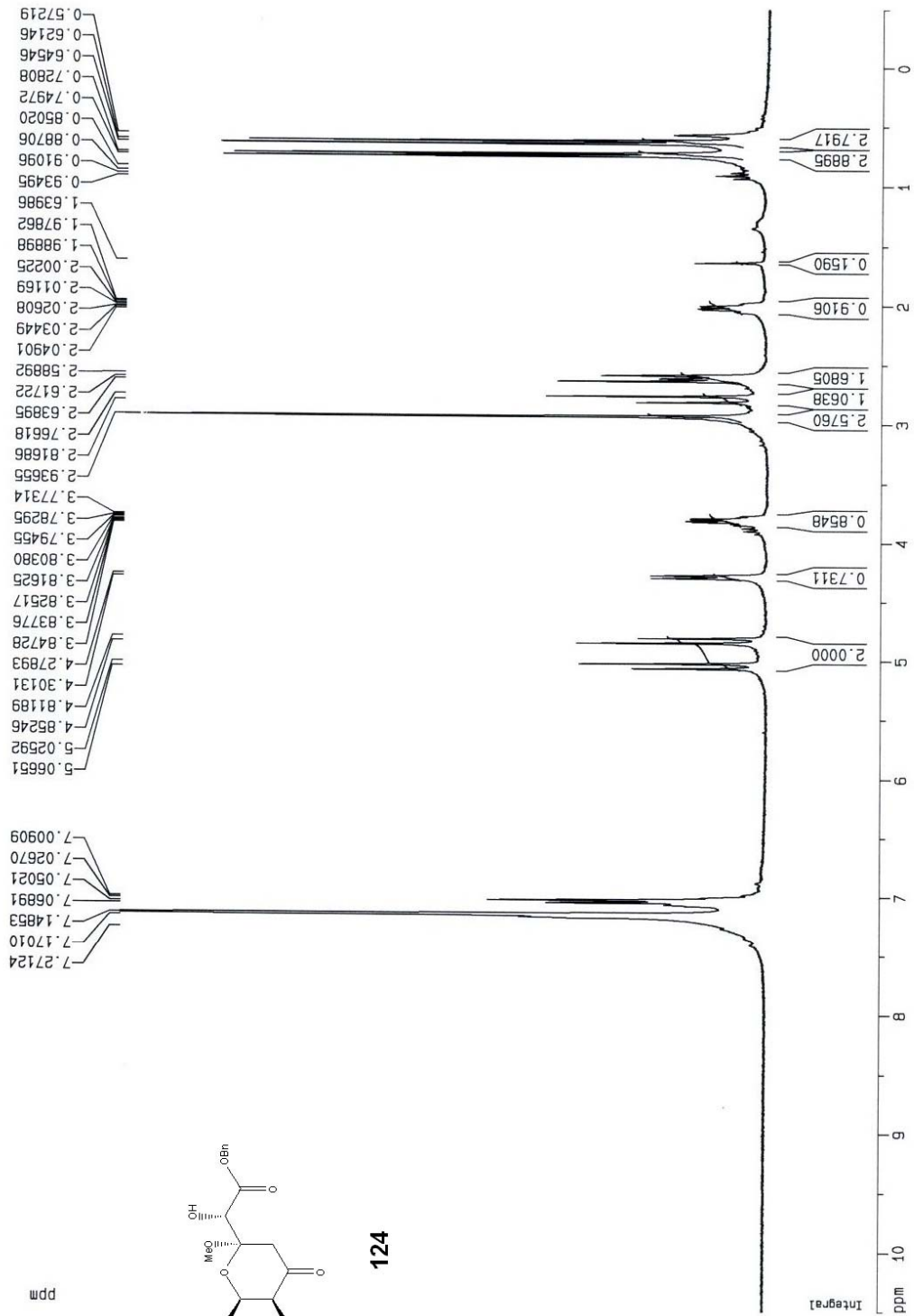
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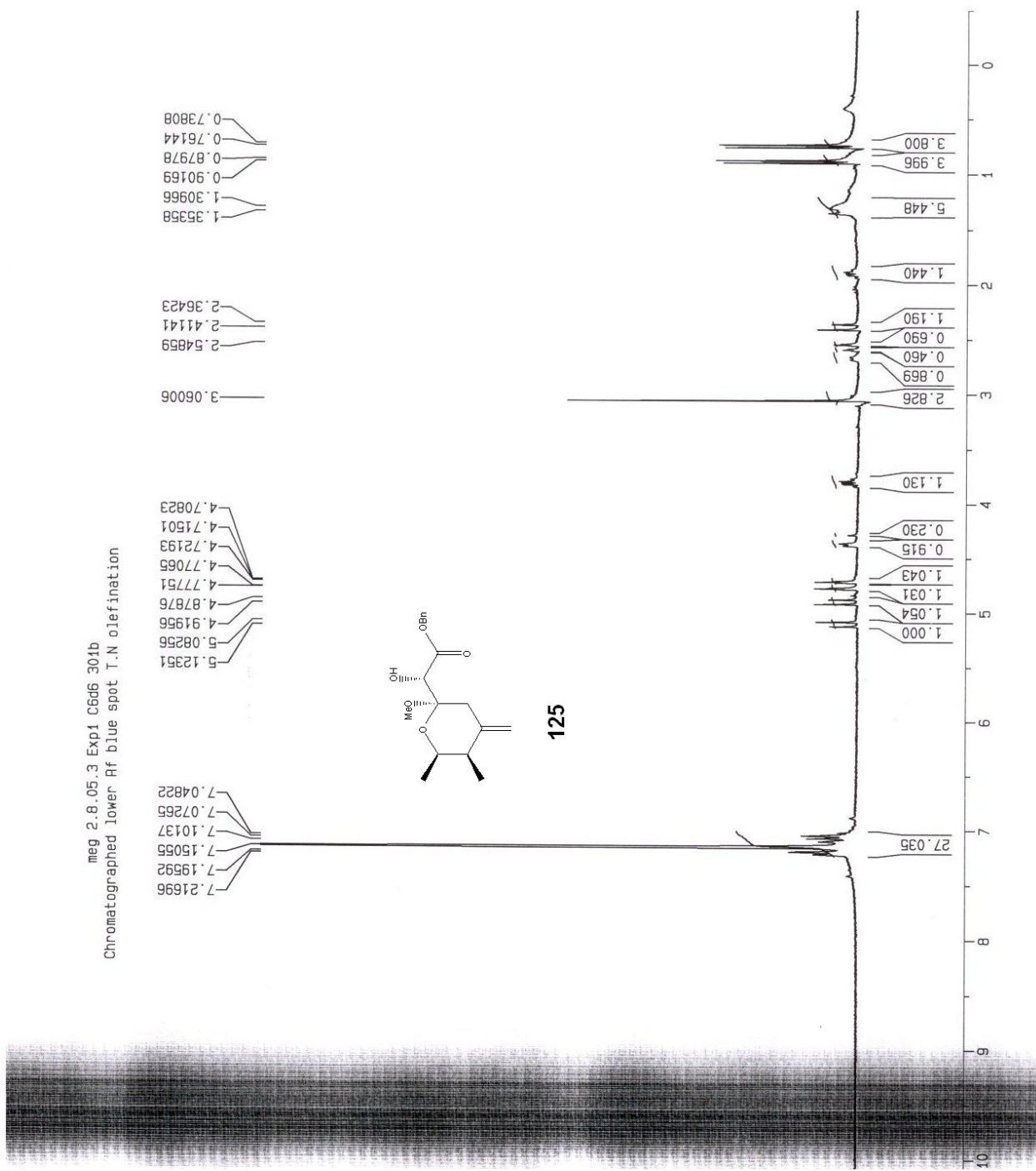
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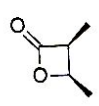
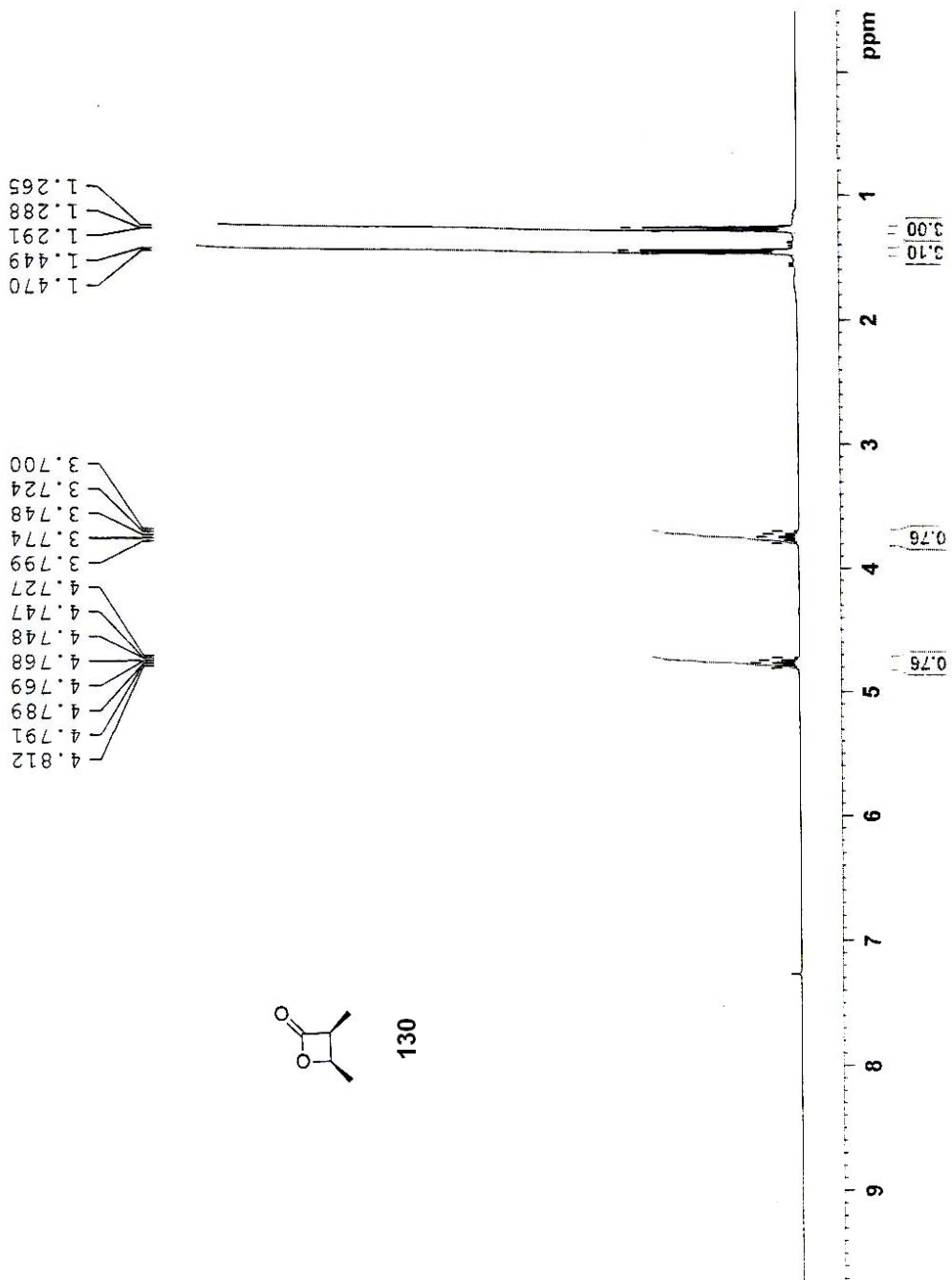


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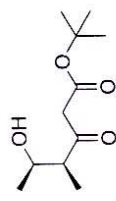


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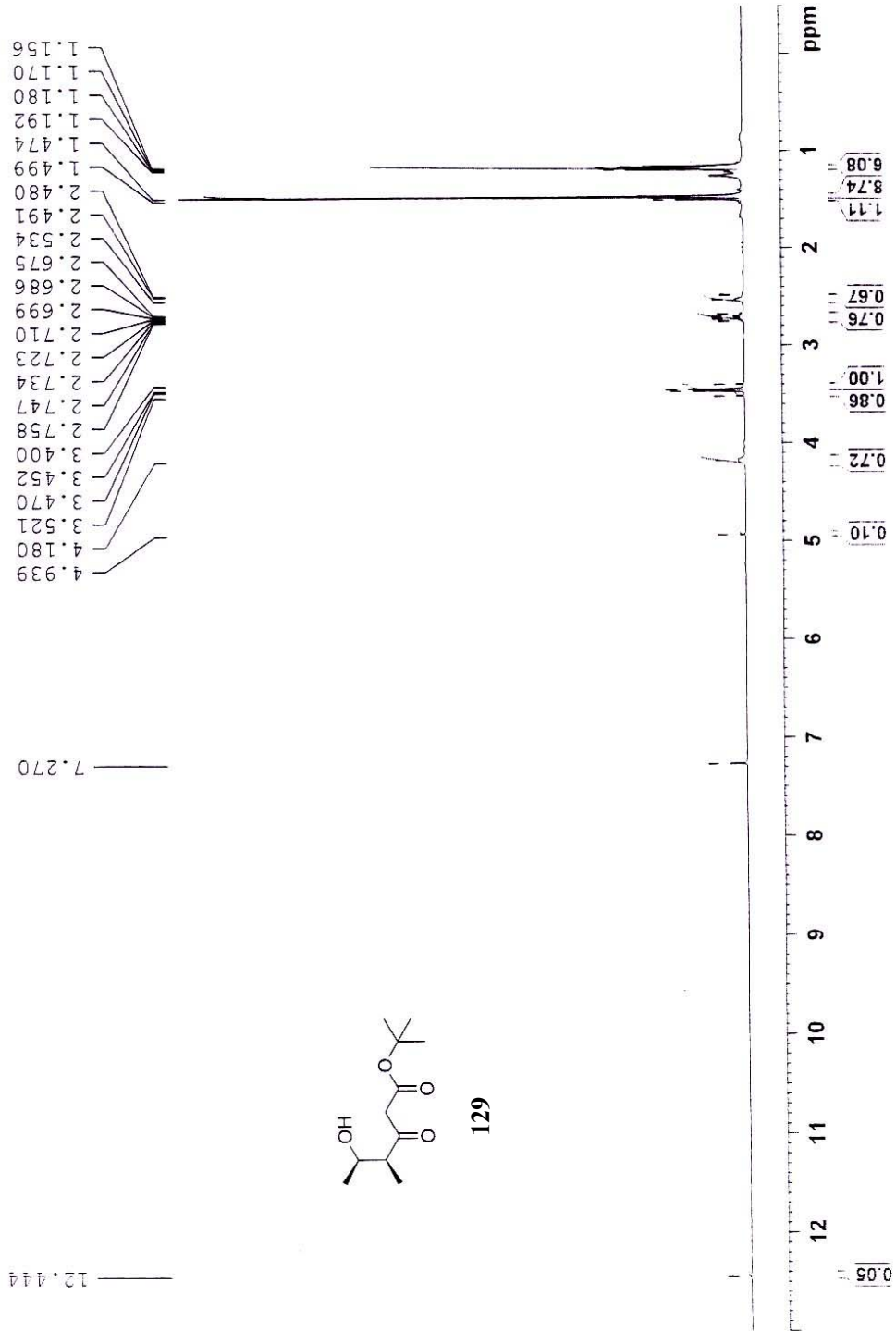


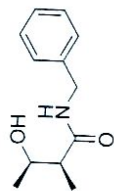


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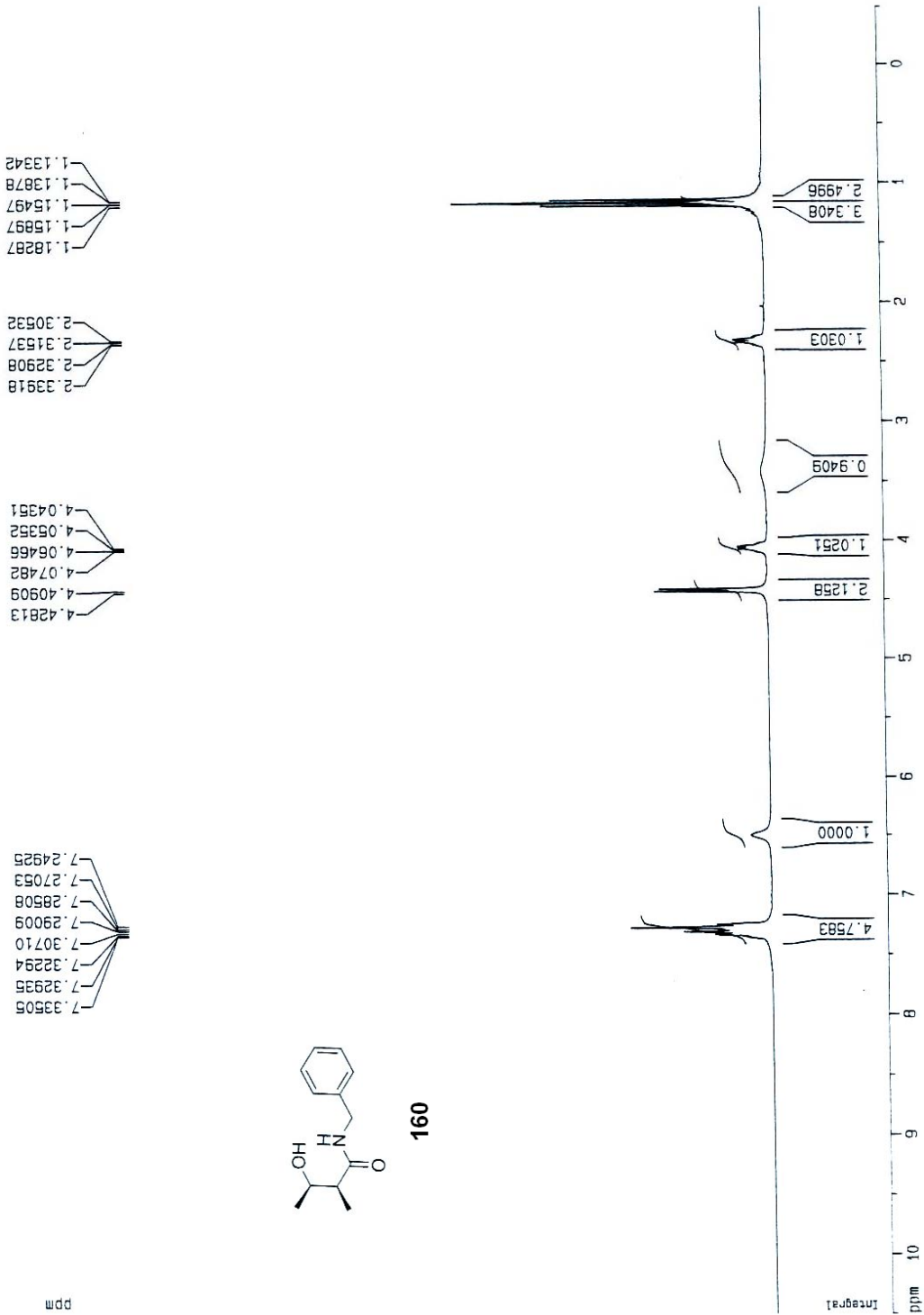


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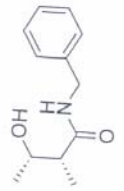
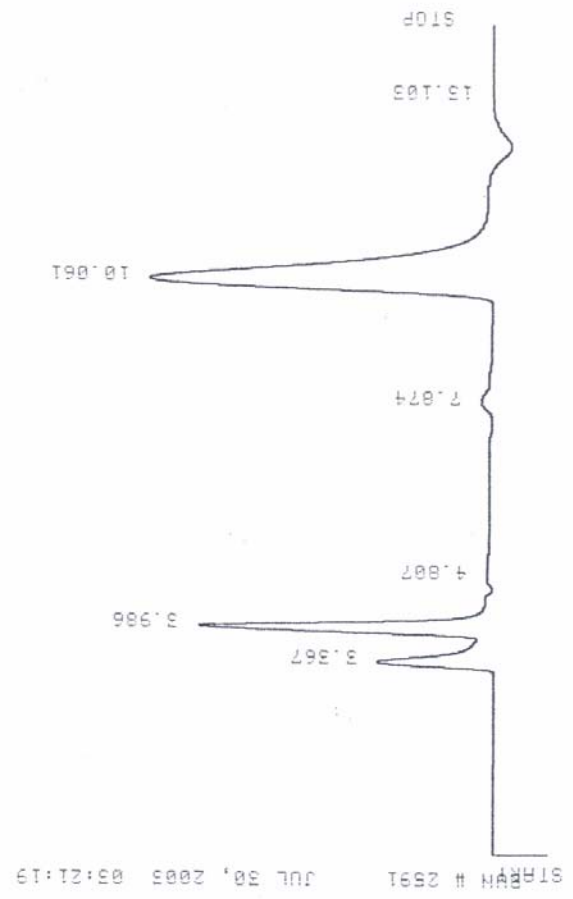




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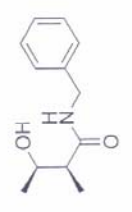
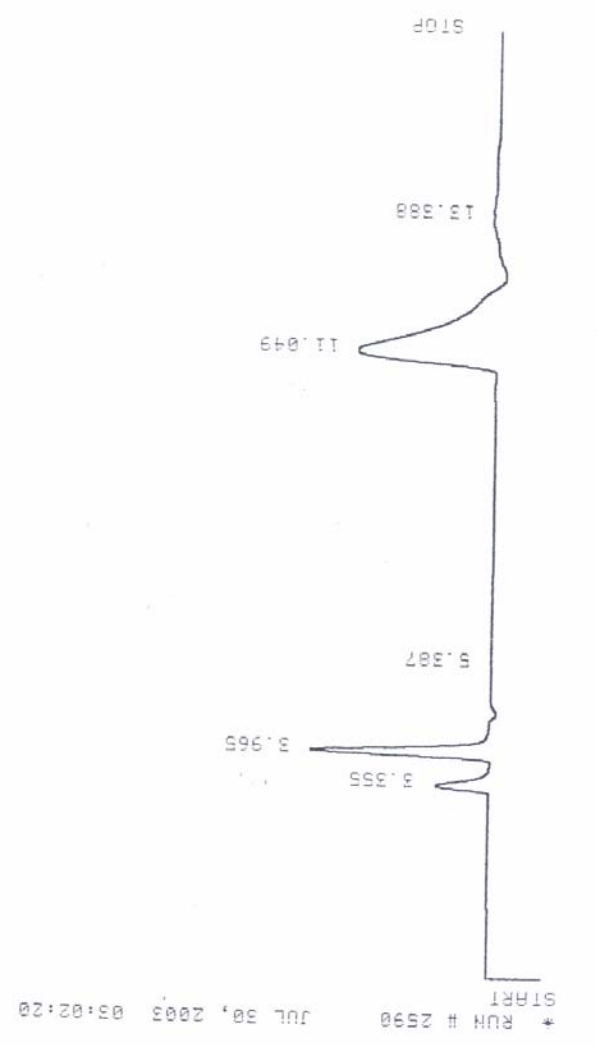
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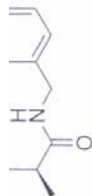
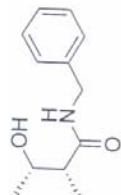
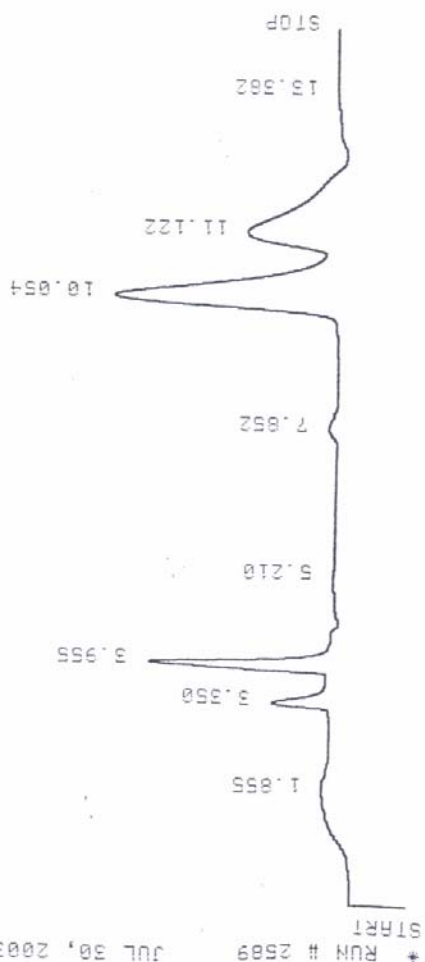
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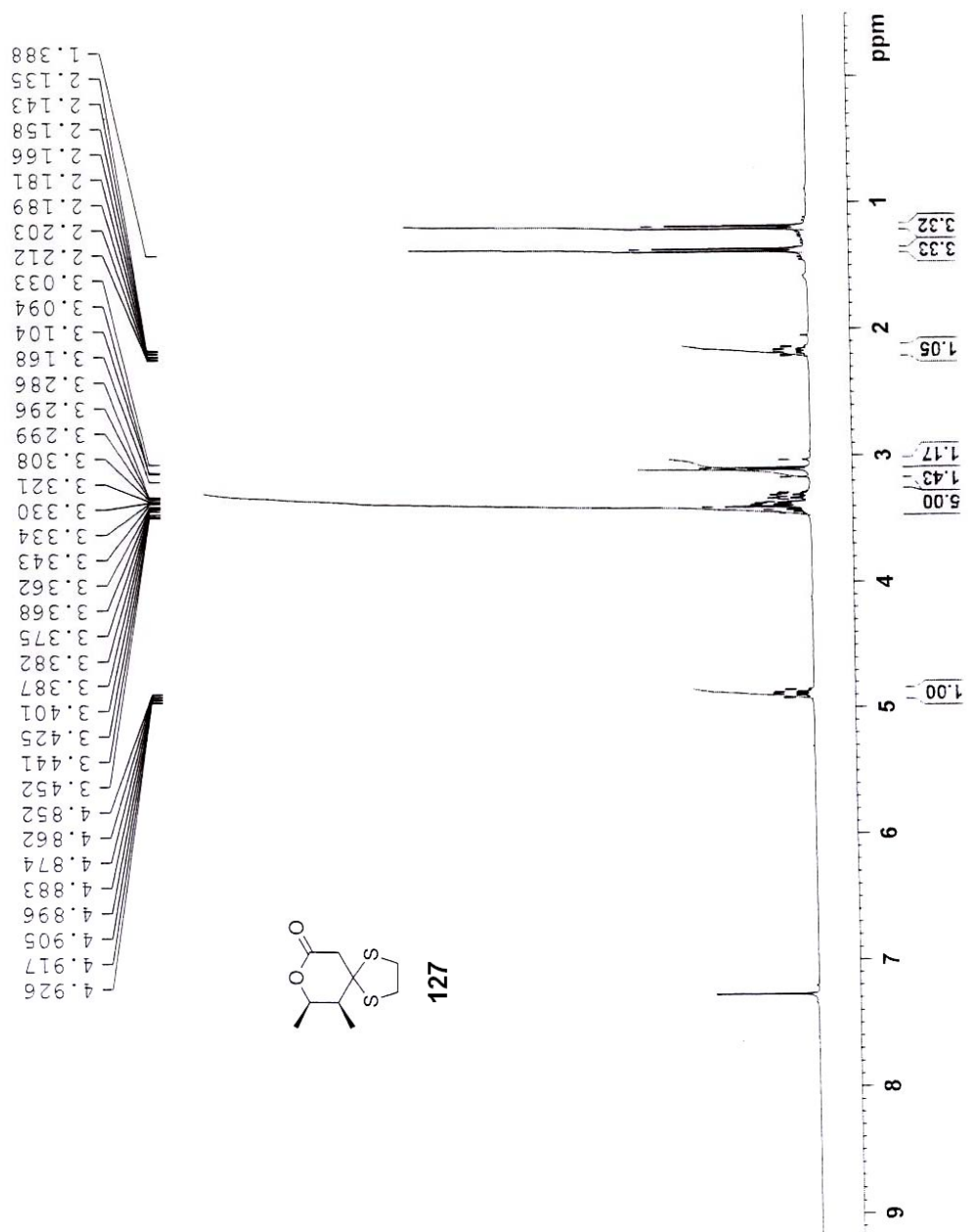
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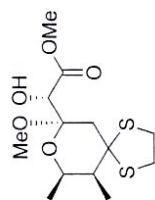
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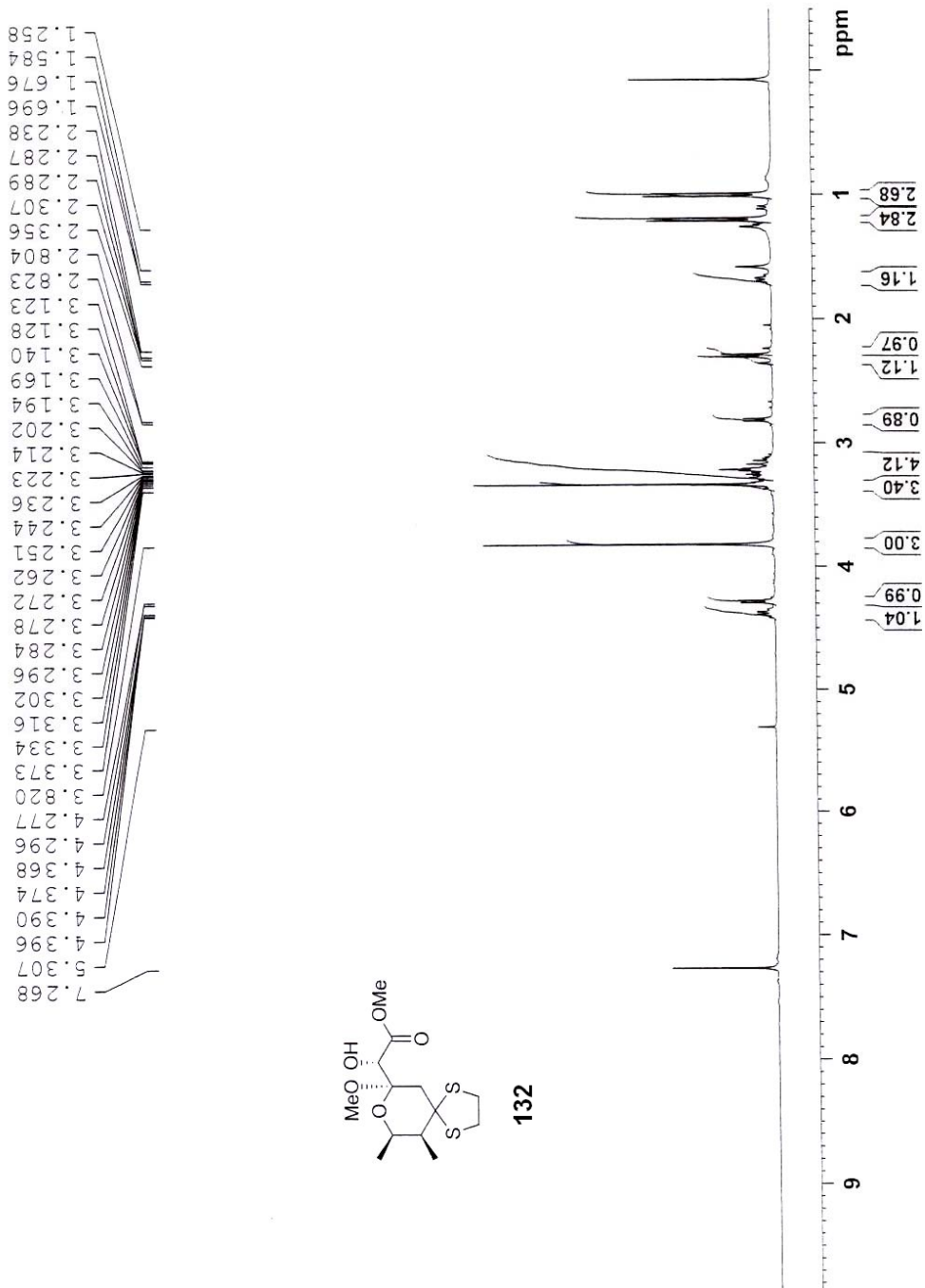
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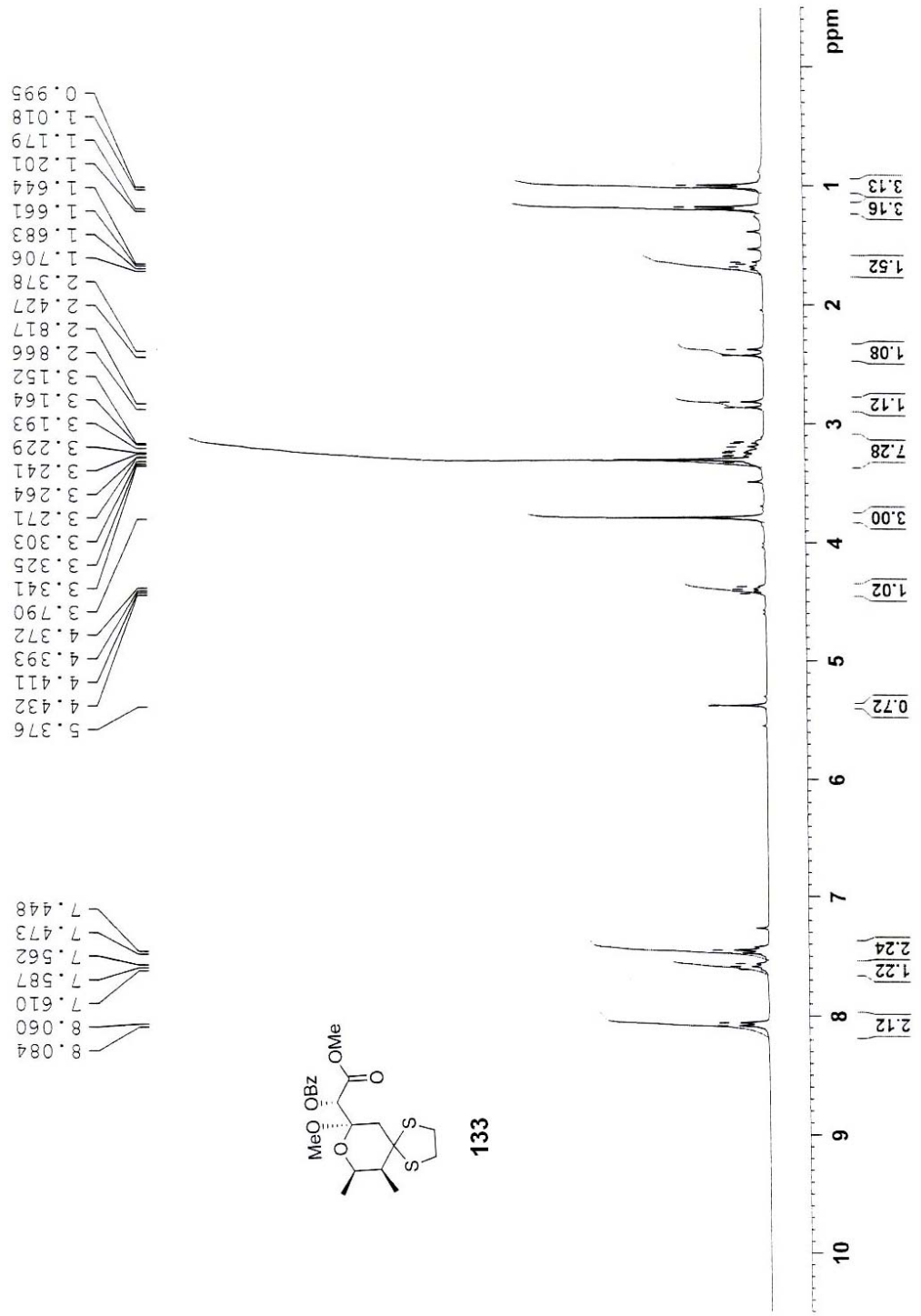


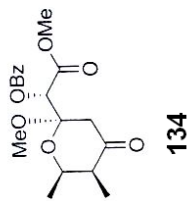
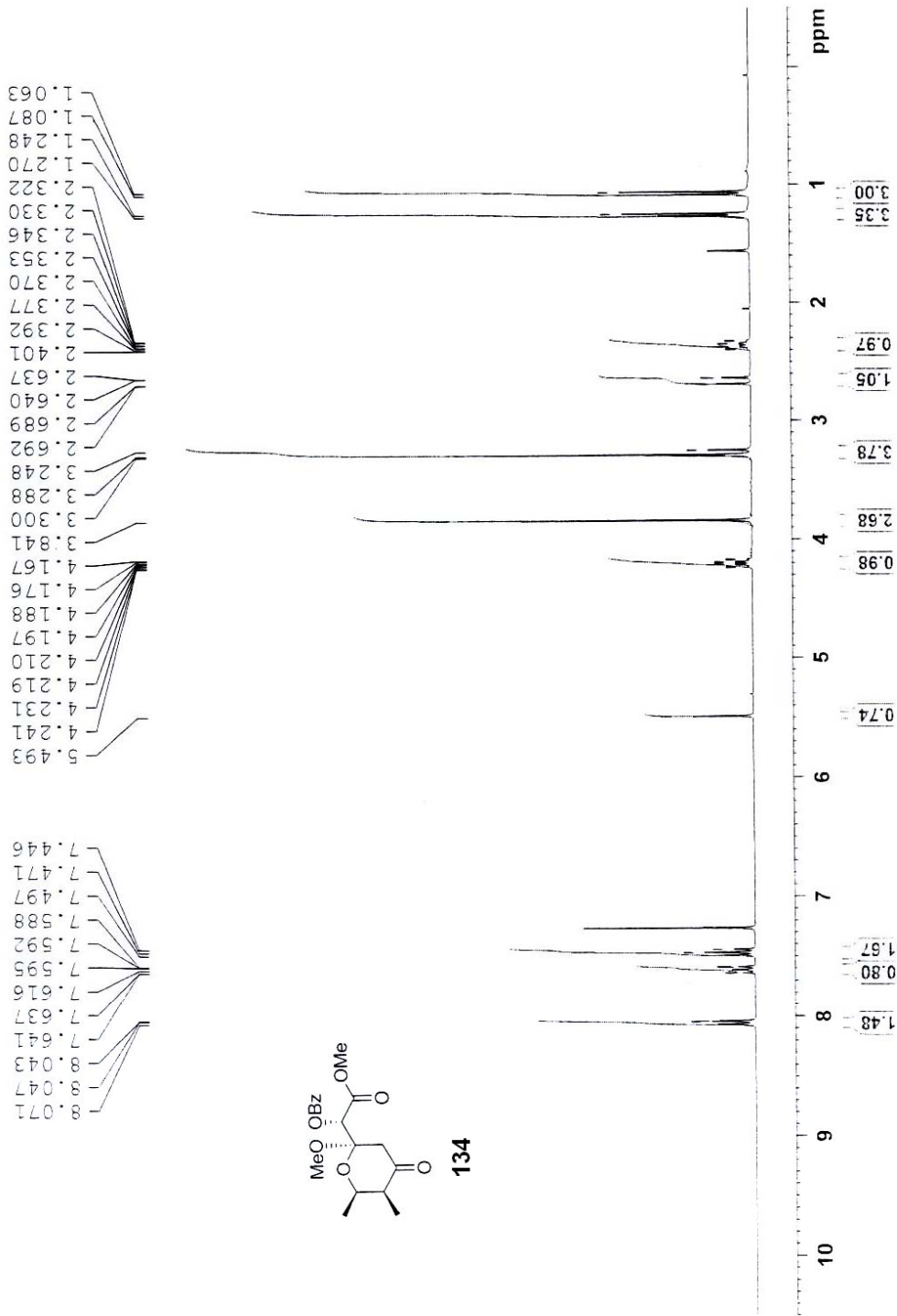


