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Chapter 1 demonstrates the total synthesis of (–)-arabilin. (–)-Arabilin is a potent androgen receptor antagonist that was isolated from *Streptomyces* sp. MK756-CF1. We hypothesized that the *enol ether-containing skipped-tetraene* structure of arabilin is formed from a conjugated tetraene system by a thermally allowed, nonenzymatic rearrangement- a [1,7]-hydrogen shift. The feasibility of this transformation was first demonstrated in a model system and subsequently incorporated into the first total synthesis of arabilin. The synthesis supports the premise that a [1,7]-hydrogen shift is a nonenzymatic step in the biosynthesis of arabilin.

Chapter 2-4 demonstrate the total synthesis of some members of kingianins. The kingianins, a family of structurally complex polyketides, were isolated from the species *Endiandra kingiana*. They are reported to have low- to mid-micromolar binding to the antiapoptotic protein Bcl-xL. All of the kingianins share a pentacyclic core, itself believed to be the Diels-Alder dimer of

monomeric bicyclooctadienes. We proposed that, in nature, the Diels-Alder dimerization proceeds by a cation radical-mediated reaction (presumably photo-initiated). In addition, the regioselectivity and stereoselectivity of the Diels-Alder reaction is presumed to result from steric factors in the transition state for cycloaddition. In the synthesis of kingianin A, we used a tether-mediated *intramolecular* reaction to control the regioselectivity of the Diels-Alder reaction and to avoid difficulty during separation. Then kingianin A was prepared by a double homologation method from the endo RCDA diol. We postulated that the isomeric diols in the kingianin series might have usefully different chromatographic behaviors. Indeed, the *intermolecular* RCDA dimerization of the endo and exo bicyclooctadienes afforded separable endo diols that corresponded to kingianins D, F, and H. With the same double-homologation methods, the synthesis of kingianins D and F were completed. Manchand's three-carbon homologation was adapted to prepare kingianin H.

Chapter 5-7 demonstrate the synthetic approach of (\pm)-Arisugacin A. (\pm)-Arisugacin A is a potent inhibitor of acetylcholinesterase (Ache). We designed a synthesis based on a polyene cyclization and a Tamao oxidation. Thus, we have studied the catalytic polyene cyclization of the substrates containing vinyl silanes. In addition, we sought the stereoselective synthesis of (E)-vinyl silanes by a relay-ring closing metathesis reaction.

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List of Abbreviations

α	alpha
$[\alpha]$	specific rotation
β	beta
γ	gamma
δ	delta
π	pi bond or orbital
π^*	antibonding pi orbital
hv	light
σ	sigma
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	Celcius degree
\AA	Angström
Ac	Acetyl
AcOH	Acetic acid
Ac ₂ O	Acetic anhydride
Aq.	Aqueous
Ar	Aryl
Atm	Atmosphere
br d	Broad doublet
Bn	Benzyl
br s	Broad singlet
bp	Boiling point
Bz	Benzoyl
Calcd	Calculated
CDI	1,1'-Carbonyldiimidazole
CM	Cross metathesis
cm ⁻¹	Reciprocal Centimeter
COSY	Homonuclear proton-proton correlated spectroscopy
d	Doublet
dd	Doublet of doublet
dq	Doublet of quartet
dt	Doublet of triplet
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
dd	Doublet of doublet
DIBAL-H	Diisobutylaluminum hydride
DIPEA	Diisopropylethylamine
DMAP	N,N-Dimethylaminopyridine
DME	Dimethoxyethane

DMF	N,N-Dimethylformamide
DMP	Dess-Martin periodinane
Ea	Activation energy
ee	Enantiomeric excess
EI	Electron-impact
eq.	Equivalent
Et	Ethyl
Et ₂ O	Diethyl ether
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
g	Gram
G II	Grubbs second generation catalyst
G-H II	Grubbs-Hoveyda second generation catalyst
h	Hour(s)
HMBC	Heteronuclear multiple bond correlation
HMDS	1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexamethyldisilazane
HMPA	Hexamethylphosphoramide
HMQC	Heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence
HRMS	High resolution mass spectrometry
Hz	Hertz
IC ₅₀	Concentration for 50% inhibition
Imid.	Imidazole
ⁱ Pr	Isopropyl
IR	Infrared spectroscopy
in vacuo	Under vacuum
J	First order coupling constant
K	Kelvin
KHMDS	Potassium 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazide
L	Liter
LDA	Lithium diisopropylamine
LG	Leaving group
LiAlH ₄	Lithium aluminium hydride
LiHMDS	Lithium 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazide
m	Multiplet
m-CPBA	Meta chloro perbenzoic acid
MDR	Multi-drug resistance
Me	Methyl
MEM	Methoxyethoxymethyl
mg	Milligram

MHz	Mega hertz
min	Minute
mL	Milliliter
mmol	Millimole
mol	Mole
MOM	Methoxymethyl
mp	Melting point
MS	Mass spectroscopy
Ms	Methansulfonyl
m.z	Mass-charge ratio
NaHMDS	Sodium 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazide
NMO	4-Methylmorpholine N-oxide
NMP	1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NOESY	Nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy
Ns	p-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl
Ph	Phenyl
PhH	Benzene
Pip	Piperonyl
ppm	Parts per million
Py	Pyridine
q	Quartet
RCM	Ring closing metathesis
RCDA	Radical cation Diels-Alder
Rf	Retention factor
RRCM	Relay Ring Closing metathesis
Rt	Retention time
r.t.	room temperature
s	Singlet
t	Triplet
tq	Triplet of quartet
TBAF	Tetrabutylammonium fluoride
TBDPS	tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl
TBS	tert-Butyldimethylsilyl
Tf	Trifluoromethane sulfonate
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TIPS	Triisopropylsilyl
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
TMS	Trimethylsilyl
Ts	para-toluenesulfonyl

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Chapter 1

Total Synthesis of Arabilin

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Isolation and structure determination of (-)-arabilin

In 2010, (-)-arabilin (**1**) (Figure 1) was isolated by the Imoto group from *Streptomyces* sp. MK756-CF1 during a screen for androgen receptor (AR) antagonists.¹ Arabilin competitively blocks binding of dihydrotestosterone (DHT) to the AR with an IC₅₀ of 11 μ M and inhibits DHT-induced expression of prostate specific antigen mRNA in LNCaP cells. Arabilin was produced by fermentation in liquid state of pressed wheat (2.4 Kg). The culture was then extracted with ethyl acetate and the extract was submitted to column chromatography. Preparative ODS (octadecasilyl) HPLC gave arabilin (3.3 mg) with its congeners, spectinabilin (3.0 mg) and SNF4435C (6.0 mg). The physicochemical properties are as shown on Table 1-1.¹

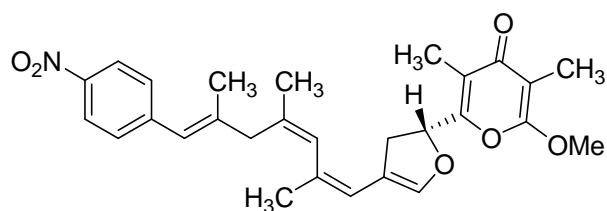


Figure 1-1. Arabilin (**1-1**)

The structure of arabilin was determined by a combination of spectroscopic techniques including HMQC, HMBC, and NOE NMR methods. Although the configuration at C-6 was not determined, we initially assumed this to be (*R*) by analogy to that of its congeners.

¹ Isolation and Structure elucidation of a novel androgen antagonist, arabilin, produced by *Streptomyces* sp. MK756-CF1. Kawamura, T.; Fujimaki, T.; Hamanaka, N.; Torii, K.; Kobayashi, H.; Takahashi, Y.; Igarashi, M.; Kinoshita, N.; Nishimura, Y.; Tashiro, E.; Imoto, M. *J. Antibiot.* **2010**, *63*, 601-605.

Table 1-1. Physicochemical properties of (-)-arabilin

Appearance	Pale yellow powder
Molecular formula	C ₂₈ H ₃₁ NO ₆
Molecular weight	477
HRESI-MS (m/z, Positive)	
calcd	478.2224
Found	478.2215
Optical rotation [α] _D	-166.2° (c 0.13, CHCl ₃ , 25 °C)
IR Vmax (cm ⁻¹) (KBr)	2956, 2854, 1666, 1597, 1516, 1342
UV v _{max} (nm)	263 (18400), 315 (sharp, 10300) (MeOH)
TLC (R _F) ^a	0.68
HPLC (Retention time, min) ^b	25.2 (85 % MeOH)
Solubility	
Soluble	CHCl ₃ , MeOH
Insoluble	n-hexane, H ₂ O

^aSilica gel TLC (Kieselgel 60F254; Merck); mobile phase, n-hexane-EtOAc (1:2).

^bColumn, SunFire ODS (Waters, 5 mm, 4.6×250mm); mobile phase, aqMeOH; flow

Androgen receptor (AR) is a type of nuclear receptor that plays a critical role in male sexual function. “AR interacts with androgen response element that regulates the target gene transcription related to the prostate cancer”.² Thus, androgen receptor antagonists are considered to be potential prostate cancer drugs. Currently, there are two major AR antagonists: steroidal and nonsteroidal compounds. The drawback of the steroidal antagonists is that they don’t usually have selective activity for prostate cancer because they have cross-reactivity with other steroid hormone nuclear receptors.² In addition, treatments by nonsteroidal drugs including commercial flutamid and bicalutamide have resulted in resistant cancer cells and induce hormone-refractory prostate cancer.³ Therefore, the exploration and development of new AR antagonists without side-effect are important in the prostate cancer research.⁴

² Increase of androgen-induced cell death and androgen receptor transactivation by BRCA1 in prostate cancer cells. Yeh, S.; Hu, Y. C.; Rahman, M.; Lin, H. K.; Hsu, C. L.; Ting, H. J.; Kang, H. Y.; Chang, C. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **2000**, *97*, 11256–11261.

³ The antiandrogen bicalutamide promotes tumor growth in a novel androgen-dependent prostate cancer xenograft model derived from a bicalutamide-treated patient. Yoshida, T. et al. *Cancer Res.* **2005**, *65*, 9611-9616.

⁴ Targeting continued androgen receptor signaling in prostate cancer. Massard, C.; Fizazi, K. *Clin.*

1.1.2 Congeners, Bisosynthetic Proposals, and Biomimetic Retrosynthesis

Spectinabilin (**1-2**) (Figure 1-2) and SNF4435 C (**1-7a**) were isolated with arabilin from the same organism. Spectinabilin is reported to be a weak inhibitor of Rauscher leukemia virus reverse transcriptase⁵ and SNF4435 C is reported to be a potent immunosuppressant.⁶ Spectinabilin has a fully conjugated linear *E,E,E,Z*-tetraene. However, SNF 4435 C (**1-7a**) and 4435 D (**1-7b**) have a bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene core. The SNF compounds are believed to be derived from *E,Z,Z,Z* or *Z,Z,Z,E*-tetraene **1-5** by thermal conrotatory 8π , disrotatory 6π tandem electrocyclicization (Scheme 1-1).⁷

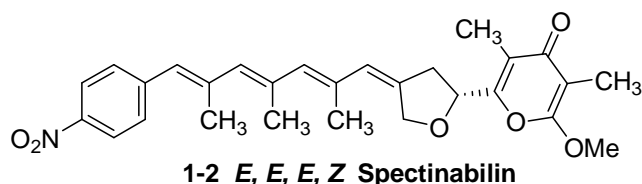


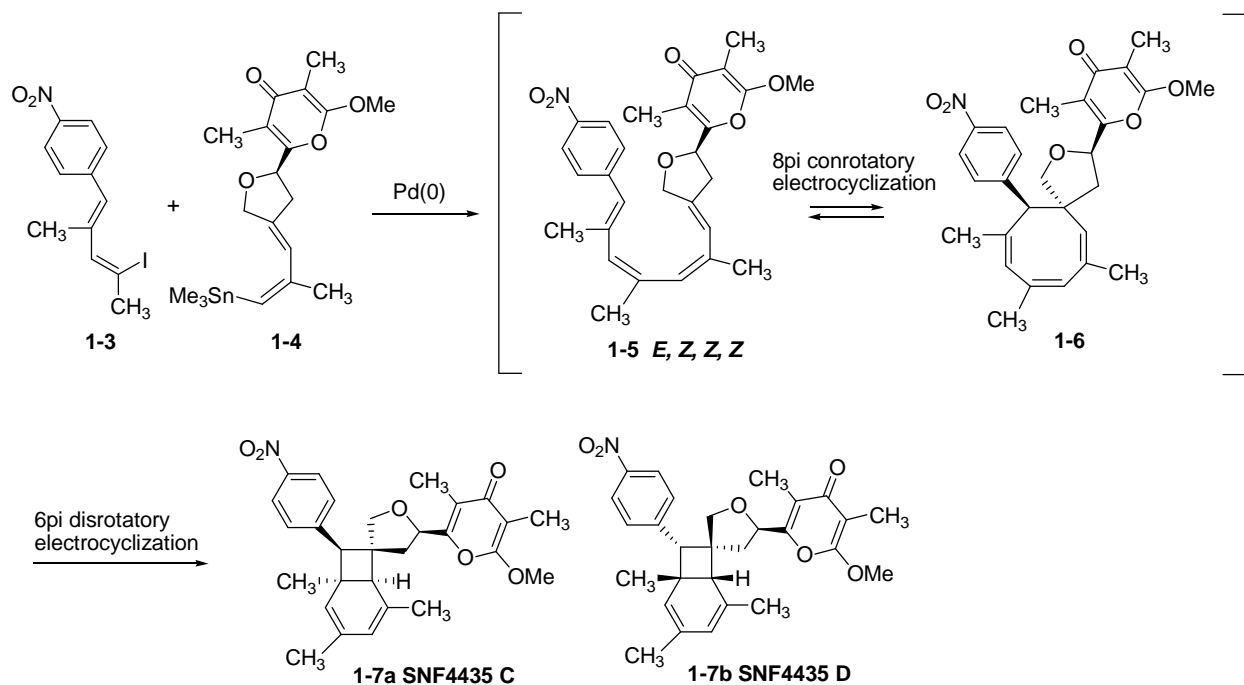
Figure 1-2. Spectinabilin (**1-2**)

Cancer Res. **2011**, *17*, 3876-3883.

⁵ Spectinabilin, a new nitro-containing metabolite isolated from *Streptomyces spectabilis*. Kakinuma, K.; Hanson, C. A.; Rinehart, K. L. Jr. *Tetrahedron*, **1976**, *32*, 217-222.

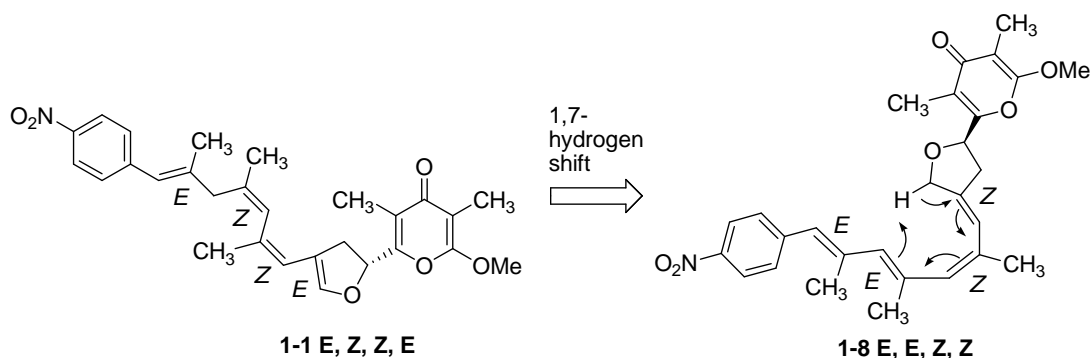
⁶ SNF4435C and D, novel immunosuppressants produced by strain of *Streptomyces spectabilis*. I. Taxonomy, fermentation, isolation and biological activities. Kurosawa, K.; Takahashi, K. Tsuda, E. *J. Antibiot.* **2001**, *54*, 541-547.

⁷ (a) Synthetic Studies toward SNF4435 C and SNF4435 D. Beaudry, C. M.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *13*, 2221-2224. (b) Studies on the Biomimetic Synthesis of SNF4435 C and D. Moses, J. E.; Baldwin, J. E.; Marquez, R.; Adlington, R. M.; Cowley, A. R. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *4*, 3731-3734. (c) "Endo" and "Exo" Bicyclo[4.2.0]-octadiene Isomers from the Electrocyclization of Fully Substituted Tetraene Models for SNF 4435C and D. Control of Stereochemistry by Choice of a Functionalized Substituent. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y.-H. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 161-164.



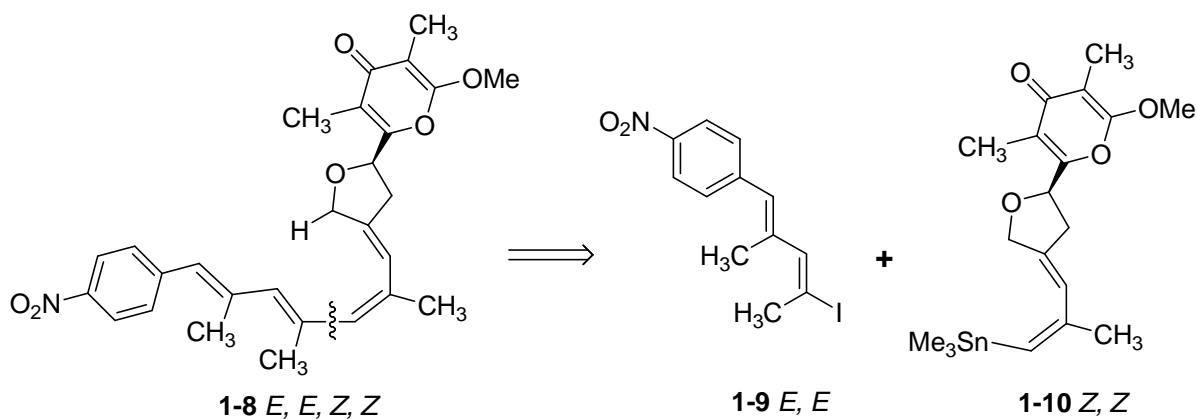
Scheme 1-1. Spectinabilin, SNF4435 C (**1-7a**) and SNF4435 D (**1-7b**)

We were intrigued by the possibility that, in nature, the enol ether-containing, skipped polyene system of arabilin is formed from a conjugated tetraene system by another thermally allowed, non-enzymatic rearrangement - in this case, a [1,7]-hydrogen shift. A thermal, [1,7]-hydrogen shift is, in principle, available to conjugated *E, Z, Z, Z*-tetraene such as **1-5**; however the 8π electrocyclozation is facile in this system. Alternatively, arabilin, but not the SNF compounds, could be formed from the *E, E, Z, Z* isomer **1-8**. The helical transition state required for a [1,7]-antarafacial hydrogen shift is available to isomer **1-8**. However, that required for the 8π electrocyclozation is not available to isomer **1-8**. Therefore we considered tetraene **1-8** to be a potential biogenetic and synthetic precursor of arabilin (Scheme 1-2).



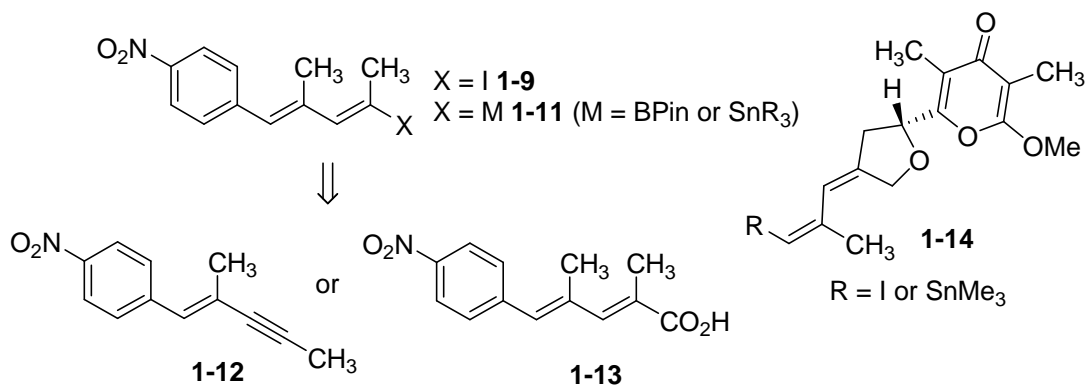
Scheme 1-2. Synthetic precursor of arabilin (**1-1**)

To evaluate our biomimetic synthesis, we needed two pieces: *E,E*-iododiene **1-9** and *Z,Z*-stannyldiene **1-10** containing 2-pyranofuran shown in scheme 1-3. We thought that coupling of the two pieces under palladium catalyst would give intermediate, *E,E,Z,Z* tetraene **1-8** (Scheme 1-3).



Scheme 1-3. Retrosynthesis of the key intermediate **1-8**

We initially designed iododiene **9** or its equivalents (metalladienes) **11** in the following ways: (1) from an internal alkyne **12** by hydroboration, hydrozirconation/iodination, stannylcupration or hydrostannylation or (2) from a carboxylic acid **13** by the decarboxylative iodination (Scheme 1-4). Meanwhile, the synthesis of the other coupling partner, γ -pyrones **14**, is known.⁸



Scheme 1-4. Retrosynthesis of coupling partners **1-9**, **1-11** and **1-14**

⁸ The Total Synthesis of (-)-SNF4435 and (+)-SNF4435. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y. -H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 15968-15969.

1.1.3 [1,7]-Hydrogen shift: theory and stereochemistry

As one of the thermal isomerizations predicted to follow the rules of orbital symmetry, the [1,7]-hydrogen shift has been extensively studied by theory and by experimental for several decades.⁹ For example, vitamin D has been prepared by the biomimetic thermal [1,7]-hydrogen shift through a cyclic transition state.¹⁰ The computational study by Panciř^{9b} demonstrated that the cyclic transition state of (3Z, 5Z)-1,3,5-heptatriene has a distorted C_{2v} symmetry during the hydrogen migration (Figure 1-3).

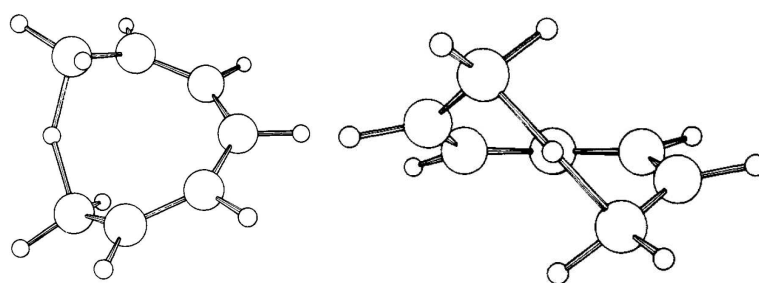
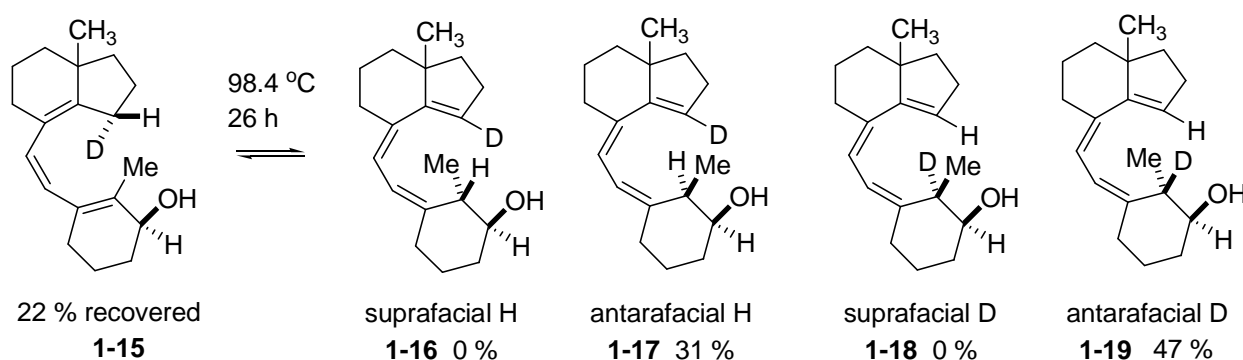


Figure 1-3. ORTEP drawing of the transition structure (C2) of [1,7]-hydrogen shift in 1,3,5-heptatriene from different perspectives

⁹ a) Selection Rules for Sigmatropic Reactions. Woodward, R. B.; Hoffman, R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, *87*, 2511-2513. b) Theoretical Studies of [1,n]-Sigmatropic Rearrangements Involving Hydrogen Transfer in Simple Methyl-Substituted Conjugated Polyenes. Hess, B. A.; Schaad, L. J.; Panciř, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 149-154. c) Kinetics and Deuterium Kinetic Isotope Effects for the Thermal [1,7] Sigmatropic Rearrangements of *cis,cis*-1,3,5-Octatriene. Baldwin, J. E.; Reddy, P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *87*, 8051-8056. d) A Detailed Theoretical Analysis of the 1,7-Sigmatropic Hydrogen Shift: The Möbius Character of the Eight Electron Transition Structure. Jiao, H.; Schleyer, R. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Eng.* **1993**, *32*, 1763-1765.

¹⁰ Remarks on the specificities of the photochemical and thermal transformations in the vitamin D field. Havinga, E.; Schlatmann, M. A. *Tetrahedron* **1961**, *16*, 146-152

The stereochemistry of the [1,7]-H shift has been studied by deuterium labeling experiments with *cis*-isotachysterols by Okamura et al. (Scheme 1-5).¹¹ The deuterated triene **1-15** under thermal conditions produced only two antarafacial products **1-17** and **1-19** without observation of the suprafacial products **1-16** and **1-18**. This demonstrated that the 1,7-hydrogen migration occurred with facial selectivity; this result is consistent with the Woodward-Hoffmann selection rule.¹²



Scheme 1-5. Deuterium labeling experiment of *cis*-isotachysterol **1-15**

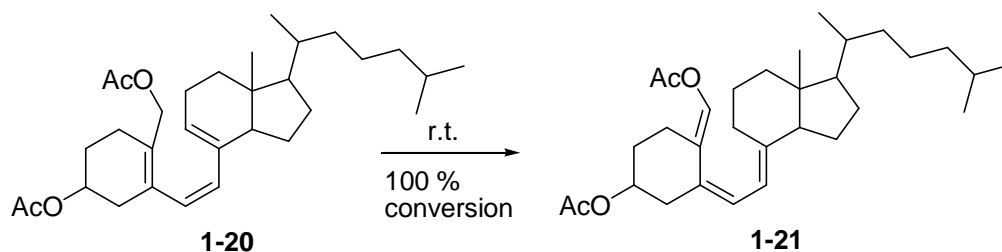
1.1.4 Applications of [1,7]-hydrogen shift to the synthesis of natural products

The substituent effects on the [1,7]-H shift have been described in the synthesis of vitamin D analogues. The Moriarty and Mazur groups studied the oxo-substituent effect on the equilibrium

¹¹ a) On the Antarafacial Stereochemistry of the Thermal [1,7]-Sigmatropic Hydrogen Shift. Hoeger, C. A.; Okamura, W. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 268-270. b) Thermal [1,7]-Sigmatropic Hydrogen Shifts: Stereochemistry, Kinetics, Isotope Effects, and π -Facial Selectivity. Hoeger, C. A.; Jhonston, A. D.; Okamura, W. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 4690-4698. c) Thermal [1,7]-Sigmatropic Shift of Previtamin D₃ to Vitamin D₃: Synthesis and Study of Pentadeuterio Derivatives. Okamura, W. H.; Elnagar, H. Y.; Ruther, M.; Dobreff, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, *58*, 600-610.

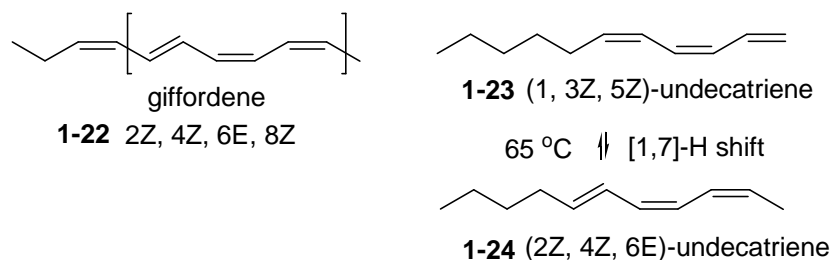
¹² The Conservation of Orbital Symmetry. Woodward, R. B.; Hoffmann, R. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1969**, *8*, 781-853.

between previtamin D and vitamin D.¹³ They observed complete conversion of oxo-substituted previtamin D **1-20** to vitamin D **1-21** (Scheme 1-11), where the equilibrium of non-substituted previtamin D has been known to have the ratio of 80:20 (vitamin D: previtamin D).



Scheme 1-6. Oxo-substituent effect on [1,7]-H shift

In 1994, Boland and coworkers reported the biomimetic synthesis of several polyene natural products using either a nonenzymatic 1,7-hydrogen shift or an 8π -electrocyclization as the key strategy.¹⁴ Giffordene (**1-22**) was isolated along with (1, 3Z, 5Z)-undecatriene (**1-23**) from the brown alga mitchellae. The authors found that triene **21** was in equilibrium with (2Z, 4Z, 6E)-undecatriene (**1-24**) by a [1,7]-H shift under thermal conditions. (Scheme 1-7).

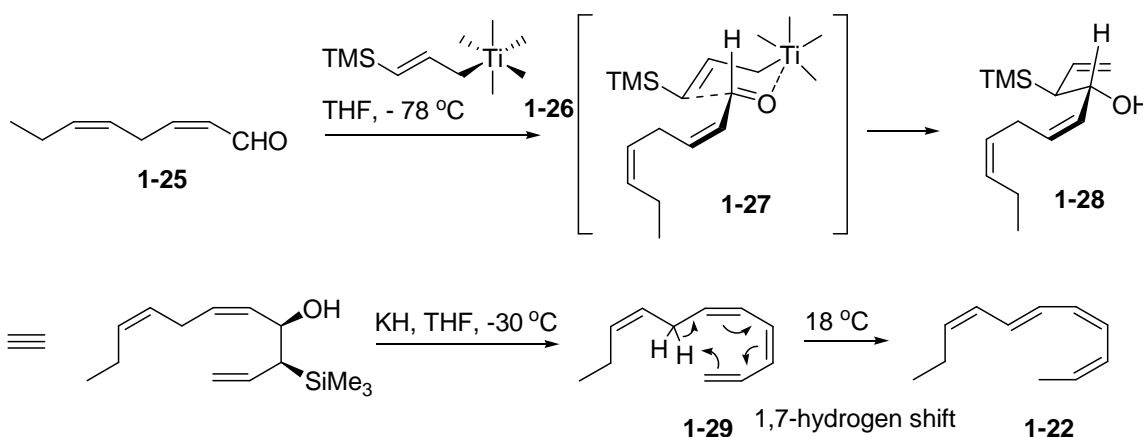


Scheme 1-7. A marine natural product, giffordene (**1-22**)

¹³ (a) Synthesis of C(19)-Acetoxy Precalciferol₃ and Its Conversion into the Vitamin D₃ Analogue. Moriarty, R. M.; Paaren, H.; Gilmore, J. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1974**, 927. (b) Influence of Fluorine and Oxygen Atoms at C-19 on the Previtamin D-Vitamin D Interconversion. Sialom, B.; Mazur, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 2201-2204.

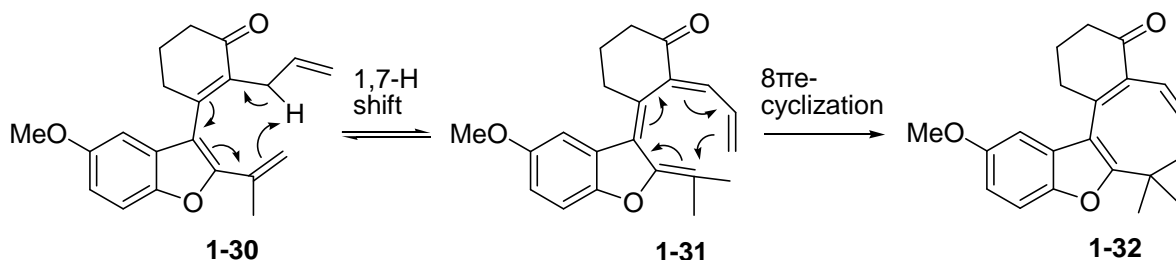
¹⁴ Pericyclic Reactions in Nature: Evidence for a Spontaneous [1,7]-Hydrogen Shift and an 8π Electrocyclic Ring Closure in the Biosynthesis of Olefinic Hydrocarbons from Marine Brown Algae (phaeophyceae). Pohnert, G.; Boland, W. *Tetrahedron* **1994**, *50*, 10235-10244.

They hypothesized that the conjugated (2Z, 4Z, 6E, 8Z)-tetraene structure of giffordene (**1-22**) would be induced from a skipped (1, 3Z, 5Z, 8Z)-tetraene **1-29** by a thermal [1,7]-H shift. To synthesize the skipped tetraene, they commenced an asymmetric allylation of the aldehyde **23** with Ti-allyl complex **1-26** and obtained a β -hydroxysilane **1-28** with high diastereoselectivity (> 90%). Then, the Peterson olefination of the β -hydroxysilane at low temperature gave the precursor, (1, 3Z, 5Z, 8Z)-tetraene **1-29**. As expected, the quick isomerization of the skipped tetraene at 18 °C furnished giffordene (**1-22**) in quantitative yield (Scheme 1-8).



Scheme 1-8. Synthesis of giffordene

In 2004, Flynn and coworkers reported the synthesis of tetracycle **1-32**. They utilized a protocol that includes a tandem [1,7]-H shift of skipped tetraene **1-30** followed by 8π -electrocyclization of the fully conjugated intermediate **1-31** (Scheme 1-9).¹⁵

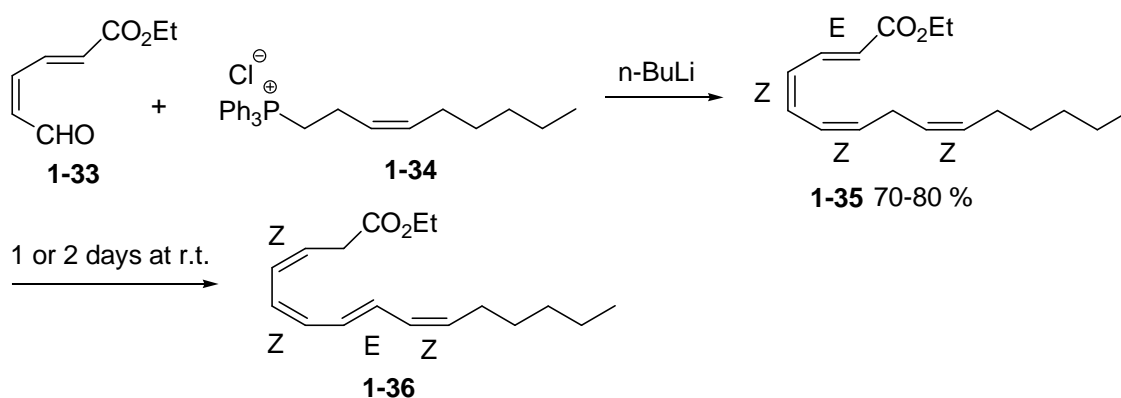


Scheme 1-9. A tandem [1,7]-H shift and 8π -electrocyclization

¹⁵ Multicomponent Coupling Approach to (\pm)-Fronodosin B and a Ring-Expanded Analogue. Kerr, D. J.; Willis, A. C.; Flynn, B. L. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 457-460.

1.1.5 Unexpected cases of [1,7]-hydrogen shift

In addition to applications of this novel thermal isomerization to the synthesis of natural products, there have been several examples in which the [1,7]-H shift was unexpectedly observed in polyene systems. For example, in 1980, Rokach and coworkers reported an unexpected isomerization product **1-36** from a skipped (E, Z, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-35** by the [1,7]-H shift during their synthesis of leukotriene (Scheme 1-10).¹⁶

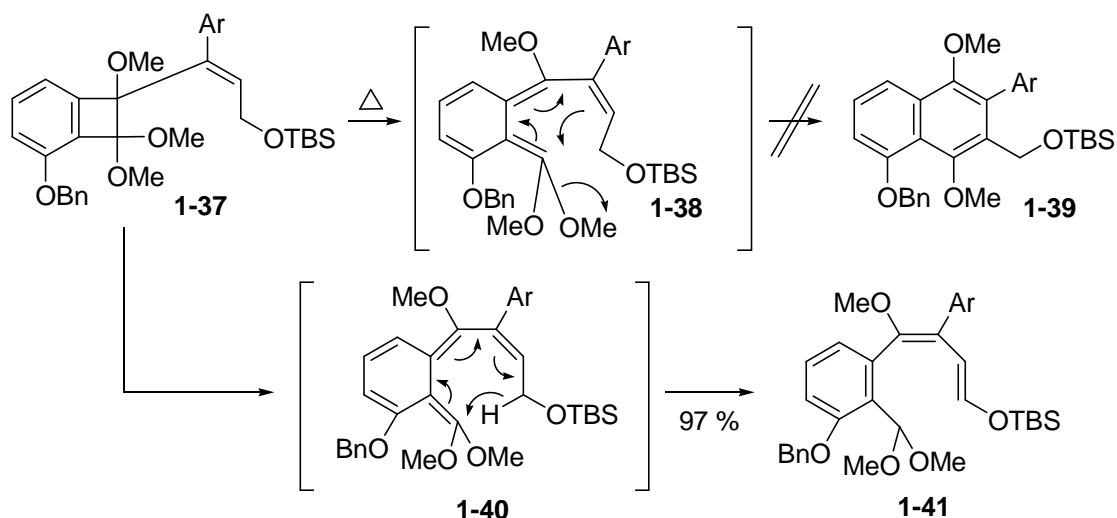


Scheme 1-10. Unexpected [1,7]-H shift reported in the synthesis of leukotriene

Meanwhile, in the course of a study for the total synthesis of TAN-1085, Suzuki et al. reported the unexpected formation of the silylenol ether by the thermal [1,7]-H shift (Scheme 1-10). They intended to have a thermal retro-[2+2] cycloaddition of cyclobutene **1-37** to get a triene **1-38** which then affords a naphthalene **1-39** by way of 6π -electrocyclization followed by aromatization. However, an unexpected enol ether **1-41** was predominantly obtained by the [1,7]-H shift, instead of the desired product, naphthalene **1-39**.¹⁷

¹⁶ The synthesis of a leukotriene with SRS-like activity. Rokach, J.; Girard, Y.; Guindon, Y.; Atkinson, J. G.; Larue, M.; Young, R. N.; Masson, P.; Holme, G. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, *21*, 1485-1488.

¹⁷ Concise Total Synthesis and Structure Assignment of TAN-1085. Ohmori, K.; Mori, K.; Ishikawa, Y.; Tsuruta, H.; Kuwahara, S.; Harada, N.; Suzuki, K. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 3167-3171.



Scheme 1-11. Enol ether formed by [1,7]-H shift in the synthesis of TAN-1085

Houk and coworkers studied this experimental result by computational. Using a series of DFT calculations, they investigated the substituent effect of the pericyclic reaction pathway. Two model systems (A and B) were examined to describe the transition states and activation energies of both 6π -electrocyclization and [1,7]-H shift. As a result, the preferred [1,7]-hydrogen shift exhibited a lower activation energy than did the thermodynamically favorable 6π -electrocyclization pathway (Figure 1-4).¹⁸

¹⁸ DFT study of Pericyclic Reaction Cascades in the Synthesis of Antibiotic TAN-1085. Akerling, Z. R.; Norton, J. E.; Houk, K. N. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 4273-4275.

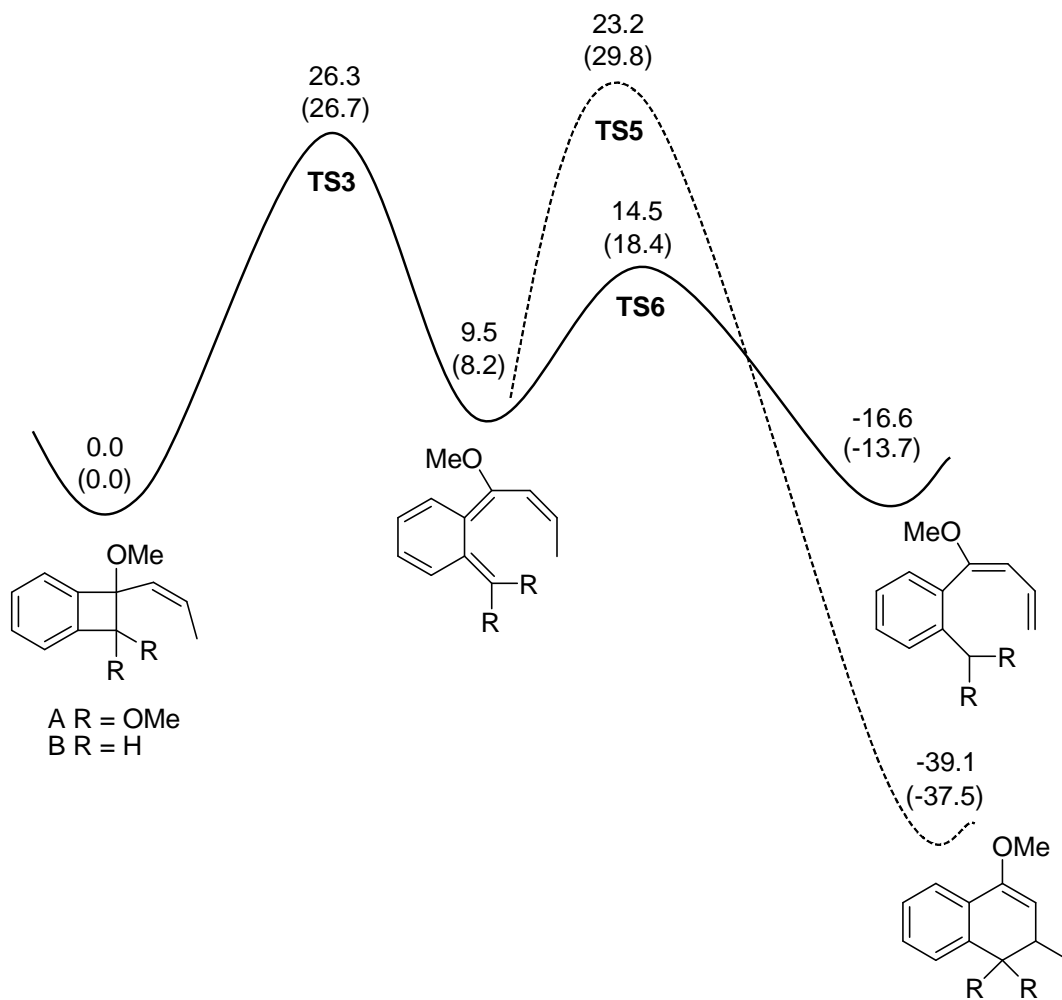


Figure 1-4. Energy diagram for reaction pathways of model systems²¹

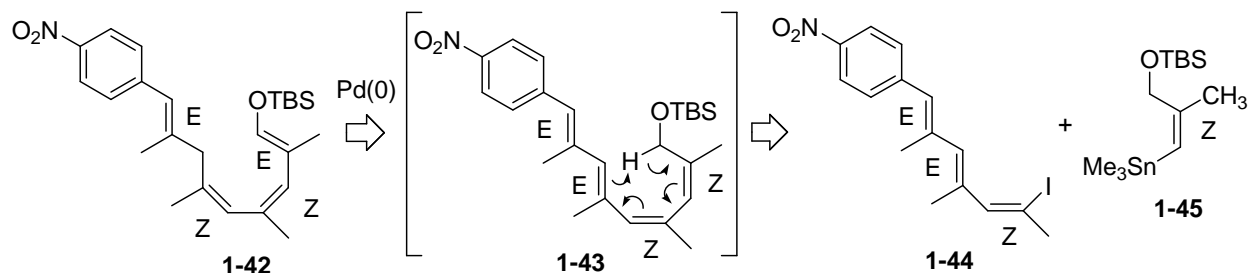
1.2 Result and Discussion

1.2.1 Models for the proposed rearrangement

1.2.1.1 (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene

Before commencing a multi-step synthesis of the arabilin, we needed to evaluate our premise in a simple and closely related model system. Therefore, we postulated that the intermediate **1-43** would be spontaneously converted to the skipped tetraene **1-42** by a [1,7]-H shift. Thus, the synthesis of the presumed compound **1-43** was designed (Scheme 1-12). The fully conjugated (E,

E, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-43** could be obtained by coupling (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** and (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45**.



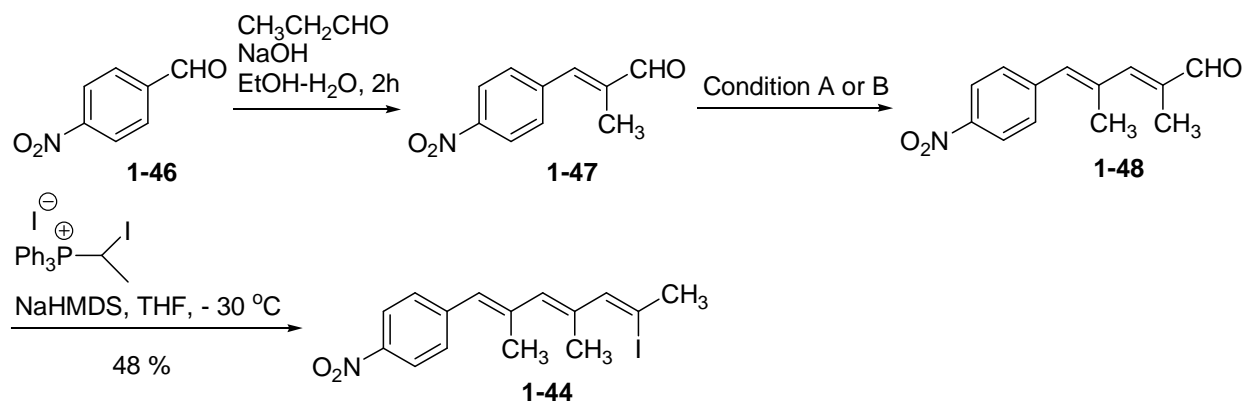
Scheme 1-12. Model compound, the conjugated (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-43**

1.2.1.1.1 Synthesis of (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44**

First, (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** was prepared by following standard methods. The aldehyde **1-47** was obtained by condensation between the propionaldehyde and p-nitrobenzaldehyde **1-46**.¹⁹ The aldehyde **1-47** was then homologated by two general conditions A and B (see Scheme 1-13), providing an aldehyde **1-48**. The Stork-Zhao²⁰ reaction was then applied to afford the iodotriene **1-44** (48 % yield) with excellent Z-selectivity (Scheme 1-13). The geometry of the iodotriene **1-44** was firmly identified by a combination of COSY and NOE nmr experiments (Table 1-2).

¹⁹ Gold-Catalyzed Activation of Epoxides: Application in the Synthesis of Bicyclic Ketals. Balamurugan, R.; Kothapalli, R. B.; Thota, G. K. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, 8, 1557-1569.

²⁰ A stereoselective synthesis of (Z)-1-iodo-1-alkenes. Stork, G; Zhao, K. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 2173-2174.



Scheme 1-13. Synthesis of (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44**

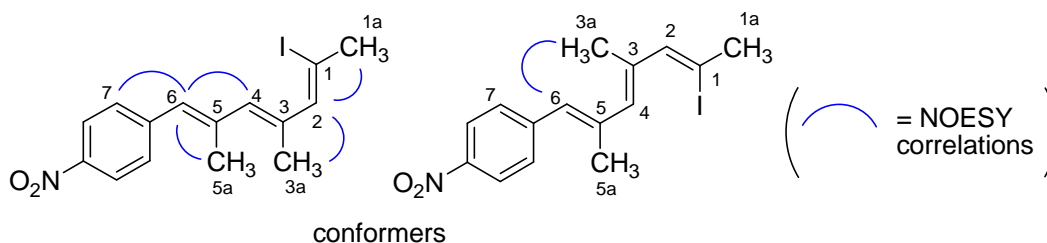


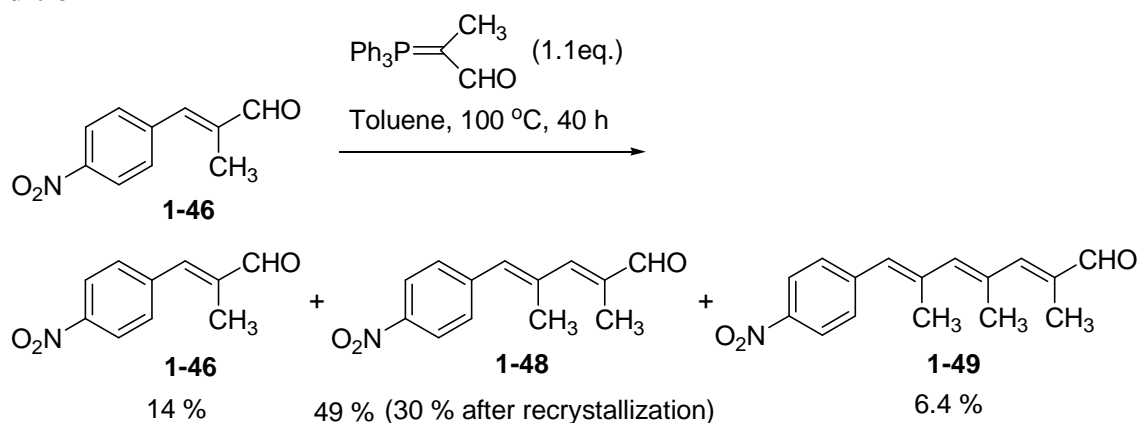
Table 1-2. Difference 1D-NOE chart for compound **1-44**

Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH ₃ (3a, 2.01)	CH (2, 6.08), CH (6, 6.48)
CH ₃ (1a, 2.61)	CH (2, 6.08)
CH (6, 6.48)	CH ₃ (3a, 2.01), CH (4, 6.11), CH (7, 7.44)

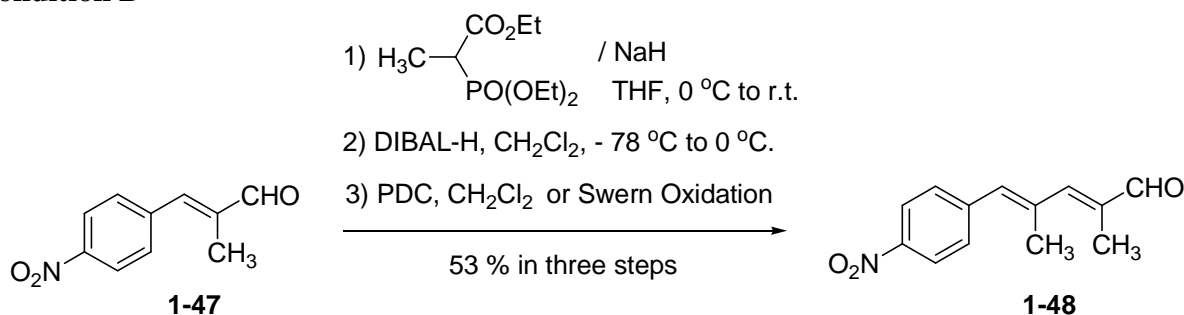
In condition A, the commercially available Wittig reagent was used for homologation. This procedure produced the aldehyde **1-48** from **1-47** in one step. In this experiment, the desired aldehyde **1-48** was produced in 49 % yield (30 % after recrystallization) which accompanied doubly homologated triene **1-49** (6.4 % yield) with unreacted starting material recovered (14 % yield).

In condition B, the aldehyde **1-48** was obtained by the conventional three step sequence; Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons homologation, DIBAL-reduction, and PDC oxidation (Scheme 1-14). The overall yield for three steps was 53 % yield.

Condition A



Condition B

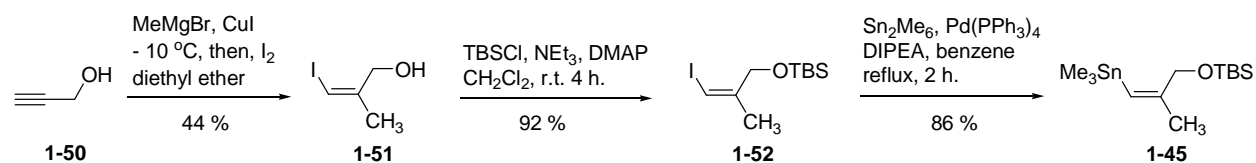


Scheme 1-14. Synthetic conditions A and B for the aldehyde **1-48**

1.2.1.1.2 Synthesis of (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45**

The known (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45** was prepared by the known procedure in three steps.²¹ Z-Ildoallylic alcohol **1-51** was prepared by methyl cupration of propargyl alcohol (**1-50**) followed by the addition of iodine. Then, the protection of alcohol **1-51** was followed by the iodine-tin exchange, providing the Z-vinylstannane **1-45** (79 % yield for two steps, Scheme 1-15).

²¹ Total synthesis of (+)-jatrophone. Han, Q.; Wiemer, D. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 7692-7697.



Scheme 1-15. Synthesis of (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45**

1.2.1.1.3 The coupling reactions between (E, E, Z)-iodotriene and (Z)-vinylstannane

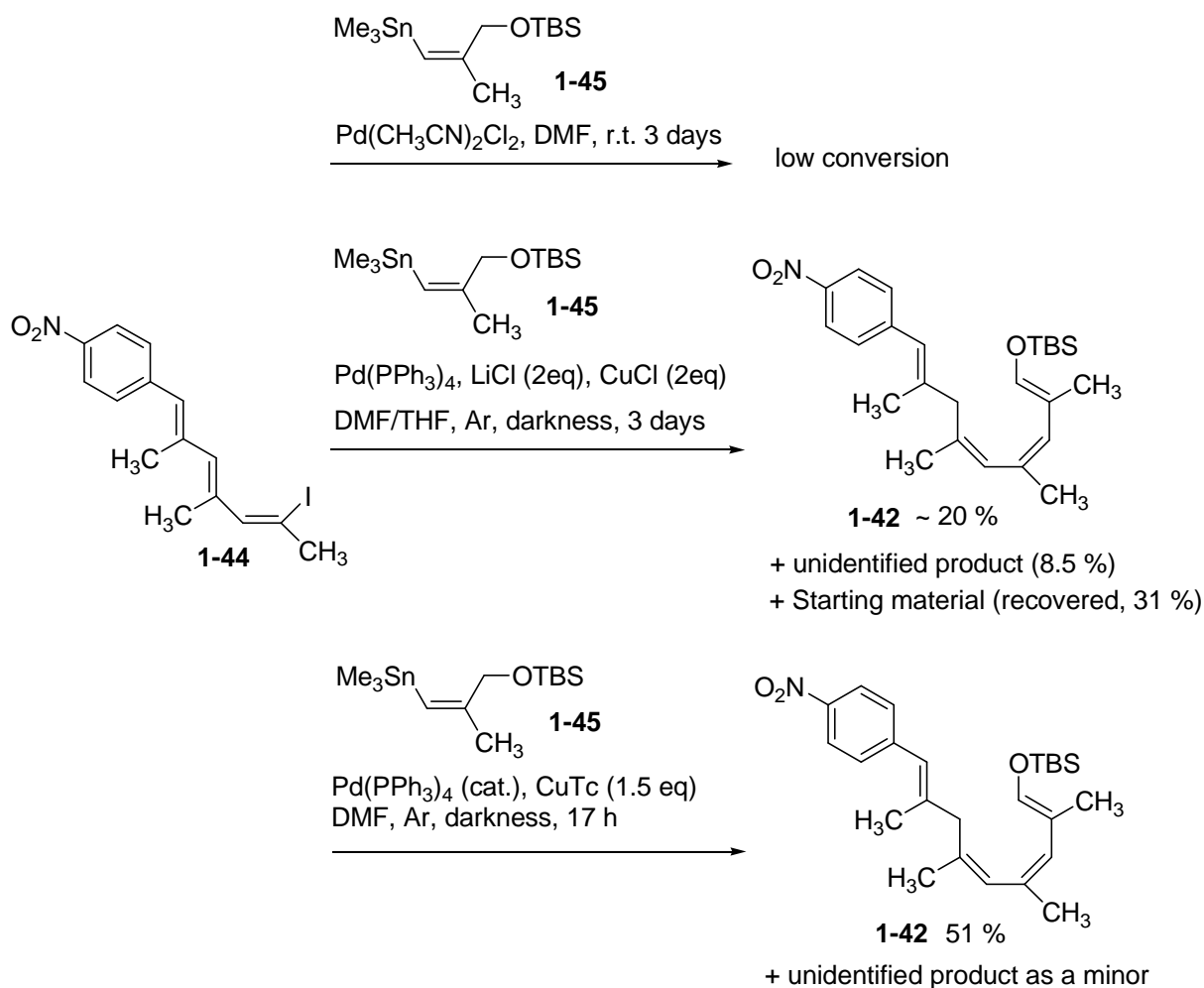
Having prepared the two pieces, we tried to couple the (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** and (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45**. First, we applied Stille's conditions, Pd(CH₃CN)₂Cl₂ in DMF in the dark, but this reaction only showed low conversion.²² Thus, we next tested the reaction by employing Pd(0) with Li/Cu salts as additives.²³ Monitoring of the coupling reaction by TLC revealed the formation of a yellow product after approximately 2 h and its subsequent disappearance concurrent with the formation of a new colorless product. This result strongly supported our expectation that coupling between (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** and (Z)-vinylstannane **1-45** followed by [1,7]-H shift smoothly occurs to provide the enol ether **1-42**. Because the yield of coupling reaction was low, we optimized the conditions before proceeding to the synthesis of arabilin. Catalytic Pd(0) with 1.5 eq. CuTC²⁴ at room temperature gave an acceptable yield of the model

²² a) Stereospecific Cross-Coupling of Vinyl Halides with Vinyl Tin Reagents Catalyzed by Palladium. Stille, J. K.; Groh, B. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 813-817. b) Total synthesis of the cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor 1233A via a (π -allyl)tricarbonyliron lactone complex. Bates, R. W.; Fernández-Megía, E.; Ley, S. V.; Rück-Braun, K.; Tilbrook, D. M. G. *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1*, **1999**, 1917-1925.

