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### **Structural basis of catalysis in the bacterial monoterpene synthases linalool synthase and 1,8-cineole synthase**

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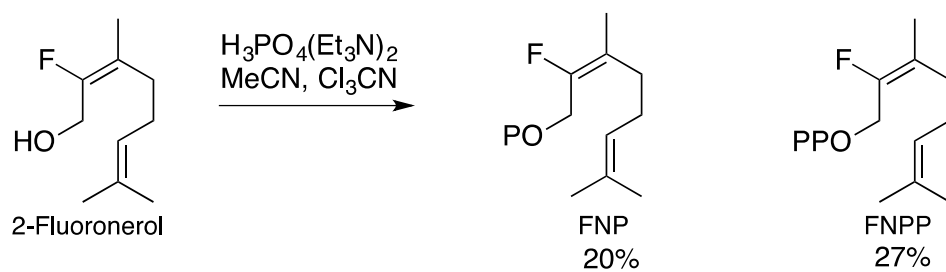
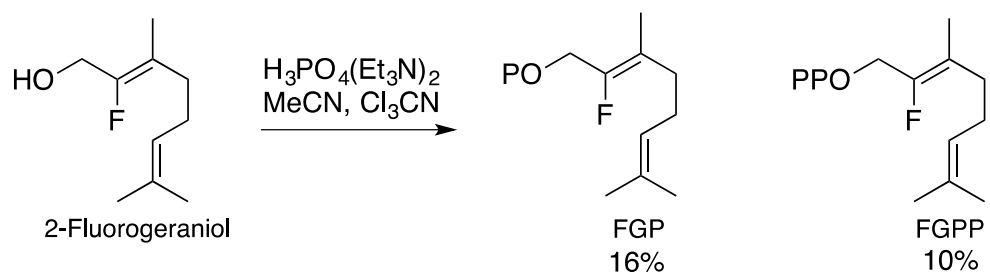
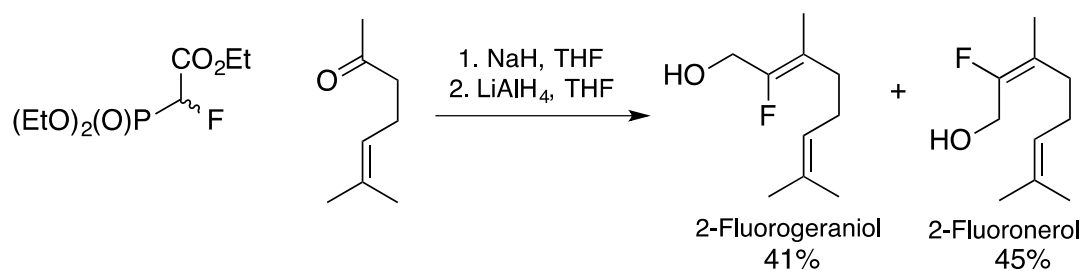
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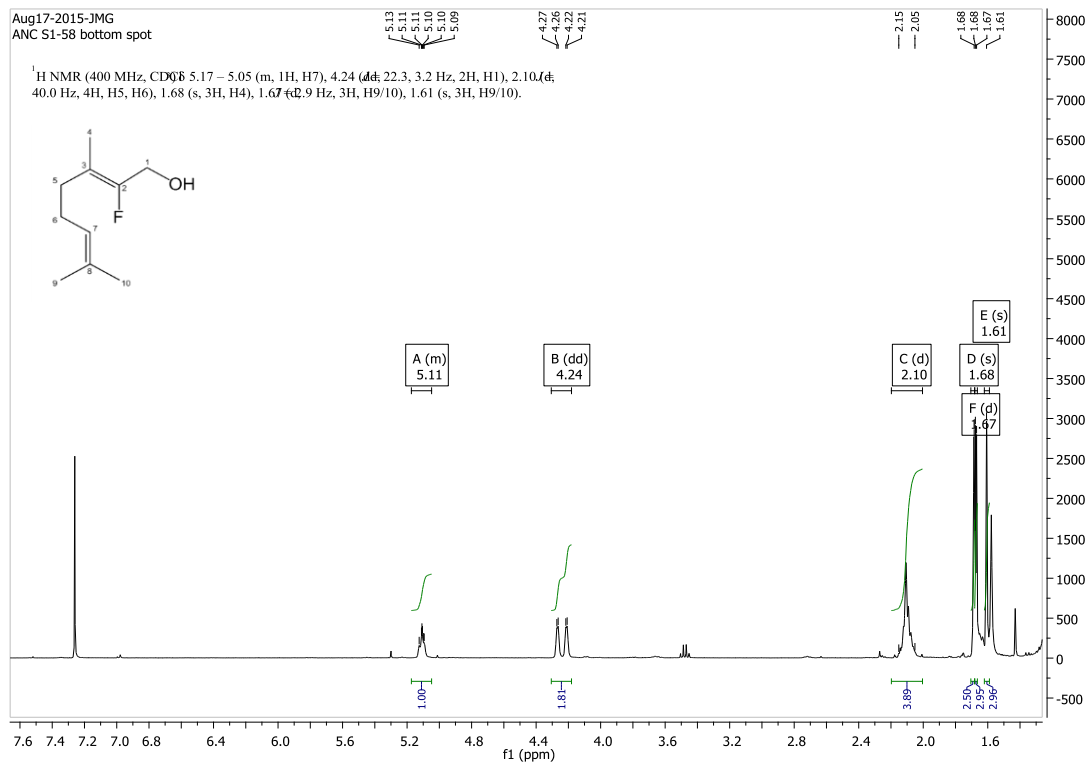
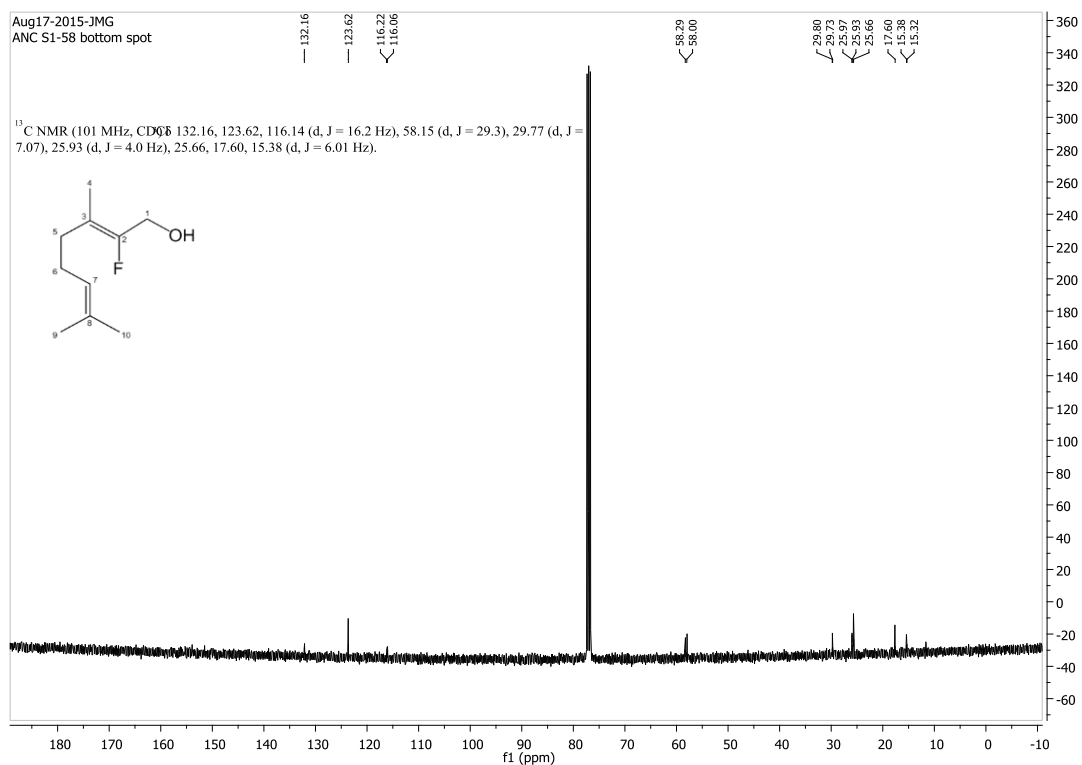
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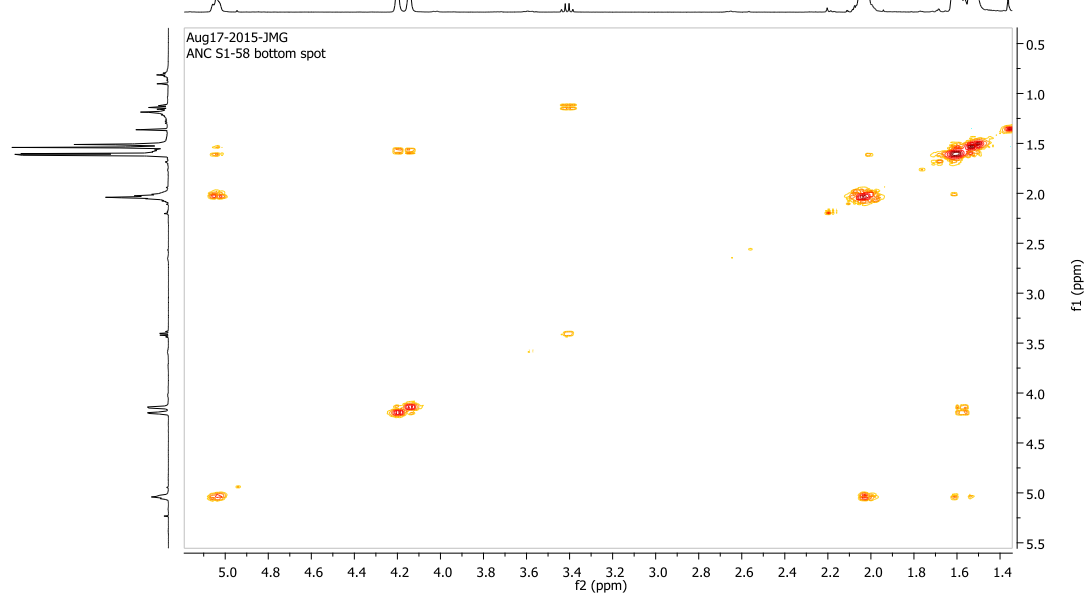
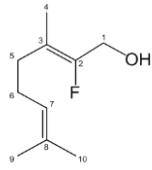
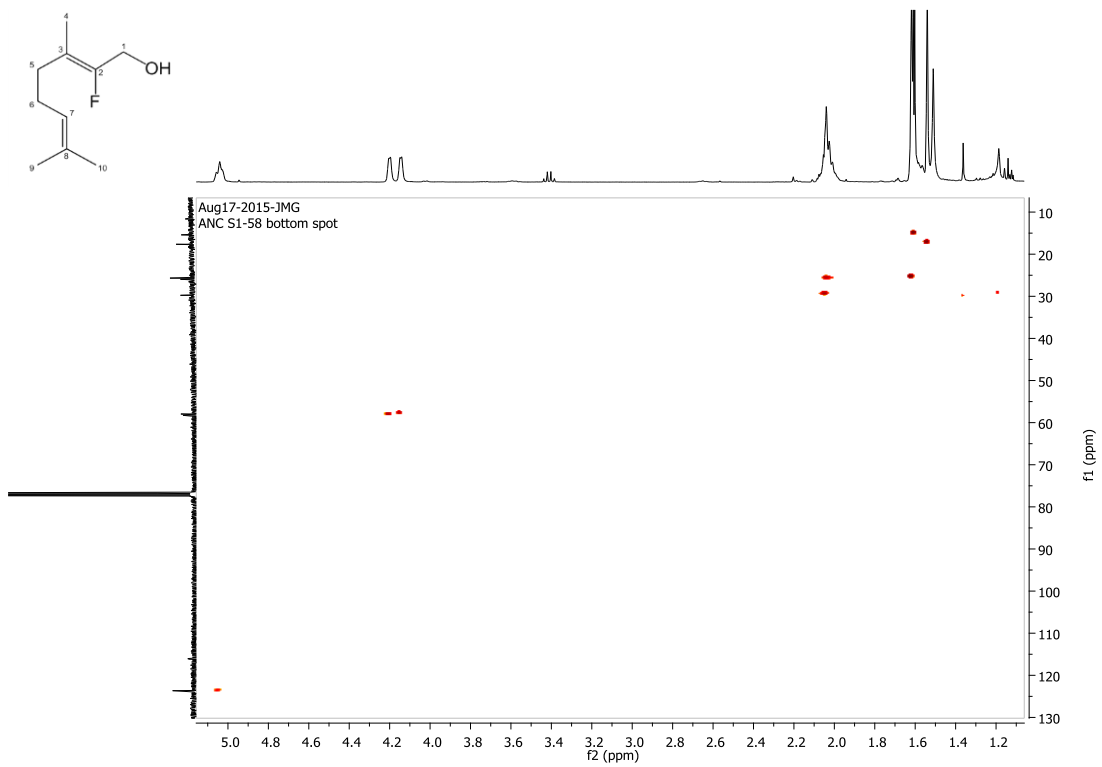
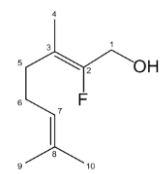
Comparisons of EPR spectra of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion substituted bCinS/bLinS with and without FGPP along with standard  $\text{MnCl}_2$  samples show a clearly resolved multiplet structure for 1:1 bCinS/bLinS:  $\text{MnCl}_2$  in the presence of FGPP. The observation of a multiplet structure indicates that degeneracy of the six-line EPR spectrum, often associated with free/unbound  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion, was either lifted by the strong zero-field splitting of the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion or the 'g-anisotropy' or combination of both (**Figure 3**; black asterisks). The intense EPR transitions centered around  $g \sim 2.0$  (**Figure 3**; black/blue asterisks) were mainly due to the transitions from  $|m_s, -1/2\rangle \rightarrow |m_s, +1/2\rangle$  manifold. The weak hyperfine structures that appear above and below the  $g \sim 2.0$  region (**Figure 3**; blue arrows) are due to the transitions between the higher spin manifolds,  $|m_s, -5/2\rangle \rightarrow |m_s, -3/2\rangle$  and  $|m_s, -3/2\rangle \rightarrow |m_s, -1/2\rangle$  respectively. The multiplet structure observed for bCinS and bLinS directly probes the local/first coordination sphere of the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion, which was clearly different from the reference samples  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  (black dotted spectrum) and bCinS/bLinS without FGPP (black dashed spectrum). The aforementioned two samples predominantly showed a six-line EPR pattern with half-field transitions in the range of 80-150 mT, whereas for 1:1 bCinS/bLinS-FGPP:  $\text{MnCl}_2$ , it occurred between 120-180 mT and trailed towards high magnetic field (**Figures S6 and S7**). The intensity of the multiplet structure and the half-field transitions between 120-180 mT (**Figures S6 and S7**; red downward arrows) remained as a plateau for the samples when the concentration of the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion relative to bCinS-FGPP/bLinS-FGPP was more than 3. The presence of additional equivalents of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion was observed as free/unbound  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion, which predominantly contributes to the six-line EPR pattern around the  $g = 2$  region (**Figure 3**; black asterisks). In addition, new half-field transitions were observed at low magnetic fields between 80-150 mT (**Figures S6 and S7**; blue arrows) and the intensity increased linearly. The observed half-field transitions were consistent with the free/unbound  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion EPR signal. All these observations are consistent with bCinS and bLinS having 3 metal binding sites.