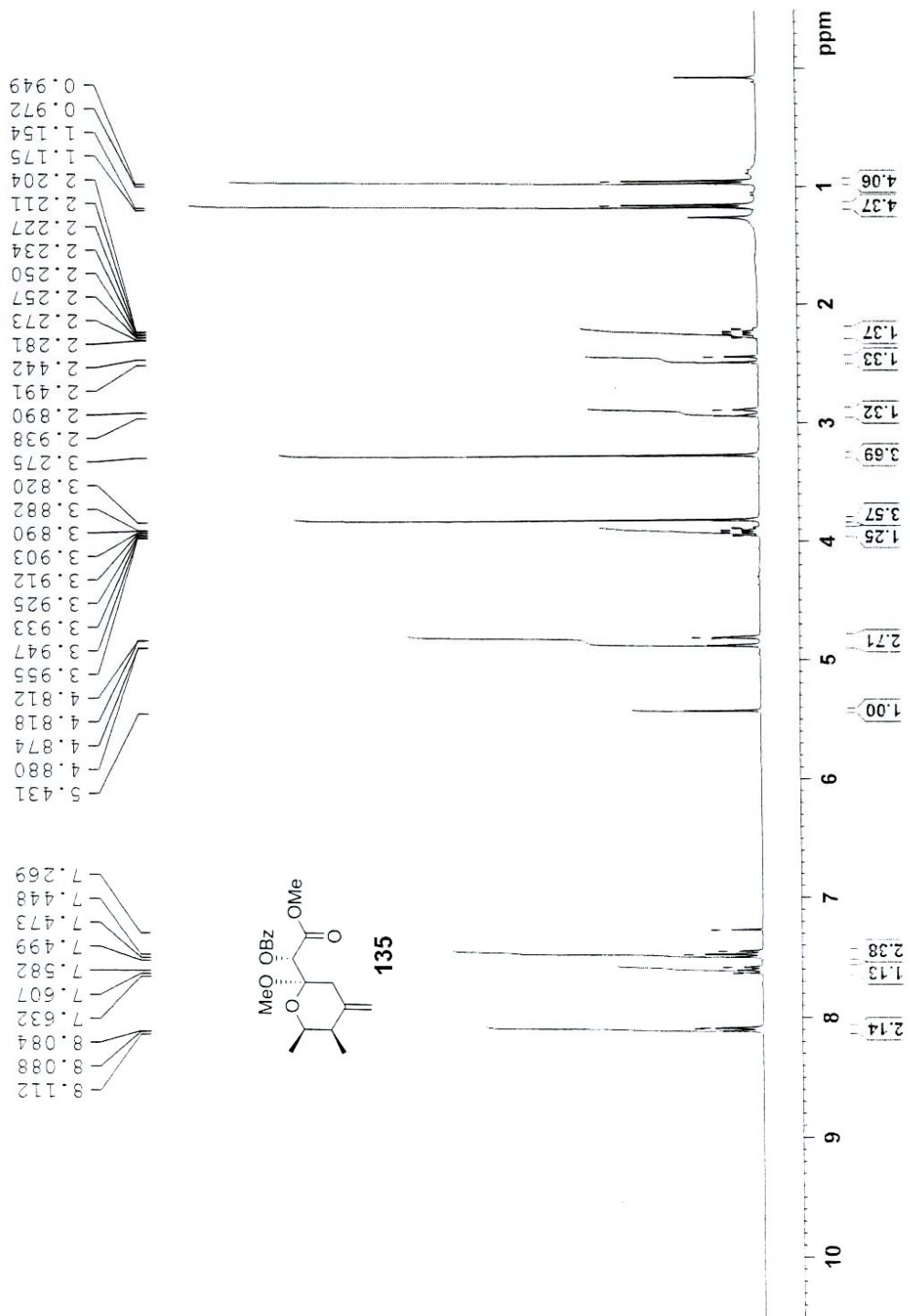


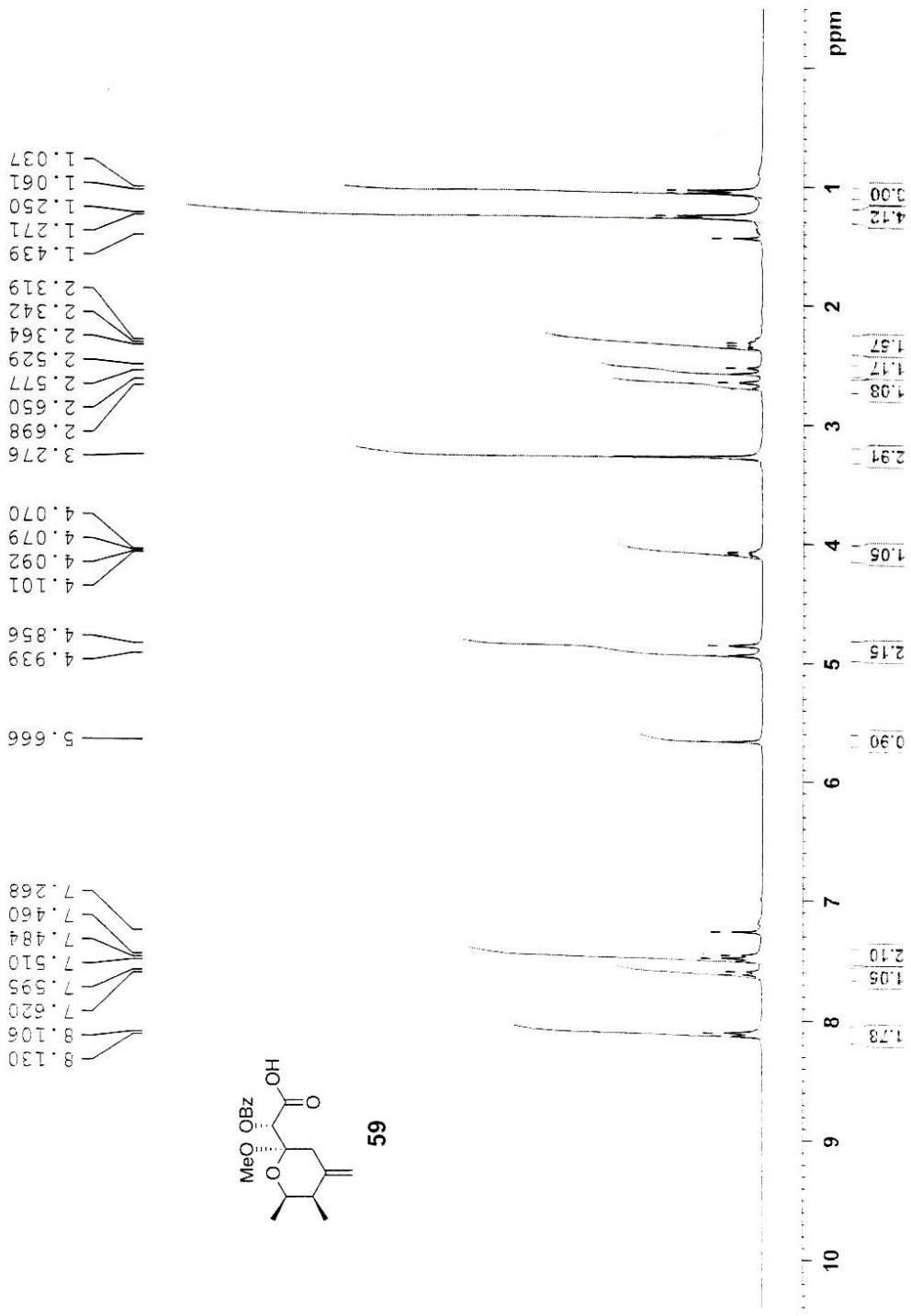
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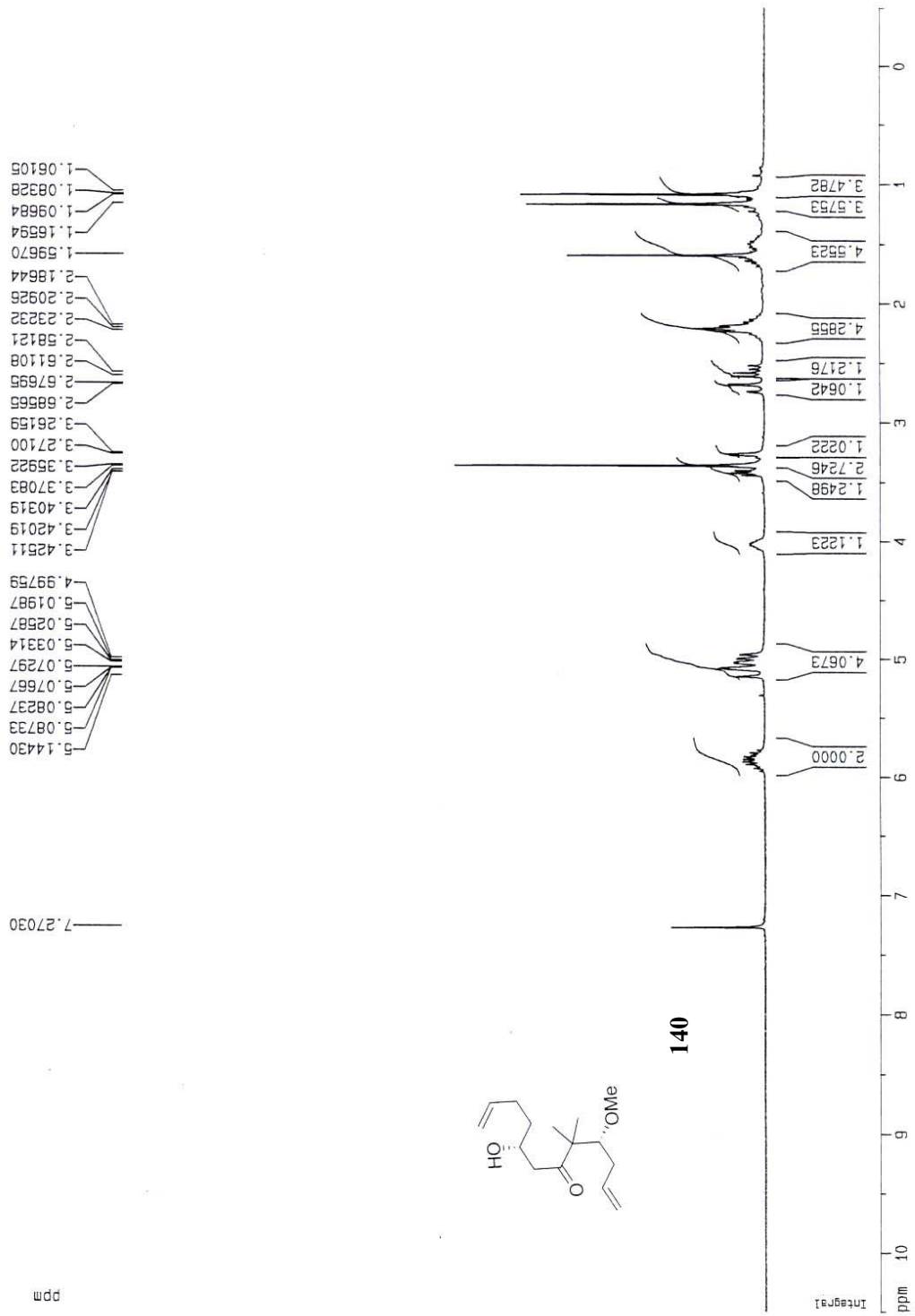


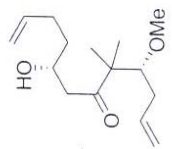




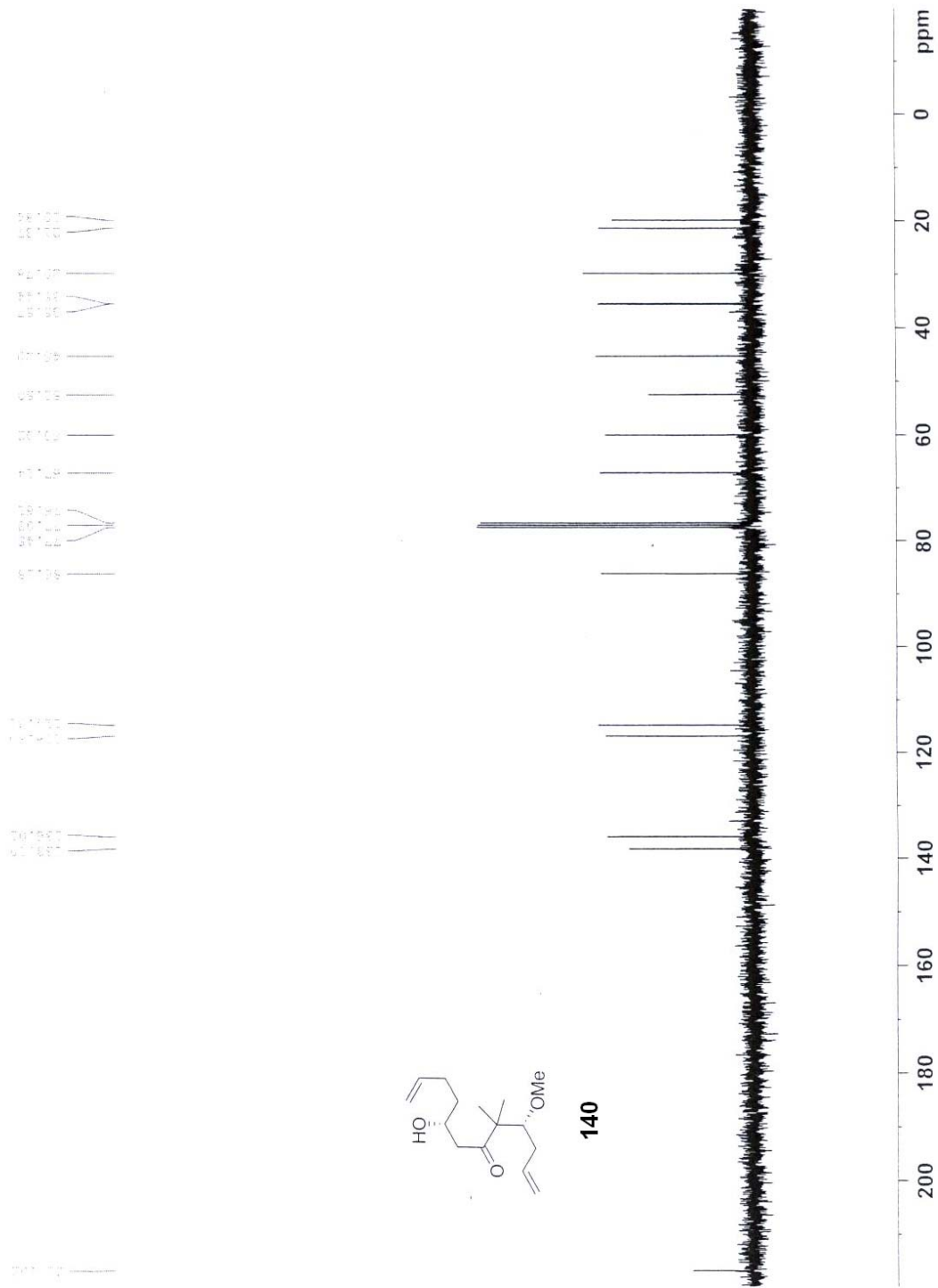


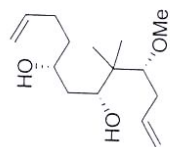




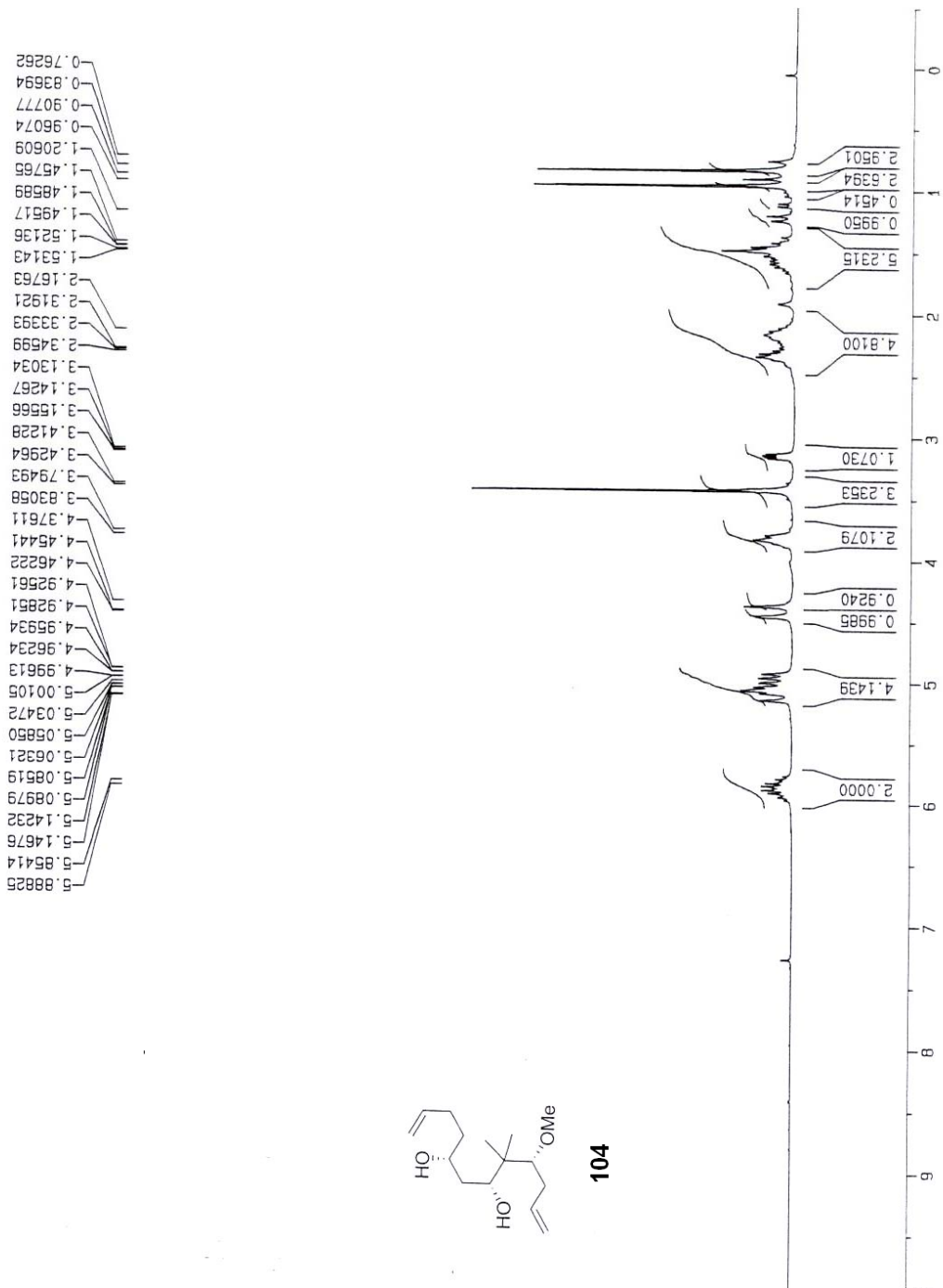


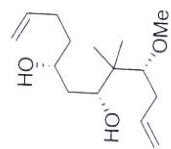
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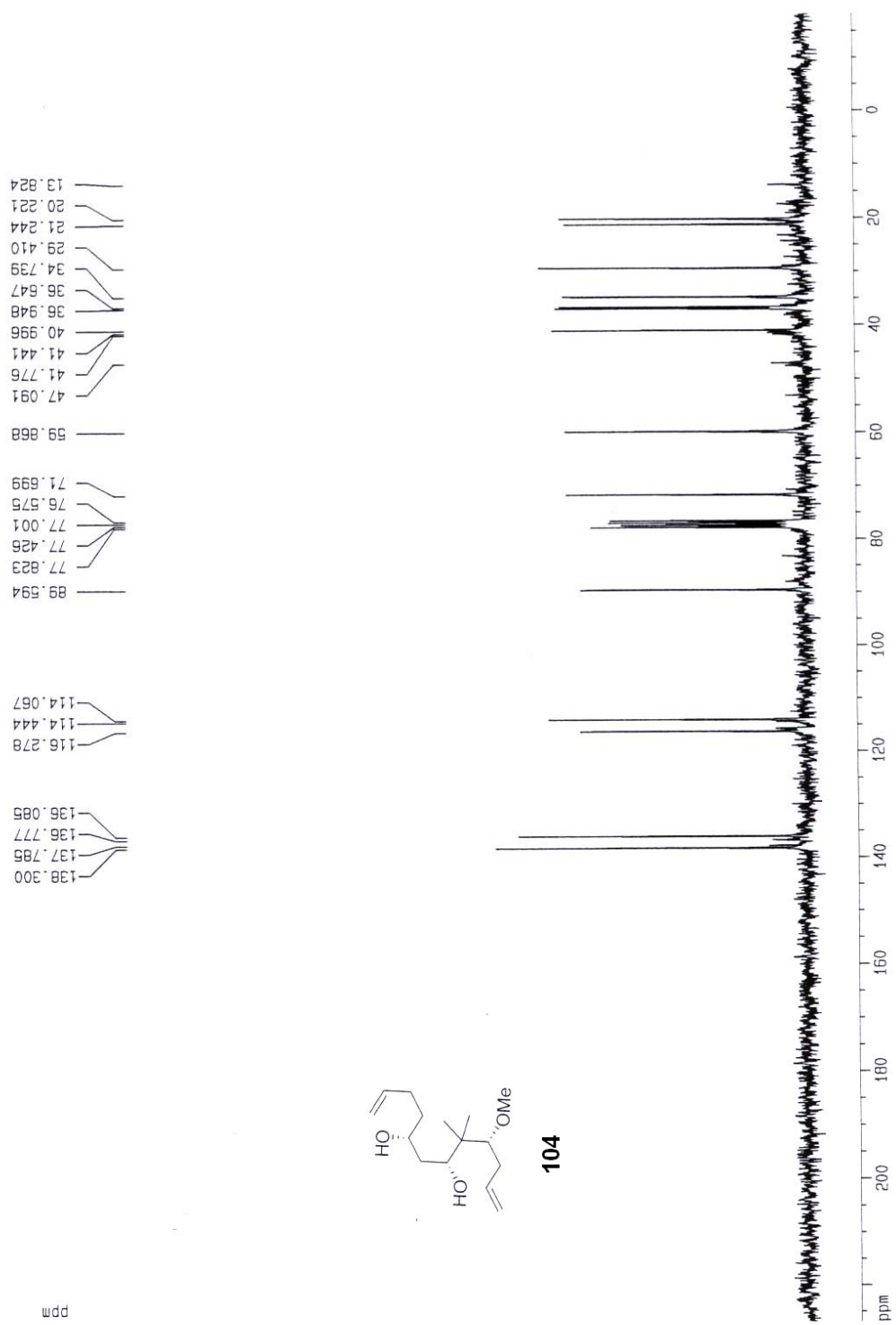


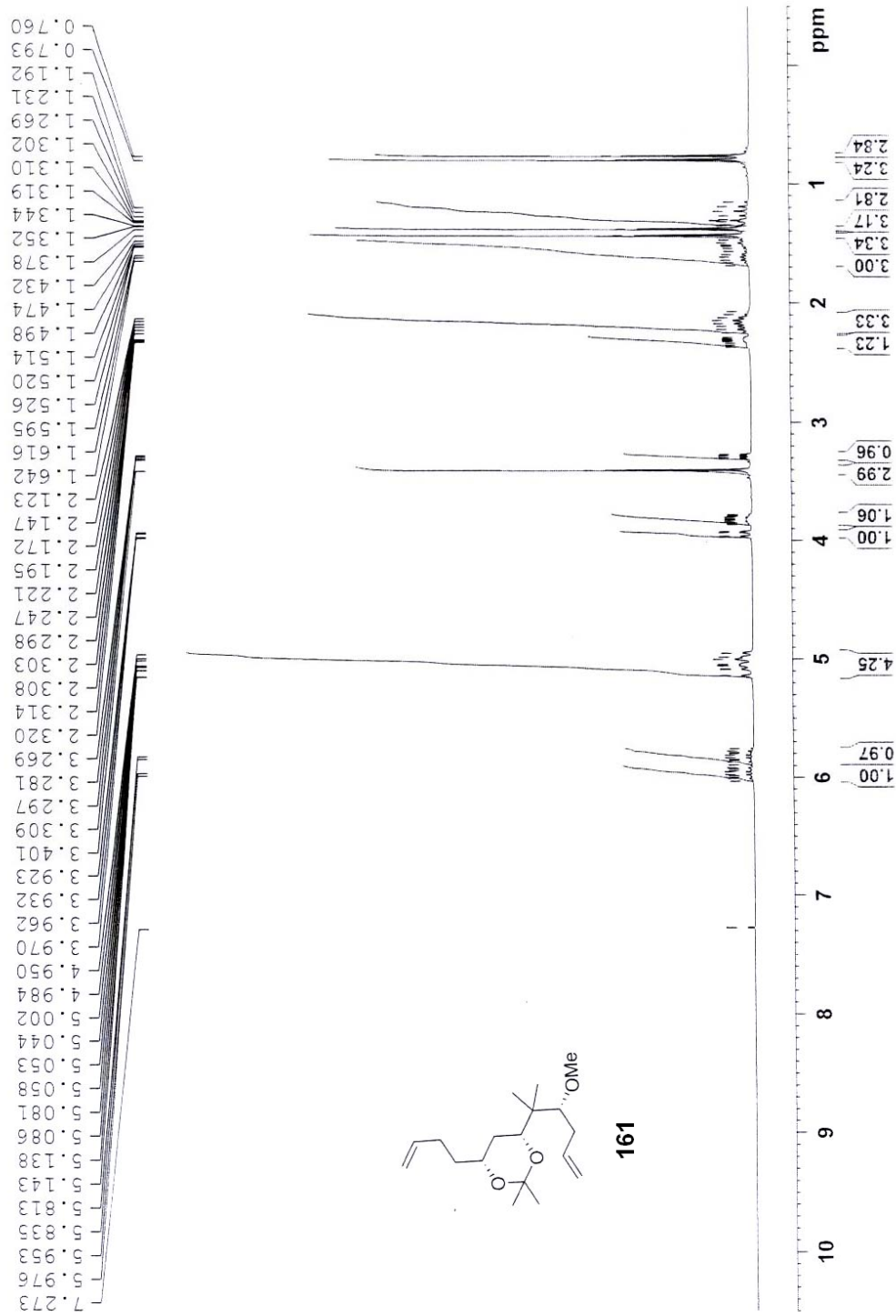
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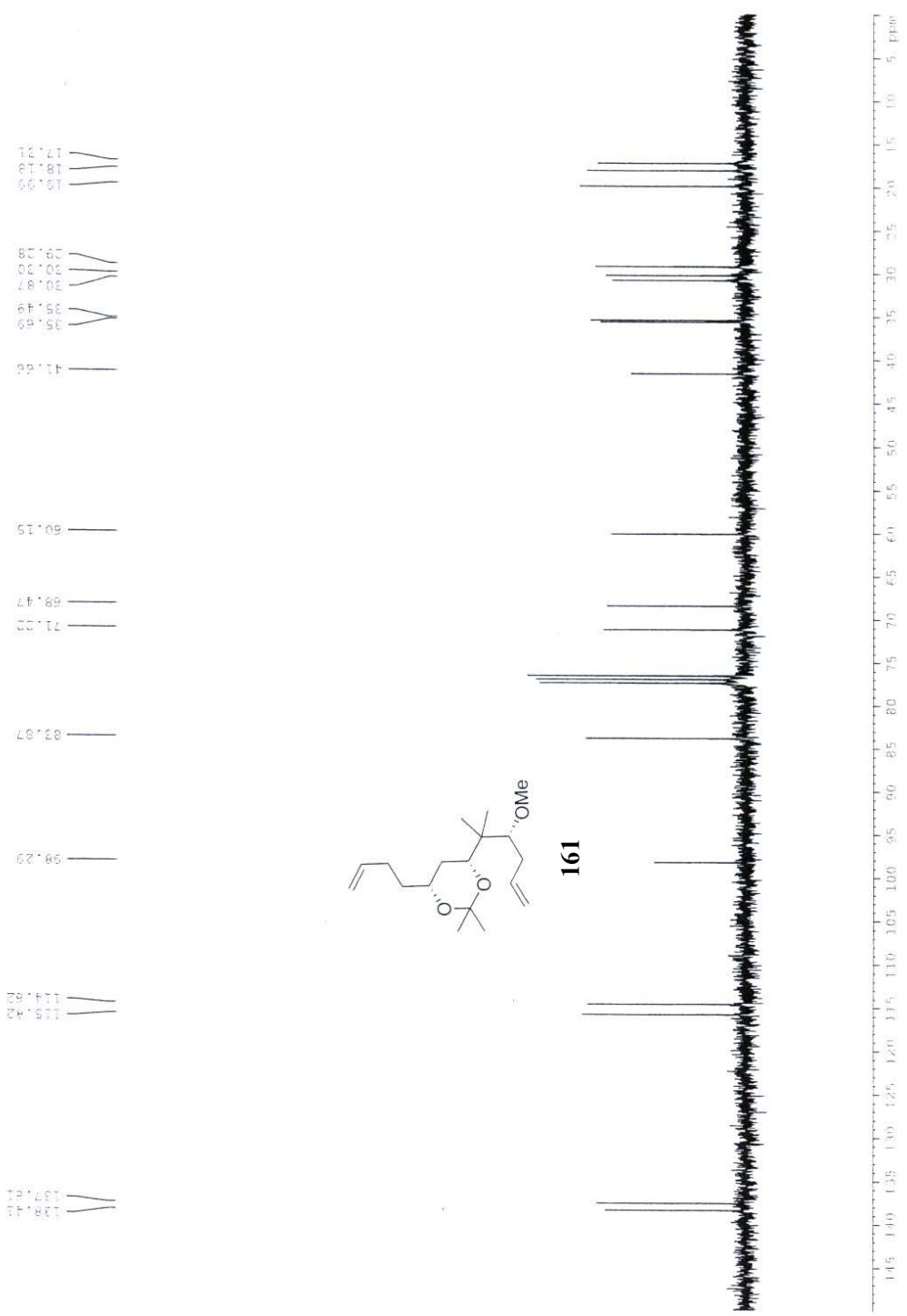


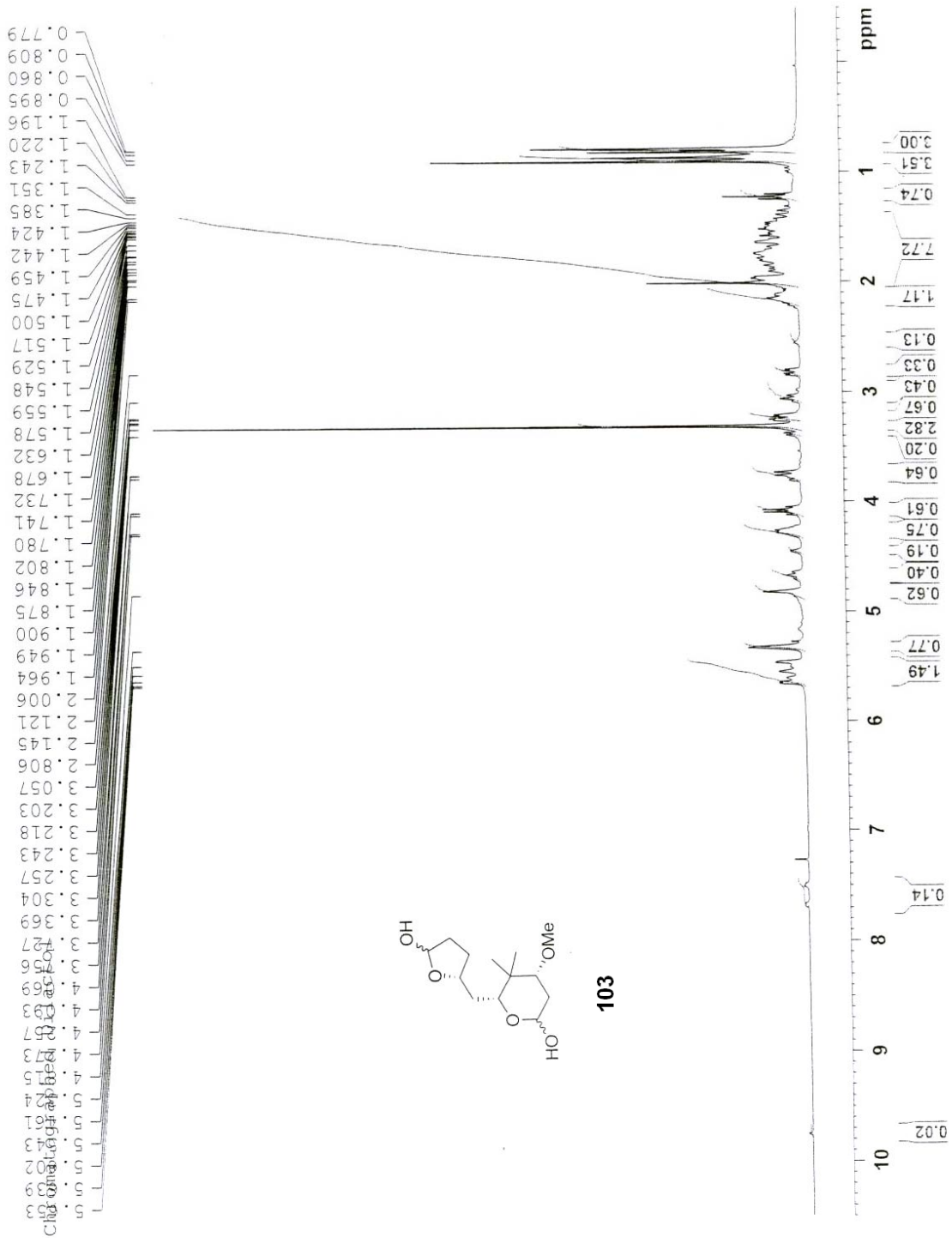


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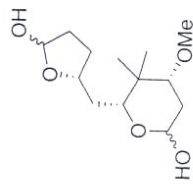




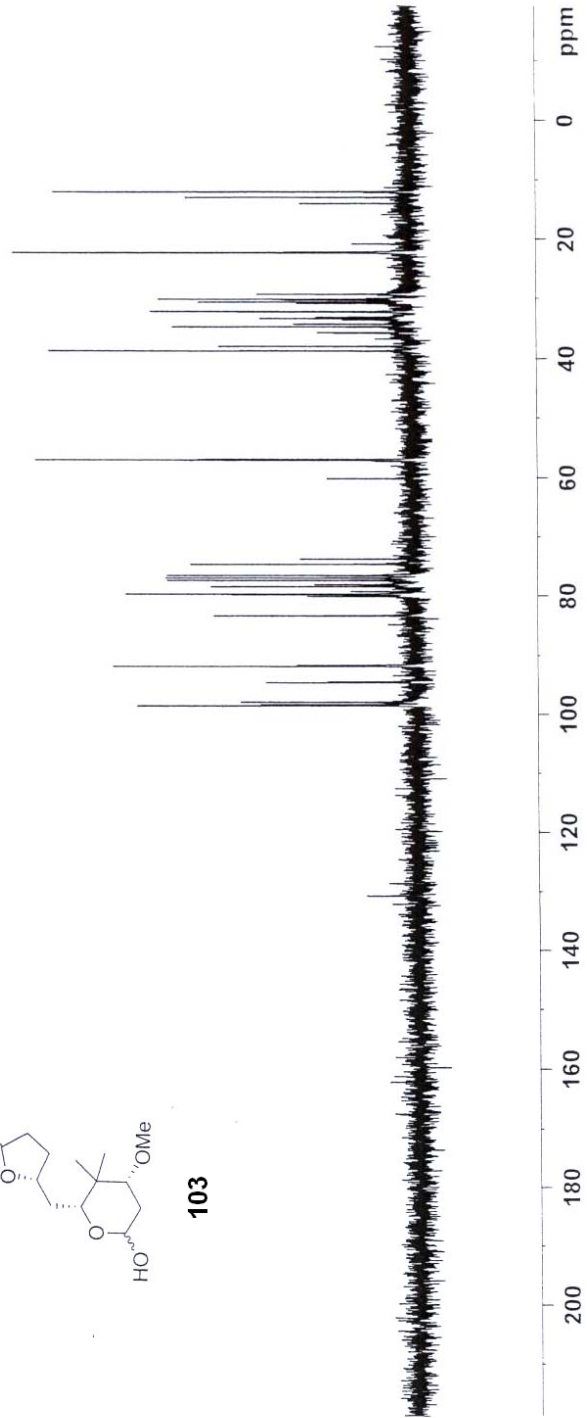


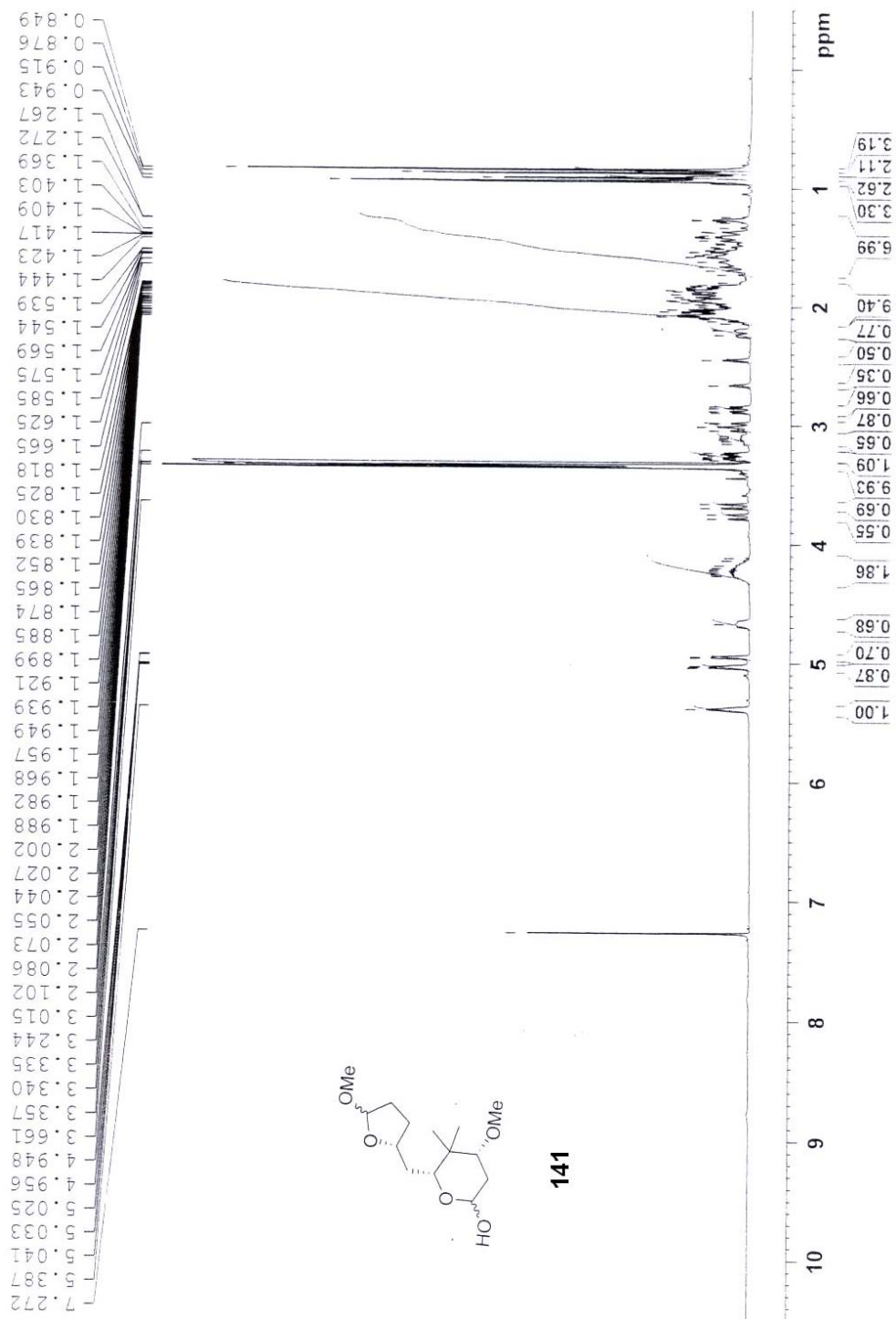


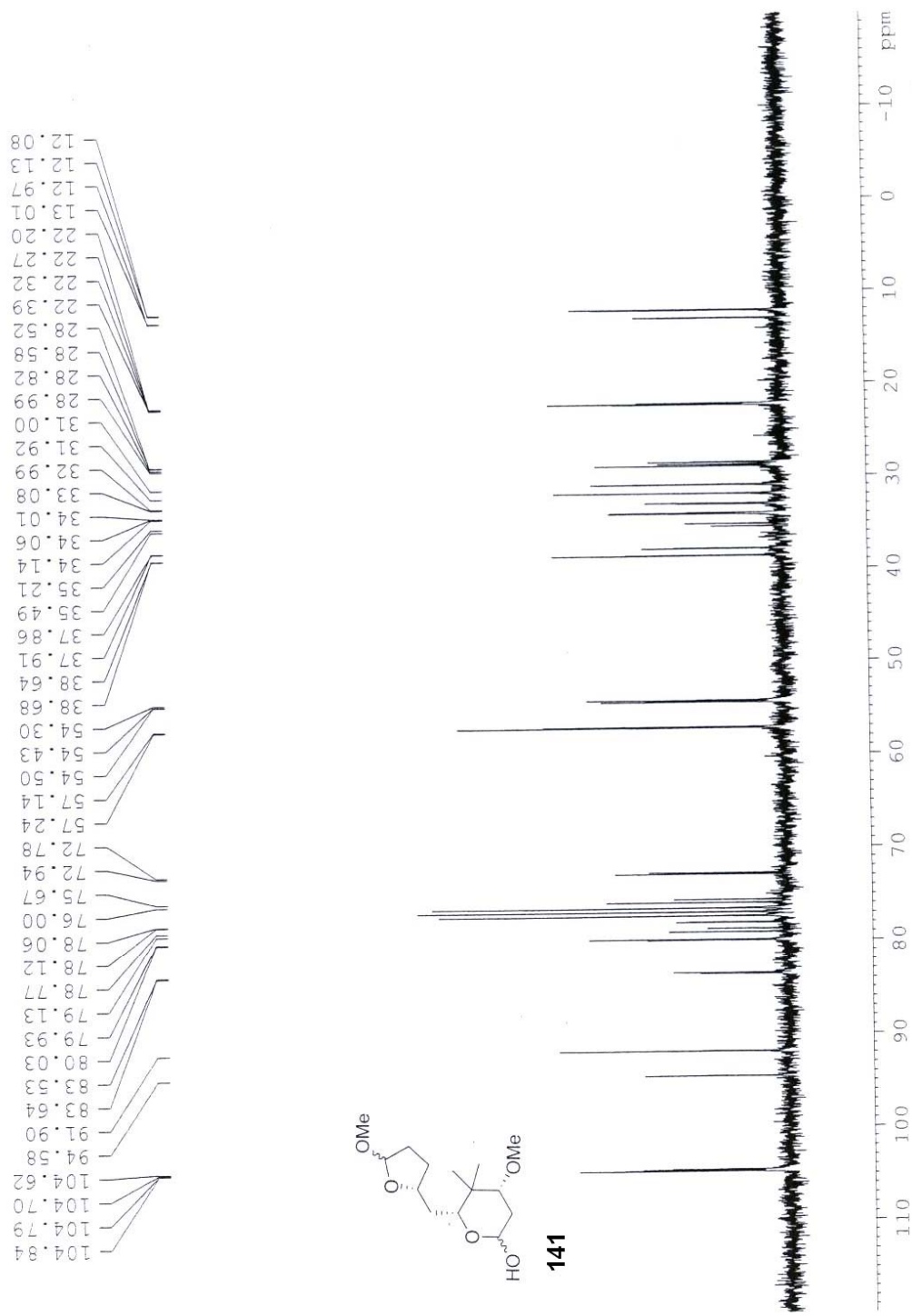
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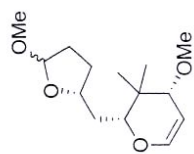