²³ a) Synthetic Studies toward GKK1032s, Novel Antibiotic Antitumor Agents: Enantioselective Synthesis of the Fully Elaborated Tricyclic Core via an Intramolecular Diels–Alder Cycloaddition. Asano, M.; Inoue, M.; Watanabe, K.; Abe, H.; Katoh, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 6942-6951. b) Cu-mediated Stille reactions of sterically congested fragments: towards the total synthesis of zoanthamine. Nielsen, T. E.; Quement, S. L.; Juhl M.; Tanner, D. *Tetrahedron* **2005**, *61*, 8013-8024.

²⁴ a) Copper-Mediated Cross-Coupling of Organostannanes with Organic Iodides at or below

[1,7]-shift product **1-42** (Scheme 1-16). The geometry of the skipped tetraene **1-42** was elucidated by a combination of 2D COSY and 1D NOE nmr experiments (Table 1-3).



Scheme 1-16. Tandem coupling reaction and [1,7]-H shift in a model system

Room Temperature. Allred, G. D.; Liebeskind, L. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 2748-2749. b) A Synthesis of the Hypocholesterlemic Agent 1233A Via Asymmetric [2+2] Cycloaddition. Dymock, B. W.; Locienski, P. J.; Pons, J. -M. *Synthesis* **1998**, 1665-1661. c) Stereoselective Synthesis of Cyercene A and the Placidenes. Liang, G.; Miller, A. K.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 819-821.

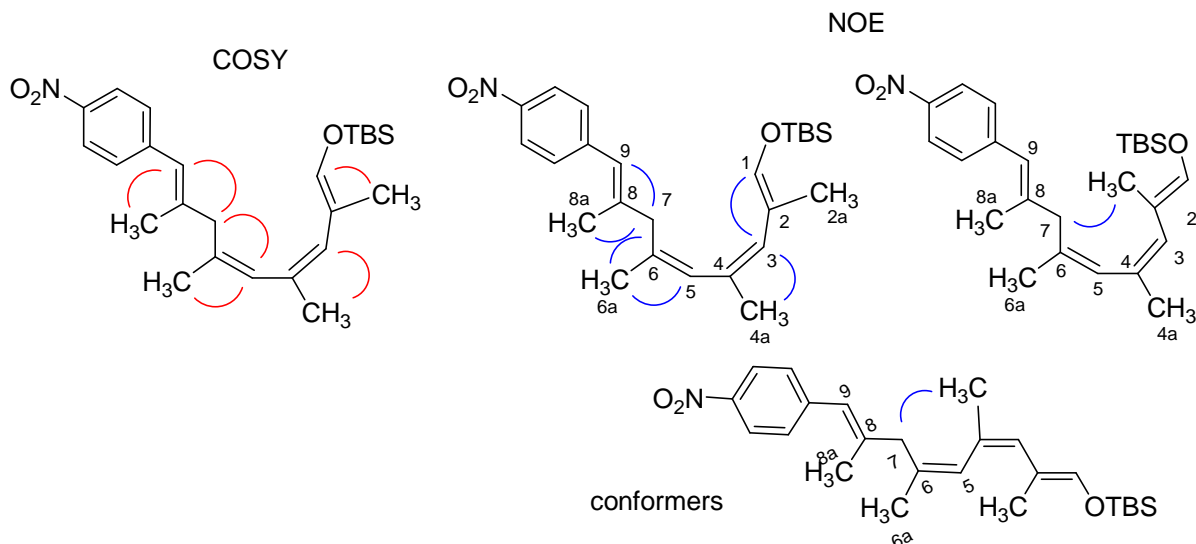


Table 1-3. COSY and difference 1D-NOE chart for compound **1-42**

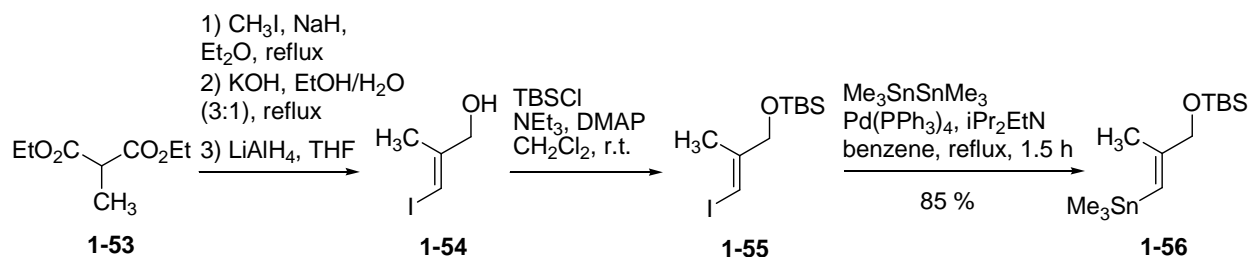
COSY, protons – corresponding CH ₃ and CH ₂ (C _{number} , ppm)		Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH (9, 6.32)/ CH ₃ (8a, 1.82), CH ₂ (7, 2.92)	CH (3, 5.70)/ CH ₃ (4a, 1.86)	CH ₂ (7, 2.92)	CH ₃ (2a, 1.70), CH ₃ (6a, 1.73), CH ₃ (8a, 1.82), CH ₃ (4a, 1.86), CH (9, 6.32)
CH (5, 6.06)/ CH ₃ (6a, 1.73), CH ₂ (7, 2.92)	CH (1, 6.37)/ CH ₃ (2a, 1.70)	CH (3, 5.70) CH (5, 6.06)	CH ₃ (4a, 1.86), CH (1, 6.37) CH ₃ (6a, 1.73)

1.2.1.2 A test of importance of the O-substituent

To demonstrate that the observed [1,7]-H shift is only derived from geometrically restricted tetraene that have the helical transition state, we needed to test geometrical isomers [i.e. (E, E, E, Z)-tetraene] of the fully conjugated (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-43**. We believed that (E, E, E, Z)-tetraene **1-57** would not undergo [1,7-H]-shift because (E, E, E, Z)-tetraene doesn't have the helical transition state unless there are isomerizations. According to the known procedure,²⁵ (E)-iodoallylic alcohol **1-54** was prepared in 28 % yield (three steps, lit. yield = 40 %). Then, a

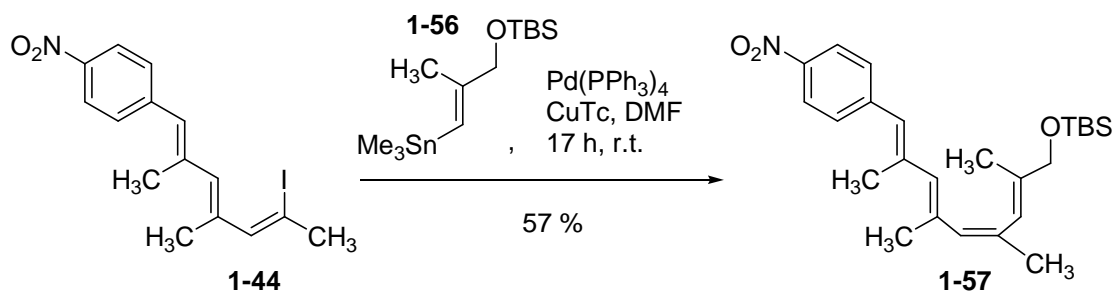
²⁵ a) Total Synthesis of (+)-Macbecin I. Baker, R.; Castro, J. L. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1990**, 47-65. b) Addition of Dichlorocarbene to Diethyl Methylsodiummalonate. Krapcho, A. P. *J. Org. Chem.* **1962**, 27, 2375.

protection of the alcohol **1-54** with TBS was followed by iodine-tin exchange to afford the requisite (E)-vinylstanne **1-56** (Scheme 1-17).



Scheme 1-17. Synthesis of (E)-vinylstannane **1-56**

Then, we coupled (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** and (E)-vinylstanne **1-56** under the same conditions used in the synthesis of model compound **1-42**. As expected, the (E, E, E, Z)-tetraene **1-57** was obtained, but no isomerization was observed within the same time span (Scheme 1-18).



Scheme 1-18. Coupling of (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** and (E)-vinylstannane **1-56**

The stereochemistry of the fully conjugated tetraene **1-57** was identified by 2D COSY and 1D NOE nmr experiments (Table 1-4).

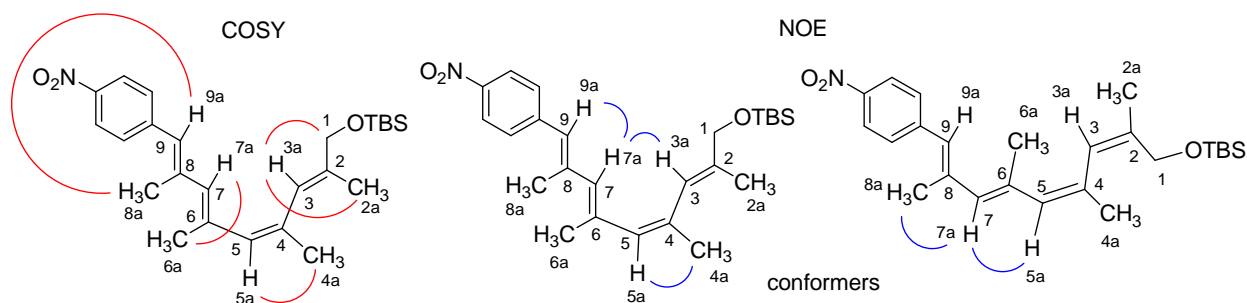


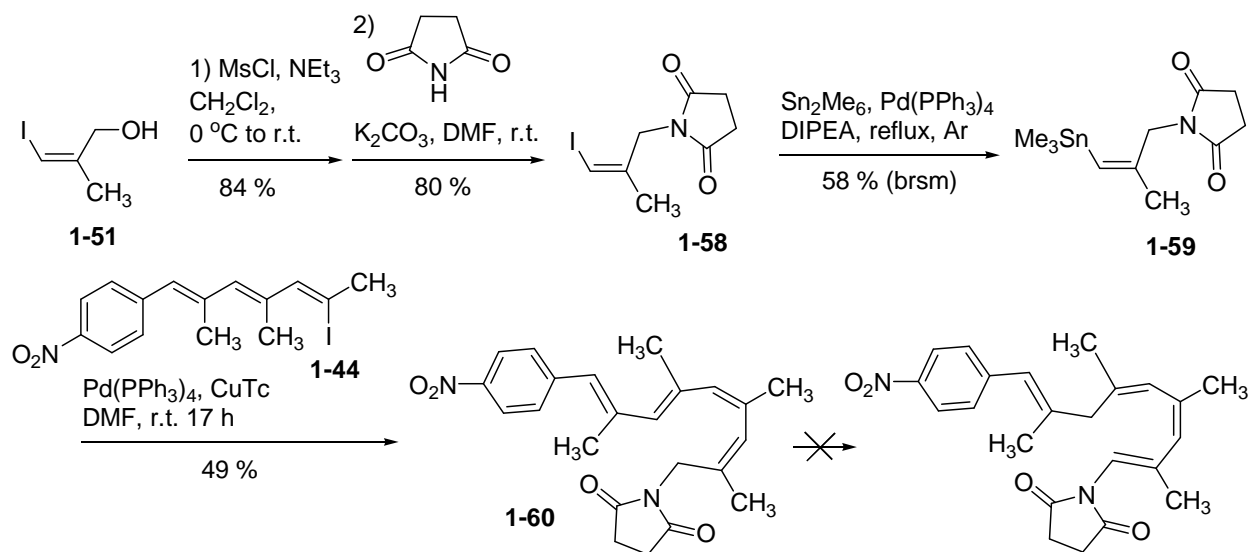
Table 1-4. COSY and difference NOE chart for compound **1-57**

COSY, protons – corresponding CH ₃ , CH ₂ , CH (C _{number} , ppm)		Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH (9a, 6.40)/ CH ₃ (8a, 2.05)	CH (5a, 5.91)/ CH ₃ (4a, 1.92)	CH (7a, 5.99)	CH ₃ (8a, 2.05), CH (5a, 5.91), CH (9a, 6.40), CH (3a, 6.18)
CH (7a, 5.99)/ CH ₃ (6a, 1.96)	CH (3a, 6.18)/ CH ₃ (2a, 1.63), CH ₂ (1, 4.06)	CH (5a, 5.91)	CH (7a, 5.99), CH ₃ (4a, 1.92)

1.2.1.3 Nitrogen analogs-testing the generality of the heteroatom substituent

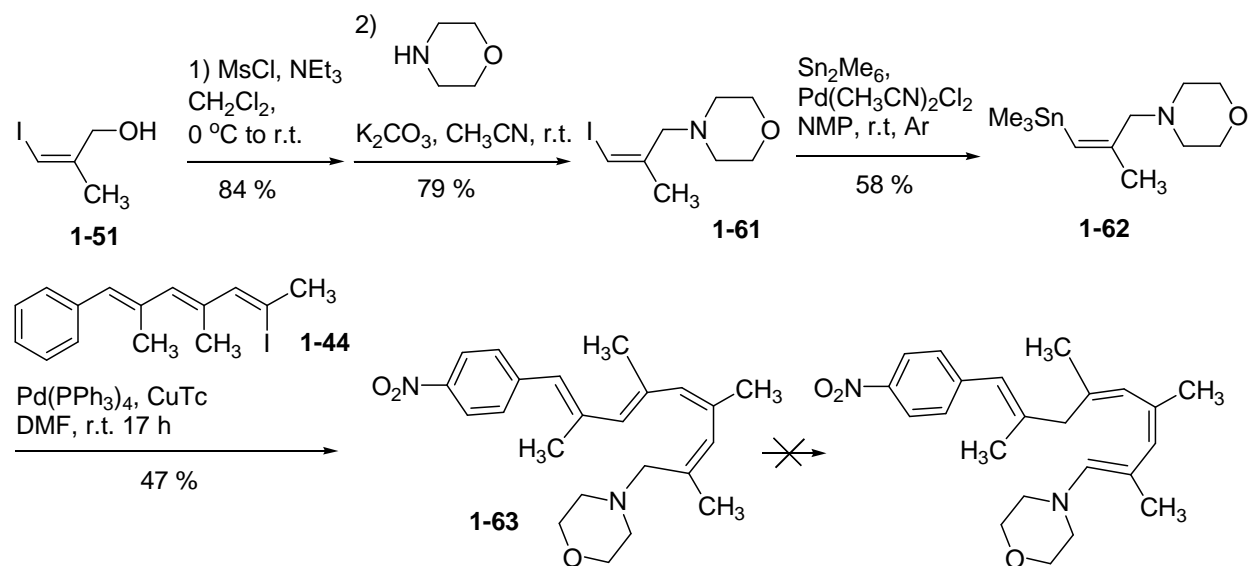
Having confirmed that the model compound **1-42** is a thermodynamically stable product formed by the thermal isomerization, we next wanted to explore the synthetic scope of the [1,7]-H shift as a methodology. Therefore, we examined other heteroatom-containing substrates have been examined.

First, the (Z)-vinylstannane containing succinimide **1-59** was prepared from alcohol **1-51** by three steps: mesylation, displacement by the succinimide, and tin-iodine exchange. Then, we coupled (Z)-vinylstannane **1-59** and (E, E, Z)-iodotriene **1-44** with the catalytic Pd(0)/ CuTC conditions. As a result, the fully conjugated (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-60** was obtained. However, the skipped tetraene-enamine by [1,7]-H shift was not observed (Scheme 1-19).



Scheme 1-19. Examination of [1,7]-H shift in succinimide-contained tetraene **1-60**

Because we suspected that the two of carbonyls may alter the electronic requirement for the [1,7]-H shift of the substrate, we examined another substrate. The (*Z*)-vinylstannane **1-62** was prepared by the same reaction sequence described in Scheme 1-18. The (*E, E, Z*)-iodotriene **1-44** and (*Z*)-vinylstannane **1-62** were coupled to give the fully conjugated (*E, E, E, Z*)-tetraene **1-63** (Scheme 1-20). The desired [1,7]-H shift product was not observed.

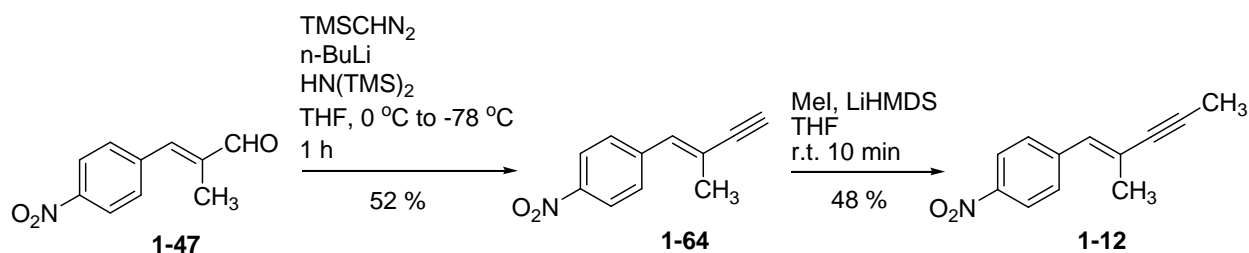


Scheme 1-20. Examination of [1,7]-H shift in morpholine-containing tetraene **63**

1.2.2 Preparation of Key Building Blocks for arabilin

1.2.2.1 Preparation of (E, E)-iododiene

To prepare the (E, E)-iododiene **1-9** or (E, E)-metalladiene **1-11** as originally planned (Scheme 1-4), we needed internal alkyne **1-12**. The alkyne **1-12** was prepared by two steps by a known procedure (Scheme 1-21).²⁶ Peterson type olefination of the aldehyde **1-47** followed by the expulsion of nitrogen gave the alkyne **1-64**. Then, the methylation at the terminal carbon of alkyne **1-64** furnished the desired alkyne **1-12**.



Scheme 1-21. Preparation of the internal alkyne

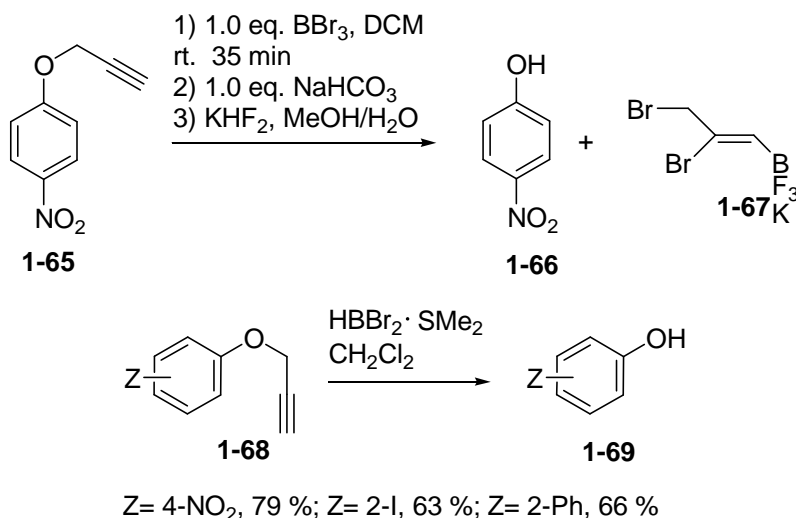
1.2.2.1.1 Hydroboration of the internal alkyne **1-12**

Baldwin and coworkers reported that the hydroboration of the internal alkyne **1-12** containing a nitro group was unsuccessful under several conditions with pinacol- and catecholborane.²⁷ However, because the hydroboration method can give a facile approach to **1-11**, we hoped to find an appropriate condition for the hydroboration.

²⁶ Extension of the Colvin Rearrangement Using Trimethylsilyldiazomethane. A New Synthesis of Alkynes. Miwa, K.; Aoyama, T.; Shioiri, T. *Synlett* **1994**, 107-108.

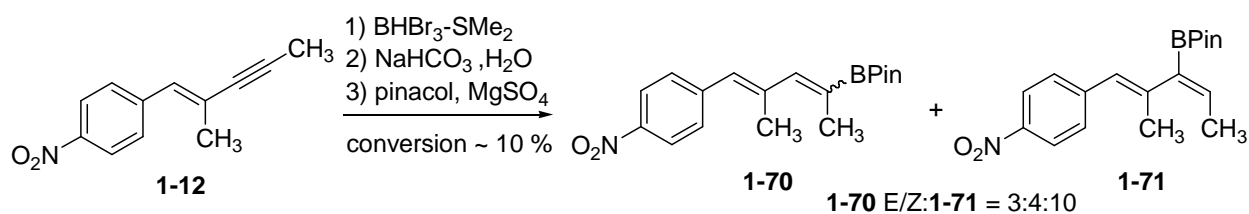
²⁷ The biomimetic synthesis of SNF4435C and SNF4435D, and the total synthesis of the polyene metabolite aureothin, N-acetyl-aureothanmine and specinabilin. Jacobsen, M. F.; Moses, J. E.; Adlington, R. T.; Baldwin, J. E. *Tetrahedron* **2006**, 62, 1675-1689.

In 2009, Yao et al. reported the successful cleavage of propargyl ethers containing *p*-nitrobenzene by using boron tribromide or HBBr₂-SMe₂ (Scheme 1-22).²⁸ Here, the nitro group tolerated the hydroboration conditions.



Scheme 1-22. Hydroboration of nitrobenzene-contained substrate as reported by Yao et al

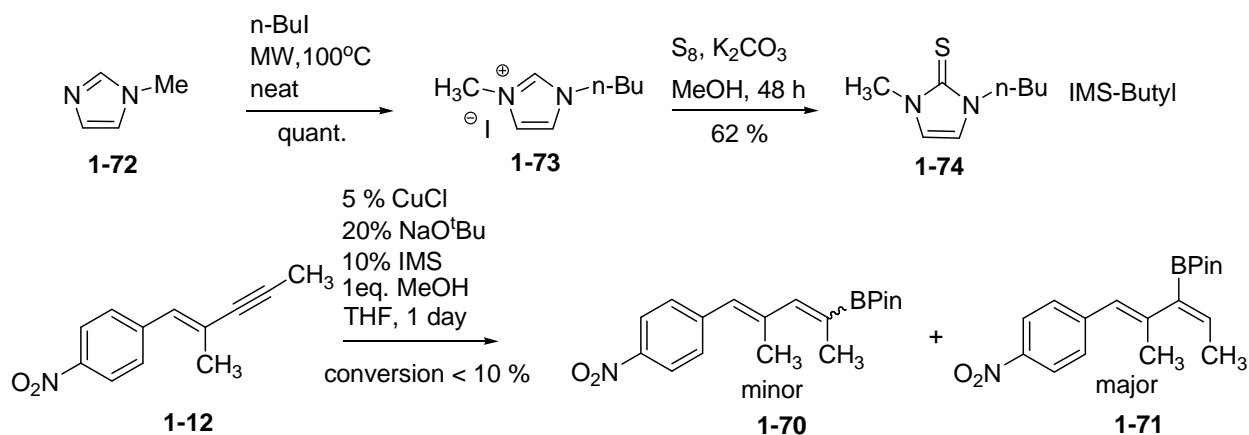
According to this procedure, we anticipated that the alkyne **1-12** was amenable to this condition. However, disappointingly the yield for the desired product was low and the regioselectivity turned out to be very poor (Scheme 1-23).



Scheme 1-23. Hydroboration of the internal alkyne **1-12**

²⁸ Identification of a Boron-Containing Intermediate in the Boron Tribromide Mediated Aryl propargyl Ether Cleavage Reaction. Yao, M. -L.; Reddy, M. S.; Zeng, W.; Hall, K.; Walfish, I.; Kabalka, G. W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2009**, *74*, 1385-1387.

We next examined another hydroboration procedure with the imidazoline-2-thione ligand-copper(I) complex.²⁹ The essential ligand in this reaction, IMS-Butyl **1-74** (1,3-dimethylimidazoline-2-thiones), was prepared from the *N*-methylimidazole **1-72**. The reaction of **1-72** with *n*-BuI in the microwave provided imidazolium salt **1-73**,³⁰ which was then converted to IMS-butyl **1-74**.³¹ The application of these novel reaction conditions to our substrate **1-12** gave a mixture of products **1-70** and **1-71** with low conversion (Scheme 1-24).



Scheme 1-24. Copper-catalyzed hydroboration of the internal alkyne **1-12**

1.2.2.1.2 Hydrozirconation of the internal alkyne **1-12**

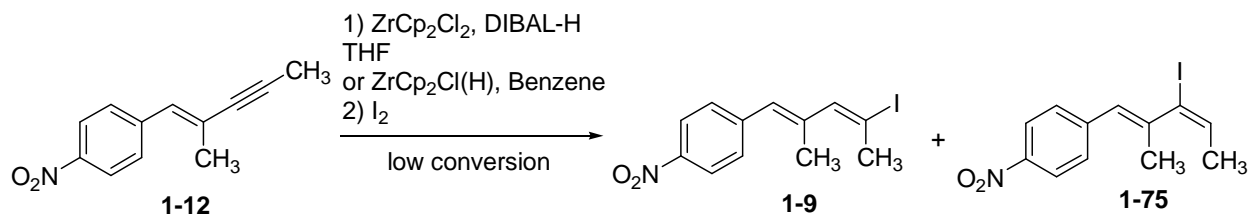
Because the hydroboration of the alkyne **1-12** was not successful, we next turned our attention to hydrozirconation. The internal alkyne **1-12** was treated with in-situ prepared Schwartz

²⁹ Bis(imidazoline-2-thione)-copper(I) catalyzed regioselective boron addition to internal alkynes. Kim, H. R.; Jung, I. G.; Jang, K. Lee, E. S.; Yun, J.; Son, S. U. *Chem. Commun.* **2010**, 46, 758-760.

³⁰ An expeditious solvent-free route to ionic liquids using microwaves. Varma, R. S.; Namboodiri, V. V. *Chem. Commun.* **2001**, 643-644.

³¹ 1,3-DIMETHYLIMIDAZOLE-2-THIONE. Benac, B. L.; Burgess, E. M.; Arduengo III, A. J. *Org. Synth.* **1986**, 64, 92.

reagent³² and trapped with iodine at low temperature. As a result, an inseparable mixture of **1-9** and **1-75** was obtained in 7 % yield. When commercially available Schwartz reagent (Aldrich) was used, the reaction did not work at all (Scheme 1-25).



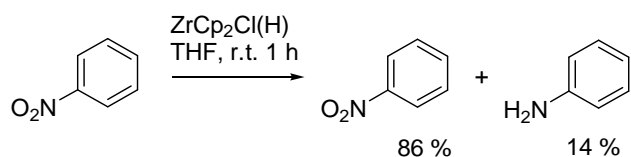
Scheme 1-25. Hydrozirconation of the internal alkyne **1-12**

Hydrozirconation has been known to undergo thermodynamic equilibrium to reach the terminally zirconated product from alkynes.³³ Therefore, we tried to vary the reaction conditions by using excess reagent or changing temperature. However, these efforts were not fruitful. These unsuccessful results were presumed to be the result of deactivation of the zirconium reagent by the nitro group or the reduction of the nitro group by the zirconium reagent.³⁴

³² A Convenient and Genuine Equivalent to HZrCp₂Cl Generated in Situ from ZrCp₂Cl₂-DIBAL-H. Huang, Z.; Negishi, E. *Org. Lett.* **2006**, *8*, 3675-3678.

³³ a) Hydrozirconation. III. Stereospecific and Regioselective Functionalization of Alkylacetylenes via Vinylzirconium(IV) intermediates. Hart, D. W.; Blackburn, T. F.; Schwartz, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 679-680. b) Stereo- and Regiocontrolled Synthesis of Branched Trissubstituted Conjugated Dienes by Palladium(0)-catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction. Panek, J.; Hu, Tao. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 4912-4913.

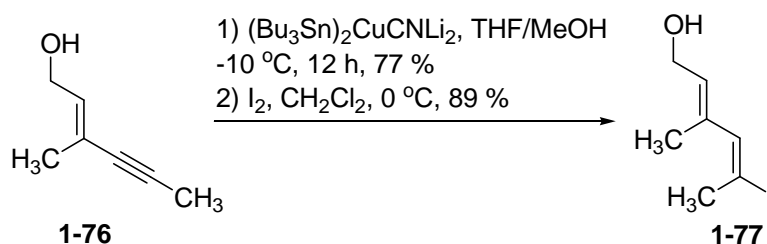
³⁴ The reduction of nitrobenzene was observed when it was subjected to 1 eq. Schwartz reagent (the ratio of the nitrobenzene and the resulting aniline was identified by crude ¹H nmr).



see: reduction of nitro compounds using ZrCl₄/NaBH₄: a novel and efficient conversion of aromatic, aliphatic nitro compounds to primary amines. Chary, K. P.; Ram, S. R.; Iyengar, D. S.

1.2.2.1.3 Stannylcupration of the internal alkyne **1-12**

Since Piers and coworkers have reported a study for the stereoselective stannylcupration of the acetylenic esters,³⁵ the mechanistic study³⁶ and applications of this method have been of great interests to many research groups. For example, Pancrazi and coworkers have reported the regio- and stereoselective synthesis of dienylstannanes and corresponding iodides from the alkynes or conjugated enyne alcohols (Scheme 1-26).³⁷



Scheme 1-26. Stannylcupration of the enyne alcohol **1-76**

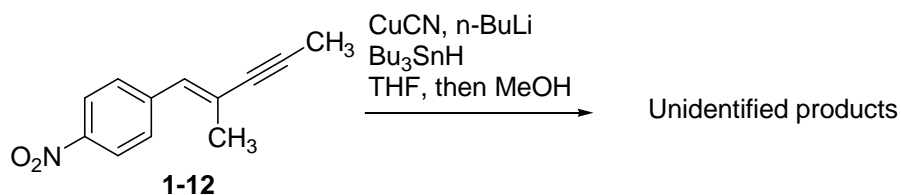
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³⁵ a) Piers, E.; Morton, H. E. *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 4263. b) Piers, E. Chong, J. M.; Morton, H. E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, *22*, 4905. c) Piers, E.; Chong, J. M. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1983**, 934. d) Piers, E.; Chong, J. M.; Keay, B. A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 6265. e) Piers, E.; Chong, J. M. *Can. J. Chem.* **1988**, *66*, 1425. f) Piers, E.; Chong, J. M.; Morton, H. E. *Tetrahedron.* **1989**, *45*, 363. 7) Piers, E.; Wong, T.; Ellis, K. A. *Can. J. Chem.* **1992**, *70*, 2058.

³⁶ a) Singer, R. D.; Hutzinger, M. W.; Oehlschlager, A. C. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 4933. b) Cummins, C. H.; Gordon, E. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 8133.

³⁷ a) An Efficient Method in Stannylcupration of a Methyl Substituted Enyne or Alkyne by Kinetic Control Using Methanol. Betzer, J. -F.; Ardisson, J.; Lallemand, J. -Y.; Pancrazi, A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, *38*, 2279-2282. b) Regio- and Stereoselectivity in Stannyl- and Silylcupration of Alkyne and Enynes Using Proton Sources. Betzer, J. -F.; Pancrazi, A. *Synlett* **1998**, 1129-1131. c) Water as a Proton Source in Regio- and Chemoselective Stannylcupration of Alkynes and Enynes. Betzer, J. F.; Pancrazi, A. *Synthesis* **1999**, 629-634.

We applied this methodology to the alkyne **1-12** and obtained two the unidentified products. We tried to recrystallize these products for X-ray structure determination, but the resulting crystals were not good enough to derive the requisite diffraction for crystallographic data (Scheme 1-27).

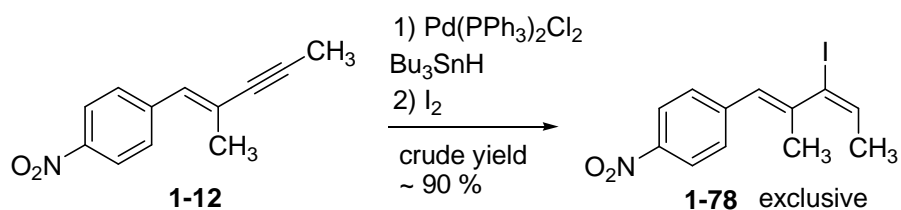


Scheme 1-27. Stannylation of the internal alkyne **1-12**

1.2.2.1.4 Hydrostannylation of the internal alkyne **1-12**

Generally, the hydrostannylation of internal alkynes gives E-products. The regioselectivity is affected by the catalytic system, functional groups, and steric hindrance in the substrate.³⁸

The first hydrostannylation of **1-12** using a catalytic system of Pd(0) with tributyltin hydride followed by quenching with iodine gave exclusively α -iodinated product **1-78**³⁹ (Scheme 1-28).

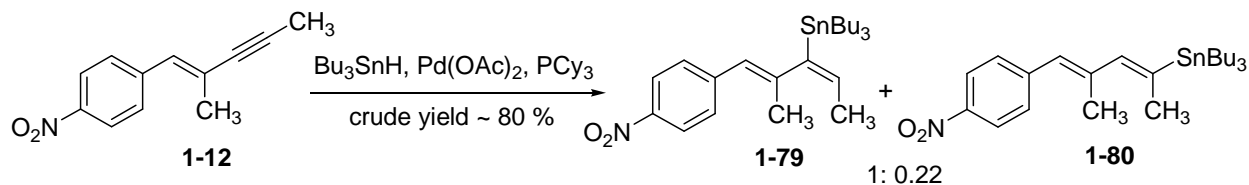


Scheme 1-28. Hydrostannylation of the internal alkyne **1-12**

³⁸ Metal-Catalyzed Hydrostannylation. Smith, N. D.; Mancuso, J.; Lautens, M. *Chem. Rev.* **2000**, *100*, 3257-3282.

³⁹ Literature search showed several examples of hydrostannylation of enyne, and the product of hydrostannylation of enyne were α -selective due to steric effect of terminal methyl group. See: a) Betzer, J.-F.; Delaloge, F.; Muller, B.; Pancrazi, A.; Prunet, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 7768. b) Lautens, M.; Smith, N. D.; Ostrovsky, D. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 8970. c) Lautens, M.; Mancuso, J. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 671.

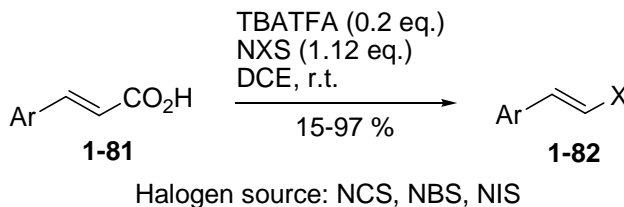
We next tried the hydrostannylation of the alkyne **1-12** with bulky ligand in hexane.⁴⁰ These conditions afforded an inseparable mixture of the regioisomeric products **1-79** and **1-80** (Scheme 1-29).



Scheme 1-29. Hydrostannylation of the internal alkyne **1-12** with a bulky ligand

1.2.2.1.5 Microwave-assisted decarboxylative iodination of dienylcarboxylic acid

Roy and coworkers have studied a metal-free catalytic Hunsdiecker reaction of α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid.⁴¹ In their study, they described a catalytic condition for decarboxylative halogenations of various α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acids by combining catalytic TBATFA (tetrabutylammonium trifluoroacetate) and stoichiometric NXS (*N*-halosuccinimide) (Scheme 1-30).

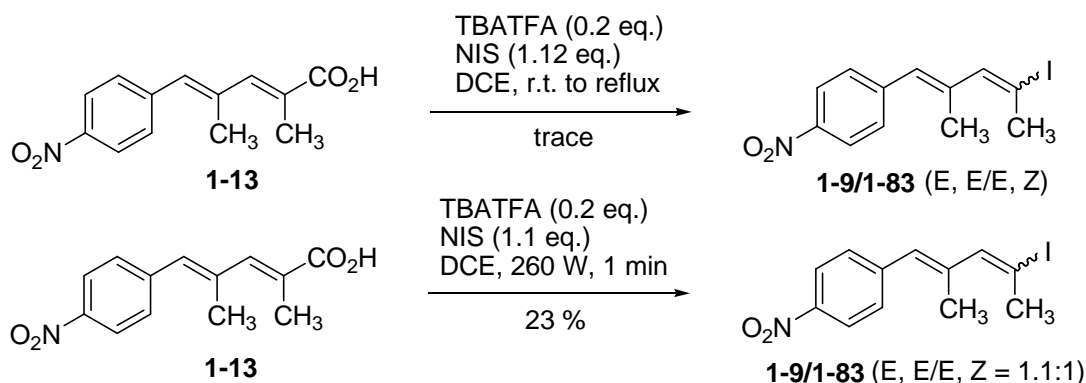


Scheme 1-30. Catalytic Hunsdiecker Reaction of α , β -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids

⁴⁰ Palladium-catalyzed hydrostannylation of highly hindered acetylenes in hexane. Semmelhack, M. F.; Hooley, R. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2003**, *44*, 5737-5739.

⁴¹ a) Is Metal Necessary in the Hunsdiecker-Borodin Reaction? Naskar, D.; Chowdhury, S.; Roy, S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 699-702. b) Catalytic Hunsdiecker Reaction of α , β -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acids: How efficient Is the Catalyst? Parkash, J.; Roy, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 7861-7864. c) Catalytic Hunsdiecker Reaction and One-Pot Catalytic Hunsdiecker-Heck Strategy: Synthesis of α , β -Unsaturated Aromatic Halides, α -(Dihalomethyl)benzenemethanols, 5-Aryl-2,4-pentadienoic acids, Denoates, and Dienamides. Naskar, D.; Roy, S. *Tetrahedron*, **2000**, *56*, 1369-1377.

So, we applied this method to the known acid **1-13**⁴², but the desired product **1-9** was not obtained under thermal conditions. However, when we used microwave reactor (260W) under the same reaction conditions, we got a quite pure mixture of E, E/ E, Z-iododienes **1-9** and **1-83** in 1 min (Scheme 1-31).



Scheme 1-31. Hunsdiecker reaction of the substrate **1-13**

1.2.2.1.6 Synthesis of pure (E, E)-iododiene **1-9**

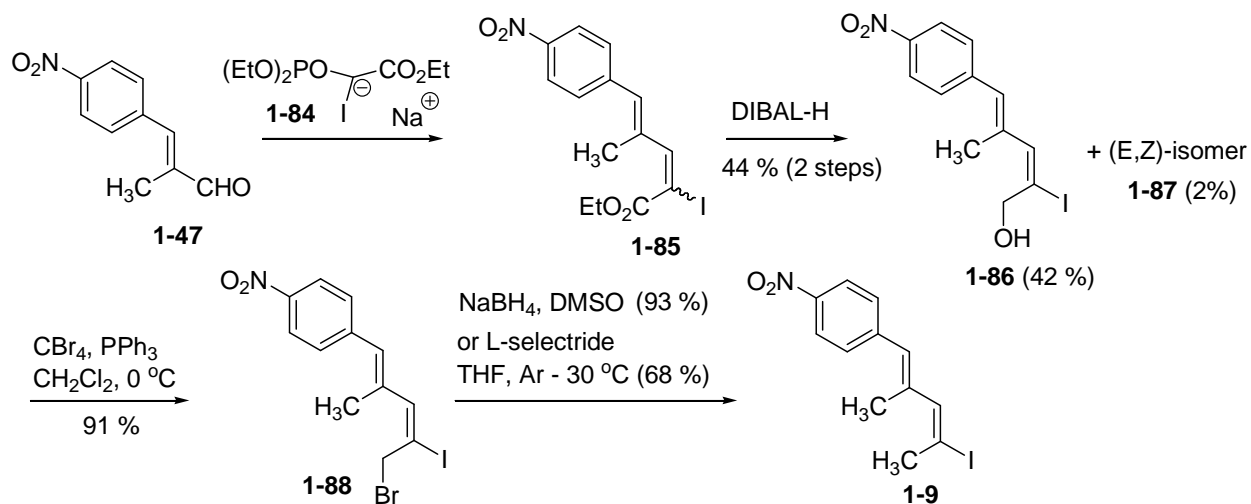
To obtain a geometrically pure form of (E, E)-iododiene **1-9**, we finally examined the Still-Gennari olefination of aldehyde **1-47** with the iodo reagent **1-84**.^{43, 44} The olefination at low temperature gave iodoesters **1-85**, and the esters were directly reduced by DIBAL-H to furnish the 2-iodoallylic alcohols in 44 % yield (42% for EE-diene **1-86** and and 2 % for EZ-diene **1-87**,

⁴² Interchenar Retrotransfer of Aureothin Intermediates in an Iterative Polyketide Synthase Module. Busch, B.; Ueberschaar, N.; Sugimoto, Y.; Hertweck, C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 12382-12385.

⁴³ A versatile building block for the synthesis of substituted cyclopropanephosphonic acid esters. Töke, L.; Jászay, Z. M.; Petneházy, I.; Clementis, G.; Vereczkey, G. D.; Kövesdi, I.; Rockenbauer, A.; Kováts, K. *Tetrahedron* **1995**, *51*, 9167-9178.

⁴⁴ A one-pot synthesis of (E)- α -bromo- α,β -unsaturated esters and their trifluoromethylation: a general and stereoselective route to (E)- α -trifluoromethyl- α,β -unsaturated esters. Qing, F. -L.; Zhang, X. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, *42*, 5929-5931.

two steps). van Tamelen's procedure was adapted for the conversion of allylic alcohol **1-86** to bromide **1-88**.⁴⁵ The resulting bromide **1-88** was reduced by either L-selectride (68 %) or sodium borohydride in DMSO⁴⁶ (93 %) to afford the desired (E, E)-iododiene **1-9** (Scheme 1-32).



Scheme 1-32. Synthesis of (E, E)-iododiene **1-9**

The stereochemistry of the intermediates **1-86**, **1-88**, and **1-9** was identified by 1D NOE nmr experiments (Table 1-5, 1-6, 1-7).

⁴⁵ A General 1,s-Diene Synthesis Involving Overall Allyl Alcohol Coupling with Geometrical and Positional Control. Axelrod, E. H.; Milne, G. M.; Tamelen, E. E. V. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 2139-2141.

⁴⁶ a) Sodium borohydride in dimethyl sulfoxide or sulfolane. Convenient systems for selective reductions of primary, secondary and certain tertiary halides and tosylates. Hutchins, R. O.; Hoke, D.; Keogh, J.; Koharski, D. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1969**, 3495-3498. b) Reduction of organic halogen compounds by sodium borohydride. Bell, H. M.; Vanderslice, C. W.; Spehar, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1969**, *34*, 3923.

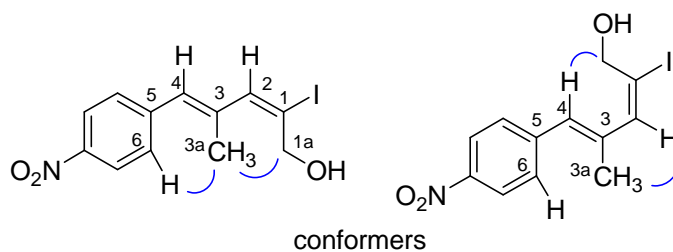


Table 1-5. Difference NOE chart for compound **1-86**

Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH ₃ (3a, 2.01)	CH ₂ (1a, 4.44), CH (2, 6.96), CH (6, 7.42)
CH ₂ (1a, 4.44)	CH ₃ (3a, 2.01), CH (4, 6.46)

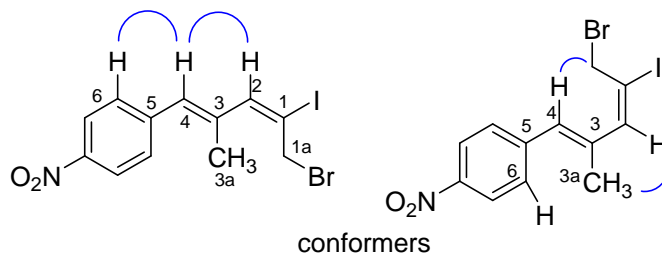


Table 1-6. Difference NOE chart for compound **1-88**

Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH (4, 6.71)	CH ₂ (1a, 4.53), CH (2, 6.93), CH (6, 7.46)
CH (2, 6.93)	CH ₃ (3a, 2.05), CH (4, 6.71)

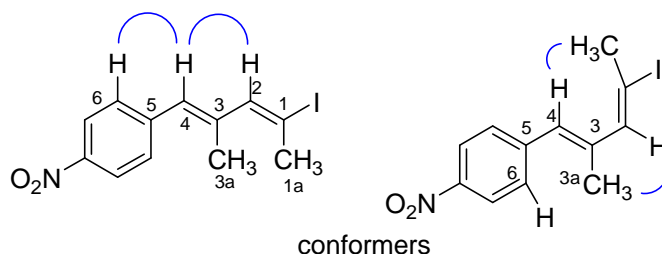
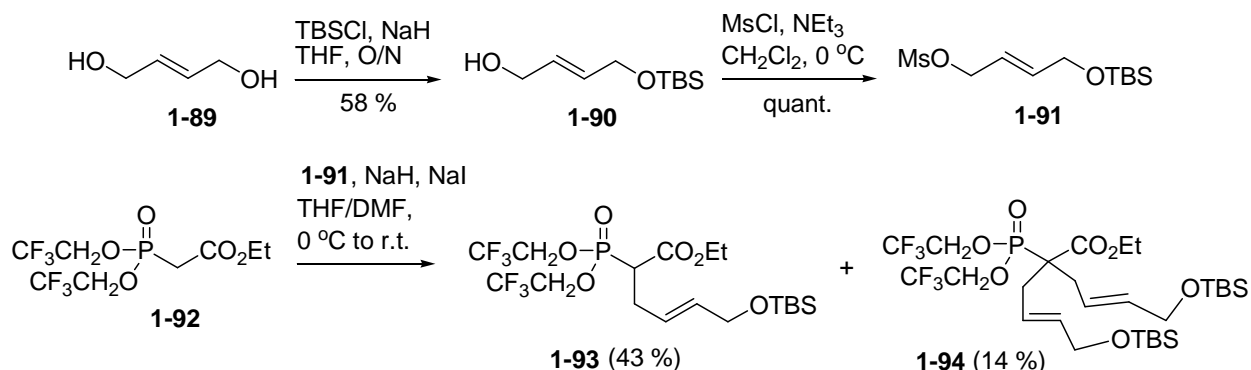


Table 1-7. Difference NOE chart for compound **1-9**

Inverted peak (C _{number} , ppm)	Enhanced peaks (C _{number} , ppm)
CH (4, 6.40)	CH ₃ (1a, 2.68), CH (2, 6.81), CH (6, 7.42)
CH (2, 6.81)	CH ₃ (3a, 2.01), CH (4, 6.40)

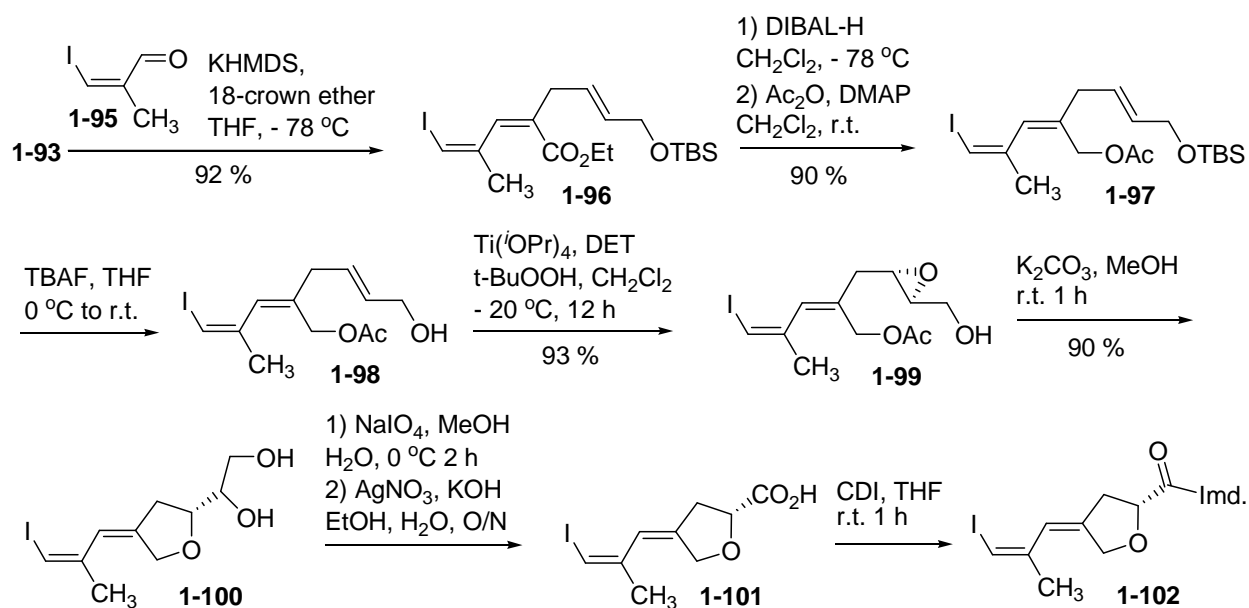
1.2.2.2 Preparation of γ -pyrone **1-10**

The γ -pyrone **1-10** was synthesized according to the known procedure.⁸ First, the Wittig reagent **1-93** was prepared by alkylation of the commercial phosphonate **1-92** with the mesylate **1-91** (Scheme 1-33).



Scheme 1-33. The preparation of the Wittig reagent **1-93**

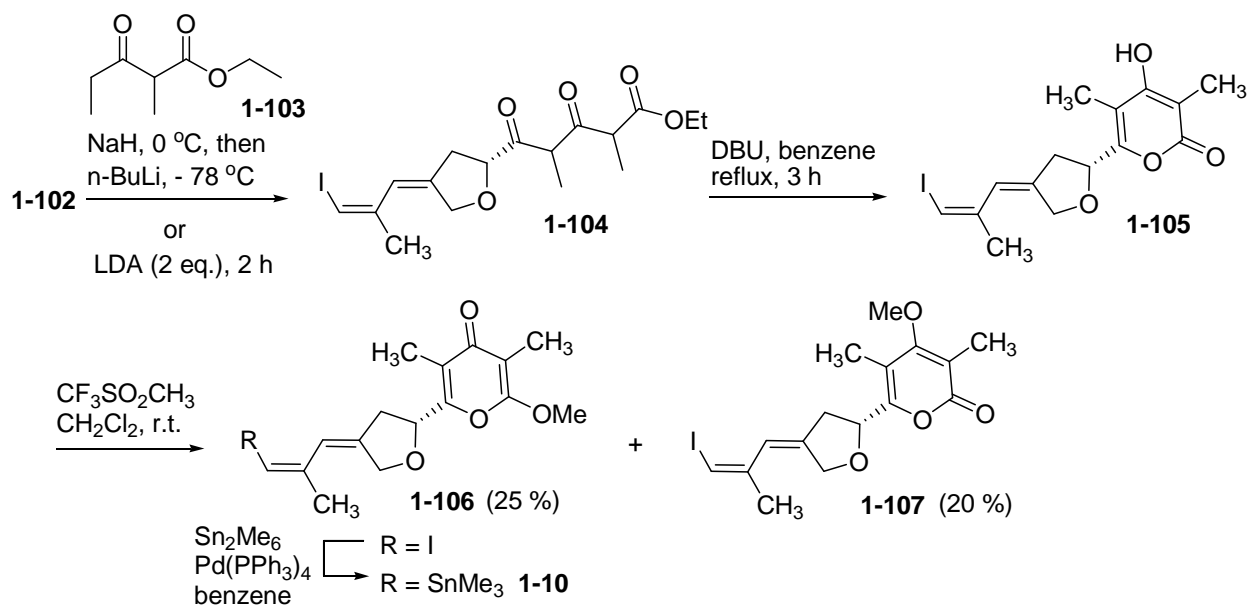
Next, the acyl imidazole **1-102** was prepared by 9-step sequence including Still-Gennari olefination, Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation, and oxidative cleavage of 1,2-diol. The chiral carbon C6 of the γ -pyrone **1-10** was constructed as an enantiomerically pure form (Scheme 1-34).



Scheme 1-34. Preparation of the acyl imidazole **1-102**

The completion of the synthesis of γ -pyrone **1-10** was achieved in 4 steps from the acyl imidazole **1-102**. The β -hydroxy- α -pyrone **1-105** was prepared by the substitution reaction of **1-102** with ketoester **1-103** followed by an intramolecular cyclization of the tricarbonyl **1-104** (Scheme 1-34). This was followed by selective methylation of β -hydroxy- α -pyrone **1-105** and an iodine-tin exchange (Scheme 1-35).

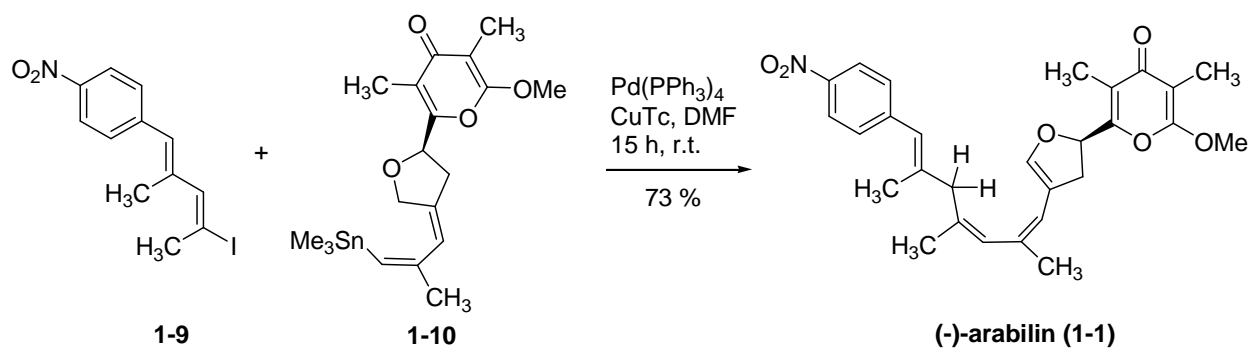
The conditions using LDA to form a dianionic reagent of the ketoester **97** was found to be more consistent and less sensitive than those using sodium hydride followed by butyl lithium.



Scheme 1-35. Preparation of γ -pyrone **1-10**

1.2.3 Coupling of the tin reagent **1-10** with iododiene **1-9** and isolation of arabilin

Having pure coupling partners **1-9** and **1-10**, the Pd(0)/Cu(I) catalytic system was applied (Scheme 1-36). Gratifyingly, (-)-arabilin was cleanly obtained with good yield (73 %). The optical rotation of our synthetic material was found to be -139.4° (c 0.16, CH_2Cl_2 , 20-21 °C) while that of the natural product is reported to be -166.2° . Thus, the calculated enantiomeric excess of the synthetic natural product was approximately 84 %. The correlation of the optical rotation between natural- and synthetic arabilin confirmed the configuration of the C-6 chiral center as (R).



Scheme 1-36. Synthesis of (-)-arabilin (**1-1**)

The ^1H and ^{13}C nmr spectra of synthetic arabilin were compared with those of authentic arabilin in Table 1-8. The chemical shifts as well as coupling constants were consistent with the authentic data.