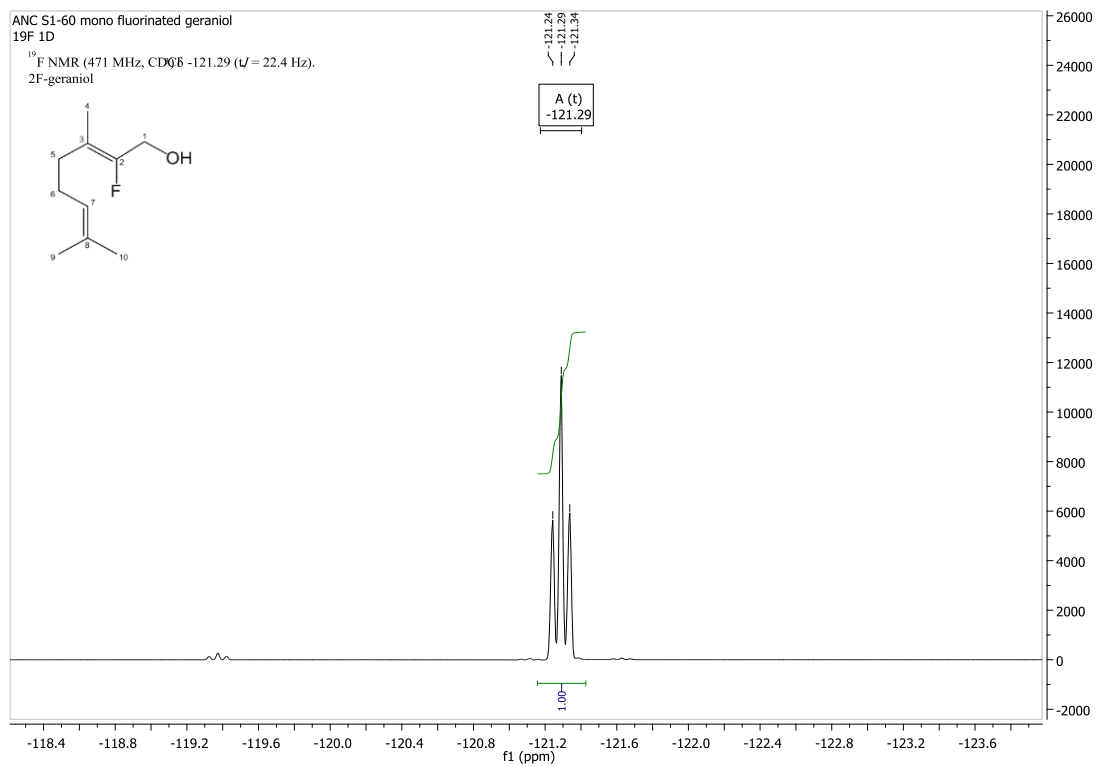


OP = phosphate  
 OPP = pyrophosphate

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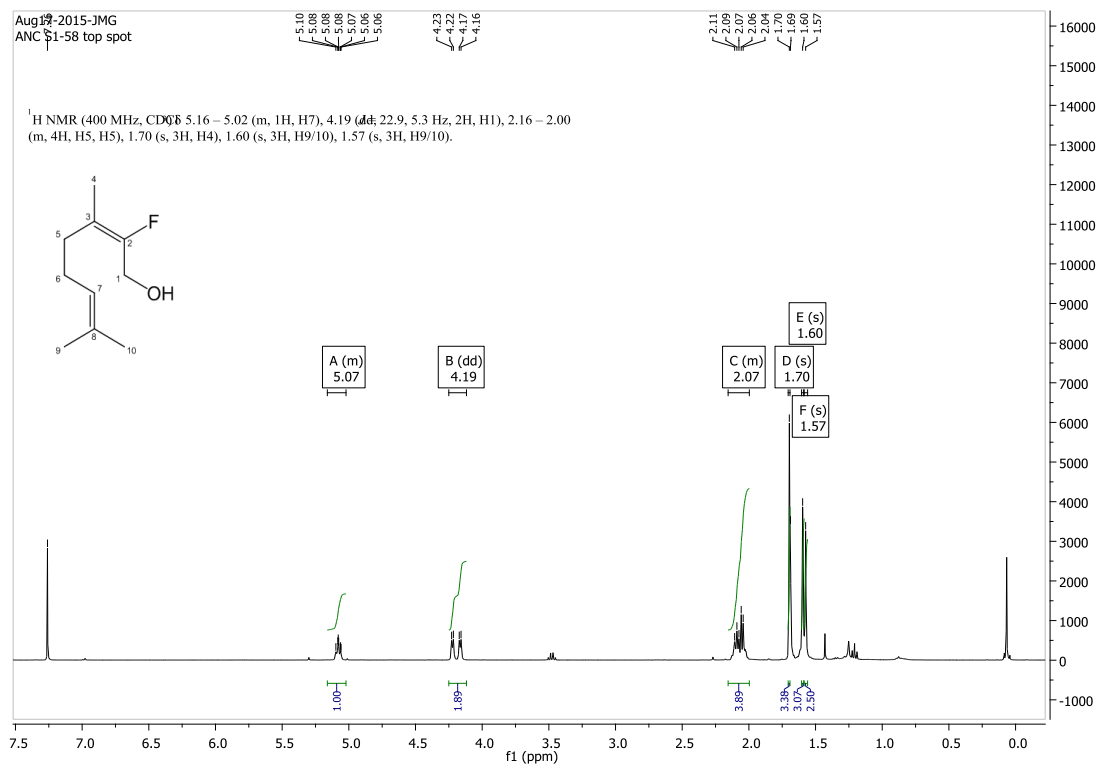
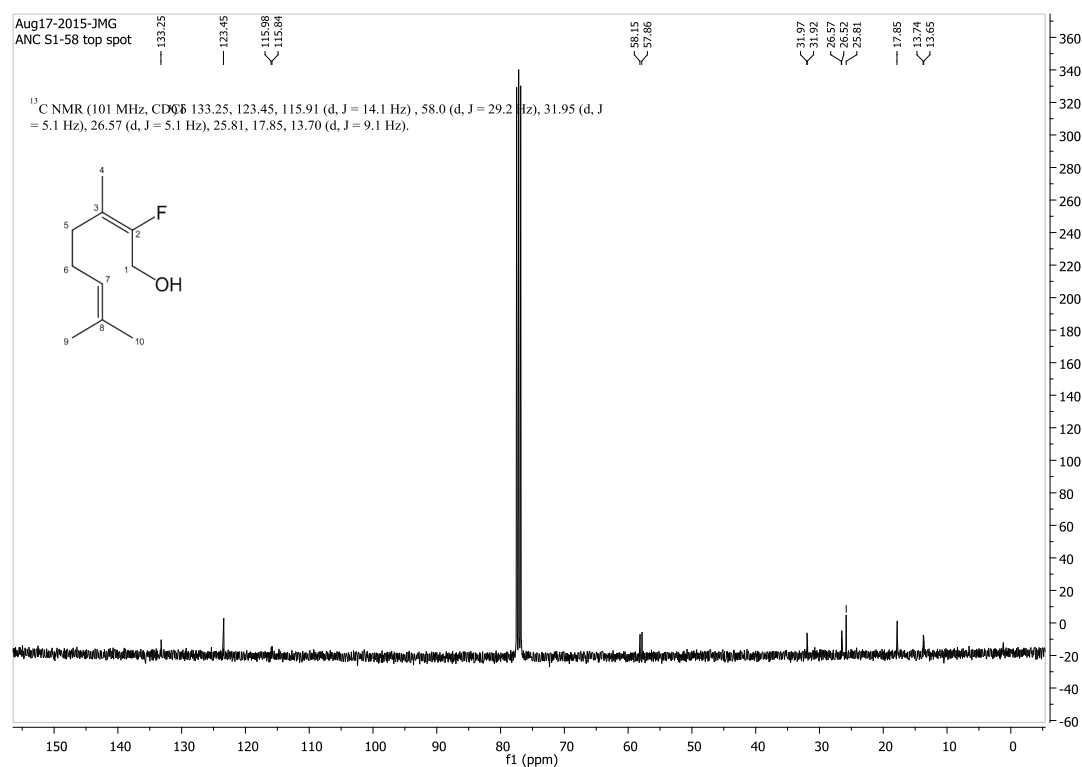
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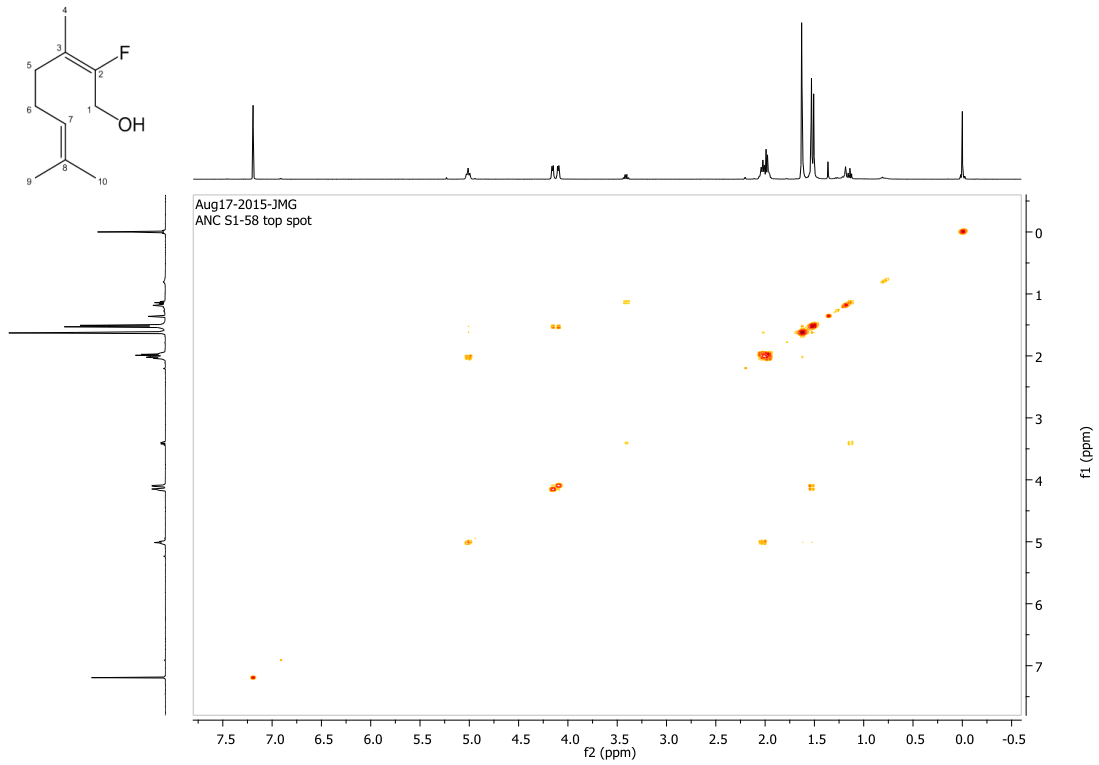
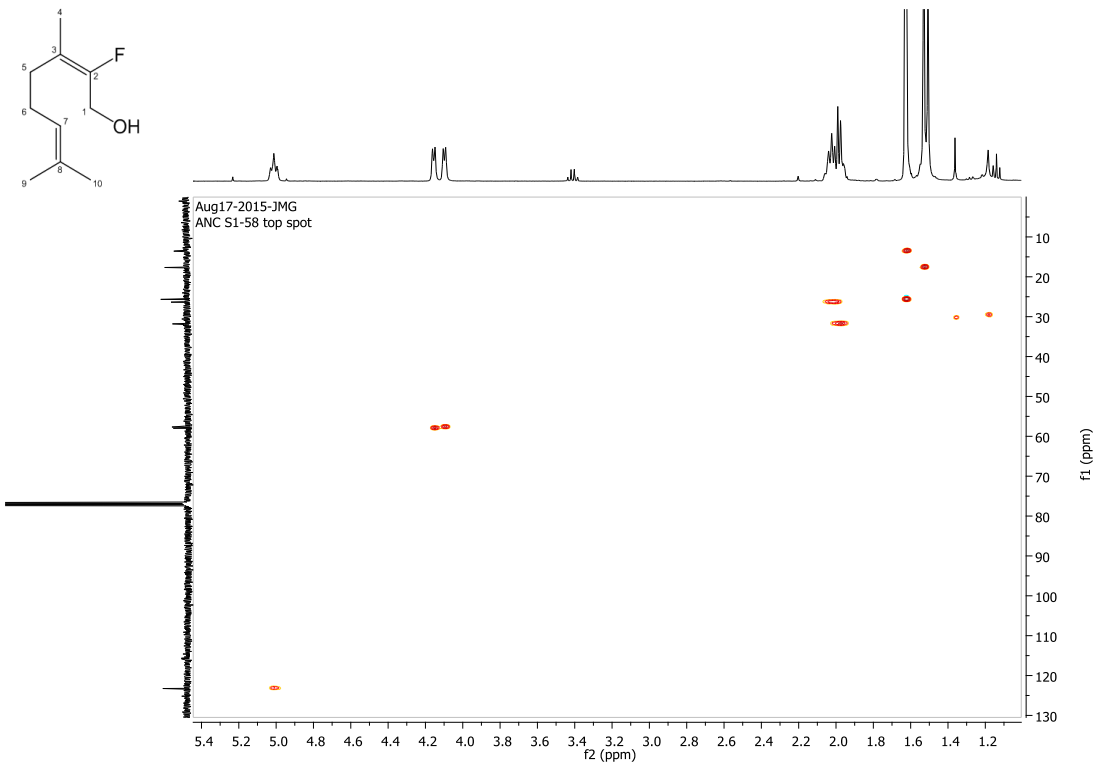