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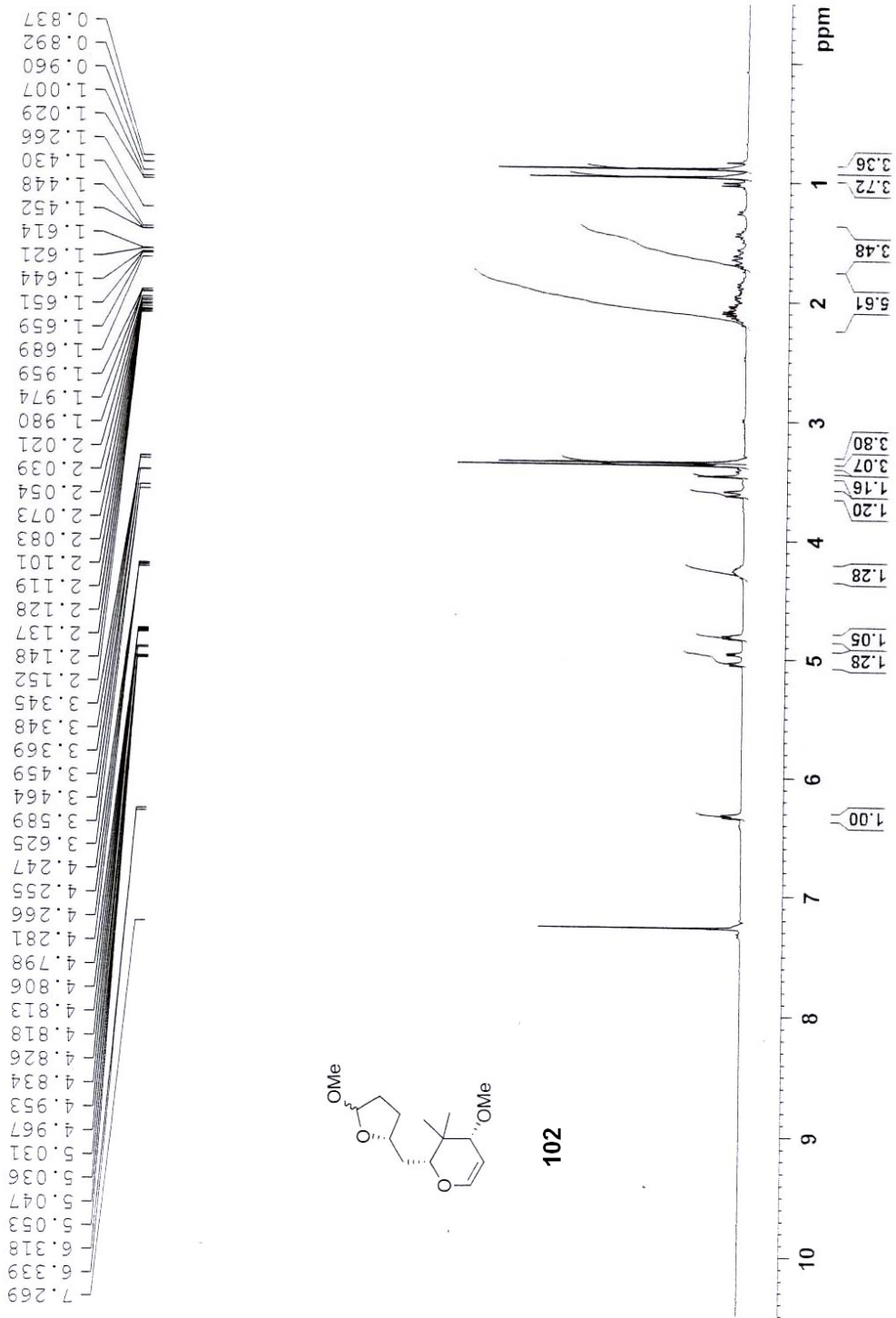


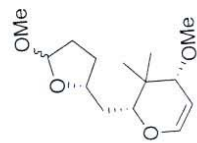




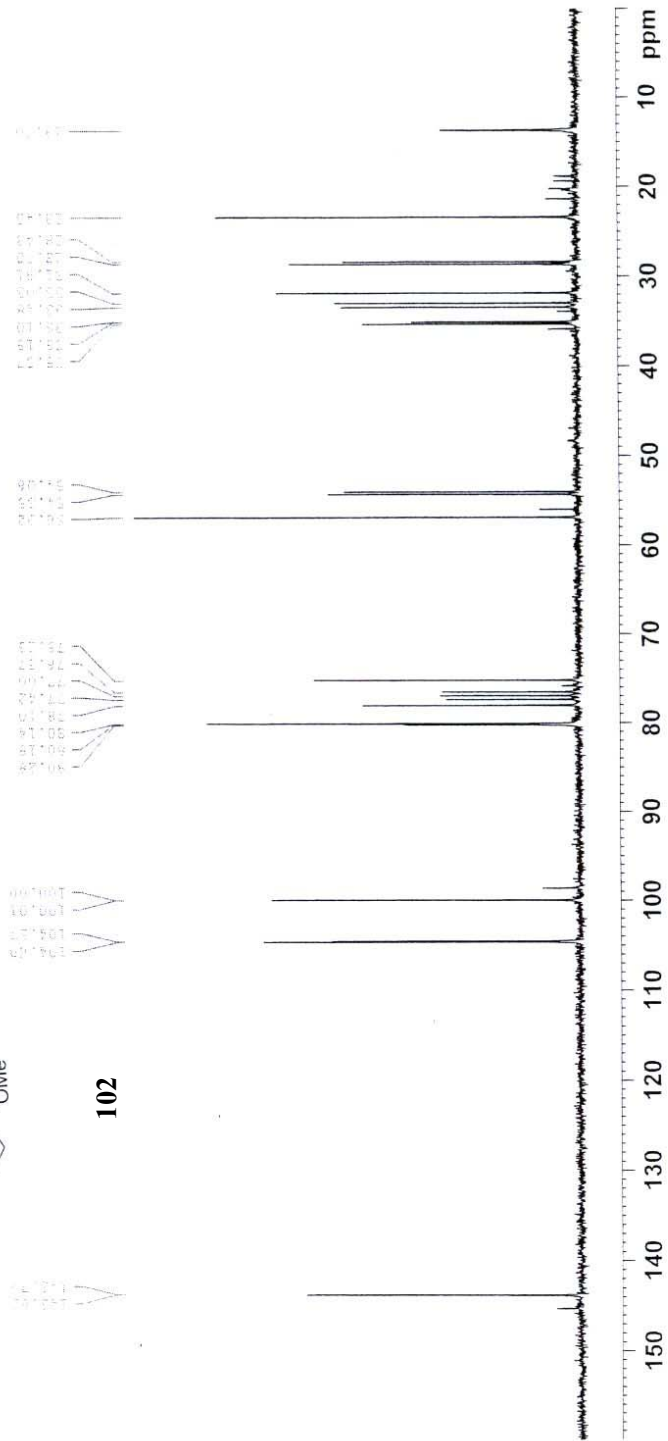


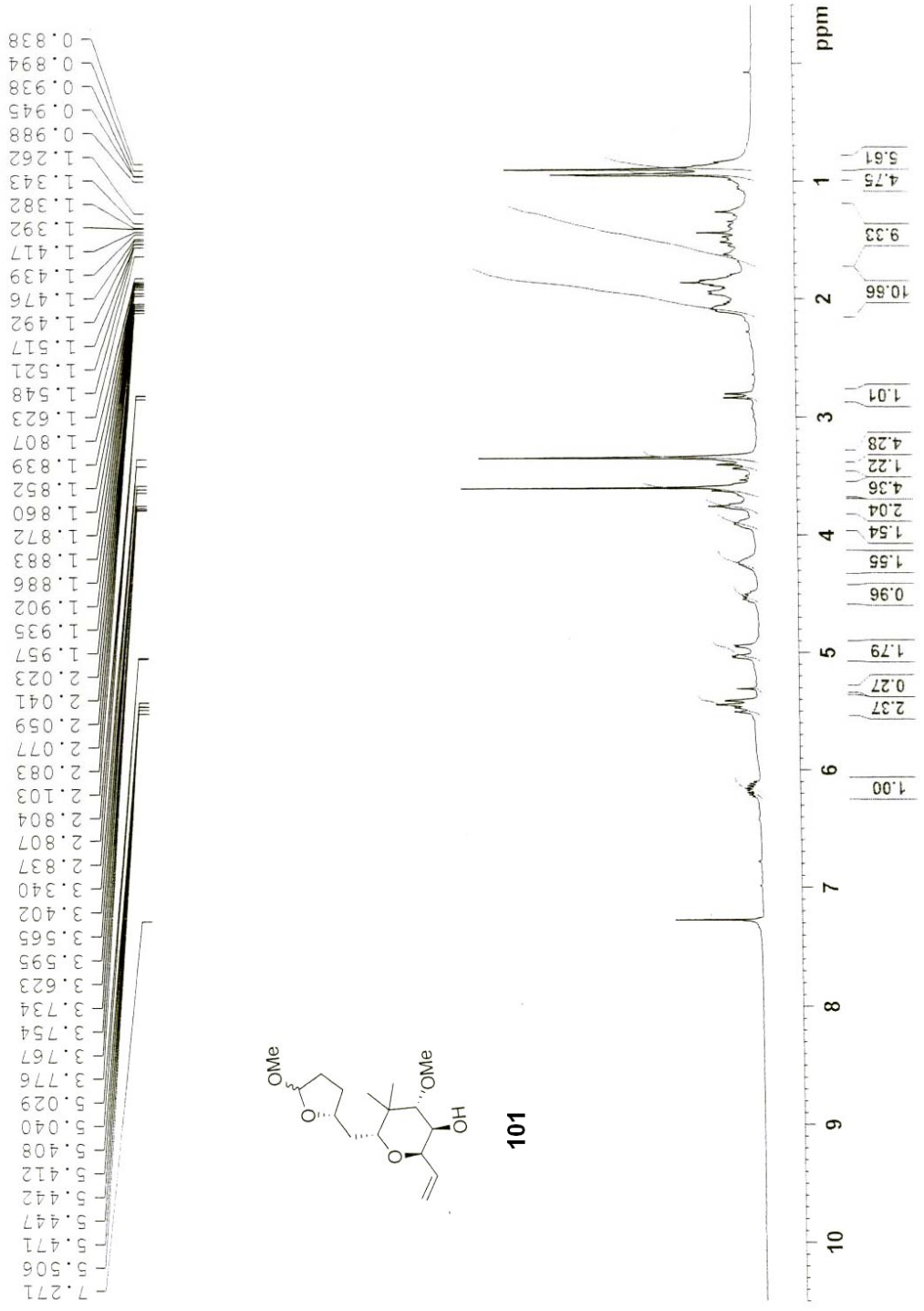
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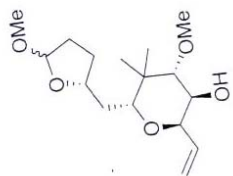


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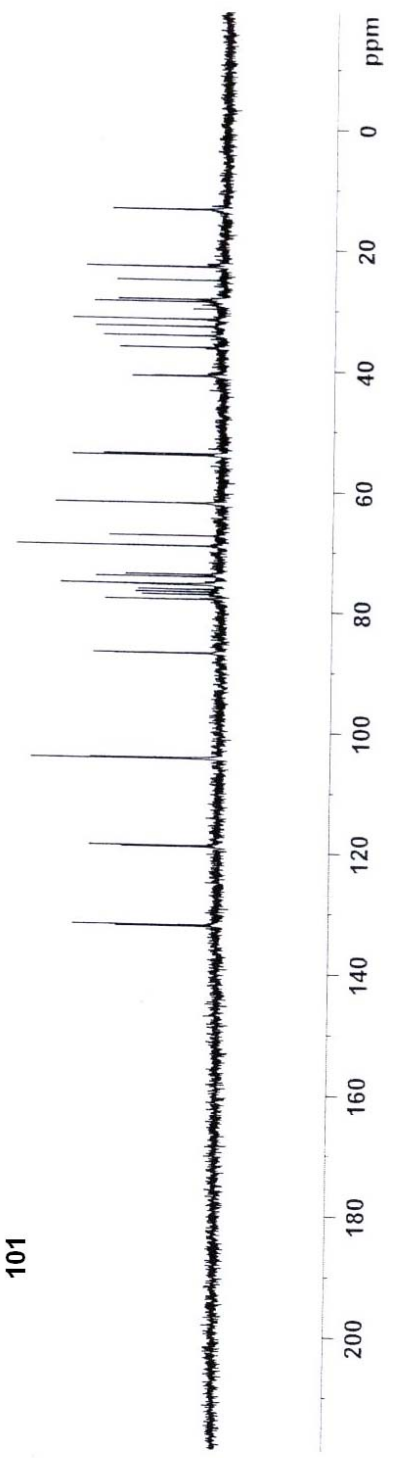


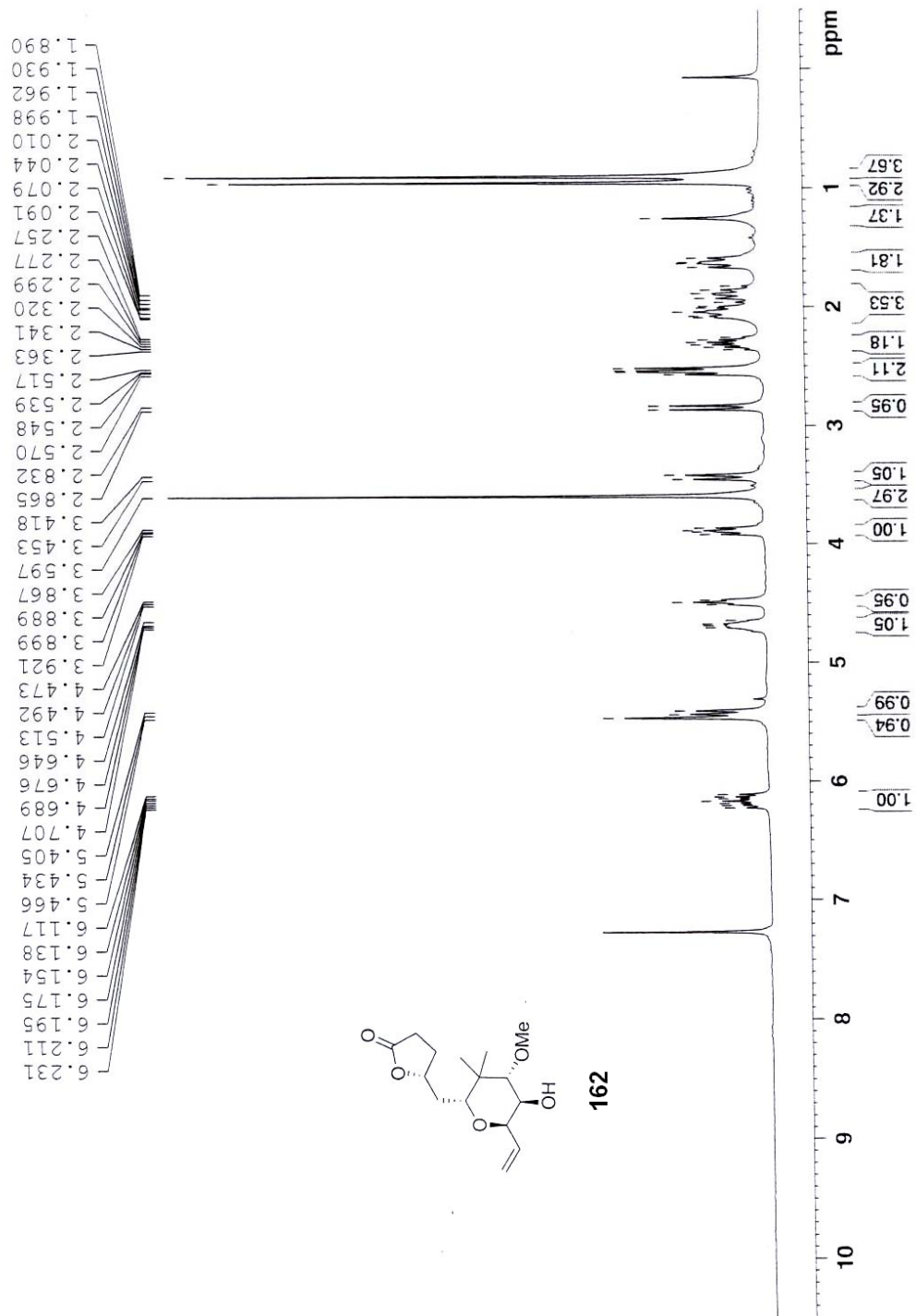


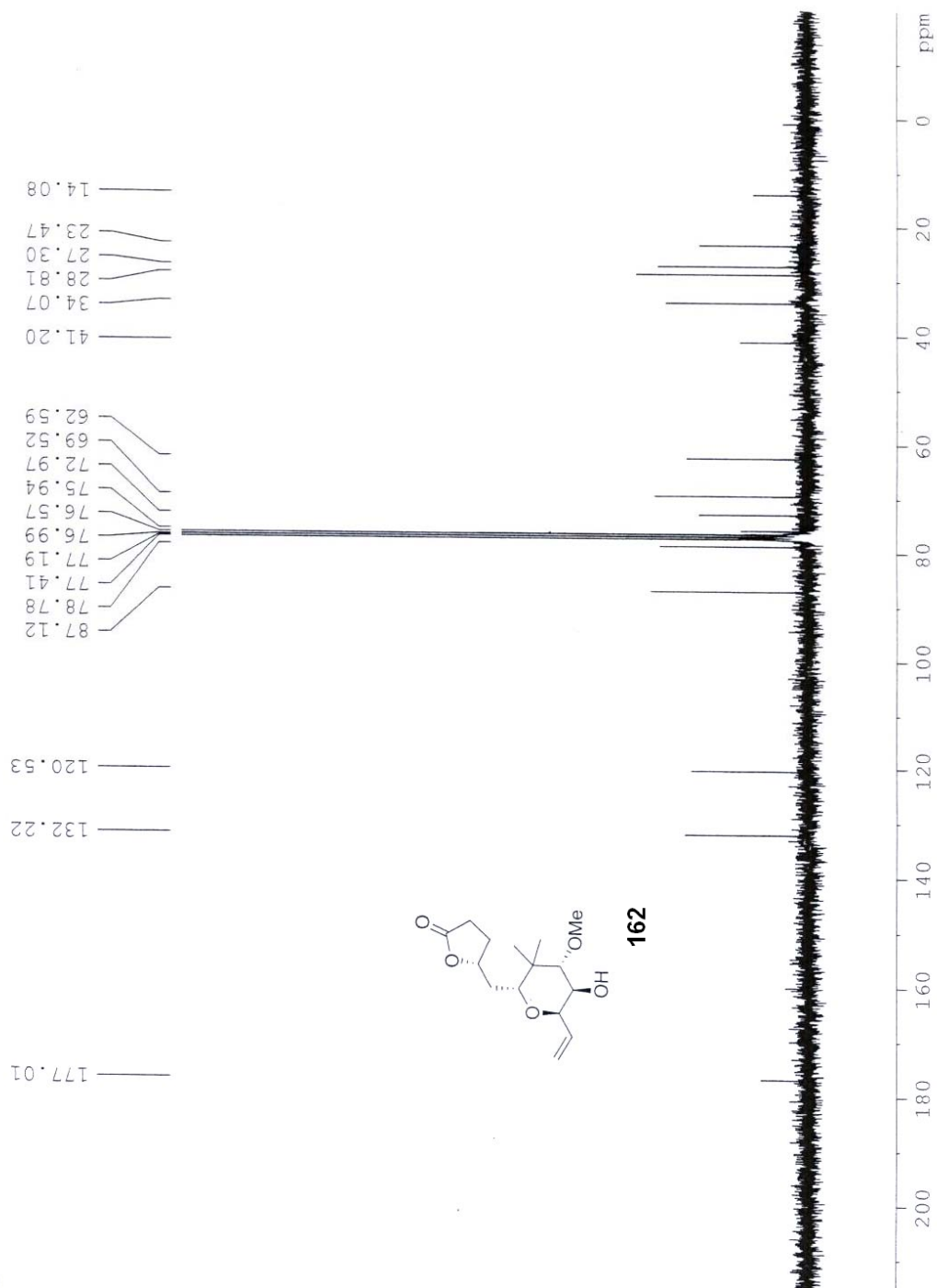
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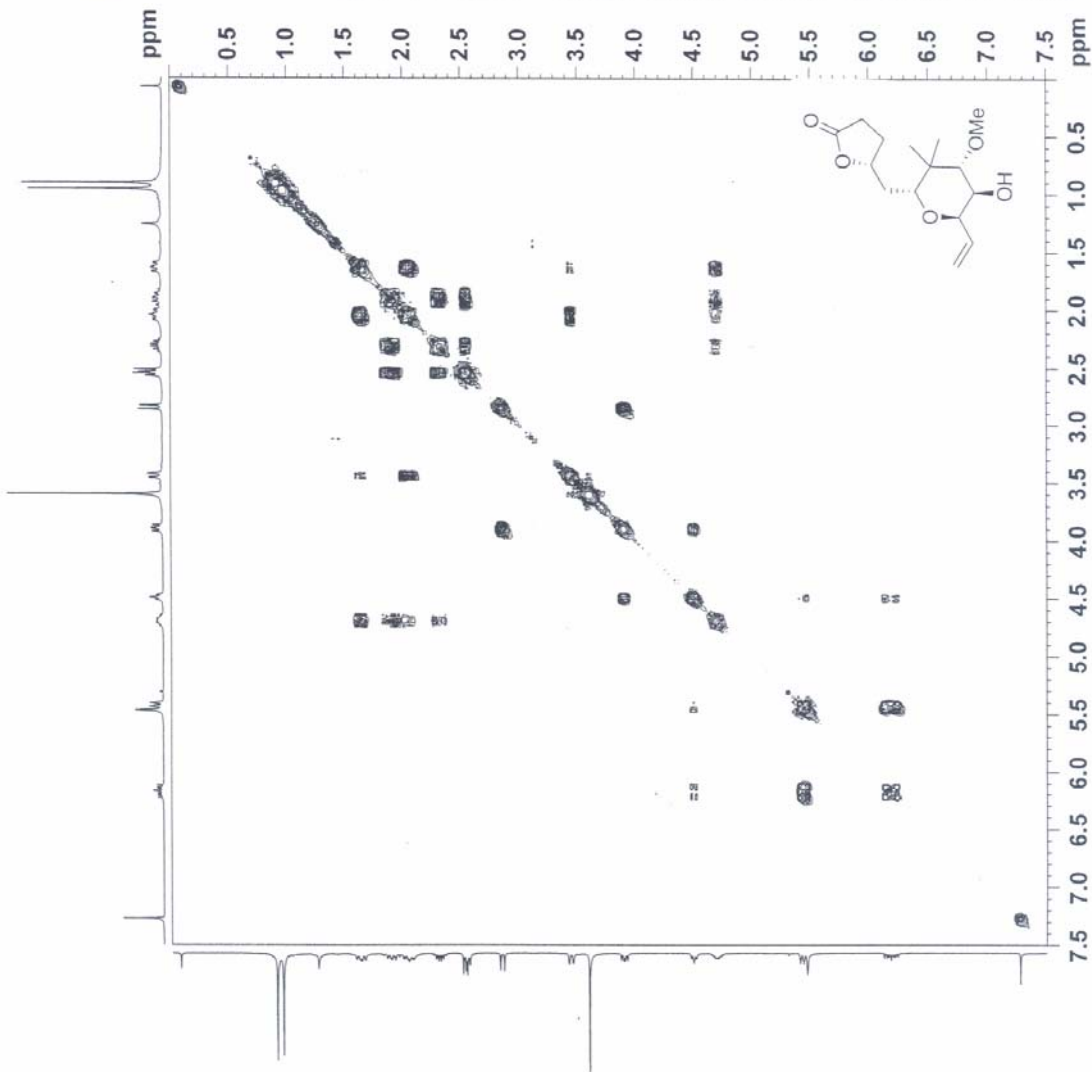


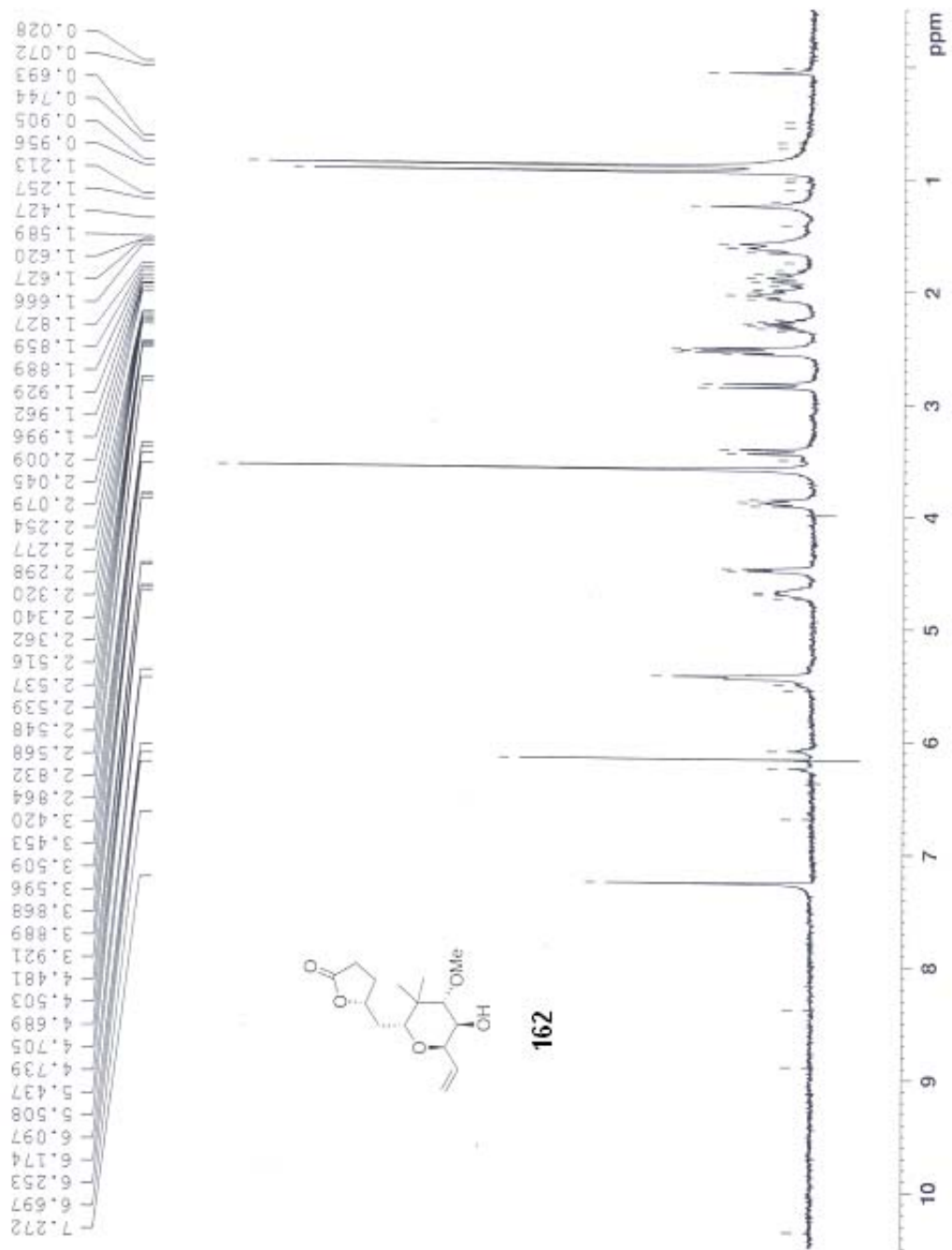


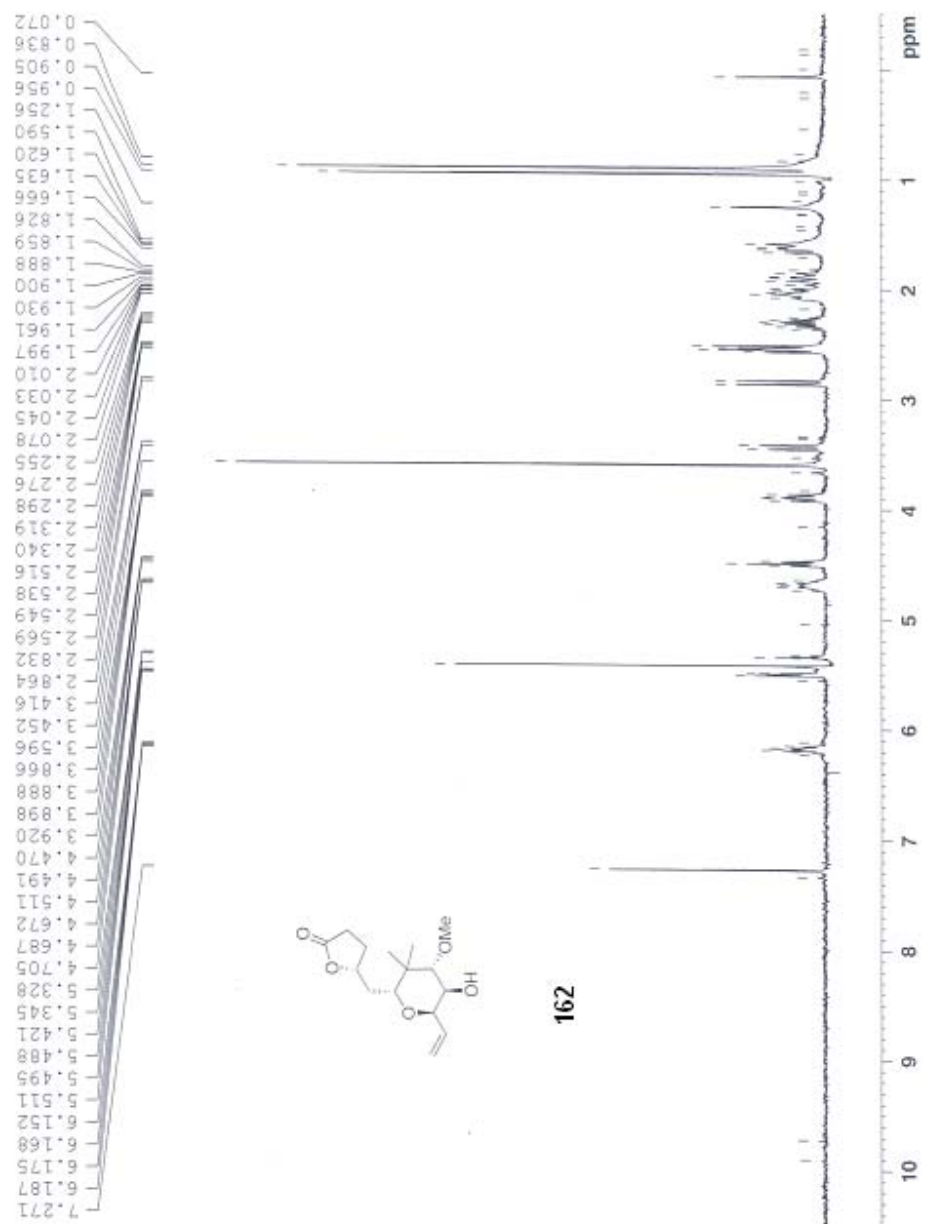


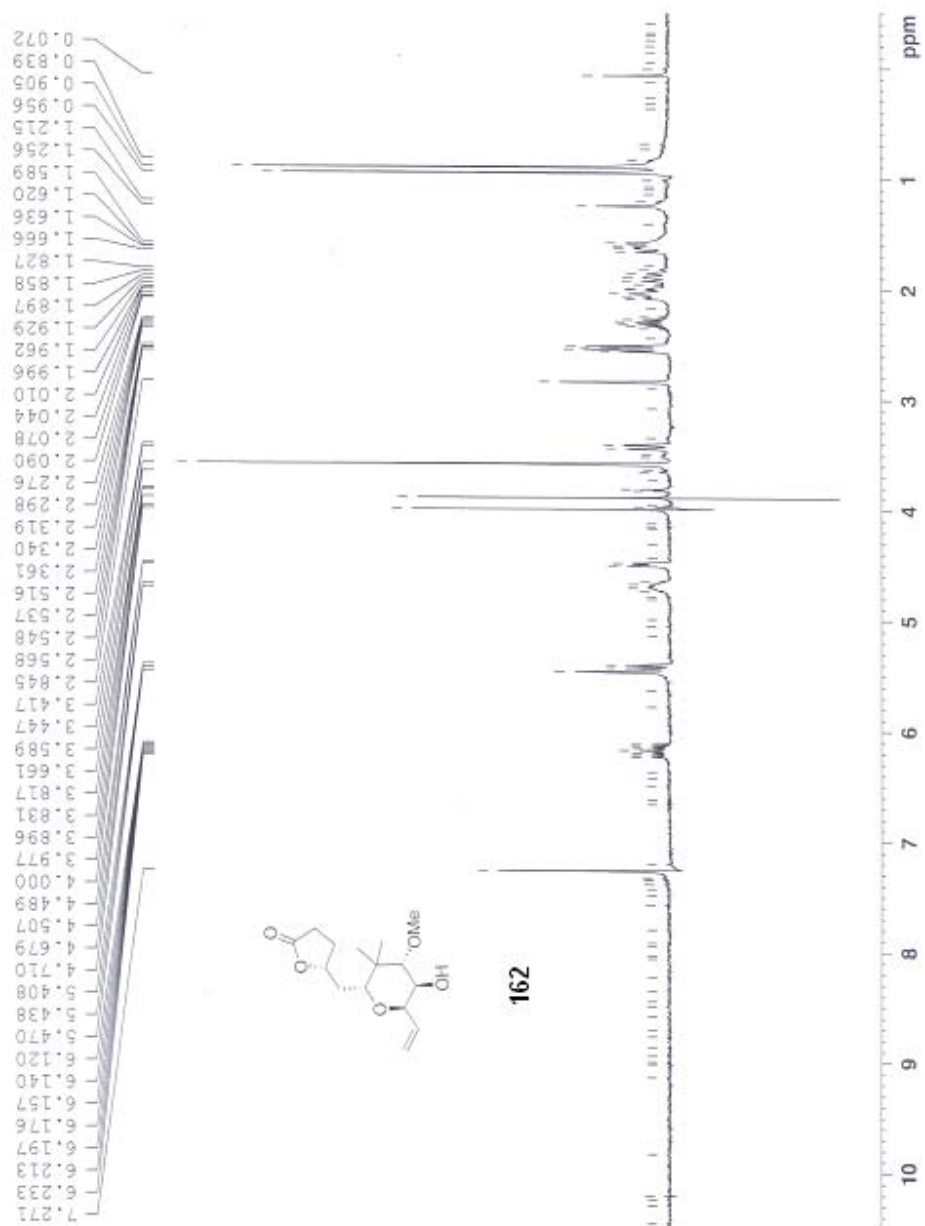


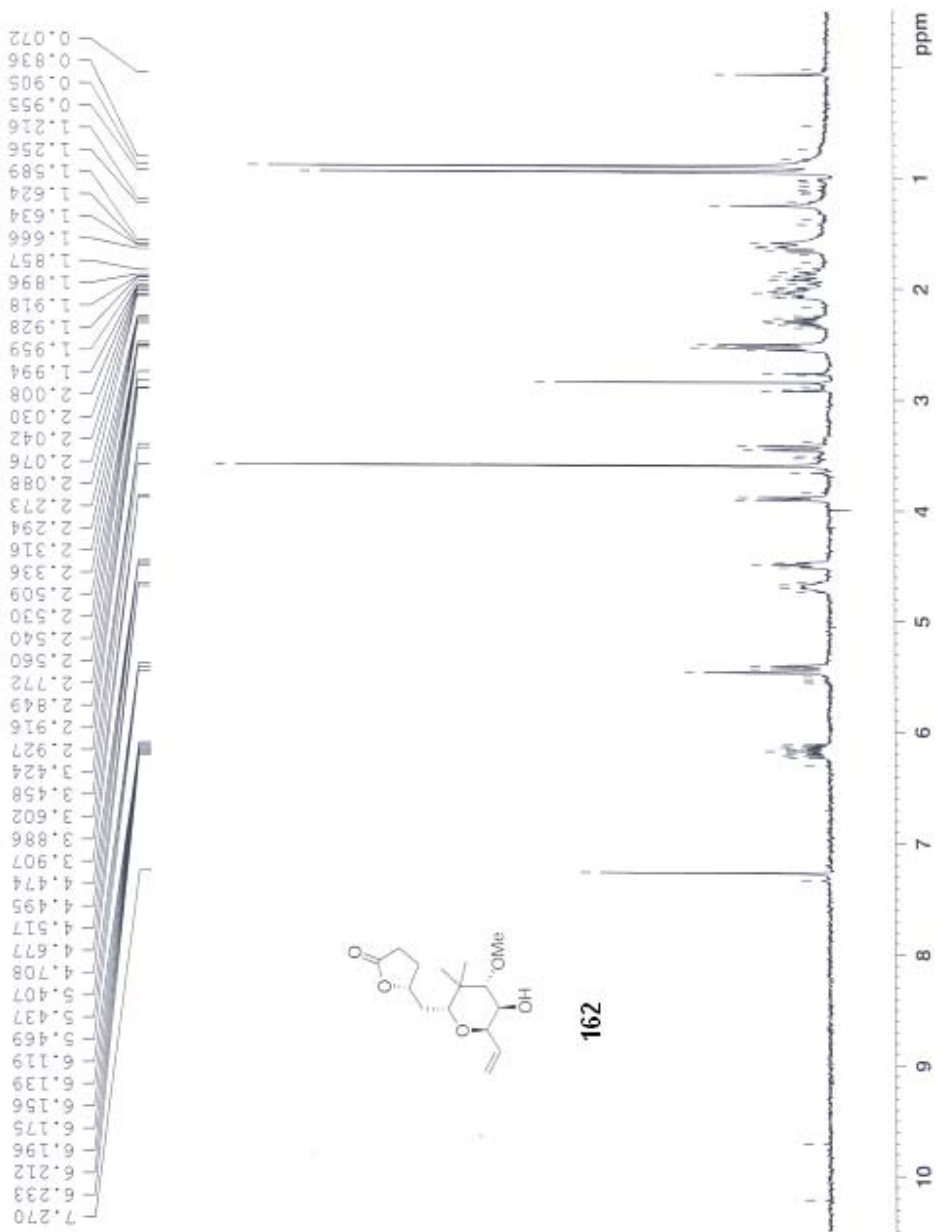
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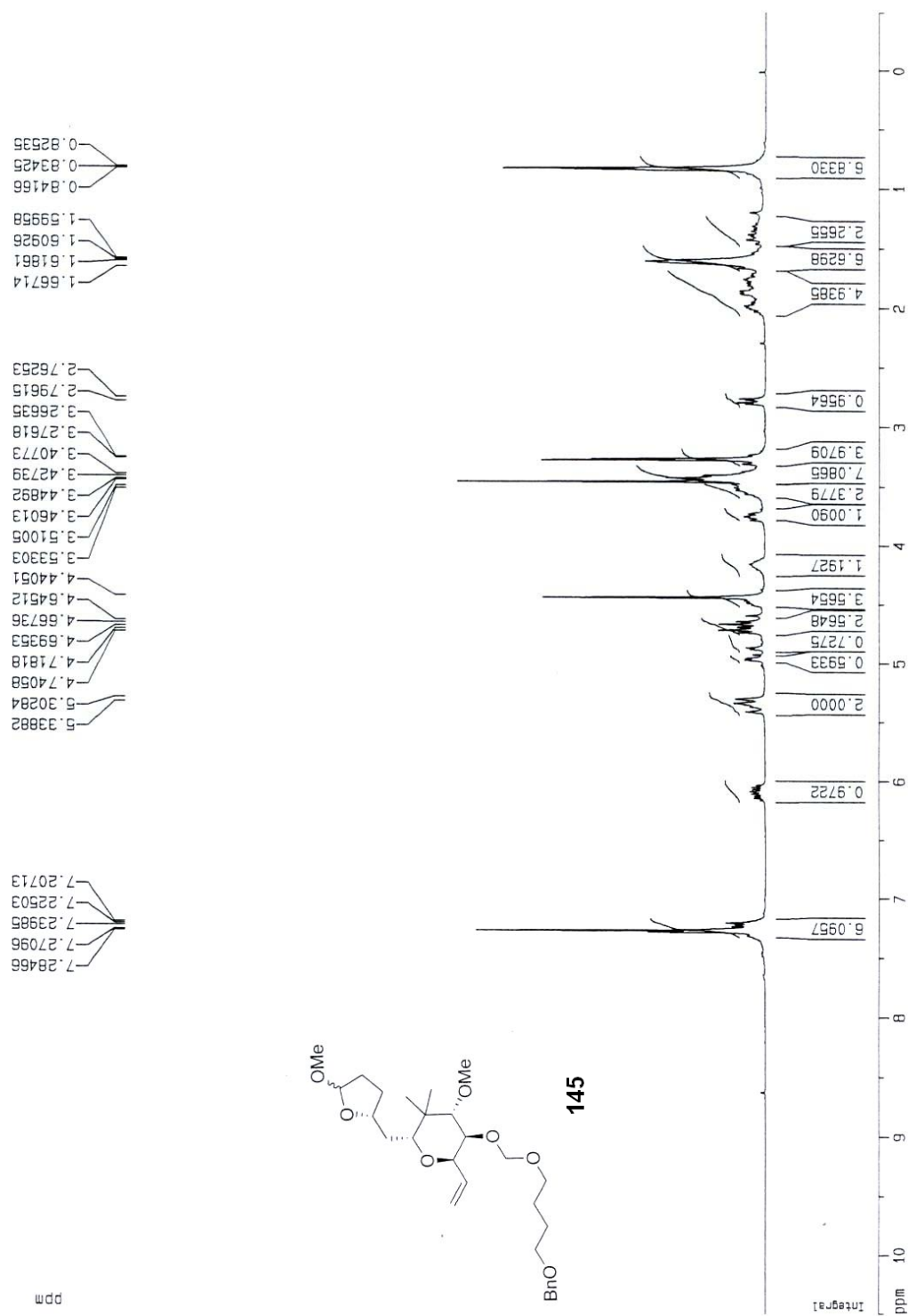