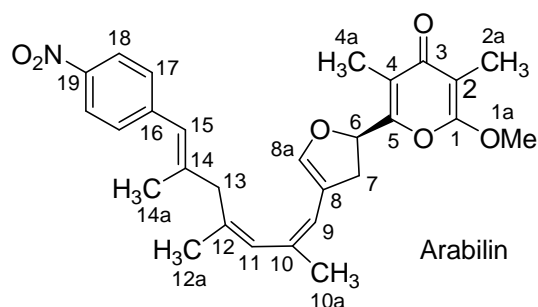
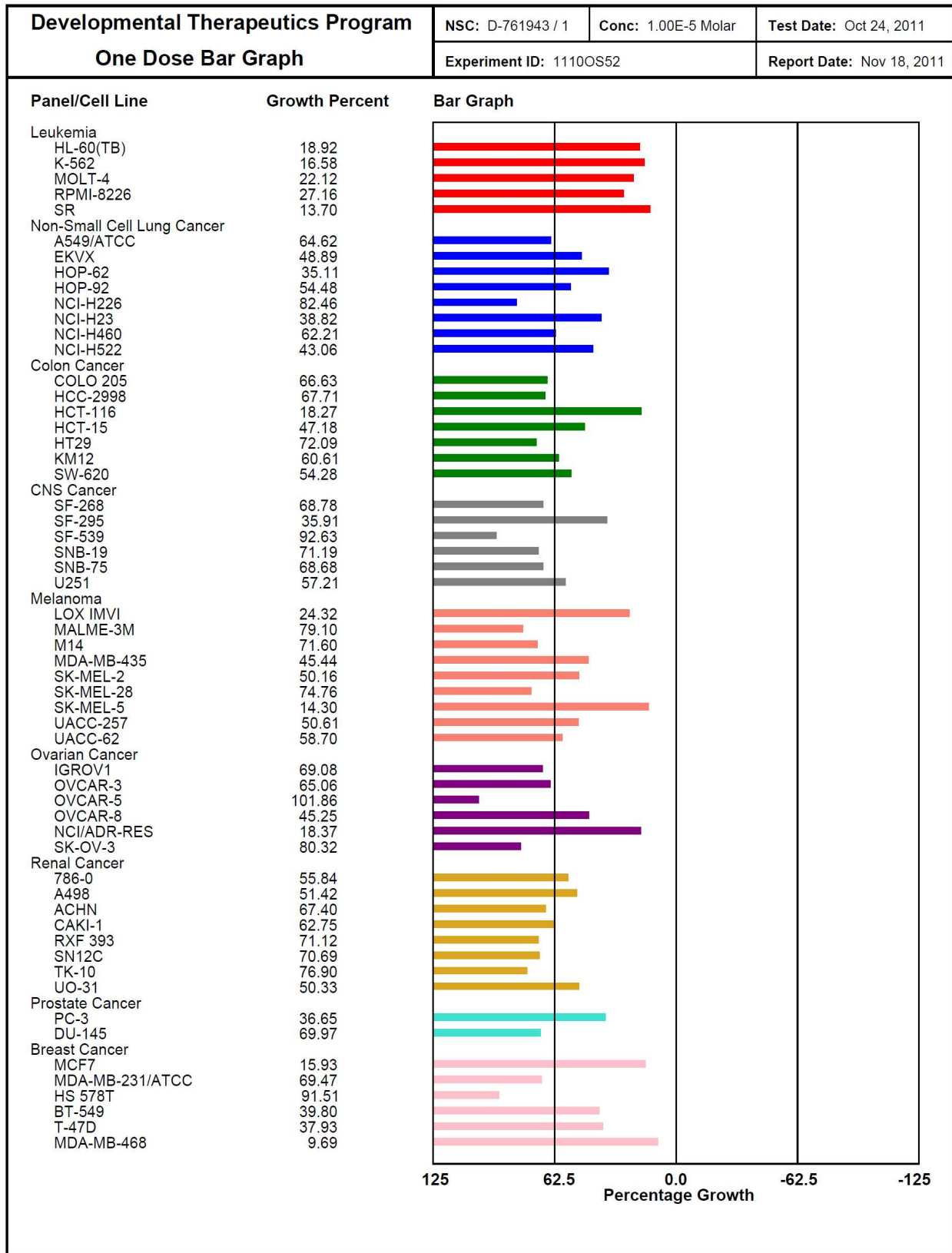


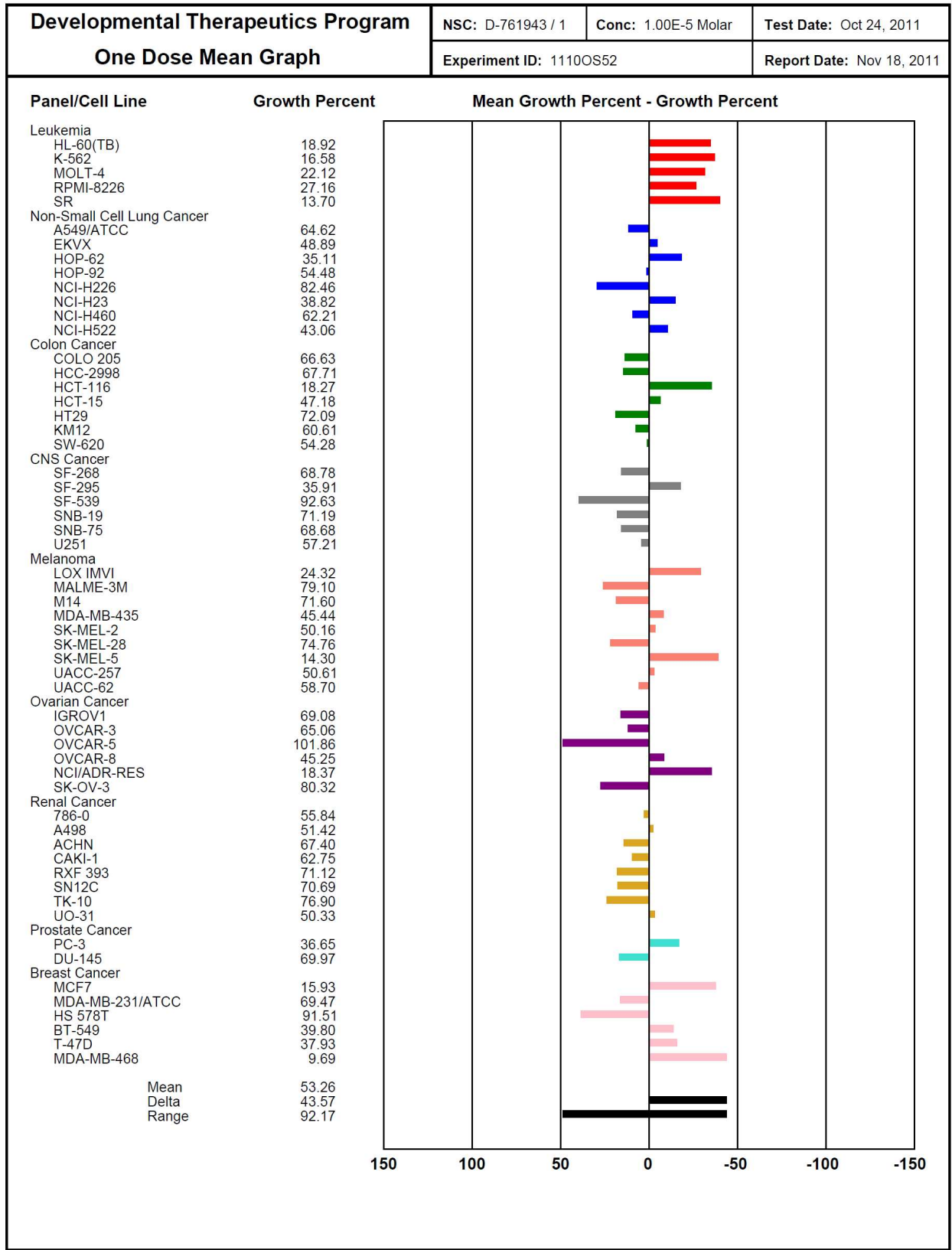
Table 1-8. ^1H , ^{13}C -NMR for arabilin in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm), J (Hertz)

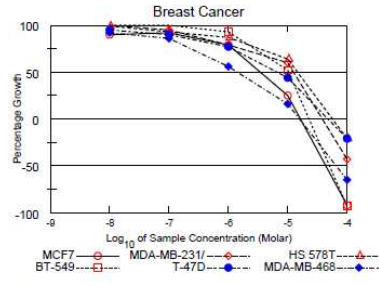
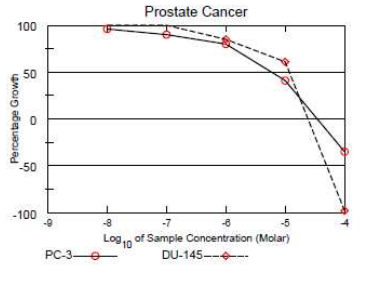
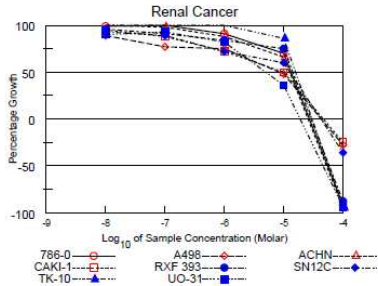
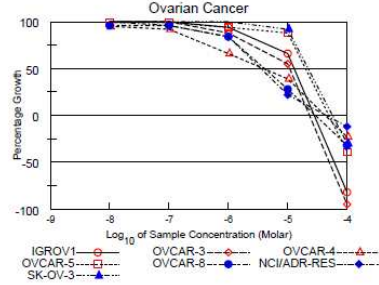
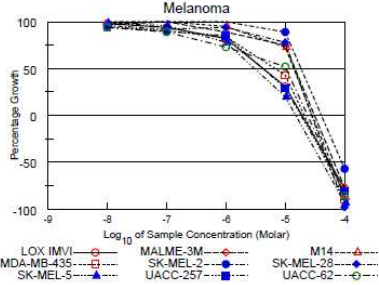
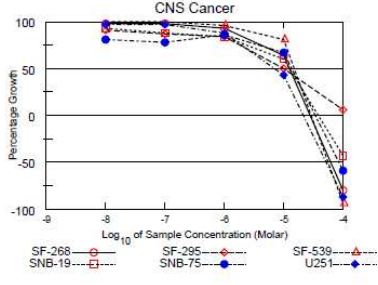
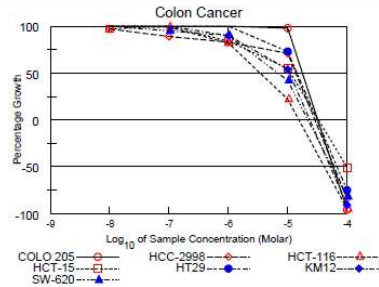
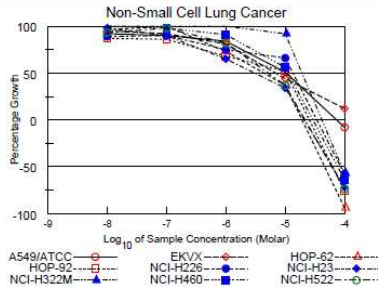
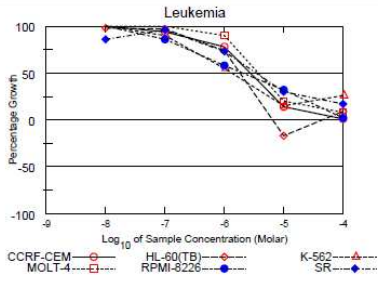
Number	Authentic (^1H)	Synthetic (^1H)	Authentic (^{13}C)	Synthetic (^{13}C)
1	-	-	162.1	162.1
1a	3.92 (s, 3H)	3.92 (s, 3H)	55.3	55.3
2	-	-	99.9	99.9
2a	1.86 (s, 3H)	1.86 (s, 3H)	6.9	6.9
3	-	-	180.6	180.6
4	-	-	119.6	119.6
4a	2.02 (s, 3H)	2.02 (s, 3H)	9.4	9.4
5	-	-	154.2	154.3
6	5.59 (dd, $J=11.01, 7.7$, 1H)	5.59 (dd, $J=10.8, 7.6$, 1H)	77.2	77.2
7	2.85 (dd, $J=15.2, 7.5$, 1H)	2.85 (dd, $J=15.2, 8.8$, 1H)	35.6	35.7
	3.08 (dd, $J=15.2, 11.0$, 1H)	3.08 (dd, $J=15.2, 11.2$, 1H)		
8	-	-	114.9	114.9
8a	6.48 (s, 1H)	6.48 (s, 1H)	144.4	144.4
9	5.91 (s, 1H)	5.91 (s, 1H)	118.5	118.5
10	-	-	131.7	131.7
10a	1.88 (s, 3H)	1.88 (s, 3H)	25.3	25.2
11	5.99 (s, 1H)	5.99 (s, 1H)	128.6	128.6
12	-	-	134.7	134.7
12a	1.73 (bd, 3H)	1.73 (d, $J=1.6$, 3H)	22.8	22.8
13	2.91 (s, 2 H)	2.90 (s, 2H)	44.2	44.1
14	-	-	141.1	141.1
14a	1.81 (bd, 3 H)	1.81 (d, $J=0.8$, 3H)	18.1	18.1
15	6.32 (s, 1H)	6.32 (s, 1H)	124.9	124.9
16	-	-	145.1	145.1
17	7.35 (d, $J=8.8$, 2H)	7.35 (d, $J=8.4$, 2H)	129.3	129.3
18	8.17 (d, $J=8.8$, 2H)	8.18 (d, $J=8.8$, 2H)	123.5	123.5
19	-	-	145.9	145.9

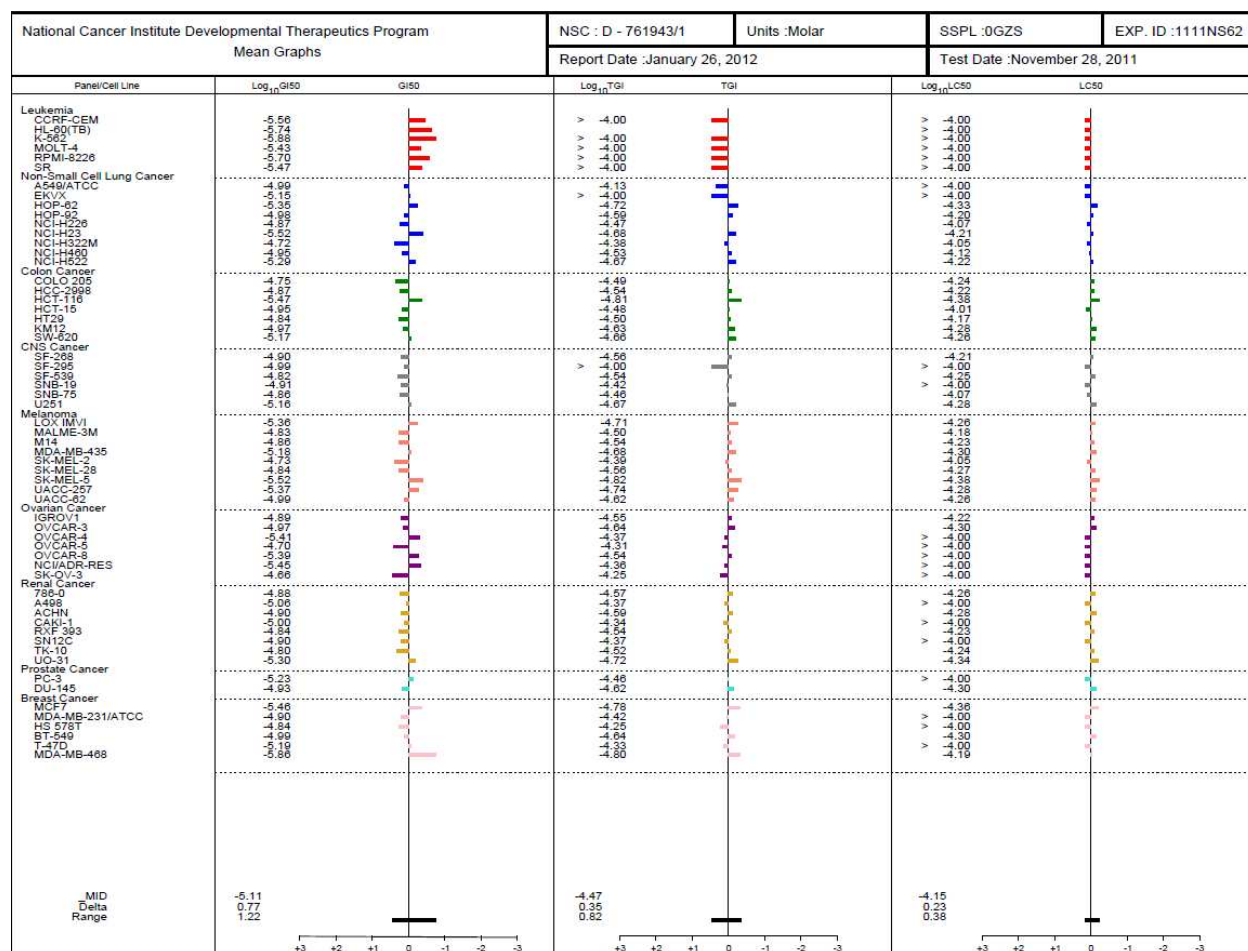
1.2.4 The test result in NCI-60 cell lines

The synthetic arabilin was sent to Dr. Beutler in Nation Cancer Institute (NCI) for further screening in NCI-60 cell line. The resulting data is attached. The first set of data is from a one dose experiment for measuring the relative cell death. As shown in the first two bar graphs, the selective activity against the prostate cancer cell was not observed. The second set of data is from the full dose experiment.









1.3 Conclusion

Our total synthesis of (-)-arabilin, the first and to date the only synthesis, requires 15 steps in the longest linear sequence and 19 steps total from commercially available starting materials.

We postulated that the skipped tetraene structure of (-)-arabilin was presumably derived by a thermal isomerization, [1,7]-H shift in this case, from the fully conjugated (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene structure. Before the total synthesis, we tested a simple model compound closely related to the structure of (-)-arabilin. In a model experiment, we observed [1,7]-H shift at room temperature, giving a desired skipped tetraene **1-42** from the fully conjugated (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene **1-43**.

This result allowed us to set out on a total synthesis of (-)-arabilin. We needed two coupling partners, (E, E)-iododiene **1-10** and (E, Z)-stannyldiene **1-10**. The significant efforts to prepare (E, E)-iododiene **1-9** were not successful; hydroboration, hydrozirconation, and stannylcupration.

A diastereomeric mixture of (E, E)- and (E, Z)-iododiene was obtained when the Hunsdieker reaction was applied to diene-carboxylic acid **1-13**. Finally, the pure (E, E)-iododiene **1-9** was prepared by a 5-step sequence that included a modified Still-Gennari olefination as a key step. (E, Z)-Stannyldiene **1-10** was obtained by the known procedure. The coupling of **1-9** and **1-10** successfully provided (-)-arabilin (**1-1**) in 73 % yield.

Our synthesis of (-)-arabilin demonstrates the effective use of a [1,7]-hydrogen shift as a key step and supports the premise that this rearrangement is a nonenzymatic step in the biosynthesis of this interesting natural product

1.4 Experimental Section

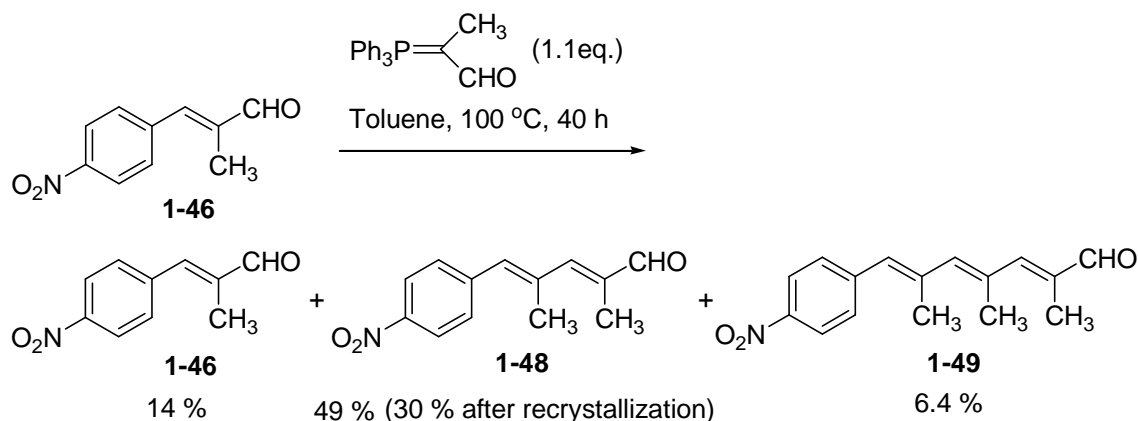
General Information

All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. Unless stated otherwise, commercially available reagents were used as supplied or distilled by short-path distillation. HPLC grade hexane, EtOAc, CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃OH were used in chromatography. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl under argon gas. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under nitrogen gas. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman precoated PE SIL G/UV 250 μm layer polyester-supported flexible plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol or KMnO₄ aq. solution and then heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Fisher brand silica gel (170-400 mesh).

Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FT-IR instrument. Samples were scanned as neat liquids or dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova-500 (500 MHz for ¹H and 126 MHz for ¹³C), Varian Inova-400 (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C), or Gemini-2300 (300 MHz for ¹H) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for proton NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-*d*. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR spectra are reported in ppm with the center line of the triplet for chloroform-*d* set at 77.00 ppm. COSY and

NOE experiments were measured on a Varian Inova-600 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass Q-ToF Ultima spectrometer by the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

Experimental Procedure/ Characterization

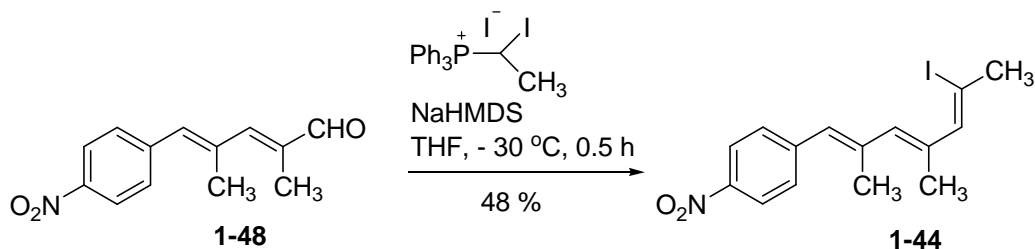


Aldehydes 1-48 and 1-49. To a stirred solution of the aldehyde **1-46** (0.31 g, 1.60 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added (triphenylphosphoranylidene)propionaldehyde (0.56 g, 1.76 mmol) under Ar. The reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 20 h. The solution was cooled and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford singly homologated aldehyde **1-48** (0.18 g, 49 %) and doubly homologated aldehyde **1-49** (28.0 mg, 6.4 %).

Aldehyde **1-48**: Rf value: 0.25 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.06 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 6.83 (s, 3 H), 6.90 (s, 1 H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 9.51 (s, 1 H). The data were consistent with literature values.⁴⁷

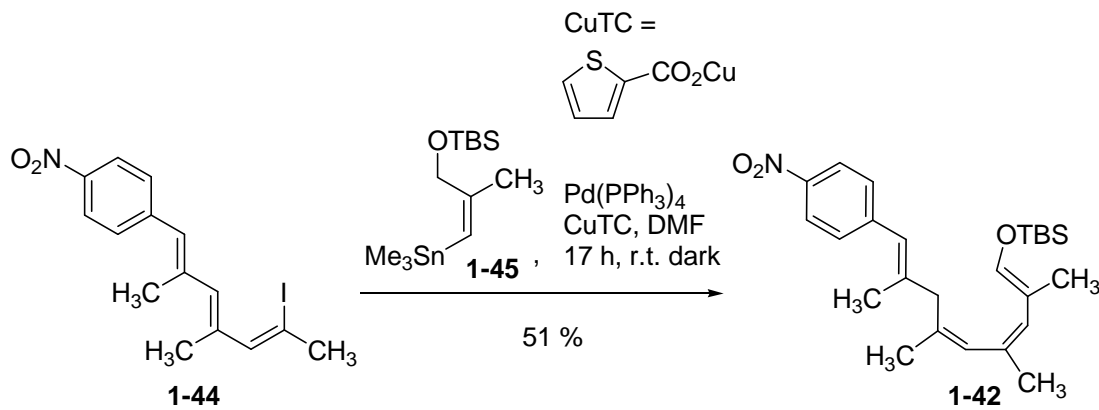
Aldehyde **1-49**: Rf value: 0.30 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.02 (s, 3 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.58 (s, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 9.46 (s, 1 H). The data were consistent with literature values.⁵⁵

⁴⁷ Biomimetic studies on polyenes. Moses, J. E.; Baldwin, J. E.; Marquez, R.; Adlington, R. M.; Cowley, A. R. *Organic Letters* **2002**, *4*, 3731-3734.



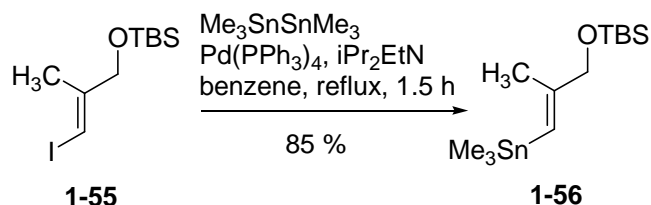
(E, E, Z)-Iodotriene 1-44 In an oven-dried 50 mL round bottom flask was placed ethyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (1.27 g, 2.35 mmol). After the flask was flushed with an Ar stream An Ar stream for 10 min, dry THF (10 mL) was added. NaHMDS (1.05 mL, 2 M in THF, 2.11 mmol) was added at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and then the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min. The solution of the aldehyde **1-48** (0.27 g, 1.17 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of phosphine ylide at same temperature. After 0.5 h, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and quenched with sat. NH_4Cl aq. solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL X 3), and the combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the *E, E, Z*-iodotriene **1-44** as yellow oil (0.21 g, 48 %).

Rf value: 0.65 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.08 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 3 H), 2.61 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3 H), 6.08 (s, 1 H), 6.11 (s, 1 H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.19 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 18.2, 19.1, 35.0, 98.3, 123.5, 128.1, 129.5, 134.7, 136.6, 138.2, 139.0, 144.6, 145.9.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1338, 1441, 1514, 1591, 2912 cm^{-1} .; HRMS[ES+] calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{INO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 392.0124, found 392.0134.



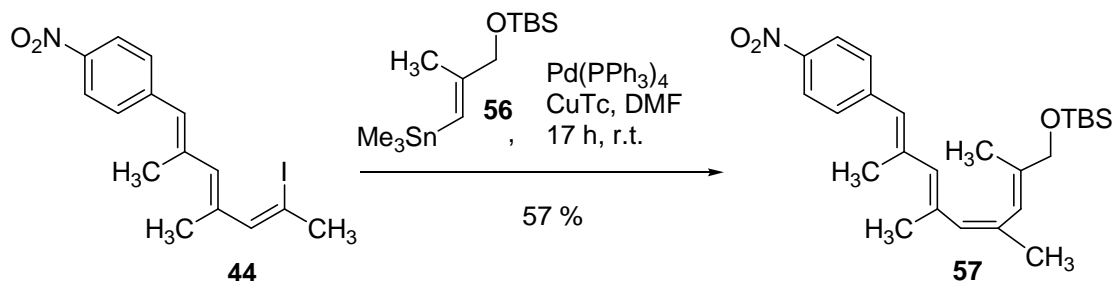
Enol ether 1-42 To a stirred solution of the *E, E, Z*-iodotriene **1-44** (28.4 mg, 76.9 μmol) and vinyl stannane **1-45**²² (53.7 mg, 153.8 μmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (13.2 mg, 11.5 μmol) and CuTC^{24a} (copper thiophene-2-carboxylate, 21.9 mg, 115.3 μmol). Then, the reaction flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The reaction mixture was purged by an Ar stream for 10 min at room temperature and then it was stirred and monitored by tlc. After 2 h, a deep yellow spot, R_f = 0.75 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1), appeared and after 13 h, this had disappeared while a new spot, R_f = 0.78 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1), visible under uv light, appeared. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and diethyl ether was added. Then, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of Celite and the Celite was washed with diethyl ether several times. The filtrate was partitioned, and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL x 3) and brine. Then it was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was subjected to preparative TLC (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the enol ether **1-42** (16.7 mg, 51 %) as pale yellow oil.

R_f value: 0.75 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.14 (s, 6 H), 0.93 (s, 9 H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 2 H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1 H), 6.32 (s, 1 H), 6.37 (s, 1 H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.3, 12.7, 18.2, 18.3, 22.9, 25.6, 44.1, 117.3, 123.5, 124.5, 127.7, 129.3, 129.6, 129.8, 133.0, 141.0, 142.0, 145.5, 145.8.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1176, 1342, 1518, 1595, 1635 cm⁻¹.; HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₂₅H₃₇NO₃Si [M + H]⁺ 450.2440, found 450.2447.



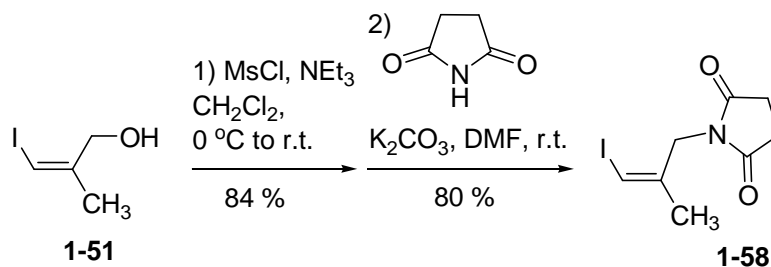
(E)-Vinylstannane 1-56 To a stirred solution of silyl ether **1-55** (39.0 mg, 125 μmol) in benzene (3 mL) was added diisopropylethylamine (6.2 μL , 37.4 μmol), hexamethylditin (31.0 μL , 150 μmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (7.2 mg, 6.2 μmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was degassed by an Ar stream for 10 min and stirred at reflux. After 2 h, the mixture was diluted with hexane, filtered through a pad of basic alumina, and concentrated. The crude

mixture was subjected to basic alumina chromatography to afford (*E*)-vinylstannane **1-56** as colorless oil (37.2 mg, 85 %). The toxic and unstable product was directly used for the next step without characterizations.



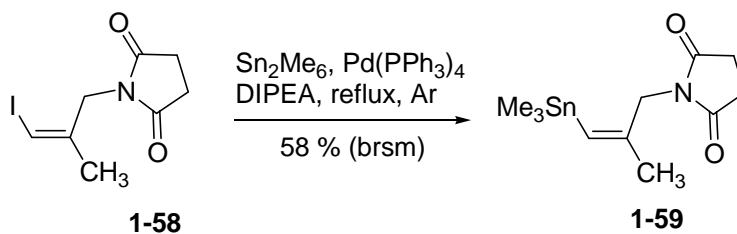
(*E, E, Z, E*)-tetraene enol ether 1-57 To a stirred solution of the iodotriene **1-44** (18.6 mg, 50.3 μmol) and vinyl stannane **1-56** (37 mg, 106 μmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (8.6 mg, 7.5 μmol) and CuTC (14.4 mg, 75.4 μmol). Then, the reaction flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The mixture was degassed by an Ar stream An Ar stream for 10 min at room temperature, and then allowed to stir for 17 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and diethyl ether. Then, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of Celite and washed with diethyl ether several times. The filtrate was partitioned, and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL x 3), brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by preparative TLC (Hex: EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the tetraene **1-57** (12.3 mg, 57 %) as yellow oil. The product was not subjected to bulb-to-bulb distillation because of the possible thermal isomerizations.

Rf value: 0.75 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.067 (s, 6 H, 2 CH_3), 0.905 (s, 9 H, 3 CH_3), 1.63 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.92 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.96 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.06 (s, 2H, CH_2), 5.91 (s, 1 H, CH), 5.99 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.18 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.40 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H, 2CH), 8.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H, 2CH). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -5.3, 15.1, 18.4, 18.7, 19.6, 25.9, 68.0, 123.5, 124.3, 127.5, 129.4, 132.4, 133.8, 135.0, 136.0, 137.0, 140.0, 145.0, 145.7.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1109.4, 1339.8, 1440.7, 1515.9, 1592.4 cm^{-1} .; HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 450.2440, found 450.2448.



N-Alkyl succinimide 1-58 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the alcohol **1-51** (0.39 g, 1.99 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added triethylamine (0.33 mL, 2.39 mmol) and then mesyl chloride (0.17 mL, 2.19 mmol) at 0 °C. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl ether and washed with cold water, 1 N HCl, water, and sat NaHCO₃ solution. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated (crude yield = 84 %). The crude product was directly used for the next step. Step 2: To a stirred solution of mesylate (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added succinimide and potassium carbonate at room temperature under Ar. After 5 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and washed with water (5 mL X 3). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford the N-alkyl succinimide **1-58** as a colorless oil (42.4 mg, 80 %).

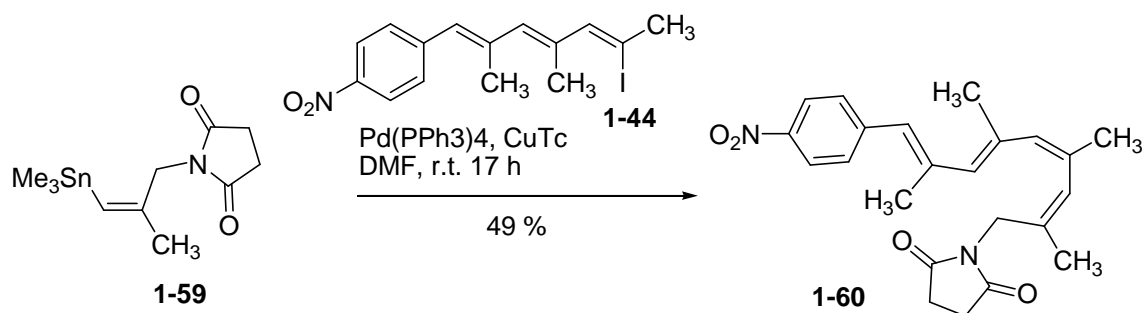
Rf value: 0.50 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.73 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.75 (s, 4 H), 4.26 (s, 2 H), 6.14 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.7, 28.1, 45.9, 76.9, 140.2, 176.7.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1174, 1330, 1395, 1419, 1669 cm⁻¹.



(Z)-Vinylstannane succinimide 1-59 To a stirred solution of N-alkyl succinimide **1-58** (42.0 mg, 150 μmol) in benzene (3 mL) was added diisopropylethylamine (7.5 μL, 45.1 μmol), hexamethylditin (37.0 μL, 181 μmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (8.7 mg, 7.5 μmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was degassed by an Ar stream for 10 min and heated to reflux. After 2.5 h,

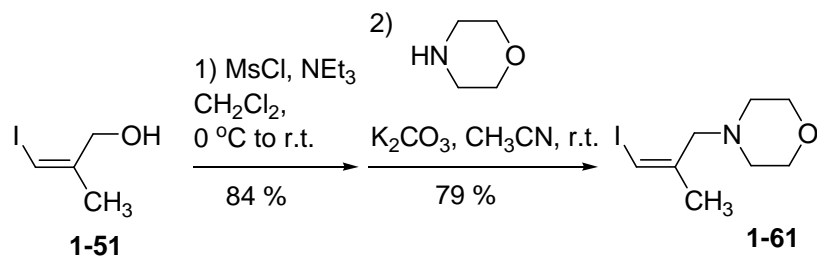
the mixture was diluted with hexane, filtered through a pad of basic alumina, and concentrated. The crude mixture was subjected to basic alumina chromatography to afford (Z)-vinylstannane succinimide **1-59** (colorless oil, 18.0 mg, isolation yield = 38 %, 58 % brsm, 14.4 mg of starting material was recovered).

Rf value: 0.50 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.23 (s, 9 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H), 2.72 (s, 4 H), 4.14 (s, 2 H), 5.77 (s, 1 H).



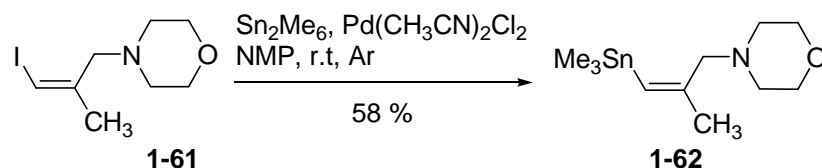
(E, E, Z, Z)-Tetraene succinimide 1-60 To a stirred solution of the iodotriene **1-44** (28.0 mg, 75.9 μmol) and (Z)-vinyl stannane succinimide **1-59** (16.0 mg, 50.6 μmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (8.8 mg, 7.6 μmol) and CuTc (14.5 mg, 75.9 μmol). Then, the reaction flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The mixture was degassed by an Ar stream for 10 min at room temperature, and then it was allowed to stir for 17 h. The mixture was quenched with water and diethyl ether. Then, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of Celite and washed with diethyl ether several times. The filtrate was partitioned, and the organic solution was washed with water (5 mL x 3) and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by preparative TLC (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene succinimide **1-60** (9.8 mg, 49 %) as yellow oil.

Rf value: 0.35 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.9465 (s, 3 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 2.72 (s, 4 H), 4.12 (s, 2 H), 6.01 (br s, 2 H), 6.02 (s, 1 H), 6.44 (s, 1 H), 7.44 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 8.19 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 18.4, 19.5, 20.4, 25.1, 28.1, 40.2, 112.1, 123.5, 127.8, 129.5, 129.8, 133.2, 134.4, 134.5, 136.6, 139.7, 144.9, 145.7, 177.0.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1338, 1395, 1513, 1592, 1703 cm^{-1} .

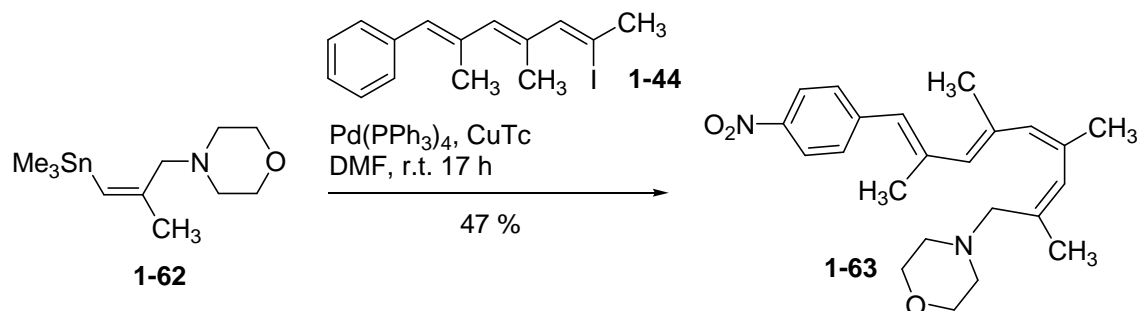


N-Alkyl morpholine 1-61 Step 1: Mesylate was prepared by the same protocol shown in the synthesis of N-alkyl succinimide **1-58**. Step 2: To a stirred solution of the mesylate (0.11 g, 0.43 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added the morpholine (56.0 μL , 0.65 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.12 g, 0.86 mmol). After 5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the N-alkyl morpholine **1-61** (91.2 mg, 79 %) as colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.75 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.92 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (m, 4 H), 3.09 (s, 2 H), 3.68 (m, 4 H), 6.04 (s, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 23.0, 53.4, 65.0, 67.0, 143.9.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1118, 1275, 1453, 2852 cm^{-1} .

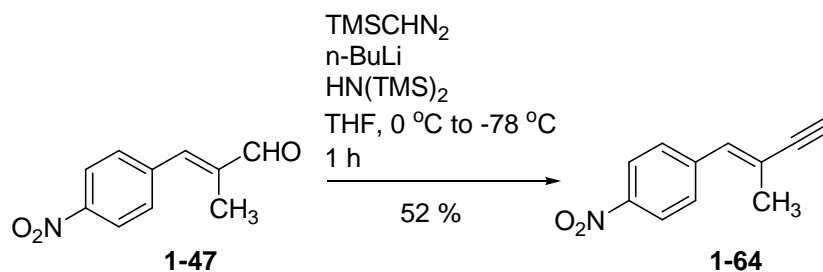


(Z)-Vinylstannane morpholine 1-62 To a stirred solution of N-alkyl morpholine **1-61** (16.2 mg, 60.6 μmol) and hexamethylditin (39.7 mg, 121 μmol) in NMP (0.4 mL, N-methylpyrrolidone) was added $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ (1.6 mg, 6.1 μmol) at room temperature. After stirring 15 h, the reaction mixture was directly subjected to chromatography on basic alumina (hex: ethyl ether = 10:1) to afford (Z)-vinylstannane morpholine **1-62** (15.1 mg, 58 %) as a colorless oil. The toxic and unstable product was directly used for the next step without characterizations.



(E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene morpholine 1-63 To a stirred solution of the iodotriene **1-44** (38.9 mg, 0.11 mmol) and (Z)-vinyl stannane morpholine **1-62** (22.7 mg, 52.7 μ mol) in DMF (1 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (9.1 mg, 7.9 μ mol) and CuTc (15.1 mg, 79.0 μ mol). Then, the reaction flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The mixture was degassed by An Ar stream for 10 min at room temperature, and the mixture was allowed to stir for 18 h. The mixture was quenched with water and diethyl ether. Then, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of Celite and washed with diethyl ether several times. The filtrate was partitioned, and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL x 3) and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by preparative TLC (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the (E, E, Z, Z)-tetraene morpholine **1-63** (8.7 mg, 49 %) as a yellow oil.

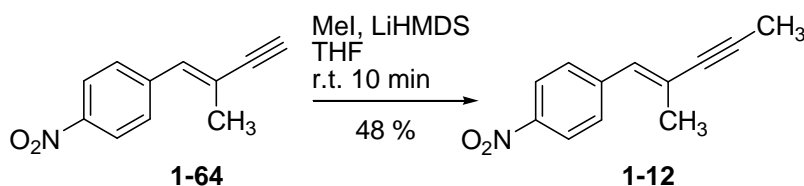
Rf value: 0.40 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 1.94 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (m, 4 H), 2.87 (s, 2 H), 3.68 (m, 4 H), 5.91 (s, 1 H), 5.98 (s, 1 H), 6.01 (s, 1 H), 6.37 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H).



Terminal alkyne 1-64 n-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 2.25 mL, 3.60 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of HN(TMS)₂ (0.82 mL, 3.90 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. To this mixture was added dropwise TMSCHN₂ over 10 min and the aldehyde **1-47** (0.57 g, 3.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. H₄NCl sol'n and

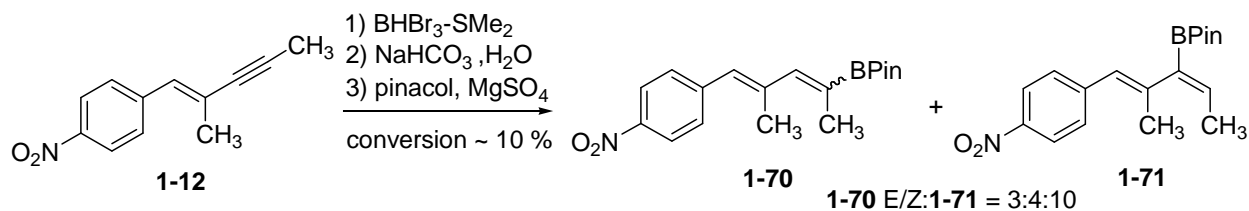
extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 30:1) to give the terminal alkyne **1-64** (0.29 g, 52 %) as a yellow solid.

Rf value: 0.40 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 7.42 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1118.0, 1275.4, 1453.6, 2852.6 cm^{-1} .



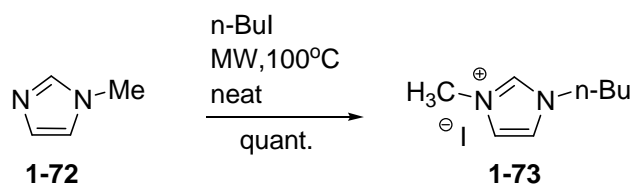
Internal alkyne 1-12 To a stirred solution of the terminal alkyne **1-64** (0.29 g, 1.57 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added LiHMDS (1.0 M in THF, 1.88 mL) at 0 °C. After 5 min, MeI (0.20 mL, 3.14 mmol) was added, and, after stirring 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl ether, dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 30:1) to give the internal alkyne **1-12** (0.15 g, 48 %) as an orange solid.

Rf value: 0.45 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1337, 1510, 1592, 2221 cm^{-1} .



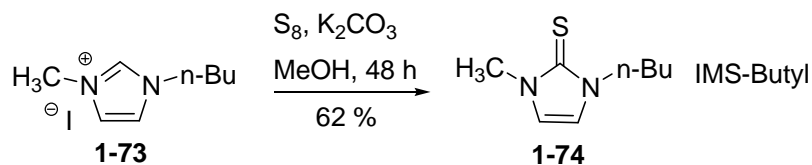
Hydroboration: Steps 1 and 2) The internal alkyne **1-12** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) and flushed with an Ar stream at 0 °C. To this mixture was added $\text{HBBBr}_2\text{-SMe}_2$ (1.0 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.1 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured to a mixture of ether (2 mL) and sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n at 0 °C and stirred for 30

min. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic solution was washed with cold water, dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated. Step 3) To a crude boronic acid in dry ether (2 mL) was added pinacol (13.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and MgSO_4 (24.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, filtered, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 30:1) to give an inseparable mixture of **1-70** and **1-71** (2.9 mg, ~10%). For the ratio of products, see ^1H nmr spectrum.



Imidazolium salt 1-73 A mixture of N-methylimidazole (1.64 g, 20.0 mmol) and n-BuI (4.04 g, 22.0 mmol) was stirred at 240 W (100 °C) for 1 min. The resulting sticky brown oil was washed with dry diethyl ether and dried under vacuum (~5 torr).

^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O) δ 0.77 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H), 1.17 (m, 2 H), 1.70 (m, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (s, 1 H), 7.33 (s, 1 H), 8.57 (s, 1 H). The data were consistent with literature values.⁴⁸

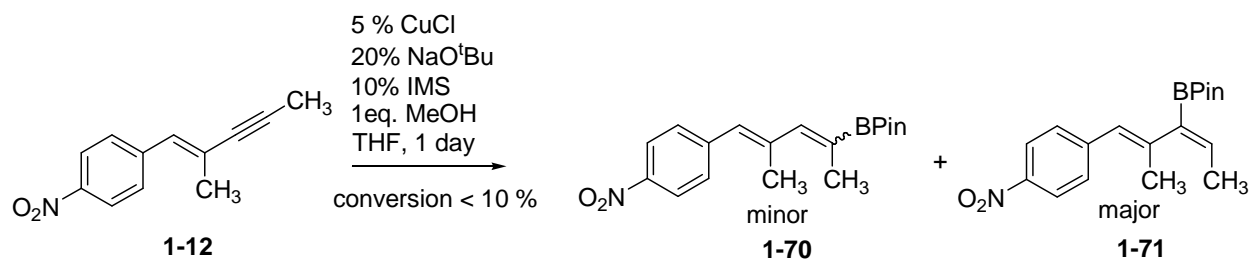


IMS-Butyl 1-74 The mixture of imidazolium salt **1-73** (4.39 g, 16.5 mmol), sulfur (0.63 g, 19.8 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (2.73 g, 19.8 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) was stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated, diluted with ethyl acetate, and washed with water. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc =

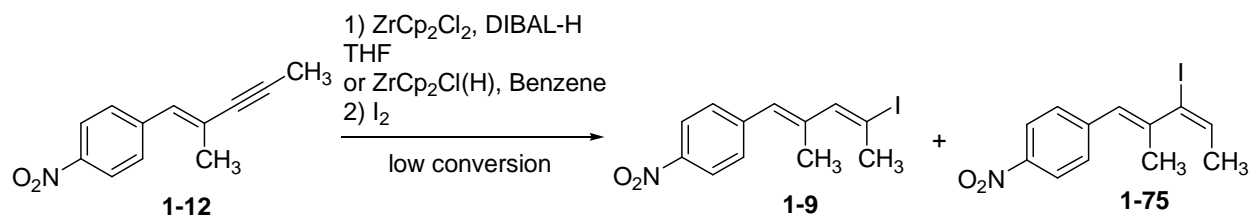
⁴⁸ Extended dissolution studies of cellulose in imidazolium based ionic liquids. Vitz, J.; Erdmenger, T.; Haensch, C.; Schubert, U. S. *Green Chem.*, **2009**, *11*, 417-424.

1:1) to give the IMS-Butyl **1-74** (0.15 g, 48 %) as an orange solid.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.36 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 4.02 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.66 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1 H), 6.67 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1234, 1416, 1461, 1568, 2932, 2957 cm^{-1} . The data were consistent with literature values.³⁰



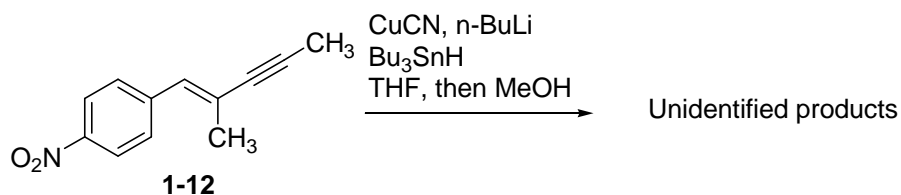
Cu-catalyzed hydroboration: In an oven dried two-neck round bottom flask were placed CuCl (0.5 mg, 5.0 μmol), IMS-butyl (1.7 mg, 10.0 μmol), NaO^tBu (1.9 mg, 20.0 μmol) in THF (0.2 mL) under Ar, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min before bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added. After 10 min, the internal alkyne **12** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and then MeOH (6.4 μL) were added. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight.



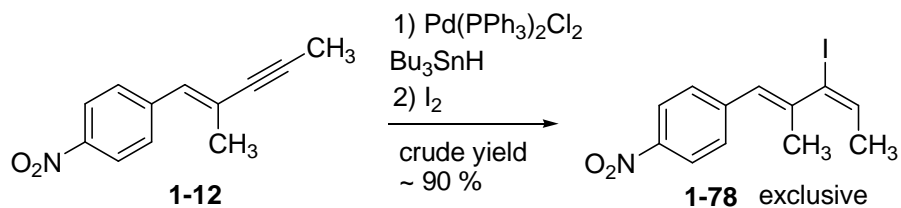
Hydrozirconation: Procedure 1) To a stirred solution of Cp_2ZrCl_2 (77.7 mg, 0.27 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexane, 0.27 mL, 0.27 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. The internal alkyne **1-12** (48.7 mg, 0.24 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. Then, I_2 in benzene (2 mL) was slowly added to the mixture at 0 °C. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ sol'n, and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The ^1H nmr spectrum of the residue showed the regioisomers **1-9** and **1-75** with low conversion.

Procedure 2) $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}(\text{H})$ (28.3 mg, 0.11 mmol) was placed in oven-dried 10 mL round bottom

flask, flushed with Ar, and charged with benzene (1 mL). The internal alkyne **12** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. Then, I₂ in benzene (2 mL) was slowly added to the mixture at 0 °C. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ sol'n and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude ¹H nmr spectrum showed the regioisomers **1-9** and **1-75** with low conversion.



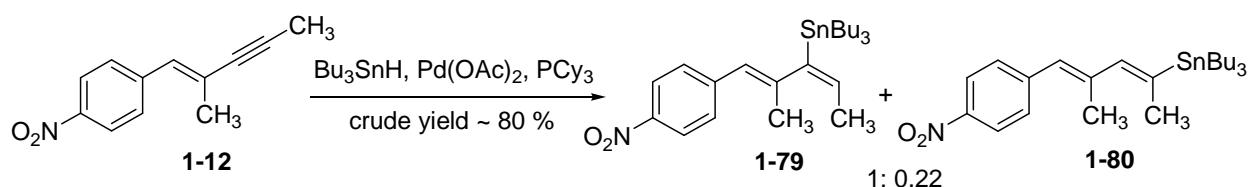
Stannylcupration: To a stirred suspension of CuCN (8.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added n-BuLi (1.6 M in THF, 0.13 mL, 0.2 mmol) at - 50 °C. After stirring for 15 min, tributyltin hydride (53.0 μL, 0.2 mmol) was added, and the resulting bright yellow solution was stirred for 30 min at - 50 °C. The internal alkyne **1-12** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h. Then, degassed MeOH (0.38 mL, 10 mmol) was added to the mixture at - 78 °C, and the resulting deep red solution was stirred at - 40 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The yellow crude mixture was subjected to basic alumina column chromatography (pentane: diethyl ether = 50:1) to afford two mysterious products. The structures of these products were not yet determined.



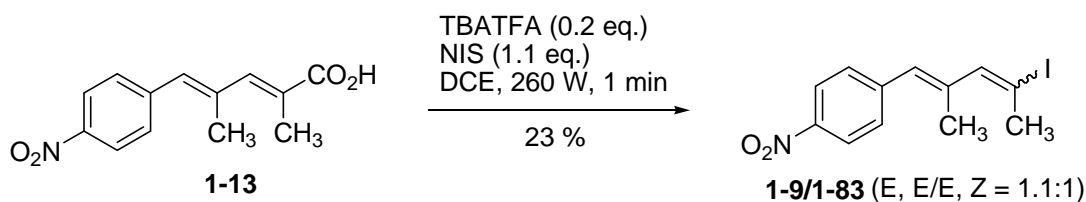
Hydrostannylation 1: To a stirred solution of the internal alkyne **1-12** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (2.8 mg, 4.0 μmol) and tributyltin hydride (79.5 μL, 0.3

mmol) at room temperature. After 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with I₂ (63.4 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) and then washed with sat. Na₂S₂O₃. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The ¹H nmr spectrum of crude product revealed the exclusive formation of iodinated product **1-78**.

Rf value: 0.50 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.75 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 6.29 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H).



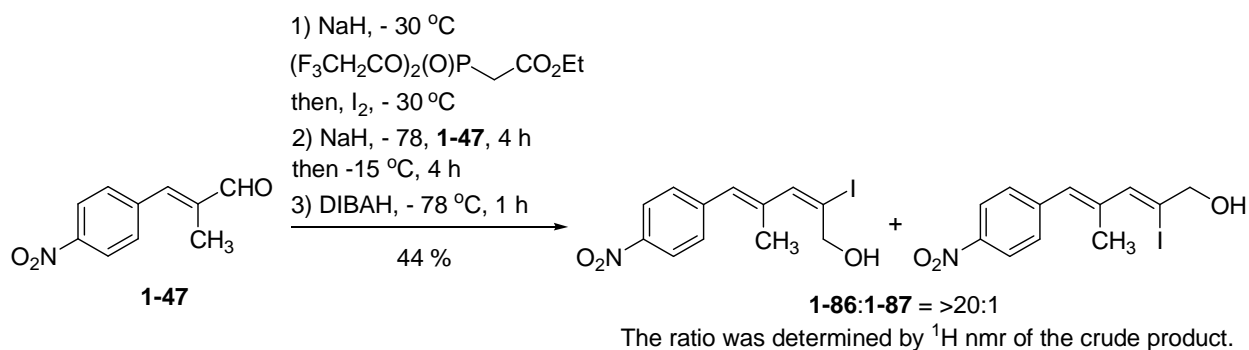
Hydrostannylation 2: To a stirred homogeneous solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (0.8 mg, 3.7 μmol) and PCy₃ (2.1 mg, 7.5 μmol) in dry hexane (1 mL) under Ar was slowly added the internal alkyne **1-12** (15.0 mg, 74.5 μmol) at room temperature. Then, tributyltin hydride (39.5 μL, 149 μmol) was slowly added to the reaction mixture. After 1.5 h, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subjected to column chromatography (1% NEt₃, Hex: EtOAc = 40:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of **1-79** and **1-80**. For the ratio of **1-79** and **1-80**, see ¹H nmr spectrum.



Microwave assisted Hunsdiecker reaction: A mixture of the carboxylic acid **1-13** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), tetrabutylammonium trifluoroacetate (14.3 mg, 40.4 μmol), and N-iodosuccinimide (50.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) in dichloroethane (4 mL) was stirred at 260 W (microwave, the observed temperature was 120 – 150 °C) for 1 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and brine and the resulting organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated and subjected to column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 20:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of 9 and 79 (15.1 mg,

23%) as yellow oil. The ratio of **1-9** and **1-83** was calculated from the ^1H nmr spectrum.

Rf value: 0.50 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (E, E)-iododiene: 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.20 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H). (E, Z)-iododiene: 2.03 (s, 3 H), 2.65 (s, 3 H), 6.17 (s, 1 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H).



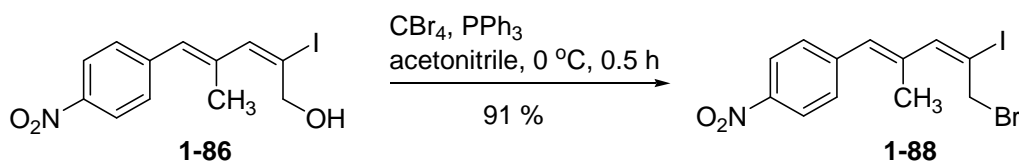
Iododienes 1-86 and 1-87 Ethyl bis(trifluoroethyl)phosphonoacetate (2.0 g, 6.0 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added dropwise to a slurry of 60 % NaH (0.30 g, 7.5 mmol) in THF (25 mL) – 30 °C under Ar. After 30 min, I₂ (1.53 g, 6.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture at – 30 °C. After the addition of iodine, the reaction mixture was briefly warmed to room temperature, and then cooled to – 78 °C. To the stirred mixture at – 78 °C was added 60 % NaH (0.30 g, 7.5 mmol). After the reaction mixture had stirred for 40 min, the aldehyde **1-47** (0.57 g, 3.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs at – 78 °C. Then it was warmed to – 15 °C and stirred for an additional 4 h. Finally it was warmed to r.t. and poured into cold sat. NH_4Cl solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The concentrate was passed through a short pad of silica gel with 20% EtOAc in hexane until a yellow band came out. The combined yellow fractions were concentrated again. The crude product was directly used for the next step.

To a stirred solution of the crude product in CH_2Cl_2 at – 78 °C was added dropwise DIBAL-H (6.2 mL, 1.0 M in hexane, 6.2 mmol). After 1 h at – 78 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, quenched by MeOH (1 mL) and stirred with Celite for 6 h. The resulting slurry was filtered through a short pad of Celite which was washed several times with CH_2Cl_2 .

The combined filtrate was concentrated and subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford iododiene **1-86** (370 mg, 42 %, yellow powder, mp = 67-69 °C) and the isomeric **1-87** (19 mg, 2 %, yellow powder, 65-66 °C).

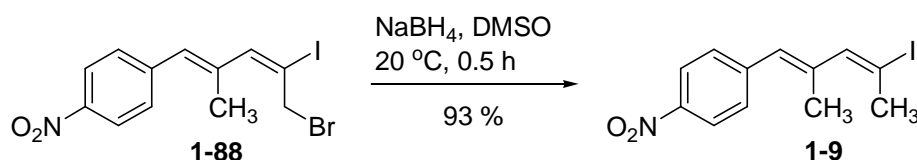
1-86 Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1 H), 6.96 (s, 1 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.3, 66.0, 107.5, 123.6, 129.2, 129.7, 138.3, 143.3, 146.1, 146.4.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1340, 1513, 1593, 2924, 3382 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₁₂INO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 367.9760, found 367.9760.

1-87 Rf value: 0.55 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.08 (s, 3 H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 2 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 72.5, 106.1, 123.6, 129.6, 129.8, 136.8, 139.0, 143.8, 146.3.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1341, 1514, 1592, 2921, 3374 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₁₂INO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 367.9760, found 367.9767.



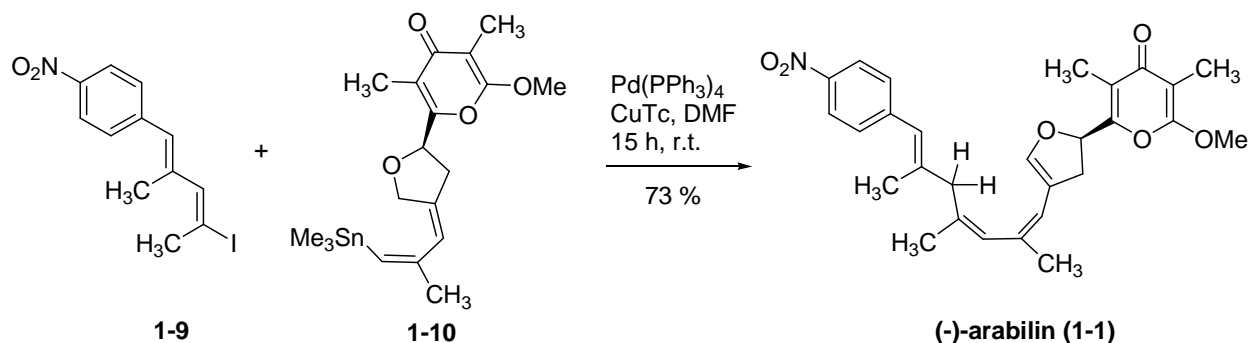
Iodobromide 1-88 To a stirred solution of **1-86** (250 mg, 0.72 mmol) and CBr₄ (477 mg, 1.44 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) at 0 °C was added PPh₃ (340 mg, 1.30 mmol) in portions. After 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, concentrated and subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1 to 20:1) to afford the iodobromide **1-88** (276 mg, 91 %) as a yellow solid (mp = 95-97 °C).