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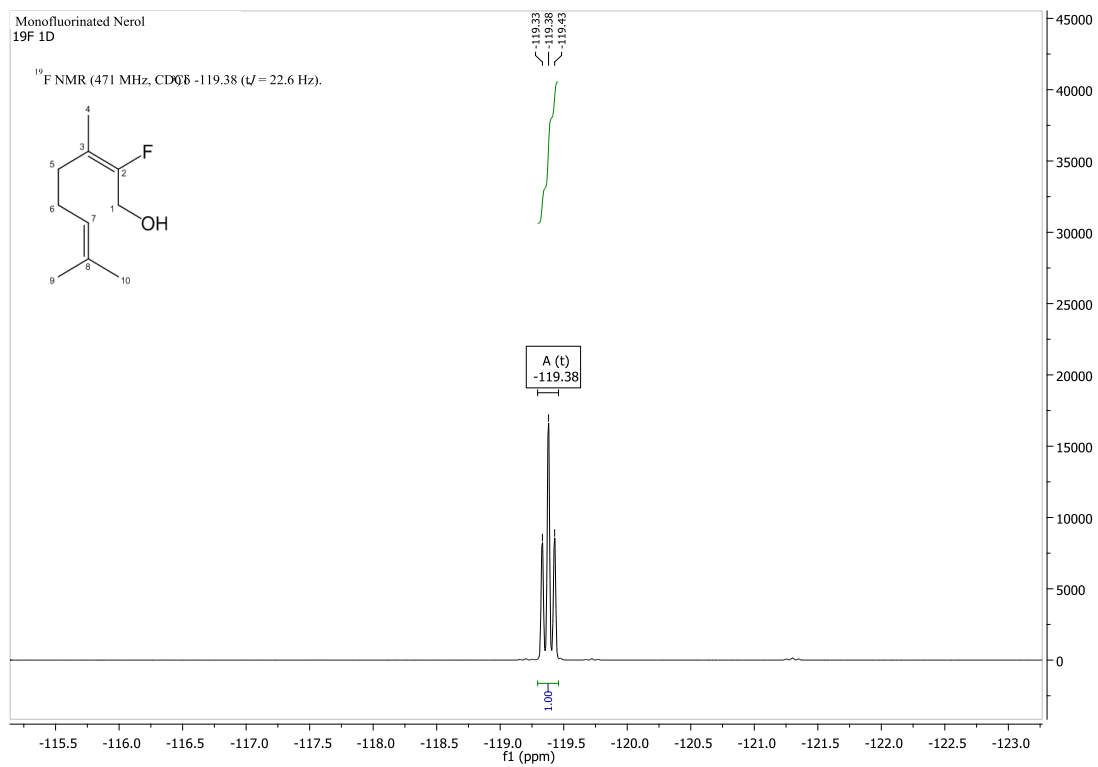
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<sup>1</sup>H COSY. D) <sup>1</sup>H -<sup>13</sup>C HSQC. E) <sup>19</sup>F NMR.**

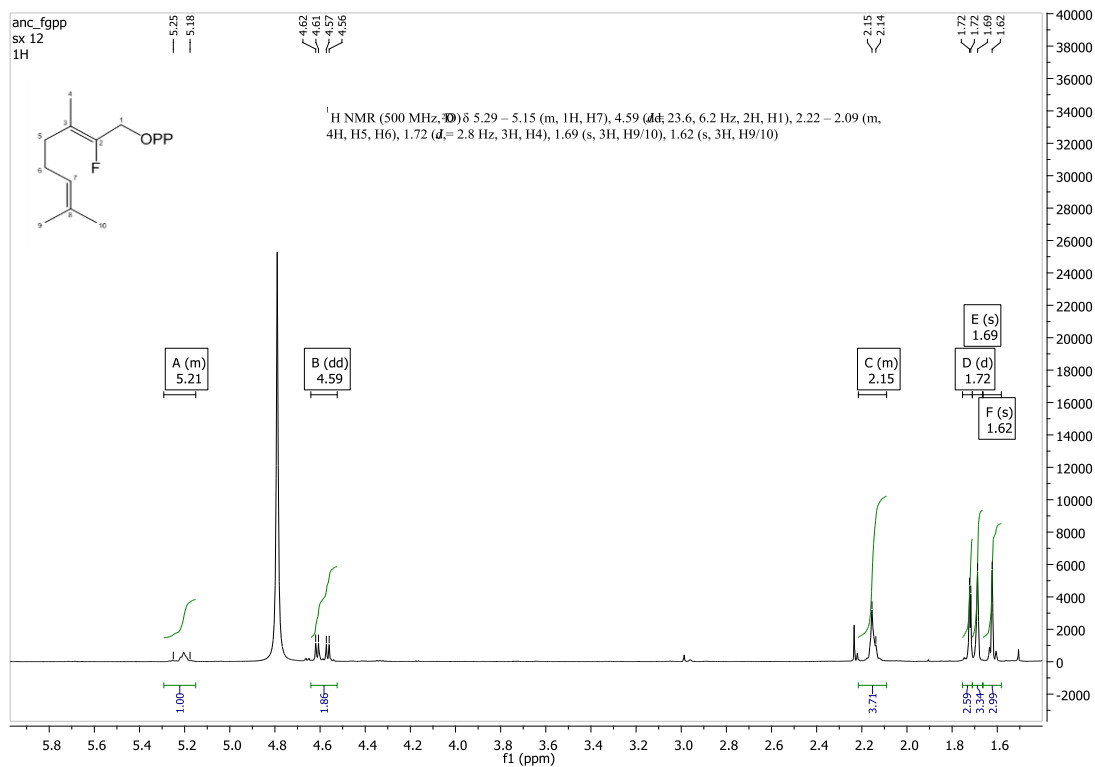
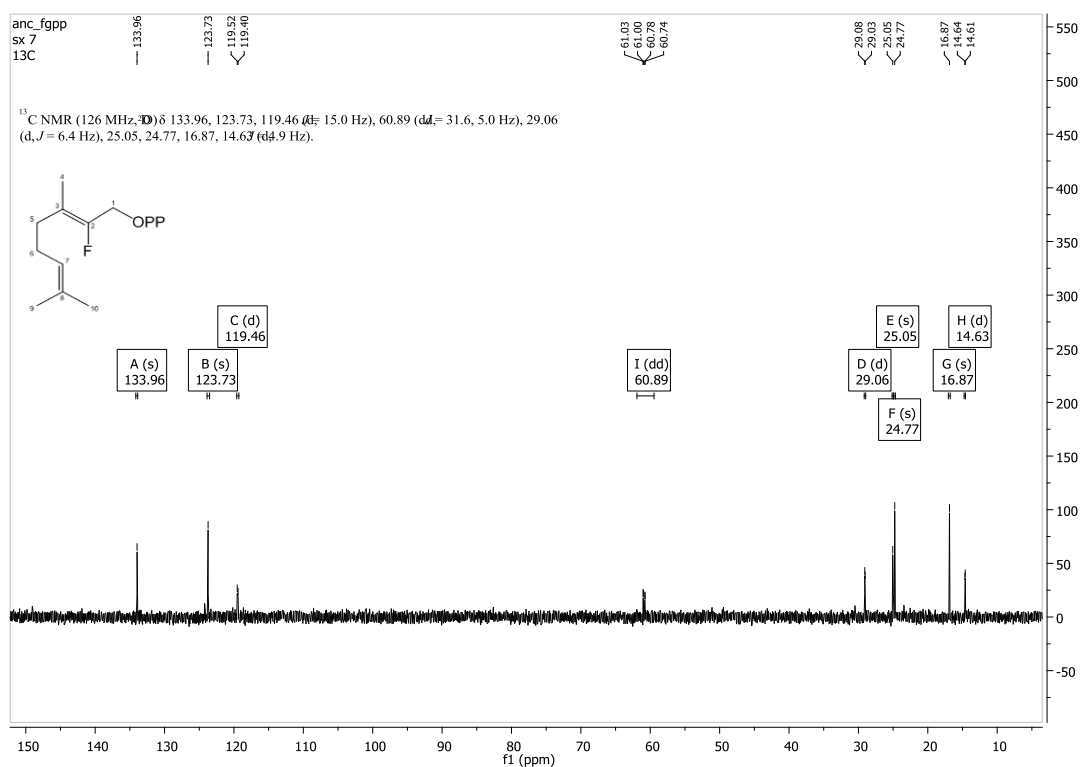