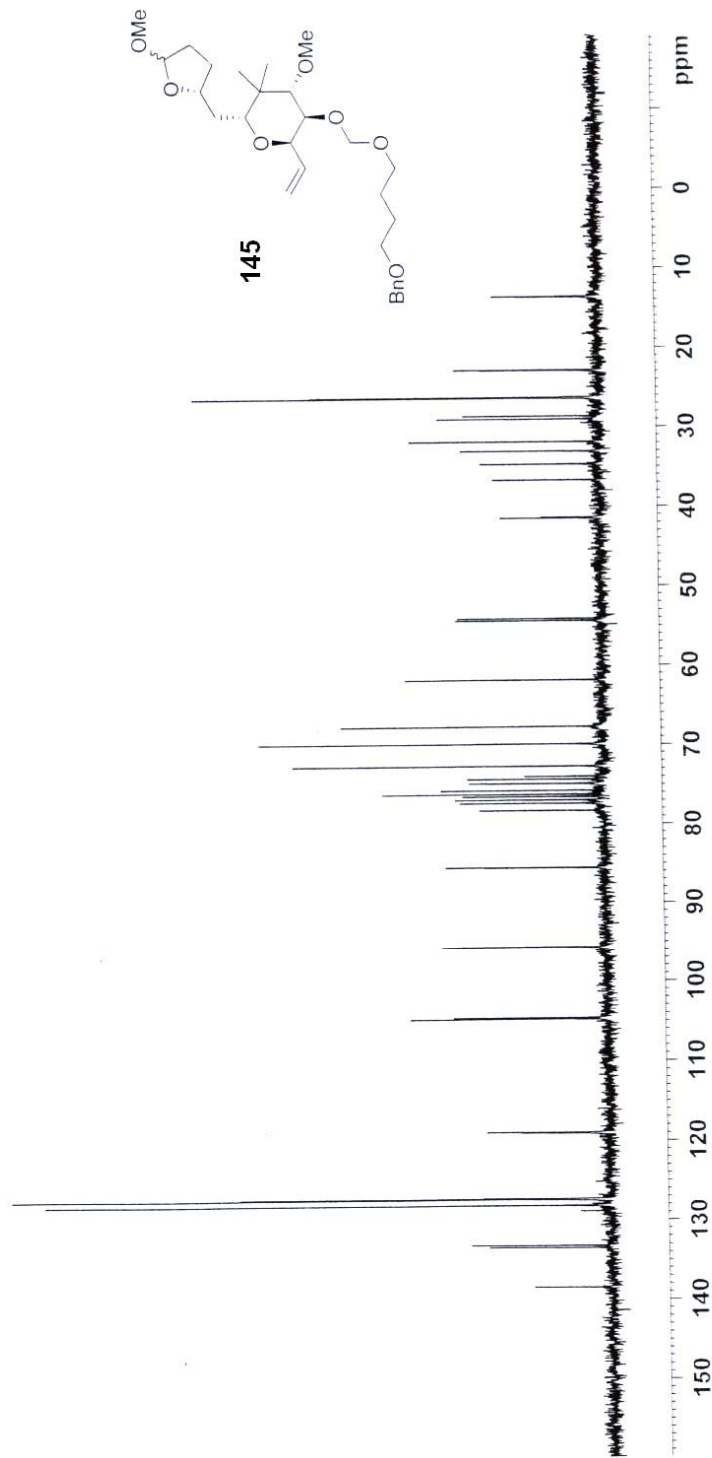


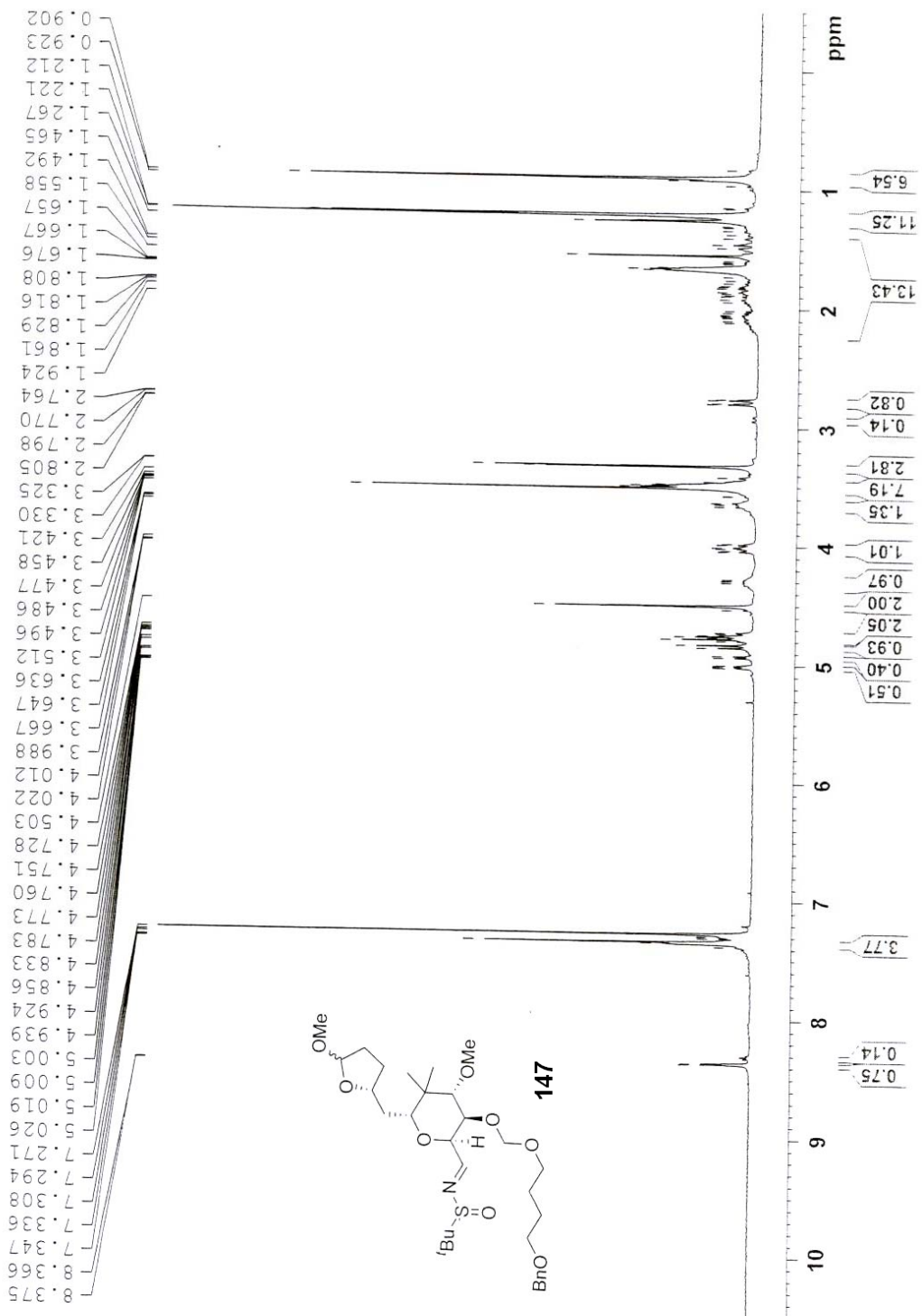


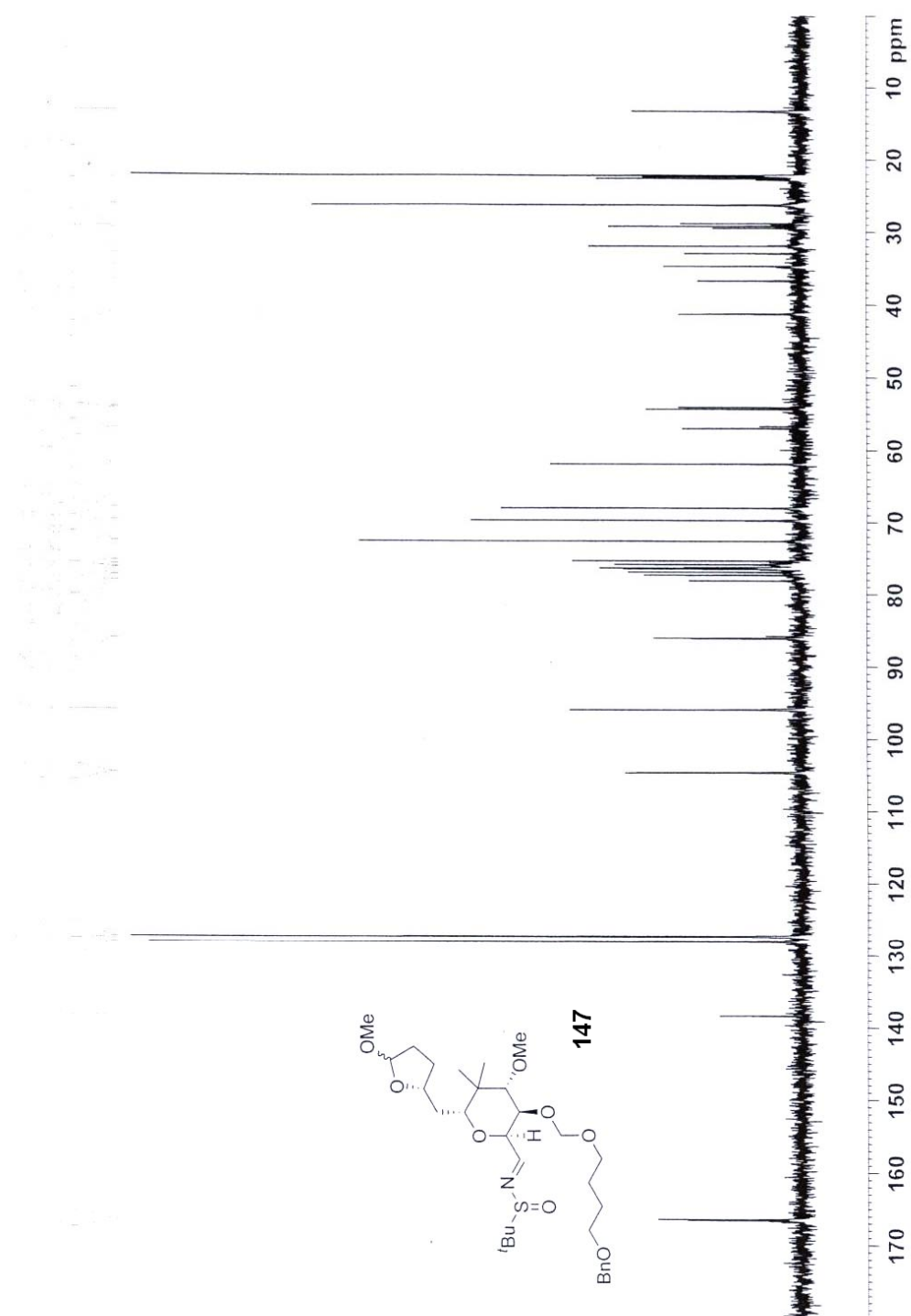


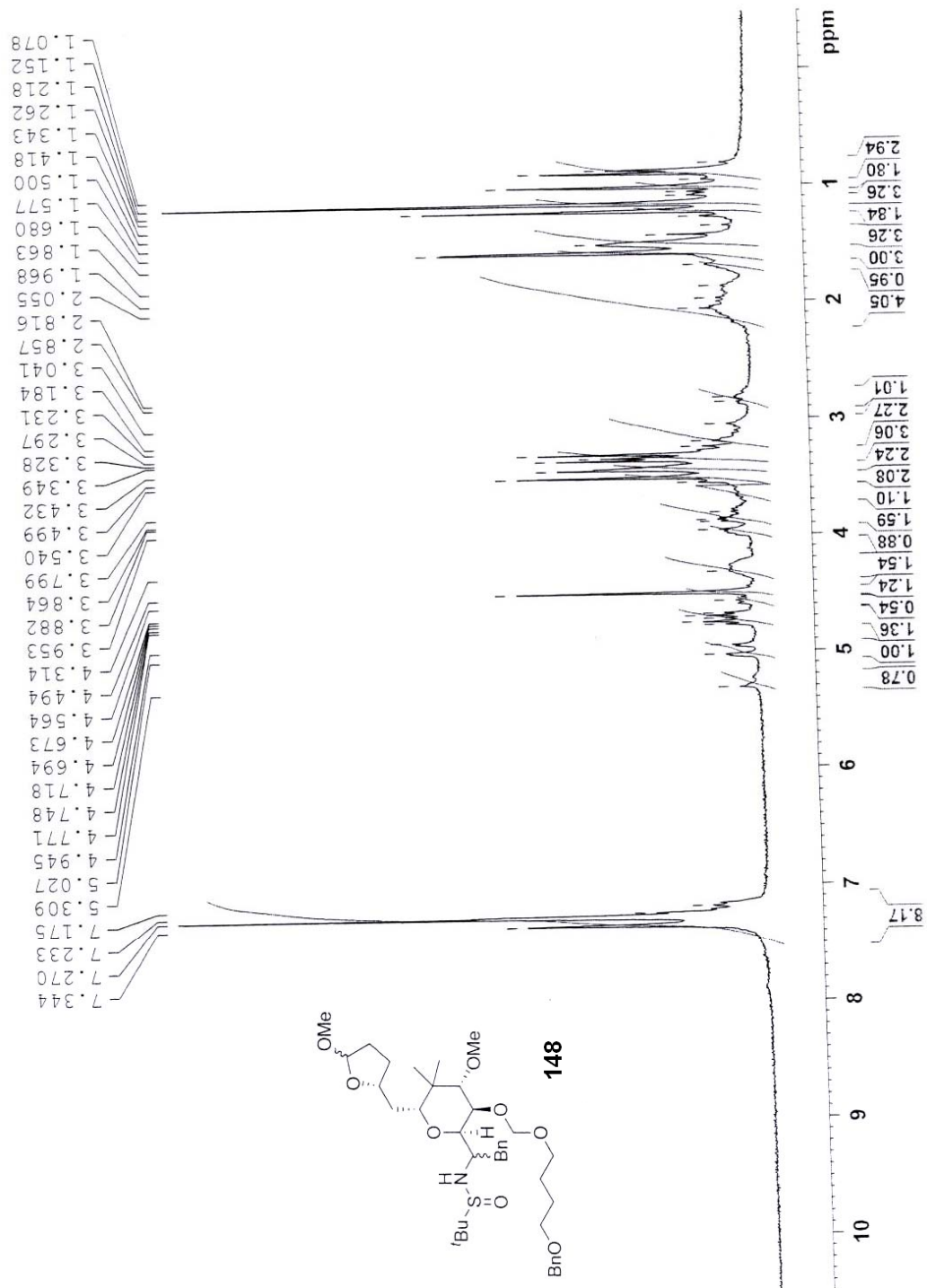


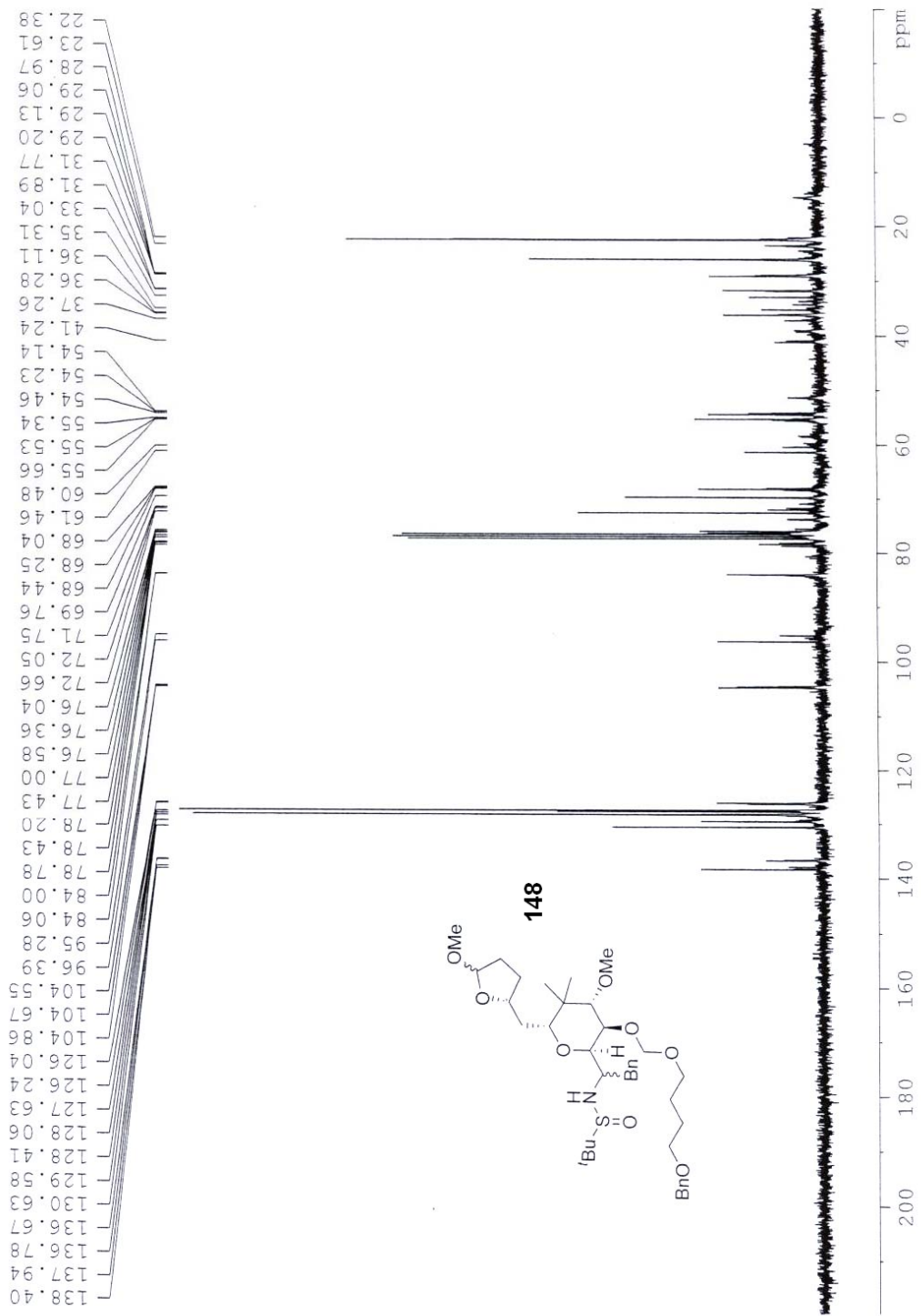
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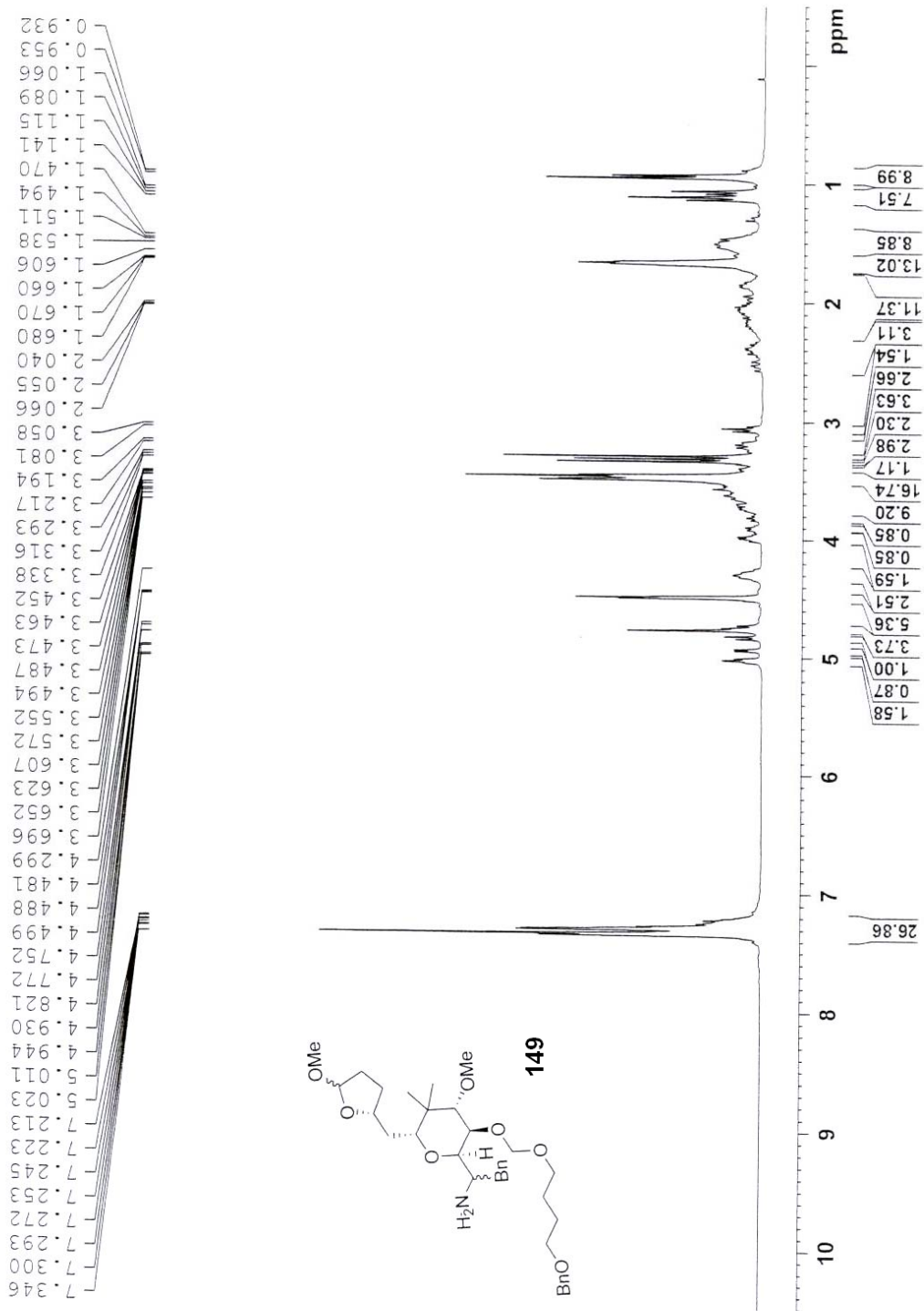


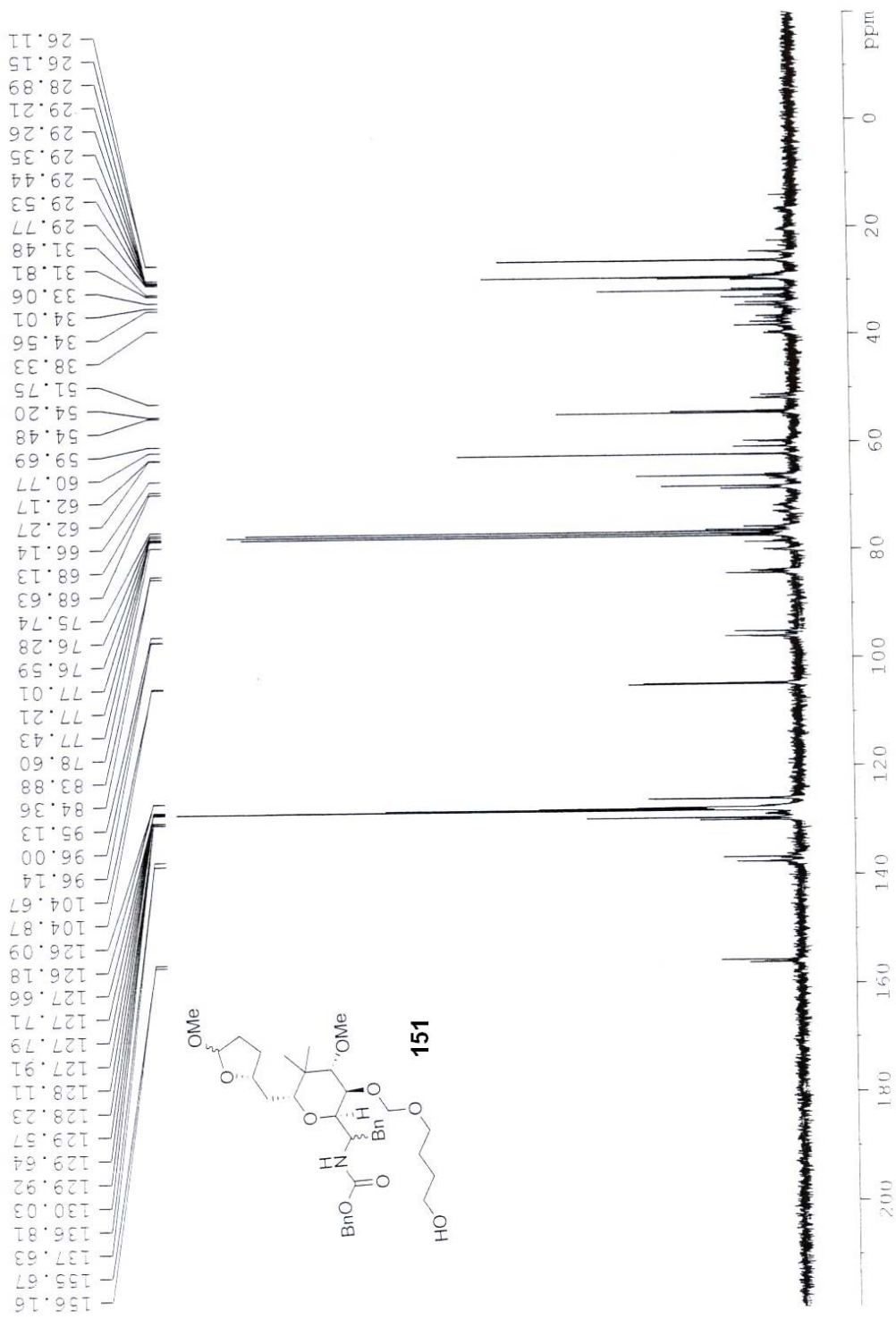


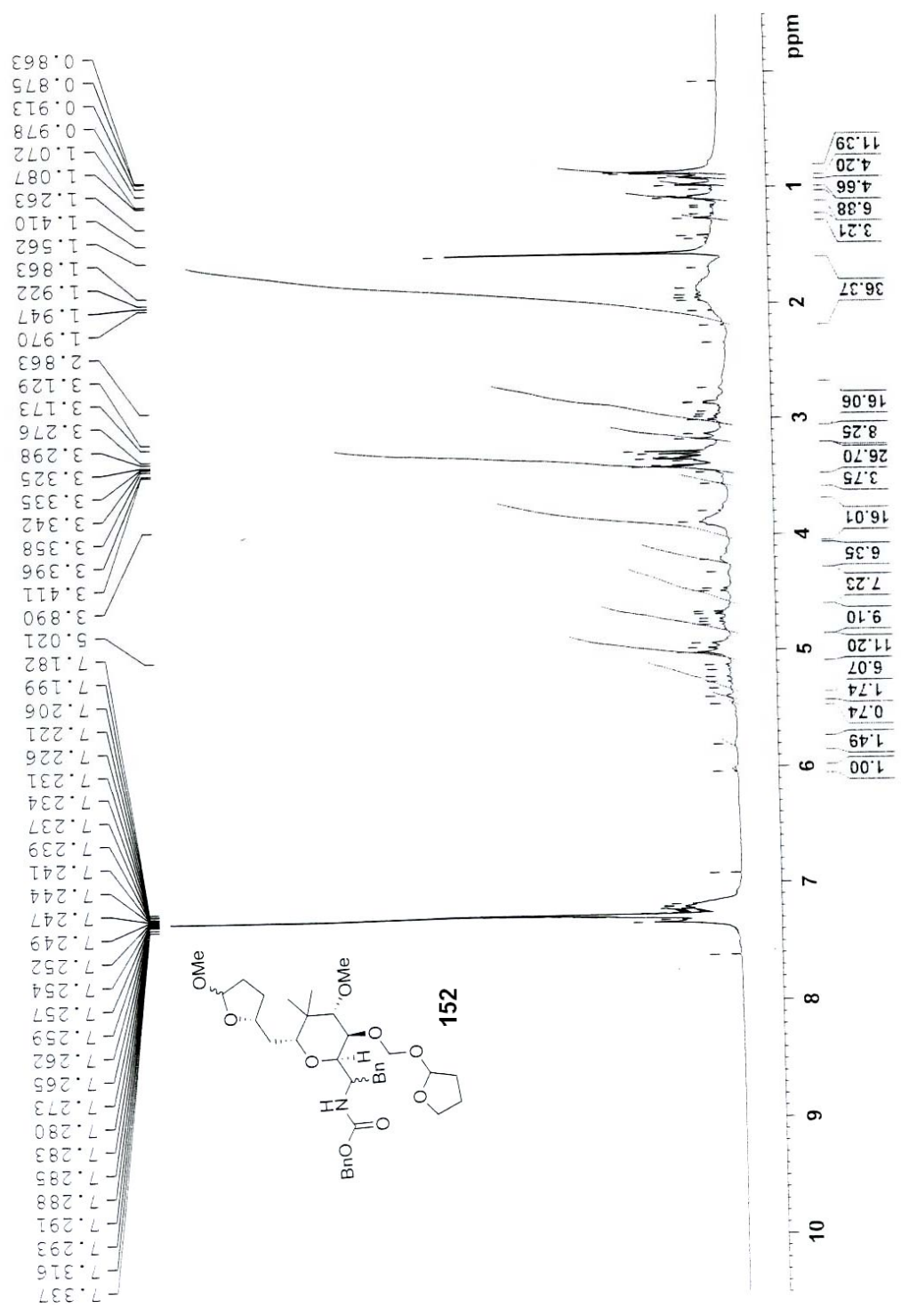


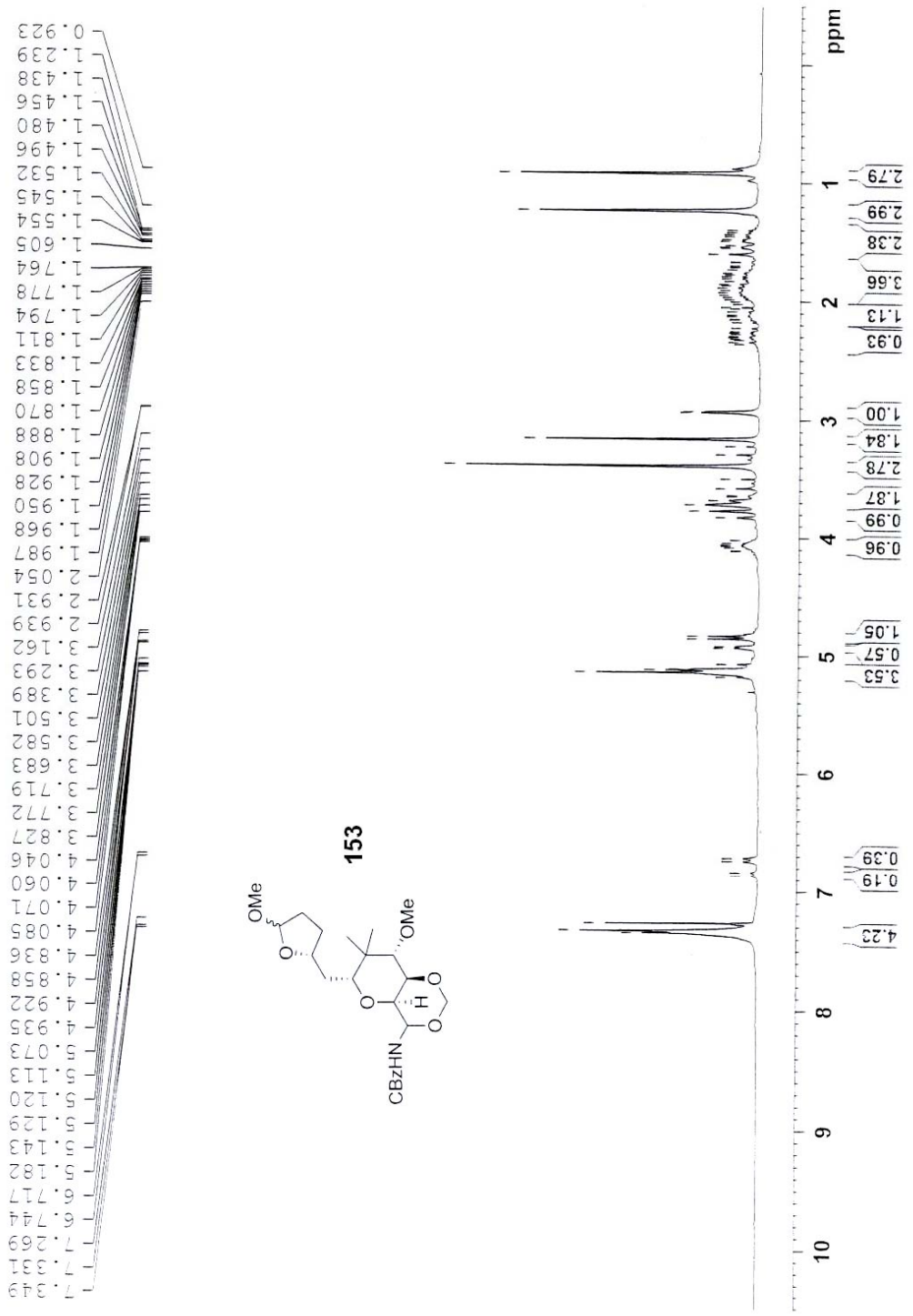


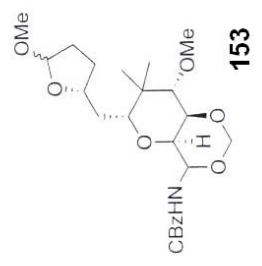
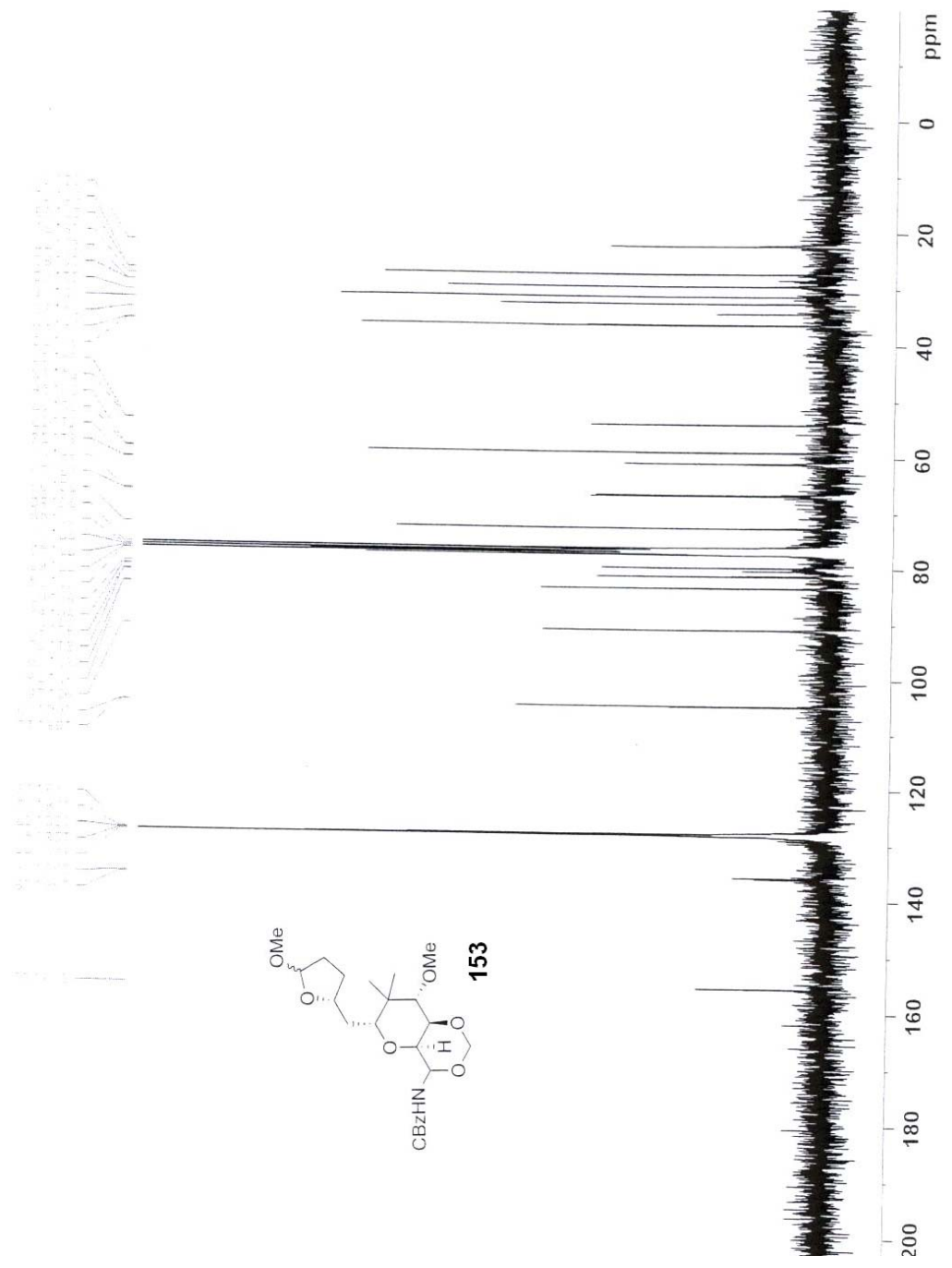