Rf value: 0.4 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.05 (s, 3 H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 39.2, 98.9, 123.5, 129.5, 129.8, 138.1, 143.1, 146.6, 148.2.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1341, 1514, 1594, 2924 cm⁻¹.



(E, E)-Iododiene 1-9 To a stirred slurry of NaBH₄ (75.6 mg, 2.0 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) was added the iodobromide **1-88** (410 mg, 1.0 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 20 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h and poured into the cold 2N HCl solution (10 mL). The resulting yellow mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL x 3). The combined organic solution was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution and with brine. Then it was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the E,E-iododiene **1-9** (306 mg, 93 %, mp = 64-66 °C).

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 7.41(d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.4, 29.9, 99.2, 123.6, 128.5, 129.6, 138.8, 143.8, 144.3, 146.2.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1376, 1440, 1515, 1592, 2915 cm⁻¹. HRMS[*EI*+]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₂INO₂ [M]⁺ 328.9913, found 328.9901.



Synthesis of arabilin (1-1) To a stirred solution of the iododiene **1-9** (43.8 mg, 134 μmol) and vinyl stannane **1-10** (29.4 mg, 66.9 μmol) in DMF (1.35 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (11.7 mg, 9.9 μmol) and CuTC (19.2 mg, 100 μmol). Then, the reaction flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The reaction mixture was degassed by Ar stream for 10 min and allowed to stir for 15 h. After completion of the reaction, the suspension was filtered through short pad of Celite. The Celite was washed with ethyl acetate and the combined filtrate was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL), and washed with water (5 mL x 3) and brine. The resulting organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC (Hex: EtOAc = 2:1) to afford the desired arabilin **1-1** (23.3 mg, 73 %) as light yellow sticky oil.

Rf value: 0.35 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1), optical rotation [α]_D = -139.4 (c = 0.33, T = 20 °C, CHCl₃).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.73 (d, $J=1.6$, 3 H), 1.81 (d, $J=0.8$, 3 H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (dd, $J = 15.2$ and 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (s, 2 H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 15.2$ and 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 5.59 (dd, $J = 10.8$ and 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 1 H), 5.99 (s, 1 H), 6.32 (s, 1 H), 6.48 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.9, 9.4, 18.1, 22.8, 25.2, 35.7, 44.1, 55.3, 77.2, 99.9, 114.9, 118.5, 119.6, 123.5, 124.9, 128.6, 129.3, 131.7, 134.7, 141.1, 144.4, 145.1, 145.9, 154.3, 162.1, 180.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1341, 1464, 1515, 1596, 1667. HRMS[ES+] calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 478.2230, found 478.2234.

Chapter 2

Total Synthesis of Kingianin A

2.1. Introduction

2.1.1 Isolation and Structure Determination of the Kingianins

Polyacetates and polypropionates natural products are popular natural source for exploiting drug candidates. Indeed, many molecules including rapamycin, erythromycin, lovastatin, and amphotericin B have been released to the drug market.⁴⁹

In 2010, while screening new bioactive natural products from Malaysian plants, Litaudon et al. isolated kingianin A (**2-1A**, Figure 2-1) from the tree, *Endiandra kingiana* Gamble.⁵⁰ They elucidated the relative stereochemistry of the pentacyclic compound by a combination of nmr techniques including ¹H, ¹³C, DEPT, COSY, NOESY, HSQC, HMBC experiments and by an X-ray crystal structure.

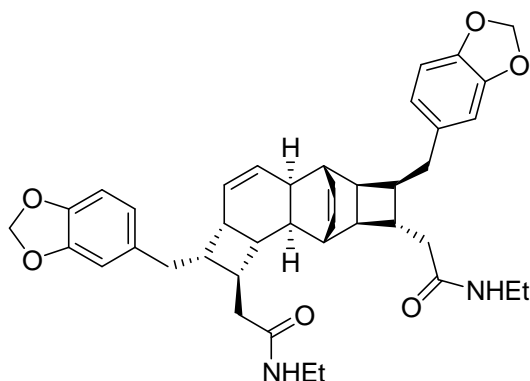


Figure 2-1. Kingianin A (**2-1A**)

In 2011, the same team disclosed the additional 13 members of kingianin family.⁵¹ These compounds were isolated by extraction of the dried bark of *E. Kingiana* Gamble (1.5 Kg) followed by a series of gradient chromatographies. Further purification was carried out with a

⁴⁹ Polyketide biosynthesis: a millennium review. Staunton, J.; Weissman, K. J. *Nat. Prod. Rep.*, **2001**, *18*, 380–416.

⁵⁰ Kingianin A: A New Natural Pentacyclic Compound from *Endiandra kingiana*. Leverrier, A.; Dau, M. E. T. H.; Retailleau, P.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 3638–3641.

⁵¹ Pentacyclic Polyketide from *Endiandra kingiana* as inhibitors of the Bcl/Bak interaction. Leverrier, A.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Phytochemistry* **2011**, *72*, 1443–1452.

series of chromatography and HPLC techniques, providing kingianin A (8.1 mg), B (3.0 mg), C (28.7 mg), D (1.1 mg), E (19.1 mg), F (41.1 mg), G (2.8 mg), H (3.3 mg), I (2.2 mg), J (7.8 mg), K (7.4 mg), L (22 mg), M (3.0 mg), and N (7.4 mg).

Kingianins A (2-1A) - N (2-1N) are racemic. They share a complex pentacyclic core but contain different sets of side chains: piperonyl and ethylamide, ethanoic acid, and/or butanoic acid substituents (Figure 2-2).

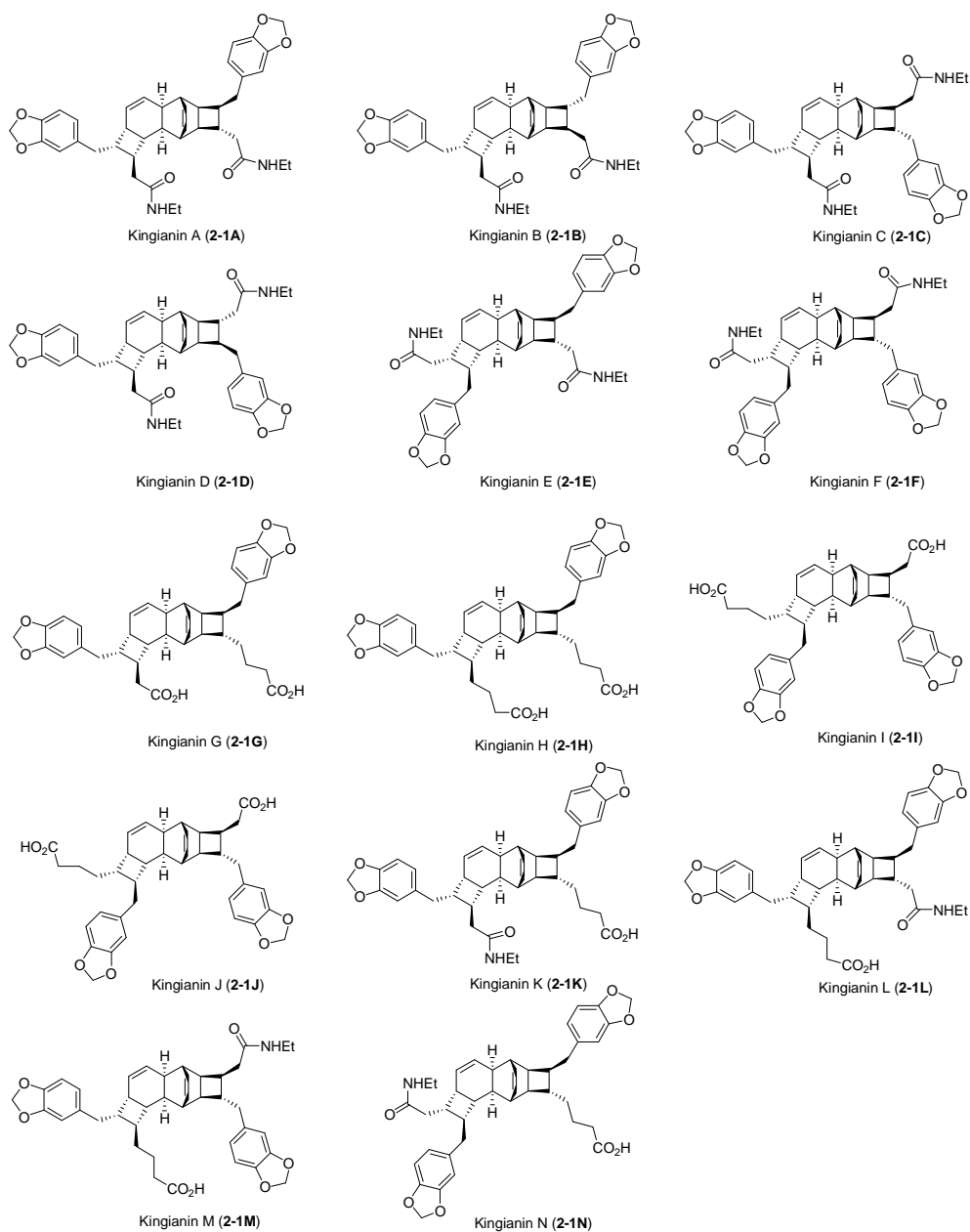


Figure 2-2. Kingianin A (2-1A) to N (2-1N)

The kingianins inhibit the Bcl-xL protein with low- to mid micromolar binding constants. (Table 2-1).⁵² The antiapoptotic Bcl proteins are considered to be valid drug targets for the treatment of cancer, particularly lymphomas, leukemias, and small cell lung cancers.⁵² Among the 14 compounds, kingianins G - J showed the highest activity. In each case, both enantiomers are active; the (–)- enantiomer is more active than the (+)-enantiomer.

Table 2-1. Bcl-xL binding affinity of kingianin A to N (K_i in μM)²

Compound	Bcl-xL K_i		
	Racemic mixture	Enantiomer (-)	Enantiomer (+)
Kingianin A	213 ± 53	60 ± 1.5	>300
Kingianin B	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin C	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin D	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin E	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin F	213 ± 47	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin G	2 ± 0	1.0 ± 0.2	5 ± 1
Kingianin H	18 ± 7	4.0 ± 0.4	27.0 ± 0.6
Kingianin I	18 ± 3	12.0 ± 1.1	16.0 ± 2.2
Kingianin J	29 ± 6	9.0 ± 0.2	25.0 ± 3.2
Kingianin K	80 ± 36	6.0 ± 0.1	112 ± 15
Kingianin L	36 ± 11	4.0 ± 0.1	71 ± 10
Kingianin M	236 ± 34	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin N	177 ± 9	n. d.	n. d.

K_i values are the means ± standard deviation from two replicates

⁵² Selected recent, informative reviews: (a) Central roles of apoptotic proteins in mitochondrial function. Kilbride, S. M.; Prehn, J. H. M. *Oncogene*, **2013**, *32*, 2703-2711. (b) Bcl-2 inhibitors: emerging drugs in cancer therapy. Bodur, C.; Basaga, H. *Curr. Med. Chem.* **2012**, *19*, 1804-1820. (c) Inhibitors of the anti-apoptotic Bcl-2 proteins: a patent review. Bajwa, N.; Liao, C.; Nikolovska-Coleska, Z. *Expert Opin. Ther. Pat.* **2012**, *22*, 37-55. (d) Bcl-2 family proteins as therapeutic targets. Czabotar, P. E.; Lessene, G. *Curr. Pharm. Des.* **2010**, *16*, 3132-3148. (e) Navitoclax, Abbott's drug candidate ABT-263, currently in phase II clinical trials for lymphomas, leukemias, and small cell lung carcinoma, inhibits Bcl-x_L and Bcl-2. See <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results/refine?term=navitoclax>

On the basis of the stereochemistry of the substituents on the pentacyclic core, Litaudon et al divided the kingianins A to N, into two groups (**2-1** and **2-1'**) as shown in Figure 2-3.

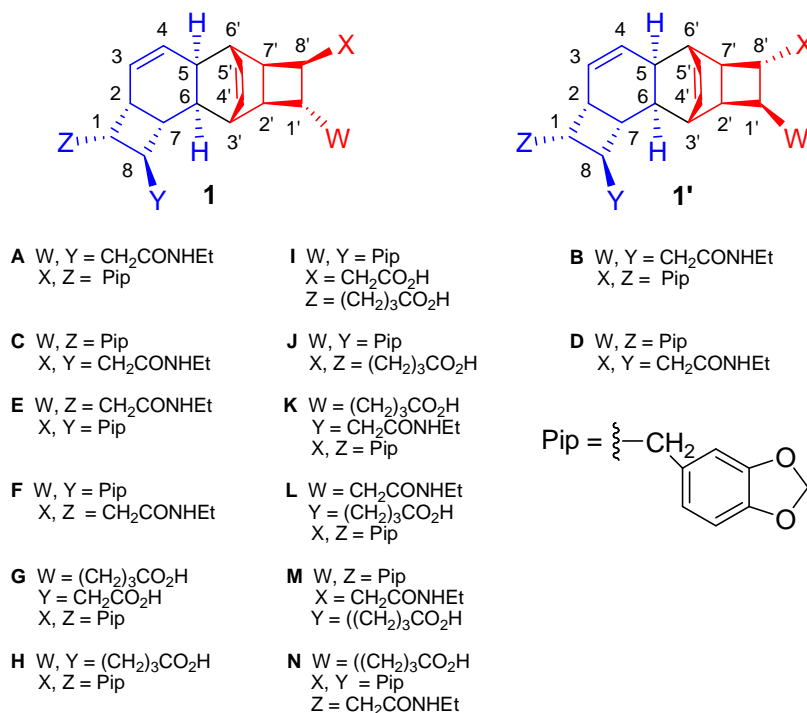
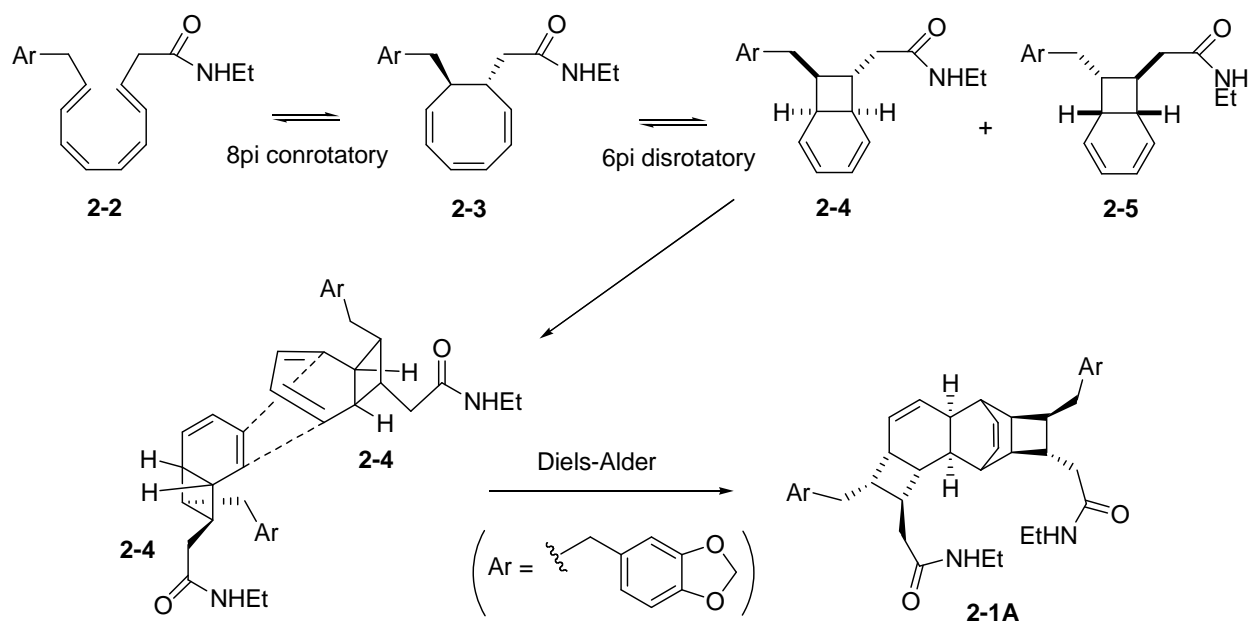


Figure 2-3. Classification of kingianins A-N

2.1.2 Proposed Biosynthesis of Kingianin A and the Biomimetic Study of Moses

Litaudon and Moses groups proposed the biogenesis of kingianin A. The biosynthesis of this molecule is believed to include a tandem conrotatory 8π - disrotatory 6π electrocyclicization to form bicycle[4,2,0]octadiene monomers **2-4** and **2-5** followed by Diels-Alder dimerization of **2-4** to afford kingianin A (**2-1A**) as key steps in nature (Scheme 2-1).



Scheme 2-1. Proposed Biosynthesis of Kingianin A

Cursory inspection reveals the relationship of the kingianin structures to the endo Diels Alder dimer of cyclohexadiene. Each of the pseudosymmetric kingianins A - F is, formally at least, a Diels Alder adduct derived from two molecules of the purported biogenetic precursors: the enantiomers of endo⁵³ amides **2-2** and those of their exo isomers **2-3** (Figure 2-4). The dienophiles (western part of **2-1** and **2-1'**) and dienes (eastern part of **2-1** and **2-1'**) corresponding to kingianins A-F are indicated in Table 2-2.

⁵³ The endo/exo terminology for the bicyclooctadiene natural products is derived from the relationship of the aryl-substituted sidechain to the cyclohexadiene ring. See “Endo” and “Exo” Bicyclo[4.2.0]-octadiene Isomers from the Electrocyclization of Fully Substituted Tetraene Models for SNF 4435C and D. Control of Stereochemistry by Choice of a Functionalized Substituent. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y. -H. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 161-164.

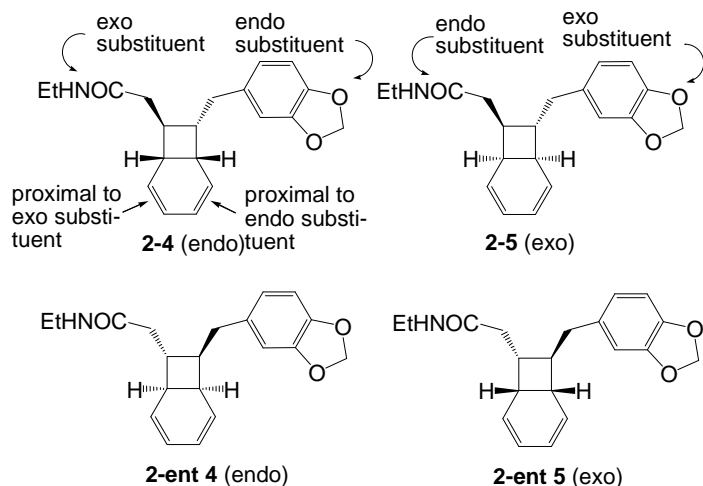


Table 2-2. Derivation of Kingianins A-F from Pre-kingianins 2-4 and their exo isomers 2-5

Kingianin	Dienophile	Diene
A	2-4	2-4
B	2-4	2-ent 5
C	2-4	2-5
D	2-4	2-ent 4
E	2-5	2-4
F	2-5	2-5

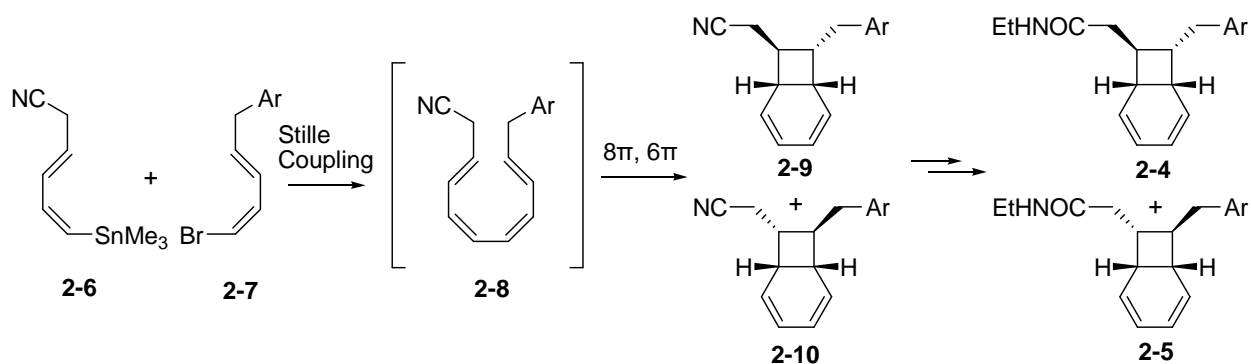
Figure 2-4. Pre-kingianins A - F and its exo isomers

The synthesis of a mixture of the two racemic bicyclooctadienes **2-4** and **2-5** by the classical Stille coupling/electrocyclization cascade method^{54,55} and the separation of the two racemic compounds were reported by Moses et al (Scheme 2-2). These authors dubbed isomer **2-4** “pre-kingianin A.”⁵⁶

⁵⁴ Since its introduction for this purpose (see Synthetic Studies toward SNF4435 C and SNF4435 D. Beaudry, C. M.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *4*, 2221-2224), the Stille coupling/electrocyclization cascade method has been used consistently to access [4.2.0]-bicyclooctadienes.

⁵⁵ Asymmetric Induction in 8 π Electrocyclizations. Design of a Removable Chiral Auxiliary. Kim, K.; Lauher, J. W.; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 138-141 and references therein.

⁵⁶ A synthetic approach to kingianin A based on biosynthetic speculation. Sharma, P.; Ritson, D. J.; Burnley, J.; Moses, J. E. *Chem. Comm.* **2011**, *47*, 10605-10607.



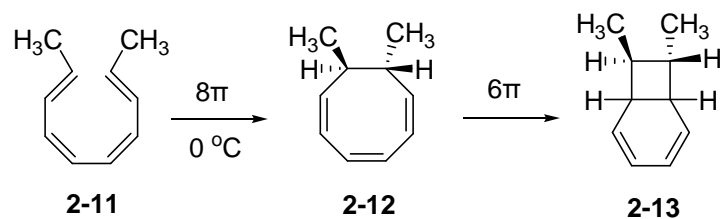
Scheme 2-2. Moses' synthesis of pre-kingianin A⁵⁶

Not surprisingly, Moses and coworkers could not induce cyclohexadiene **2-4** or **2-5** (or a mixture of isomers **2-4** and **2-5**) to provide kingianins under thermal conditions. The Diels Alder dimerization of unactivated cyclohexadienes does not take place at ambient temperatures and therefore does not occur in non-enzymatic transformations in plants. Indeed, Moses et al end their paper with “We believe therefore that the process involved in the proposed dimerisation of pre-kingianin A (**2-4**) into the kingianin A (**2-1A**) in vivo may be subtler than hitherto expected. This is consistent with the chemistry of cyclohexadienes, which do not undergo Diels–Alder dimerisation readily.”

2.1.3 Examples of bicyclooctadiene natural products

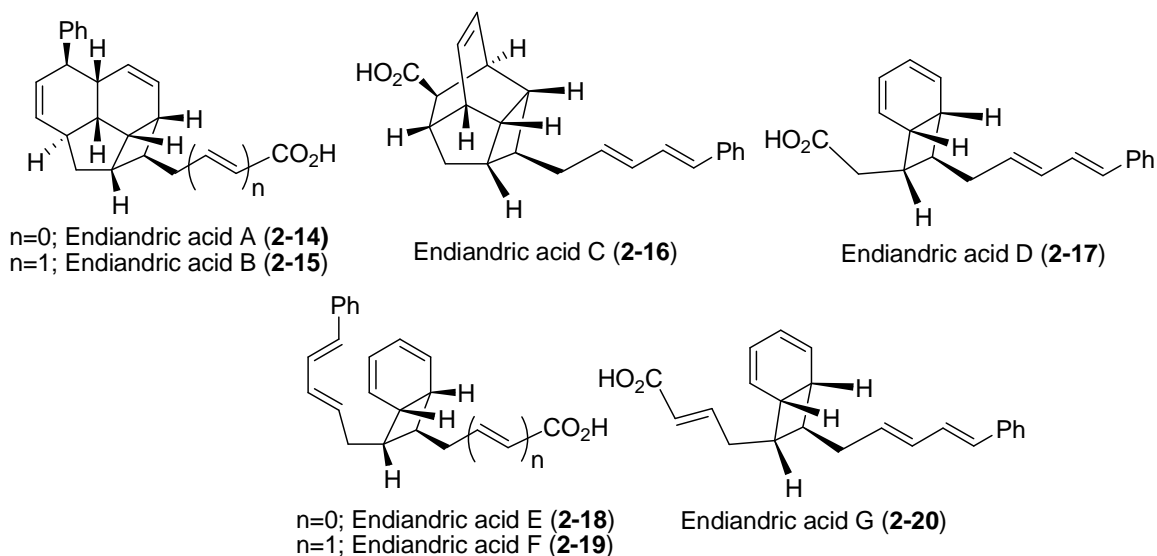
The conjugated tetraene structure of the certain polyacetate or polypropionate is not stable and undergoes thermal isomerization to form thermodynamically more stable structure. The isomerization depends on the geometry of the substrate. For example, Marvell and Huisgen demonstrated the formation of bicyclooctadienes from the fully conjugated (E, Z, Z, E)-tetraene by thermal isomerization by way of the thermal $8\pi, 6\pi$ -electrocyclization (Scheme 2-3).⁵⁷

⁵⁷ Stereochemistry of formation of cyclooctatrienes via valence isomerization. Marvell, E. N.; Seubert, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, *89*, 3377.



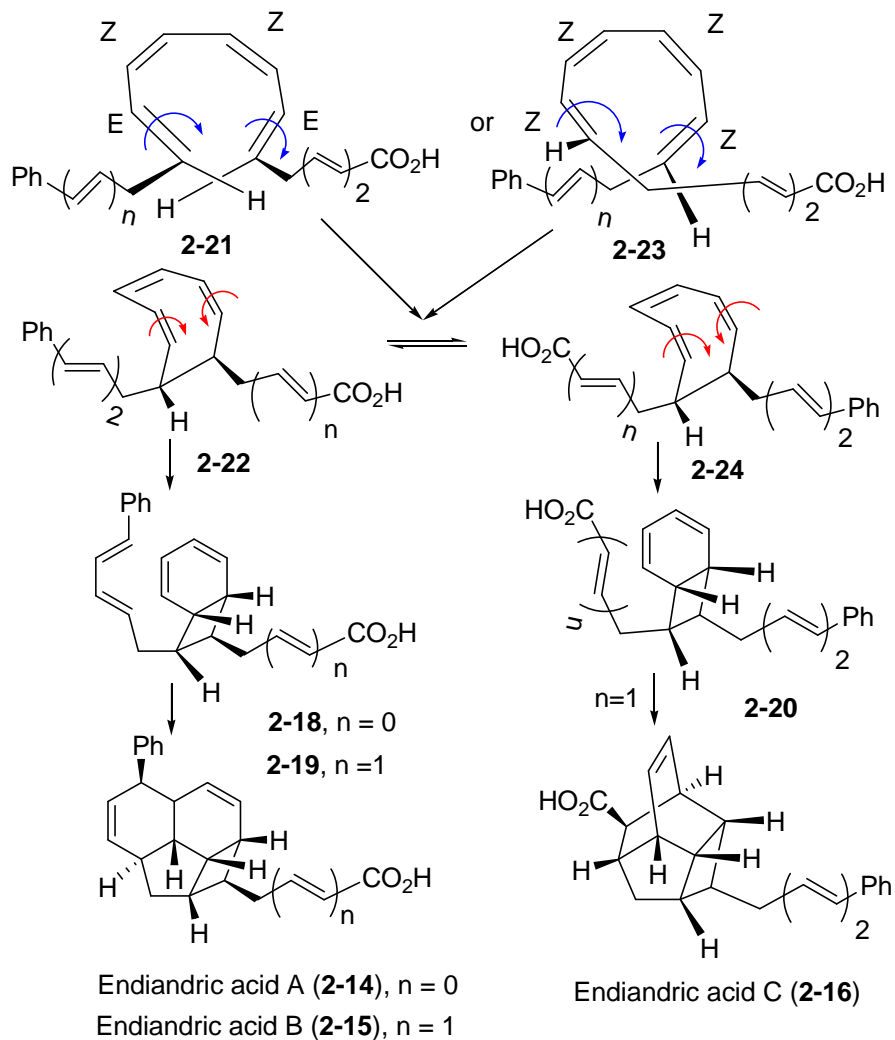
Scheme 2-3. Marvell's study on 8π - 6π electrocyclicization of (E, Z, Z, E)-tetraene

In 1980, Black and co-workers reported the endiandric acids A-G (Figure 2-5).⁵⁸ Analysis of the structures led them to suggest a plausible biosynthetic pathway in which the (E, Z, Z, E)- or (Z, Z, Z, E)-conjugated tetraene **2-21** or **2-23** underwent a tandem 8π , 6π -electrocyclization to afford the bicyclooctadiene cores **2-18**, **19**, and **20**. Then, the intermolecular Diels-Alder reaction between one alkene of the bicyclooctadiene and the diene of the side chain was believed to give endiandric acids A and B. On the other hand, the endiandric acid C was presumed to be derived from the intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction between a diene of bicyclooctadiene and an activated alkene of the side chain (Scheme 2-4).



⁵⁸ Postulated electrocyclic reactions leading to endiandric acid and related natural products. Bandaranayake, W. M.; Banfield, J. E.; Black, D. S. C. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1980**, 902.

Figure 2-5. Endiandric acids A-G

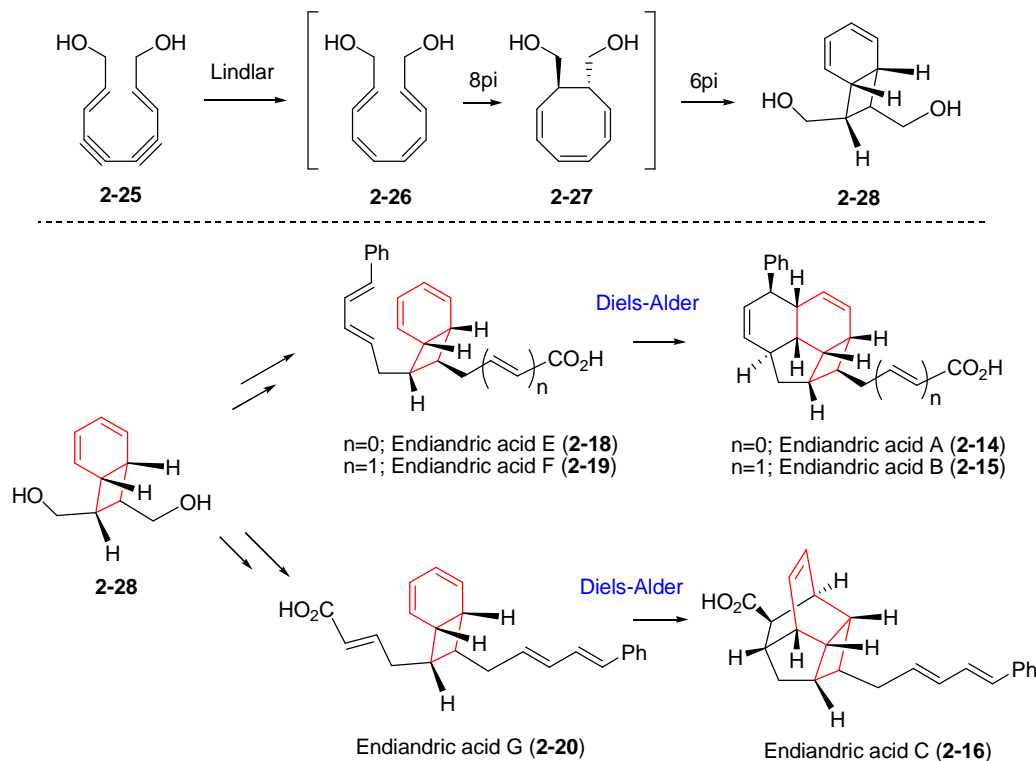


Scheme 2-4. Biosynthetic pathway of the endiandric acids

In 1983, Nicolaou and co-workers reported the chemical synthesis of these molecules.⁵⁹ They prepared the bicyclooctadiene **2-28** by an 8π , 6π -electrocyclization strategy. The symmetrical diol **2-25** from oxidative coupling of the commercially available 2-penten-4-yn-1-ol was subjected to semihydrogenation conditions and afforded racemic **2-28** directly. The diol **2-28** was

⁵⁹ The endiandric acid cascade. Electrocyclizations in organic synthesis. I. Stepwise, stereocontrolled total synthesis of endiandric acids A and B. Nicolaou, K. C.; Zipkin, R. E.; Petasis, N. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 5555-5562.

then desymmetrized and functionalized to provide endiandric acids E, F, and G. When heated, each of endiandric acids E, F, and G was smoothly converted to the corresponding tetracyclic endiandric acid A, B, and C by the intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction (Scheme 2-5). This synthetic strategy successfully demonstrated the synthetic pathway that was originally proposed by Black et al.



Scheme 2-5. Nicolaou's synthesis of endiandric acids

Since the total synthesis of the endiandric acids was reported, many related compounds having beautiful architectures have been isolated from nature and synthesized. The syntheses of natural products containing a bicyclooctadiene core are summarized in Scheme 2-8. The total synthesis of SNF 3335C and 4435D was completed by way of a tandem coupling and electrocyclization by Parker⁶⁰ and Trauner⁶¹ groups. Meanwhile, Baldwin and co-workers reported the biomimetic

⁶⁰ The Total Synthesis of (-)-SNF4435 C and (+)-SNF4435 D. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y. -H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 15968-15969.

⁶¹ Total Synthesis of (-)-SNF4435 C and (+)-SNF4435 D. Beaudry, C. M.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 4475-4477.

synthesis of SNF compounds by a palladium-assisted isomerization of a tetraene precursor.⁶² The extensive studies on bicyclooctadiene natural products were continued to the synthesis of ocellapyrones A and B⁶³, elysiapyrones A and B,⁶⁴ shimalactones A and B⁶⁵ by the Trauner and Baldwin groups (Figure 2-6).

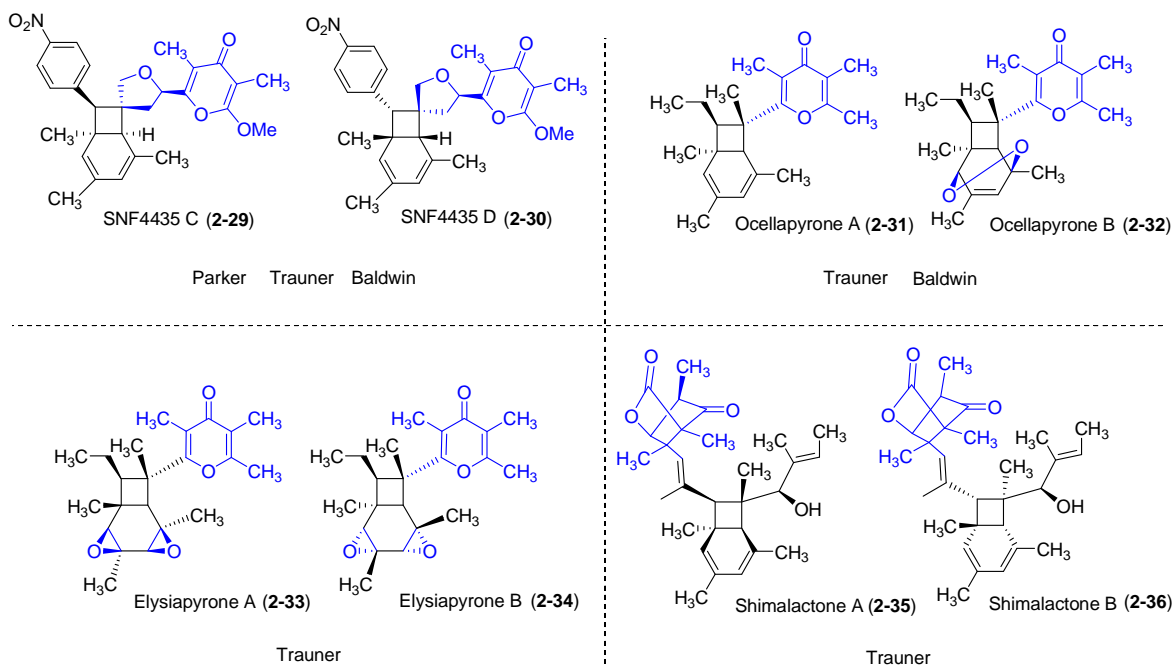


Figure 2-6. Completed synthesis of bicyclooctadiene natural products

⁶² The Total Synthesis of Spectinabilin and Its Biomimetic Conversion to SNF4435C and SNF4435D. Mikkel F. J.; John E. M.; Robert M. A.; Baldwin, J. E. *Org. Lett.*, **2005**, *7*, 2473–2476.

⁶³ (a) Mining the Tetraene Manifold: Total Synthesis of Complex Pyrones from *Placobranchus ocellatus*. Miller, A. K.; Trauner, D. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 4602. (b) Total synthesis of cyercene A and the biomimetic synthesis of (±)-9,10-deoxytridachione and (±)-ocellapyrone A. Rodriguez, R.; Adlington, R. M.; Eade, S. J.; Walter, M. W.; Baldwin, J. E.; Moses, J. E. *Tetrahedron* **2007**, *63*, 4500-4509.

⁶⁴ Biomimetic Synthesis of Elysiapyrones A and B. Barbarow, J. E.; Miller, A. K.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 2901–2903.

⁶⁵ Biomimetic Synthesis of the Shimalactones. Sofiyev, V; Navarro, G.; Trauner, D. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 149–152.

2.1.4 Hypothesis and Retrosynthesis

2.1.4.1 Hypothesis

Although the kingianins appear to be Diels Alder dimers, information at the time of their discovery indicated that cyclohexadienes do not undergo Diels Alder dimerizations under thermal conditions. Here, we suggest that the biogenetic Diels Alder reaction proceed by a cation radical-mediated reaction (perhaps initiated photochemically).⁶⁶ In support of this premise, we have pursued what we believe to be a biomimetic synthesis of kingianin A. Although the radical cation Diels Alder reaction (RCDA) has been known for 30 years, it has not previously been applied in the synthesis of complex natural product structures.^{8c, 67}

The RCDA reaction of pre-kingianin A (**2-4**) is expected to be subject to certain regio- and stereoselective influences. We know, for example, that the RCDA reaction prefers to proceed through an endo transition state⁶⁸ and we would expect the monomers to approach each other from the less hindered face of each diene. Indeed, each of the naturally occurring kingianins has stereochemistry that is derived from an endo transition state corresponding to this direction of approach.

Furthermore, each of the natural products isolated corresponds to a cycloaddition in which the dienophilic olefinic bond is the one proximal to the exo substituent on the cyclobutane ring (see

⁶⁶ (a) Accessing the Synthetic Chemistry of Radical Ions. Ischay, M. A.; Yoon, T. P. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, 3359-3372. (b) Visible light photocatalysis of intramolecular radical cation Diels-Alder cycloadditions. Lin, S.; Padilla, C. E.; Ischay, M. A.; Yoon, T. P. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2012**, 53, 3073-3076. (c) Radical Cation Diels-Alder Cycloadditions by Visible Light Photocatalysis. Lin, S.; Ischay, M. A.; Fry, C. G.; Yoon, T. P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, 133, 19350-19353. (d) Photochemically induced radical-cation Diels-Alder reaction of indole and electron-rich dienes. Gieseler, A.; Steckhan, E.; Wiest, O.; Knoch, F. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 1405-1411.

⁶⁷ An elegant demonstration of the properties of the RCDA was provided early on by Bauld in a total synthesis of the bicyclic sesquiterpene (-)- β -selinene; see Harirchian, B.; Bauld, N. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 1826-8.

⁶⁸ Selectivity profile of the cation radical Diels-Alder reaction. Bellville, D. J.; Bauld, N. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 10, 2665-2667.

Figure 2-5). Consequently, in all of the kingianins, the C-8 substituent is exo with respect to the adjacent bicyclic system and the C-1 substituent is endo to this system (see Figure 2-3).

We believe that this pathway selection follows from a second steric factor that develops in the endo transition state when the dienophilic olefin is proximal to the endo substituent Z (see interaction in Figure 2-7).

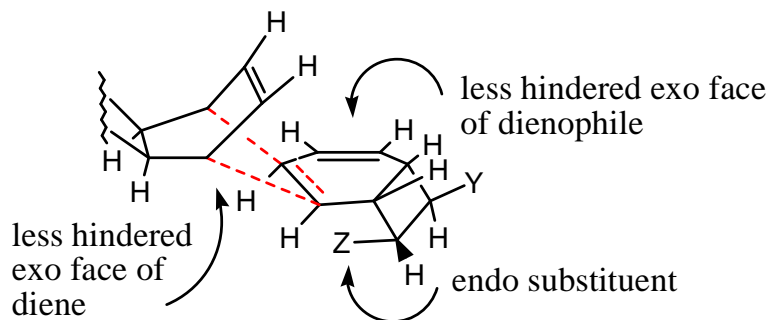


Figure 2-7. Disfavored endo transition state for RCDA (The approach is from the less hindered face of the diene to the less hindered face of the dienophile. The dienophilic olefin is proximal to the endo substituent)

Thus, the cyclobutane ring prevents addition to the dienophile from the endo (hindered) face and the endo substituent prevents addition to the double bond nearer to it from the exo face. Consequently the reaction proceeds through a transition state resembling that shown in Figure 2-8.

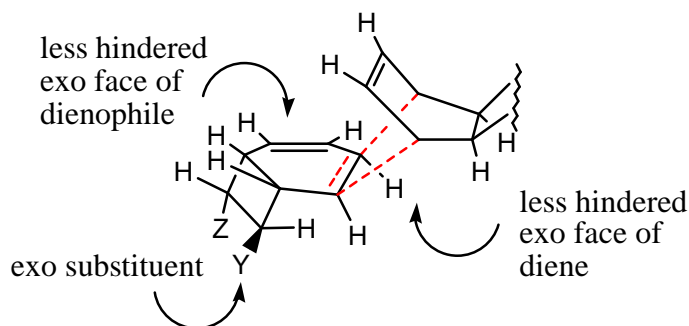
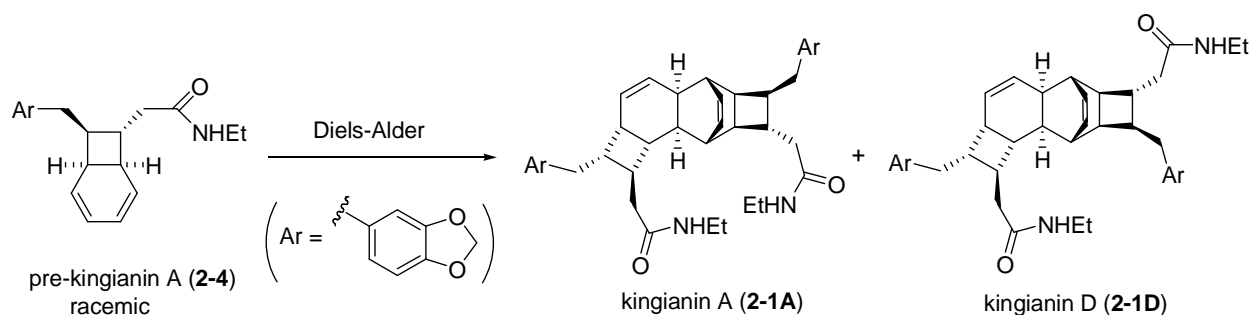


Figure 2-8. Favored endo transition state for RCDA (The approach is from the less hindered face of the diene to the less hindered face of the dienophile. The dienophilic olefin is proximal to the exo substituent.)

Because the RCDA reaction of pre-kingianin A should be subject to the stereochemical limitations described as above, a single enantiomer is expected to undergo the RCDA dimerization to give a single enantiomer of kingianin A. However, racemic pre-kingianin A (**2-4**) should give two products, racemic kingianin A (**2-1A**) and racemic kingianin D (**2-1D**) (Scheme 2-6). Therefore the isolation of kingianin A at the end of the synthesis requires either an asymmetric synthesis of pre-kingianin A (or a synthetic equivalent)⁶⁹ or a practical method for the separation of kingianins A and D (or their synthetic equivalents).

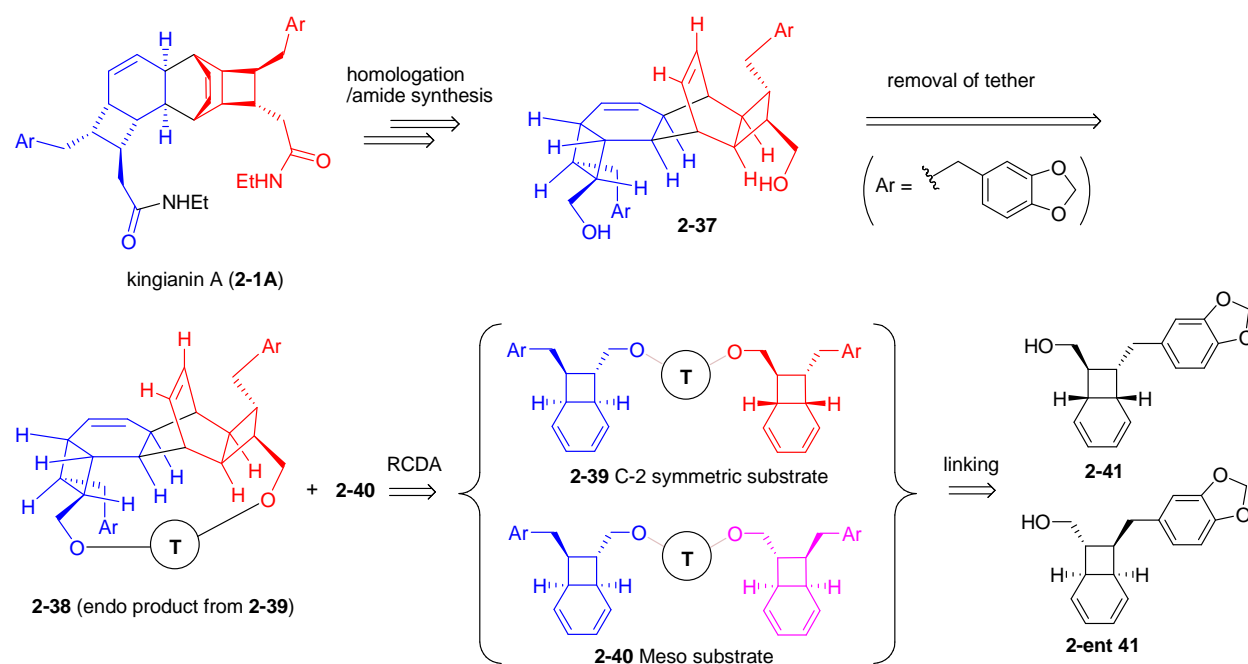


Scheme 2-6. The Diels Alder products of racemic pre-kingianin A (**2-4**)

2.1.4.2 Retrosynthesis

We were aware of the heroic efforts required to separate kingianin A from other kingianins during the isolation procedure.² Therefore, as a strategy for obtaining easily separable isomers from the dimerization step, we considered an intramolecular RCDA approach. We imagined linking two molecules of alcohol **2-41** by a removable tether and we hoped that we could find a pair of diastereomers in which the transition state geometry for endo cycloaddition could be reached only by the C-2 symmetric dimer **2-39**. We thought that perhaps the meso dimer **2-40** would be recovered and easily separated from the expected pentacyclic product **2-38** (Scheme 2-7). Removal of the tether will give a key diol **2-37**. Then, the steps for functionalization of diol **2-37** will lead to completion of the total synthesis of kingianin A (**2-1A**).

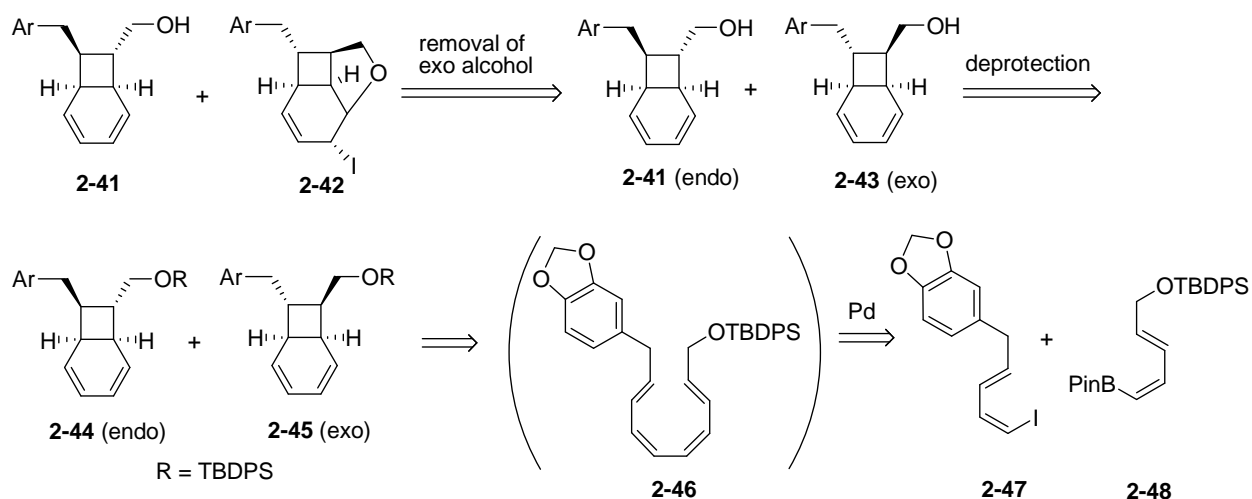
⁶⁹ For approaches to the asymmetric synthesis of [4.2.0] bicycloodienes, see reference 7 and Cleavable Chiral Auxiliaries in (8 π , 6 π)-Electrocyclizations. Parker, K. A.; Wang, Z. *Org. Lett.* **2006**, *8*, 3553-3556.



Scheme 2-7. Retrosynthesis of kingianin A

To evaluate the tether mediated intramolecular RCDA strategy depicted in Scheme 2-7, we needed a single diastereomeric endo alcohol **2-41**. We decided to use the proven coupling/tandem electrocyclization method for the bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene structure of the alcohol **2-41**. Thus, the two partners **2-47** and **2-48** are required. We thought that the coupling of the (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** and known boronate **2-48**⁷⁰ would provide a mixture of the diastereomeric bicyclooctadienes **2-44** and **2-45** through the intermediate **2-46**. Then, deprotection of TBDPS group would give a mixture of endo and exo alcohol **2-41** and **2-43**. If these alcohols were inseparable, selective iodoetherification would remove the exo alcohol **2-43** (Scheme 2-8).

⁷⁰ Convergent Synthesis of Fostriecin via Selective Alkene Couplings and Regioselective Asymmetric Dihydroxylation. Robles, O.; McDonald, F. E. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 5498-5501.

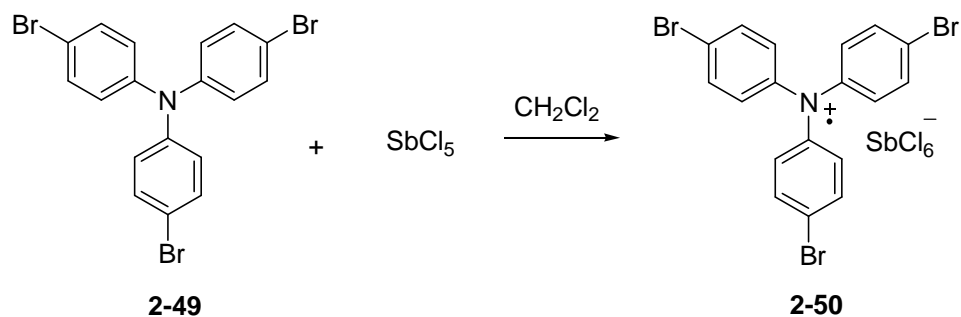


Scheme 2-8. Retrosynthesis of endo alcohol **2-13**

2.2. Result and Discussion

2.2.1 Preparation of the catalyst for the RCDA reaction

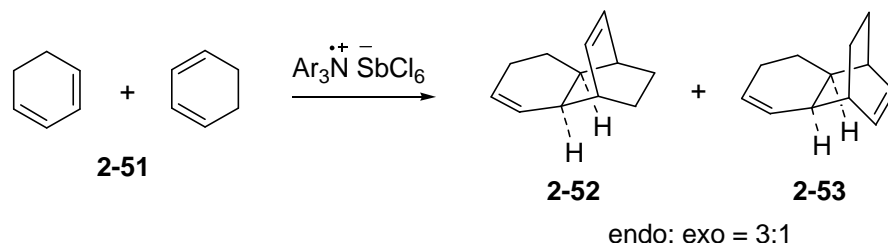
The radical-cation salt, known as Weitz salt, was prepared by the known procedure.⁷¹ The blue needle-like solid **2-50** was isolated by crystallization from dichloromethane/ diethyl ether (Scheme 2-9).



Scheme 2-9. Preparation of the Weitz salt

⁷¹ Cation-radicals: Tris-(p-bromophenyl)ammonium Perchlorate and Hexachloroantimonate. Bell, F. A.; Ledwith, A.; Sherrington, D. C. *J. Chem. Soc.* **1969**, 2719-2720.

To test catalytic activity of the freshly prepared salt, the radical-cation Diels-Alder reaction was tested with the simple cyclohexadiene **2-51** (Scheme 2-10). This successfully resulted in Diels-Alder products, the endo and exo adducts **2-52** and **2-53** (ratio = 3:1, lit.: 5:1).⁷²

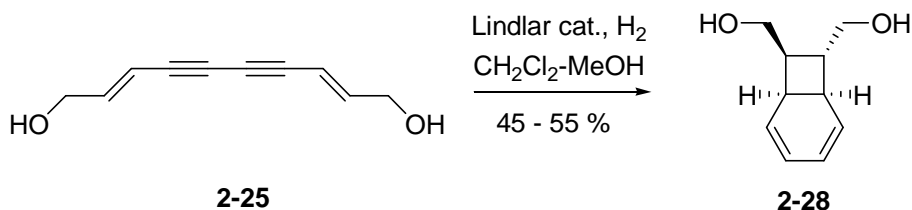


Scheme 2-10. A test RCDA reaction of the cyclohexadiene

2.2.2 Model study for the RCDA reaction of bicyclooctadienes

2.2.2.1 Preparation of a model compound

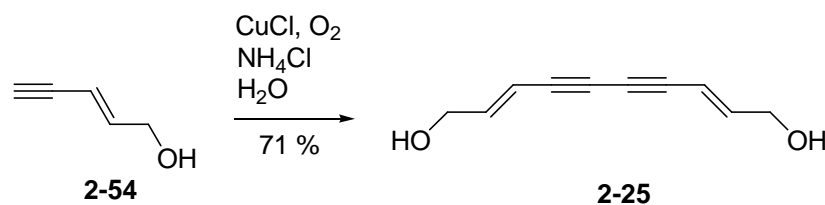
Before commencing preparation of the alcohol **2-41** suggested in Scheme 2-8, we decided to test a simple model compound to see a result of the RCDA reaction of bicyclooctadiene. Symmetric substrates for the 8 π , 6 π cascade can give only one stereoisomeric product (as a racemate), making analysis more straightforward. Thus, we planned to have a bicyclooctadiene-diol **2-28** (racemic) as a model compound according to the procedure presented in Nicolaou's endiandric acid synthesis (Scheme 2-11).¹⁵



Scheme 2-11. Nicolaou's synthesis of the diol **2-28**

⁷² The Cation-Radical Catalyzed Diels-Alder Reaction. Bellville, D. J.; Wirth, D. D.; Bauld, N. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 718-720.

The diol **2-25**⁷³ was prepared by copper catalyzed oxidative coupling reaction from the commercially available (E)-pent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol⁷⁴ (**2-54**) (Scheme 2-12).



Scheme 2-12. Synthesis of the diol **2-25**

The semihydrogenation of the diol **2-25** was conducted with commercial Lindlar catalyst (Aldrich). However, despite the numerous experiments, the desired product **2-28** was not obtained. We note that Nicolaou's paper acknowledges a special catalyst provided by Hoffman-La-Roche.⁷⁵ We tested other reductive methods employing P2-Ni⁷⁶, activated Zn⁷⁷, and Zn-Cu catalysts⁷⁸. However, the diol **2-28** was not cleanly produced, and a mixture of the fully or partially hydrogenated products was observed. Interestingly, the reaction conditions using activated Zn-Cu catalyst gave a selectively reduced alkyne **2-53** as a major product (Scheme 2-

⁷³ Acetylenic compounds. XIV. The reactions of the readily available ethynyl-ethylenic alcohol, 2-penten-4-yn-1-ol. Heilbron, I. M.; Jones, E. R. H.; Sondheimer, F. *J. Chem. Soc.* **1947**, 1586-1590.

⁷⁴ The purchased (E)-pent-2-en-4-yn-1-ol (Alpha, 90 % purity) was used after distillation.

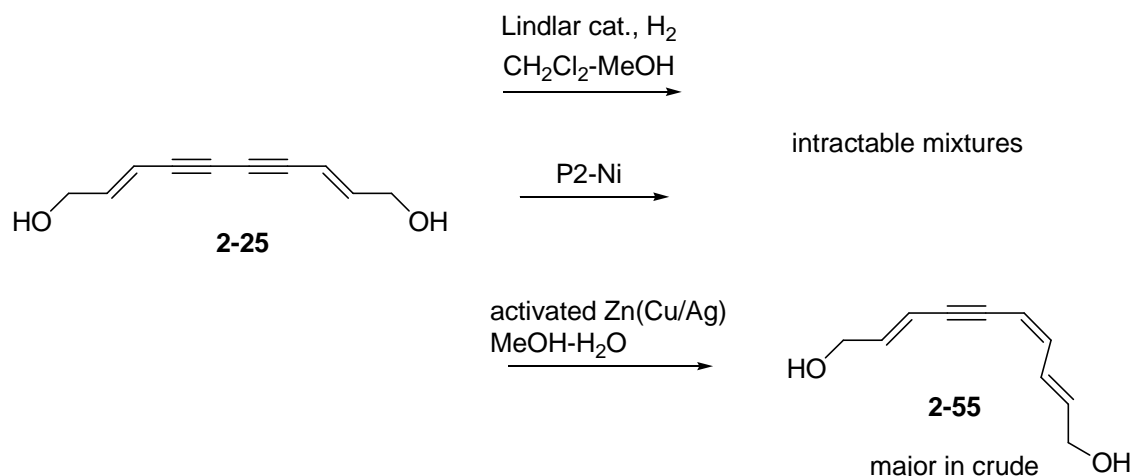
⁷⁵ Sharma, G. V. M.; Choudary, B. M.; Sarma, M. R.; Rao, K. K. *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 2997.