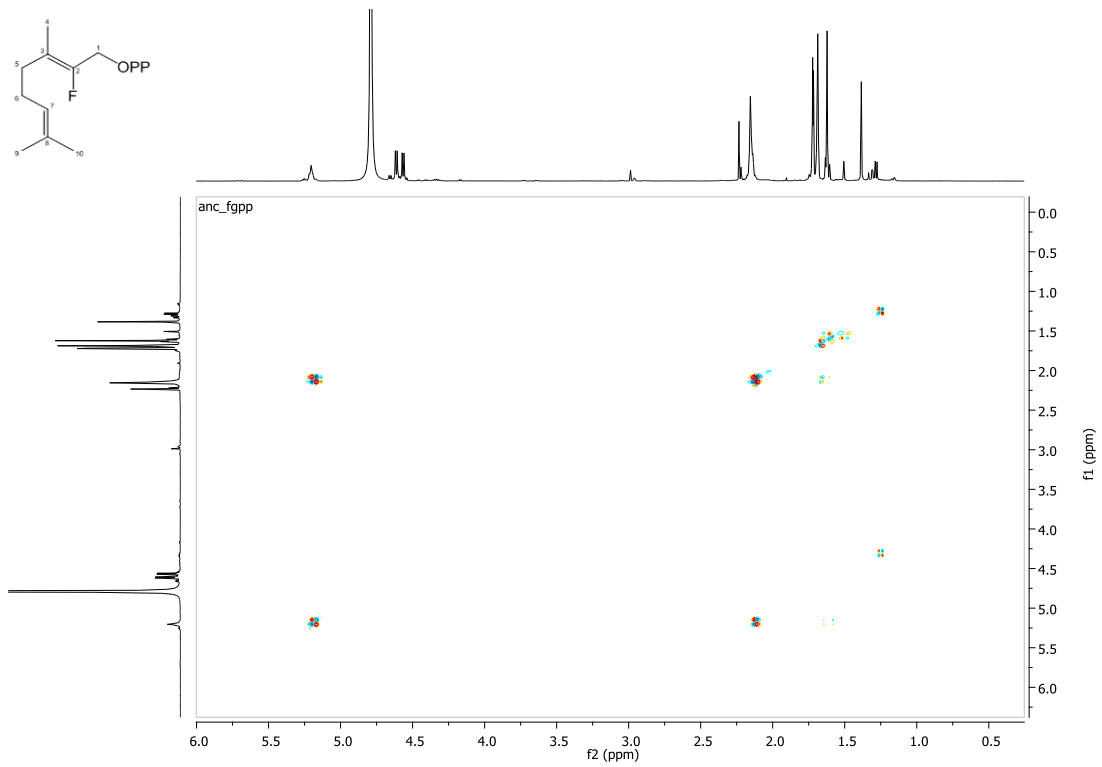
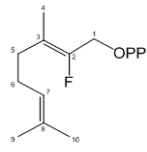
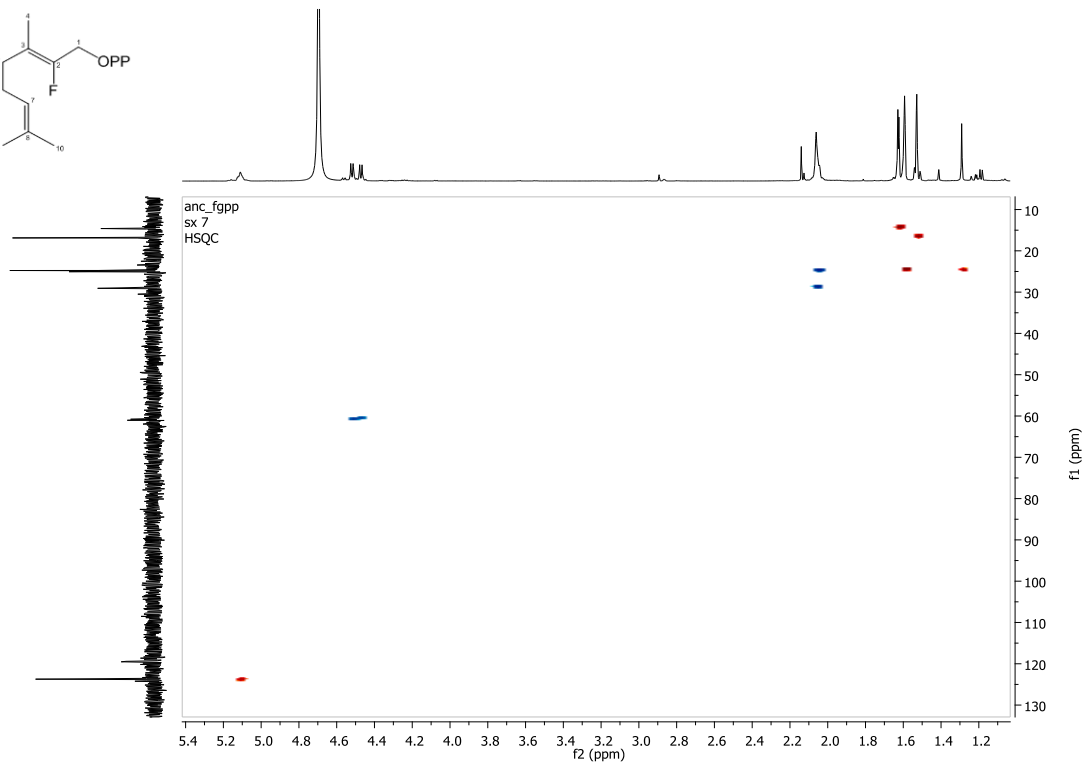
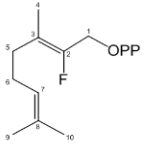
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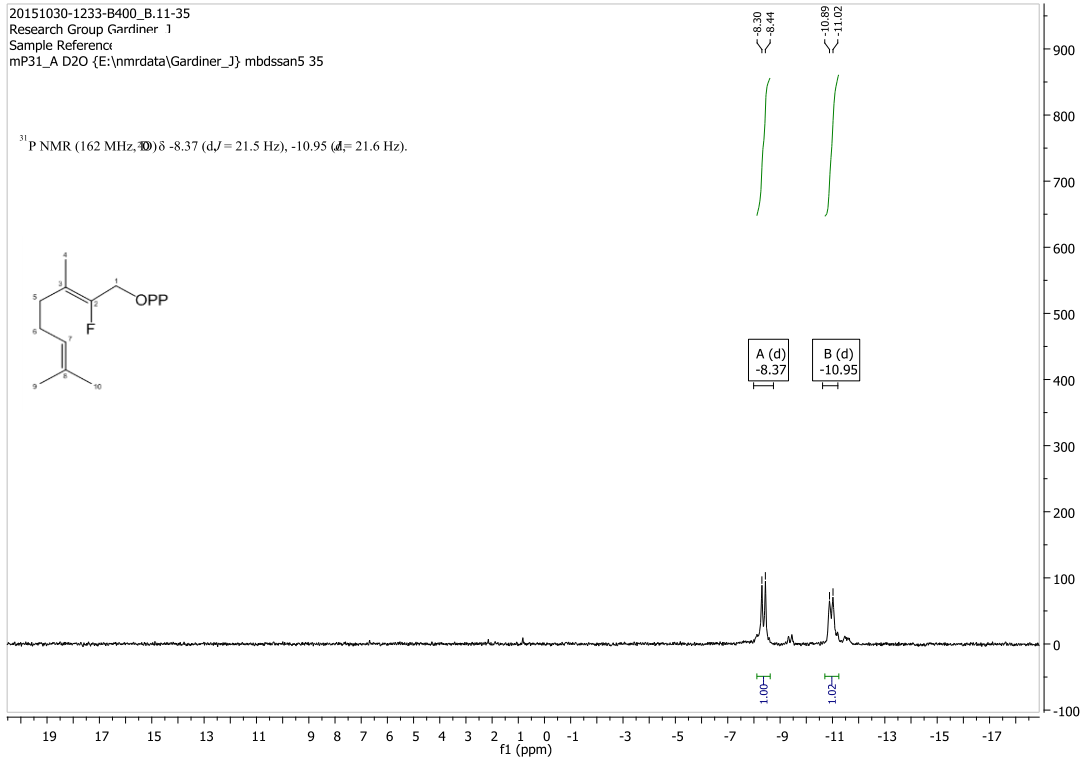
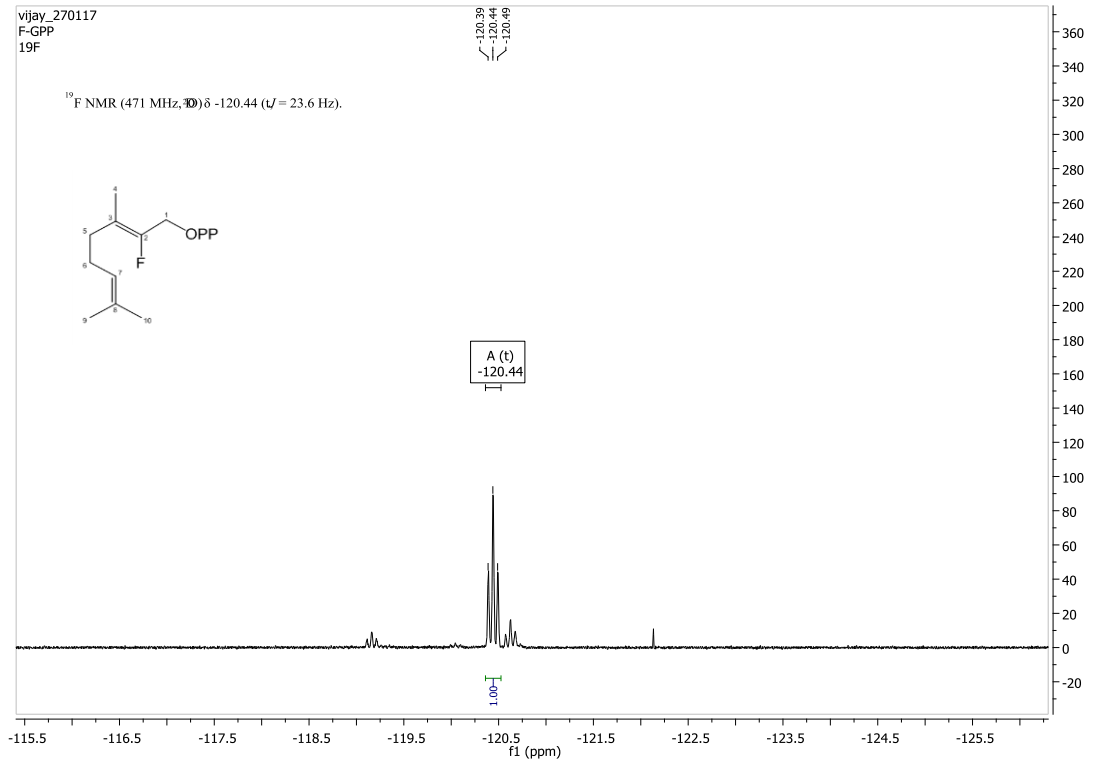
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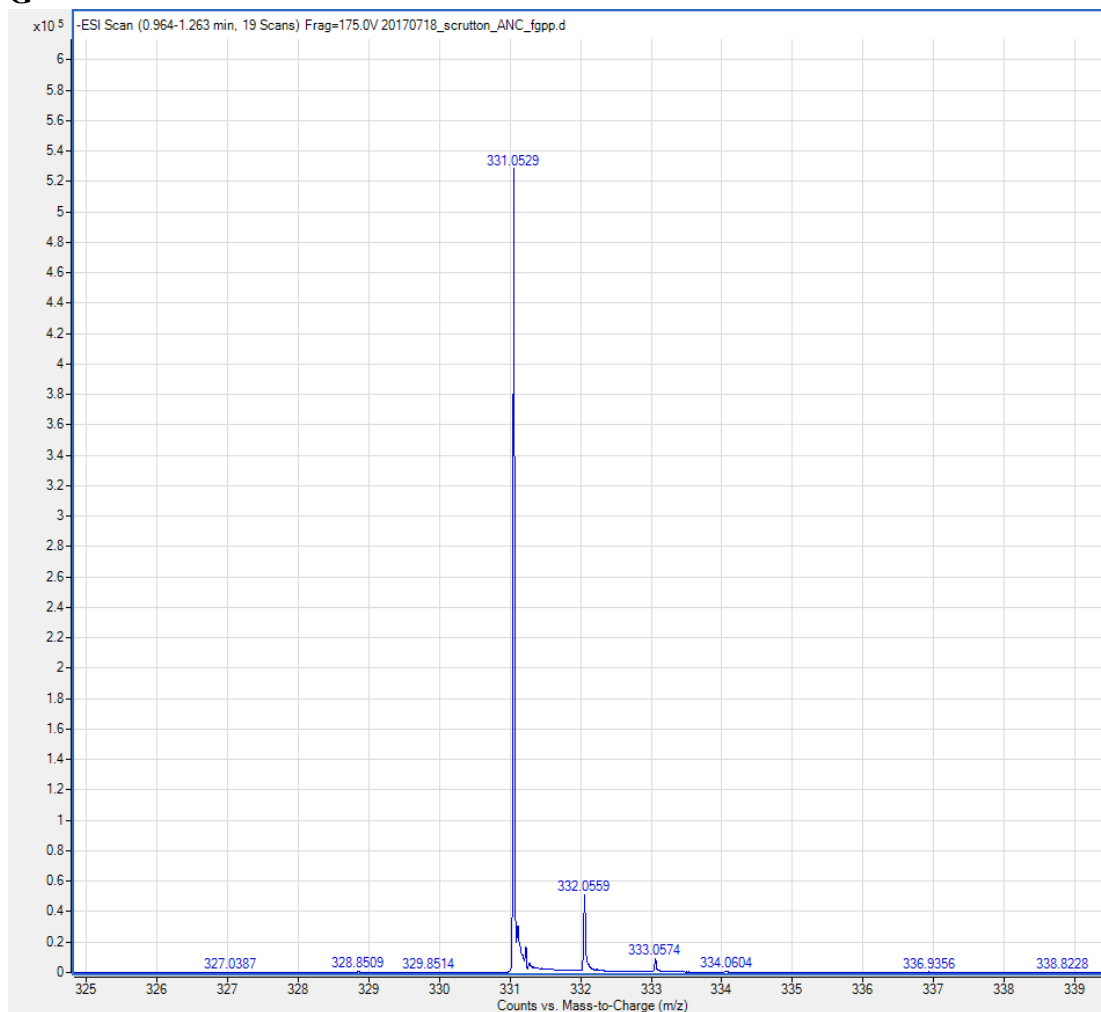