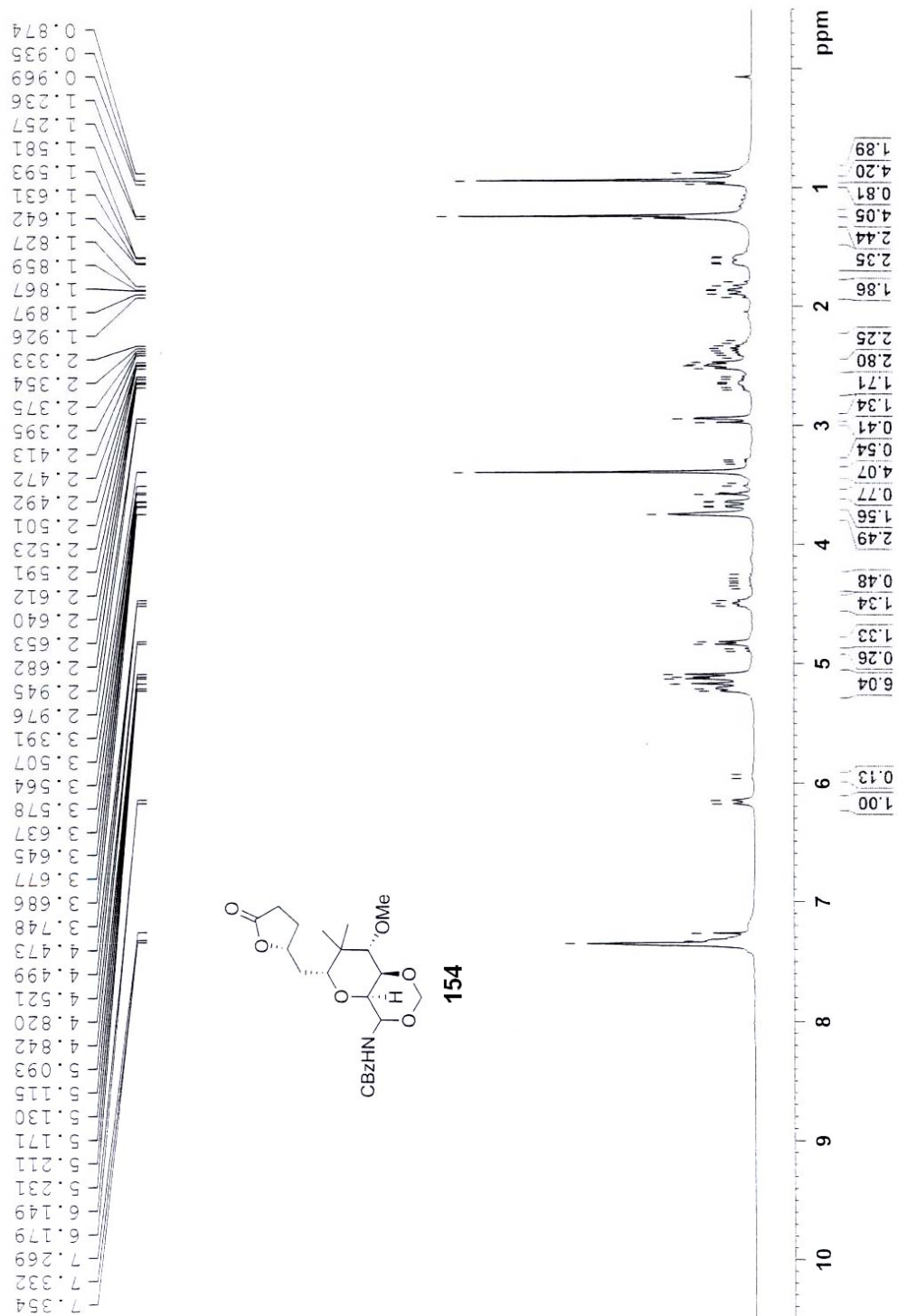


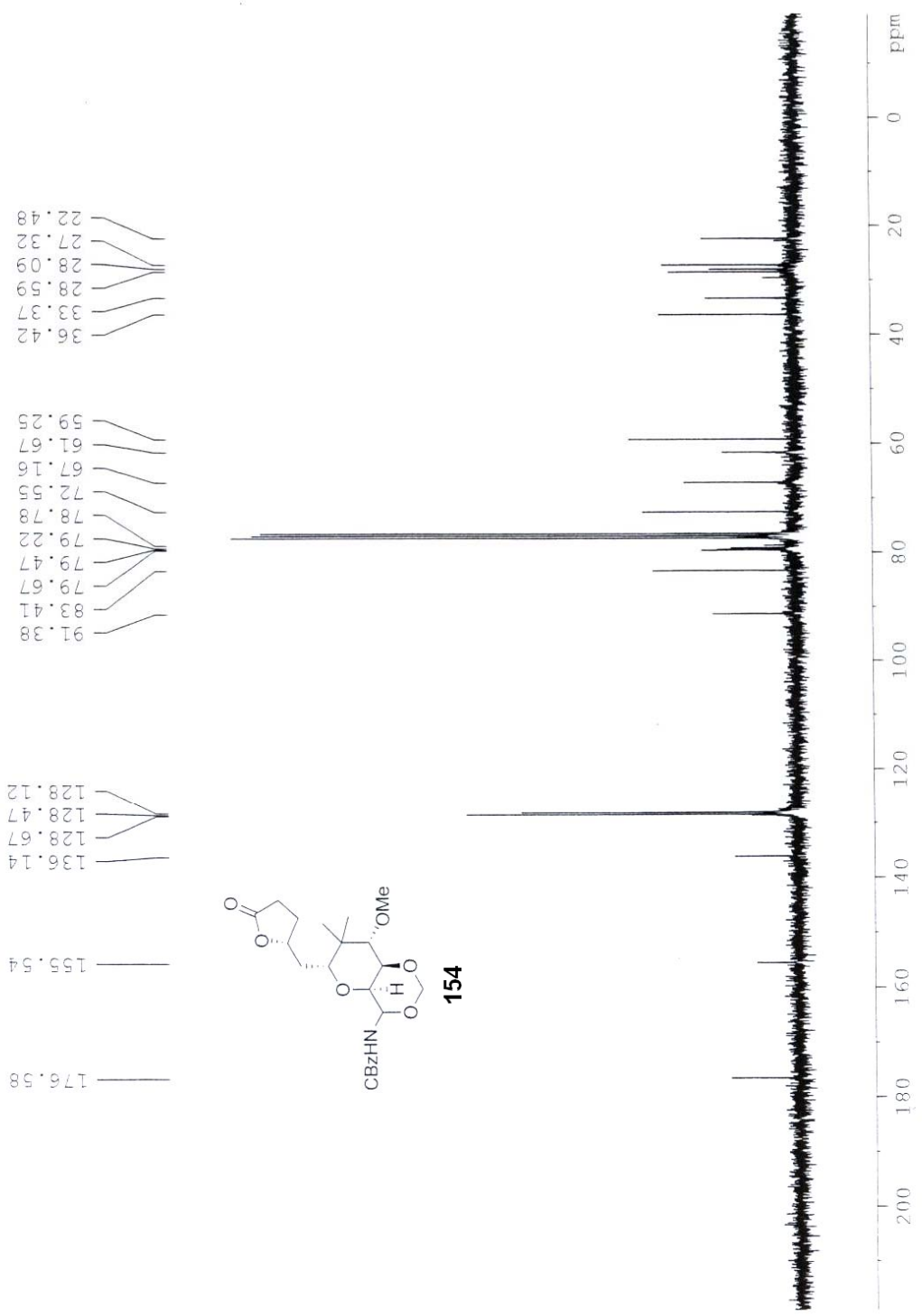










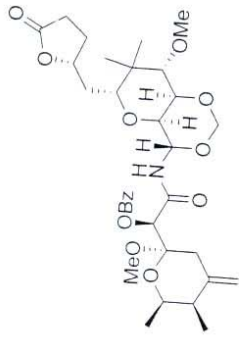
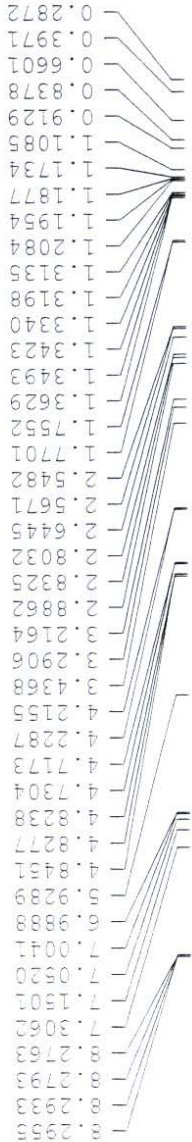




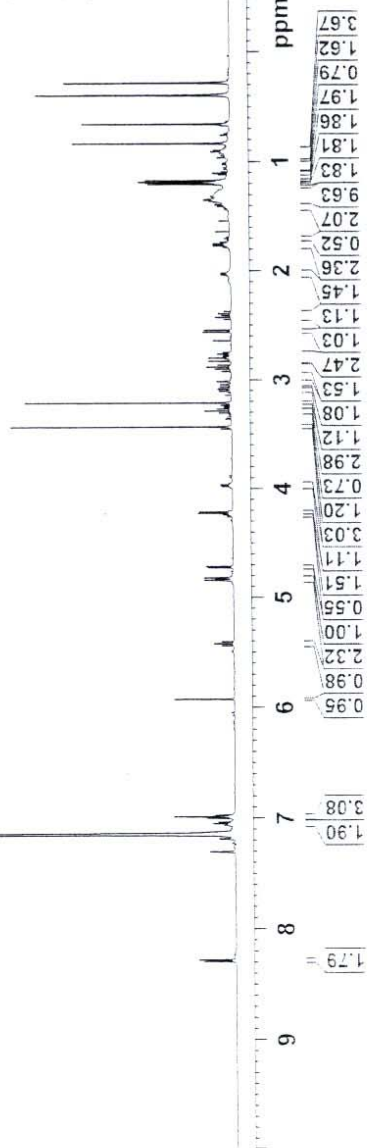
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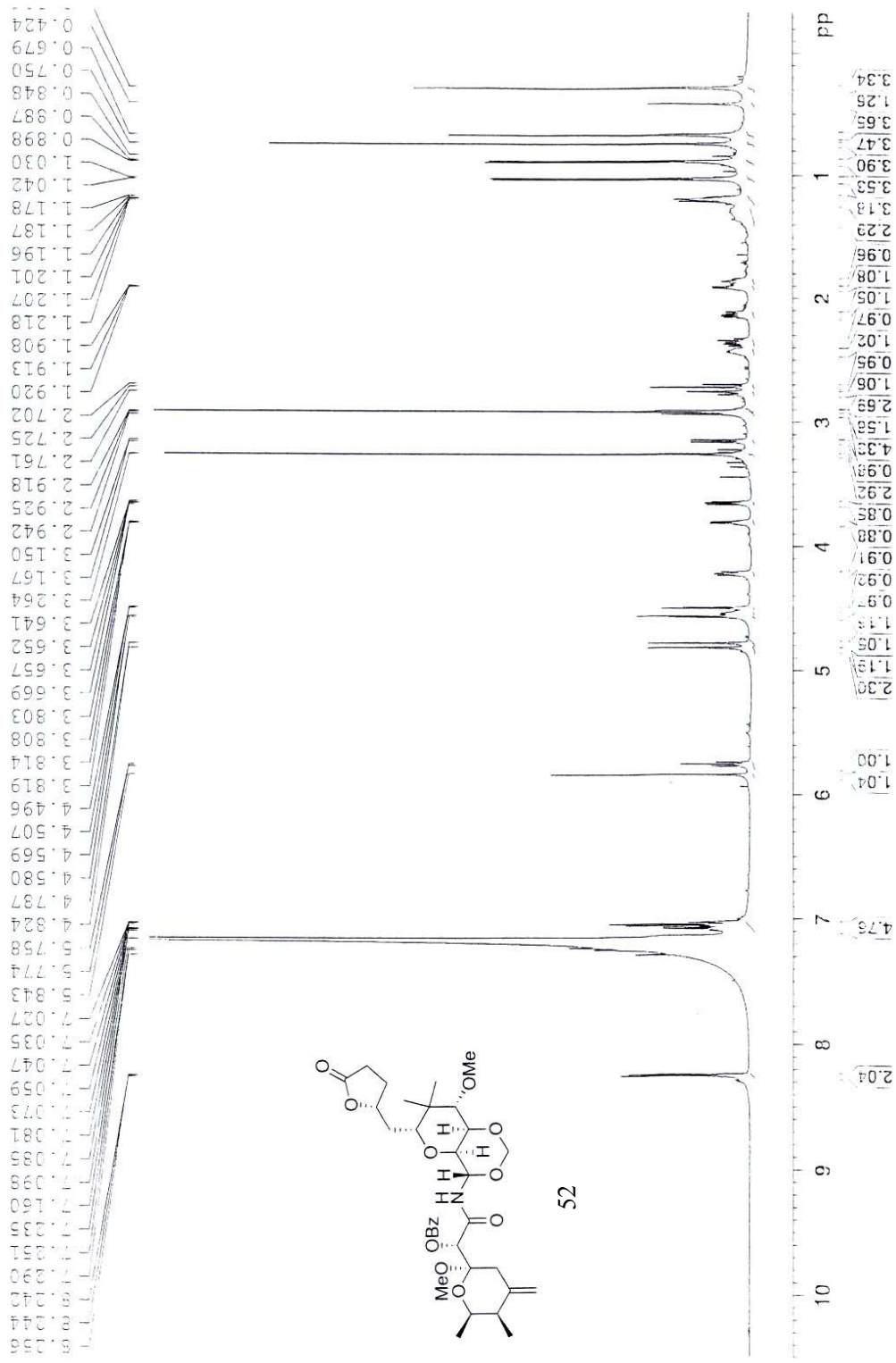
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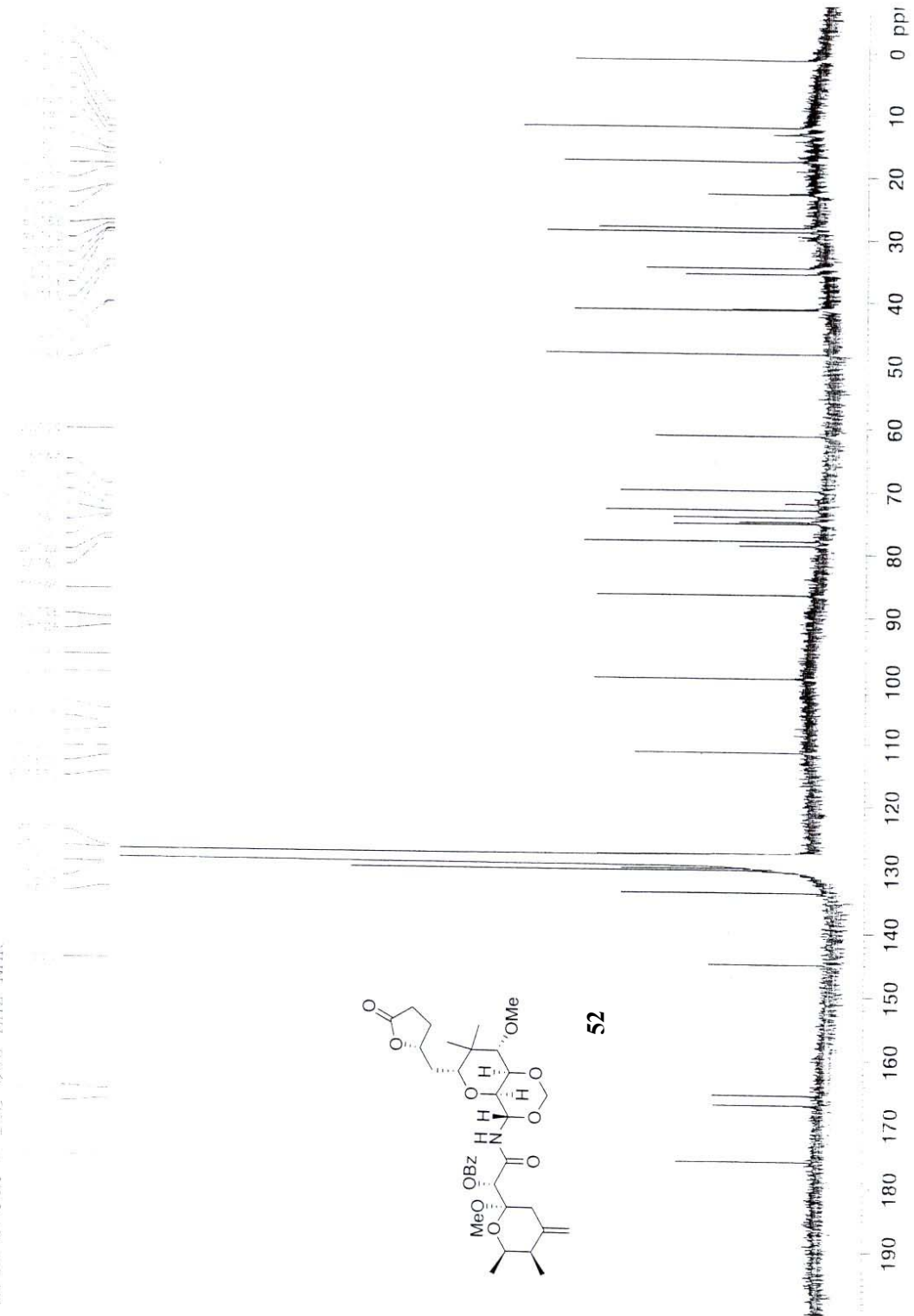
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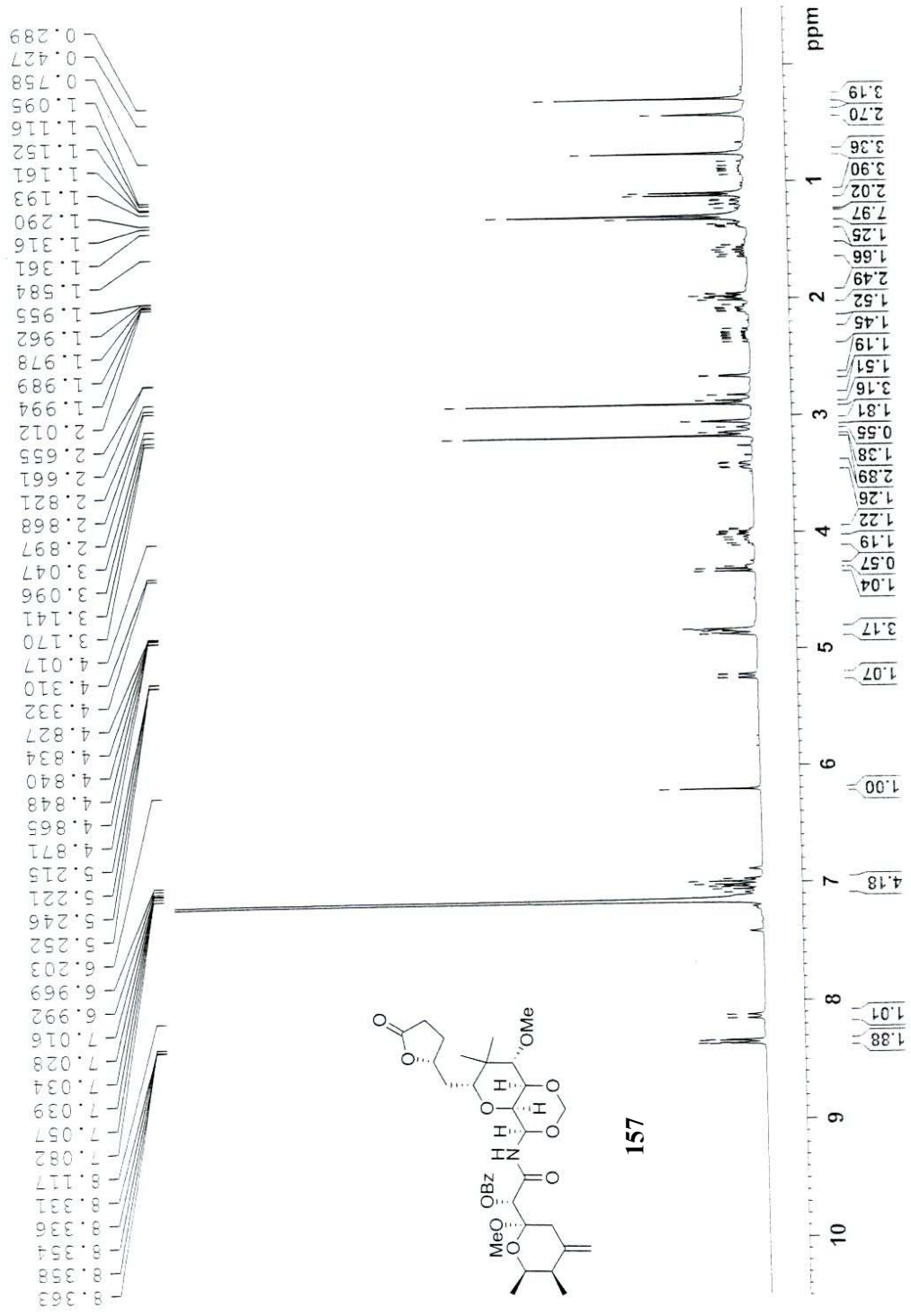


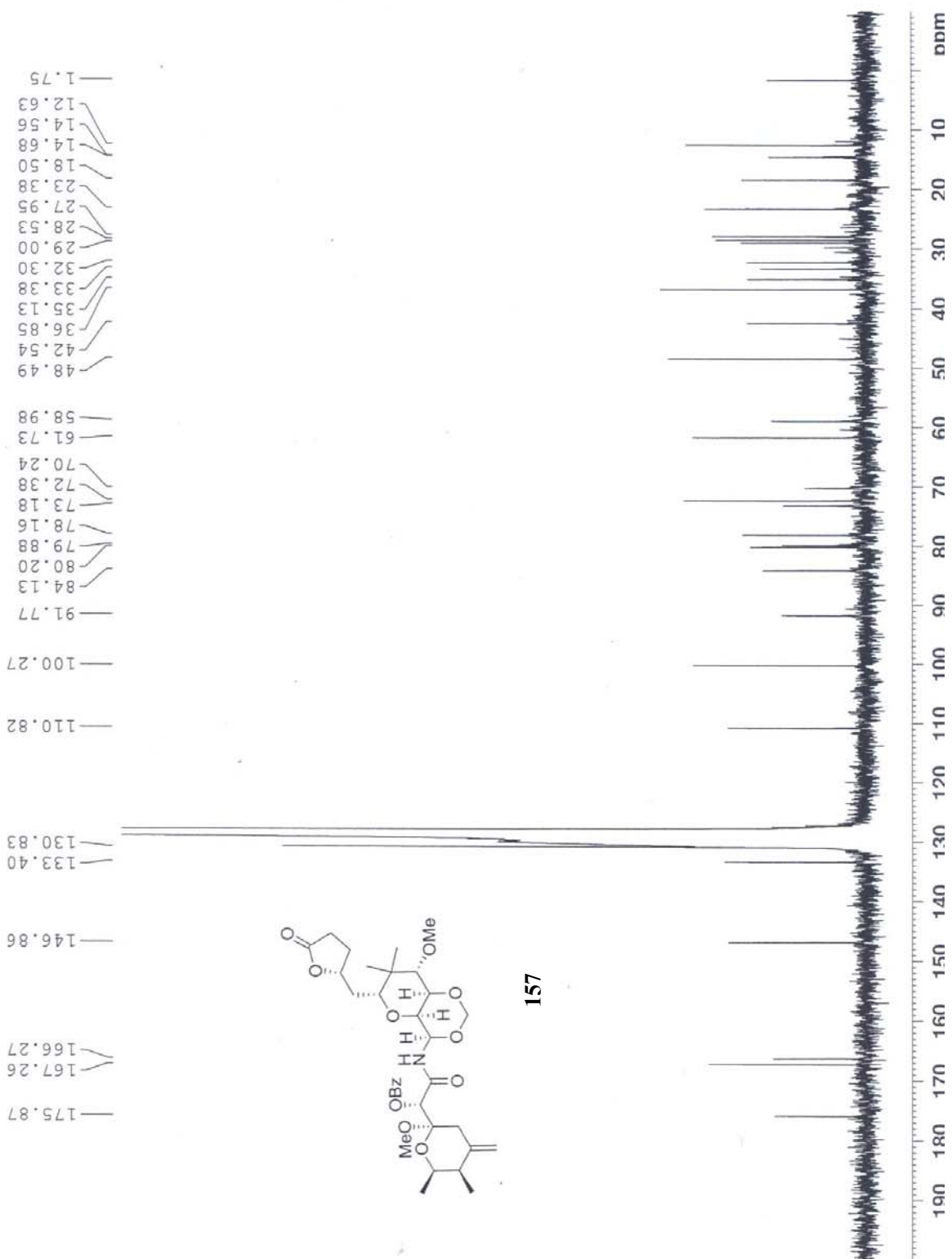
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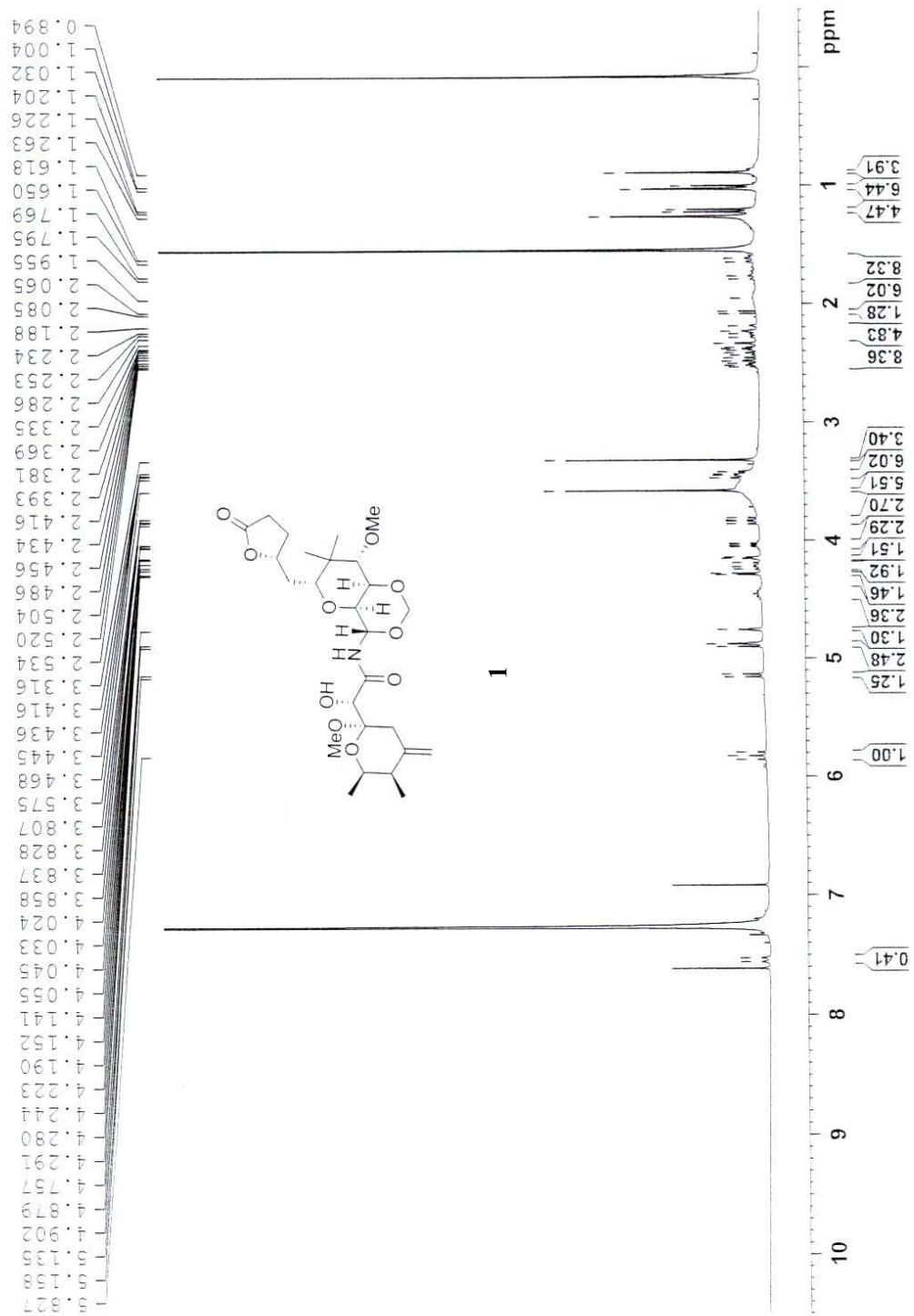
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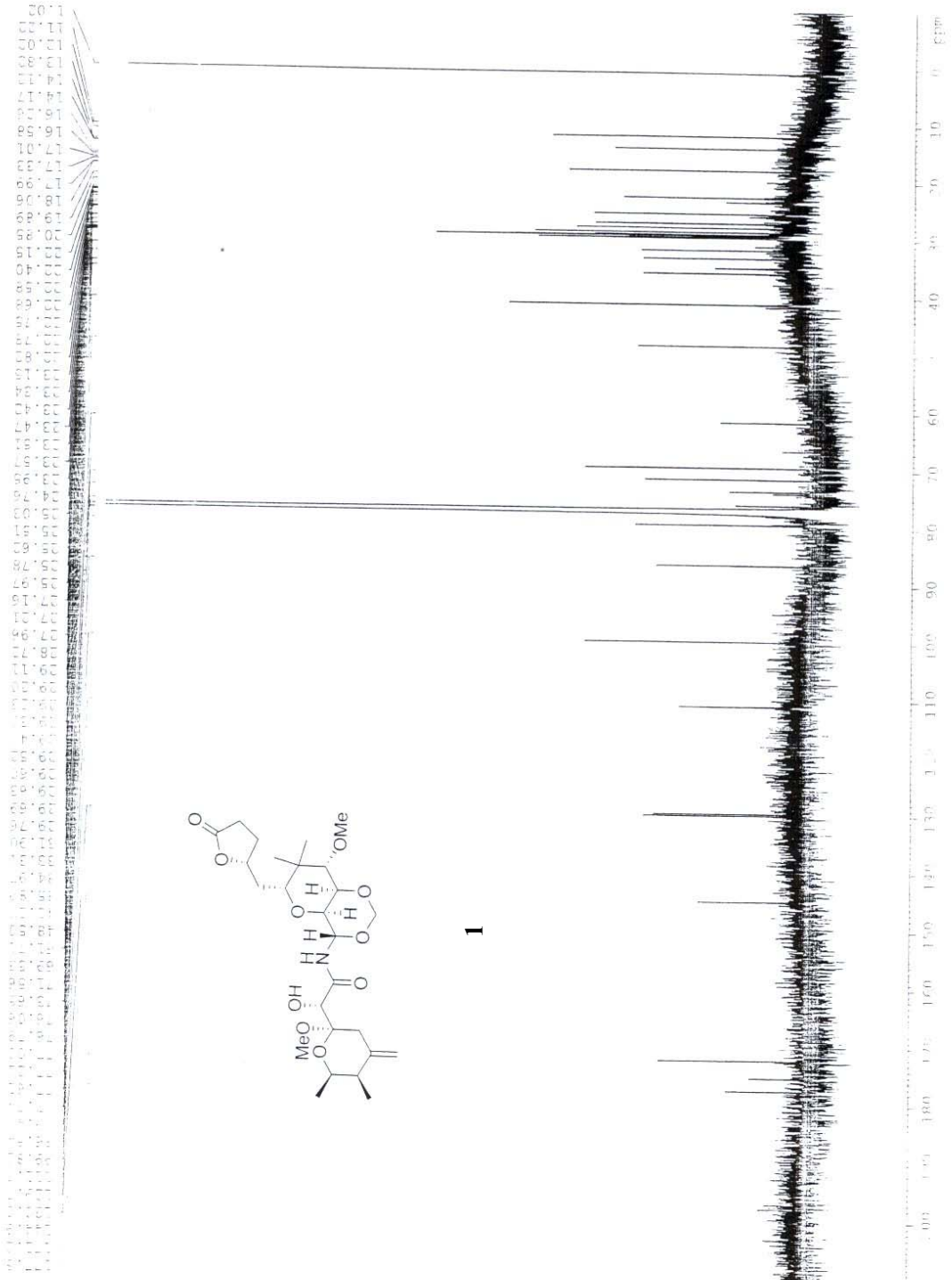






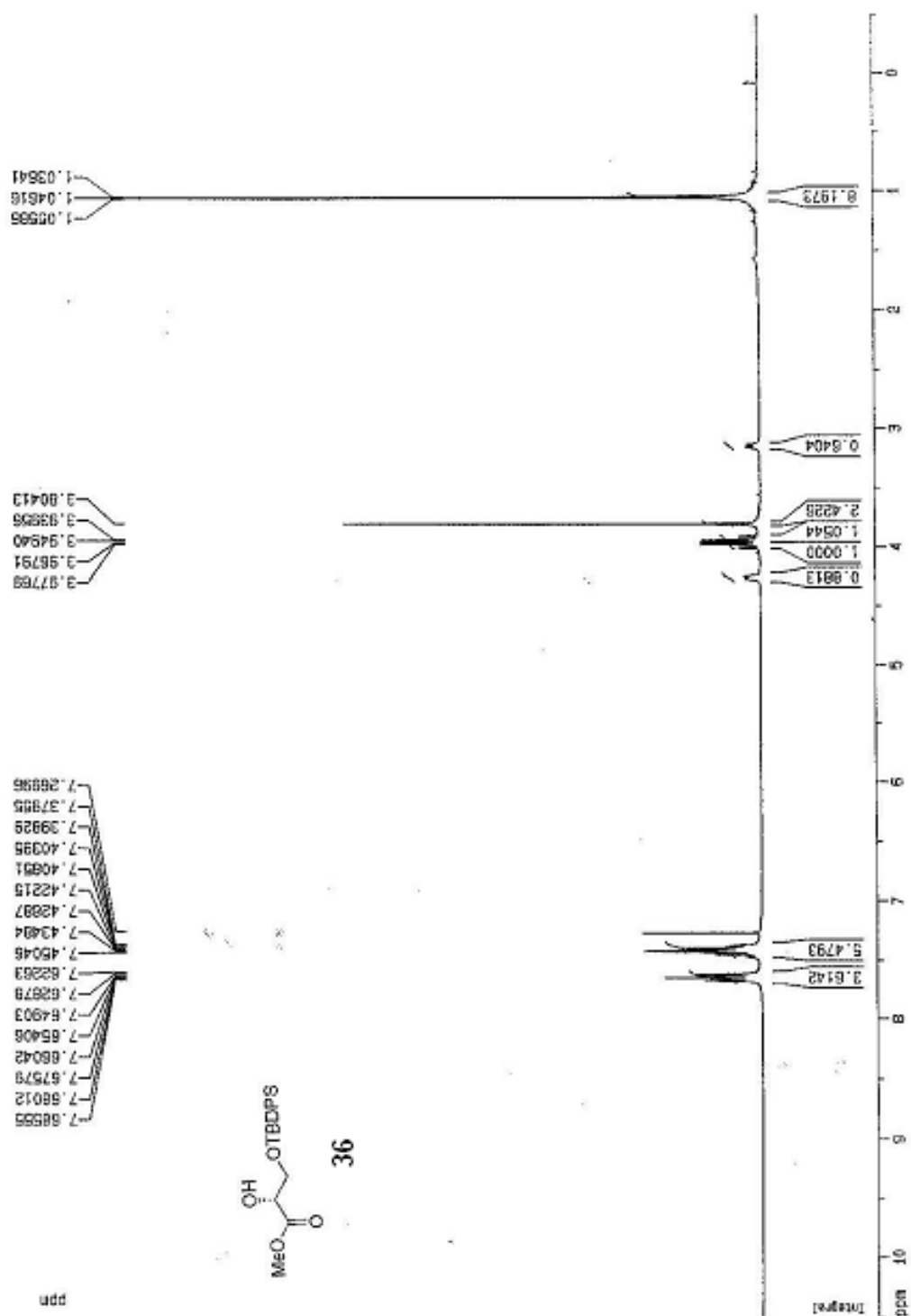
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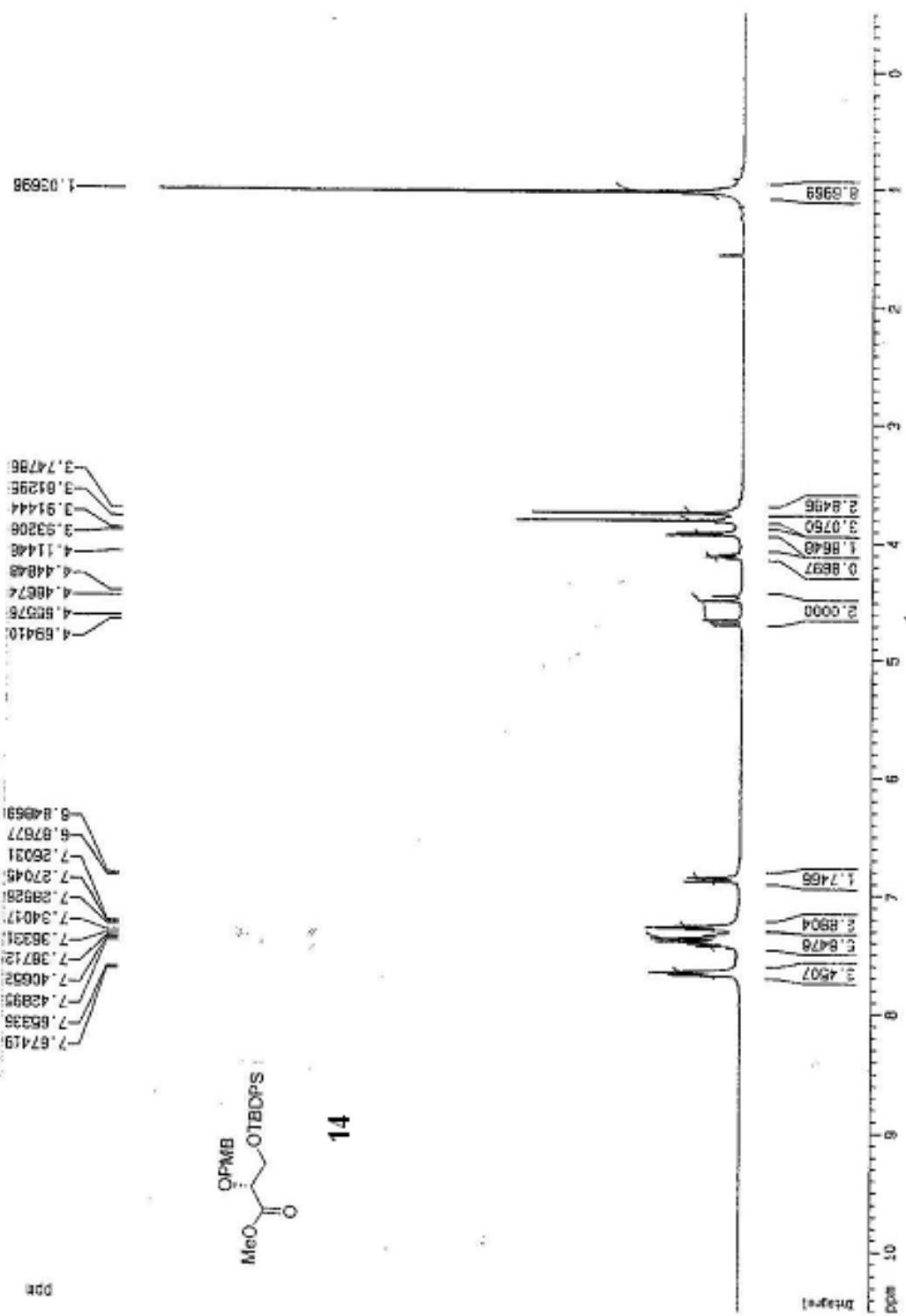