⁷⁶ The Handy Use of Brown's P2-Ni Catalyst for a Skipped Diyne Deuteration: Application to the Synthesis of a [D4]-Labeled F4t-Neuroprostane. Oger, C.; Bultel-Poncé, V.; Guy, A.; Balas, L.; Rossi, J. -C.; Durand, T.; Galano, J. -M. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2010**, *16*, 13976-13980.

⁷⁷ Total Synthesis of the Boron-Containing Ion Carrier Antibiotic Macrodiolide Tartrolon B. Mulzer, J.; Berger, M. **2004**, *6*, 891-898.

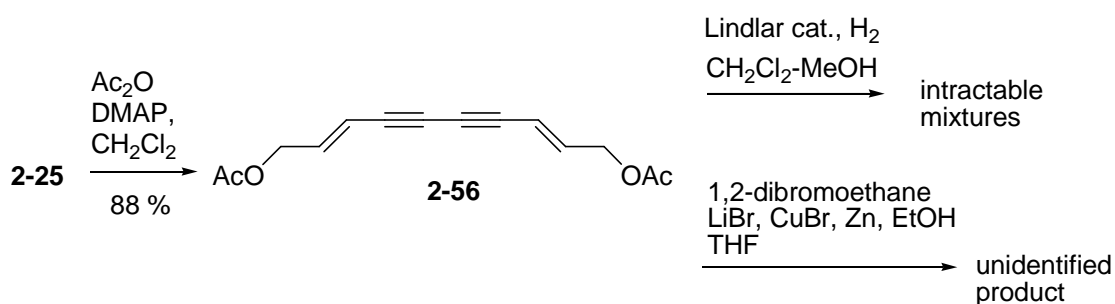
⁷⁸ Stereospecific Syntheses and Spectroscopic Properties of Isomeric 2,4,6,8,-Undecatetraenes. New Hydrocarbons from the Marine Brown Alga *Giffordia mitchellae*. Bolad, W.; Schroer, N.; Sieler, C. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1987**, *70*, 1025-1040.

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Scheme 2-13. The semihydrogenation conditions of the dicetylene **2-25**

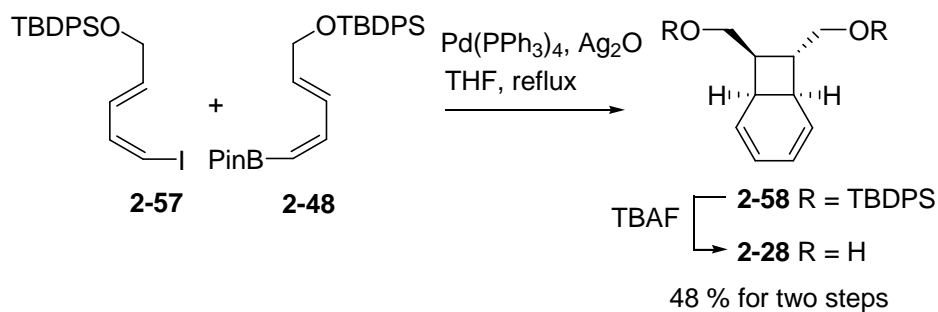
Furthermore, when diacetate **2-56** was subjected to conditions with the Lindlar catalyst or activated Zn-Cu catalyst, the bicyclooctadiene product was not obtained (Scheme 2-14).



Scheme 2-14. The semihydrogenation conditions of the diacetate **2-56**

Thus we resorted to a conventional coupling/ tandem electrocyclization method. We prepared (E, Z)-iododiene **2-57**⁷⁹ and (E, Z)-boronate **2-48**¹² by following known procedures. Then, the two components **2-57** and **2-48** were subjected to the Suzuki conditions that were used in O'Doherty's fostriecin synthesis.³¹ This coupling gave the bicyclooctadiene compound **2-58**. Then, the TBDPS group was removed to release the diol **2-28** (Scheme 2-15).

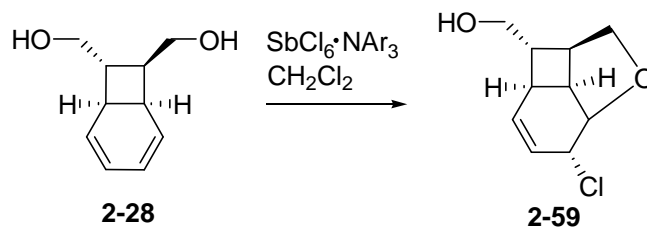
⁷⁹ Total Synthesis of Fostriecin: Via a Regio- and Stereoselective Polyene Hydration, Oxidation, and Hydroboration Sequence. Gao, Dong; O'Doherty, G. A. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 3752-3755.



Scheme 2-15. Synthesis of the model diol **2-28** by coupling approach

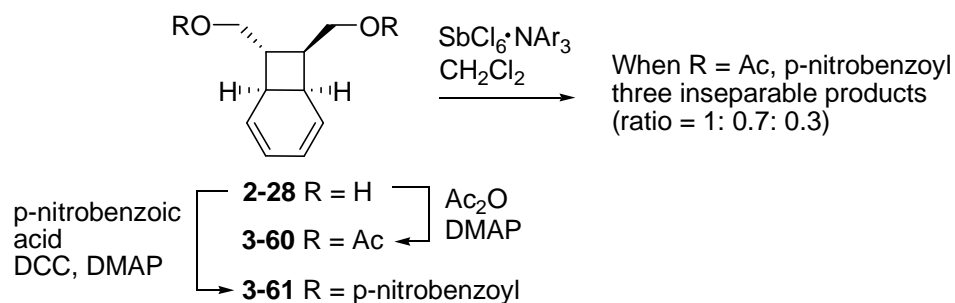
2.2.2.2 Model reactions: the RCDA reaction of the bicyclooctadiene diol

Having the model compound **2-28**, we tested the RCDA reaction. When the diol **2-38** was not protected, no RCDA product was obtained under the given conditions. Instead of dimerization, the chloro ether **2-57** was obtained (Scheme 2-16).



Scheme 2-16. A model RCDA reaction of bicyclooctadiene diol **2-28**

Interestingly, the RCDA reaction of the diacetate **2-60** and dibenzoate **2-61** furnished three major compounds as an inseparable mixture with a ratio of 1: 0.7: 0.3 (Scheme 2-17). We could find that some of characteristic signals observed in ^1H nmr of the mixture resembled that of kingianins. This allowed us to have some confidence that the result of RCDA reaction of the bicyclooctadienes probably accords with our hypothesis on stereochemistry of kingianins.



Scheme 2-17. The model RCDA reactions of protected bicyclooctadienes

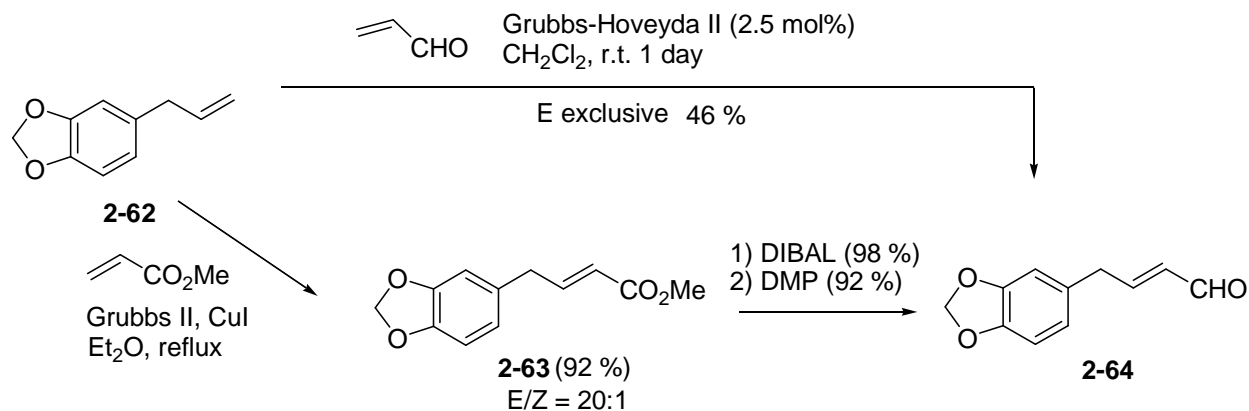
2.2.3 Preparation of (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47**

Having tested model compounds, we set out to synthesize the monomeric endo alcohol **2-41**. As shown in Scheme 2-8, we needed to prepare one of the coupling partners, (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47**. We performed a cross-metathesis reaction between the safrole **2-62** and acrolein to produce a homologated aldehyde **2-64**. We thought that Stork-Zhao olefination would be applicable to obtain Z-iodo olefin **2-47** from the aldehyde **2-64**.

Here, we employed two synthetic routes. The aldehyde **2-64** was obtained by adapting the Cossy's one step procedure⁸⁰ or as 3-step sequence including the cross metathesis in the presence of catalytic copper⁸¹ (Scheme 2-18).

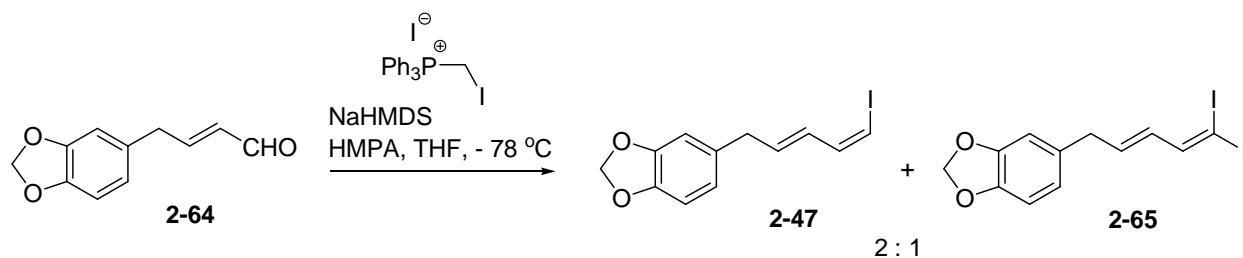
⁸⁰ Cross-metathesis reaction. Generation of highly functionalized olefins from unsaturated alcohols. Cossy, J.; BouzBouz, S. Hoveyda, A. H. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2001**, 624, 327-332.

⁸¹ Rate Enhanced Olefin Cross-Metathesis Reactions: The Copper Iodide Effect. Voigtritter, K.; Ghorai, S.; Lipshutz, B. H. *J. Org. Chem.*, **2011**, 76, 4697-4702.



Scheme 2-18. Synthesis of the aldehyde via cross metathesis

The aldehyde **2-64** was subjected to the Stork-Zhao conditions, but the resulting product was an inseparable mixture of the desired (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** and diiododiene **2-65** (Scheme 2-19).



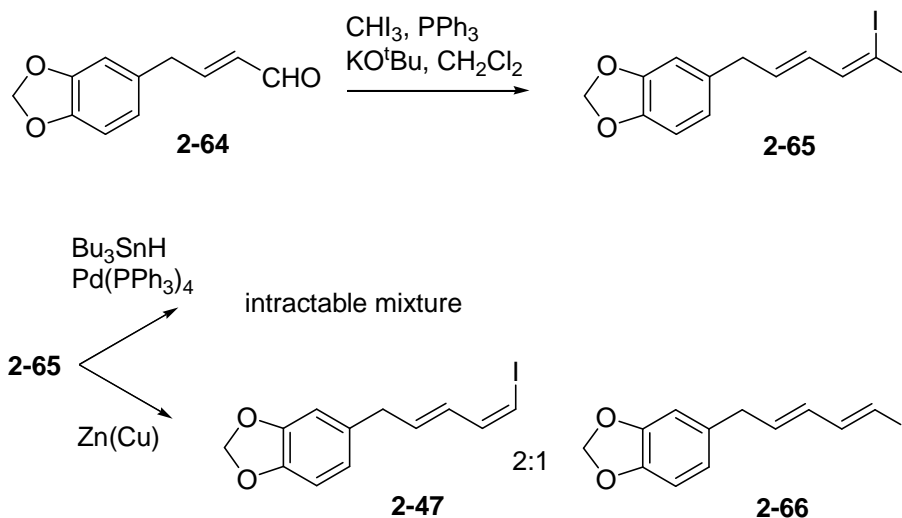
Scheme 2-19. The Stork-Zhao olefination of aldehyde **2-64**

We considered then the selective reduction of diiodide **2-65**. The diiododiene **2-65** was prepared by adapting Charette's procedure.⁸² The diiodide **2-65** was subjected to reductive dehalogenation conditions. When tributyltin hydride was used in the presence of catalytic palladium, a complicated mixture was observed. The treatment of excess Zn-Cu couple⁸³ to the diiodide, on the other hand, provided an inseparable mixture of (E, E)- and (E, Z)-iododienes **2-**

⁸² Highly Efficient Two-Step Synthesis of C-sp³-Centered Geminal Diiodides. Cloarec, J. -M.; Charette, A. B. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 4731-4734.

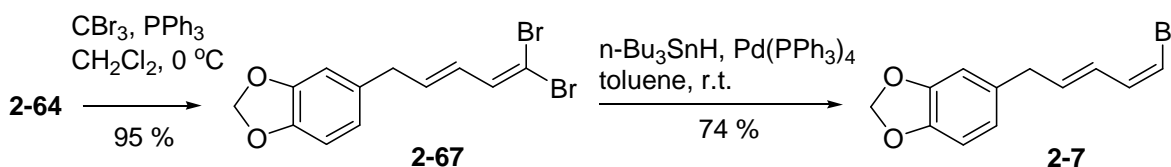
⁸³ Convergent Total Syntheses of Gambierol and 16-epi-Gambierol and Their Biological Activities. Kadota, I.; Takamura, H.; Sato, K.; Ohno, A.; Matsuda, K.; Satake, M.; Yamamoto, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 11893-11899.

47 and **2-66** with a ratio of 1:2 (Scheme 2-20).



Scheme 2-20. Synthetic efforts of pure (E, Z)-iododiene

As a surrogate substrate for the iododiene **2-19**, we decided to synthesize the bromodiene **2-5**. Corey-Fuchs homologation of the aldehyde **2-62** followed by the Pd-catalyzed selective debromination of dibromide **2-65** (adapted by Moses et al.) gave the (E, Z)-bromodiene **2-5** (Scheme 2-21).⁵

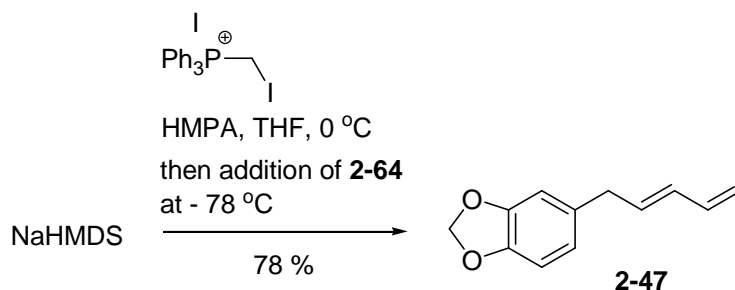


Scheme 2-21. Synthesis of (E, Z)-bromodiene

Meanwhile, the extensive search for the Stork-Zhao procedures allowed us to find a useful paper for the synthesis of pure (E, Z)-iododiene.⁸⁴ Menche and coworkers described a solution to avoid the formation of undesired diiodide **2-65**. Following Menche's protocol (the order of the

⁸⁴ Stereoselective Total Synthesis of Etnangien and Etnangien Methyl Ester. Li, P.; Li, J.; Arikian, F.; Ahlbrecht, W.; Dieckmann, M.; Menche, D. *J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, 75, 2429-2444.

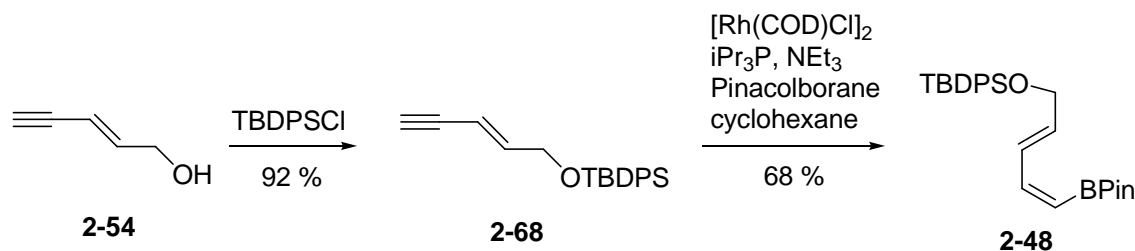
addition of reagents was critical to avoid the formation of the diiodide, see experimental section), we obtained the desired (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** in good yield (Scheme 2-22).



Scheme 2-22. Synthesis of (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47**

2.2.4 Synthesis of (E, Z)-boronate **2-48**

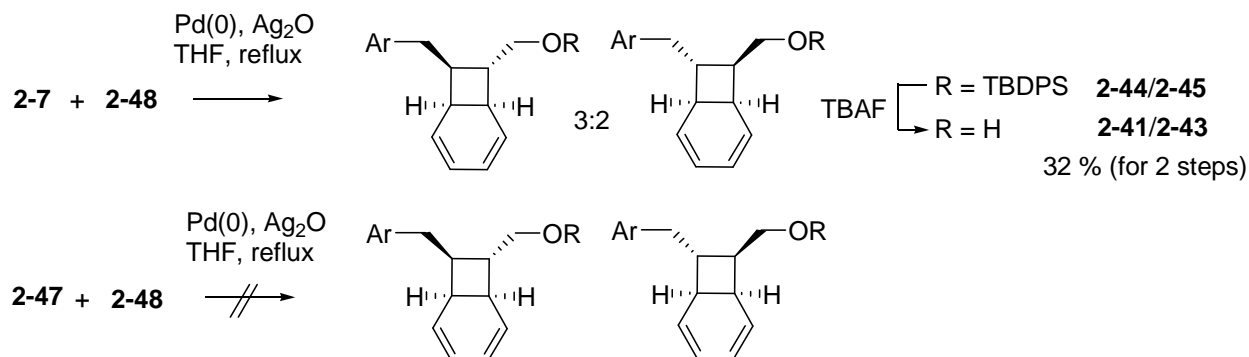
The other coupling partner, (E, Z)-boronate **2-48**, was prepared by the known procedure¹² (Scheme 2-23).



Scheme 2-23. Synthesis of (E, Z)-boronate **2-48**

2.2.5 Synthesis of the endo alcohol **2-41**

Having both coupling partners, we next tested Suzuki reaction. When the (E, Z)-bromodiene **2-7** was used for the coupling in a catalytic Pd/ Ag system,²¹ the bicyclooctadienes **2-43** and **2-43** were obtained in 32 % yield (2 steps) after removal of the TBDPS group. However, when (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** was subjected to the same conditions, no bicyclooctadienes were produced (Scheme 2-24).



Scheme 2-24. Suzuki reaction of bromo- or iododiene and boronate

Because the iododiene **2-47** was not successful in the conditions using silver oxide, we needed to optimize reaction conditions for the Suzuki reaction. After screening the several conditions, we found a superior protocol with $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ and aq. NaOH solution (Scheme 2-25 and Table 2-3). The diol mixture **2-41/2-43** was thus available in 80% yield for the coupling/8□, 6□, deprotection sequence.

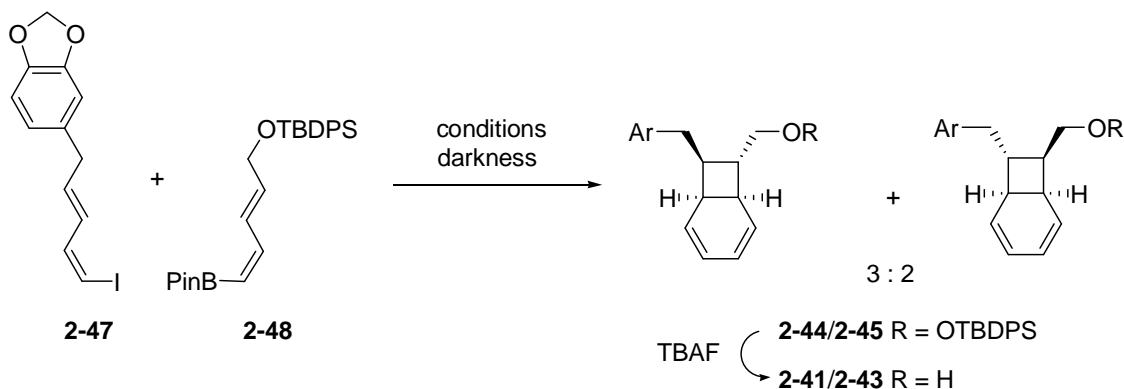
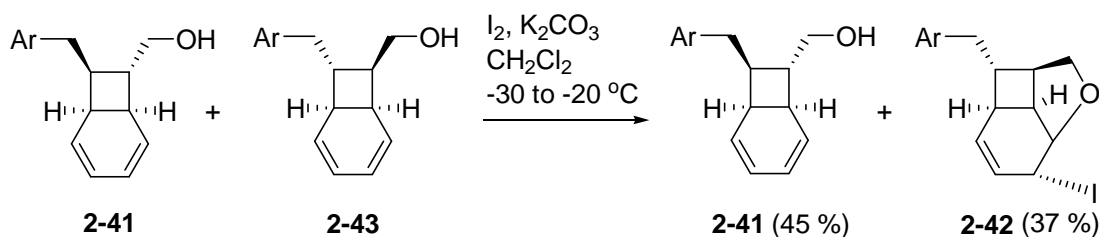


Table 2-3. Conditions for Suzuki reaction	result
$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, Ag_2O , THF, reflux	no coupled product, instead homocoupled product from boronate was obtained as major product
$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, NaOEt, Benzene, EtOH, reflux	no coupled product
$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$, NEt_3 , MeOH, r.t.	sluggish
$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, aq. NaOH, THF, reflux, 20 h	clean (80 % for 2 steps)

Scheme 2-25. Screening of the conditions for the Suzuki reaction

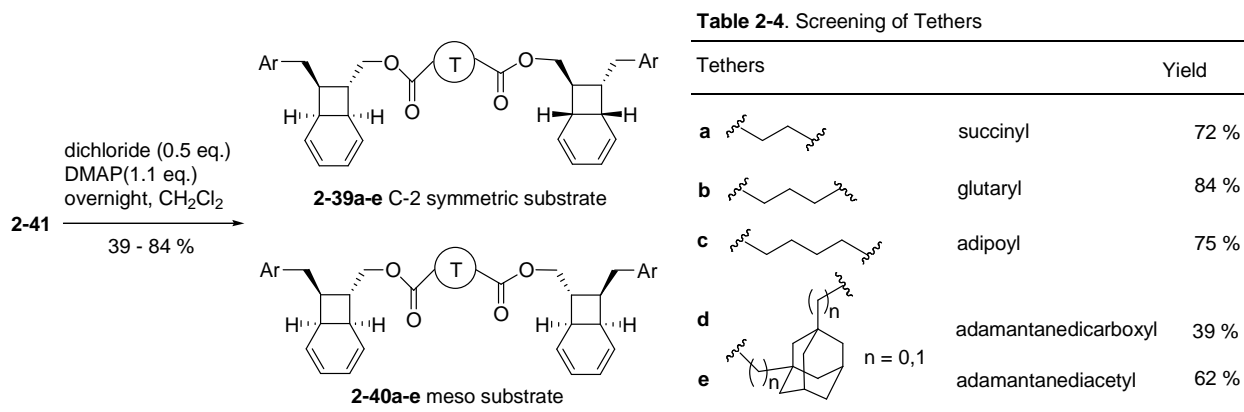
When the inseparable mixture of alcohols **2-41** and **2-43** was treated with iodine in the presence of potassium carbonate, only isomer **2-43** underwent iodoetherification.¹⁵ Iodoether **2-42** and alcohol **2-41** were easily separated by chromatography (Scheme 2-26).



Scheme 2-26. Removal of the exo alcohol **2-43** by iodoetherification

2.2.6 Screening of tethers

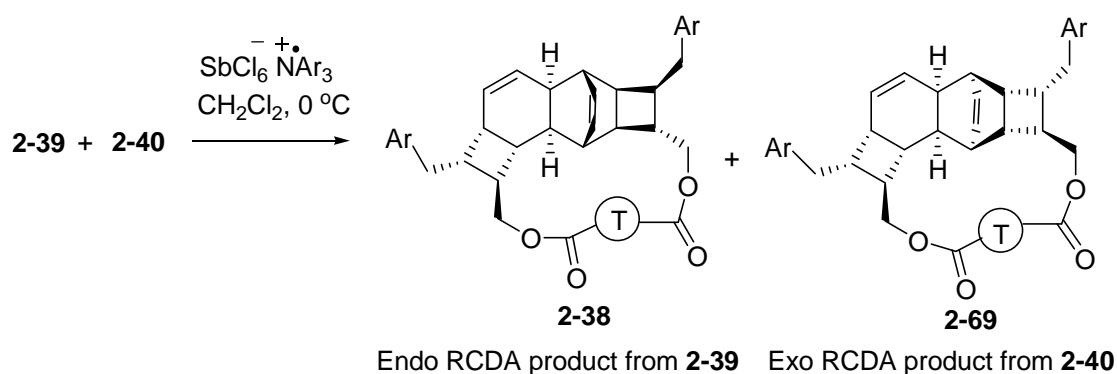
To examine the planned tether-mediated RCDA reaction, we prepared several dimeric diesters **2-39a-e** and **2-40a-e** from the alcohol **2-41** using succinyl, glutaryl, adipoyl, adamantanedicarboxyl, and adamantanediacetyl acid dichloride (Scheme 2-27 and Table 2-4).



Scheme 2-27. Preparation of diacid-tethered substrates

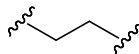
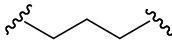
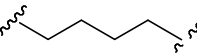
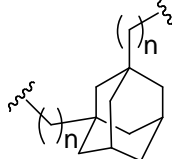
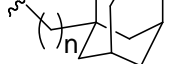
The diacid-tethered substrates were then subjected to the RCDA conditions. Contrary to our expectation, in the case of each diastereomeric pair, both isomers appeared to have undergone the

intramolecular cycloaddition reaction. The results are summarized (Scheme 2-28 and Table 2-5). Of the five conversions studied, the adipic acid-tethered substrate provided the best result in terms of yield and separation of the isomeric products. A slight improvement in yield was obtained when the reaction was carried out in a more dilute solution. Noteworthy in any case was the fact that the product mixture from the adipic acid-tethered substrate consisted of two compounds, formed in approximately equal amounts and easily separated by chromatography.



Scheme 2-28. Dimerization of the diacid-tethered substrates under RCDA conditions

Table 2-5. The RCDA reaction of the C-2 symmetric substrate **2-39** and meso substrate **2-40**

Tethers		Result	Separation
a 	succinyl	mystery (8 %), 2-69a (12 %)	ok
b 	glutaryl	2-38b + mystery (19 %), 2-69b (20 %)	ok
c 	adipoyl	2-38c (27 %), 2-69c (30 %)	ok
	M=0.005	2-38c (34 %), 2-69c (39 %)	
d 	n = 0 adamantanedicarboxyl	2-38d (24 %), 2-69d (38 %)	difficult
e 	n = 1 adamantanediacyl	2-38e (36 %), 2-69e (39 %)	difficult

[M] = 0,01 unless commented. The structures of the RCDA products from succinyl, glutaryl, adamantanes diesters are not exactly assigned, but determined on the basis of the ^1H nmr pattern of RCDA products **2-38c** and **2-69c**.

2.2.7 Structural assignment of the endo RCDA adduct **2-38c**

The more polar of the adipoyl tethered products **2-38c** displayed a ^1H NMR spectrum that contained signals consistent with those expected from a compound in the kingianin A series (see Figure 2-12 and Table 2-11). The identity of this product was firmly established as **2-38c** by X-ray crystallography (Figure 2-9).

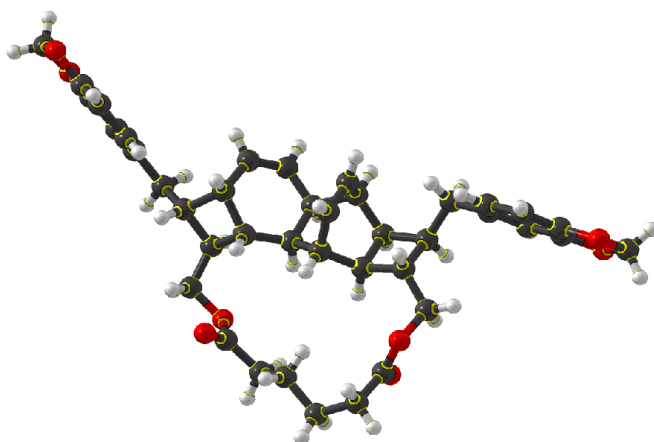


Figure 2-9. X-ray structure of RCDA product **2-10c**

2.2.8 Structural assignment of the exo RCDA adduct **2-67c**

The less polar product **2-69c** had a ^1H NMR spectrum that differed in noticeable ways from those of compounds in the kingianin family. Furthermore, the absence of characteristic patterns in the spectrum was not the result of the presence of the tether; removal of the tether gave a diol **2-70**, the NMR spectrum of which differed in important respects from that of kingianin D (see Table 2-10 and 2-11).

A series of nmr experiments (^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, NOESY, HSQC, HMBC) allowed us to identify the second RCDA product as **2-70**, the unanticipated but not surprising exo Diels Alder product (Figure 2-10). The correlations shown in 2D-COSY and 2D-NOESY are depicted in Figure 2-11.

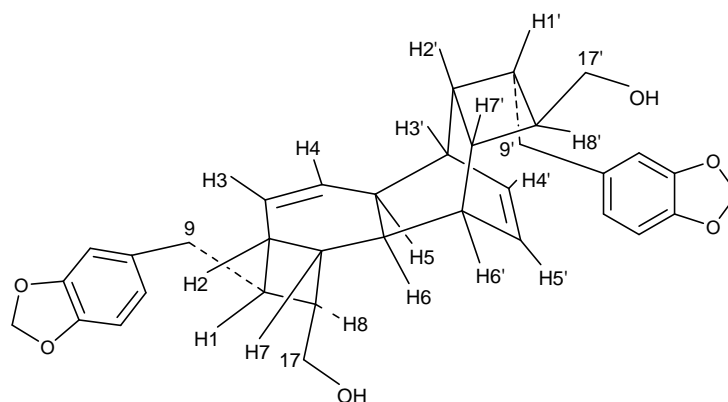


Figure 2-10. The exo RCDA diol **2-70**

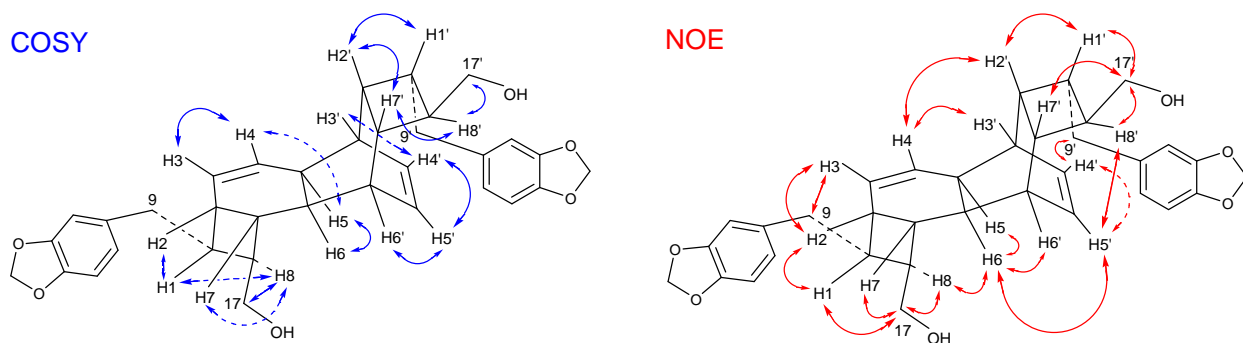


Figure 2-11. 2D-COSY and NOESY correlations of the diol **2-70**

The nmr spectrum of the second RCDA adduct **2-68c** contained overlapping signals for protons at high field. It was not possible to assign peaks for individual protons in this region. Consequently, we converted this diester to the corresponding diol. With the exception of the protons under a 2H signal at 2.70 ppm and a 3H signal at 2.62 ppm, each proton in this diol was represented by an isolated signal with a clear splitting pattern. The 2D nmr spectra of the diol allowed complete assignment of these individual signals. The complete assignment of the pentacyclic core structure is shown in Table 2-8.

The structure of the pentacyclic core in diol **2-70** was confirmed by a combination of COSY (Table 2-6), NOESY (Table 2-7), HMQC (Table 2-8), and HMBC (Table 2-9) nmr experiments. Both the ^1H and the ^{13}C nmr spectra indicated that diol **2-70** was derived from an intramolecular Diels Alder adduct. However, comparison of the ^1H nmr pattern with those of diol **2-70** and the kingianins suggested that its structure differed from those of these compounds in some

fundamental way. Most impressive was a significant difference in the chemical shifts of the two most downfield olefinic protons; compare the chemical shifts of **2-38c** and **2-70** in Table 2-11.

On the basis of the chemical shifts of the two upfield olefinic signals (5.83 and 5.66, in the same range as H3 and H4 in the kingianins), we assigned the dienophilic western substructure of the pentacyclic core as identical with that in diol **2-38c**. This assumption was well supported by the crosspeaks of H3 (5.83) and H9a and H9b (2.50 and 2.70) in the NOESY. Also, the crosspeaks of H3/H2, H2/H1, H1/H17, H17/H7, H17/H8, H8/H6, and H6/H5 in the NOESY and the crosspeaks of H3/H4, H4/H5, H5/H6, H2/H1, H1/H8, H7/H8, and H8/H17 in the COSY confirmed that the connectivity and relative stereochemistry of the fused [4.2.0]-bicyclooctene ring system in the western sector were the same as those in diol **2-38c**.

With the H9 and H2 protons identified, we could assign the 3H signal at 2.62 ppm to the H9' and H2' protons. The crosspeaks of H9'/H4', H4'/H5', H5'/H8', H8'/H17', H17'/H1', and H1'/H2' in the NOESY and the crosspeaks of H1'/H2', H2'/H7', H7'/H8', H8'/H17', H4'/H5', H4'/H3', and H5'/H6' in the COSY confirmed the connectivity and relative stereochemistry of the fused [4.2.0]-bicyclooctene ring system in the eastern sector.

Next we needed to determine the stereochemistry of the connection of the eastern and western substructures. The crosspeaks of H5/H6 in the NOESY and COSY showed H5 and H6 to be cis. The key crosspeaks of H6/H5' in the NOESY showed that H5/H6 and H4'/H5' are on same face of the pentacycle. Furthermore, the crosspeaks of H4/H3', H4/H2', and H6/H6' in the NOESY showed that the stereochemical relationship of the eastern and western sectors corresponds to that of an exo Diels Alder product as shown in the COSY and NOE pictures (Figure 2-11).

The exo Diels Alder structure was further supported by HMQC and HMBC assignments. Each carbon in the core pentacyclic structure was assigned to the attached protons by the crosspeaks in the HMQC. Indeed, the examination of the connectivity by HMBC analysis (the crosspeaks of selected carbon atoms and the corresponding protons) are consistent with the suggested structure in the COSY and NOE pictures. The crosspeaks in the HMQC and HMBC spectra are summarized in Tables 2-8 and 2-9, respectively.

The structure determination of diol **2-70** allowed us to identify the second RCDA product as the exo cycloaddition product **2-69c** as shown in Scheme 2-28. Also, the full assignment of the pentacyclic structure of diol **2-70** was presented in Table 2-10.

Table 2-6. Crosspeaks in COSY Spectrum of Diol **2-70**

Proton number (ppm)	
H1 (2.03) ↔ H2 (2.71) and H8 (1.84)	H3 (5.83) ↔ H4 (5.66)
H4 (5.66) ↔ H5 (2.20)	H5 (2.20) ↔ H6 (1.54)
H7 (2.28) ↔ H8 (1.84)	H8 (1.84) ↔ H17 (3.36)
H1' (2.11) ↔ H2' (2.60)	H2' (2.60) ↔ H7' (2.28)
H3' (2.44) ↔ H4' (6.58)	H4' (6.58) ↔ H5' (6.38)
H5' (6.38) ↔ H6' (2.39)	H7' (2.28) ↔ H8' (1.96)
H8' (1.96) ↔ H17' (3.27)	

Table 2-7. Crosspeaks in NOESY Spectrum of Diol **2-70**

proton number (ppm)	
H1 (2.03) ↔ H2 (2.71) and H17 (3.36)	H2 (2.71) ↔ H3 (5.83)
H3 (5.83) ↔ H9a and H9b (2.50 and 2.70)	H4 (5.66) ↔ H2' (2.60) and H3' (2.44)
H5 (2.20) ↔ H6 (1.54)	H6 (1.54) ↔ H8 (1.84), H5' (6.38), and H6' (2.39)
H7 (2.28) ↔ H17 (3.36)	H8 (1.84) ↔ H6 (1.54) and H17 (3.36)
H1' (2.11) ↔ H2' (2.60) and H17' (3.27)	H4' (6.58) ↔ H5' (6.38) and H17' (3.27)
H5' (6.38) ↔ H8' (1.96)	H7' (2.28) ↔ H17' (3.27)
H8' (1.96) ↔ H17' (3.27)	

Table 2-8. Crosspeaks in the HMQC Spectrum of Diol **2-70**

Carbon number (ppm)	Corresponding proton number (ppm)	Carbon number (ppm)	Corresponding proton number (ppm)
C1 (36.9)	H1 (2.03)	C1' (34.6)	H1' (2.11)
C2 (34.4)	H2 (2.71)	C2' (34.3)	H2' (2.60)
C3 (131.4)	H3 (5.83)	C3' (42.2)	H3' (2.44)
C4 (126.3)	H4 (5.66)	C4' (121.0)	H4' (6.58)
C5 (33.0)	H5 (2.20)	C5' (135.3)	H5' (6.38)
C6 (34.3)	H6 (1.54)	C6' (36.4)	H6' (2.39)

C7 (40.7)	H7 (2.28)	C7' (41.7)	H7' (2.28)
C8 (48.5)	H8 (1.84)	C8' (45.3)	H8' (1.96)
C9 (42.2)	H9 (2.50 and 2.70)	C9' (35,6)	H9' (2.62)
C16 (100.7)	H16 (5.89) ^a	C16' (100.8)	H16' (5.91) ^a
C17 (64.8)	H17 (3.36)	C17' (67.1)	H17' (3.27)

^a may be interchanged.

Table 2-9. Crosspeaks in the HMBC Spectrum of Diol **2-70**

Carbon (number, ppm)	Corresponding protons (number, ppm)]
C1 (36.9)	H17 (3.36)
C3 (131.4)	H2 (2.71), H5 (2.20)
C4 (126.3)	H1 (2.03), H2 (2.71), H5 (2.20), H7 (2.28)
C5 (33.0)	H4 (5.66), H6 (1.54)
C7 (40.7)	H17 (3.36)
C8 (48.5)	H1 (2.03), H6 (1.54) H7 (2.28), H9 (2.50 and 2.70), H17 (3.36)
C17 (64.8)	H1 (2.03), H7 (2.28)
C1' (34.6)	H17' (3.27)
C3' (42.2)	H4' (6.58), H5' (6.38), H6 (1.54)
C6' (36.4)	H4' (6.58), H5' (6.38)
C7' (41.7)	H17' (3.27)
C8' (45.3)	H9' (2.62), H17' (3.27)
C17' (67.1)	H7' (2.28), H8' (1.96)

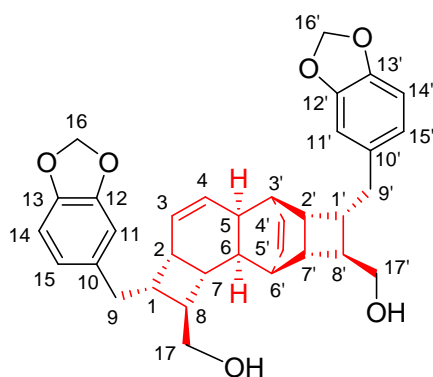


Table 2-10. ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR for the pentacyclic core of diol **2-70** in CDCl_3

Number	^1H , δ (ppm), J (Hertz)	^{13}C , δ (ppm)
1	2.03 (dd, $J = 7.9$, 1 H)	36.9
2	2.71 (m, 1 H)	34.4
3	5.83 (d, $J = 10.4$, 1 H)	131.4
4	5.66 (ddd, $J = 10.4$, 3.6, and 2.0, 1 H)	126.3
5	2.20 (m, 1 H)	33.0
6	1.54 (dd, $J = 10.7$ and 2.4, 1 H)	34.29
7	2.28 (m, 1 H)	40.7
8	1.84 (m, 1 H)	48.5
9	2.50 (dd, $J = 14.1$ and 8.1, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 14.1$ and 7.9, 1 H)	35.9
17	3.36 (m, 2 H)	64.8
1'	2.11 (m, 1 H)	34.6
2'	2.60 (m, 1 H)	34.34
3'	2.44 (m, 1 H)	42.2
4'	6.59 ^a	121.0
5'	6.38 (t, $J = 7.2$, 1 H)	135.3
6'	2.39 (m, 1 H)	36.4
7'	2.28 (m, 1 H)	41.7
8'	1.96 (quintet, $J = 6.8$, 1 H)	45.3
9'	2.62 (m, 2 H)	35.6
17'	3.24 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.29 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 5.5 Hz, 1 H)	67.1

^aThe signal for the proton at 6.59 ppm lies under that for the aromatic protons.

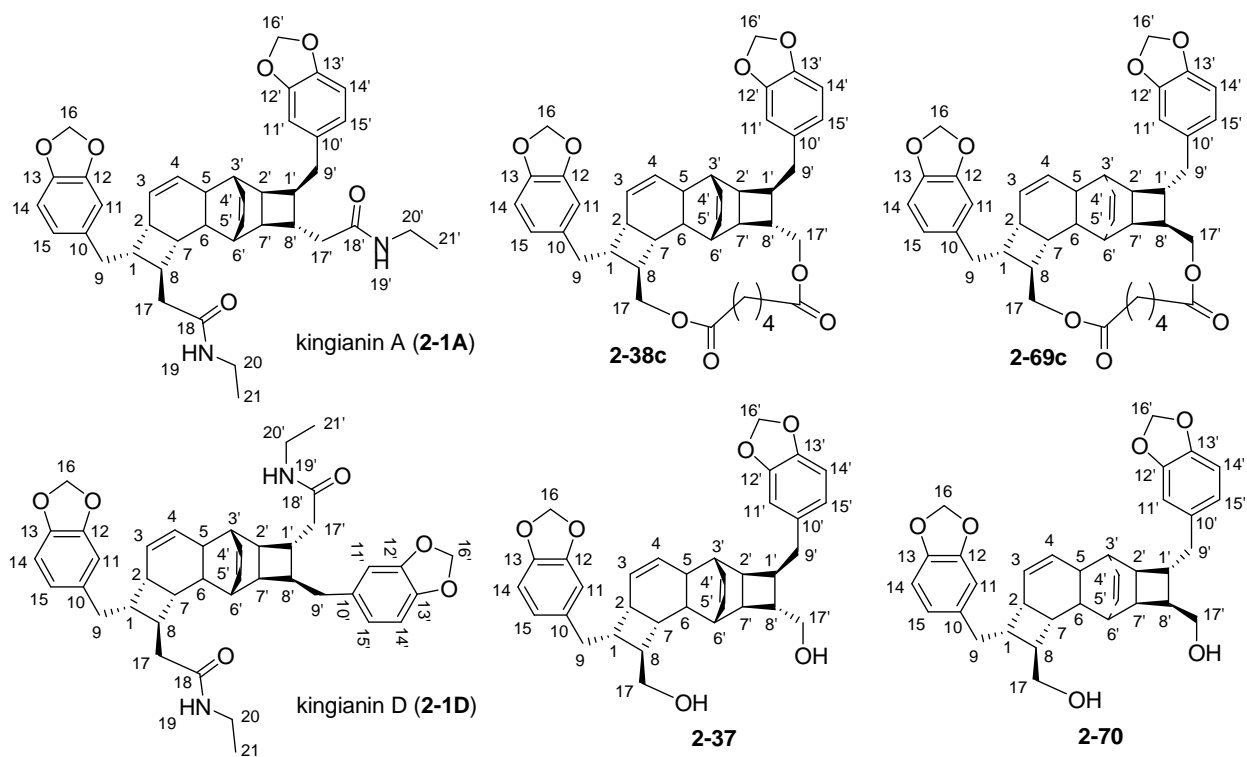


Figure 2-12. Structures of Kingianins A, D and synthetic dimers

Table 2-11. Characteristic $^1\text{H-NMR}$ Data for Kingianin A, D, and Synthetic Dimers **2-38c**, **2-69c**, **2-37**, **2-70** in CDCl_3 (at 7.26), δ (ppm)

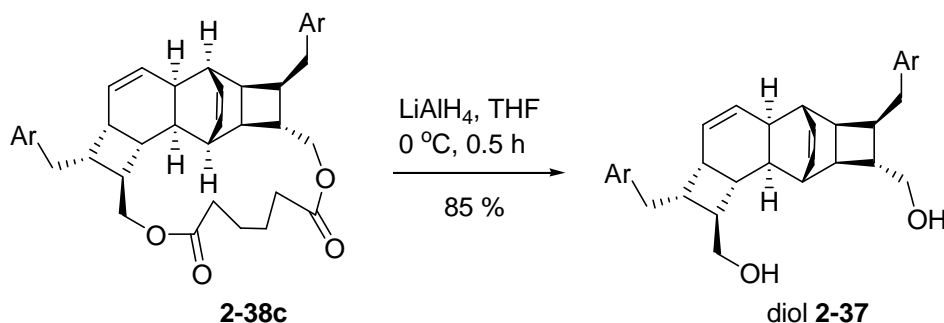
Num.	Kingianin A, δ_{H} (J in Hz)	Kingianin D, δ_{H} (J in Hz)	2-38c	2-37	2-69c	2-70
3	5.56 (brd, $J = 10.4$ Hz)	5.56 (brd, $J = 10.4$ Hz)	5.61	5.62	5.84	5.83
4	5.66 (brd, $J = 10.4$ Hz)	5.75 (brd, $J = 10.4$ Hz)	5.75	5.71	5.69	5.66
6	1.70 (brd, $J = 9.0$ Hz)	1.67	1.73	1.72	1.46	1.54
16	5.90 ^a	5.90	5.89 ^a	5.93 ^a	5.92 ^a	5.89 ^a
4'	6.11 (dd, $J = 7.1$ and	6.29 (dd, $J = 7.1$ and 7.6 Hz)	6.16	6.13	6.63	6.59
5'	6.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz)	6.14 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz)	6.29	6.27	6.36	6.38
16'	5.88 ^a	5.90	5.90 ^a	5.90 ^a	5.92 ^a	5.91 ^a

^aValues are interchangeable

2.2.9 Hydrolysis and Double homologation

2.2.9.1 Efforts for one carbon homologation

With some confidence that we had a significant intermediate in hand, we released the diol **2-37** from its tether in diester **2-38c** (Scheme 2-29).



Scheme 2-29. Hydrolysis of the diester **2-38c**

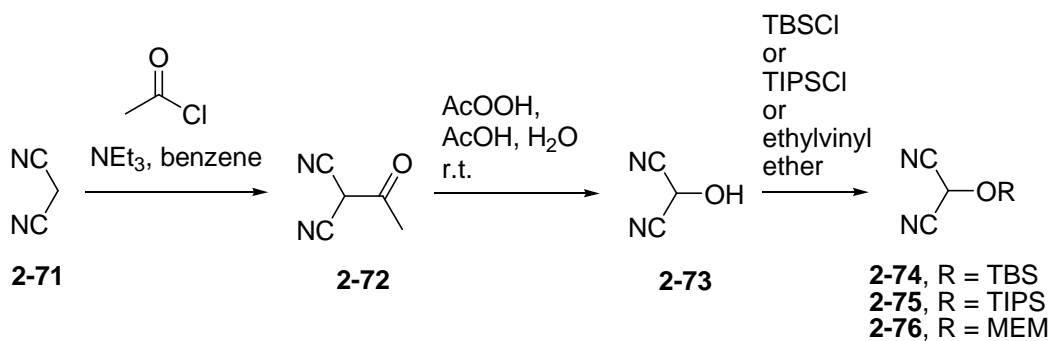
The next job was construction of the ethyl amide functionality from the diol **2-37**. The reagents for one carbon homologation have been extensively studied and most of them are modified Wittig⁸⁵ or Peterson⁸⁶ olefination reagents. Also, the reaction conditions are harsh in

⁸⁵ For Wittig-type olefinations, see (a) Reactions of ketene thioacetals with electrophiles. Homologation of aldehydes. Carey, F. A.; Neergaard, J. R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1971**, *36*, 2731. (b) A one-carbon homologation of carbonyl compounds to carboxylic acids, esters, and amides. Dinizo, S. E.; Freerksen, R. W.; Pabst, W. E.; Watt, D. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 182-186. (c) Synthetic applications of 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane preparation of ketene dithioacetals. Kruse, C. G.; Broekhof, N. L. J. M.; Wijsman, A.; Van der gen, A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, *18*, 885-888. (d) Heteroatom directed photoarylation synthesis of functionalized indolines. Schultz, A. G.; Sha, C. -K. *Tetrahedron*, **1980**, *36*, 1757-1761. (e) α -Substituierte phosphonate-38: 1-dimethylamino-1-cyano-methanphosphonsäurediethylester, ein neues edukt zur darstellung von carbonsäuren, 1-cyanoenaminen und homoenolaten. Costisella, K.; Gross, H. *Tetrahedron* **1982**, *38*, 139-145.

⁸⁶ For Peterson-type olefination, see (a) Reactions of ketene thioacetals with electrophiles. Homologation of aldehydes. Carey, F. A.; Neergaard, J. R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1971**, *36*, 2731. (b) Silicon-containing carbanions. II. Ketene thioacetal synthesis via 2-lithio-2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-

some cases and the preparations of the reagents are not trivial. Furthermore, our substrate is potentially exposed to epimerization when the diol **2-37** is oxidized to the dialdehyde.

Thus, we first considered the one carbon homologation with masked acyl cyanides (MACs). We anticipated that we might get a one carbon homologated acyl cyanide by way of an S_N2 reaction between a MAC and the mesylate of diol **2-37**. The known MACs **2-74**, **2-75**, and **2-76**⁸⁷ were prepared from malononitrile by the three steps sequence in Scheme 2-30.

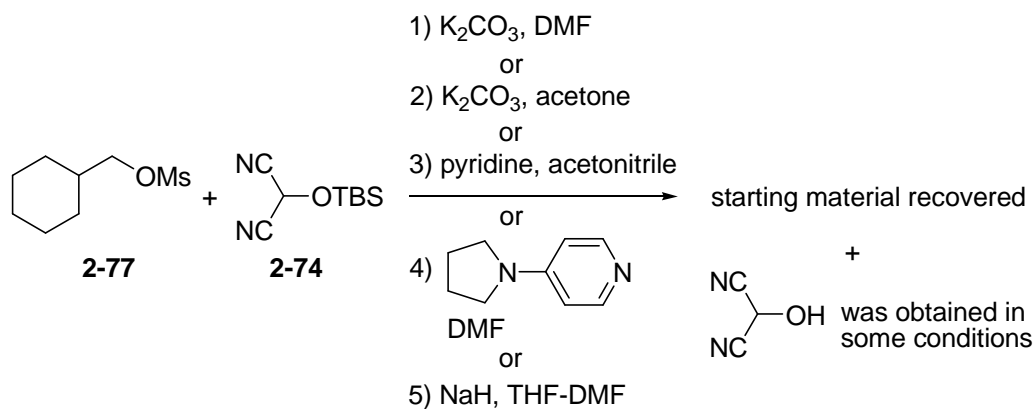


Scheme 2-30. The preparation of MAC reagents

Having the MAC reagents, we screened the reaction conditions with a model compound **2-77**. First, we tried the substitution reaction with the MAC **2-74**. As shown in all results, the starting material, the mesylate **2-77**, was recovered and the desilylation of TBS-MAC reagent was observed in several conditions (Scheme 2-31). Changing base and solvent did not affect the reaction.

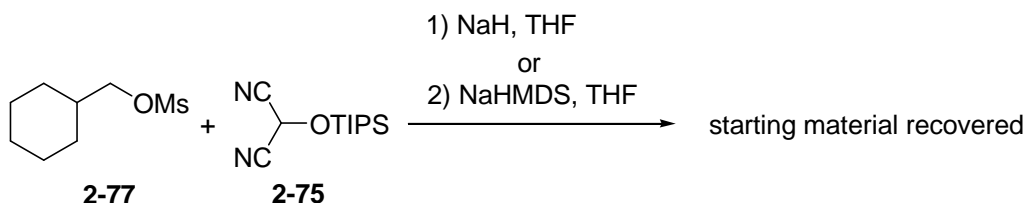
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⁸⁷ A three-step preparation of MAC reagents from malononitrile. Nemoto, H.; Li, X.; Ma, R.; Suzuki, I.; Shibuya, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2003**, *44*, 73-75



Scheme 2-31. The S_N2 reaction of the mesylate **2-77** with TBS-MAC **2-74**

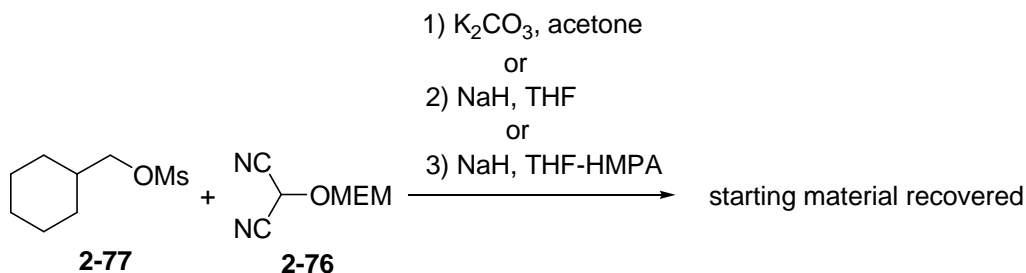
Because the TBS-protected MAC **2-74** was labile in some cases, we tested a more robust TIPS-MAC **2-75**. However, the mesylate **2-77** was recovered in the conditions using strong bases (Scheme 2-32).



Scheme 2-32. The S_N2 reaction of the mesylate **2-77** with TIPS-MAC **2-75**

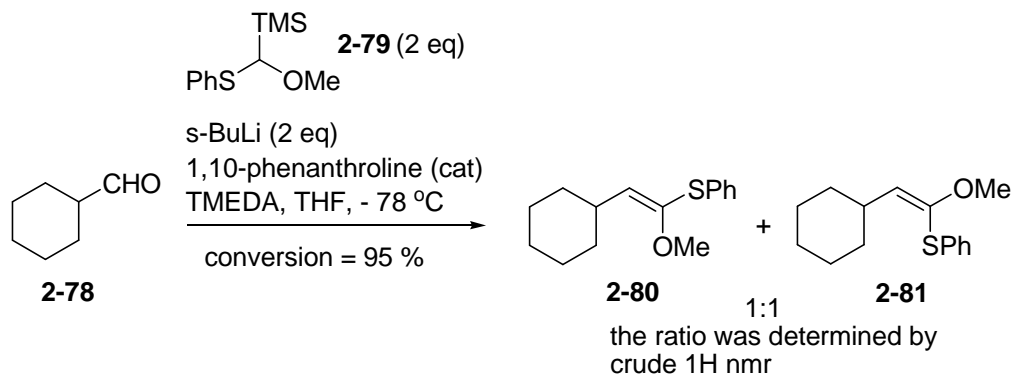
Finally, we examined the MEM-MAC **2-76**. The successful substitution reaction between MEM-MAC and a primary iodide is known.⁸⁸ Inspired by this successful reaction, we first adapted the same protocol with potassium carbonate for our substrate. However, only starting material was recovered. Other conditions using strong bases gave the same result (Scheme 2-33).

⁸⁸ Development of a New Acyl Anion Equivalent for the Preparation of Masked Activated Esters and Their Use To Prepare a Dipeptide. Nemoto, H.; Kubota, Y.; Yamamoto, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 4515-4516.



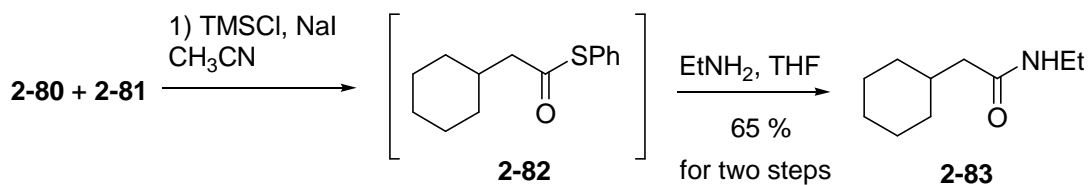
Scheme 2-33. The S_N2 reaction of the mesylate **2-77** with MEM-MAC **2-76**

We next turned our attention to the Peterson olefination type reagent, [methoxy(phenylthio)-(trimethylsilyl)methane **2-79** developed by Livinghouse et al.^{38d} This reagent has the advantage that the conversion of the intermediate thioester to ethylamide is easy. We first performed a model reaction with cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde **2-78**. The aldehyde **2-78** was subjected to the Livinghouse's conditions to provide an inseparable mixture of (E)-, (Z)-olefins **80** and **81** (Scheme 2-34).