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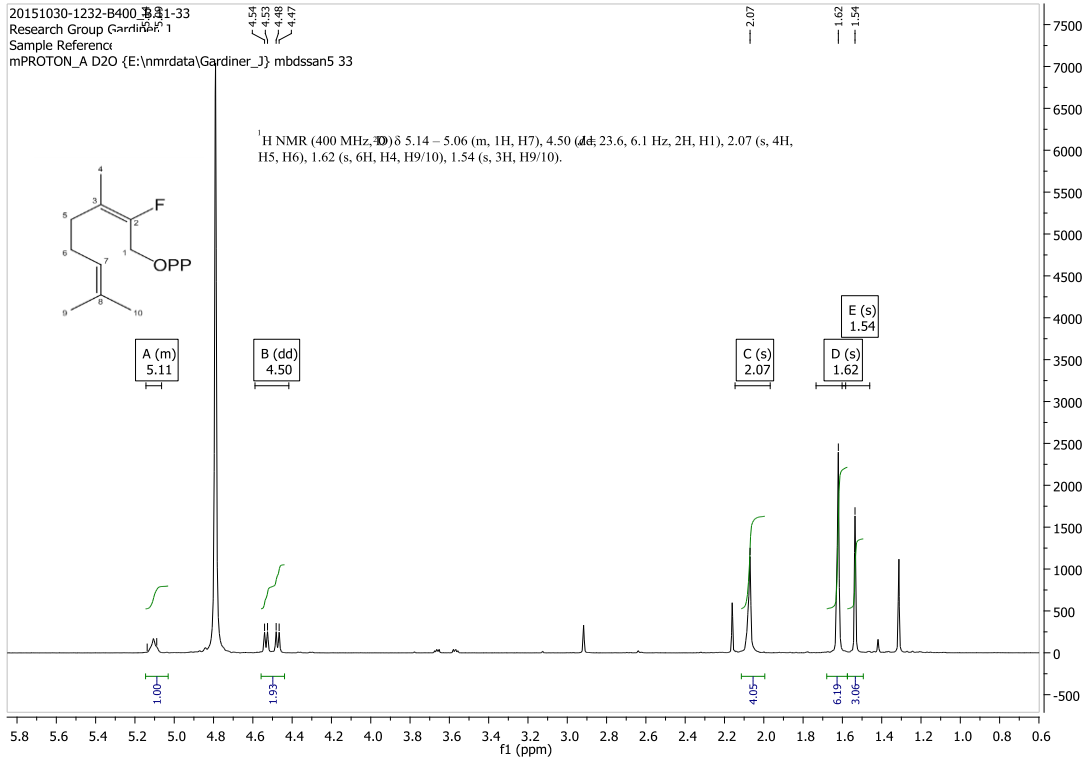
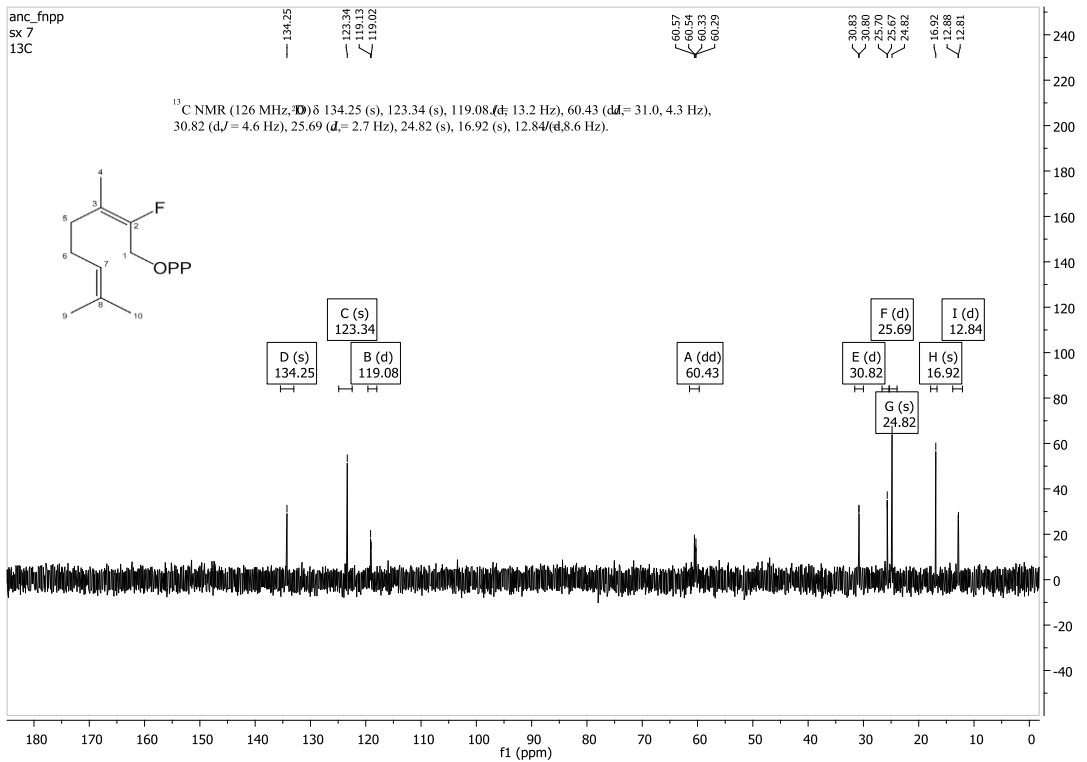
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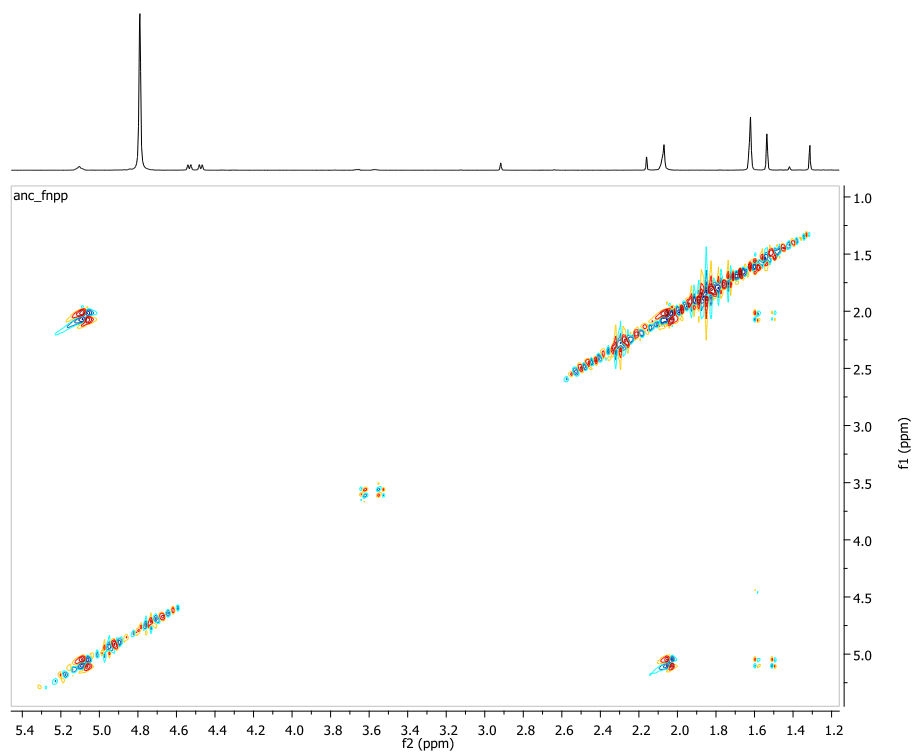
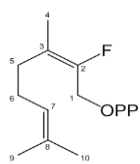
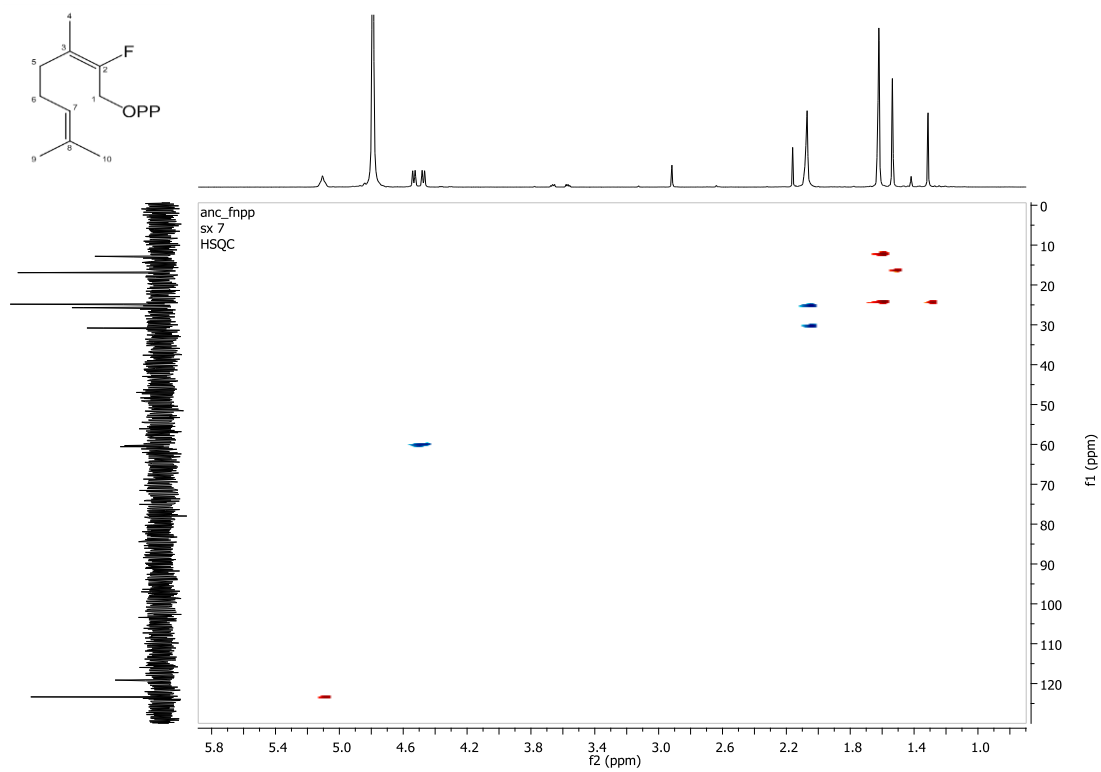
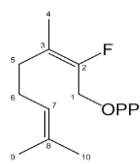
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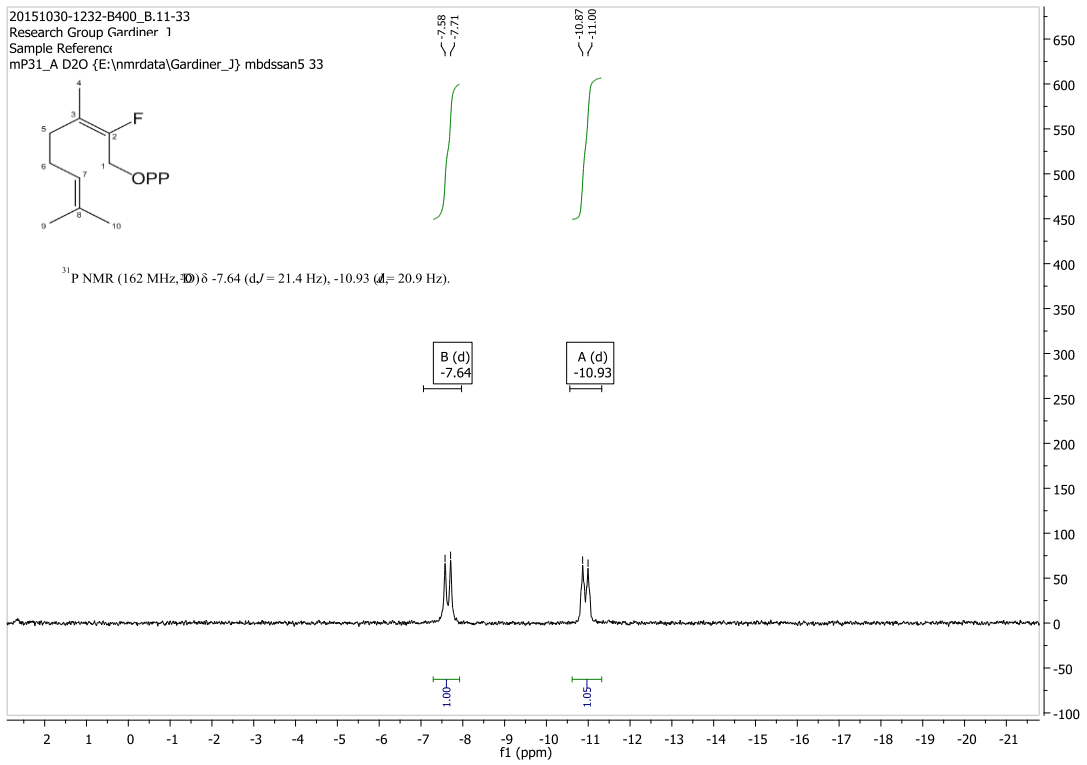