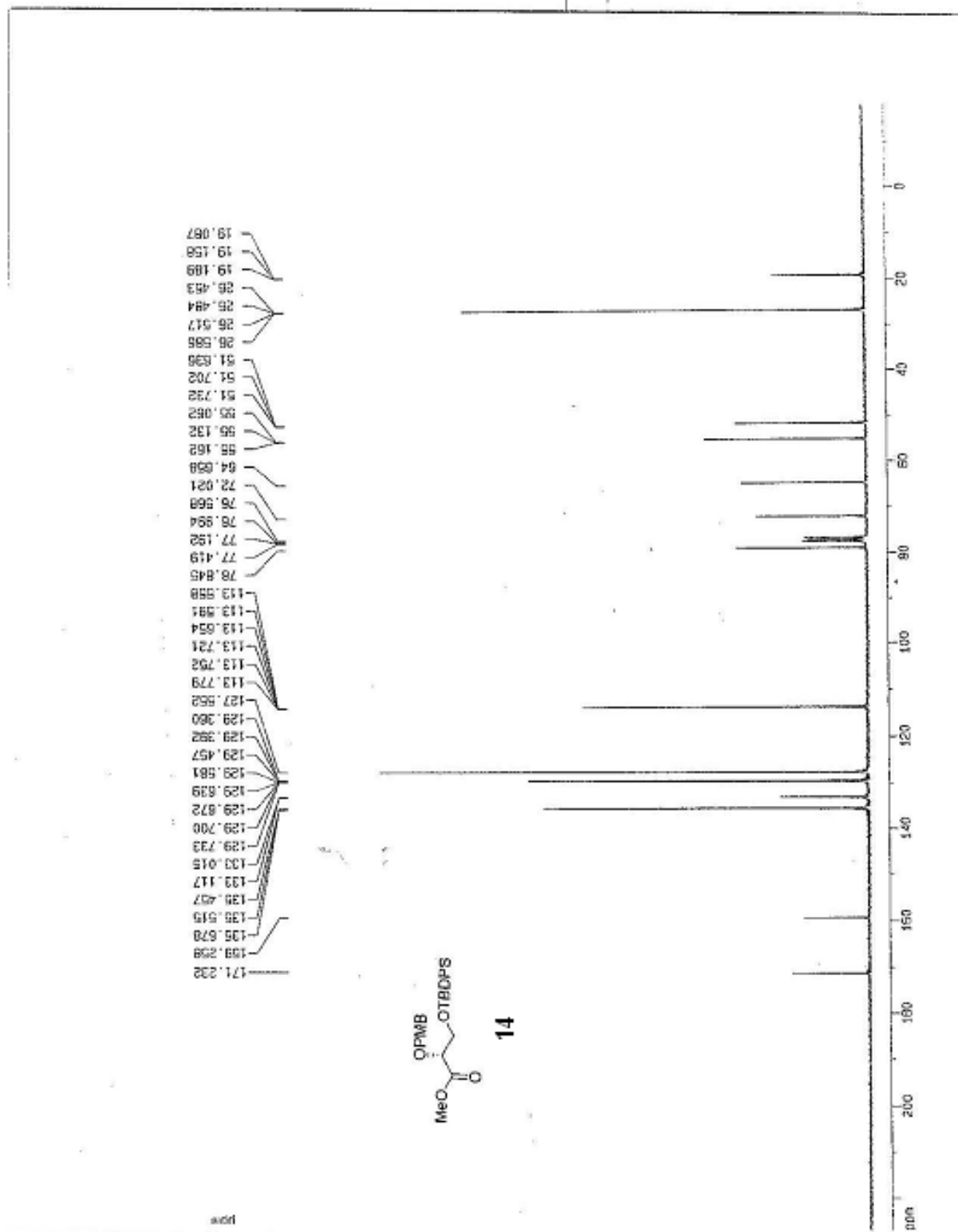


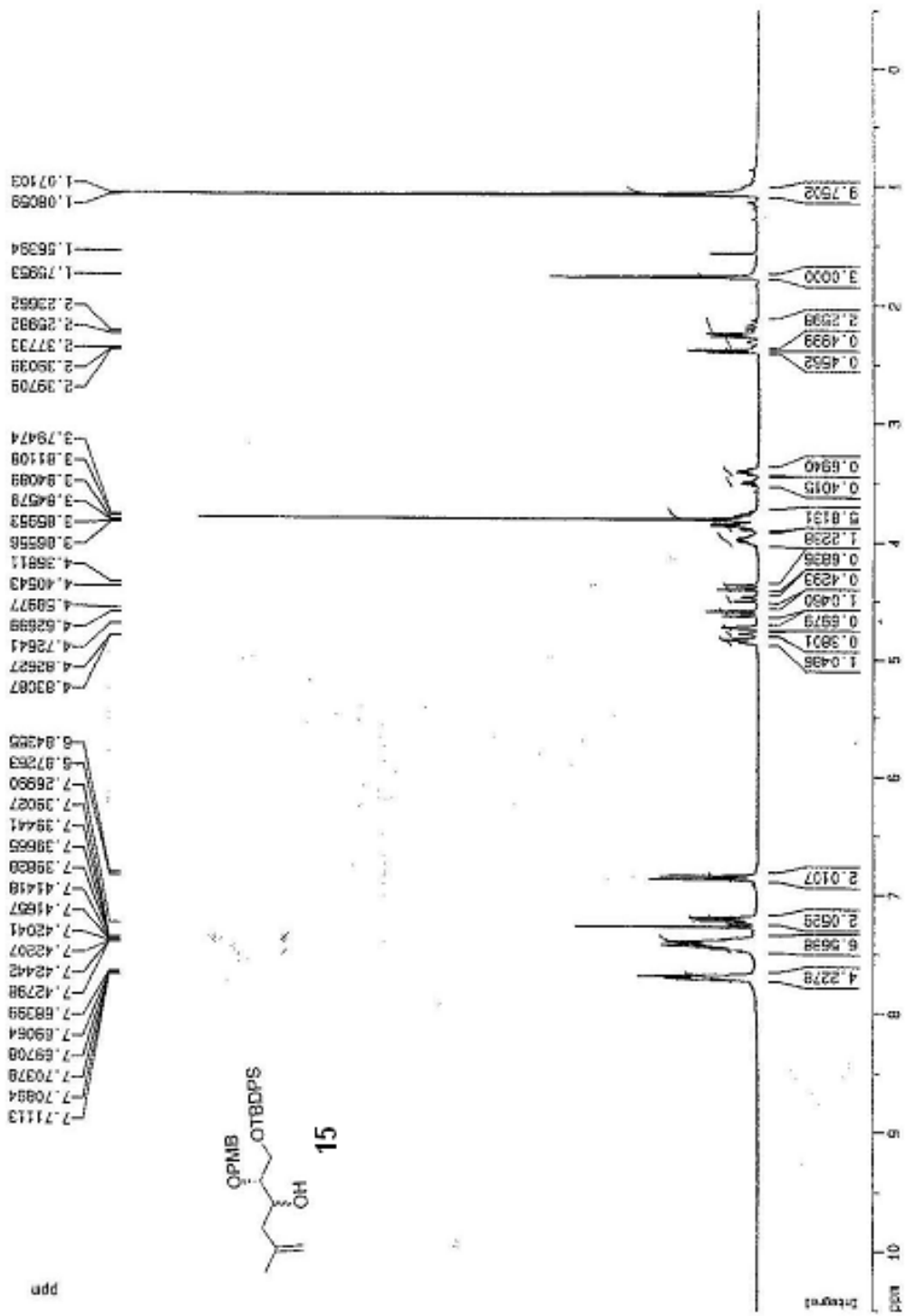
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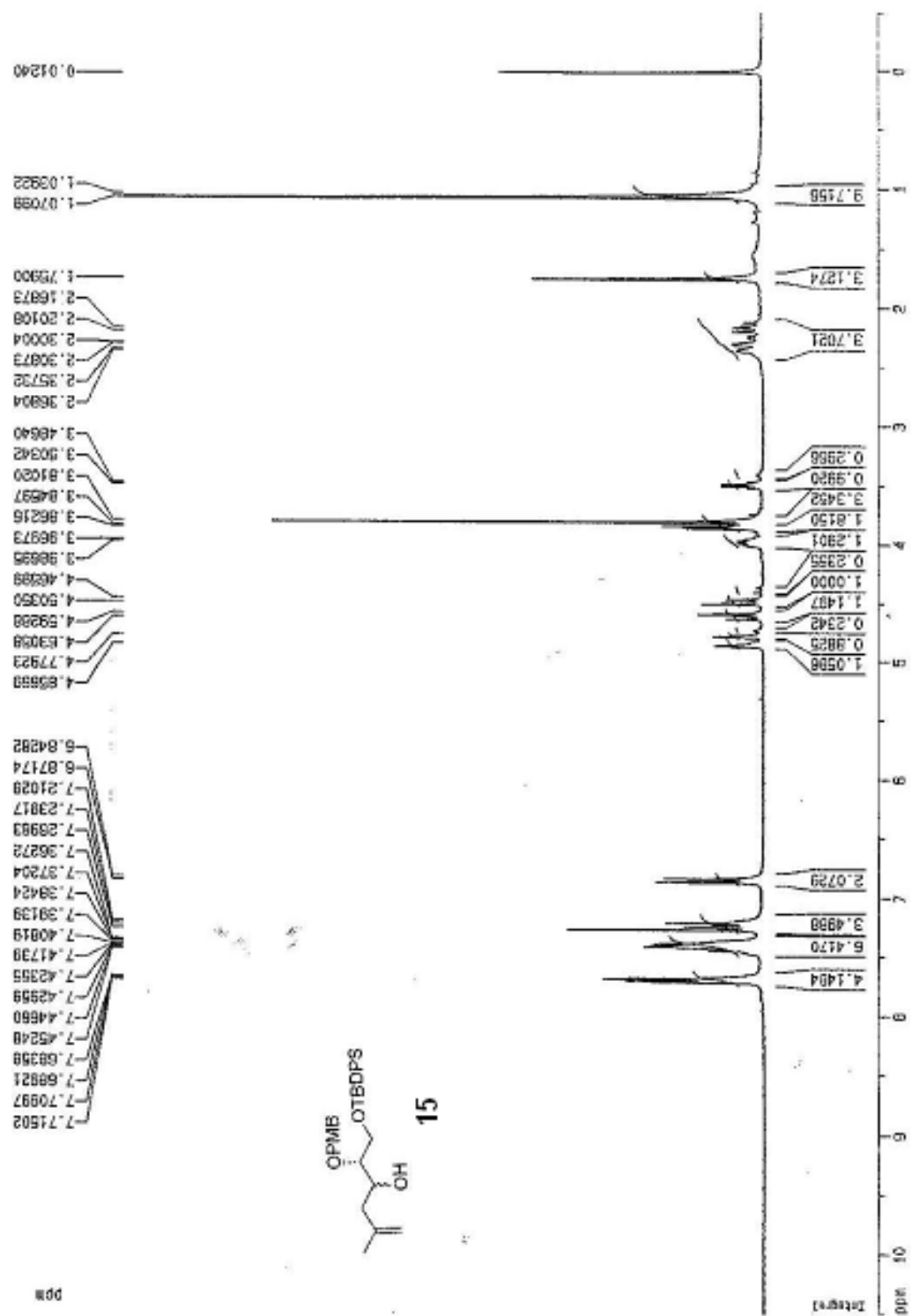
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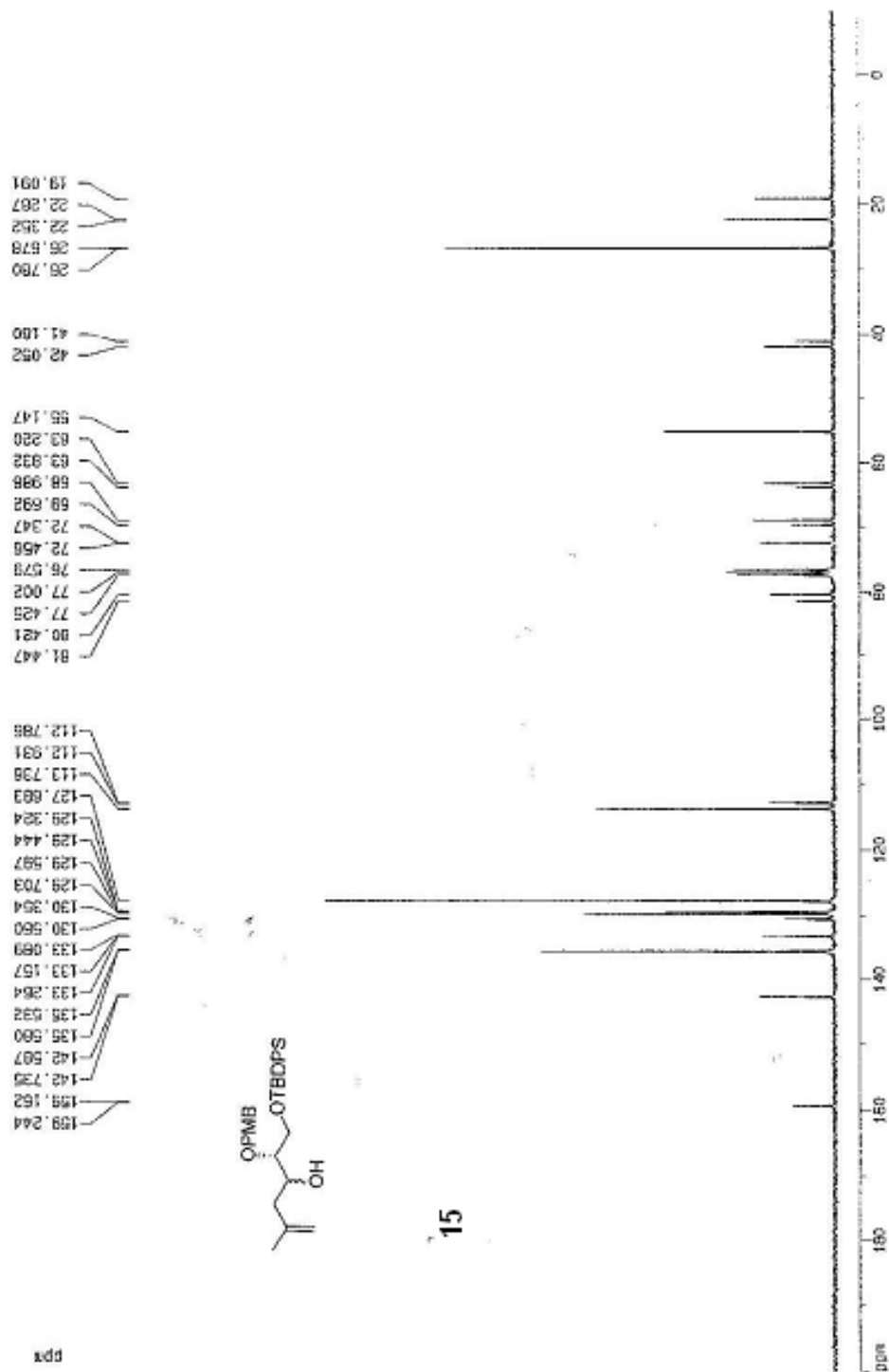


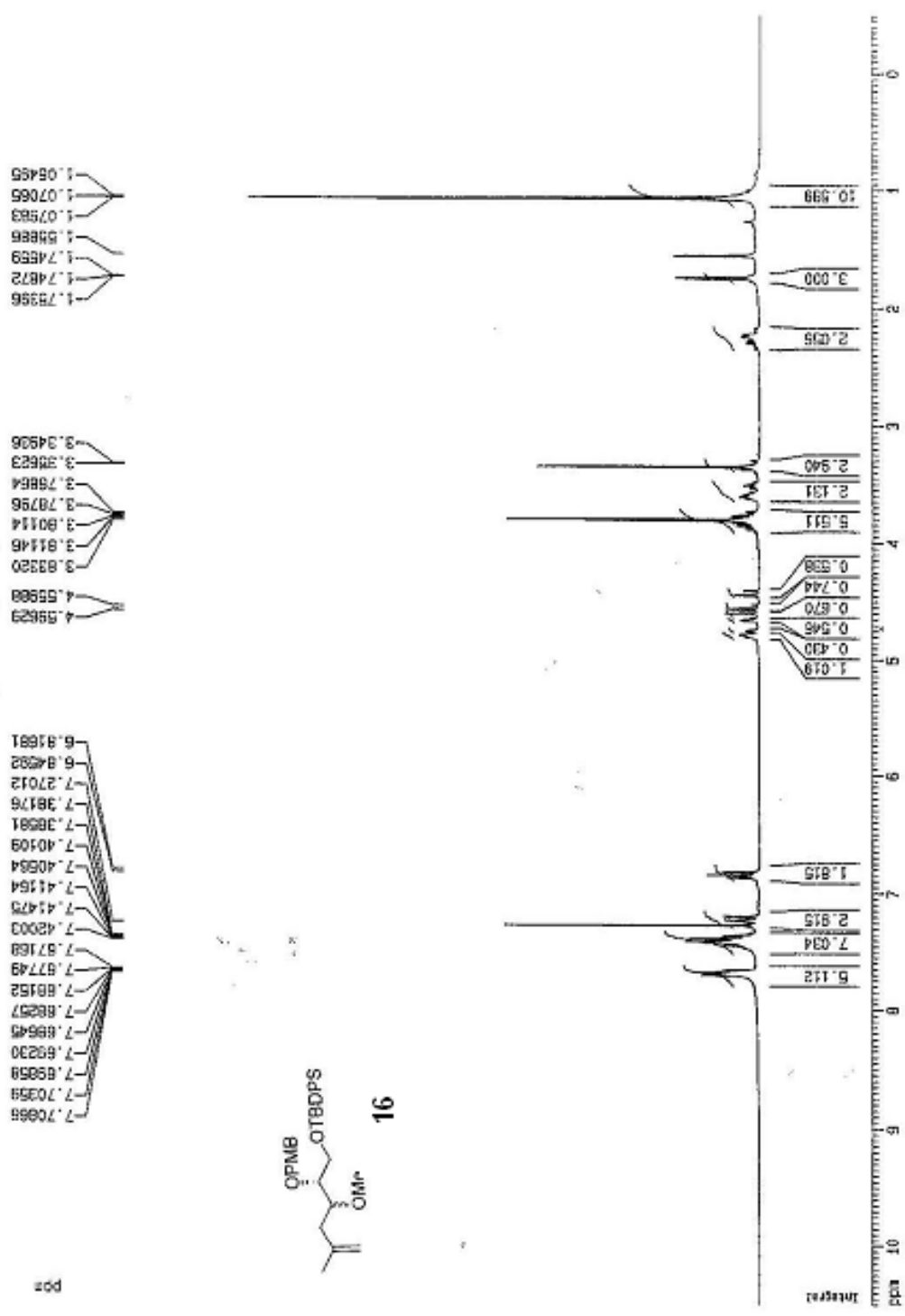


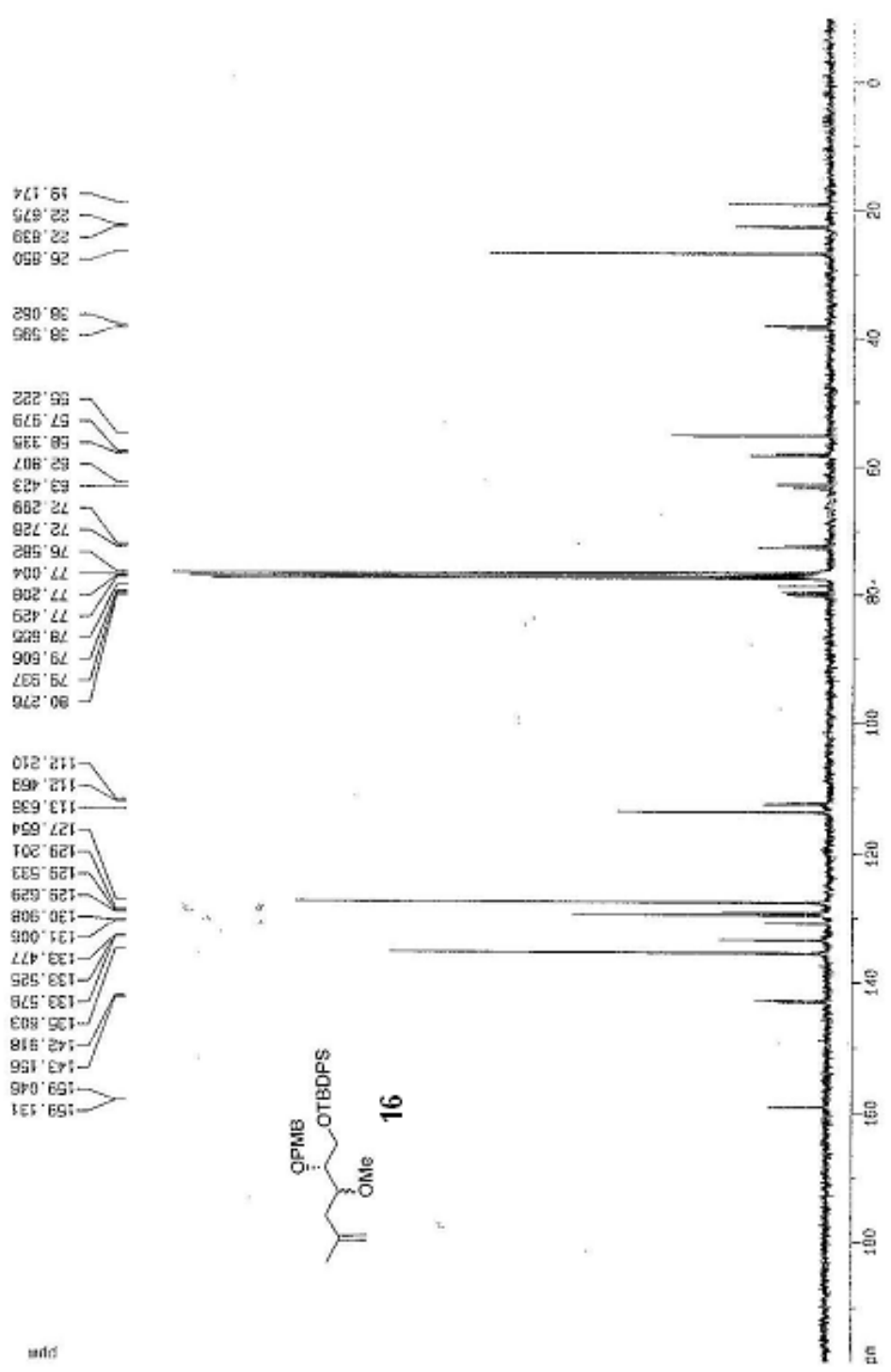


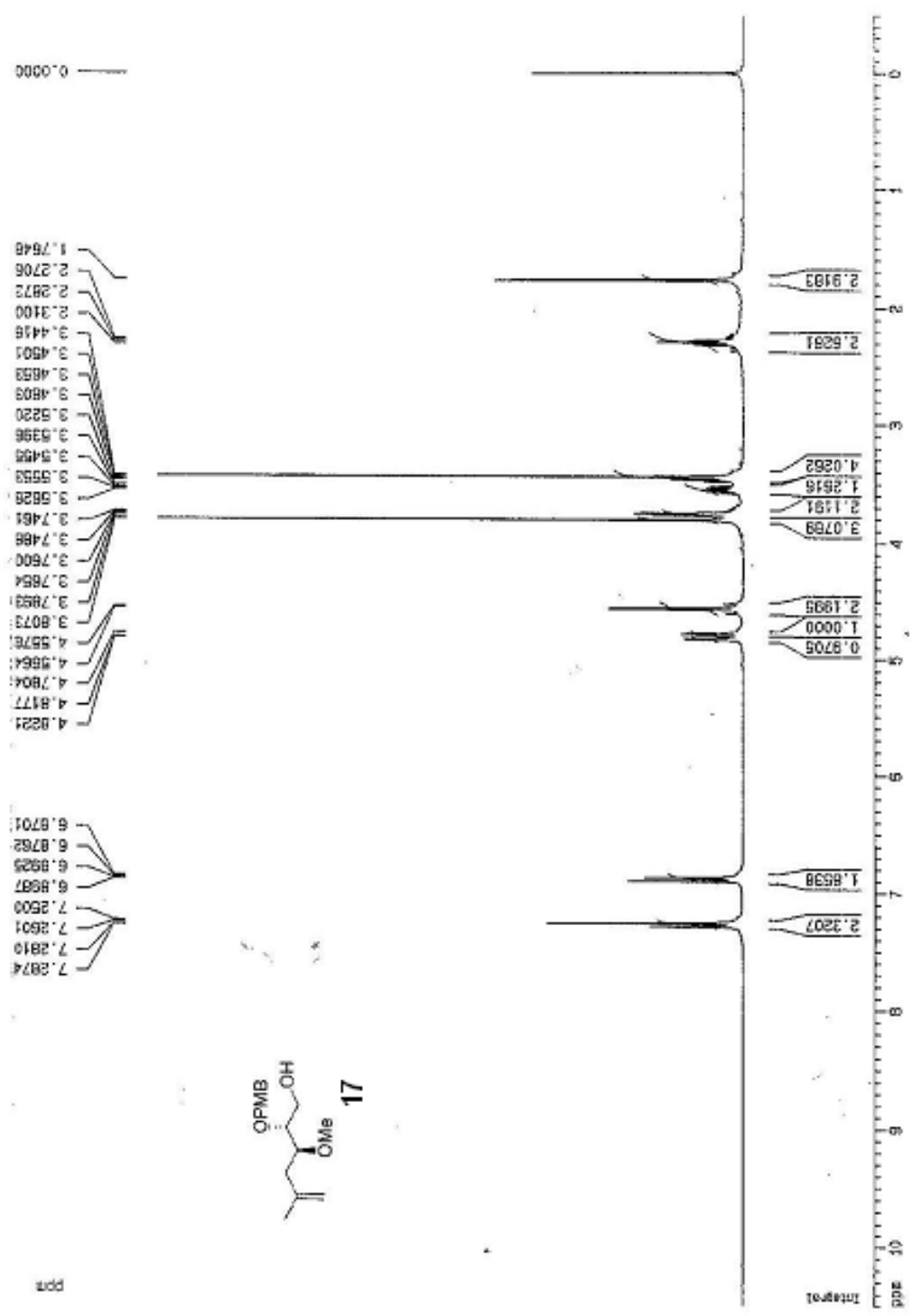


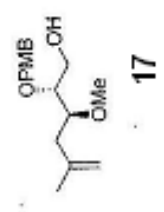
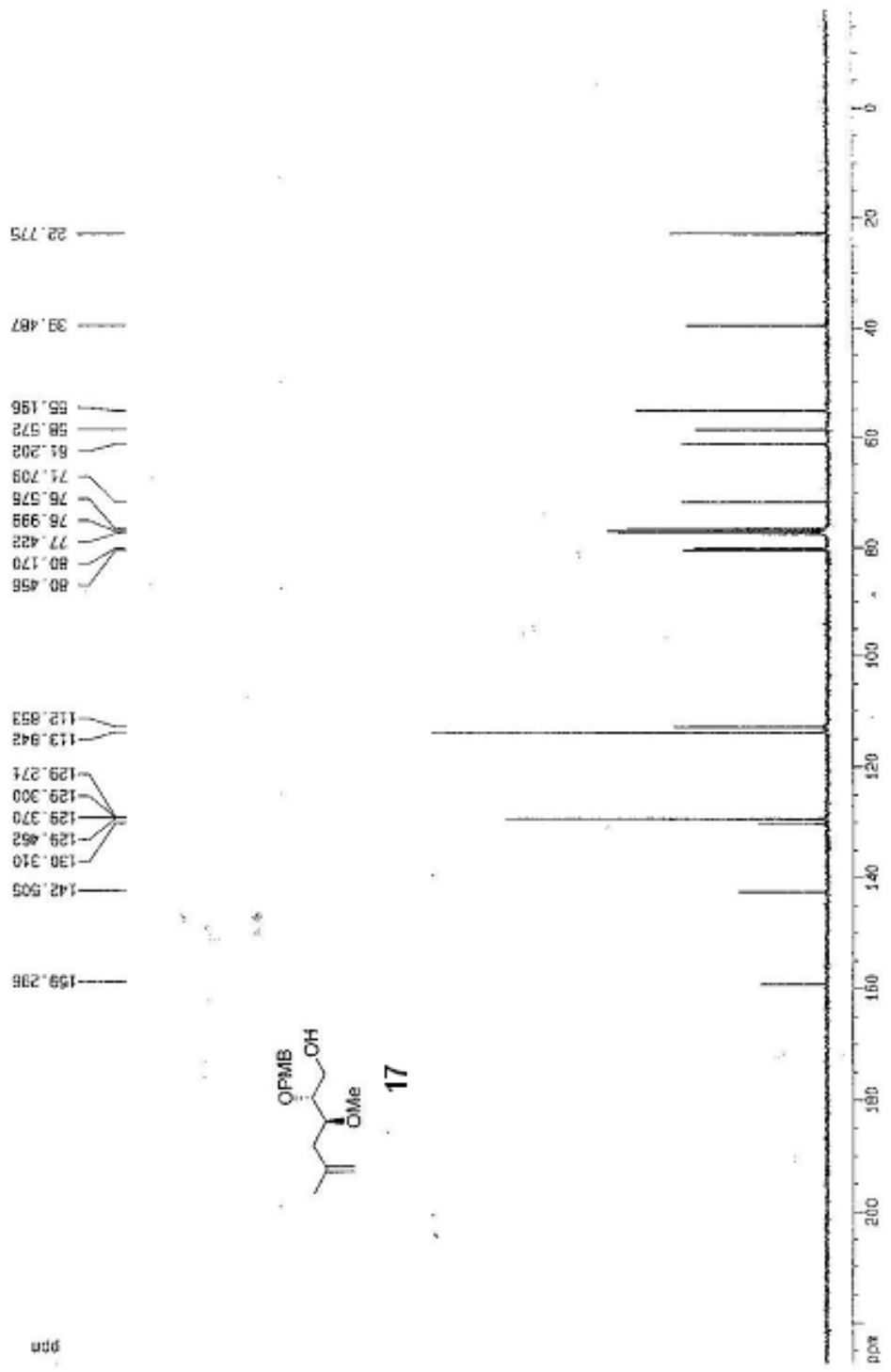


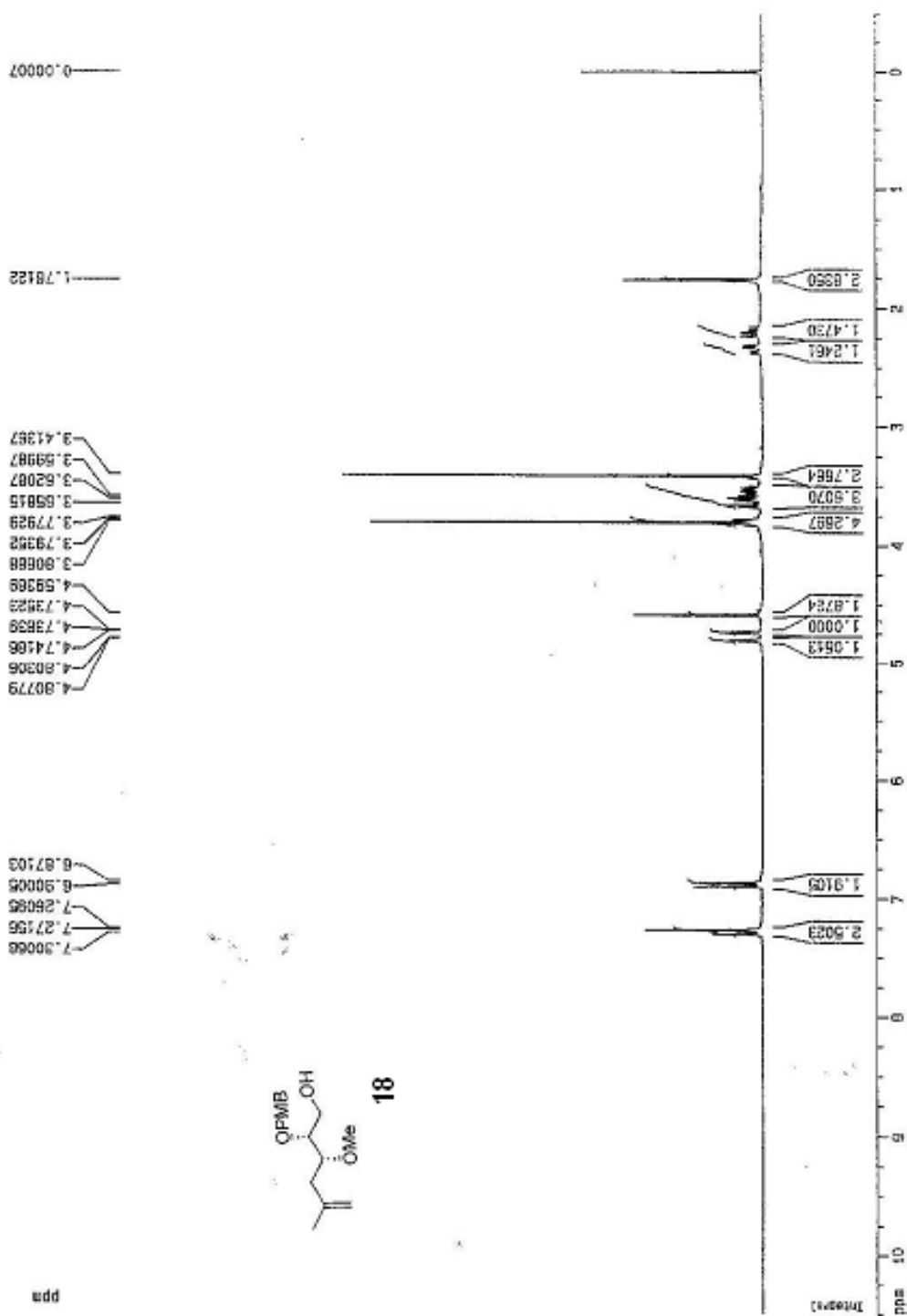


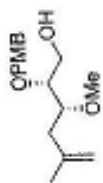




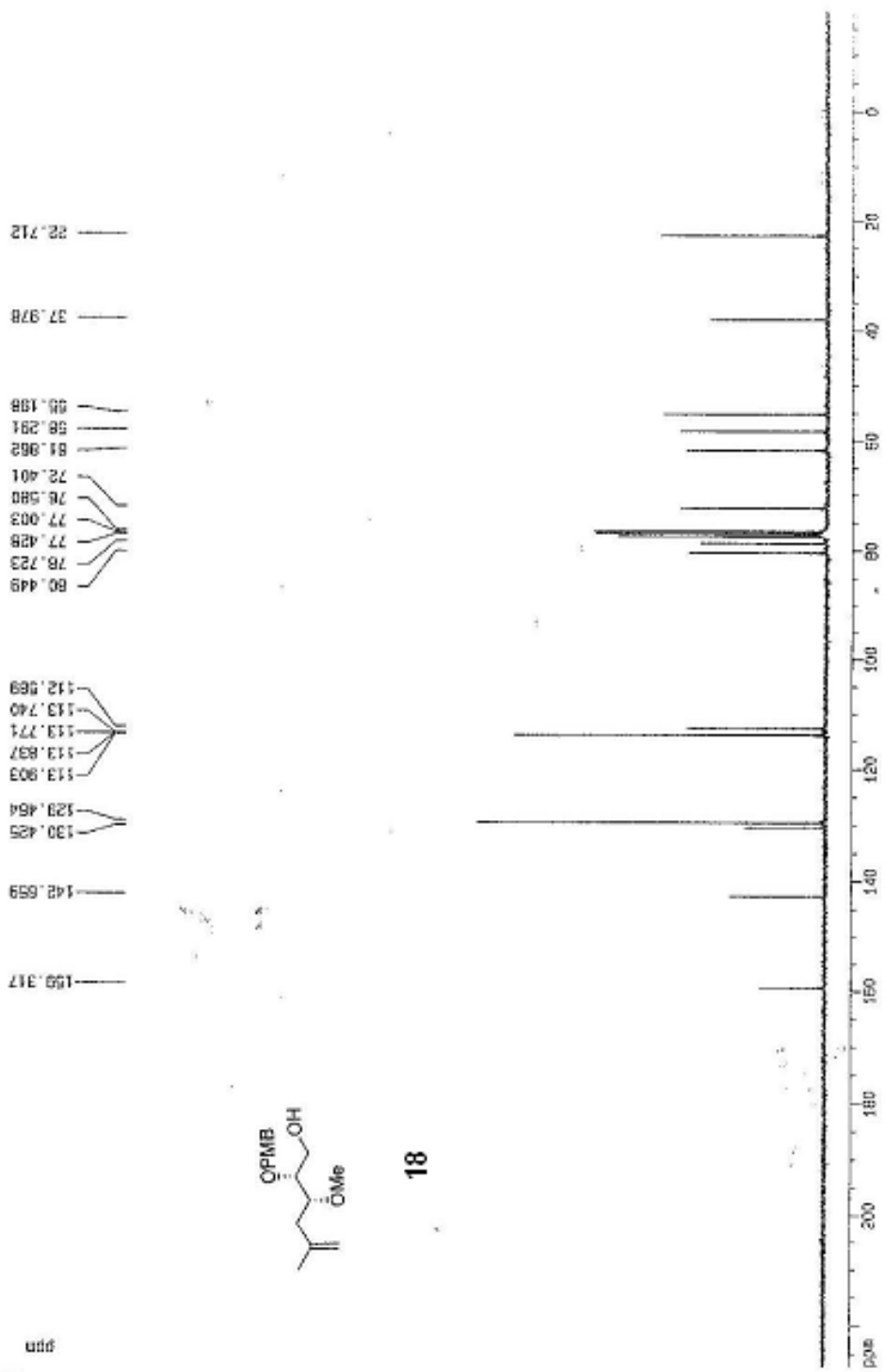


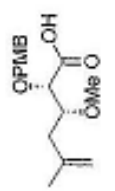
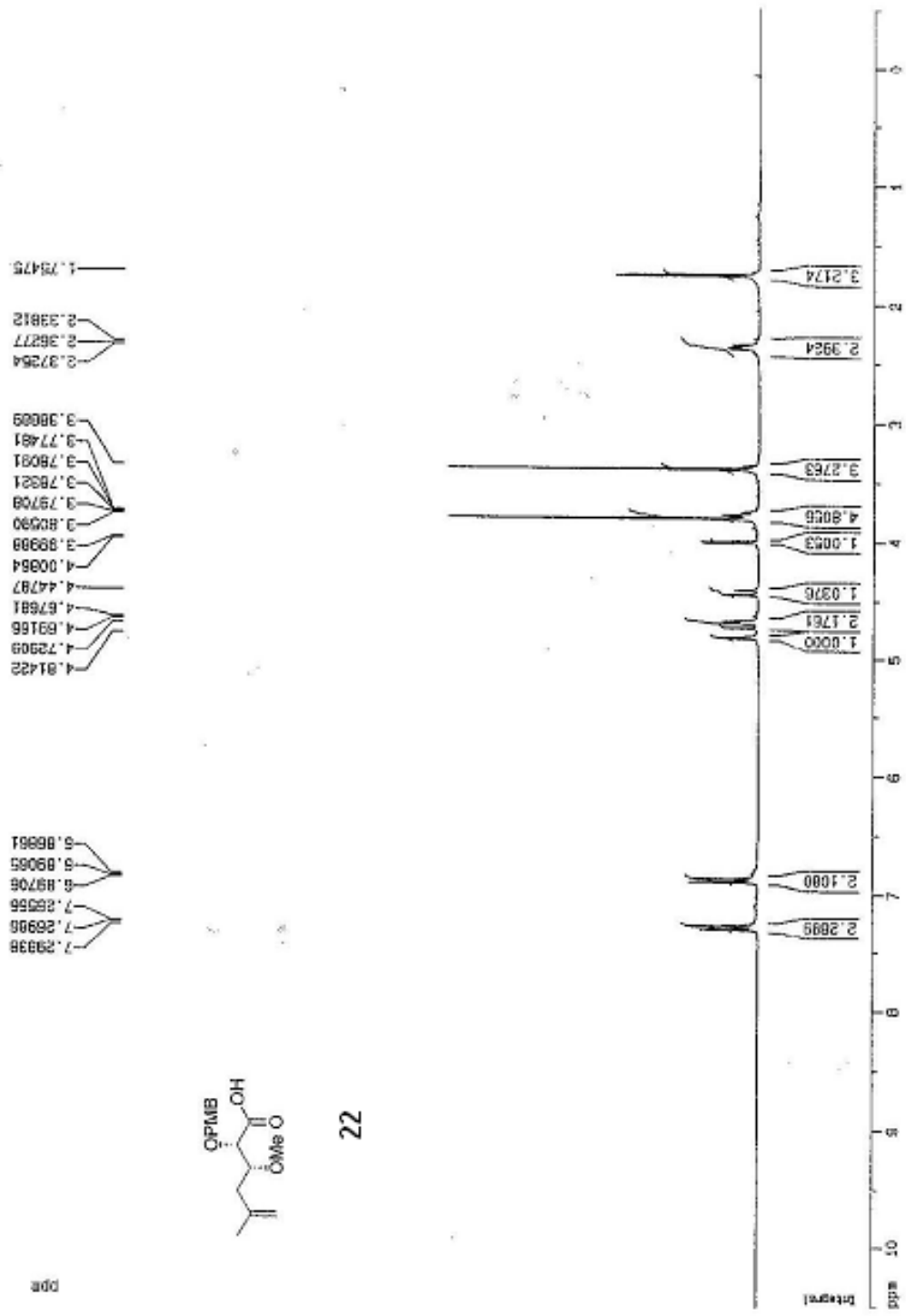