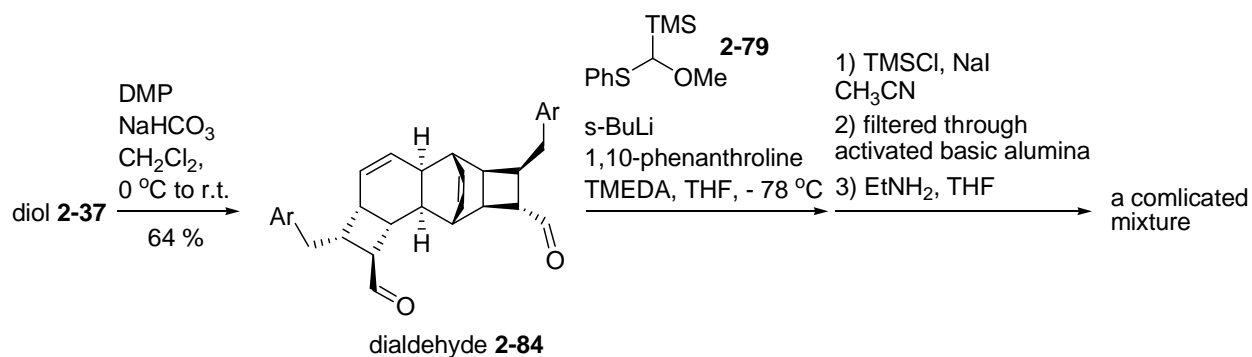
Scheme 2-34. Olefination using Livinghouse's procedure

The demethylation of using TMSI was followed by the treatment with ethylamine. As a result, the desired one carbon homologated ethyl amide was obtained in 65 % yield (Scheme 2-35).



Scheme 2-35. The demethylation and ethyl amide synthesis

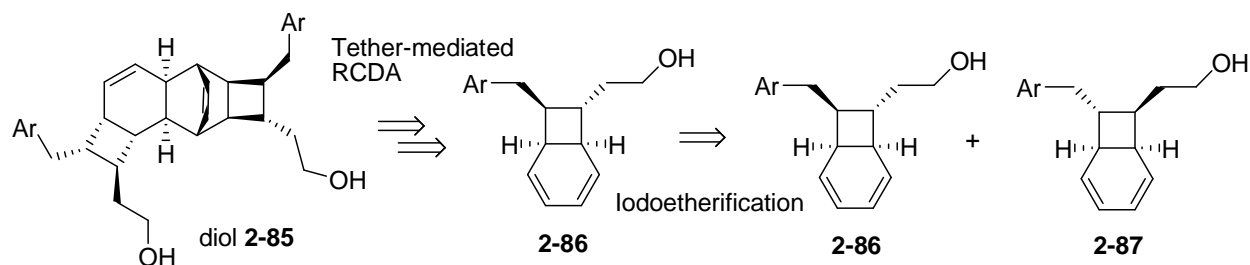
Next, we applied the method to the dialdehyde **2-84** that was oxidized from the diol **2-37**. However, a complicated mixture was obtained (Scheme 2-36).



Scheme 2-36. The application of Livinghouse's procedure to the dialdehyde **2-84**

2.2.9.2 The alternative monomer for the RCDA reaction

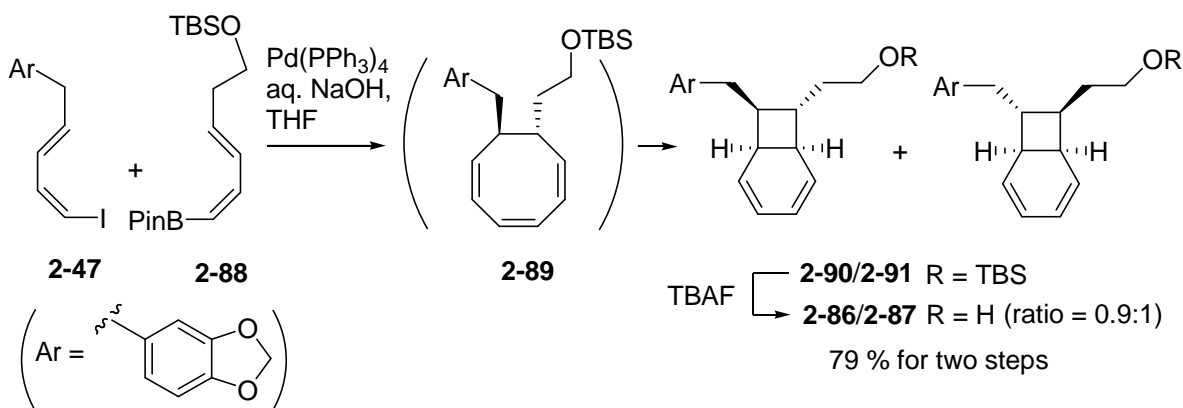
We have been frustrated with one carbon homologation of the diol **2-37**. This led us to consider an alternative route to pre-homologated diol **2-85**. The amide formation from the acid that might be produced by oxidation of the diol **2-85** looked attractive. We thought that the diol **2-85** would be available from endo alcohol **2-86** by a tether-mediated RCDA reaction as in the preparation of the diol **2-37**. Again, the exo alcohol **2-87** would be removed by iodoetherification and chromatography (Scheme 2-37).



Scheme 2-37. An alternative route to pre-homologated diol **2-85**

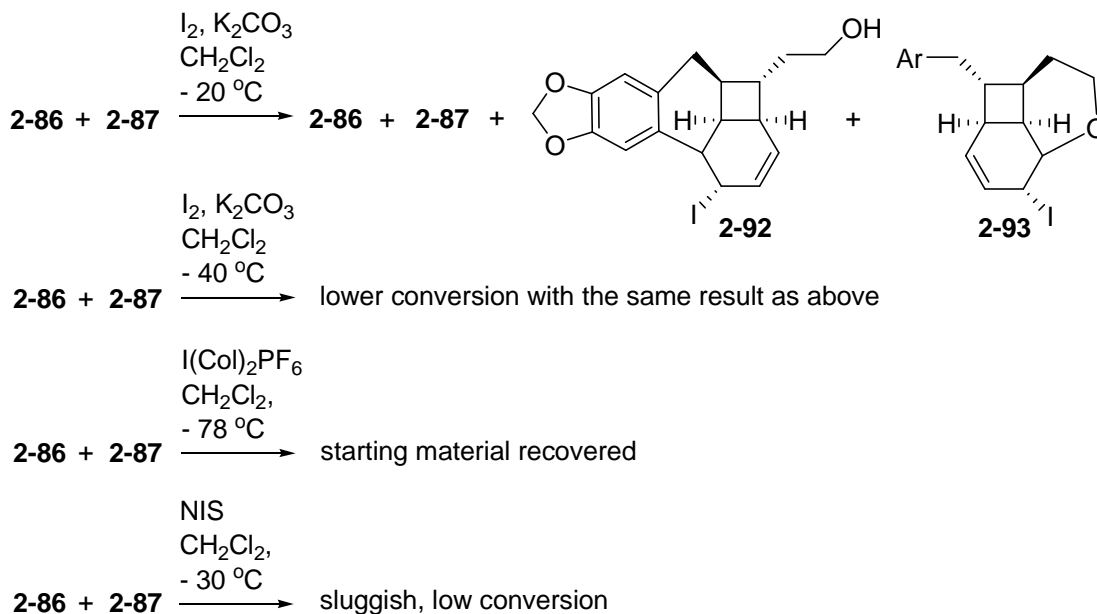
Following a conventional tandem coupling and electrocyclization strategy, we obtained an inseparable mixture of endo- and exo-alcohols **2-86** and **2-87** by adaptation of the procedure that had been successfully applied to the synthesis of the bicyclooctadienes **2-41** and **2-43** (Scheme 2-

38).



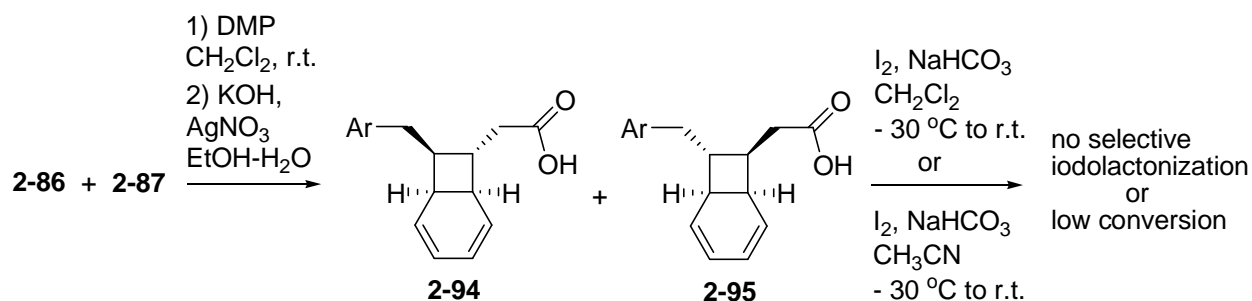
Scheme 2-38. Synthesis of the endo- and exo-alcohols **2-86** and **2-87**

Having a mixture of **2-86** and **2-87**, we next carried out iodoetherification to selectively remove exo isomer **2-87**. However, in contrast to our expectation, the iodoetherification did not result in a selective removal. The resulting inseparable mixture contained pentacyclic **2-92** and iodoether **2-93** along with unreacted starting materials. Lowering the temperature or changing the reagent to a hard iodine electrophile did not give a successful result (Scheme 2-39).



Scheme 2-39. Iodoetherification of the endo- and exo-alcohols **2-86** and **2-87**

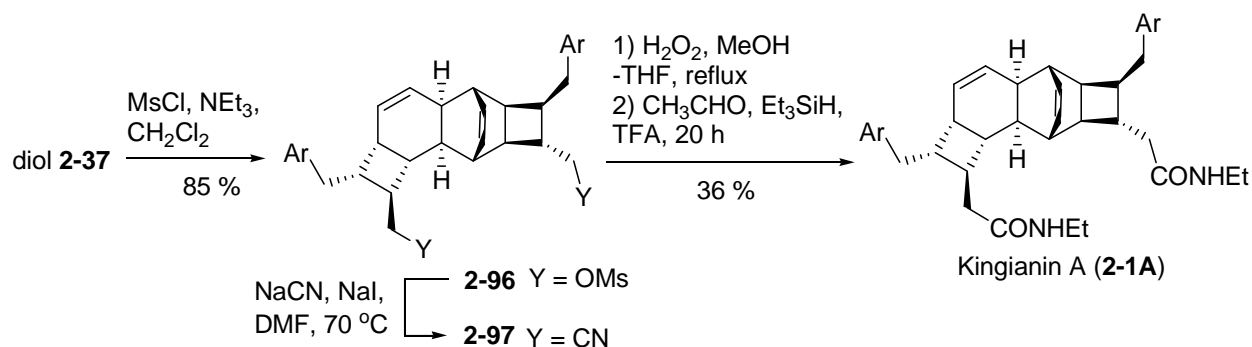
In addition, when we tuned the nucleophilicity of the sidechain functionality by converting the alcohols to carboxylic acids, the selective iodolactonization was not observed (Scheme 2-40).



Scheme 2-40. Iodolactonization of the acids **2-94** and **2-95**

2.2.9.3 Double homologation: completion of the total synthesis of kingianin A

Meanwhile, we performed the double homologation procedure that had been employed by Moses for the synthesis of pre-kingianin A. Mesylation of the diol **2-37** and displacement by cyanide (\rightarrow **2-97**) were followed by peroxide-promoted hydrolysis⁸⁹ and the reductive N-alkylation procedure of Dube.⁹⁰ This 5-step sequence converted diol **2-37** to (\pm)-kingianin A (**2-1A**) in 26 % yield (Scheme 2-41).



Scheme 2-41. Double homologation: completion of the total synthesis of kingianin A

⁸⁹ For a study of effective media for this reaction, see Brinchi, L.; Chiavini, L.; Goracci, L.; Di Profio, P.; Germani, R. *Lett. Org. Chem.* **2009**, *6*, 175-179.

⁹⁰ Reductive N-alkylation of amides, carbamates and ureas. Dube, D.; Scholte, A. A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, *40*, 2295-2298.

The ^1H and ^{13}C nmr spectra of our synthetic kingianin A were compared with those reported for the natural product in Table 2-12 and 2-13. The chemical shifts as well as coupling constants were consistent with the authentic data.

Table 2-12. ^1H -NMR for Kingianin A in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm), mult, (J in Hz)⁹¹

No.	Authentic, δ_c	Synthetic, δ_c	No.	Authentic, δ_c	Synthetic, δ_c
1	2.05 m	2.05 m	1'	2.09 m	2.09 m
2	2.48 m	2.48 m	2'	2.26 m	2.26 m
3	5.56 br d (10.4)	5.57 br d (10.3)	3'	2.41 m	2.42 m
4	5.66 br d (10.4)	5.67 br d (10.3)	4'	6.11 dd (7.1, 7.6)	6.12 t (7.2)
5	2.24 m	2.24 m	5'	6.22 t (7.1)	6.23 t (7.2)
6	1.70 br d (9.0)	1.71 br d (9.0)	6'	2.52 m	2.53 m
7	1.91 m	1.92 m	7'	2.49 m	2.50 m
8	2.02 m	2.03 m	8'	2.28 m	2.28 m
9	2.57/2.46 m	2.57/2.46 m	9'	2.63/2.49 m	2.64/2.50
10	-	-	10'	-	-
11	6.63 d (1.2)	6.63 br s	11'	6.60 br s	6.61 br s
12	-	-	12'	-	-
13	-	-	13'	-	-
14	6.69 d (7.9)	6.70 d (4.1)	14'	6.68 d (7.9)	6.68 d (4.1)
15	6.56 dd (7.9, 1.2)	6.56 br d (8.2)	15'	6.57 br d (7.9)	6.58 br d (9.3)
16	5.90 ^a s	5.91 ^a s	16'	5.88 ^a s	5.89 ^a s
17	2.02 m	2.03 m	17'	2.07/1.95 m	2.07/1.96 m
18	-	-	18'	-	-
19	5.30 t (5.7)	5.20 ^b t (5.2)	19'	5.25 t (5.7)	5.16 ^b t (5.2)
20	3.21 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.21 qd (7.2, 5.2)	20'	3.21 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.21 qd (7.2, 5.2)
21	1.09 t (7.2)	1.09 ^c t (7.2)	21'	1.09 t (7.2)	1.10 ^c t (7.2)

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.⁹

^{a, b, c} Values are interchangeable

⁹¹ Our laboratory uses 7.260 ppm for the chemical shift of CHCl_3 . All values in the Experimental Section are based on this standard. The Litaudon group uses 7.240 ppm for the chemical shift of CHCl_3 . Therefore in this Table we have adjusted the values reported by Litaudon et al by adding 0.020 ppm.

Table 2-13. ^{13}C -NMR for Kingianin A in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm)⁹²

Number	Authentic	Synthetic	Number	Authentic	Synthetic
1	43.7	43.7	1'	38.8	38.8
2	33.2	33.2	2'	44.3	44.3
3	124.9	124.9	3'	42.8	42.7
4	132.2	132.3	4'	132.4	132.4
5	38.1	38.0	5'	134.8	134.8
6	37.9	37.9	6'	38.4	38.4
7	42.4	42.40 ^a	7'	39.7	39.7
8	42.4	42.42 ^a	8'	43.7	43.7
9	35.8	35.8	9'	35.2	35.2
10	135.3	135.2	10'	135.5	135.5
11	108.8	108.79 ^b	11'	108.8	108.84 ^b
12	147.5	147.5	12'	147.5	147.5
13	145.4	145.4	13'	145.4	145.4
14	108.1	108.1	14'	108.1	108.1
15	121.0	121.00 ^c	15'	121.0	121.02 ^c
16	100.7	100.7	16'	100.7	100.7
17	41.8	41.8	17'	43.0	43.0
18	171.9	171.9	18'	171.9	171.8
19	-	-	19'	-	-
20	34.3	34.3	20'	34.2	34.2
21	14.9	14.86 ^d	21'	14.9	14.91 ^d

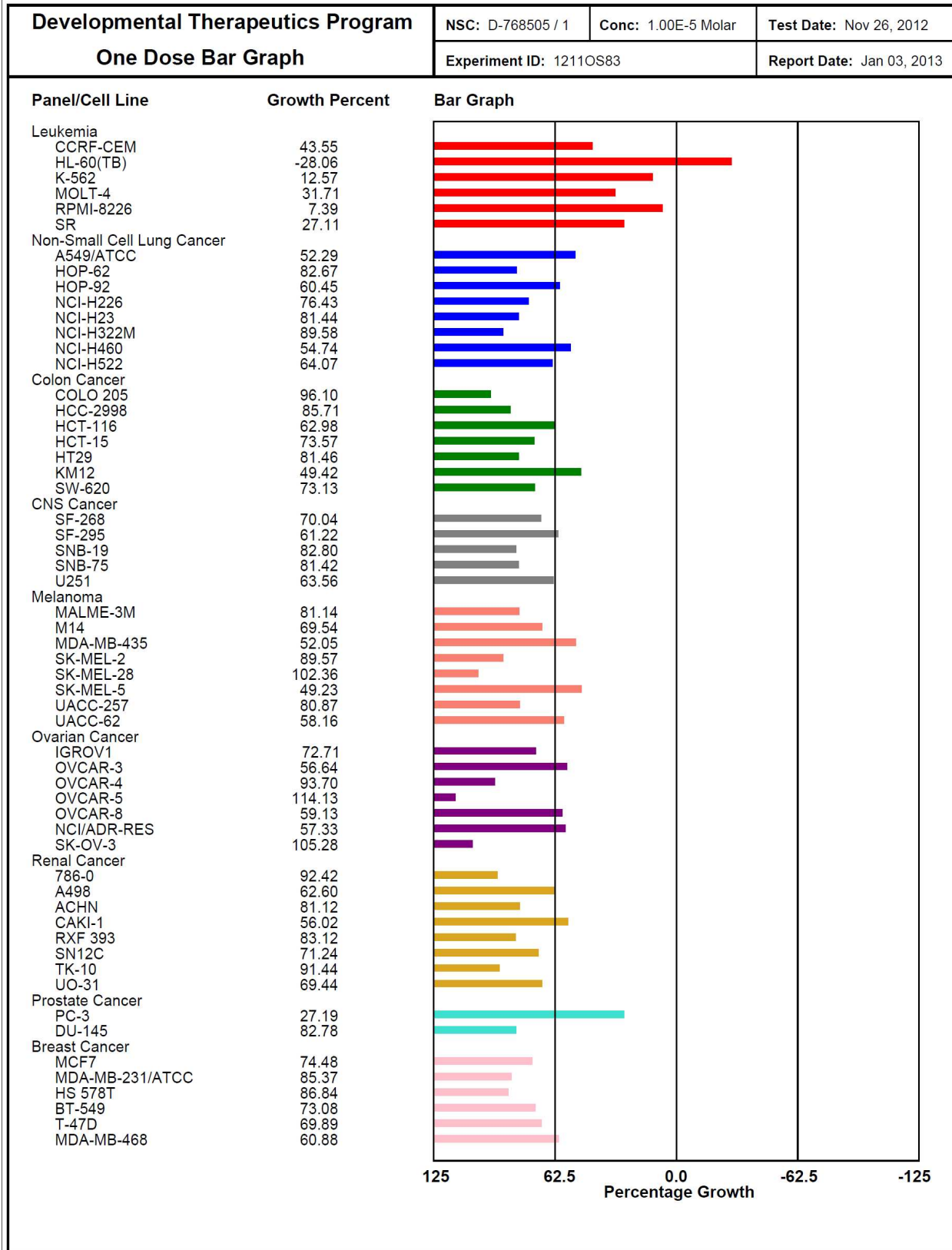
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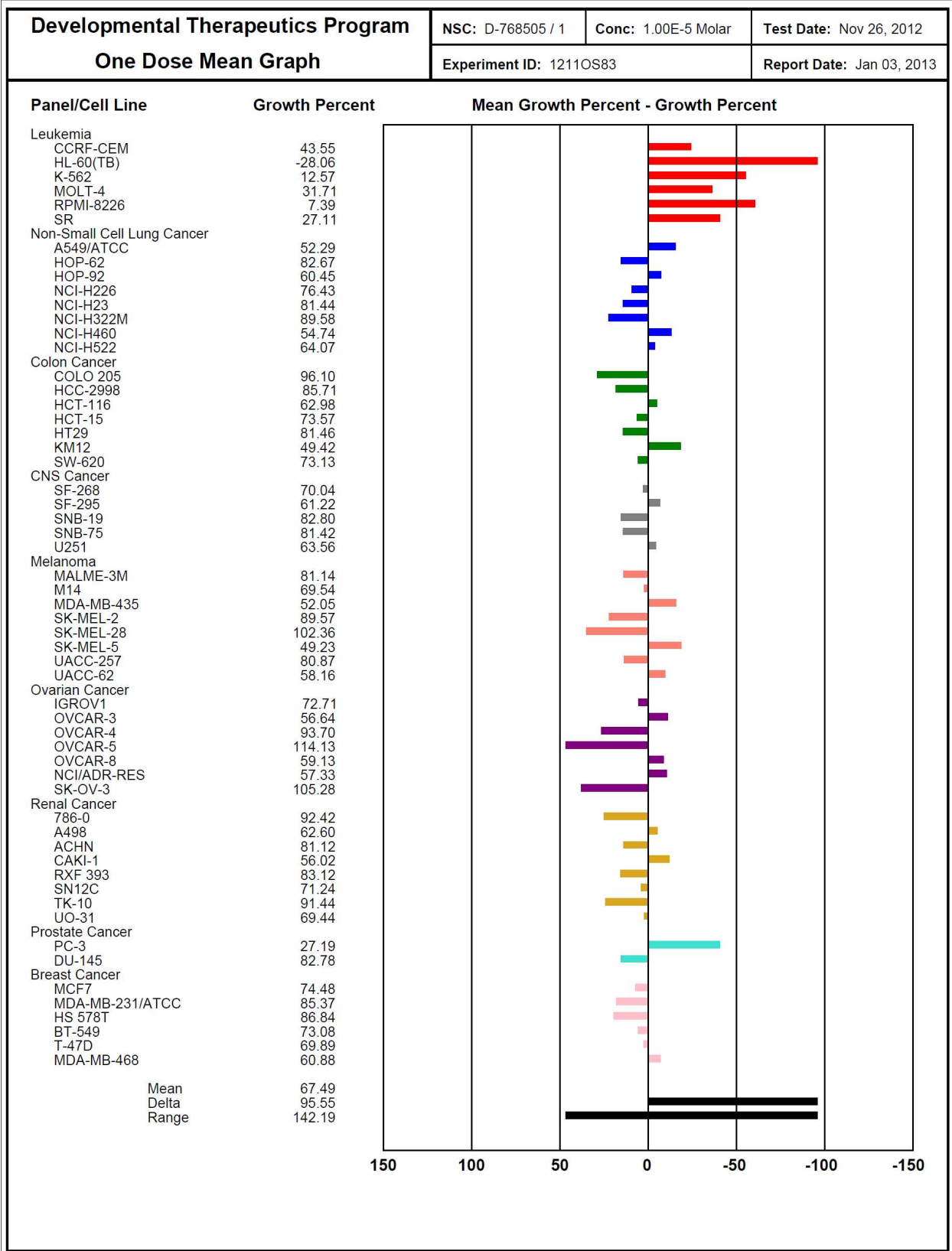
^{a, b, c, d} Values are interchangeable

⁹² Our laboratory uses 77.000 ppm for the chemical shift of CDCl_3 . All values in the Experimental Section are based on this standard. The Litaudon group uses 77.230 ppm for the chemical shift of CDCl_3 . Therefore in this Table we have adjusted the values reported by Litaudon et al by subtracting 0.230 ppm.

2.2.10 The test result in NCI-60 cell lines

Our synthetic kingianin A was sent to Dr. John Beutler at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for testing in the NCI-60 cell line screen. The resulting bar graphs are attached. The first graph is for the one dose experiment for measuring the relative cell death. Kingianin A showed a complicated result, demanding the further experiments.





2.3 Conclusion

A 12-step synthesis of kingianin A, an inhibitor of the antiapoptotic protein Bcl-xL, is based on a radical cation Diels Alder reaction (RCDA), an approach thought to be biomimetic.

We hypothesized that the stereochemistry of the RCDA reaction of the bicyclooctadienes are derived by two steric factors; 1) the substituents on cyclobutane blocks an approach from sterically hindered faces of both bicyclooctadienes and 2) another steric factor is believed to be built when the diene approaches the dienophile proximal to endo substituent. Also, our concern about the practical synthesis led us to have a tether-mediated intramolecular RCDA strategy.

The presumed monomeric bicyclooctadiene, the endo alcohol **2-41**, was prepared by a tandem coupling and electrocyclization. The selective iodoetherification removed exo alcohol **2-43** successfully. The best tether, adipic acid tether, was found by screening five candidates including succinyl, glutaryl, adipoyl, adamantanedicarboxyl, and adamantanediacetyl groups.

The RCDA reaction of the tethered diesters **2-39c** and **2-40c** gave two pentacyclic dimers in contrast with our expectation that only C-2 symmetric substrate would form dimer. Each of the dimers was identified by X-ray structure determination and a series of nmr experiments, respectively. As a result, we found that one was endo RCDA product **2-38c** from the C-2 symmetric diester and the other was exo RCDA product **2-69c** from the meso diester.

After hydrolysis of the diester **2-38c**, we focused on one carbon homologation to form ethyl amide. Despite our efforts, the one carbon homologation was not easily achieved. At last, we adapted the double homologation method that was used in the synthesis of pre-kingianin A by Moses group. This double homologation successfully afforded the kingianin A.

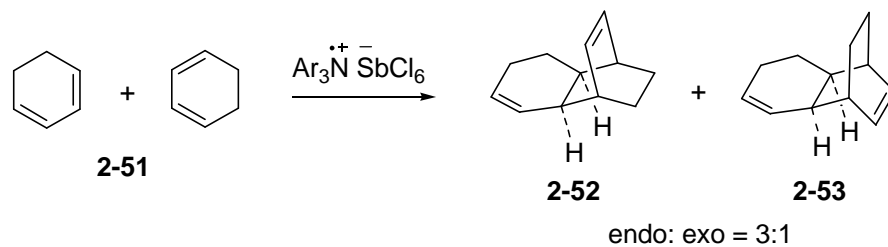
2.4 Experimental Section

General Information

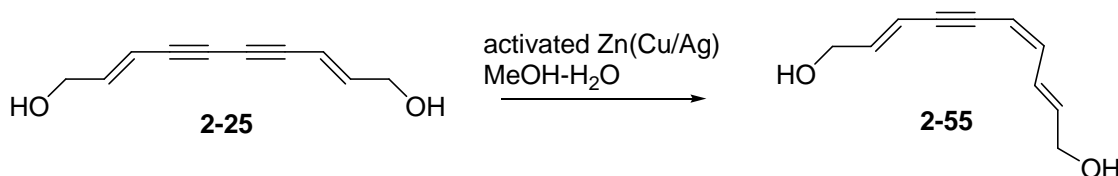
All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. Unless stated otherwise, commercially available reagents were used as supplied or distilled by short-path distillation. HPLC grade hexane, EtOAc, CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃OH were used in chromatography. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl under argon gas. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under nitrogen gas. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman precoated PE SIL G/UV 250 μm layer polyester-supported flexible plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol or KMnO₄ aq. solution and then heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Fisher brand silica gel (170-400 mesh).

Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FT-IR instrument. Samples were scanned as neat liquids or dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova-500 (500 MHz for ¹H and 126 MHz for ¹³C), Varian Inova-400 (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C), or Gemini-2300 (300 MHz for ¹H) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for proton NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-*d*. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR spectra are reported in ppm with the center line of the triplet for chloroform-*d* set at 77.00 ppm. COSY and NOE experiments were measured on a Varian Inova-600 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass Q-ToF Ultima spectrometer by the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

Experimental Procedure/ Characterization

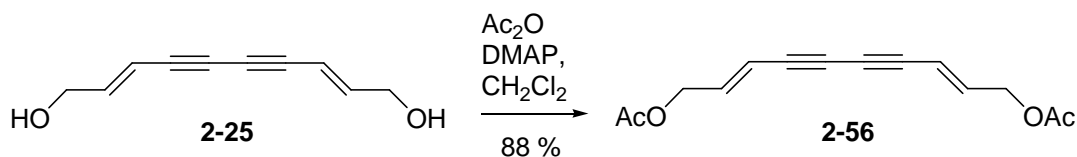


Dimers 2-52 and 2-53 To a stirred solution of 1,3-cyclohexene **2-51** (95.0 μL , 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.3 mL) was added aminium salt (40.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and washed with NH_4Cl and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hexane) to afford an inseparable mixture of the dimers **2-52** and **2-53** (38.2 mg, 48 %) as colorless oil. For the ratio, see a spectrum.



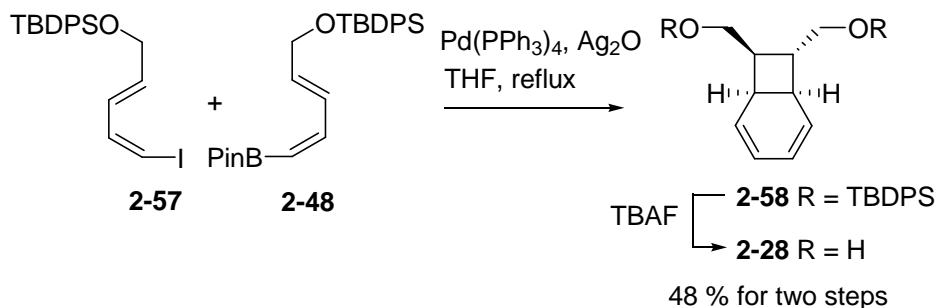
(1E, 3Z, 7E)-nona-1,3,7-triene-5-yne-1,9-diol (2-55) To a stirred suspension of activated $\text{Zn}(\text{Cu}/\text{Ag})$ (2 g) in H_2O (10 mL)- MeOH (10 mL) was added diyne **2-25** (0.10 g, 0.62 mmol) at r.t. under Ar. The mixture was wrapped with aluminum foil and stirred for 1 day. The small portion of the reaction mixture was taken and worked up. The crude ^1H nmr of the reaction mixture showed a major product as a partially reduced product **2-55**.

Rf value: 0.50 (Hex: EtOAc = 1:1) ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.26 (m, 4 H), 5.58 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.02 (dt, $J = 15.0$ and 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.28 (dt, $J = 16.2$ and 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.40 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 15.0$ and 11.4 Hz, 1 H).



Diacetate 2-56 To a stirred solution of the diene **2-25** (0.19 g, 1.18 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) was added DMAP (28.8 mg, 0.24 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.33 mL, 3.54 mmol) at r.t. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and quenched with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford diacetate **2-56** as yellow solid.

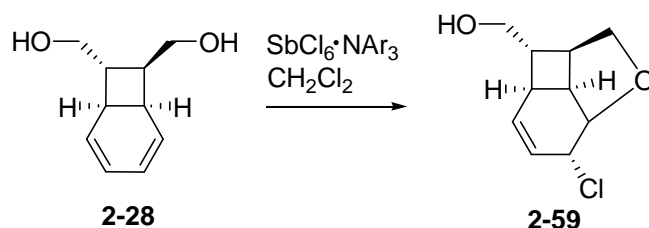
Rf value: 0.40 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08 (s, 6 H), 4.62 (d, $J = 5,7$ Hz, 4 H), 5.82 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.31 (dt, $J = 15.6$ and 5.7 Hz, 2 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1266, 1382, 1740, 3047.



Bicyclooctadiene diol 2-28 1) Suzuki coupling: To a stirred solution of the iododiene **2-57** (2.0 g, 4.6 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (1.3 g, 1.2 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added boronate **2-48** (3.0 g, 6.9 mmol) and Ag_2O (2.67 g, 11.5 mmol) at r.t. Then, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux under darkness. After 12 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered, concentrated. The concentrate was passed through a short pad of silica gel and washed with 5% EtOAc in hexane until desired band was completely eluted. The yellow fractions were combined. The crude product was directly used for the next step. 2) Deprotection of TBDPS group: To a stirred solution of the crude product in THF (20 mL) was slowly added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 12.4 mL, 12.4 mmol) at r.t. After 2 h, the mixture was quenched with sat NH_4Cl and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, purified by column chromatography (Hex:

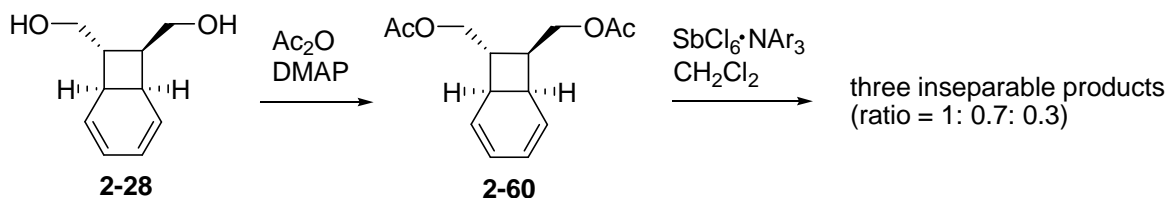
EtOAc = 1:2) to afford bicyclooctadiene diol **2-28** (0.37 g, 48 % for two steps) as yellow oil.

Rf value: 0.2 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:2) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.67 (m, 3 H), 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.72 (dd, $J = 10.0$ and 3.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 5.51 (dd, $J = 10.0$ and 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.59 (dd, $J = 9.6$ and 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (dd, $J = 9.6$ and 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.86 (ddd, $J = 9.6$, 5.2, and 1.2 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 32.4, 32.9, 51.1, 52.5, 62.5, 65.2, 122.2, 124.2, 125.5, 126.1.



Chloro ether 2-59 To a stirred solution of the diol **2-28** (20.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was added the catalyst (4.9 mg, 6.0 μmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. Because no reaction was observed by monitoring TLC, more catalyst was added in portions until the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was then quenched with triethylamine, filtered, concentrated. The crude ^1H nmr spectrum indicated the presence of chloro ether **2-59** although it was contaminated.

Rf value: 0.6 (CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.97 (br s, 1 H), 2.64 (br s, 1 H), 2.73 (br s, 1 H), 3.11 (br s, 1 H), 3.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (m, 2 H), 4.65 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (m, 2 H).

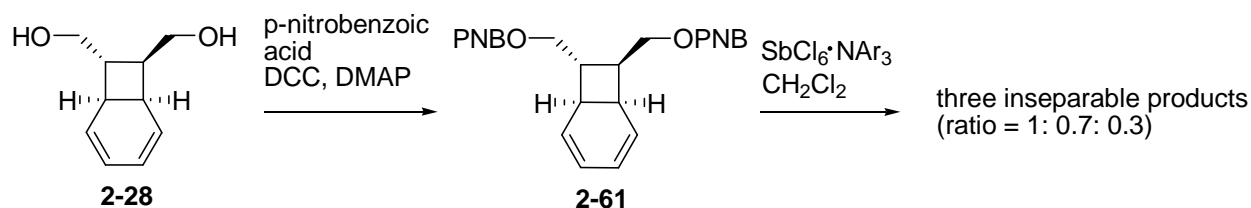


RCDA reaction of the diacetate 2-60 1) Acetylation: To a stirred solution of the diol **2-28** (38.0 mg, 0.23 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was added DMAP (5.6 mg, 45.7 μmol) and Ac_2O (65.0 μL , 0.69 mmol) at r.t. After 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n and portioned. The aqueous layer was then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and combined organic solution

was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 15:1) to afford bicyclooctadiene diacetate **2-60** (50.4 mg, 88 %) as colorless oil.

2-60 Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.03 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.75-2.89 (, 2 H), 3.20 (m, 1 H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 7.2 and 3.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.51 (dd, *J* = 10.0 and 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.88 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.2, and 1.6 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.898, 20.920, 32.8, 33.1, 44.6, 47.1, 64.5, 66.1, 122.3, 124.5, 124.7, 126.0, 170.9, 171.0.

2) RCDA reaction: To a stirred solution of the diacetate **2-60** (20 mg, 79.9 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.7 mL) was added the catalyst (3.2 mg, 3.9 μmol) at 0 °C. After 1 h, 5 mol % of catalyst (3.2 mg, 3.9 μmol) was added, and the resulting blue solution was stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with NH₄Cl, H₂O, and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a mixture of unidentified three products (9.5 mg, 48 %) as sticky colorless oil. For the ratio and intrinsic peaks of three products, see spectrum.

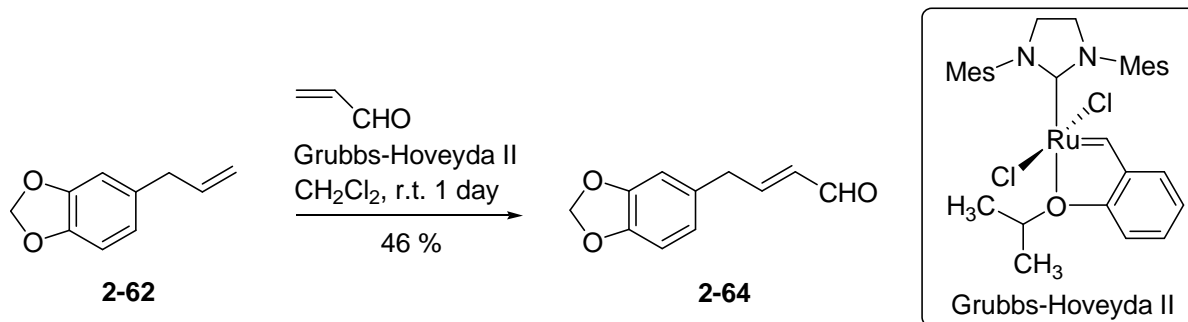


RCDA reaction of the di-p-nitrobenzoate 2-61 1) Esterification: To a stirred solution of the diol **2-38** (10 mg, 60.1 μmol), DCC (62.0 mg, 300 μmol), DMAP (0.7 mg, 6.0 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added p-nitrobenzoic acid (50.2 mg, 300 μmol) at r.t. After stirring 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat NaHCO₃ sol'n and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 4:1 to 2:1) to afford di-p-nitrobenzoate **2-61** (20.7 mg, 74 %) as yellow solid.

2-61 Rf value: 0.8 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.96 (m, 2 H), 3.13 (m, 1 H), 3.37 (m, 1 H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 11.2 and 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 11.2 and 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.64 (m, 2 H), 5.78 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.96 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.6,

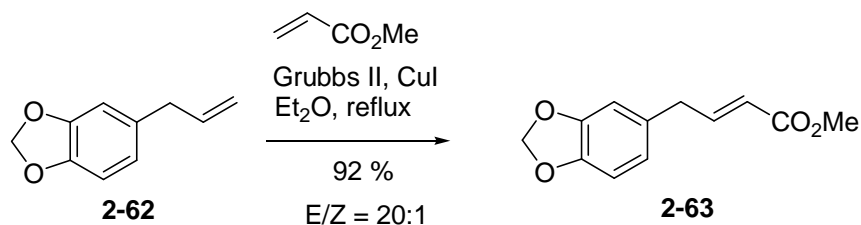
and 1.6 Hz, 1 H).

2) RCDA reaction of di-*p*-nitrobenzoate **2-61** To a stirred solution of the di-*p*-nitrobenzoate **2-61** (20.5 mg, 44.1 μ mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.88 mL) was added the catalyst (1.8 mg, 2.2 μ mol) at 0 °C. After 5 h, 10 mol % of catalyst (3.6 mg, 4.4 μ mol) was added, and the resulting blue solution was stirred for days. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with NH_4Cl , H_2O , and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a mixture of unidentified three products (13.2 mg, 64 %) as sticky yello oil. For the ratio and intrinsic peaks of three products, see spectrum.



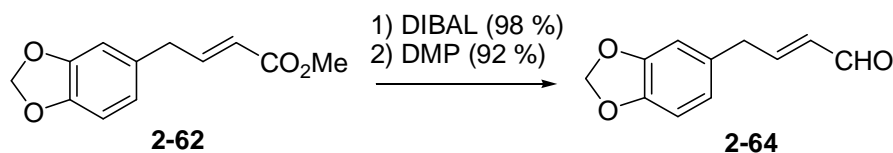
Aldehyde 2-64 The metathesis procedure described by Cossy et al was adapted.³² In an oven-dried 50 mL round bottom flask was placed safrole **2-62** (0.88 g, 5.4 mmol) and acrolein (1.07 mL, 19.3 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) under Ar. The Grubbs-Hoveyda second generation catalyst (85 mg, 0.14 mmol) was added, and then the mixture was stirred for 1 day. The resulting black solution was concentrated and directly subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford aldehyde **2-64** as yellow oil (0.47 g, 46 %).

Rf value: 0.3 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.56 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.5$ Hz, 2 H), 5.95 (s, 2 H), 6.09 (ddt, $J = 15.6, 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1 H), 6.62 – 6.79 (m, 3 H), 6.92 (dt, $J = 15.6$ and 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 9.53 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H). The data are in consistent with the literature values.⁹



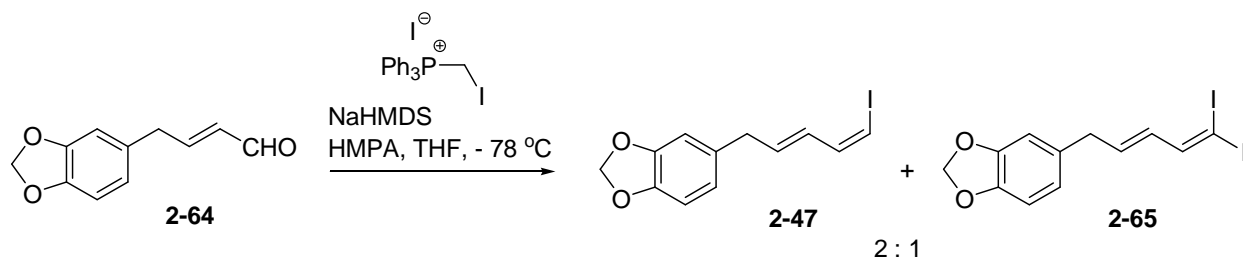
Methyl ester 61 Safrole **2-62** (3.00 g, 18.72 mmol), methyl acrylate (5.06 mL, 56.2 mmol), Grubbs II catalyst (0.31 g, 0.37 mmol), and CuI (0.11 g, 0.56 mmol) were placed in dry diethyl ether (187.0 mL) in a flame-dried 500 mL round bottom under Ar. The mixture was heated to reflux for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 8:1) to afford methyl ester **2-63** as yellow oil

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.43 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.60 – 6.76 (m, 3 H), 7.06 (dt, *J* = 15.3 and 6.6 Hz, 1 H). The data are in consistent with the literature values.⁹



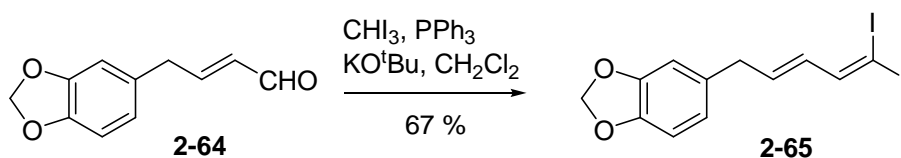
The aldehyde 2-64 1) DIBAL-reduction: To a stirred solution of the ester **2-62** (3.90 g, 17.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was added dropwise DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexane, 40.7 mL, 40.7 mmol) at -78 °C under Ar. After 30 min, the mixture was quenched with MeOH (5 mL), sat. sodium potassium tartrate sol'n, and diluted with diethyl ether (100 mL). The mixture was further stirred for 2 h at room temperature and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether, and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated. The crude mixture was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a corresponding allylic alcohol (3.3 g, 98 %) as colorless oil. This known alcohol was directly used for the next step without characterization. 2) Oxidation: To a stirred solution of the alcohol (2.60 g, 13.52 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (27.0 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP, 6.88 g, 16.22 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 1 h. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic solution was washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column

chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the aldehyde **2-64** (2.37 g, 92 %).



Iododiene 2-47 and diiododiene 2-65 To a stirred suspension of the methyl iodophosphonium salt (0.17 g, 0.32 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added NaHMDS (2.0 M in THF, 0.14 mL, 0.29 mmol) at r.t. After 15 min, the clear solution was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The aldehyde **2-64** (50.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) in HMPA (0.5 mL) was slowly added to the solution. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl sol'n, and extracted with ethyl ether. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 20:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of the iododiene **2-47** and diiododiene **2-65** (44.3 mg) as yellow oil. The ratio was calculated from the ^1H nmr spectrum.

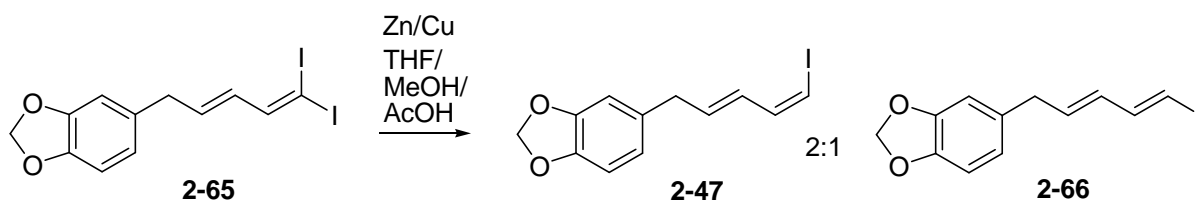
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** δ 3.39 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.07 (dt, $J = 15.0$ and 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (ddd, $J = 15.0, 10.0, 1.5$ Hz), 6.64 - 6.76 (m, 4 H); diiododiene **2-65** δ 3.33 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 5.90-5.95 (dd, $J = 15.5$ and 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.05 (dt, $J = 15.5$ and 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 6.75 (d, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1 H).



Diiododiene 2-65 To a stirred solution of CHI_3 (0.25 g, 0.63 mmol) and PPh_3 (0.17 g, 0.63 mmol) in toluene (2.1 mL) was added KO^tBu (70.8 mg, 0.63 mmol) in portions over 20 min at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The resulting viscous mixture was stirred for 20 min. Then, a solution of the aldehyde **2-64** (60.0 mg, 0.32 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. After 20 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted ethyl ether. The organic

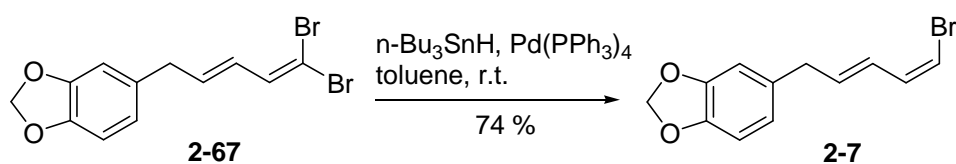
solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50:1) to afford a diiododiene **2-65** (93.0 mg, 67 %) as light yellow oil.

Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.33 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.90-5.95 (dd, *J* = 15.5 and 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.05 (dt, *J* = 15.5 and 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 6.75 (d, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1 H).



Zn(Cu) mediated reductive deiodination: To a stirred solution of diiododiene **2-65** (50.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (4 mL)-MeOH (2.5 mL)-AcOH (0.4 mL) was added Zn-Cu (200 mg) at r.t. After stirring 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl ether and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude ¹H nmr data showed a mixture of (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** and (E, E)-iododiene **2-66**.

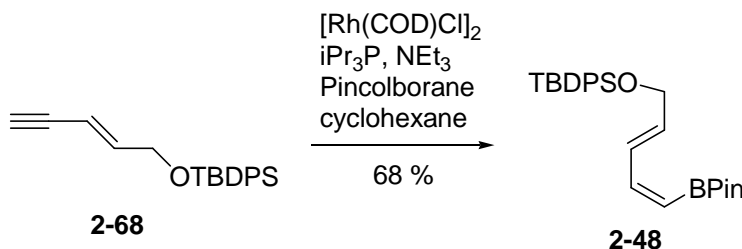
Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) (E, Z)-iododiene **2-47** δ 3.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.07 (dt, *J* = 15.0 and 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 10.0, 1.5 Hz), 6.64 - 6.76 (m, 4 H); (E, E)-iododiene **2-66** δ 3.62 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.83 (dt, *J* = 15.0 and 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 15.5 and 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 - 6.76 (m, 3 H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 15.0 and 11.0 Hz, 1 H).



(E, Z)-bromodiene **2-7** To a stirred solution of the dibromide **2-67**⁵ (0.20 g, 0.58 mmol) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (26.7 mg, 23.1 μmol) in toluene (5 mL) was slowly added tributyltin hydride (0.16 mL, 0.61 mmol) at r.t. under Ar. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and partitioned. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic

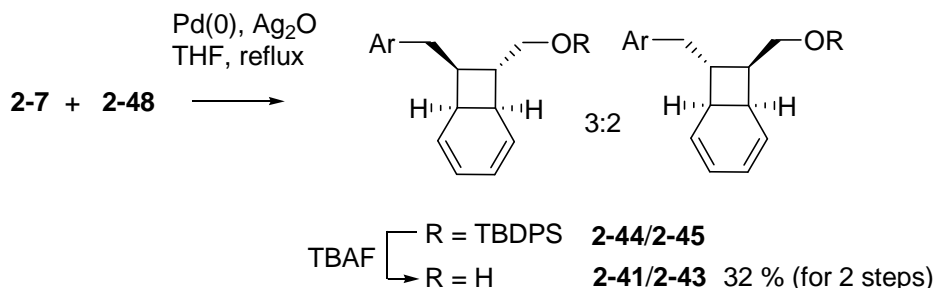
solution was then dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50:1) to afford a (E, Z)-bromodiene **2-7** (0.11 g, 74 %) as yellow oil.

Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.39 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 6.00 (dt, $J = 15.2$ and 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.09 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.45 (ddd, $J = 15.2$, 10.4 and 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.59 – 6.76 (m, 4 H). The data are consistent with the literature values.⁹



(E, Z)-boronate 2-48 To a stirred solution of cyclooctadiene rhodium chloride dimer (134.6 mg, 0.27 mmol) in cyclohexane (50 mL) was added triethylamine (12.6 mL, 91.0 mmol), triisopropyl phosphine (0.21 mL, 0.17 mmol), and pinacolborane (2.64 mL, 18.2 mmol) at r.t. under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 30 min until the enyne **2-68** (7.0 g, 21.8 mmol) was added. After 5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH (5 mL) and concentrated. The concentrate was directly subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50:1 to 30:1, 1% triethylamine) to afford the (E, Z)-boronate **2-48** (6.48 g, 72 %) as yellow oil.

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.27 (s, 12 H), 3.40 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2 H), 5.31 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1 H), 5.90 – 5.96 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.65 – 6.90 (m, 3 H), 6.87 (m, 2 H). The data are consistent with the literature values.¹²

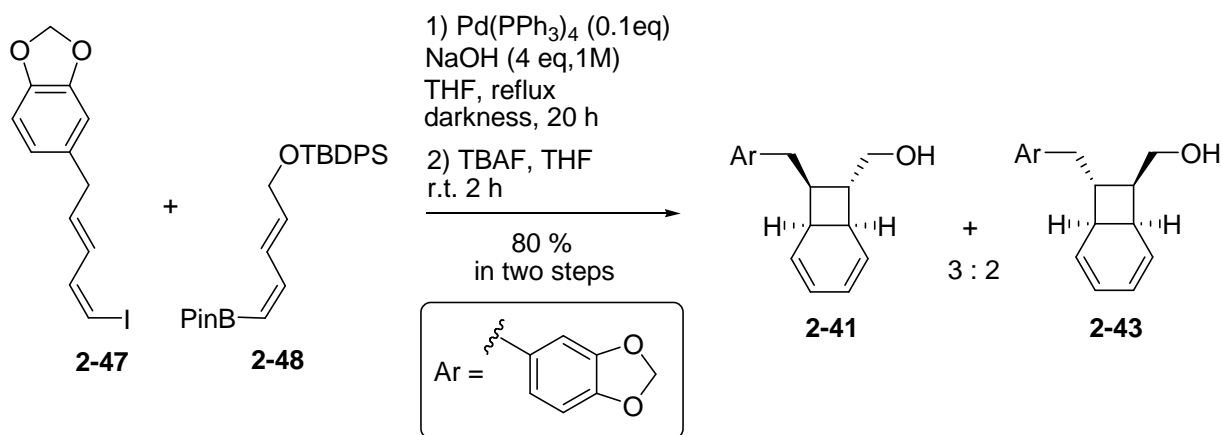


Endo- and exo alcohols **2-41** and **2-43** from the bromodiene **2-7** and boronate **2-48**

1) Suzuki coupling: To a stirred suspension of Ag_2O (2.83 g, 12.2 mmol) and boronate **2-48** (3.16

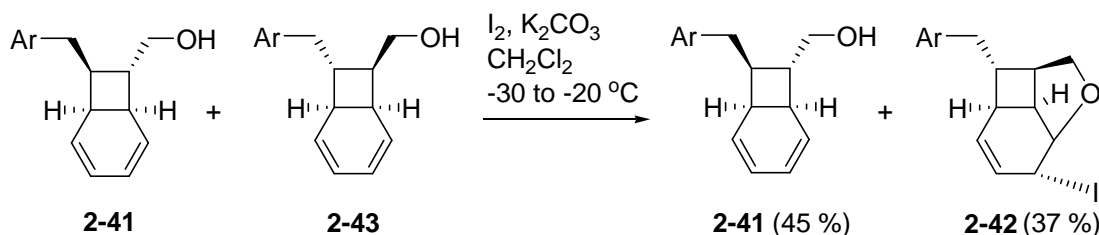
g, 7.30 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added a solution of the bromide **2-7** (1.30 g, 4.87 mmol) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.41 g, 0.25 mmol) in THF (11 mL) at r.t. The mixture was then heated to reflux and stirred overnight. The resulting black solution was filtered, concentrated. The concentrate was passed through a short pad of silica gel and washed with 5% EtOAc in hexane until desired band was completely eluted. The yellow fractions were combined. The crude product was directly used for the next step. 2) Deprotection of the TBDPS group: To a stirred solution of **2-44** and **2-45** in THF (30 mL) was added the tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 14.6 mL, 14.6 mmol) at r.t. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford a mixture of endo- and exo alcohols **2-41** and **2-43** (0.42 g, 32 %) as yellow oil.

2-41/2-43 Rf value: 0.4/0.38 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.55 - 2.88 (m, 5 H), 3.20 - 3.25 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 11.0 and 6.1 Hz, 0.6 H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 11.0 and 5.6 Hz, 0.6 H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 5.7 Hz, 0.4 H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 8.4 Hz, 0.4 H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 5.5 Hz, 0.4 H), 5.57 - 5.64 (m, 2 H), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 9.8 and 5.4 Hz, 0.6 H), 5.84 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.5, and 1.5 Hz, 0.4 H), 5.90 - 5.93 (m, 0.6 H), 5.913 (s, 1.2 H), 5.915 (s, 0.8 H), 6.60 - 6.72 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.5, 32.9, 34.5, 36.1, 36.2, 41.6, 48.3, 50.4, 51.7, 53.6, 63.3, 65.3, 100.8 (two), 108.15, 108.22, 108.9, 109.0, 121.2, 121.4, 121.5, 121.8, 124.3, 124.4, 125.3, 126.2, 126.7, 127.1, 134.3, 134.8, 145.7, 145.8, 147.57, 147.62. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1247, 1488, 1502, 2917, 3355. (endo/exo = 3:2; the ratio was determined from the ¹H nmr data)



Endo- and exo alcohols 2-41 and 2-43 from the iododiene 2-47 and boronate 2-48

1) Suzuki coupling: To a stirred solution of (*E,Z*)-iododiene **2-47** (3.39 g, 10.8 mmol) in THF (200 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.25 g, 1.08 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 5 min at r.t. The pinacolboronate **2-48** (7.00 g, 16.2 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and aq. NaOH solution (43.2 mL, 1 M, 43.2 mmol) were added to the mixture. Then, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux under darkness. After 20 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (30 mL X 3) and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The concentrate was passed through a short pad of silica gel and washed with 10% EtOAc in hexane until desired band was completely eluted. The yellow fractions were combined. The crude product was directly used for the next step. 2) Deprotection of the TBDPS group: To a stirred solution of crude product in THF (50 mL) was added TBAF (32.4 mL, 1 M in THF, 32.4 mmol) under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and diluted with sat. NH₄Cl solution (50 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Then, the crude mixture was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 6:1 to 4:1) to afford 2.33 g, (80 %) of a mixture of alcohols **2-41** and **2-43** as light yellow oil. The data are identical with them reported on page 54.



Alcohol 2-41 and Iodoether 2-43 To a stirred solution of the mixture of diastereomeric alcohols **2-41** and **2-43** (200 mg, 0.74 mmol) and potassium carbonate (82 mg, 0.59 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was quickly added iodine (75.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) at – 30 °C under Ar. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to – 20 °C and stirred for 2.5 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ solution and partitioned. The organic solution was washed with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ solution again and the combined aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Then, the residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the alcohol **2-41** (108 mg, 45 %) as light yellow oil and the iodoether **2-42** (86.8 mg, 37 %) as

light yellow solid (mp = 76 -78 °C).

2-41 Rf value: 0.4 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (s, 1 H), 2.57 (m, 1 H), 2.70 - 2.88 (m, 4 H), 3.18 - 3.20 (m, 1 H), 3.31 - 3.38 (m, 2 H), 5.57 -5.63 (m, 2 H), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 9.2 and 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 - 5.93 (m, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.63 - 6.72 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.9, 34.5, 36.2, 48.3, 53.6, 65.3, 100.8, 108.2, 108.9, 121.2, 121.8, 124.3, 126.2, 126.7, 134.8, 145.7, 147.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1247, 1488, 1502, 3353. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₃Na [M + Na]⁺ 293.1154, found 293.1153.

2-42 Rf value: 0.8 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.95 (m, 1 H), 2.57 - 2.60 (m, 1 H), 2.61 - 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 14.3 and 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 9.3 and 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 5.8 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 5.8 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.42 (dd, *J* = 9.9 and 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.87 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.58 - 6.72 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 32.6, 32.7, 41.5, 42.6, 48.0, 73.6, 80.4, 100.8, 108.1, 108.9, 121.4, 125.4, 129.7, 133.4, 145.8, 147.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1246, 1442, 1488, 1503, 1607, 1634, 2892. HRMS [EI⁺] calcd for C₁₇H₁₇IO₃ [M]⁺ 396.0222, found 396.0214.