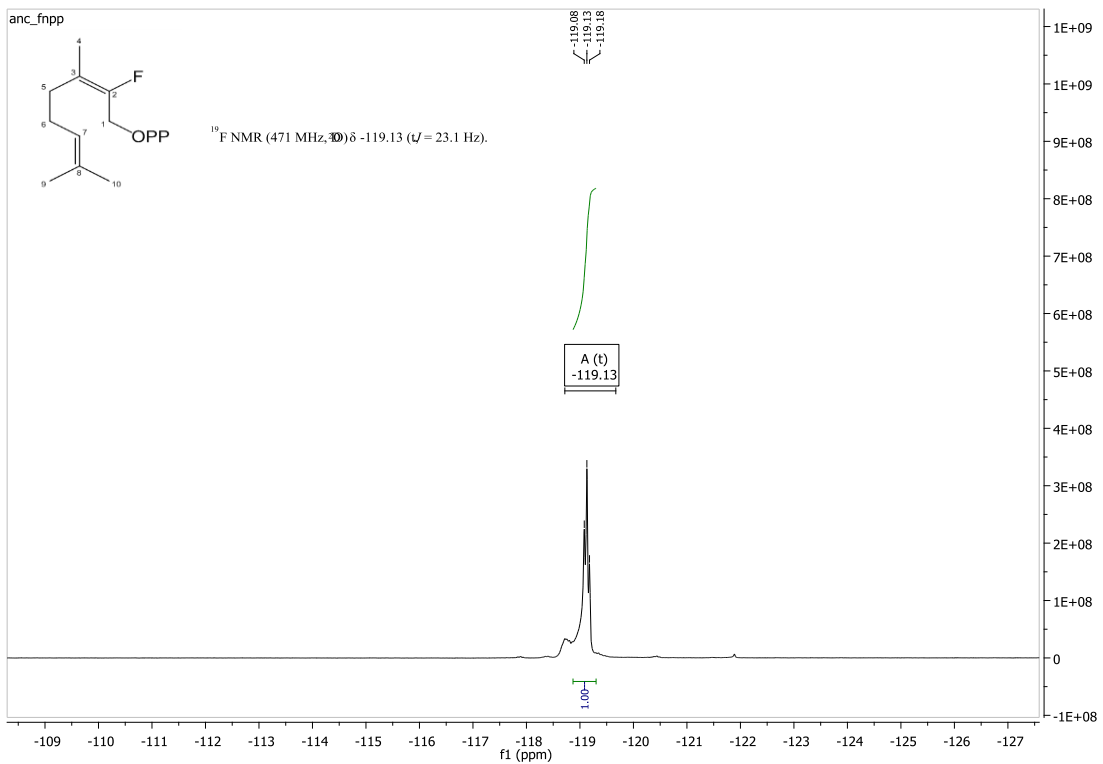
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**Figure S3. NMR and HRMS-ESI spectra of 2-fluorogeranyl pyrophosphate (FGPP). A) <sup>1</sup>H NMR. B) <sup>13</sup>C NMR. C) <sup>1</sup>H -<sup>1</sup>H COSY. D) <sup>1</sup>H -<sup>13</sup>C HSQC. E) <sup>31</sup>P NMR. F) <sup>19</sup>F NMR. G) HRMS-ESI.**