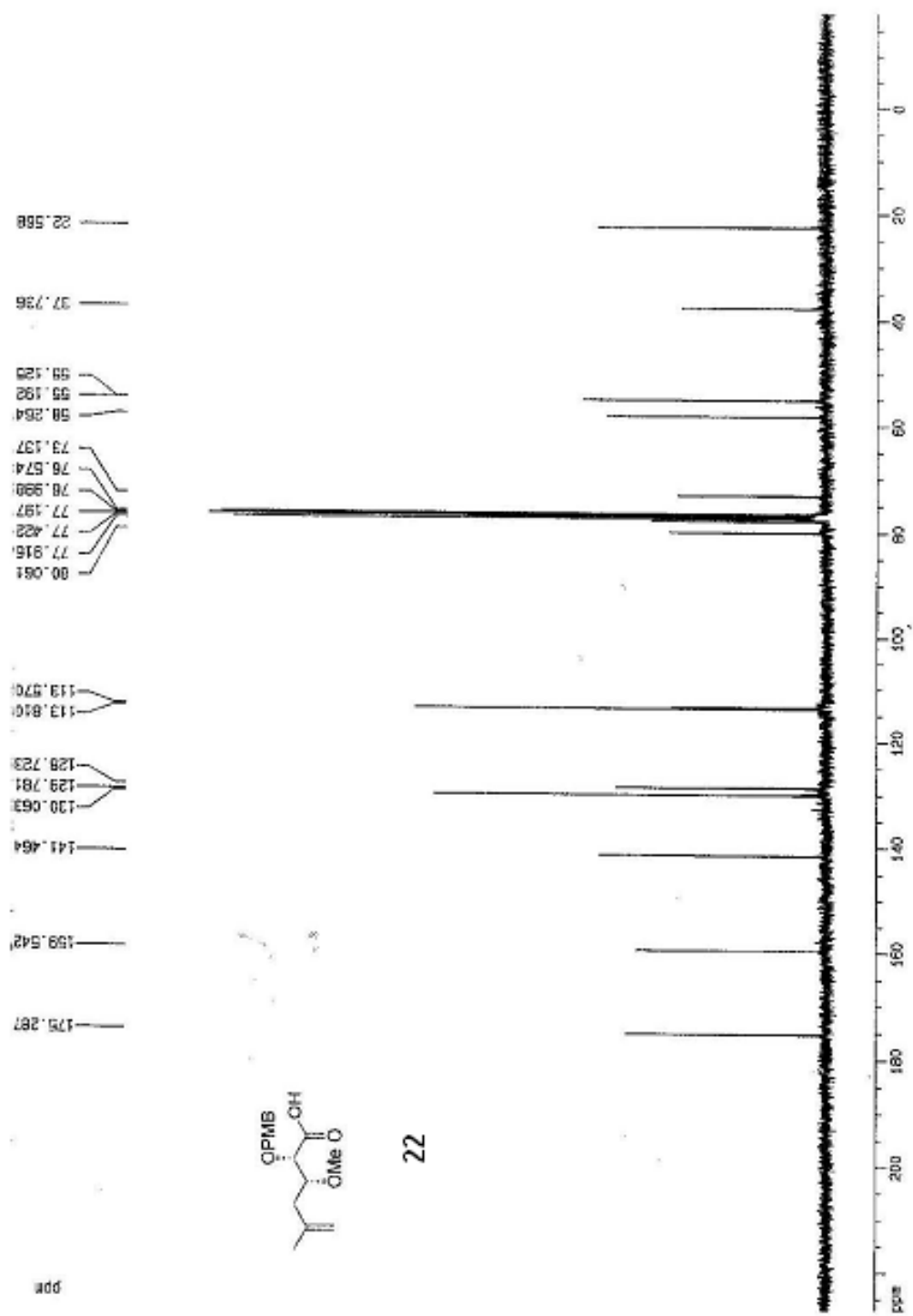


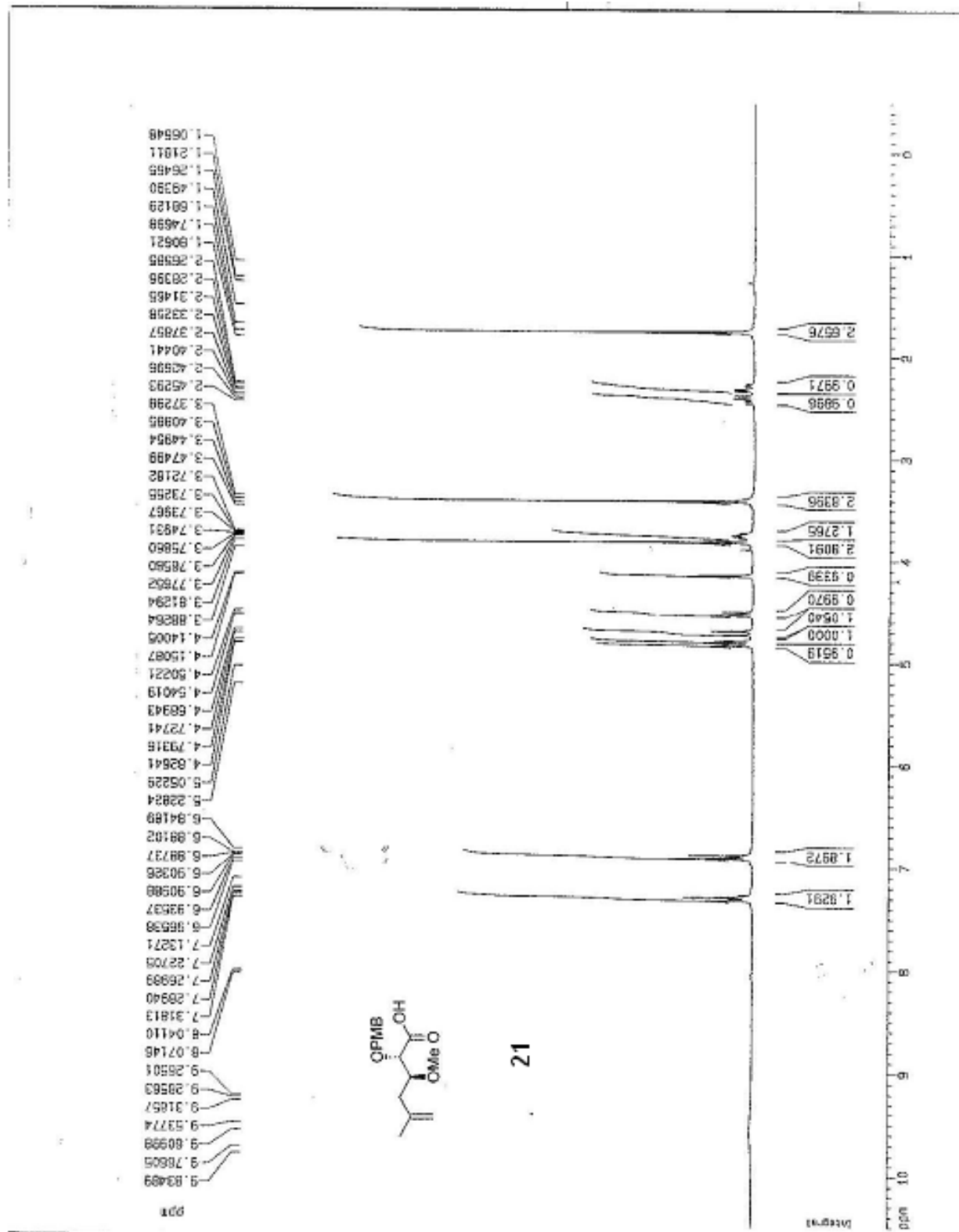
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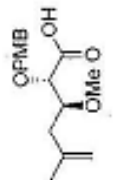




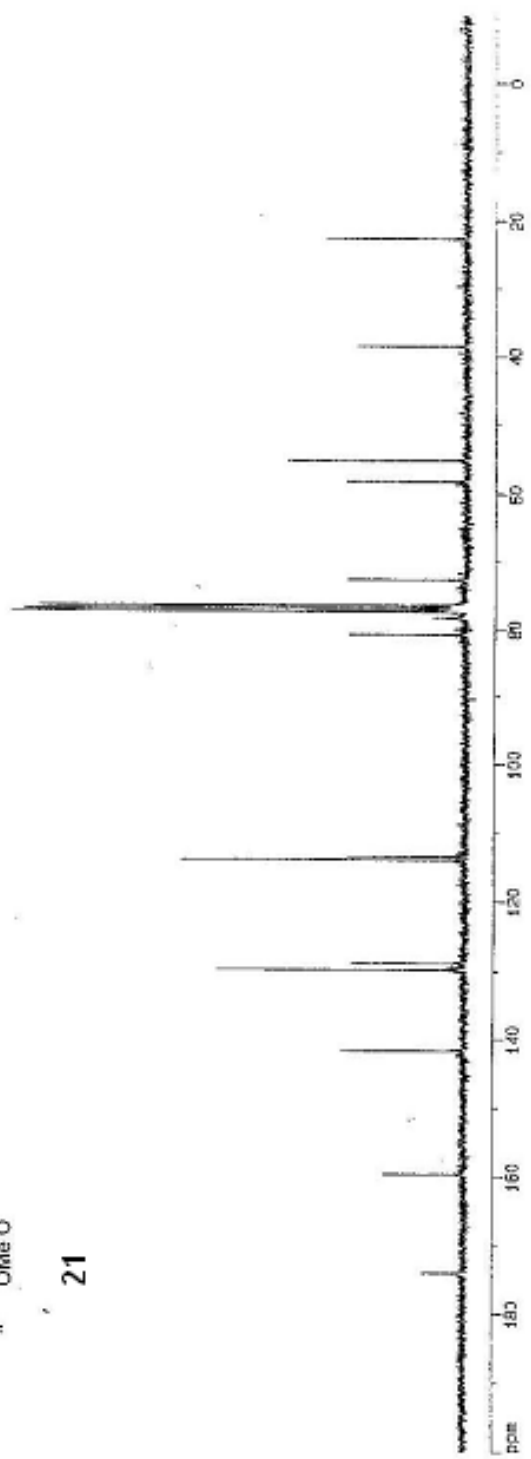
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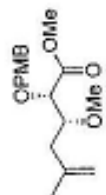
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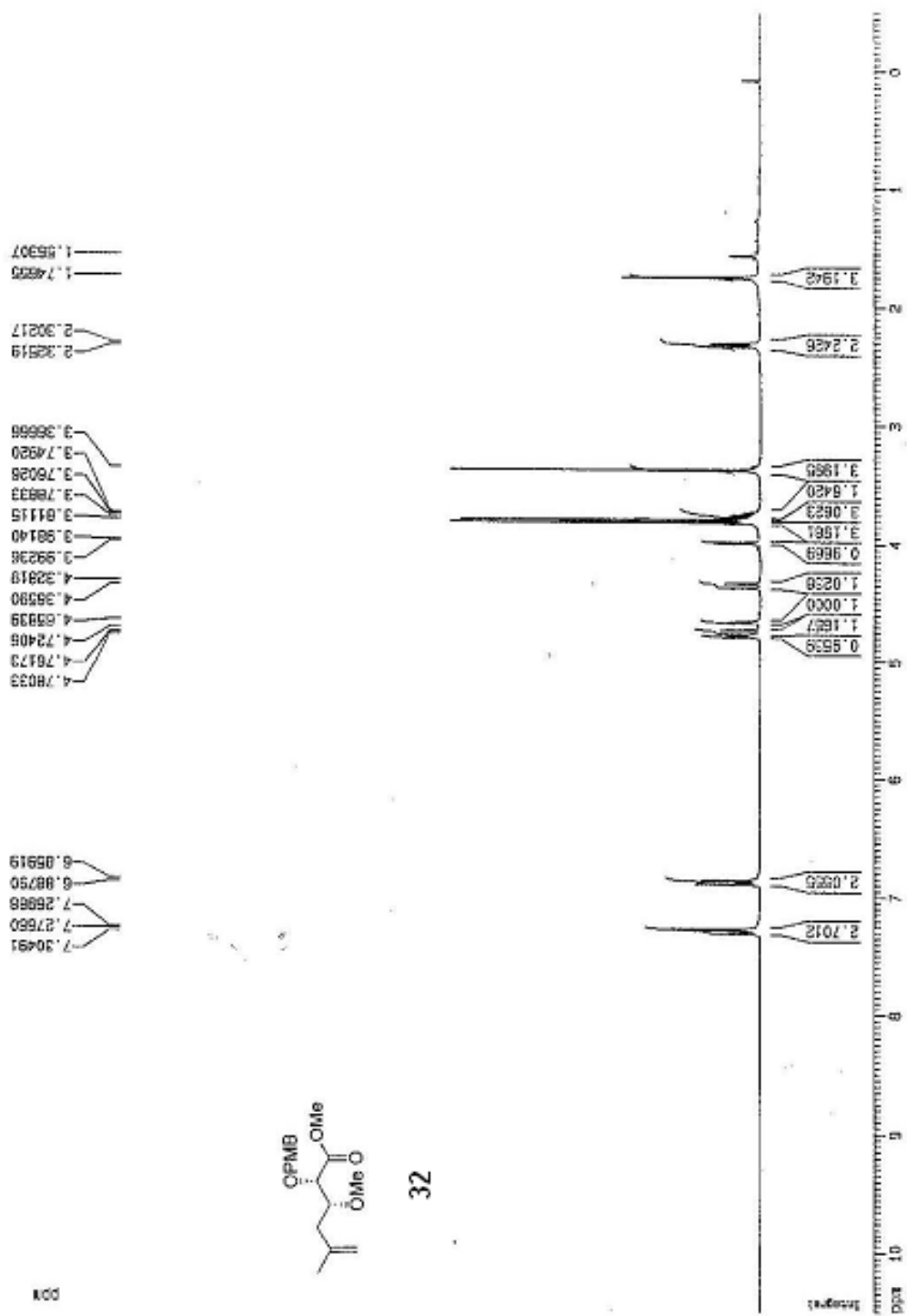


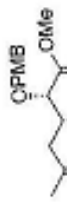
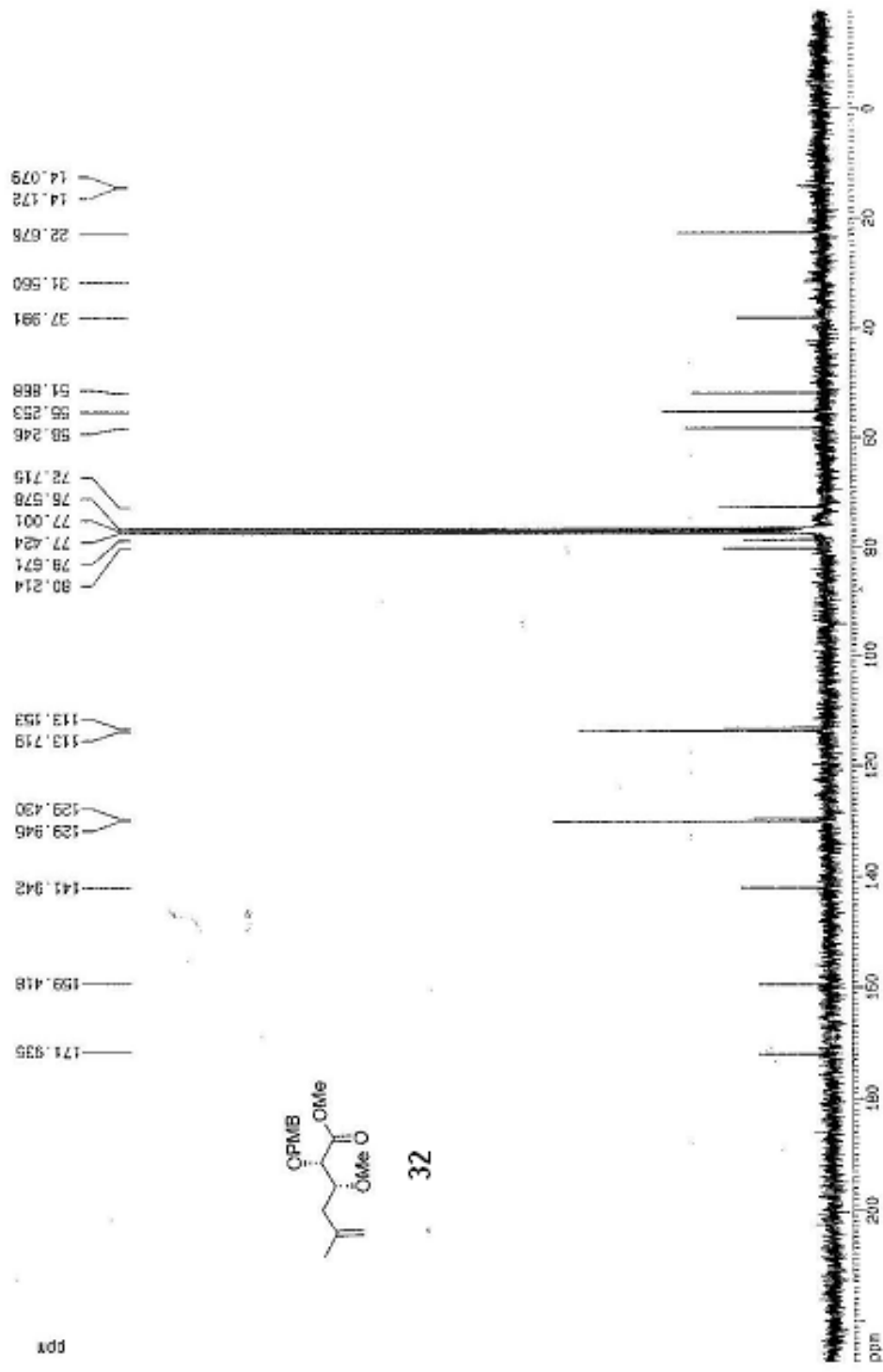
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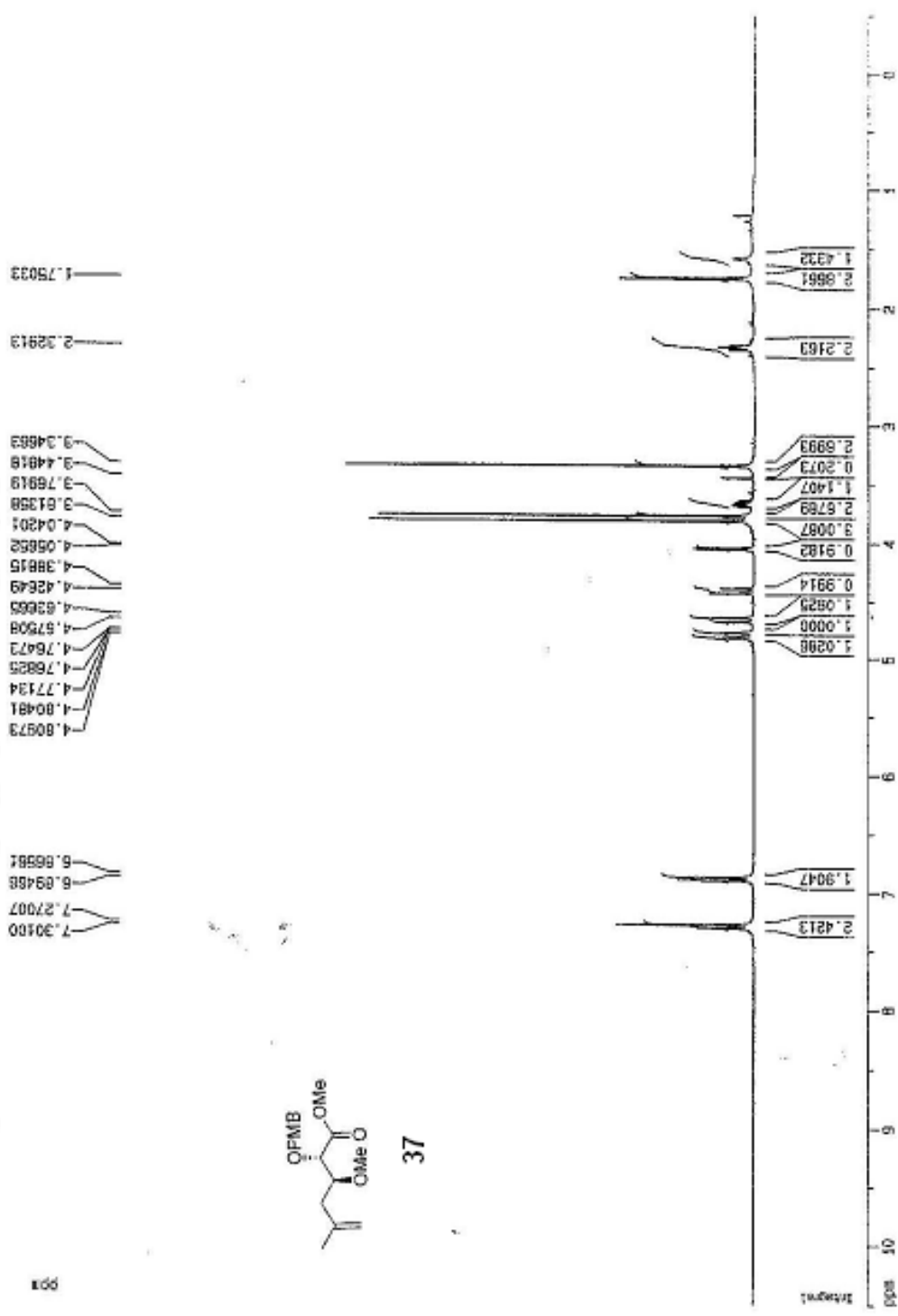


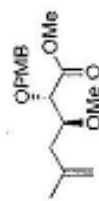
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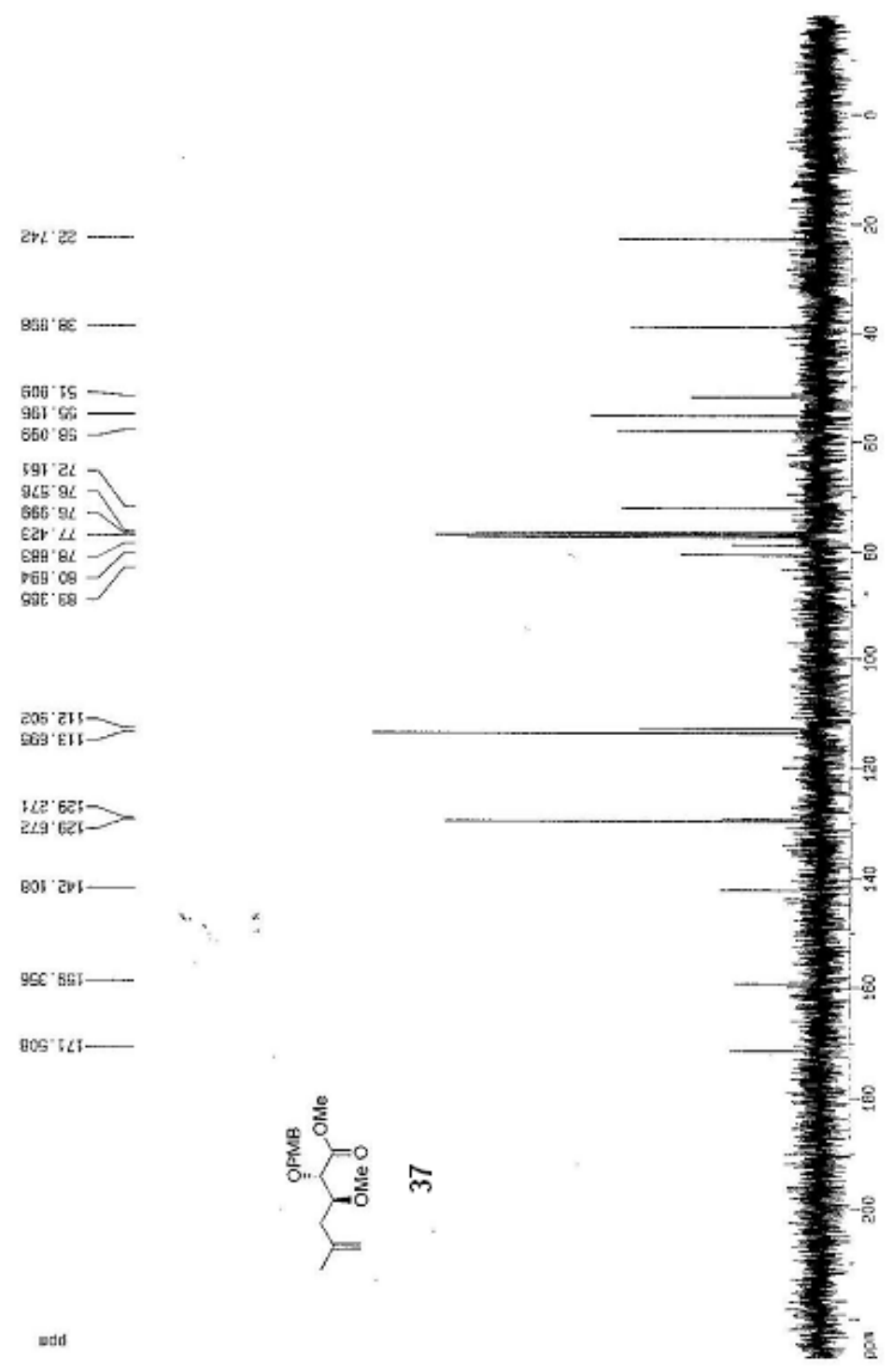


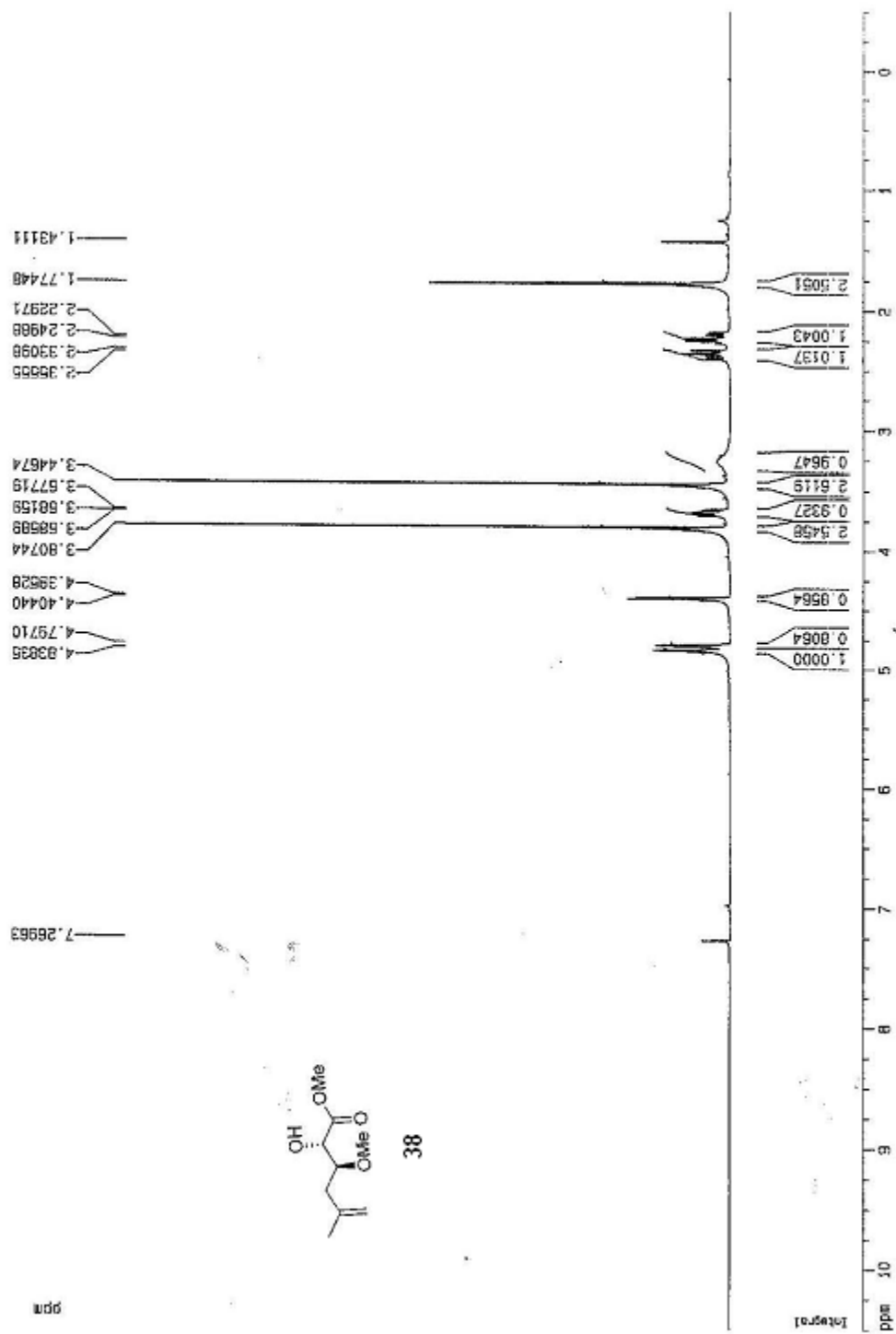
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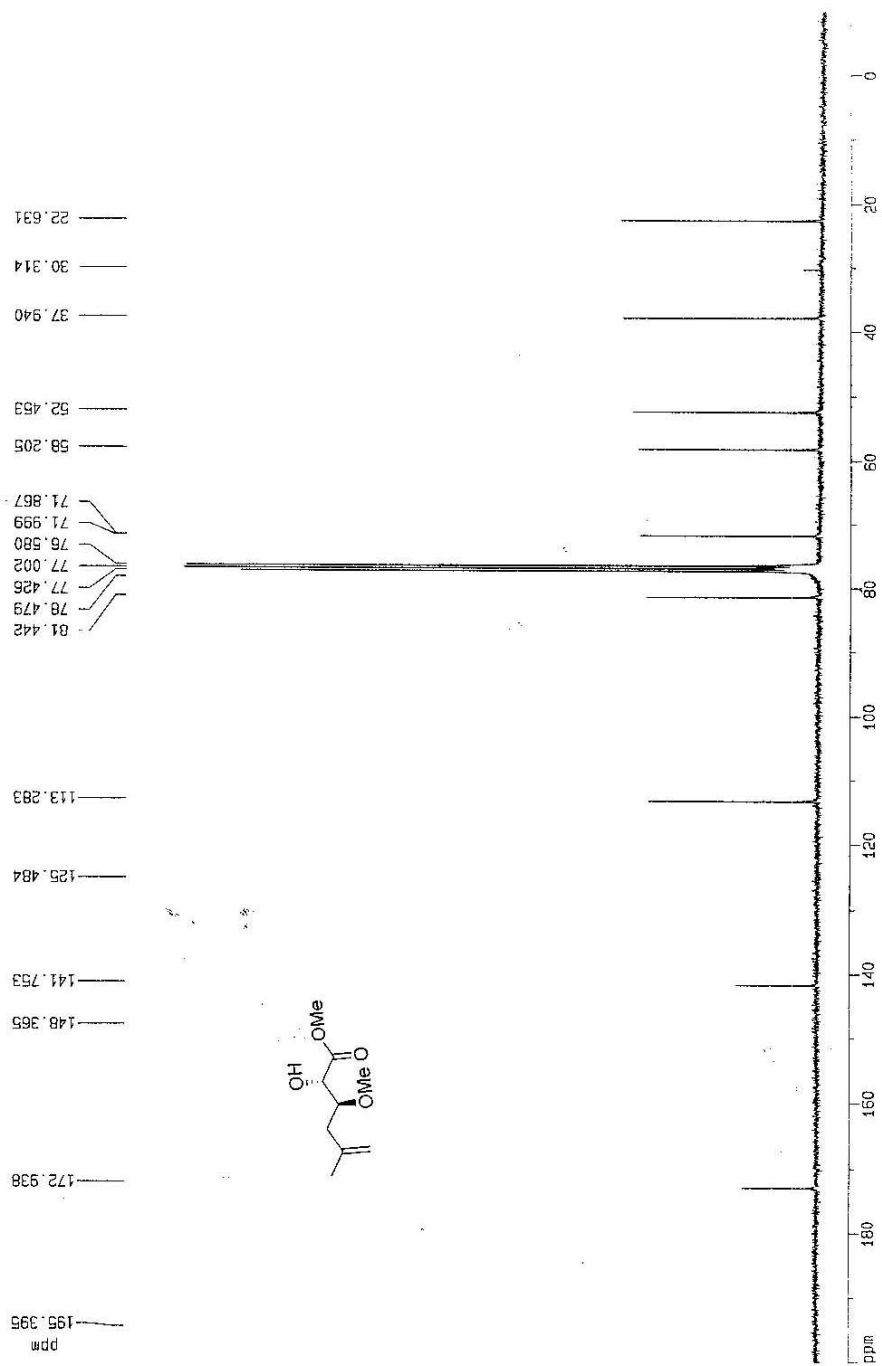


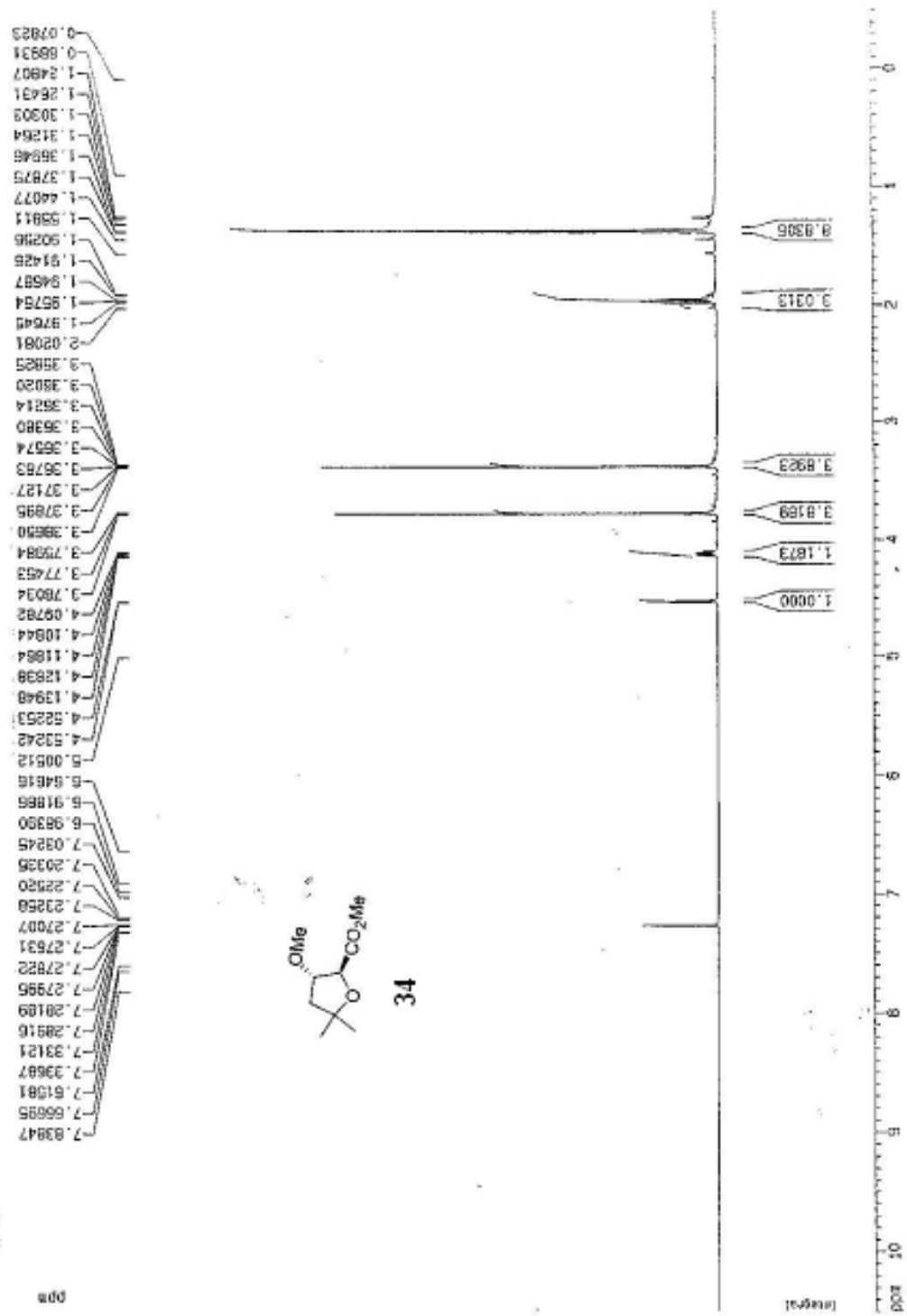


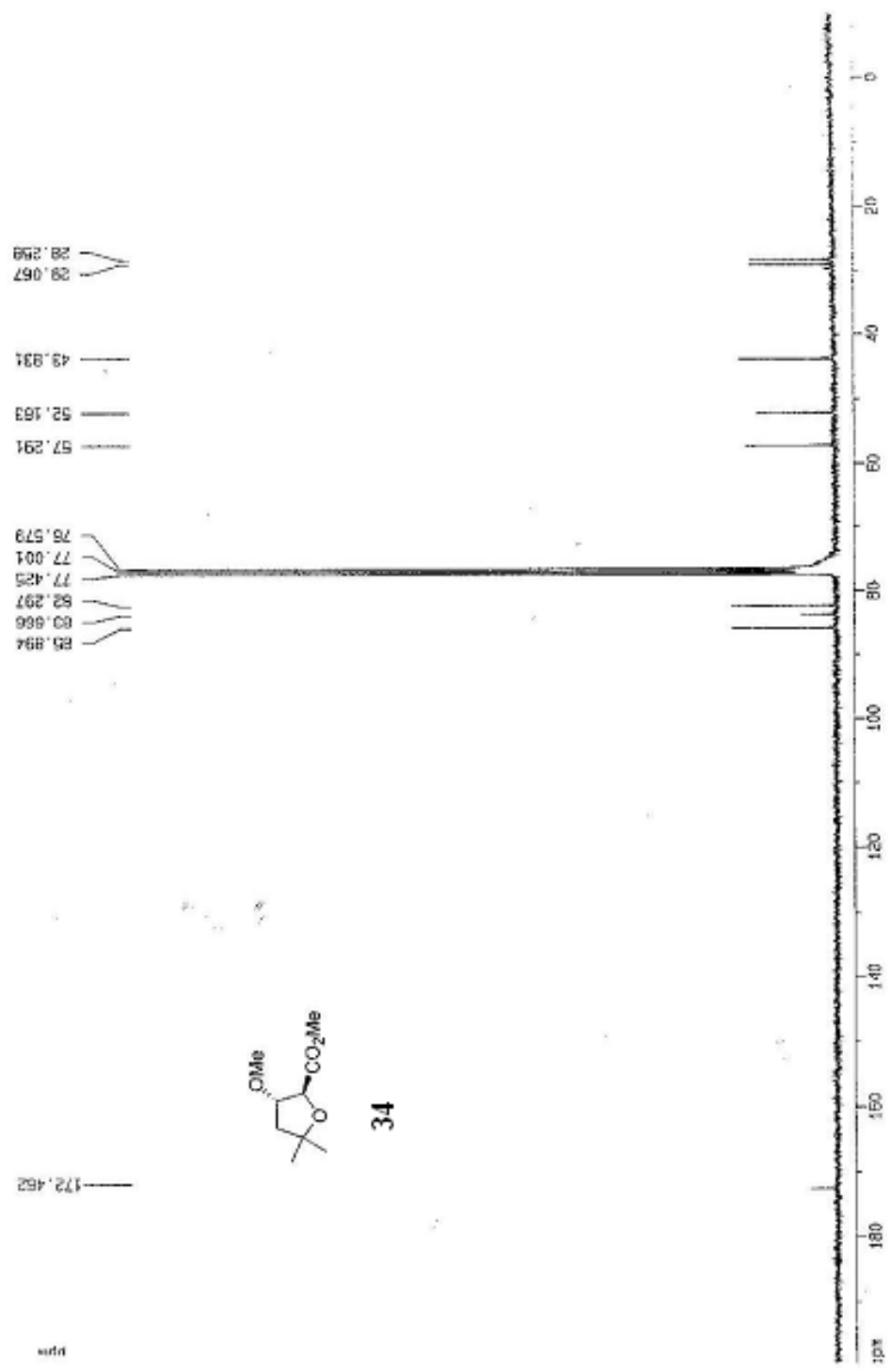
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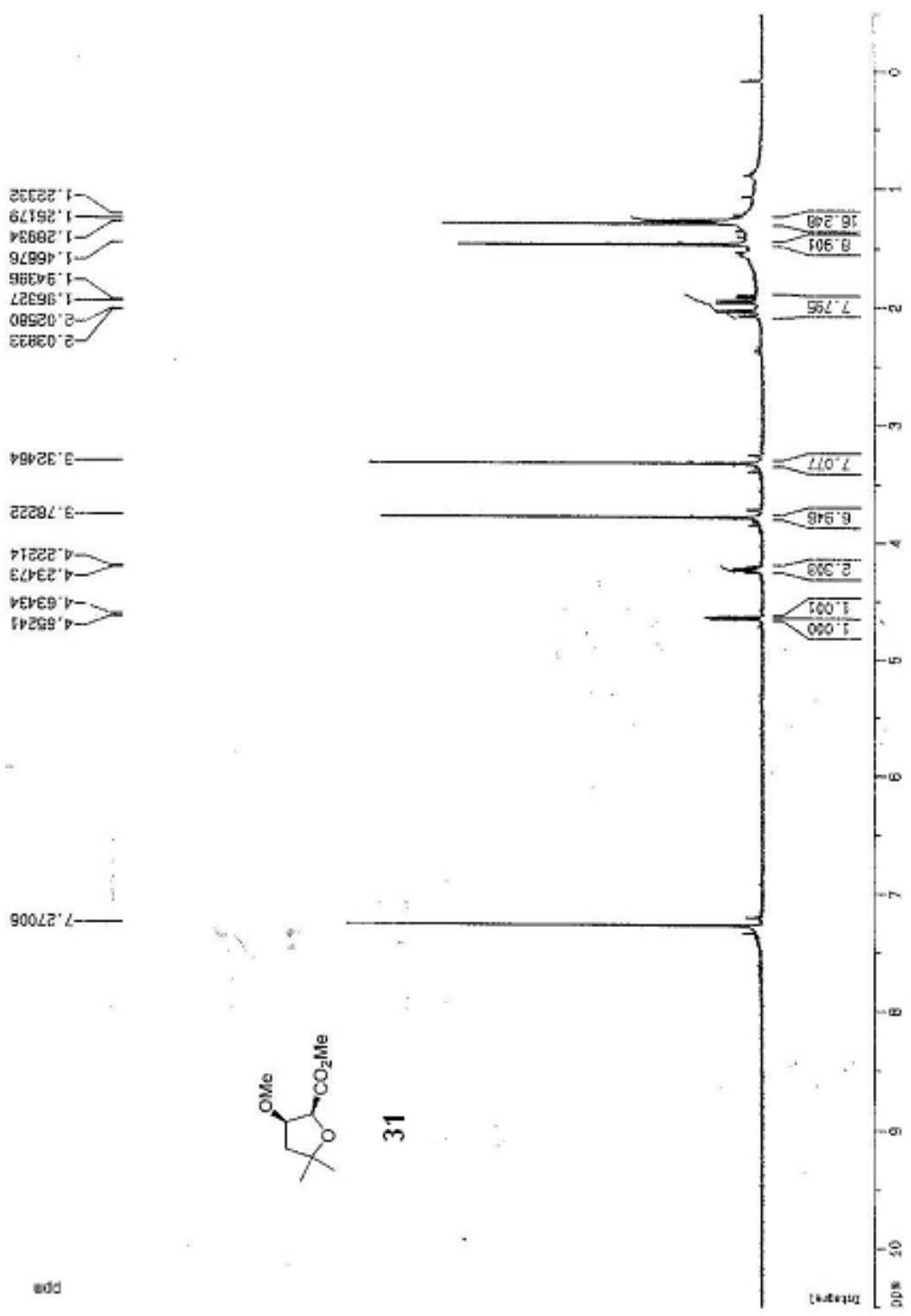