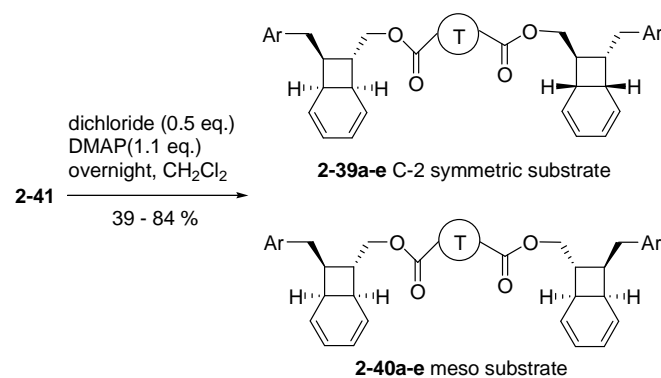


Table 2-4. Screening of Tethers

Tethers		Yield
a	succinyl	72 %
b	glutaryl	84 %
c	adipoyl	75 %
d	adamantanedicarboxyl	39 %
e	adamantane diacetyl	62 %

Tethered diesters 2-39a-e and 2-40a-e Representative procedure: To a stirred solution of the alcohol **2-13** (1 eq) and DMAP (1.1 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M) was added dropwise diacyl chloride (0.5 eq) at 0 °C under Ar; in case of **2-39d-e** and **2-40d-e**, pyridine (3 eq) was additionally used. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with water. The organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford a mixture of the diesters **2-39a-e** and **2-40a-e**.

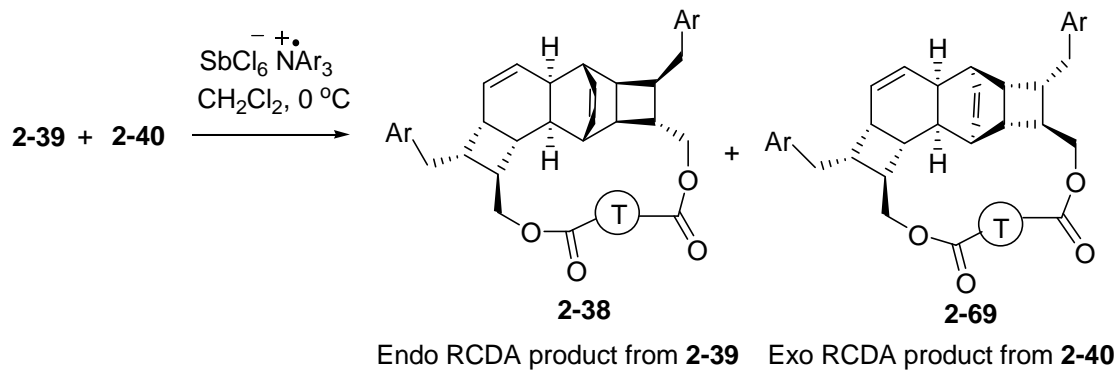
2-39a and 2-40a (colorless oil) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.54 (s, 4 H), 2.64 - 2.86 (m, 8 H), 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.85 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 4 H), 5.58 (m, 4 H), 5.73 (m, 2 H), 5.87 - 5.02 (m, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 4 H), 6.60 - 6.72 (m, 6 H).

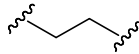
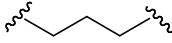
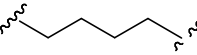

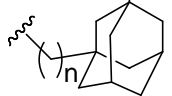
2-39b and 2-40b (colorless oil) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.89 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4 H), 2.64 - 2.87 (m, 10 H), 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.83 (m, 4 H), 5.58 (m, 4 H), 5.71 (m, 2 H), 5.90 - 5.92 (m, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 4 H), 6.61 - 6.71 (m, 6 H).

2-39c and 2-40c (colorless oil) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.61 (m, 4 H), 2.26 (m, 4 H), 2.64 - 2.88 (m, 10 H), 3.19 (m, 2 H), 2.82 - 3.83 (m, 4 H), 5.55 - 5.59 (m, 4 H), 5.71 (dd, $J = 9.5$ and 5.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.89 - 5.93 (m, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 4 H), 6.60 - 6.72 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ . 24.4, 33.6, 33.8, 34.7, 36.0, 48.1, 49.8, 66.3, 100.8, 108.2, 108.9, 121.2, 122.0, 124.4, 126.0, 126.3, 134.5, 145.7, 147.6, 173.2. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1488, 1503, 1731, 2932. HRMS[ES+] calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 651.2940, found 651.2934.

2-39d and 2-40d (colorless oil) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.67 (br s, 2 H), 1.82 (m, 8 H), 1.98 (s, 2 H), 2.14 (br s, 2 H), 2.64 - 2.88 (m, 10 H), 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.77 - 3.85 (m, 4 H), 5.58 (m, 4 H), 5.72 (m, 2 H), 5.88 - 5.92 (m, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.61 - 6.72 (m, 6 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1443, 1488, 1502, 1723.

2-39e and 2-40e (colorless oil) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.44 (br s, 2 H), 1.47 (br s, 2 H), 1.49 (br s, 2 H), 1.56 - 1.59 (m, 6 H), 2.04 (br s, 6 H), 2.57 - 2.89 (m, 10 H), 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (m, 4 H), 5.58 (m, 4 H), 5.71 (m, 2 H), 5.90 - 5.92 (m, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 4 H), 6.60 - 6.71 (m, 6 H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1443, 1488, 1502, 1728.



Tethers		Result	Separation
a	 succinyl	mystery (8 %), 2-69a (12 %)	ok
b	 glutaryl	2-38b + mystery (19 %), 2-69b (20 %)	ok
c	 adipoyl	2-38c (27 %), 2-69c (30 %)	ok
d	 n = 0	M=0.005 2-38c (34 %), 2-69c (39 %)	difficult
e	 n = 1	2-38e (36 %), 2-69e (39 %)	difficult

[M] = 0,01 unless commented. The structures of the RCDA products from succinyl, glutaryl, adamantanes diesters are not exactly assigned, but determined on the basis of the ¹H nmr pattern of RCDA products **2-38c** and **2-69c**.

Intramolecular RCDA reaction of 2-39 and 2-40 Representative procedure: To a stirred solution of **2-39** and **2-40** (1 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (M = 0.01) added SbCl₆⁻N(*p*-BrPh)₃⁺ (0.05 eq) in ice-bath. The resulting deep blue solution was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C and quenched with wet NEt₃. After concentration of the reaction mixture, column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 7:1 to 5:1) afforded dimeric products **2-38** and **2-69**.

Succinyl tether: Mystery (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.78 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (m, 3 H), 2.54 (s, 1 H), 2.67 – 2.85 (m, 5 H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.19 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 12.0 and 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.57 (m, 1 H), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 10.0 and 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 – 5.92 (m, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.03 (m, 1 H), 6.60 – 6.71 (m, 6 H). **2-69a** (colorless oil) ¹H NMR

(500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.60 (m, 1 H), 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.96 (m, 1 H), 2.12 (m, 2 H), 2.24 – 2.47 (m, 7 H), 2.53 – 2.84 (m, 7 H), 2.97 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (dd, J = 10.0 and 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (dd, J = 10.5 and 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.0 and 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (m, 2 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.49 – 6.70 (m, 7 H).

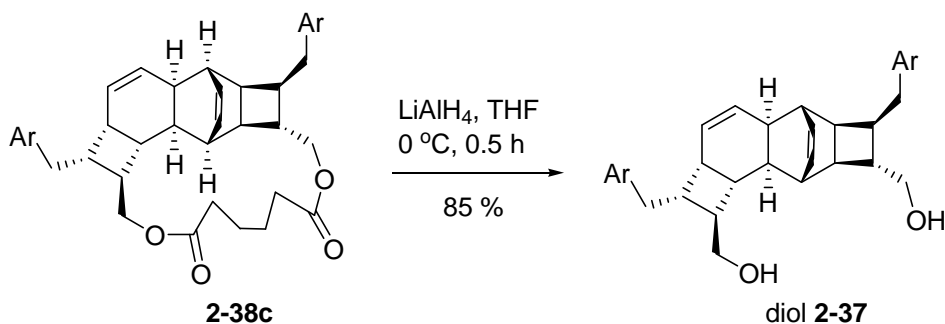
Glutaryl tether: 2-38b (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.64 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.94 – 2.70 (m, 22 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 10.5 and 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.30 (dd, J = 10.5 and 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.71 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 4 H), 6.11 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.51 – 6.69 (m, 6 H). **2-69b** (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.61 (m, 1 H), 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.83 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.95 (m, 2 H), 2.14 (m, 3 H), 2.26 – 2.55 (m, 11 H), 2.68 – 2.88 (m, 4 H), 3.14 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 10.5 and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (dd, J = 11.5 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.70 (m, 1 H), 5.83 (br d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.49 – 6.72 (m, 7 H)

Adipoyl tether: 2-38c (white solid, mp = 164 - 165 °C) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.59 – 1.82 (4 H), 1.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.93 – 2.65 (m, 19 H), 3.44 (dd, J = 10.8 and 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (dd, J = 10.8 and 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (br d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (br d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 6.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 – 6.69 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.5, 25.7, 32.6, 34.5, 35.1, 35.5, 36.6, 38.1, 38.7, 38.8, 39.6, 40.16, 40.21, 40.7, 41.1 (two), 43.1, 44.0, 67.0, 69.0, 100.71, 100.73, 108.1, 108.2, 108.7, 108.8, 120.98, 121.03, 124.9, 131.8, 132.0, 134.5, 135.1, 135.3, 145.5, 145.7, 147.5, 147.6, 173.4, 174.1.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1244, 1488, 1502, 1728, 2922. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₄₀H₄₂O₈Na [M + Na]⁺ 673.2777, found 673.2764. **2-69c** (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.46 (dd, J = 10.8 and 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.60 – 2.71 (m, 23 H), 3.17 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (dd, J = 10.2 and 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (dd, J = 11.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.69 (ddd, J = 10.2, 4.4, and 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.84 (br d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.92 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.49 – 6.73 (m, 7 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.0, 26.6, 32.5, 33.6, 33.7, 34.0 (two), 34.9, 35.2, 35.56, 35.58, 36.0, 36.7, 37.0, 41.0, 41.1, 41.7, 46.4, 61.5, 67.9, 100.68, 100.74, 108.1, 108.2, 108.7, 108.9, 120.9, 121.1, 126.4, 131.1, 134.5 (two), 135.1, 136.5, 145.5, 145.6, 147.5, 147.6, 173.5, 173.7.; IR

(neat) ν_{max} 1247, 1488, 1503, 1729, 2931. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₄₀H₄₂O₈Na [M + Na]⁺ 673.2777, found 673.2777.

Adamantanedicarboxyl tether: 2-38d (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.61 – 2.66 (m, 30 H), 3.54 (dd, J = 10.5 and 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (dd, J = 11.5 and 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (br d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (br d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 4 H), 6.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.51 – 6.69 (m, 6 H). **2-69d** (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.59 – 2.68 (m, 30 H), 3.54 – 3.74 (m, 3 H), 4.08 (m, 1 H), 5.78 (m, 2 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.50 – 6.70 (m, 7 H).

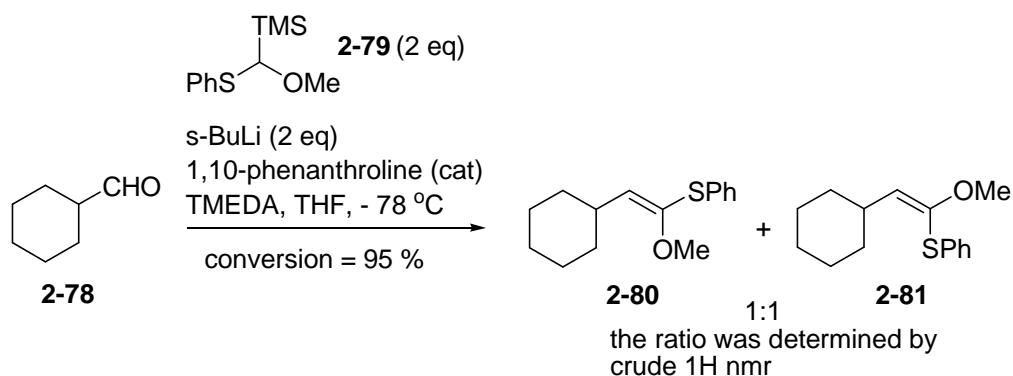
Adamantanediacyl tether: 2-38e (colorless oil) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25 – 1.61 (m, 12 H), 1.78 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.00 – 2.64 (m, 21 H), 3.18 (dd, J = 11.5 and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.43 (dd, J = 10.5 and 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.60 (br d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.74 (m, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 6.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.51 – 6.69 (m, 6 H). **2-69e** (colorless oil) 1.40 – 1.66 (m, 12 H), 1.76 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.92 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.00 – 2.69 (m, 19 H), 3.20 (m, 2 H), 4.06 (dd, J = 13.5 and 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.69 (m, 1 H), 5.83 (br d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (d, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.50 – 6.71 (m, 7 H).



Diol 2-37 To a stirred solution of the diester **2-38c** (34.0 mg, 52.0 μ mol) in THF (2 mL) was added LiAlH₄ (15.8 mg, 0.42 mmol) at 0 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature and quenched with water (0.2 mL). Aqueous NaOH solution (1M, 2 mL) was added to the mixture and the mixture was stirred for additional 1 h. The slurry was then diluted

with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL X 3). The organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford diol **2-37** (24.6 mg, 87 %) as colorless sticky oil.

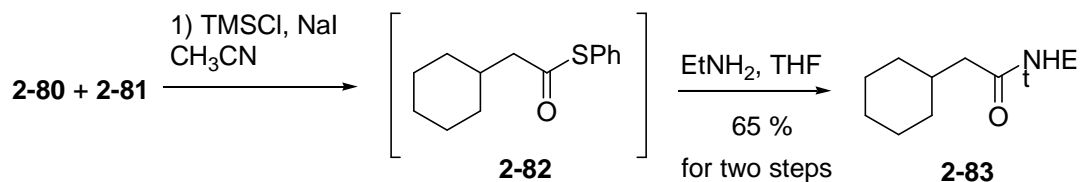
Rf value: 0.4 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.72 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.78 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 2.00 (m, 2 H), 2.16 – 2.68 (m, 12 H), 3.31 – 3.38 (m, 4 H), 5.62 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (br d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.8998 (s, 2 H), 5.9040 (s, 2 H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 – 6.72 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.7, 35.3, 36.2, 38.0, 38.3, 38.6, 38.7, 39.5, 40.7 (two), 41.1, 42.7, 44.0, 47.7, 65.2, 67.0, 100.7 (two), 108.2 (two), 108.8, 108.9, 121.0, 121.1, 125.3, 132.0, 132.1, 135.0, 135.1, 135.4, 145.57, 145.60, 147.59, 147.63.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1246, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2912, 3346. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₄H₃₆O₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 563.2410, found 563.2403.



(E)- and (Z)-olefins 2-80 and 2-81 To a stirred solution of the silylated O, S-acetal **2-79** (54.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (0.8 mg, 4.4 μmol), and tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA, 24.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise sec-BuLi (0.15 mL, 0.2 mmol) at -78 °C under Ar. After 2.5 h, a solution of the aldehyde **2-78** (11.3 mg, 101 μmol) in THF (0.2 mL) was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, quenched with water, extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of (E)-, (Z)-olefins **2-80** and **2-81** with unreacted excess O, S-acetal (21mg). The ¹H nmr showed the > 95 % conversion.

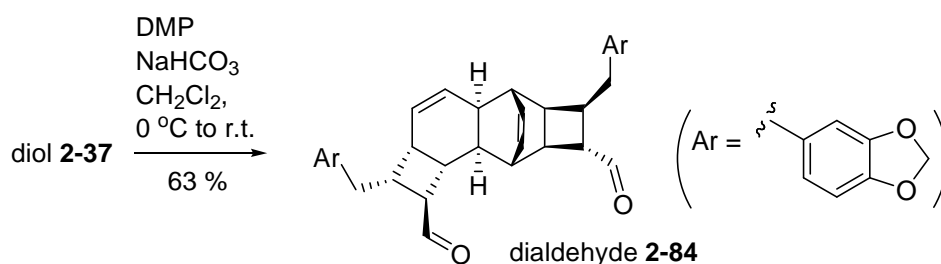
Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 – 1.81 (m, 20 H), 2.60 (m, 2 H), 3.61 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 – 7.38

(m, 8 H), 7.58 (m, 2 H).



Ethyl amide 2-83 1) Demethylation: To a stirred solution of the olefins **2-80** and **2-81** (21 mg) and NaI (31.1 mg, 0.21 mmol) in CH_3CN (1 mL) was added TMSCl at r.t. under Ar. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was filtered through activated alumina, and concentrated. The residue was directly used for the next step. 2) Amide formation: To a stirred solution of the residue in THF (0.5 mL) was added ethyl amine (2.0 M in THF , excess) at r.t. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After concentration, the crude products were subjected to column chromatography ($\text{Hex}:\text{EtOAc} = 1:1$) to afford ethyl amide **2-83** (7.3 mg, 65 %) as yellow solid.

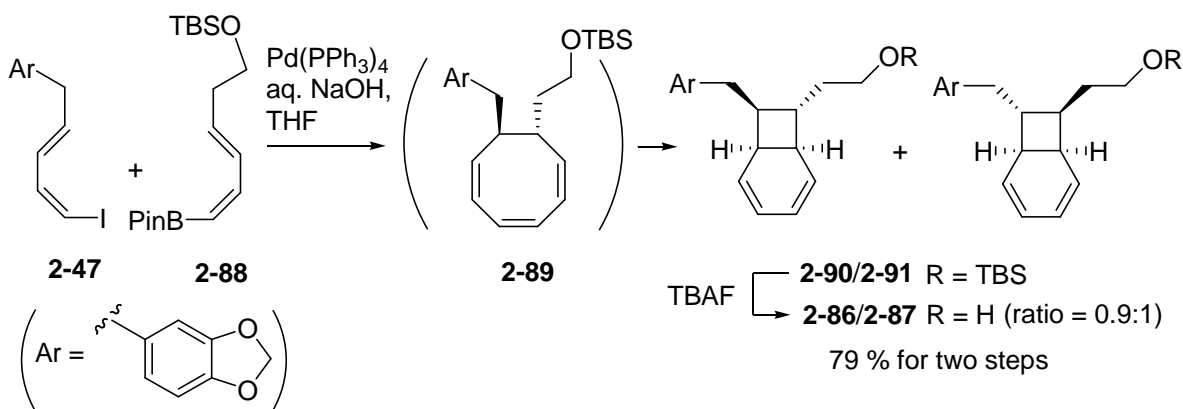
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 3 H), 1.13 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 3 H), 1.25 (m, 3 H), 1.63 – 1.76 (m, 5 H), 2.01 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.28 (dq, $J = 5.8$ and 1.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.41 (br s, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.0, 26.1, 26.2, 33.1, 34.3, 35.4, 45.0, 172.3.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1249, 1438, 1477, 1579, 1644, 3281.



Dialdehyde 2-84 To a stirred solution of the diol **2-37** (4.5 mg, 8.3 μmol) and NaHCO_3 (3.5 mg, 41.5 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was added DMP (12.3 mg, 29.0 μmol) at 0°C . The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 2 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with water and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and the combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated. The concentrate was subjected to column chromatography ($\text{Hex}:\text{EtOAc} = 1:1$) to afford the dialdehyde **2-84** (2.8 mg, 63 %) as

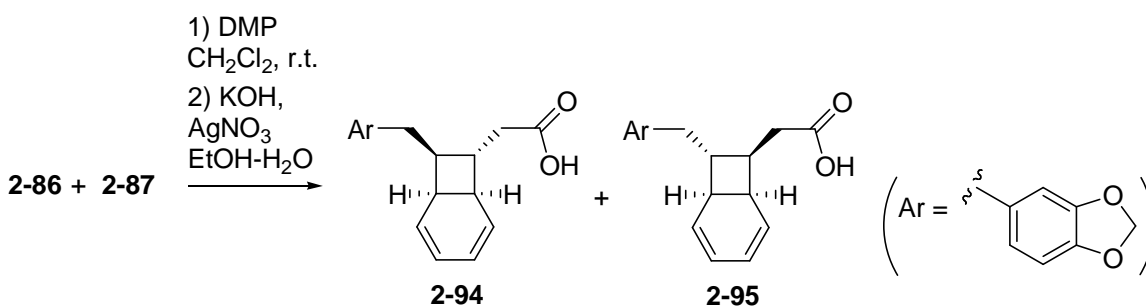
colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.72 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.33 – 2.93 (m, 16 H), 5.65 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1 H), 5.76 (dd, $J = 10.5$ and 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.16 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.32 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.54 – 6.71 (m, 6 H), 9.33 (m, 2 H).



Endo and Exo Alcohols 2-86 and 2-87 1) Suzuki coupling: To a stirred solution of (*E,Z*)-iododiene **2-47** (0.36 g, 1.16 mmol) in THF (35 mL) was added $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.13 g, 0.12 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 5 min at r.t. The pinacolboronate **2-88** (0.56 g, 1.74 mmol) in THF (3 mL) and aq. NaOH solution (4.60 mL, 1 M, 4.60 mmol) were added to the mixture. Then, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux under darkness. After 20 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL X 3) and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The concentrate was passed through a short pad of silica gel and washed with 5% EtOAc in hexane until desired band was completely eluted. The yellow fractions were combined. The crude product was directly used for the next step. 2) Deprotection of the TBDPS group: To a stirred solution of crude product in THF (10 mL) was added TBAF (2.32 mL, 1 M in THF, 2.32 mmol) under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h and diluted with sat. NH_4Cl solution (50 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. Then, the crude mixture was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to afford 0.27 g, (79 %) of a mixture of alcohols **2-86** and **2-87** as light yellow oil.

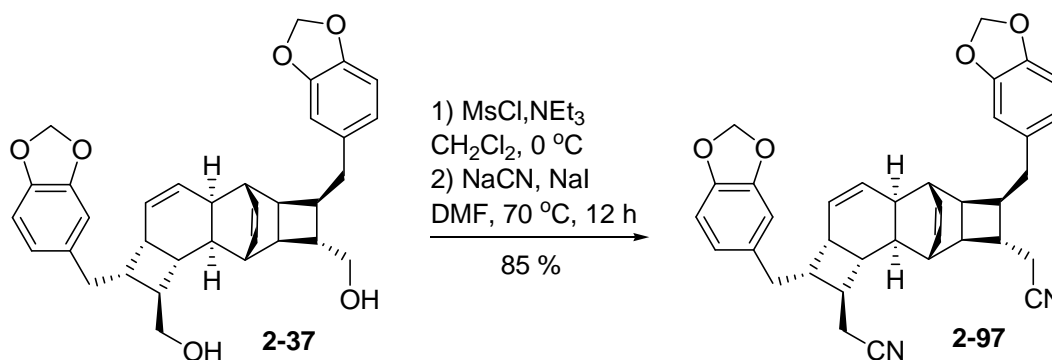
Rf value: 0.3 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.52 (m, 1.9 H), 1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.84 (m, 0.9 H), 2.38 – 2.88 (m, 9.5 H), 3.17 (m, 1.9 H), 3.44 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.8 H), 3.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 5.33 (dd, $J = 9.5$ and 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.52 – 5.62 (m, 3.7 H), 5.70 (dd, $J = 10.0$ Hz and 5.9 Hz, 0.9 H), 5.83 (m, 1 H), 5.88 (m, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 3.8 H), 6.59 – 6.72 (m, 5.7 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 33.4, 33.9, 34.8, 36.2, 36.6, 36.8, 38.8, 41.7, 46.9, 18.5, 52.1, 53.4, 61.5, 61.7, 100.7 (two), 108.0, 108.1, 108.9, 109.1, 121.2, 121.3, 121.4, 121.7, 124.16, 124.21, 126.1, 126.5, 126.7, 127.1, 164.6, 135.0, 145.5, 145.6, 147.46, 147.53.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1246, 1442, 1488, 1502, 3353.



Acids 2-94 and 2-95 1) DMP oxidation: To a stirred solution of the alcohols **2-86** and **2-87** (30.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added DMP (67.1 mg, 0.16 mmol) at r.t. After 1 h, the mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford a mixture of the aldehydes (26.6 mg, 89 %). The products were directly used for the next step without characterization. 2) Ag_2O -Oxidation: To a stirred solution of the aldehydes (26.6 mg, 89.2 μmol) and AgNO_3 (48.4 mg, 285 μmol) in EtOH (0.4 mL)- H_2O (0.14 mL) was added a solution of KOH (42.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) in H_2O (0.1 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ and the mixture was warmed to r.t. After 10 min, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and washed with water. The filtrate was concentrated to remove the EtOH and the remaining aqueous solution was acidified with 2N HCl. The resulting suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated to afford the acids **2-94** and **2-95** (23.1 mg, 82 %) as sticky colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.2 (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18 (m, 0.85 H), 2.25 – 2.34 (m, 1.85 H), 2.52 – 2.89 (m, 10.25 H), 3.22 (m, 1.85 H), 5.37 (dd, $J = 9.5$ and 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 – 5.64 (m, 3.7 H), 5.70 (dd, $J = 9.5$ Hz and 5.4 Hz, 0.85 H), 5.84 – 5.91 (m, 5.55 H), 6.58 – 6.71 (m,

5.5 H).



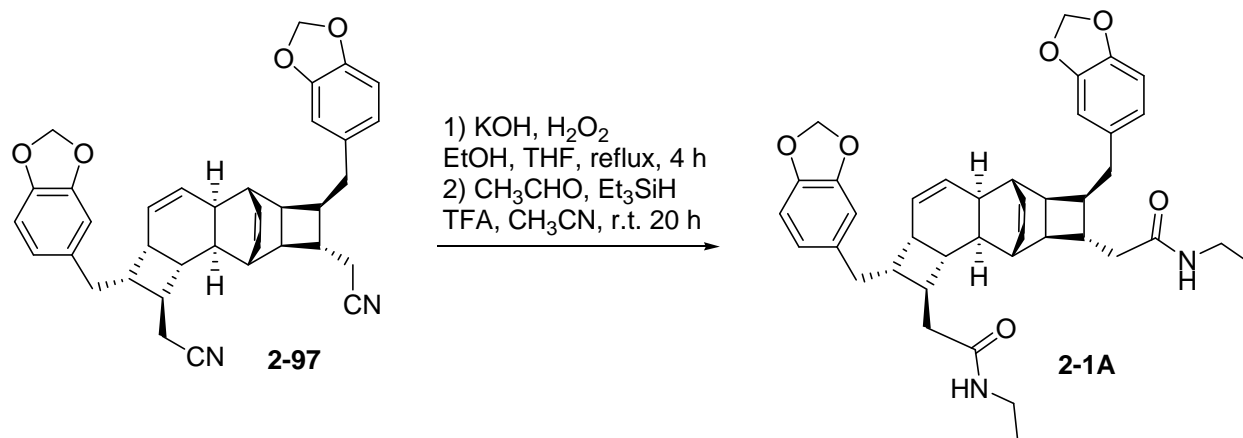
Dinitrile 2-97 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the diol **2-37** (12.0 mg, 22.0 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added triethylamine (49.6 μ L, 352 μ mol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (13.6 μ L, 176 μ mol) at 0 °C under Ar. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (15 mL) and the resulting mixture was washed with water, 5 % HCl, and sat. NaHCO₃ solution. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was directly used for the next step.

2-96 Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.73 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.95 – 2.67 (m, 15 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 3.82 – 3.95 (m, 4 H), 5.61 (br d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (br d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.12 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.28 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.54 – 6.70 (m, 6 H).

Step 2: To a stirred solution of the dimesylate in DMF (1 mL) was added sodium iodide (1.6 mg, 11 μ mol) and sodium cyanide (4.3 mg, 88 μ mol) at r.t. Then, the solution was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 12 h. Then it was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL X 3). The organic layer was then washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford dinitrile **2-97** (10.4 mg, 85 % in two steps, white solid, mp = 178 - 179 °C).

2-97 Rf value: 0.3 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.83 – 1.89 (m, 1 H), 1.99 – 2.67 (m, 18 H), 5.61 (br d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (br d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.54 – 6.71 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 22.6, 33.3, 34.7, 35.6, 37.3, 37.6, 37.8, 38.1, 39.2, 40.5, 41.2, 41.9, 42.7, 42.8, 43.3, 100.8 (two), 108.25, 108.27, 108.68, 108.74, 118.6, 118.9, 121.0 (two), 124.8, 131.9, 132.0, 133.9, 134.2, 135.4, 145.7, 145.8, 147.6, 147.7.; IR (neat) ν max

1246, 1442, 1488, 1502, 2242, 2919. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₆H₃₄N₂O₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 581.2416, found 581.2421.



Kingianin A (2-1A) Step 1: To a stirred solution of dinitrile **2-97** (10.0 mg, 17.9 μ mol) in EtOH-THF (1.5 mL - 0.5 mL) was added aq. NaOH sol'n (0.05 mL, 7 M) and dropwise H₂O₂ sol'n (0.6 mL, 35 % in water) at 0 °C. Then, the mixture was warmed to room temperature, stirred for 30 min, and heated to reflux. After stirring for additional 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with brine and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL X 5). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was used for the next step.

Step 2: The residue from step 1 was placed in 3 mL vial and flushed with Ar for 10 min. To the well stirred solution of the crude product in CH₃CN (1.0 mL) was added acetaldehyde (6.0 μ L, 107 μ mol), triethylsilane (17.2 μ L, 107 μ mol), and trifluoroacetic acid (10.2 μ L, 89.0 μ mol) in that order at r.t. Then, the vial was capped and sealed with parafilm. After stirring 20 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 7:1) to afford Kingianin A (4.2 mg, 36 %, white solid, recrystallized from MeOH-Hexane, mp = 74 - 78 °C, decomp. 212-215 °C, lit¹. 78 - 82 °C).

Rf value: 0.3 (CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 7:1). For ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 2-12 and 2-13. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1246, 1442, 1488, 1503, 1555, 1641, 2924, 3292.

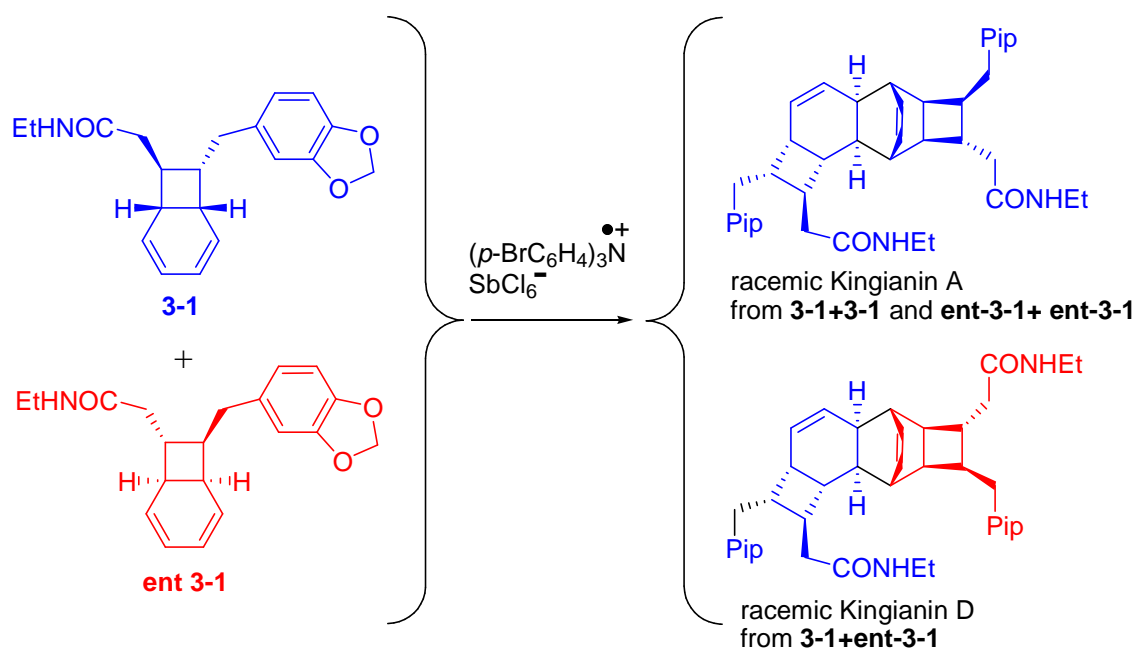
Chapter 3

Study for asymmetric synthesis of kingianin A

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Hypothesis for synthesizing enantiomerically pure bicyclooctadienes

The kingianin natural products, e.g. kingianin A (**3-1A**) and kingianin D (**3-1D**), are all reported to be racemic.⁹³ This is in accordance with our belief that the kingianins are the products of a dimerization event, perhaps a radical cation Diels-Alder (RCDA) reaction of racemic pre-kingianins (see Scheme 3-1). The pre-kingianins, like their relatives the racemic SNF4435 C and D, are believed to be formed in a non-enzymatic 8π , 6π -electrocyclic cascade in which asymmetry is not controlled.



Scheme 3-1. The dimerization of the racemic pre-kingianin A by RCDA reaction

The enantioselective synthesis of kingianins is an attractive goal because the (□)-kingianins

⁹³ (a) Kingianin A: A New Natural Pentacyclic Compound from *Endiandra kingiana*. Leverrier, A.; Dau, M. E. T. H.; Retailleau, P.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 3638-3641. (b) Pentacyclic Polyketide from *Endiandra kingiana* as inhibitors of the Bcl/Bak interaction. Leverrier, A.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Phytochemistry* **2011**, *72*, 1443-1452.

bind more tightly to their target, the antiapoptotic Bcl-xL protein, than do the (+)-enantiomers (Table 3-1).

Table 3-1. Bcl-xL binding affinity of Kingianin A to N (K_i in μM)^{1b}

Compound	Bcl-xL K_i		
	Racemic mixture	Enantiomer (-)	Enantiomer (+)
Kingianin A	213 \pm 53	60 \pm 1.5	>300
Kingianin B	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin C	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin D	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin E	>300	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin F	213 \pm 47	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin G	2 \pm 0	1.0 \pm 0.2	5 \pm 1
Kingianin H	18 \pm 7	4.0 \pm 0.4	27.0 \pm 0.6
Kingianin I	18 \pm 3	12.0 \pm 1.1	16.0 \pm 2.2
Kingianin J	29 \pm 6	9.0 \pm 0.2	25.0 \pm 3.2
Kingianin K	80 \pm 36	6.0 \pm 0.1	112 \pm 15
Kingianin L	36 \pm 11	4.0 \pm 0.1	71 \pm 10
Kingianin M	236 \pm 34	n. d.	n. d.
Kingianin N	177 \pm 9	n. d.	n. d.

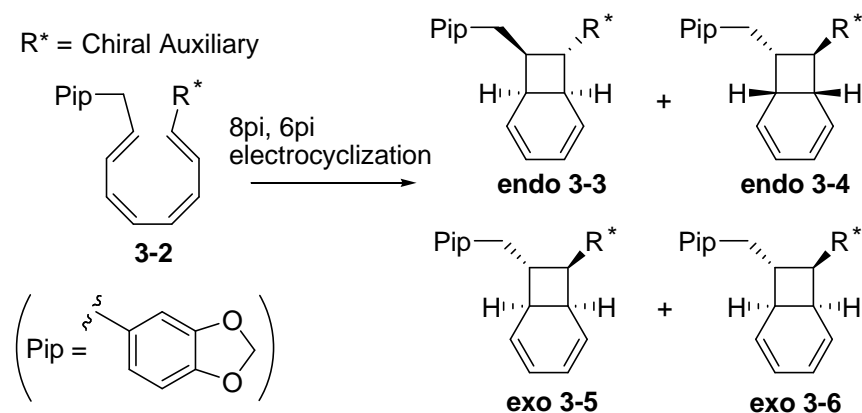
K_i values are the means \pm standard deviation from two replicates

A kingianin that is the adduct of two identical monomers can, of course, be obtained from a synthesis that prepares a mixture of diastereomers and then relies on chromatographies, including one that employs a chiral column. On the other hand, this type of dimer might be approached by subjecting a single enantiomer of the pre-kingianin to the RCDA conditions.

Although no studies on an asymmetric synthesis of a pre-kingianin have been reported, the literature on asymmetric induction in the preparation of intermediates for SNF analog synthesis is relevant. The SNF system is more easily studied than the kingianin system because, in this case, the 8π , 6π -cascade gives only the endo bicyclooctadiene.⁹⁴

⁹⁴ (a) The Total Synthesis of (-)-SNF4435 and (+)-SNF4435. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y. -H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 15968-15969. (b) “Endo” and “Exo” Bicyclo[4.2.0]-octadiene Isomers from the Electrocyclization of Fully Substituted Tetraene Models for SNF 4435C and D. Control of Stereochemistry by Choice of a Functionalized Substituent. Parker, K. A.; Lim, Y.-H. *Org.*

First, the diastereoselective induction of pre-kingianin A or synthetic equivalent looks viable by adding chiral auxiliary to the tetraene precursor. In principle, the 8π , 6π -electrocyclization of a conjugated tetraene yields four stereoisomers.⁹⁵ Thus, it can be considered practical only when the endo selectivity predominates the exo or four diastereomers are easily separable (Scheme 3-2).



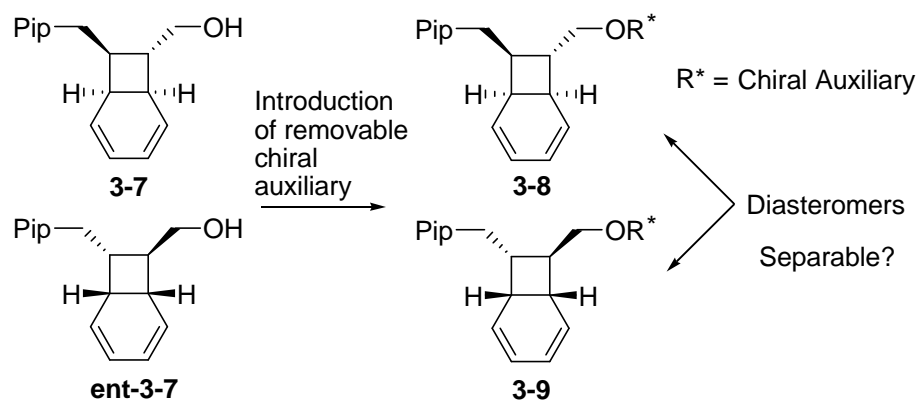
Scheme 3-2. Four diastereomeric bicyclooctadienes incorporating chiral auxiliary

Second, the practical separation of the racemic alcohol **3-7**, a synthetic precursor for the tether-mediated intramolecular RCDA reaction in the synthesis of kingianin A,⁹⁶ is possible by introducing removable chiral functionality on the alcohol (Scheme 3-3). Therefore, the success of this approach is dependent on separation of the resulting diastereomers **3-8** and **3-9**.

Lett. **2004**, *6*, 161–164.

⁹⁵ The endo/exo selectivity for the synthesis of pre-kingianin A was reported to be 1:1. See A synthetic approach to kingianin A based on biosynthetic speculation. Sharma, P.; Ritson, D. J.; Burnley, J.; Moses, J. E. *Chem. Comm.* **2011**, *47*, 10605-10607.

⁹⁶ Total Synthesis of Kingianin A. Lim, H. N.; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 398-401.

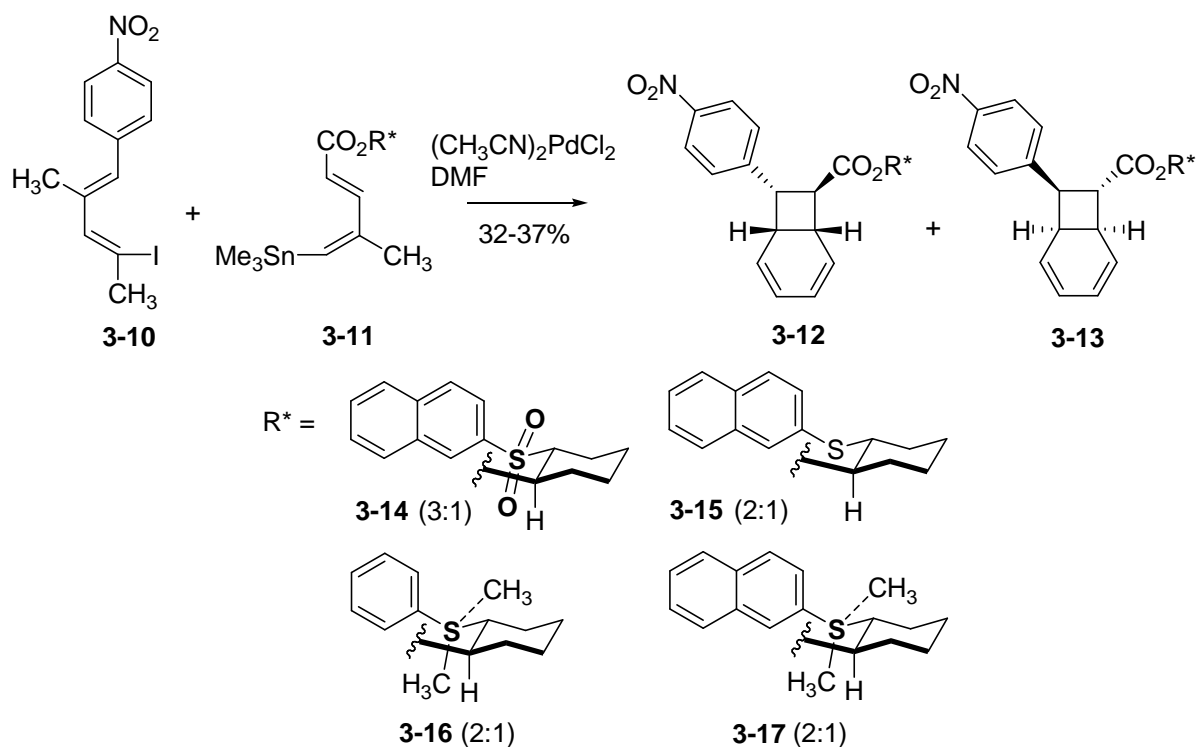


Scheme 3-3. Separation of the racemic alcohols by introducing cleavable chiral auxiliary

3.1.2 Examples for the asymmetric synthesis of bicyclooctadienes

Although there are many interesting natural products bearing bicyclooctadienes, there have not been many systematic studies on the asymmetric synthesis of bicyclooctadienes. Meanwhile, the asymmetric synthesis of the bicyclooctadienes using chiral auxiliaries have been studied by Parker group. In 2006, Wang and Parker studied diastereoselective synthesis of the backbones of chiral SNF analogues by using Corey-Sarokin's chiral sulfone auxiliaries.⁹⁷ Herein, they showed the successful separation of endo diastereomeric bicyclooctadienes although the diastereomeric ratio was modest to low (Scheme 3-4).

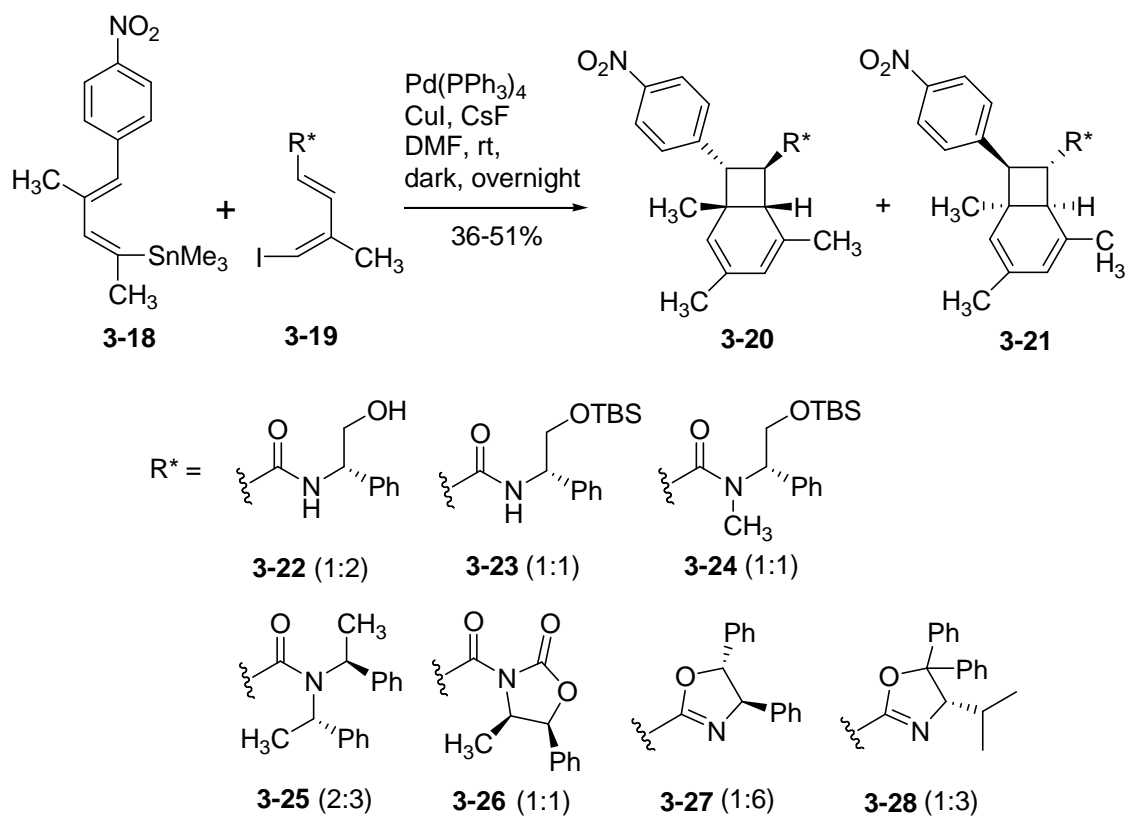
⁹⁷ Cleavable Chiral Auxiliaries in 8π (8π , 6π) Electrocyclizations. Parker, K. A.; Wang, Z. *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 3553-3556.



Scheme 3-4. Study for the diastereoselective synthesis of bicyclooctadienes using Corey-Sarokin's chiral sulfone auxiliaries

This initial study was extended. In 2012, Kim and Parker reported the research results for asymmetric induction in 8π electrocyclizations. They screened the candidates to provide the higher diastereoselectivity. Among the studied, the C-2 symmetric 2,3-diphenyloxazoline moiety was turned out to give the highest selectivity, presumably derived by the difference of steric hindrance in the transition states of 8π -electrocyclization. Interestingly, the (S)-phenylglycinol as a chiral auxiliary showed exceptional tlc behaviors⁹⁸ for the two of endo diastereomers, providing clean separation of the diastereomers (Scheme 3-5).

⁹⁸ For the chromatographic properties of phenylglycinol-derived amides, see Helmchen, G.; Nill, G. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1979**, *18*, 65. (b) Helmchen, G.; Nill, G.; Flockerzi, D.; Youssef, M. S. K. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1979**, *18*, 63. (c) Helmchen, G.; Volter, H.; Schuhle, W. *Tetrahedron Lett* **1977**, 1417. (d) Helmchen, G.; Sauber, K.; Ott, R. *Tetrahedron Lett* **1972**, 3873.

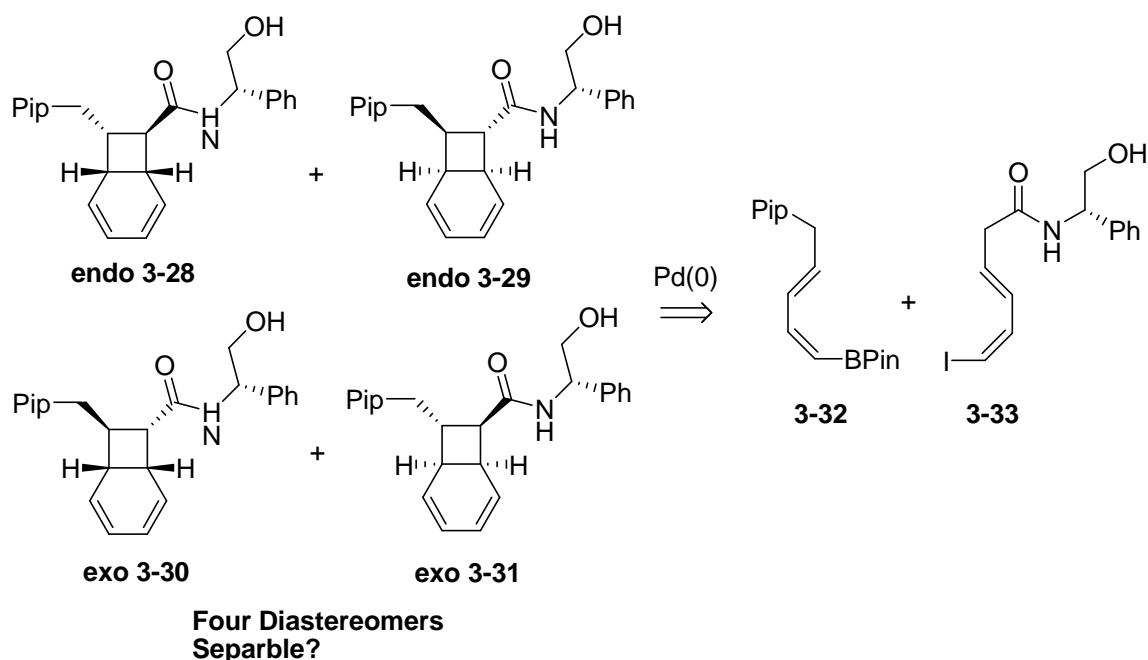


Scheme 3-5. Chiral auxiliaries for the asymmetric synthesis of bicyclooctadienes

3.2 Result and Discussion

3.2.1 Phenylglycinol-derived bicyclooctadienes

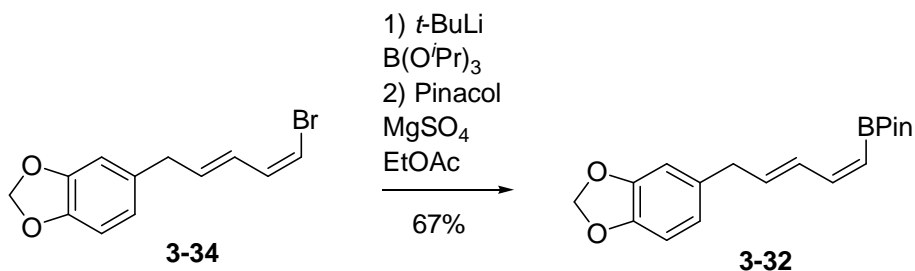
Our first idea was adapting an appropriate chiral auxiliary that is able to resolve four diastereomers by silica gel chromatography. In doing so, we could provide scalable procedure of the chiral bicyclooctadiene that can be utilized for the RCDA reaction. We planned to do Suzuki coupling and use (*S*)-glycinol as the chiral auxiliary (Scheme 3-6).



Scheme 3-6. Plan to separate single diastereomer using (*S*)-phenylglycinol

3.2.1.1 Preparation of pinacolboronate **3-32**

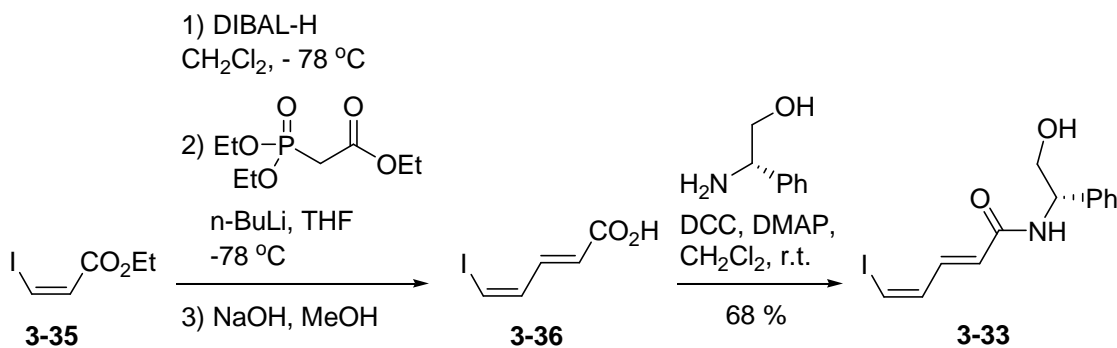
The left building block **3-32** was prepared from the known (*E*, *Z*)-bromodiene **3-34**. The two step sequence gave the pinacolboronate **3-32** in 67 % yield (Scheme 3-7).



Scheme 3-7. Synthesis of pinacolboronate **3-32**

3.2.1.2 Preparation of (E, Z)-iododiene **3-33**

The right building block **3-33** was prepared by a four step sequence from the commercially available iodoester **3-35**. The DIBAL reduction of the ethyl ester **3-35** was followed by a Horner-Wardworth-Emmons homologation and hydrolysis to afford the known acid **3-36**.⁹⁹ The resulting acid **3-36** was converted to the amide **3-33** by DCC coupling reaction (Scheme 3-8).

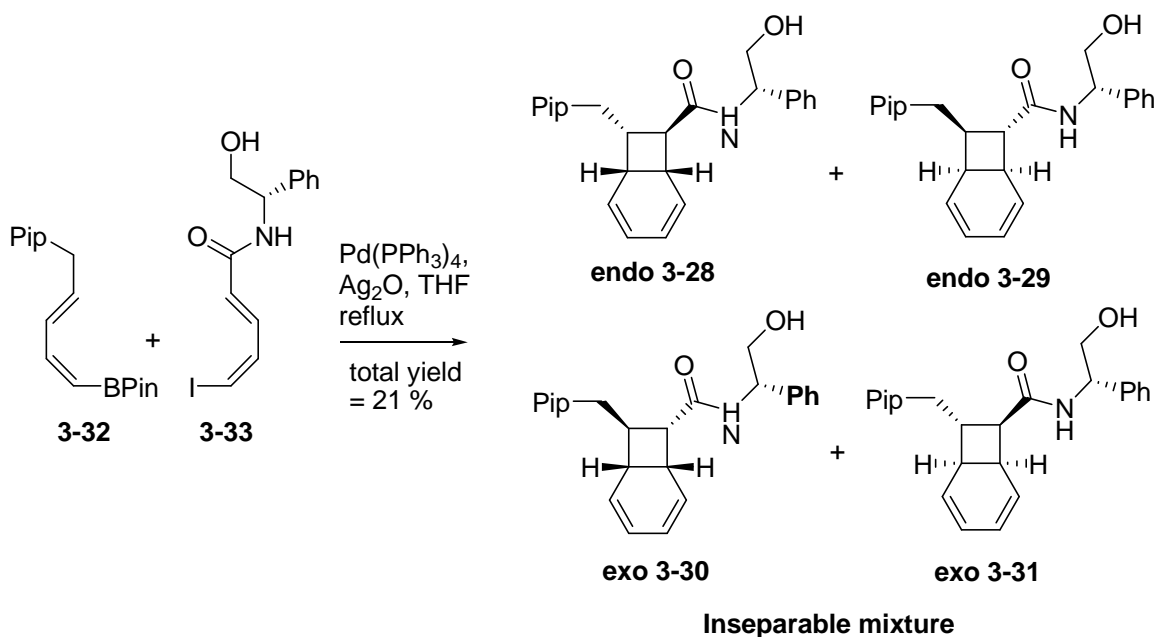


Scheme 3-8. Preparation of (E, Z)-iododiene **3-33**

⁹⁹ Stereocontrolled synthesis of polyenoic acids by a Heck-Sonogashira reaction: easy access to 9,10-didehydro retinoic acids. Abarbri, M.; Thibonnet, J.; Parrain, J. -L.; Duchene, A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 4703-4705.

3.2.1.3 Coupling of pinacolboronate **3-32** and (E, Z)-iododiene **3-33**

Having prepared both coupling partners, we next examined Suzuki reaction. The crude products were separated by silica gel chromatography. As a result, only two major spots were isolated and any single diastereomer was not cleanly separated. However, the ^1H nmr spectra corresponding to each of two spots showed a mixture of unidentified cyclooctadiene compounds; it is presumed that each spot is one pair between four diastereomers shown below (Scheme 3-9).

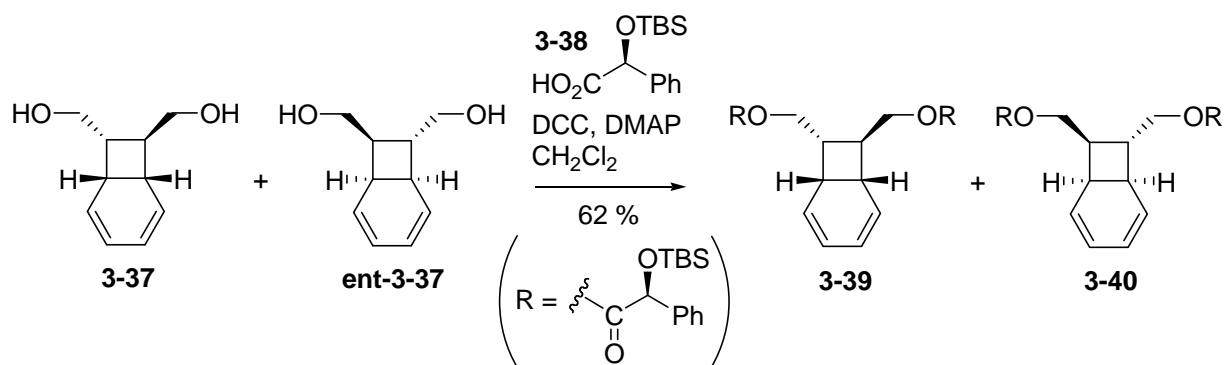


Scheme 3-9. Suzuki coupling of **3-32** and **3-33**

3.3.2 Experiments for resolving enantiomers using chiral mandelic acid

Frustrated by the unsuccessful separation of the four diastereomers formed by electrocyclization, we next considered the resolution of a racemic bicyclooctadiene. The chiral mandelic acids or their derivatives have been studied as substrates for resolving the racemic alcohols.¹⁰⁰ Although the exemplified alcohols are mostly secondary alcohols, we decided to look at the possibility of the application for the primary alcohols.

As a simple model compound, we utilized the racemic diol **3-37**. Using the TBS-protected (S)-mandelic acid, we prepared dimandelates **3-39** and **3-40**. However, the mixture of **3-39** and **3-40** was not separable (Scheme 3-10). Furthermore, an attempt to effect the tetrabutylammonium fluoride mediated deprotection of the TBS group was frustrated, producing the hydrolyzed products **3-37** and **ent-3-37**.