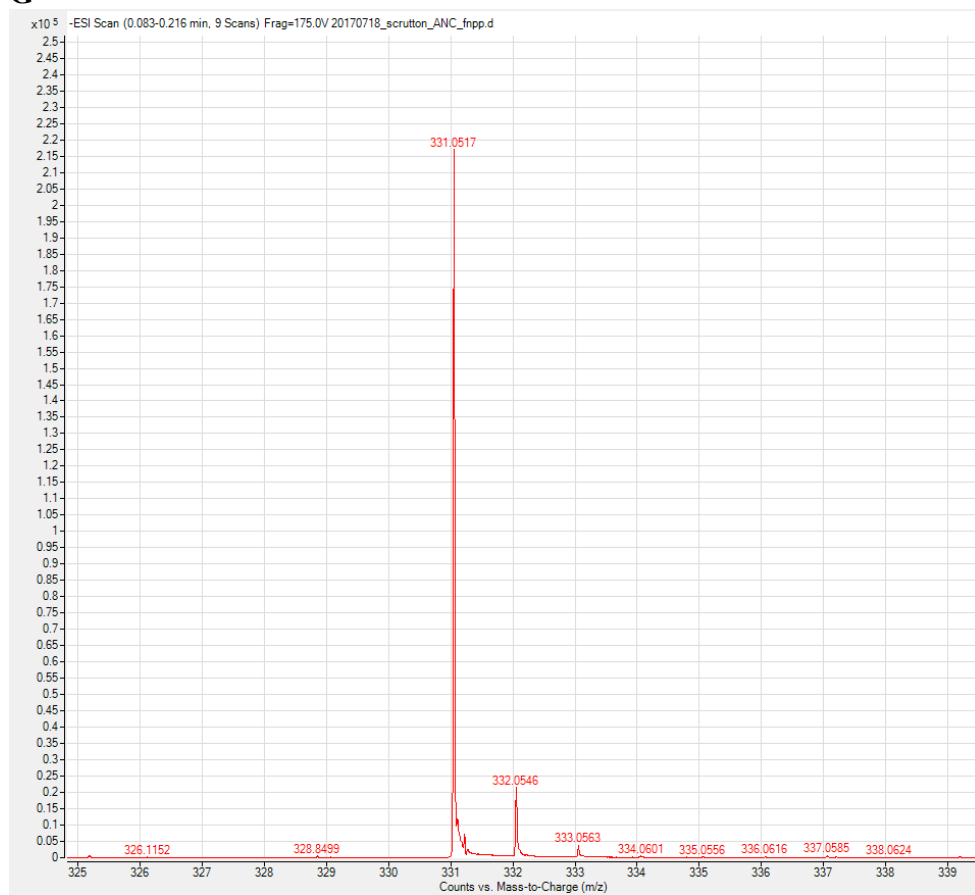
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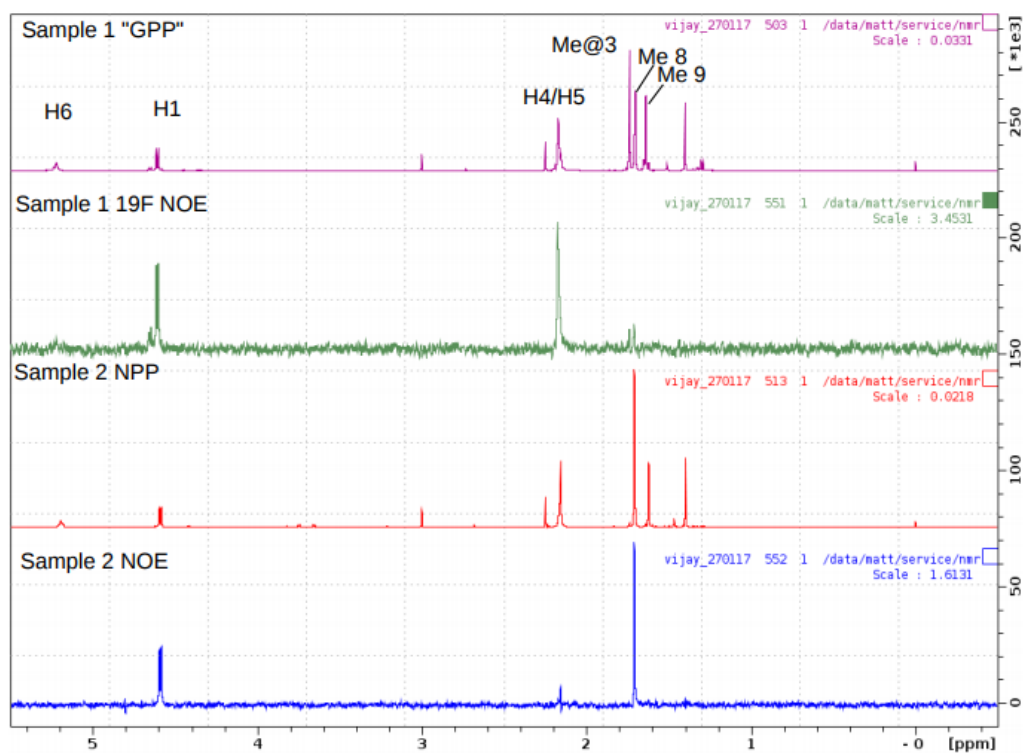
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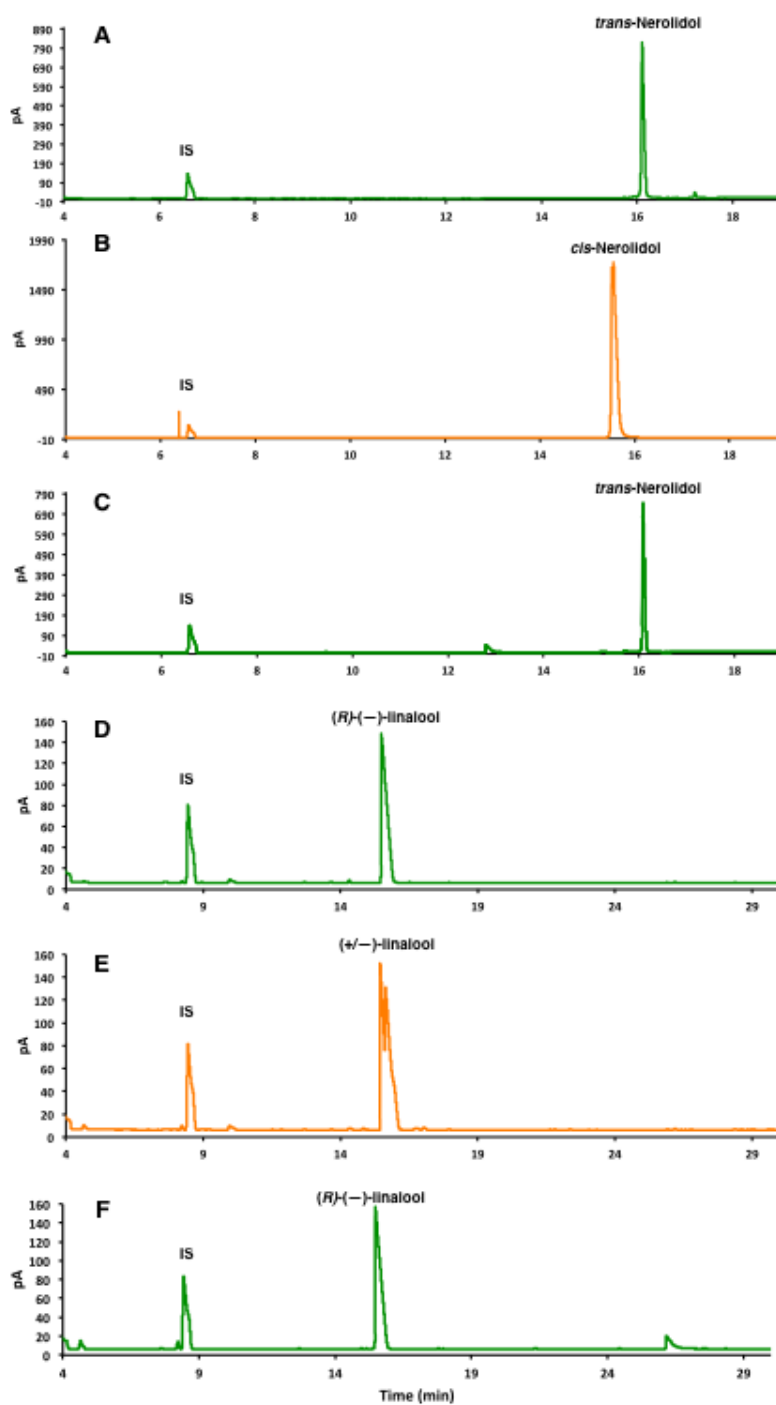
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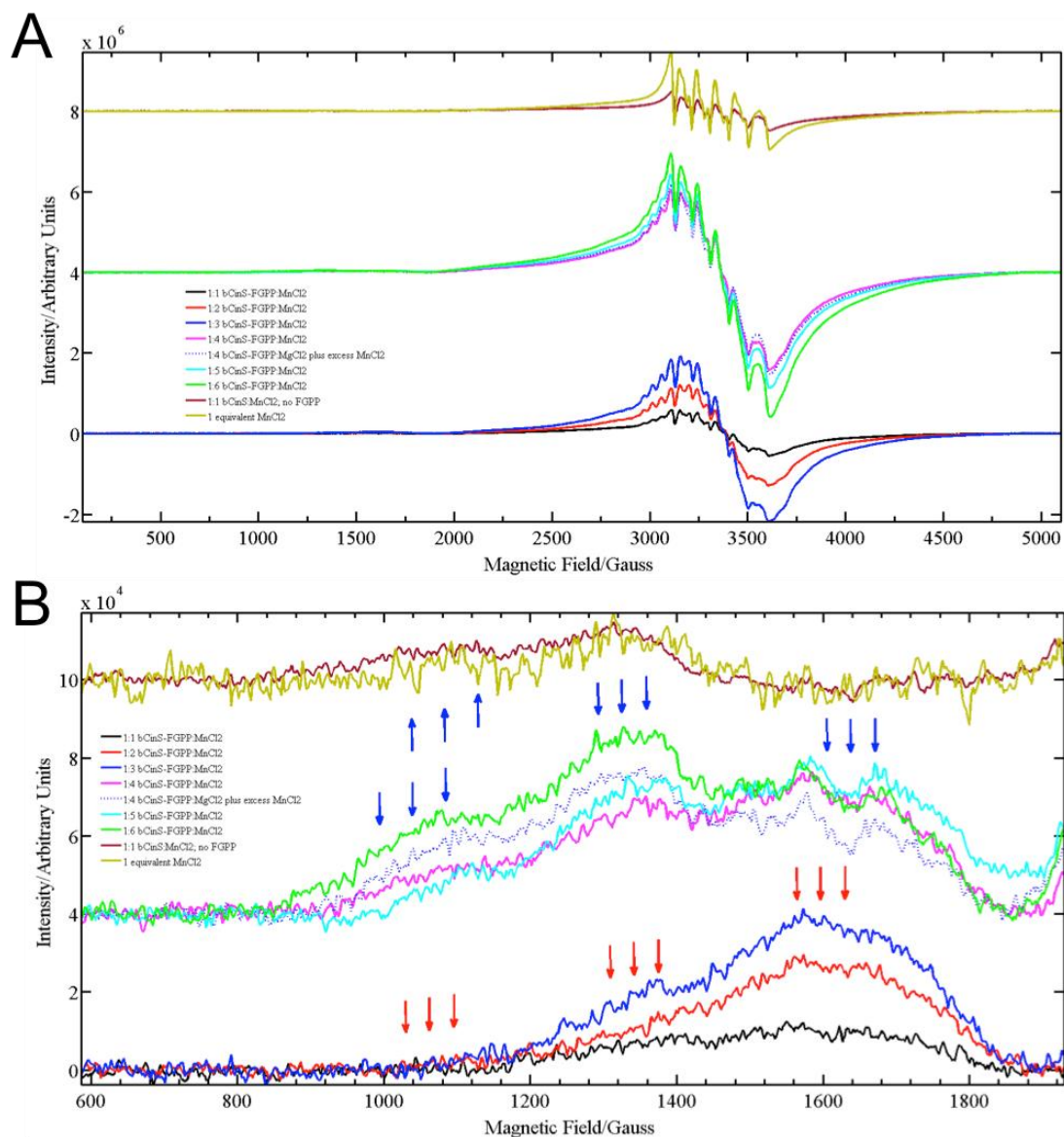
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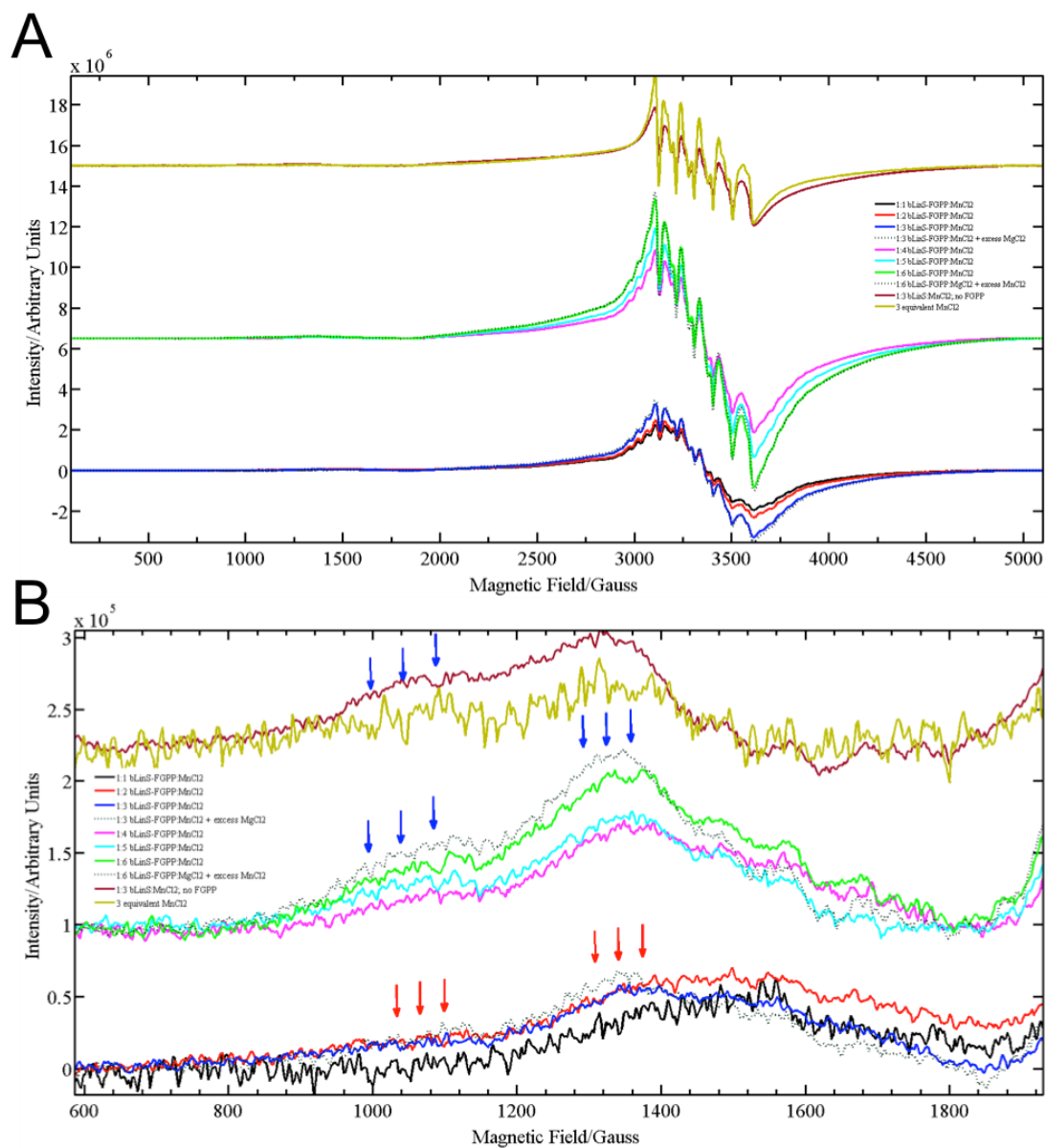
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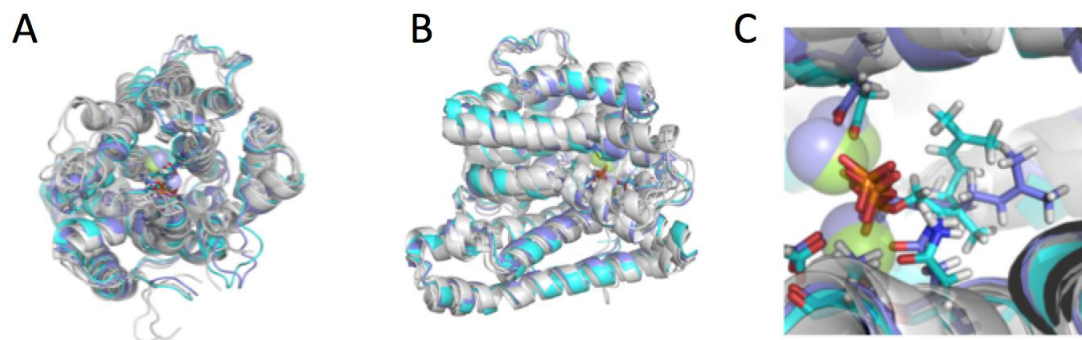
**Figure S5. Gas chromatography analysis of bLinS with FPP and GPP.** A) *trans*-Nerolidol standard. B) *cis*-Nerolidol standard. C) bLinS conversion of FPP (2 mM) *in vitro*. D) *R*-(-)-linalool standard. E) (+/-)-linalool standard. F) bLinS conversion of GPP (2 mM) *in vitro*. IS= internal standard (*sec*-butyl benzene)