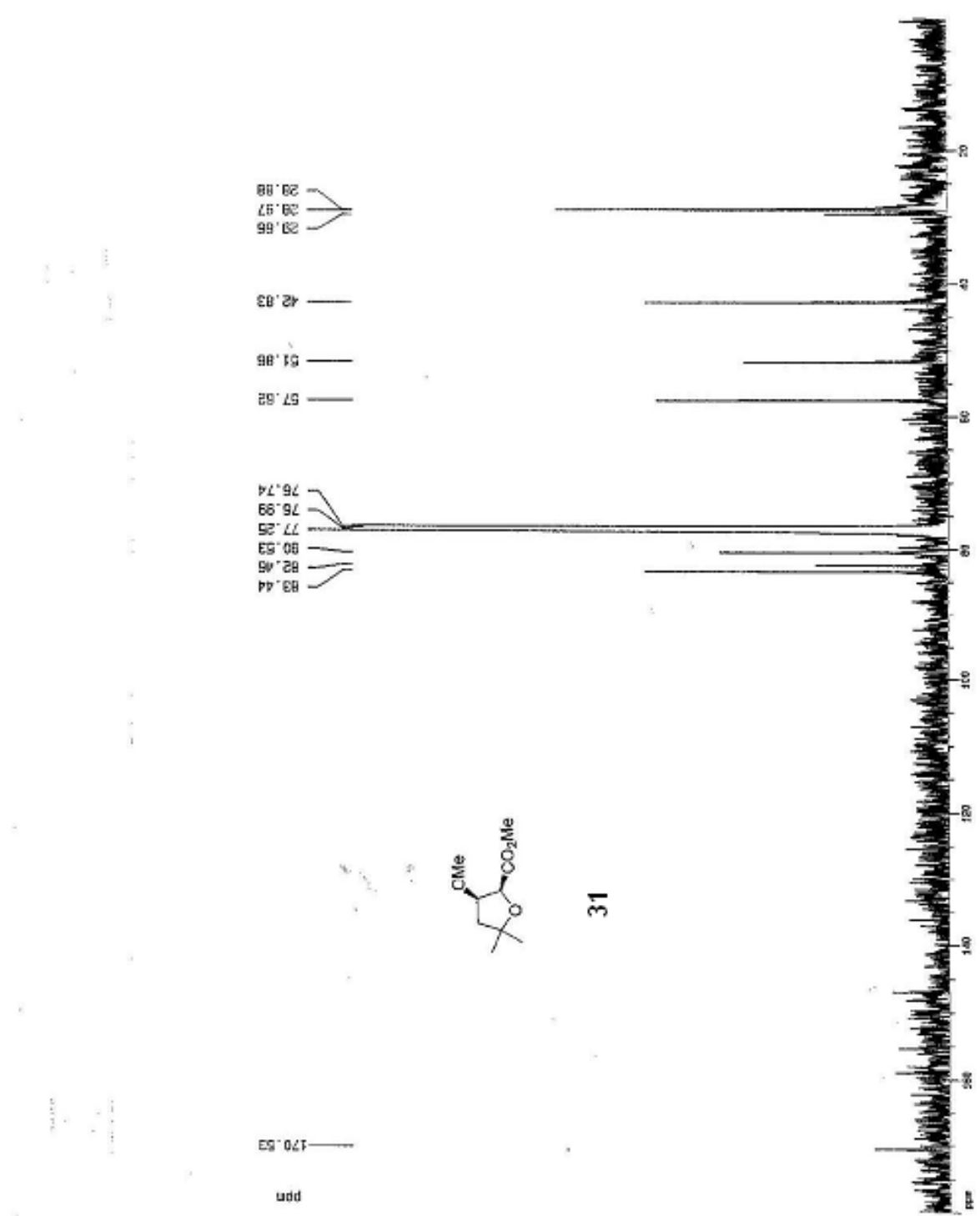




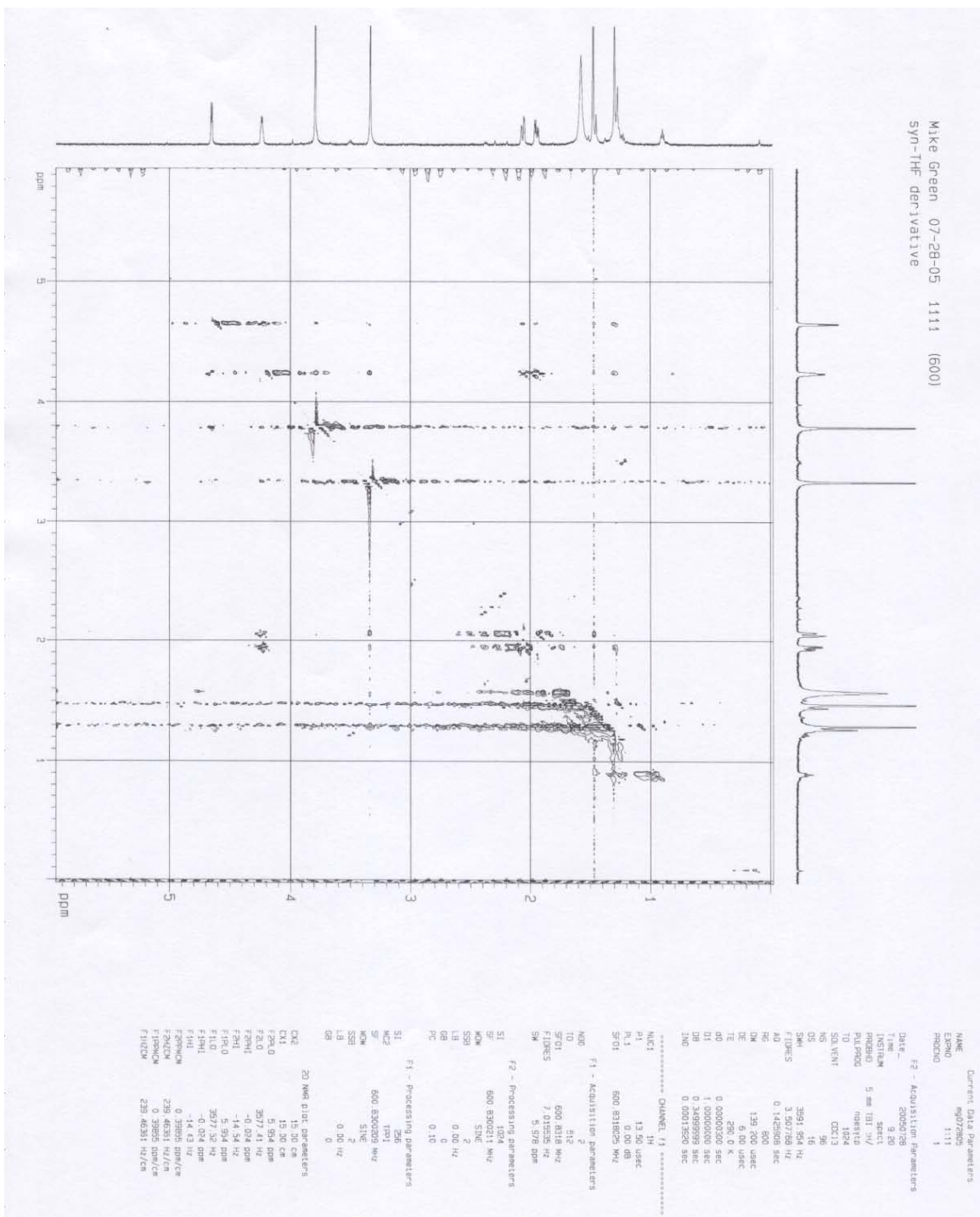




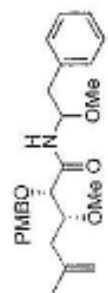




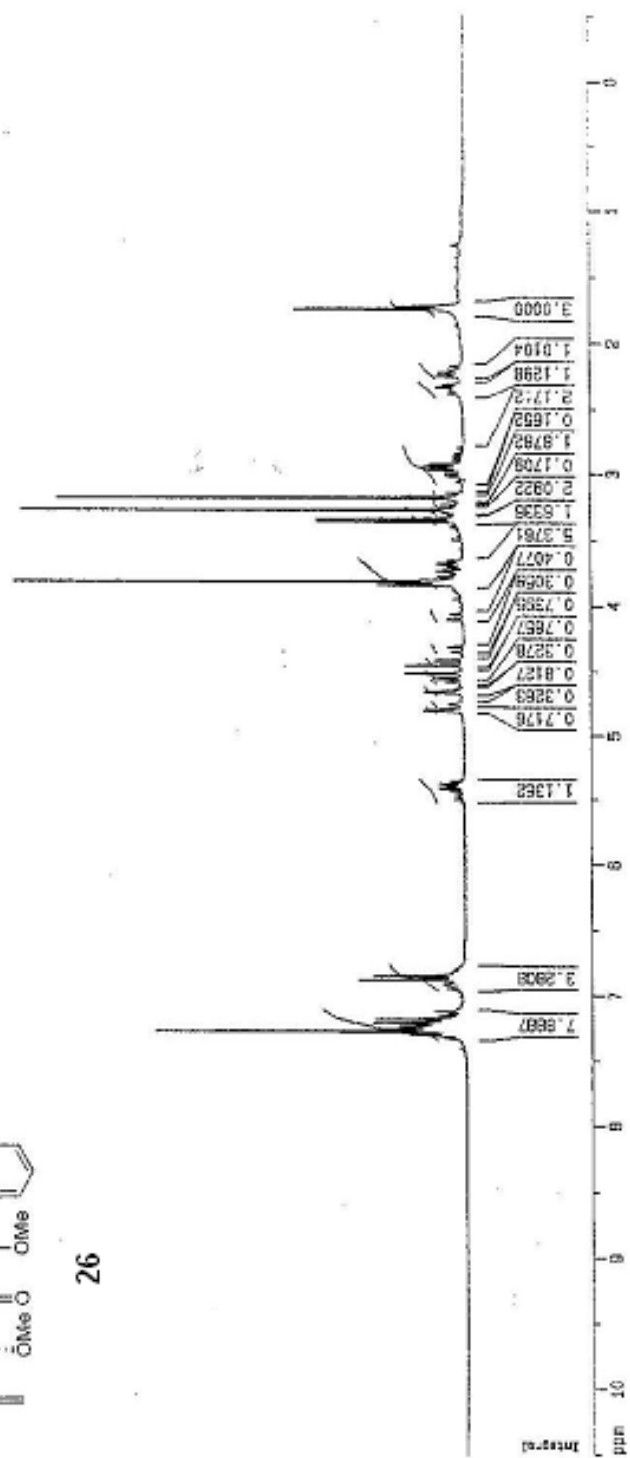
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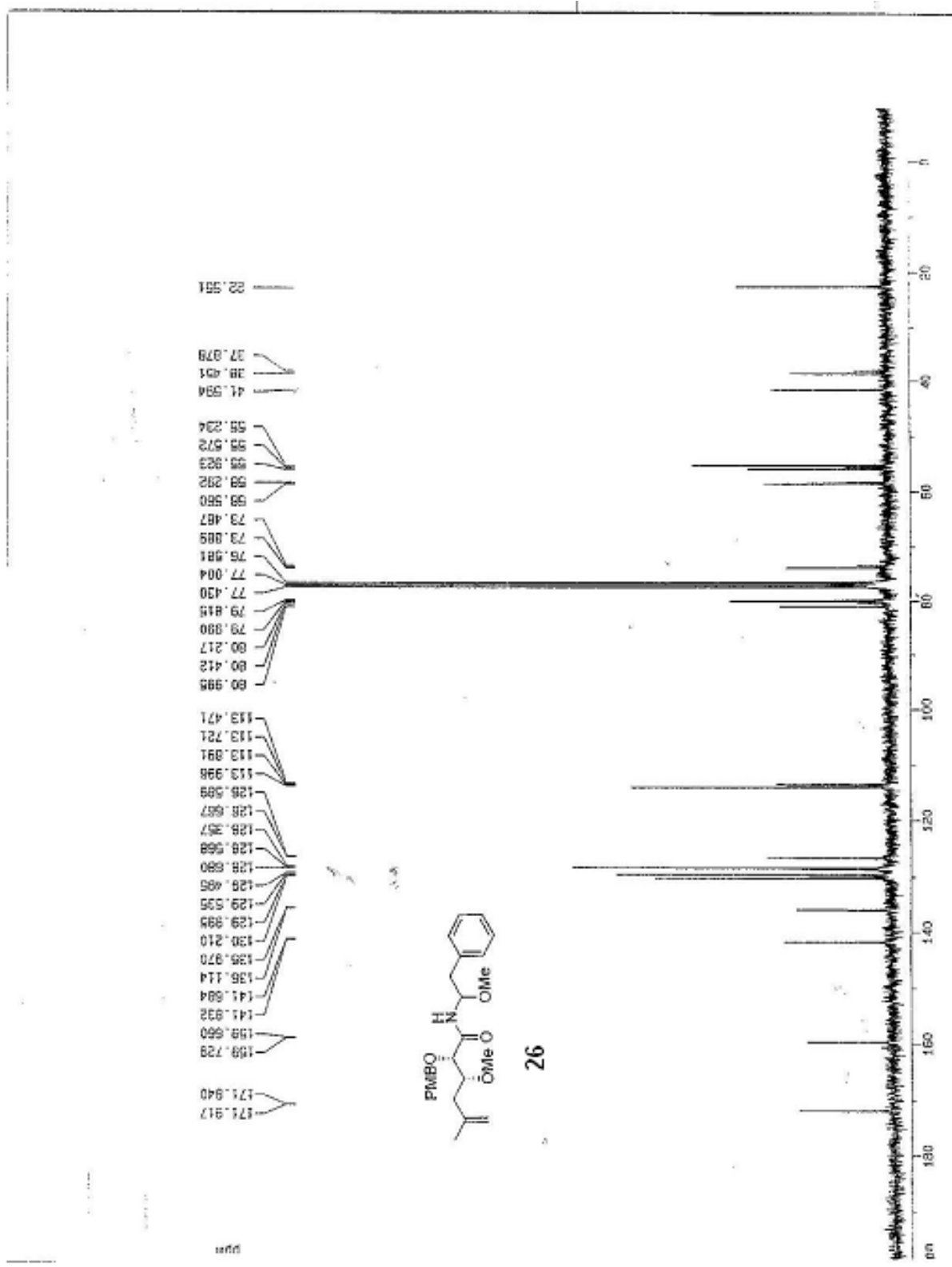


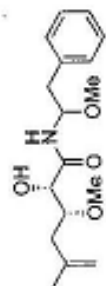
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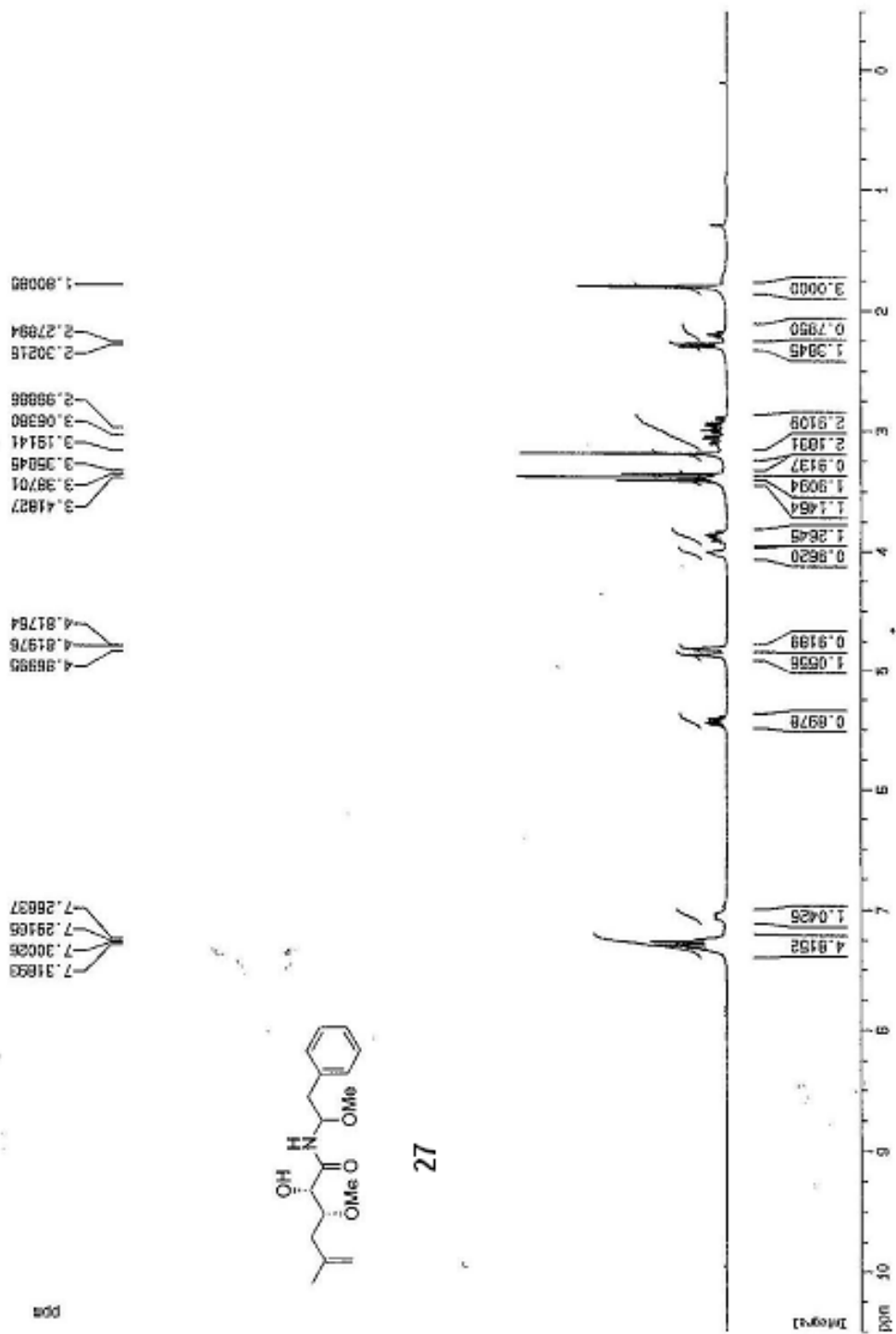
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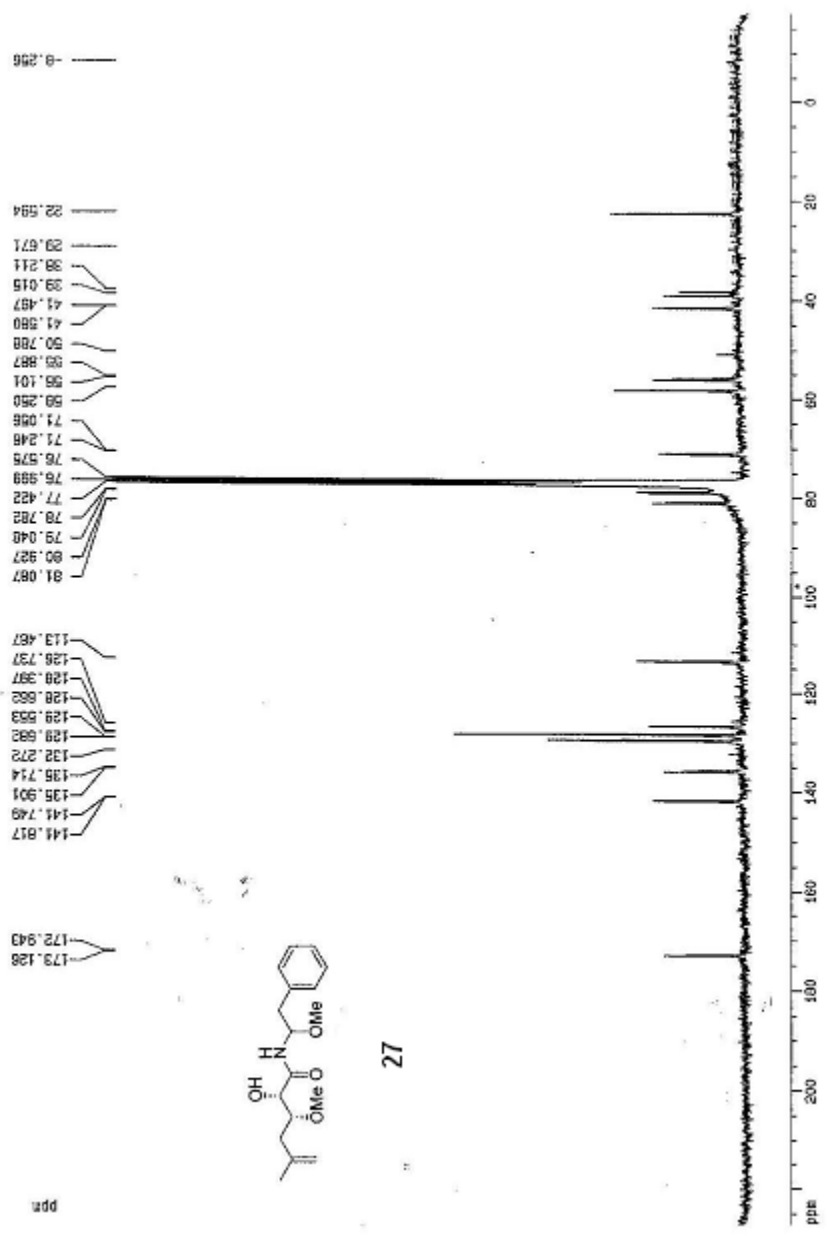


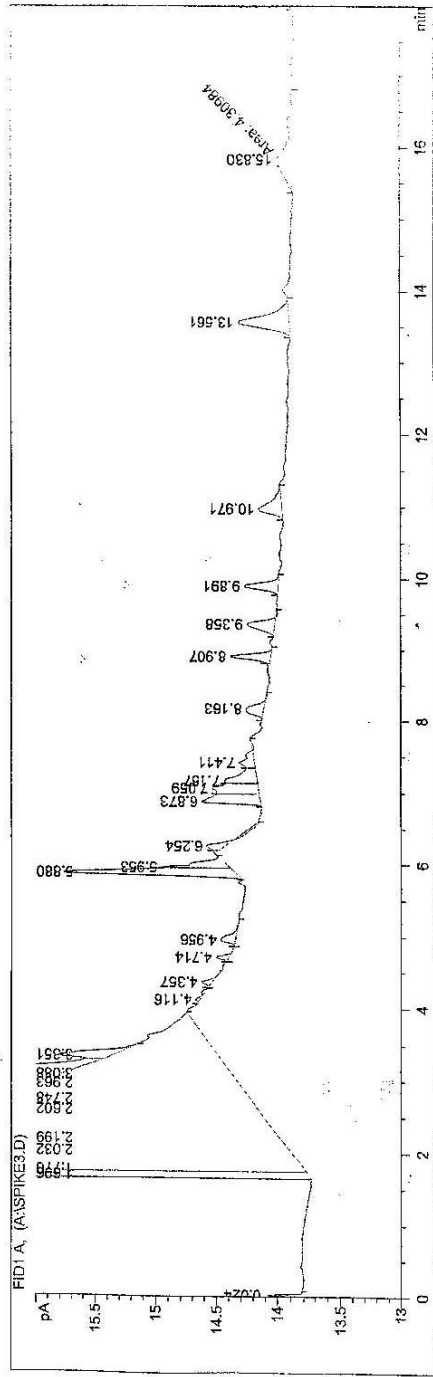


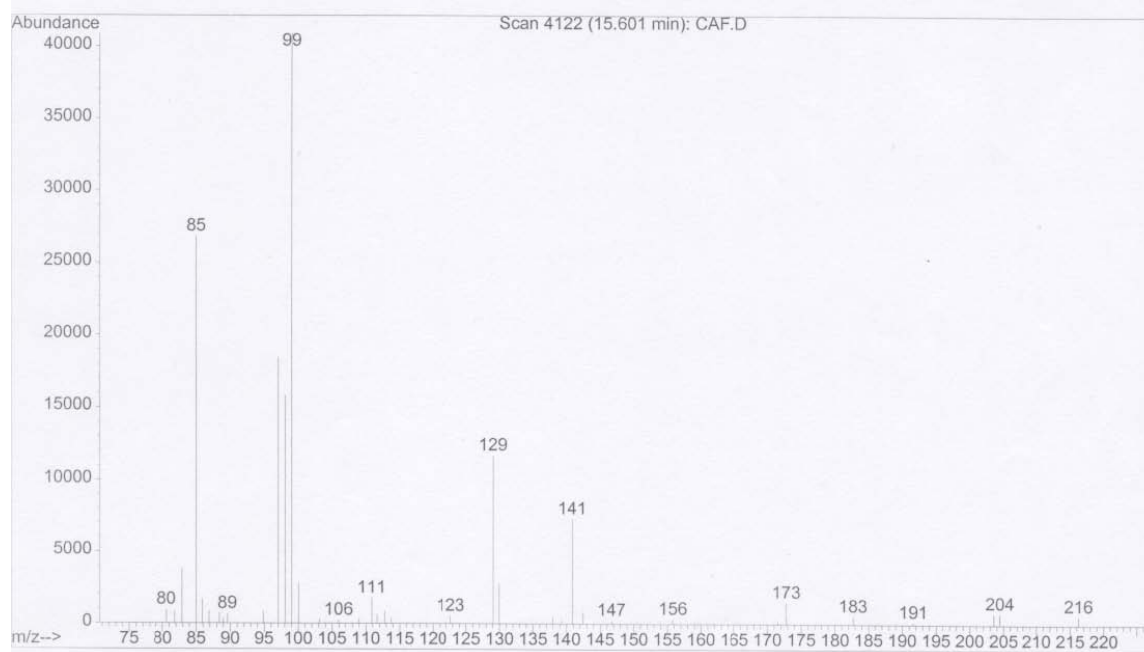
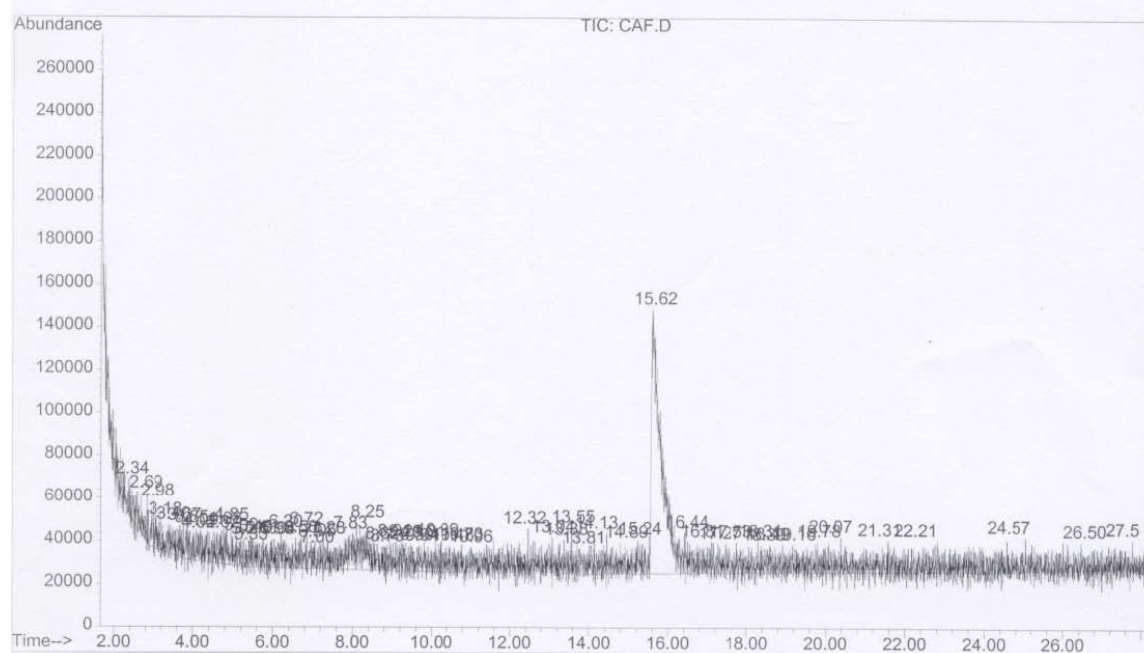


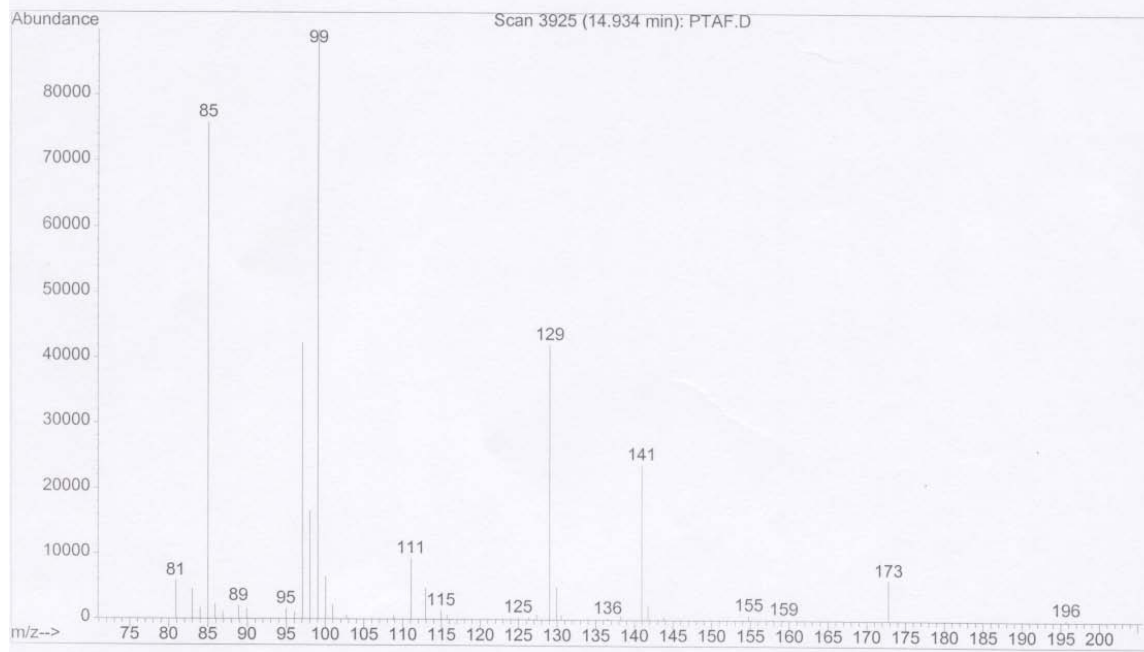
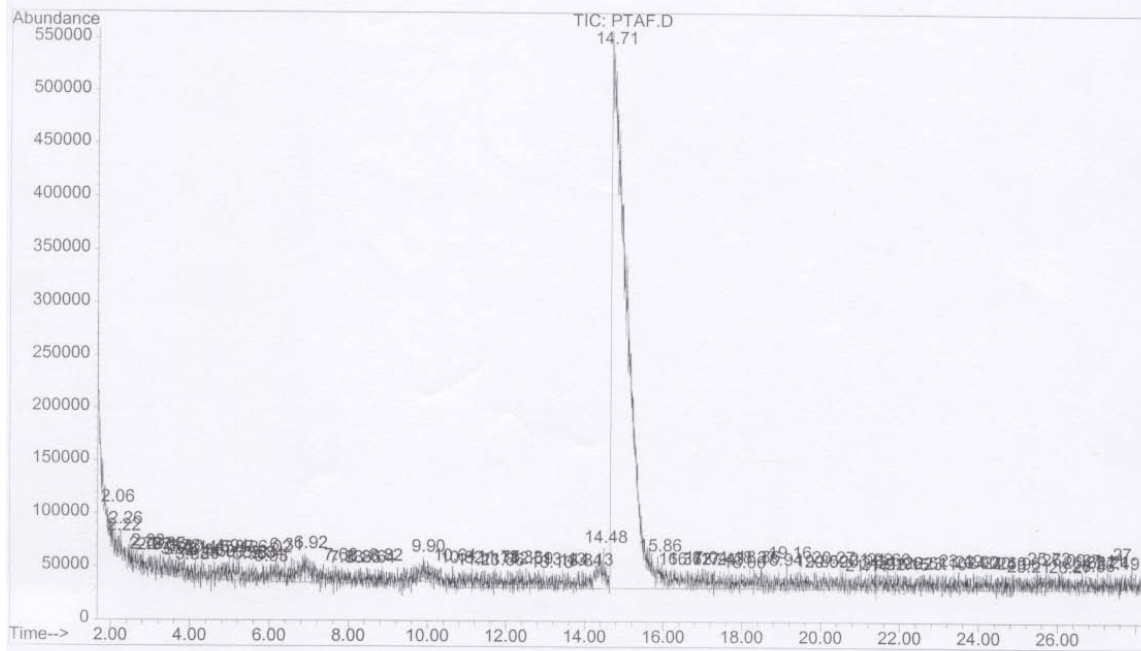
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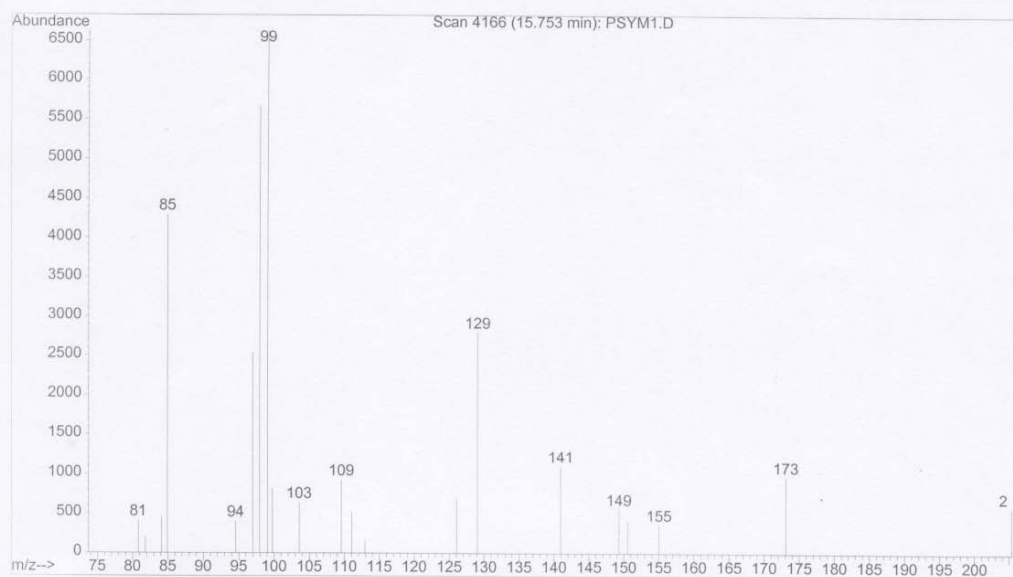
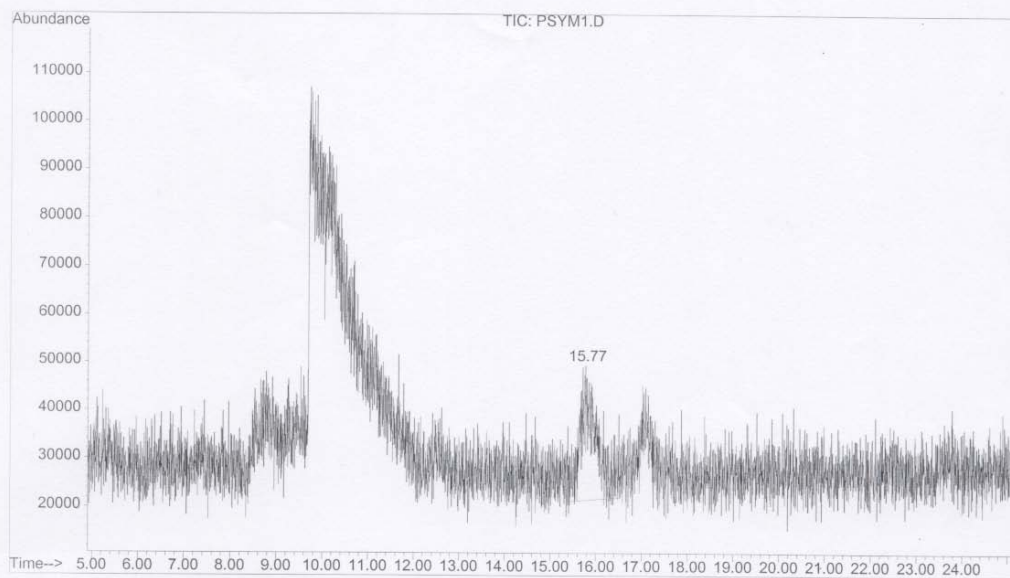












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