**Figure S6. cw-EPR spectra of bCinS.**  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  substituted bCinS samples with varying equivalents of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion concentration with and without FGPP, measured as a frozen solution along with standard  $\text{MnCl}_2$ . A) Wide sweep from 10-510 mT. B) Expanded between 60-190 mT to show the half-field transitions of the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion under different coordination environments. The features that are highlighted with red and blue arrows are discussed in the text. Conditions: microwave power 36 dB; modulation amplitude 5 G; time constant 41 ms; conversion time 41 ms; sweep time 84 s; receiver gain 60 dB; average microwave frequency 9.384 GHz; temperature 20 K.

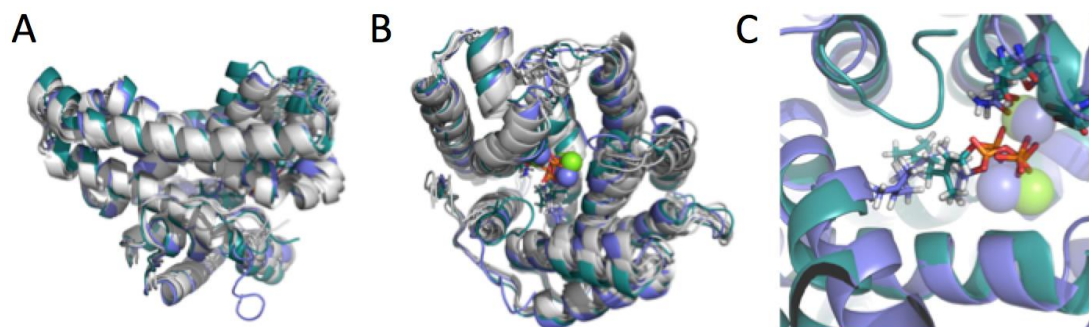


**Figure S7. cw-EPR spectra of bLinS.** Mn<sup>2+</sup> substituted bLinS samples with varying equivalents of Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion concentration with and without FGPP, measured as a frozen solution along with standard MnCl<sub>2</sub>. A) Wide sweep from 10-510 mT. B) Expanded between 60-190 mT to show the half-field transitions of the Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion under different coordination environments. The features that are highlighted with red and blue downward arrows are discussed in the text. Conditions: as in Fig S2.

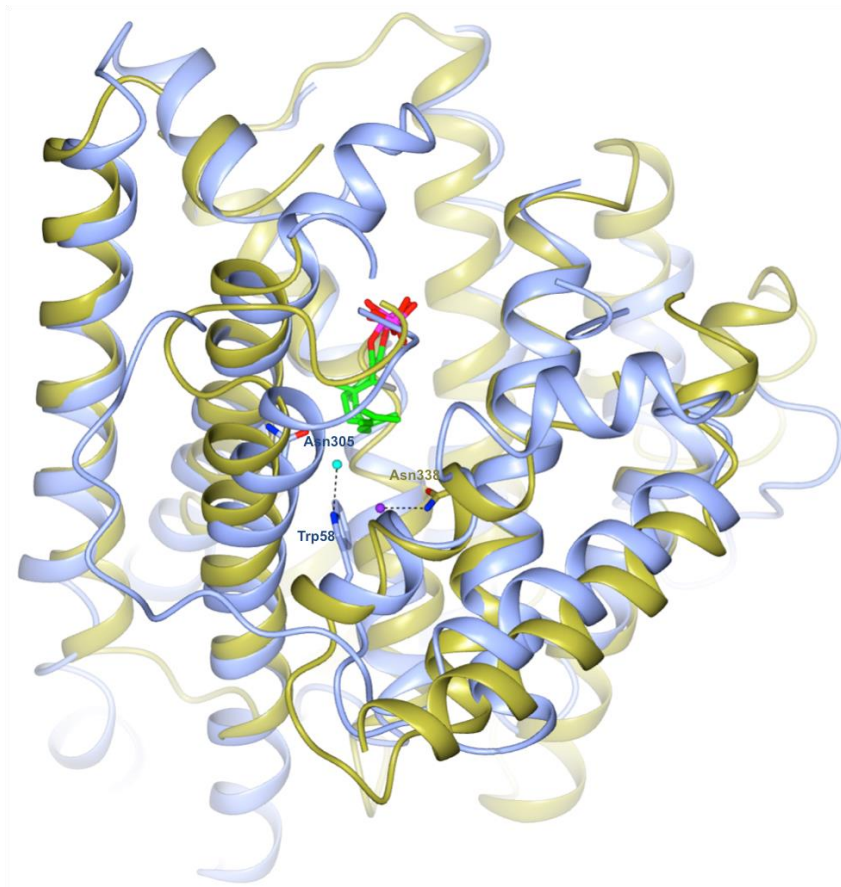


**Figure S8. Comparison of structures from MD of *apo*-bCinS with MD of the ternary complex of bCinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and GPP or NPP.** White: 4 clusters from 100 ns simulation of *apo*-bCinS, purple: the representative structure of the most populated cluster (after alignment on active site residues) from 100 ns simulations of bCinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and GPP, cyan the representative structure of the most populated cluster (after alignment on active site residues) from 100 ns simulations of bCinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and NPP. **A)** and **B)** show different views of the entire monomer, and **C)** shows the active site of bCinS. No significant structural changes are observed between the *apo* form and the ternary complex.





**Figure S9.** Comparison of structures from MD of *apo*-bLinS with MD of the ternary complex of bLinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and GPP or FPP. White: 4 clusters from 100 ns simulation of *apo*-LinS, teal: the representative structure of the most populated cluster (after alignment on active site residues) from 100 ns simulations of bLinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and GPP, purple: the representative structure of the most populated cluster (after alignment on active site residues) from 100 ns simulations of bLinS with 3 Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions and FPP. **A)** and **B)** show different views of the entire monomer, and **C)** shows the active site of bLinS. No significant structural changes are observed between the *apo* form and the ternary complex. The larger FPP can easily be accommodated in the active site without any major structural rearrangements.



**Figure S10: Structural overlay of bCinS and C-terminal domain of Sf-CinS1.** In the bCinS-FNPP/FGPP structure (blue ribbon), residues Trp58 and Asn305 coordinate the water molecule (cyan sphere), which is proposed to be involved in water attack. In Sf-CinS1 (gold ribbon), Asn338 was identified to be crucial for 1,8-cineole synthesis and forms a hydrogen bond with a water molecule (purple sphere). Asn338 in Sf-CinS1 resides in a different helix and region of the active site compared to Asn305 in bCinS.

**Table S1: Plasmids used in this study**

<b>Plasmid reference</b>	<b>Plasmid name</b>	<b>Description (Origin of replication, Antibiotic marker, Reference(s), Promoters and Operons)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
pMVA	BbA5a-MTSAe-T1f-MBI(f)-T1002i	p15A, Kanr, PlacUV5, MTSA, T1, MBI-f, T1002	1
pGPPSmTC/S15	pBbB2a-trAgGPPS(co)-trSLimS_Ms	pBBR, Ampr, Ptet, trAgGPPS(co)- trSLimS_Ms	1
pGPPSmTC/S38	pBbB2a-trAgGPPS(co)-bLinS	pBBR, Ampr, Ptet, trAgGPPS(co)- bLinS	This study
pGPPSmTC/S39	pBbB2a-trAgGPPS(co)-bCinS	pBBR, Ampr, Ptet, trAgGPPS(co)- bCinS	This study

**Table S2: bLinS and bCinS: homologous structures**

Name	PDB	Organism	RMSD (Å) / C $\alpha$ atoms
<b><i>bLinS (chain A)</i></b>			
Pentalenene synthase	1ps1	<i>Streptomyces exfoliatus</i>	1.52 / 283
Germacradien-4-ol synthase	5i1u	<i>Streptomyces citricolor</i>	1.59 / 276
Hedycaryol synthase	4mc3	<i>Actinomycete K. setae</i>	1.99 / 275
Geosmin synthase	5dz2	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	1.82 / 279
Epi-isozizaene synthase	4ltv	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	2.19 / 286
Selinadiene synthase	4okz	<i>Streptomyces pristinaespiralis</i>	1.83 / 265
2-Methylisoborneol synthase	4la6	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	2.09 / 268
<b><i>bCinS</i></b>			
Geosmin synthase	5dz2	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	1.54 / 296
Pentalenene synthase	1ps1	<i>Streptomyces exfoliatus</i>	1.80 / 292
Germacradien-4-ol synthase	5i1u	<i>Streptomyces citricolor</i>	1.80 / 283
Epi-isozizaene synthase	3kb9	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	1.94 / 304
Hedycaryol synthase	4mc3	<i>Actinomycete K. setae</i>	2.07 / 276
Aristolochene synthase	4kwd	<i>Aspergillus terreus</i>	2.28 / 280

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