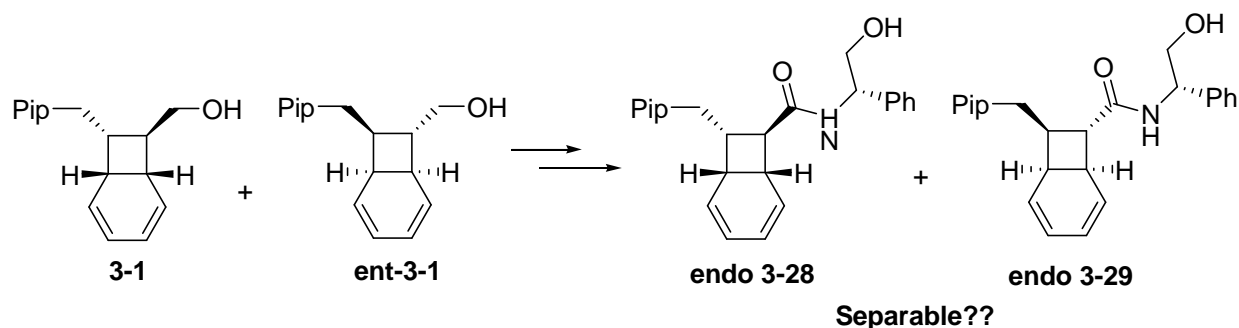


Scheme 3-10. Synthesis of the dimandelates to examine the resolution

¹⁰⁰ (a) Resolution of Chiral Alcohols with Mandelic Acid. Whitesell, J. K.; Reynolds, D. J. *Org. Chem.* 1983, 48, 3548-3551. (b) An experimental/theoretical approach to determine the optical purity and the absolute configuration of endo- and exo-norborn-5-en-2-ol using mandelate derivatives. Pisano, P. L.; Sarotti, A. M.; Pellegrinet, S. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2009**, 50, 6121-6125. (c) Synthesis of Both Enantiomers of ω-Trifluorononatic Acid, a New Analogue of Nonactin Monomers. Takai, K.; Hanadate, T.; Oi, S.; Yamada, T.; Kuwahara, S.; Kiyota, H. *Synthesis* **2011**, 3741-3748.

3.3.3 Resolution of the endo diol using (S)-phenylglycinol

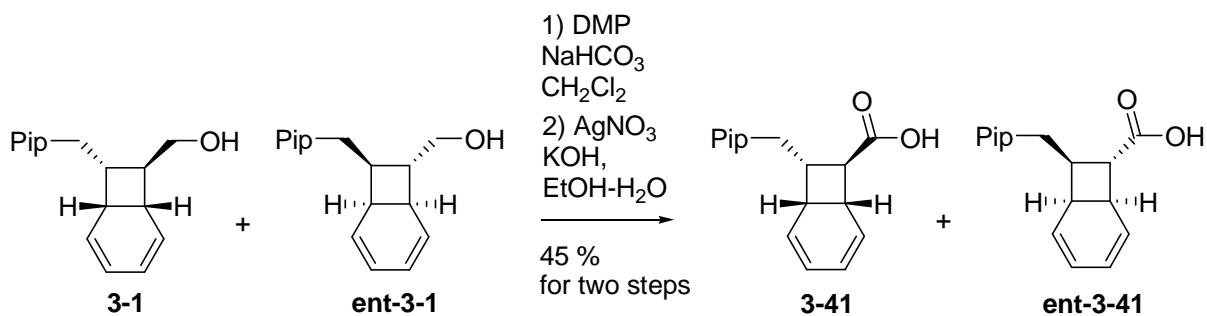
Previously, we prepared endo bicyclooctadiene **3-1** (rac) by a way of iodoetherification to remove exo bicyclooctadiene from an inseparable mixture of endo and exo bicyclooctadienes.¹⁰¹ We anticipated that the introduction of an amide bearing (S)-phenylglycinol to the endo bicyclooctadiene **3-1** may give a separation of two diastereomers **3-28** and **3-29** (Scheme 3-11).



Scheme 3-11. Plan for resolving endo rac-bicyclooctadiene **3-1**

3.3.3.1 Synthesis of the carboxylic acid and amide from the endo rac-bicyclooctadiene **3-1**

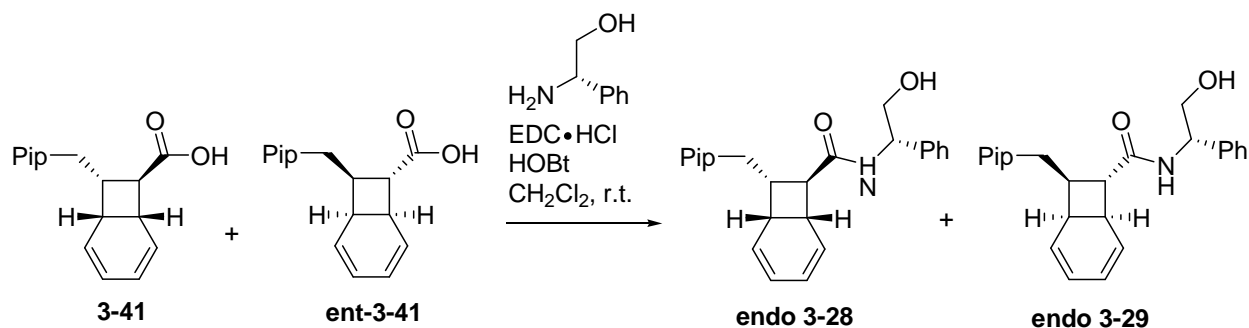
In order to have an amide functionality, we decided to use a conventional peptide synthesis method between the acid and (S)-phenylglycinol. Thus, we prepared the acid **3-41** by consecutive oxidations (Scheme 3-12). The isolated acid did not contain any epimerized product.



Scheme 3-12. Synthesis of carboxylic acid **3-41**

¹⁰¹ Total Synthesis of Kingianin A. Lim, H. N.; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 398-401.

We next examined the EDC-assisted coupling reaction. The coupling reaction between the acid **3-41** and (*S*)-phenylglycinol surprisingly resulted in two separable compounds. The ¹H nmr pattern of them resembled each other (Scheme 3-13).



Scheme 3-13. EDC coupling reaction between the acid **3-41** and (*S*)-phenylglycinol

3.3 Conclusion

The asymmetric synthesis of bicyclooctadiene compounds is limited due to their random nature in 8π , 6π -electrocyclization. Thus, the asymmetric synthesis of them have been approached by chiral auxiliaries. In some cases, the separation of the resulting diastereomers of bicyclooctadienes were successful. In particular, (*S*)-phenylglycinol-derived bicyclooctadienes showed significant difference of R_f values between diastereomers.

In order to prepare an enantiomerically pure bicyclooctadiene structure for the asymmetric synthesis of kingianin A, we explored the possibility of separation using (*S*)-phenylglycinol. In the first experiment, we wanted to see the possibility of separation for the four diastereomers which are formed by a tandem coupling and electrocyclization between boronate **3-32** and iododiene **3-33**. However, we could not separate any single diastereomer cleanly from the mixture.

In the second experiment using (*S*)-phenylglycinol, we prepared the rac-acid **3-41**. The acid **3-40** was converted to two diastereomers bearing (*S*)-phenylglycinol, **endo 3-28** and **endo 3-29**. Surprisingly, these isomers were separable by silica gel chromatography. Although the absolute stereochemistry has not been determined yet, each of them is presumably a precursor for the synthesis of (+)- or (-)-kingianin A.

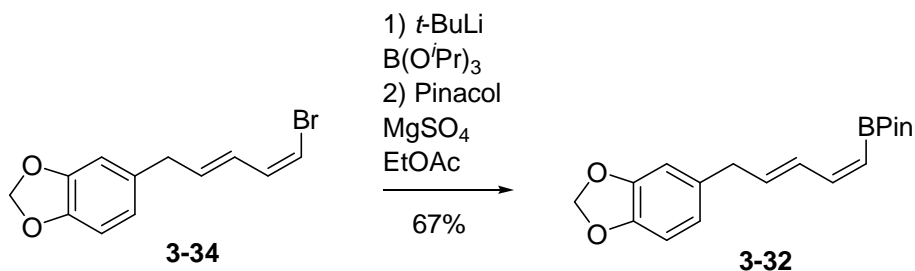
3.4 Experimental Section

General Information

All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. Unless stated otherwise, commercially available reagents were used as supplied or distilled by short-path distillation. HPLC grade hexane, EtOAc, CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃OH were used in chromatography. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl under argon gas. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under nitrogen gas. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman precoated PE SIL G/UV 250 μm layer polyester-supported flexible plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol or KMnO₄ aq. solution and then heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Fisher brand silica gel (170-400 mesh).

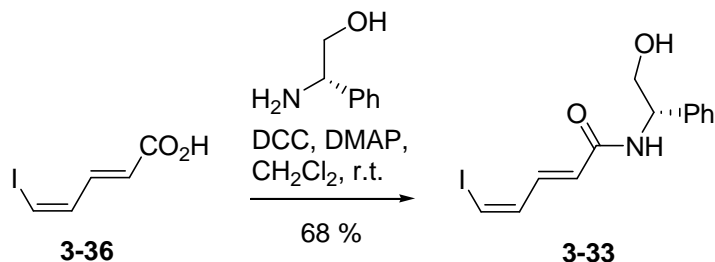
Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FT-IR instrument. Samples were scanned as neat liquids or dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova-500 (500 MHz for ¹H and 126 MHz for ¹³C), Varian Inova-400 (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C), or Gemini-2300 (300 MHz for ¹H) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for proton NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-*d*. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR spectra are reported in ppm with the center line of the triplet for chloroform-*d* set at 77.00 ppm. COSY and NOE experiments were measured on a Varian Inova-600 spectrometer.

Experimental Procedure/ Characterization



Boronate 3-32 Step 1: To a stirred solution of (E, Z)-bromodiene **3-34** (0.27 g, 1.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (5 mL) was added dropwise *tert*-BuLi (1.6 M in pentane, 0.75 mL, 1.2 mmol) at –78 °C under Ar. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, triisopropylborate (0.27 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was then warmed to r.t., stirred for additional 3 h, and quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated. The residue was directly used for the next step. Step 2: A mixture of the crude product, pinacol (0.15 g, 1.3 mmol), and MgSO₄ (0.8 g) in EtOAc (4 mL) was stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 40:1 to 20:1) to afford the boronate **3-32** (0.21 g, 67 %) as yellow oil.

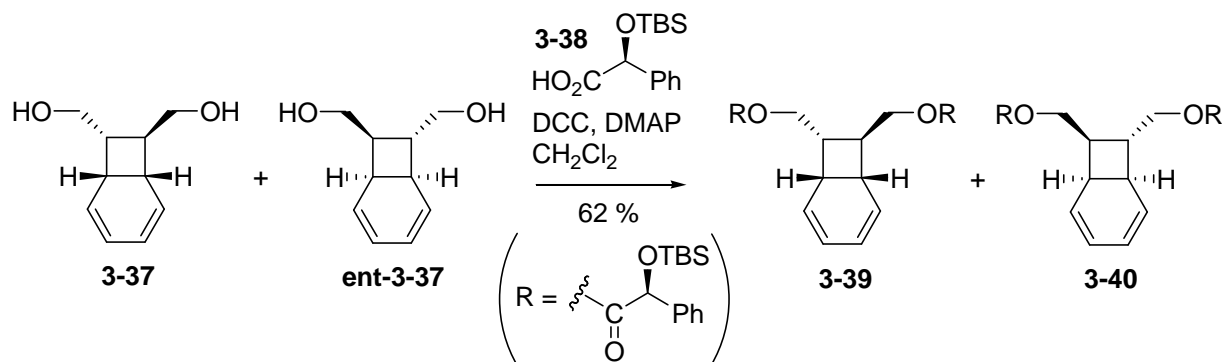
Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.27 (s, 12 H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 – 5.96 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.45 – 6.92 (5 H).



(E, Z)-Iododiene 3-33 To a stirred solution of the acid **3-36** (0.54 g, 2.41 mmol), DMAP (59 mg, 0.48 mmol), and (*S*)-phenylglycinol (0.40 g, 2.89 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC, 0.55 g, 2.65 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 30 min. The resulting suspension was filtered, diluted with diethyl ether, and washed with water. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford the (E, Z)-iododiene **3-33** (0.56 g, 68 %) as

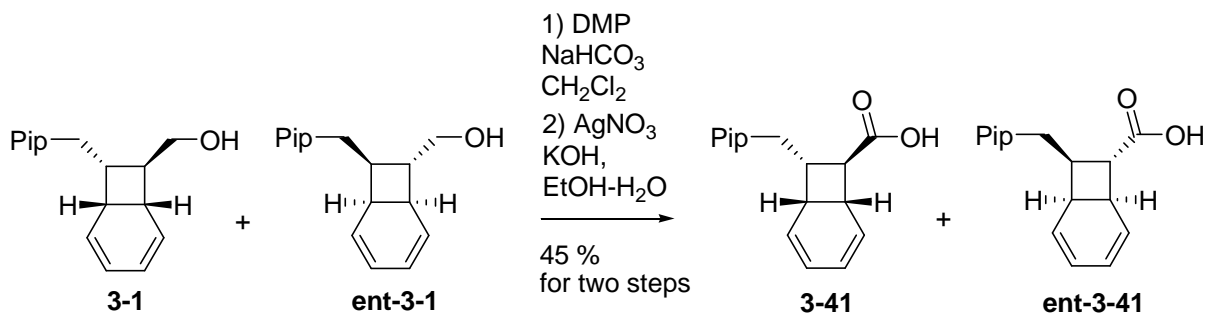
colorless solid.

Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.09 (br s, 1 H), 3.91 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 5.13 (m, 1 H), 6.18 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 6.56 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (dd, J = 10.4 and 8.0 Hz), 7.27 – 7.40 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 56.2, 66.4, 91.1, 126.7, 127.7, 127.9, 128.9, 136.5, 138.7, 140.4, 165.9.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1306, 1537, 1614, 1650, 3280.



Dimandelates 3-39 and 3-40 To a stirred solution of the diol **3-37** (20.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added TBS-mandelic acid **3-38** (96.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), DMAP (1.5 mg, 12 μmol), and DCC (74.5 mg, 0.36 mmol) in order at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and quenched with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the inseparable mixture of dimandelates **3-39** and **3-40** (0.47 g, 62 %) as colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.02 (s, 12 H), 0.10 (s, 12 H), 0.91 (s, 36 H), 2.42 – 2.52 (m, 3 H), 2.57 – 2.70 (m, 3 H), 2.92 (m, 2 H), 3.83 – 4.19 (m, 8 H), 5.14 (dd, J = 10.5 and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 5.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.30 – 5.35 (m, 3 H), 5.57 – 5.62 (m, 2 H), 5.72 (dd, J = 9.0 and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.78 (dd, J = 9.0 and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 – 7.46 (m, 20 H).; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1131, 1253, 1471, 1733, 1756.



Acid 3-41 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the alcohol **3-1** (30 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added NaHCO₃ (28.0 mg, 0.33 mmol) and DMP (94.1 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at r.t., it was quenched with water, extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, subjected to silica gel chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the aldehyde as colorless oil. The aldehyde was directly used for the next step without characterization. Step 2: To a stirred solution of AgNO₃ (50.9 mg, 0.30 mmol) in H₂O (0.15 mL) was added a solution of the aldehyde in EtOH (0.4 mL) and KOH (44.2 mg, 0.79 mmol) in H₂O at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed with water. The filtrate was concentrated until the remaining ethanol was evaporated. The resulting aqueous solution was treated with 2N HCl until the pH became 3. Then, the resulting suspension was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated.

Rf value: 0.4 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.84 (dd, *J* = 14.4 and 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 14.4 and 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.12 – 3.21 (m, 3 H), 3.31 (m, 1 H), 5.60 – 5.65 (m, 2 H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 9.5 and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 9.8 and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.62 – 6.72 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.7, 34.7, 35.9, 47.5, 52.1, 100.8, 108.2, 108.8, 121.2, 123.1, 124.7, 124.9, 125.7, 133.7, 145.7, 147.6, 179.1.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1246, 1443, 1489, 1502, 1698, 2920.

Chapter 4

Total synthesis of kingianins

D, F, H, and J

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 Structures of kingianin A, D, F, H, and J

The kingianins (e.g. kingianins A (**4-1A**), D (**4-1D**), F (**4-1F**), H (**4-1H**), and J (**4-1J**) Figure 1) are newly discovered racemic natural products from *Endiandra kingiana* Gamble; they are reported to be inhibitors of the anti-apoptotic protein Bcl-xL.¹⁰² Like the endiandric acids which are isolated from another *Endiandra* species,¹⁰³ the kingianins are thought to be the products of non-enzymatic cascades that proceed through bicyclooctadienes.

While the last step in the biosynthesis of the endiandric acids is believed to be an intramolecular Diels Alder reaction, that in the biosynthesis of the kingianins appears to be an *inter*molecular Diels Alder dimerization. For example, kingianin A is the dimer of two enantiomerically identical molecules of pre-kingianin A (**4-2**) and kingianin D is the dimer of two enantiomeric molecules of pre-kingianin A as suggested in Figure 4-1. On the other hand, kingianin F is the dimer of two enantiomerically identical molecules of the *exo* isomer of pre-kingianin A (**4-3**).

A biomimetic approach to the kingianins is appealing but it has not been without its disappointments. Attempts by Moses et al. to prepare kingianin A by a thermal Diels Alder dimerization of the presumed biogenetic precursor **4-2** were frustrated by the stability of the monomeric bicyclooctadiene structure with respect to the desired conversion.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰² (a) Pentacyclic Polyketide from *Endiandra kingiana* as inhibitors of the Bcl/Bak interaction. Leverrier, A.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Phytochemistry* **2011**, *72*, 1443-1452. (b) Kingianin A: A New Natural Pentacyclic Compound from *Endiandra kingiana*. Leverrier, A.; Dau, M. E. T. H.; Retailleau, P.; Awang, K.; Gueritte, F.; Litaudon, M. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 3638-3641.

¹⁰³ Postulated electrocyclic reactions leading to endiandric acid and related natural products. Bandaranayake, W. M.; Banfield, J. E.; Black, D. St. C. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1980**, *19*, 902-903.

¹⁰⁴ However, the authors did see interconversion of monomers **4-2** and **4-3**; see A synthetic approach to kingianin A based on biosynthetic speculation. Sharma, P.; Ritson, D. J.; Burnley, J.; Moses, J. E. *Chem. Commun.* **2011**, *47*, 10605-10607.

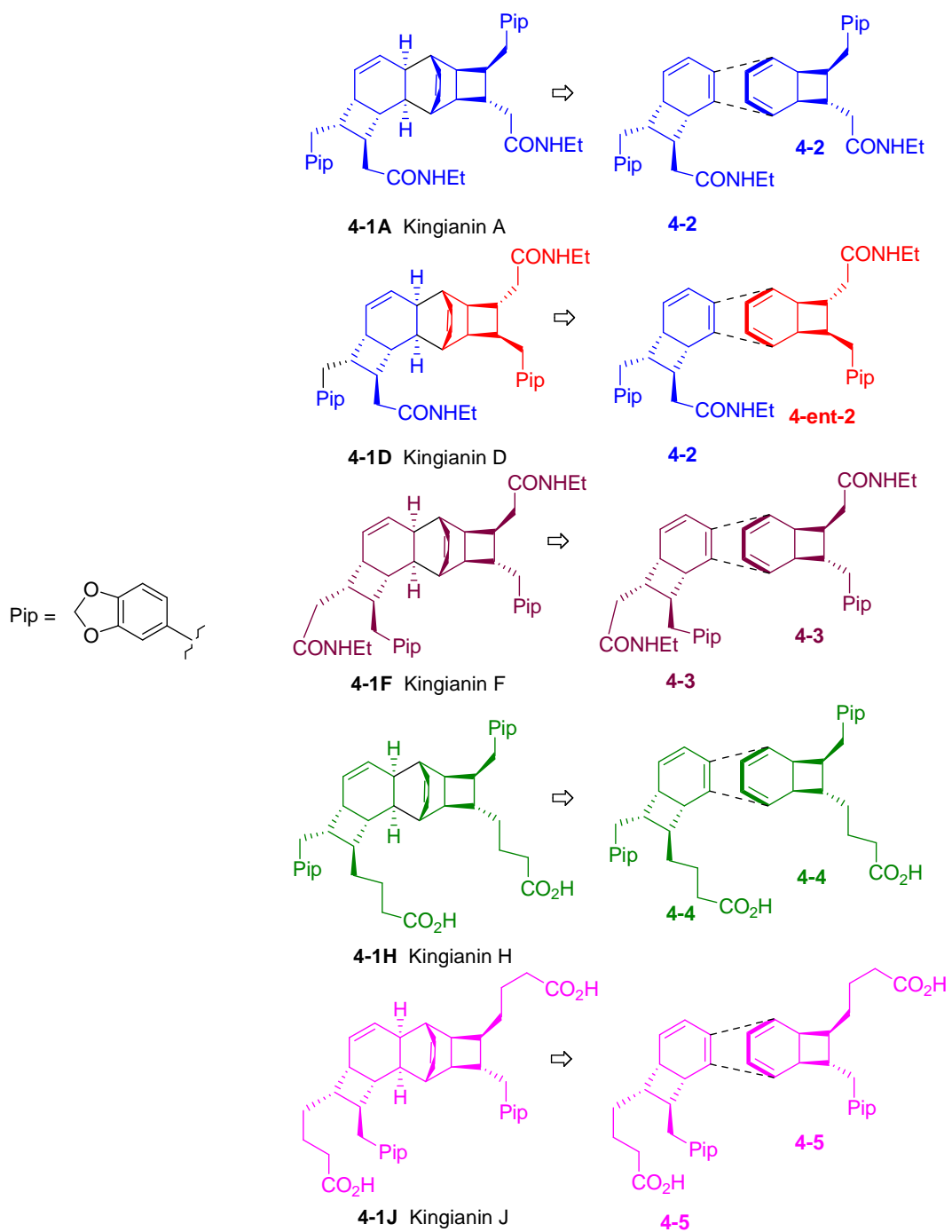
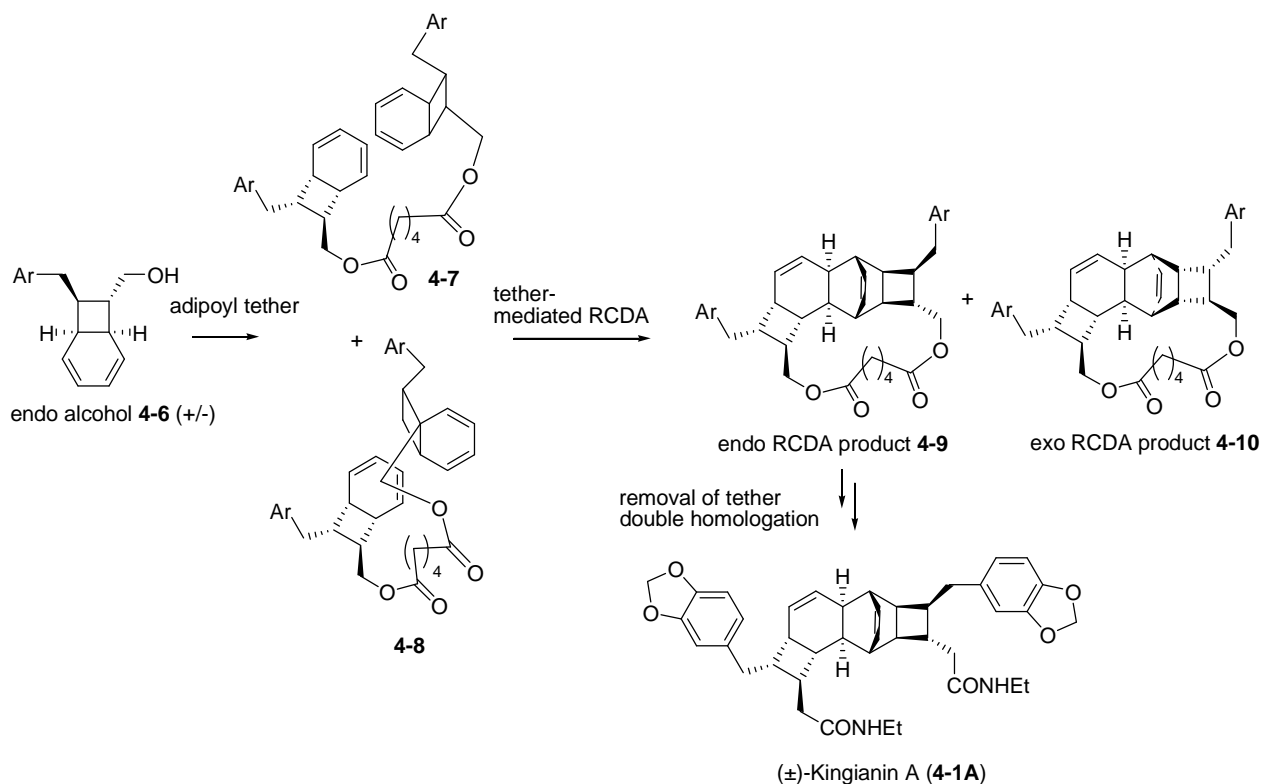


Figure 4-1. Kingianins A, D, F, and H and their corresponding monomers

We recognized that radical cation catalysis overcomes the reticence of cyclohexadienes to

undergo the Diels Alder dimerization reaction.¹⁰⁵ Furthermore, we postulated that the biosynthesis of the kingianins proceeds through a radical cation-mediated reaction, perhaps initiated by a photochemical event.¹⁰⁶ Pursuing this idea, we examined the bicyclooctadiene dimerization under radical cation initiating conditions. Our substrate was designed to control regiochemistry and stereochemistry in the cycloaddition of two bicyclooctadienes by linking them with a tether. This approach, applied to a mixture of the dimeric C-2 symmetric **4-7** and meso **4-8** precursors, yielded two pentacyclic isomers. One **4-9**, derived from the C-2 symmetric linked dimer (the endo Diels Alder product) was converted to kingianin A. The structure of the second Diels Alder product **4-10** (exo product, from the meso linked dimer) did not correspond to that of any of the naturally occurring kingianins (Scheme 4-1).



Scheme 4-1. Total synthesis of kingianin A

¹⁰⁵ The Cation-Radical Catalyzed Diels-Alder Reaction. Bellville, D. J.; Wirth, D. W.; Bauld, N. *L. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 718-720.

¹⁰⁶ Total Synthesis of Kingianin A. Lim, H. N.; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 398-401.

4.1.2 Hypothesis

The intramolecular experiment established the radical cation Diels Alder (RCDA) strategy as an entry to the kingianins and it provided an element of regiocontrol to this key reaction. However, the *inter*molecular RCDA has the potential to provide a stereodivergent synthesis,¹⁰⁷ affording up to four¹⁰⁸ pentacyclic scaffolds, three of which correspond to naturally occurring kingianins (A, D, and F and their homologs).

As we have noted previously, a regio- and stereodivergent scheme can be considered practical only if the components of the final products or the components of an intermediate are readily separable.⁵ Despite the description of sequential silica gel and HPLC chromatographies required for the separation of the natural products,^{1a} we were encouraged to pursue the divergent intermolecular approach by the observation that diol **4-11** and its exo stereoisomer **4-12** (Figure 4-2) had slightly different R_f values on tlc. We postulated that regio- and stereoisomeric diols in the kingianin series might have usefully different chromatographic behaviors.

¹⁰⁷ During the preparation of a manuscript describing this work, the synthesis of kingianins A, D, and F by a sequence that used the intermolecular RCDA reaction appeared. This work focused primarily on testing the biomimetic premise and it relies on preparative HPLC for the isolation of the individual kingianins. Yields for the recovered kingianins from the HPLC experiment were not reported. See Drew, S. L.; Lawrence, A. L. Sherburn, M. S. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, *52*, 4221-4224.

¹⁰⁸ The number of possible regio- and stereoisomers from an unsymmetrical bicyclooctadiene such as **4-2** is limited by the preference for an endo transition state and steric factors; see reference 5 for a discussion.

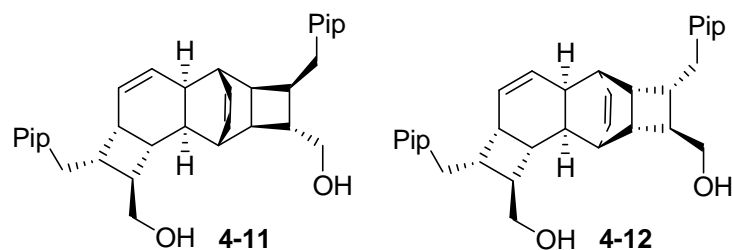
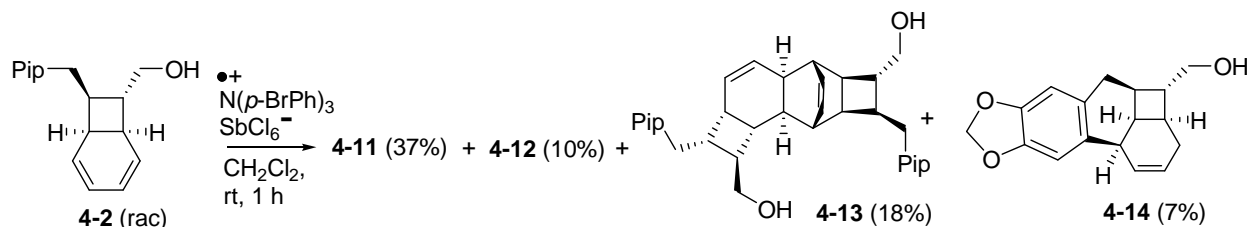


Figure 4-2. Endo diol **4-11** and exo diol **4-12**, obtained from a tether mediated RCDA reaction of the bicyclooctadiene **4-2**

4.2 Result and Discussion

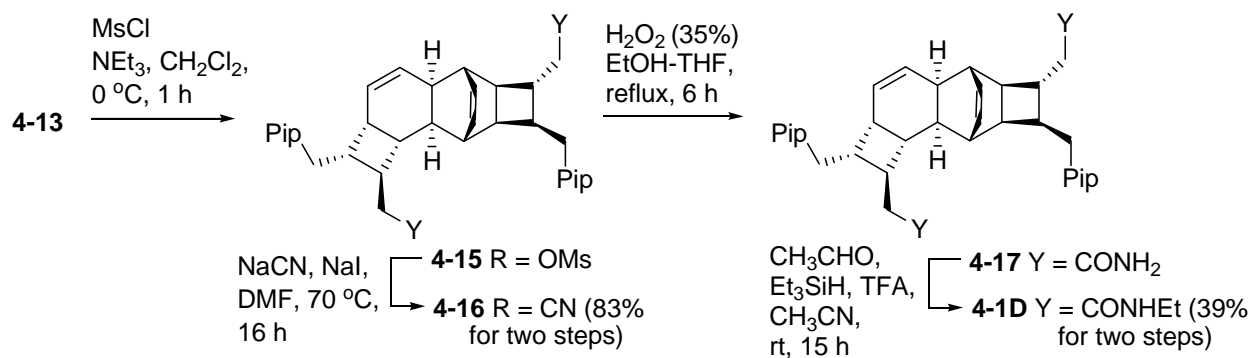
4.2.1 RCDA reaction of endo alcohol **4-2** and synthesis of kingianin D

Indeed, when endo bicyclooctadienol **4-2** was subjected to RCDA conditions, a mixture of four separable compounds was obtained (Scheme 4-2). Known endo diol **4-11** (37%), known exo diol **4-6** (10%), a new endo dimeric diol **4-13** (18%, corresponding in structure to kingianin D) and alcohol **4-14** (7%, a non-Diels Alder product) were easily isolated by preparative tlc.



Scheme 4-2. Intermolecular RCDA dimerization of racemic endo bicyclooctadiene **4-2**

Diol **4-13** was converted to kingianin D in 32% yield (Scheme 4-3) by the 4-step sequence employed previously in the synthesis of kingianin A.⁵



Scheme 4-3. Synthesis of kingianin D

The ^1H and ^{13}C nmr spectra of synthetic kingianin D were compared with those of authentic arabilin in Tables 4-1 and 4-2. The chemical shifts as well as the coupling constants are consistent with the authentic data.

Table 4-1. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ for Kingianin D in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm), mult, (J in Hz)¹⁰⁹

No.	Authentic, δ_c	Synthetic, δ_c	No.	Authentic, δ_c	Synthetic, δ_c
1	2.02	2.02 m	1'	2.28	2.28 m
2	2.50	2.50 m	2'	2.50	2.50 m
3	5.56 br d (10.4)	5.55 br d (10.3)	3'	2.37	2.37 m
4	5.75 br d (10.4)	5.75 br d (10.3)	4'	6.29 dd (7.1, 7.6)	6.29 t (7.2)
5	2.27	2.27 m	5'	6.14 t (7.1)	6.1041 t (7.2)
6	1.67 br d (9.0)	1.66 br d (9.0)	6'	2.61	2.61 m
7	1.91	1.90 m	7'	2.27	2.27 m
8	1.99	1.99 m	8'	2.07	2.08 m
9	2.59/2.47	2.59/2.48 m	9'	2.66/2.53	2.66/2.53
10	-	-	10'	-	-
11	6.63	6.63 br s	11'	6.60	6.59 br s
12	-	-	12'	-	-
13	-	-	13'	-	-
14	6.69	6.69 d (2.2)	14'	6.68	6.68 d (2.2)
15	6.58	6.58 br d (8.2)	15'	6.56	6.55 br d (8.0)
16	5.90 ^a	5.90 ^a s	16'	5.90 ^a s	5.90 ^a s
17	2.02/1.97	2.02/1.98 m	17'	2.09/1.97	2.09/1.98 m
18	-	-	18'	-	-
19	5.10 t (5.7)	5.15 ^b br s	19'	5.14 t (5.7)	5.19 br s
20	3.18 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.18 qd (7.3, 5.2)	20'	3.23 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.23 quintet (7.3)
21	1.06 t (7.2)	1.05 ^c t (7.3)	21'	1.10 t (7.2)	1.10 ^c t (7.3)

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.³
^{a, b, c} Values are interchangeable

¹⁰⁹ Our laboratory uses 7.260 ppm for the chemical shift of CHCl_3 . All values in the Experimental Section are based on this standard. The Litaudon group uses 7.240 ppm for the chemical shift of CHCl_3 . Therefore in this Table we have adjusted the values reported by Litaudon et al by adding 0.020 ppm.

Table 4-2. ^{13}C -NMR for Kingianin D in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm)¹¹⁰

Number	Authentic	Synthetic	Number	Authentic	Synthetic
1	43.5	43.4	1'	43.9	43.8
2	33.7	33.6	2'	40.9	40.8
3	124.4	124.3	3'	41.5	41.4
4	132.5	132.5	4'	133.1	133.0
5	37.2	37.1	5'	134.7	134.7
6	39.2	39.1	6'	40.3	40.2
7	42.2	42.2	7'	43.5	43.4
8	42.9	42.8	8'	39.6	39.5
9	35.9	35.8	9'	35.4	35.4
10	135.2	135.2	10'	135.6	135.5
11	108.9	108.85 ^a	11'	108.8	108.76 ^a
12	147.6	147.5	12'	147.5	147.4
13	145.6	145.43	13'	145.5	145.35
14	108.1	108.06 ^b	14'	108.1	108.09 ^b
15	121.1	121.1	15'	121.0	121.0
16	100.7	100.66 ^c	16'	100.8	100.71 ^c
17	41.8	41.7	17'	43.2	43.1
18	171.8	171.8 ^d	18'	171.8	171.9 ^d
19	-	-	19'	-	-
20	34.2	34.2	20'	34.3	34.3
21	14.9	14.82	21'	15.0	14.92

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.³

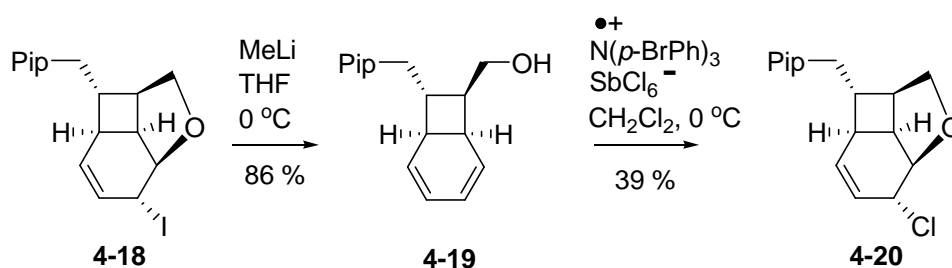
^{a, b, c, d} Values are interchangeable

¹¹⁰ Our laboratory uses 77.000 ppm for the chemical shift of CDCl_3 . All values in the Experimental Section are based on this standard. The Litaudon group uses 77.230 ppm for the chemical shift of CDCl_3 . Therefore in this Table we have adjusted the values reported by Litaudon et al by subtracting 0.230 ppm.

4.2.2 RCDA reaction of exo alcohol **4-19** and synthesis of kingianin F

4.2.2.1 Preparation of exo alcohol **4-19** and RCDA reaction

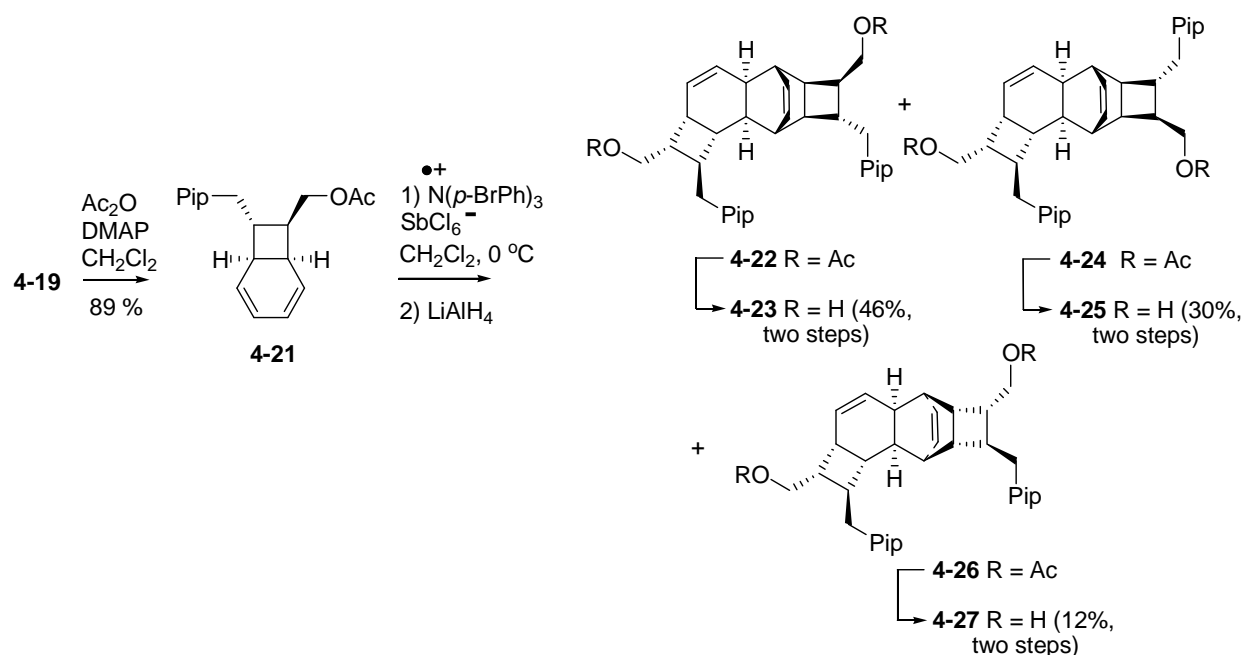
Having completed the syntheses of kingianins A and D from endo monomer **4-2**, we undertook the synthesis of kingianin F from the exo monomer **4-19**. This compound was prepared from the known ether **4-18** by reductive elimination initiated by methyllithium (Scheme 4-4).¹¹¹ However, it proved to be an unsatisfactory substrate in the RCDA reaction. When exo monomer **4-19** was subjected to the RCDA conditions, chloroether **4-20** was the only product isolated.



Scheme 4-4. Preparation of exo substrate **4-19** and its RCDA reaction

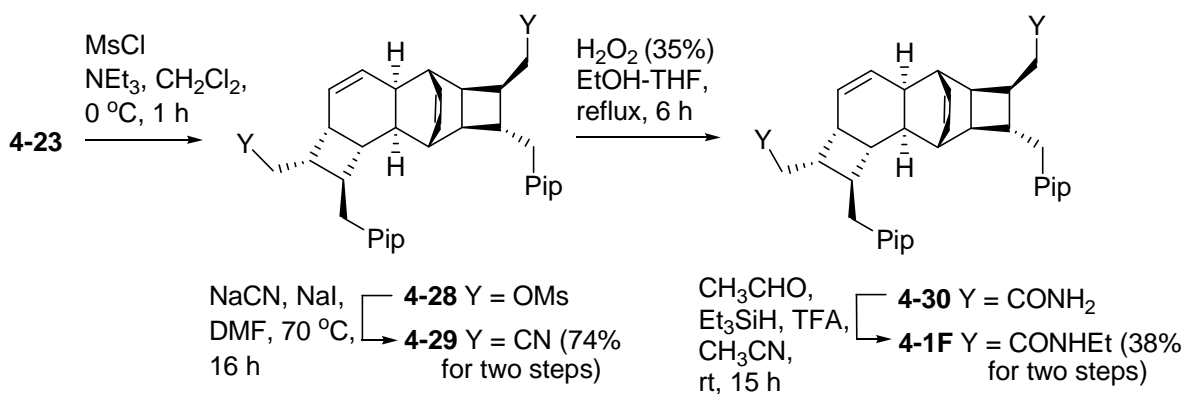
Therefore, the RCDA reaction was applied to acetate **4-21** (from alcohol **4-19**, Scheme 4-5). This reaction gave a mixture of two major products, **4-22** and **4-24**, both derived from endo transition states, and a minor product **4-26**, derived from an exo transition state. These diacetates appeared to be inseparable; however, removal of the acetyl groups gave a mixture of three diols, **4-23**, **4-25**, and **4-27**, that were readily separated by preparative tlc.

¹¹¹ When zinc-mediated reductive conditions were applied, 24 % of the alcohol **4-19** was isolated.



Scheme 4-5. Preparation of exo substrate **4-21** and its RCDA reaction

Diol **4-23** was then converted to kingianin F (Scheme 4-6) by the 4-step homologation/modification sequence used in the syntheses of kingianins A and D.



Scheme 4-6. Synthesis of kingianin F

The ¹H and ¹³C nmr spectra of synthetic kingianin F were compared with those of authentic arabilin in Tables 4-3 and 4-4. The chemical shifts as well as coupling constants were consistent with the authentic data.

Table 4-3. ¹H-NMR for Kingianin F in pyridine-d₅, δ (ppm), mult, (*J* in Hz)

No.	Authentic, δ _c	Synthetic, δ _c	No.	Authentic, δ _c	Synthetic, δ _c
1	2.54	2.54 m	1'	2.11	2.11 m
2	2.61	2.60 m	2'	2.22	2.22 m
3	5.82 br d (10.4)	5.82 br d (10.3)	3'	2.16	2.15 m
4	5.66 br d (10.4)	5.66 br d (10.3)	4'	5.91 dd (7.1, 7.6)	5.90 t (7.3)
5	2.12	2.11 m	5'	6.15 t (7.1)	6.14 t (7.3)
6	1.39	1.38 br d (9.1)	6'	2.62	2.61 m
7	1.81	1.80 t (7.9)	7'	2.47	2.47 m
8	1.91	1.90 m	8'	2.83	2.83 m
9	2.72/2.62	2.71 dd (13.2, 6.5)/2.63 m	9'	2.86/2.66	2.86/2.65 m
10	-	-	10'	-	-
11	6.85	6.85 br s	11'	6.91	6.91 d (7.7)
12	-	-	12'	-	-
13	-	-	13'	-	-
14	6.91	6.90 br s	14'	6.96	6.96 d (7.9)
15	6.70	6.70 br d (7.8)	15'	6.79	6.79 br d (7.7)
16	5.98 ^a	5.98 ^a d (2.9)	16'	5.95 ^a	5.95 ^a d (10.9)
17	2.40/2.27	2.40 dd (14.2, 8.8)/2.26 dd (14.2, 6.5)	17'	2.50/2.34	2.50 m/2.33 dd (14.3, 8.0)
18	-	-	18'	-	-
19	8.21 t (5.7)	8.28 t (5.2)	19'	8.21 t (5.7)	8.28 t (5.2)
20	3.45 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.45 qd (7.2, 5.2)	20'	3.45 qd (7.2, 5.7)	3.45 qd (7.2, 5.2)
21	1.14 t (7.2)	1.1353 ^b t (7.2)	21'	1.14 t (7.2)	1.1392 ^b t (7.2)

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.

^{a, b} Values are interchangeable

Table 4-4. ^{13}C -NMR for Kingianin F in pyridine- d_5 , δ (ppm)

Number	Authentic	Synthetic	Number	Authentic	Synthetic
1	39.8	39.74	1'	44.7	44.7
2	33.9	33.8	2'	45.0	44.9
3	126.4	126.4	3'	43.7	43.7
4	132.7	132.7	4'	133.3	133.3
5	38.9	38.86 ^a	5'	135.4	135.4
6	38.9	38.89 ^a	6'	39.4	39.4
7	42.3	42.3	7'	40.2	40.1
8	48.0	48.0	8'	39.7	39.7
9	41.0	41.0	9'	42.6	42.6
10	135.6	135.5	10'	136.2	136.3
11	110.4	110.4	11'	110.0	110.0
12	148.5	148.5	12'	148.5	148.5
13	146.6	146.6	13'	146.6	146.6
14	108.9	108.9	14'	109.0	109.0
15	122.7	122.4 ^b	15'	122.7	122.7 ^b
16	101.7	101.7	16'	101.7	101.7
17	38.3	38.3	17'	37.5	37.5
18	172.5	172.6	18'	172.8	172.8
19	-	-	19'	-	-
20	34.8	34.8	20'	34.7	34.8
21	15.7	15.7 ^c	21'	15.7	15.8 ^c

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.

a, b, c

Values are interchangeable

4.2.2.2 Structural Assignment of dimer **4-25**

The structure of the endo diol **4-25** was firmly identified by X-ray crystallography (Figure 4-3). The stereochemistry of the piperonyl and methyl alcohol sidechains on both cyclobutanerings were shown to be as assigned by the nmr data.

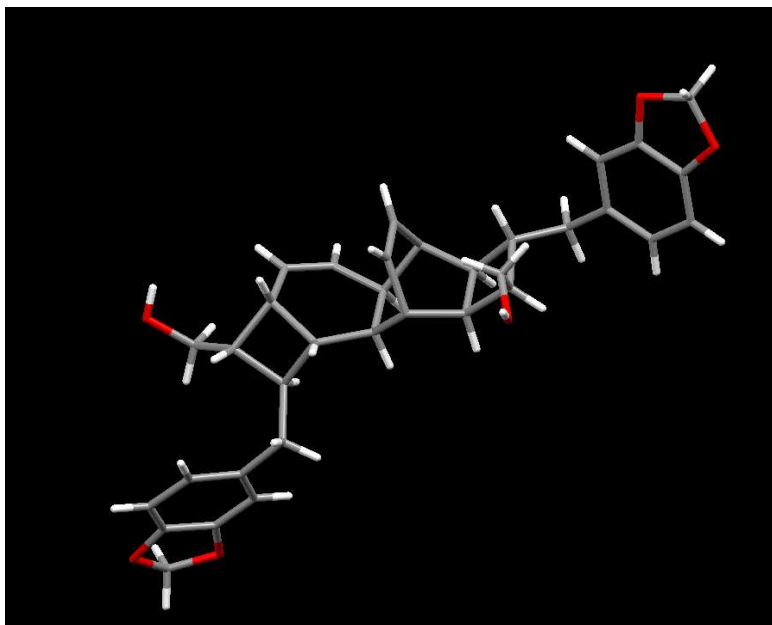


Figure 4-3. X-ray crystal structure of Diol **4-25**

4.2.2.2 Structural Assignment of dimer **4-27**

In addition, the structure of exo diol **4-27** was firmly established as the exo RCDA product by a combination of COSY, NOESY, HMQC, and HMBC nmr experiments (see Tables 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8). The key correlations in the COSY and NOESY are depicted in Figure 4-4.

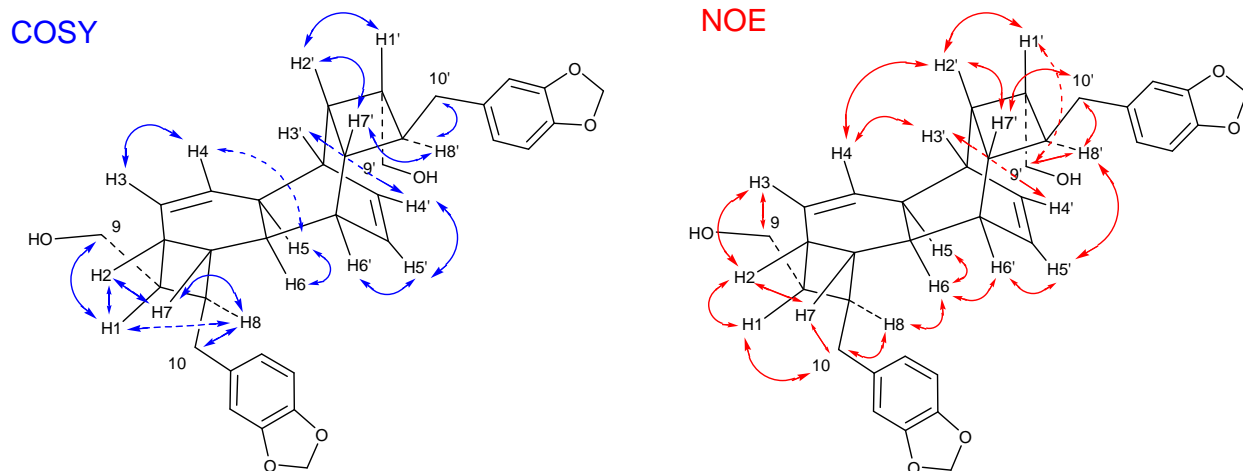


Figure 4-4. COSY and NOE correlations in diol **4-27**

On the basis of the chemical shifts of the two more upfield olefinic signals (5.81 and 5.63, in the same range as H3 and H4 in the kingianins), we assigned the dienophilic western substructure of the pentacyclic core as being identical to that in diols **4-23** and **4-25**. This assumption was well supported by the crosspeaks of H3 (5.81) and H9 (3.28 and 3.46) in the NOESY. Also, the crosspeaks of H3/H2, H2/H1, H1/H10, H10/H7, H10/H8, H8/H6, and H6/H5 in the NOESY and the crosspeaks of H3/H4, H4/H5, H5/H6, H2/H1, H2/H7, H1/H8, H1/H9, H7/H8, and H8/H10 in the COSY confirmed that the connectivity and relative stereochemistry of the fused [4.2.0]-bicyclooctene ring system in the western sector were the same as those in diols **4-23** and **4-25**.

With the H9 and H2 protons identified, we could assign the 2H signal at 3.32/ 3.50 ppm to the H9' protons and the 1H signal at 2.60 ppm to the H2' proton. The crosspeaks of H9'/H1', H1'/H2', H2'/H7', H7'/H10', H10'/H8', H3'/H4', H5'/H6', H5'/H8' and H8'/H9' in the NOESY and the crosspeaks of H1'/H2', H2'/H7', H7'/H8', H8'/H10', H4'/H5', H4'/H3', and H5'/H6' in the COSY confirmed the connectivity and relative stereochemistry of the fused [4.2.0]-bicyclooctene ring system in the eastern sector.

Next we needed to determine the stereochemistry of the connection of the eastern and western substructures. The key crosspeaks of H4/H2' in the NOESY showed that the stereochemical relationship of the eastern and western sectors corresponds to that of an exo Diels Alder product (Figure 4-4).

The exo Diels Alder structure was further supported by HMQC and HMBC assignments. Each carbon in the core pentacyclic structure was assigned to the attached protons by the crosspeaks in the HMQC. Indeed, the examination of the connectivity by HMBC analysis (the crosspeaks of selected carbon atoms and the corresponding protons) are consistent with the suggested structure in the COSY and NOE pictures. The full assignment for the pentacyclic structure of the diol **4-27** is summarized in Table 4-9.

Table 4-5. Crosspeaks in COSY Spectrum of Diol **4-27**

Proton number (ppm)	
H1 (2.14) ↔ H2 (2.76), H8 (1.83), H9 (3.28/3.46)	H2 (2.76) ↔ H7 (1.92)
H3 (5.81) ↔ H4 (5.63)	H4 (5.63) ↔ H5 (2.10)
H5 (2.10) ↔ H6 (1.29)	H7 (1.92) ↔ H8 (1.83)
H8 (1.83) ↔ H10 (2.49/ 2.68)	H1' (2.21) ↔ H2' (2.60), H9' (3.32/3.50)
H2' (2.60) ↔ H7' (2.12)	H3' (2.44) ↔ H4' (6.41)
H4' (6.41) ↔ H5' (6.24)	H5' (6.24) ↔ H6' (2.24)
H7' (2.28) ↔ H8' (1.89)	H8' (1.89) ↔ H10' (2.47/ 2.65)

Table 4-6. Crosspeaks in NOESY Spectrum of Diol **4-27**

proton number (ppm)	
H1 (2.14) ↔ H2 (2.76), H10 (2.49/2.65)	H2 (2.71) ↔ H3 (5.81), H7 (1.92)
H3 (5.83) ↔ H9 (3.28/ 3.46)	H4 (5.66) ↔ H2' (2.60), H3' (2.44)
H5 (2.10) ↔ H6 (1.29)	H6 (1.54) ↔ H8 (1.83), H6' (2.24)
H7 (1.92) ↔ H10 (2.49/ 2.65)	H8 (1.83) ↔ H10 (2.49/ 2.65)
H1' (2.21) ↔ H2' (2.60), H9' (3.32/3.50)	H2' (6.58) ↔ H7' (2.12)
H3' (2.44) ↔ H4' (6.41)	H5' (6.24) ↔ H6' (2.24), H8' (1.89)
H7' (2.28) ↔ H10' (2.47/ 2.65)	H8' (1.89) ↔ H9' (3.32/ 3.50), H10' (2.47/2.65)

Table 4-7. Crosspeaks in the HMQC Spectrum of Diol **4-27**

Carbon number (ppm)	Corresponding proton number (ppm)	Carbon number (ppm)	Corresponding proton number (ppm)

C1 (44.2)	H1 (2.14)	C1' (44.8)	H1' (2.21)
C2 (33.2)	H2 (2.76)	C2' (32.0)	H2' (2.60)
C3 (126.0)	H3 (5.81)	C3' (36.1)	H3' (2.44)
C4 (131.5)	H4 (5.63)	C4' (135.5)	H4' (6.41)
C5 (32.9)	H5 (2.10)	C5' (135.0)	H5' (6.24)
C6 (33.7)	H6 (1.29)	C6' (42.0)	H6' (2.24)
C7 (40.3)	H7 (1.92)	C7' (37.6)	H7' (2.12)
C8 (45.6)	H8 (1.83)	C8' (43.1)	H8' (1.89)
C9 (62.8)	H9 (3.28/ 3.46)	C9' (62.9)	H9' (3.32/ 3.50)
C10 (40.5)	H10 (2.49/ 2.68)	C10' (42.4)	H10' (2.47/ 2.65)
C17 (100.8)	H17 (5.91)	C17' (100.8)	H17' (5.92)

Table 4-8. Crosspeaks in the HMBC Spectrum of Diol **4-27**

Carbon (number, ppm)	Corresponding protons (number, ppm)]
C1 (44.2)	H7 (1.92)
C2 (33.2)	H4 (5.63), H7 (1.92), H9 (3.28/ 3.46)
C3 (126.0)	H1 (2.14), H7 (1.92)
C5 (32.9)	H3 (5.81)
C7 (40.3)	H10 (2.49/ 2.68)
C8 (45.6)	H6 (1.29), H7 (1.92), H9' (3.32/ 3.50)
C9 (62.8)	H1 (2.14), H8 (1.83)
C10 (40.5)	H7 (1.92)
C1' (44.8)	H10' (2.47/ 2.65)
C2' (32.0)	H6 (1.29), H9' (3.32/ 3.50)
C3' (36.1)	H4' (6.41), H5' (6.24)
C6' (42.0)	H4' (6.41), H5' (6.24)
C7' (37.6)	H6 (1.29), H10' (2.47/ 2.65)
C8' (43.1)	H10' (2.47/ 2.65)
C9' (62.9)	H1' (2.21), H8' (1.89)
C10' (42.2)	H1' (2.21)

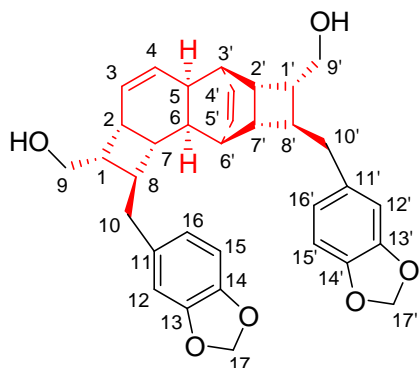


Table 4-9. ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR for the pentacyclic core of diol **4-27**
in CDCl_3

Number	^1H , δ (ppm), J (Hertz)	^{13}C , δ (ppm)
1	2.14 (m, 1 H)	44.2
2	2.76 (br t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H)	33.2
3	5.81 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H)	126.0
4	5.63 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H)	131.5
5	2.10 (m, 1 H)	32.9
6	1.29 (dd, $J = 10.9$ and 2.4 Hz, 1 H)	33.7
7	1.92 (m, 1 H)	40.3
8	1.83 (m, 1 H)	45.6
9	3.28 (dd, $J = 10.9$ and 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 10.9$ and 8.8 Hz, 1 H)	62.8
10	2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.68 (br d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H)	40.5
1'	2.21 (dd, $J = 9.6$ and 8.0 Hz, 1 H)	44.8
2'	2.60 (br td, $J = 9.5$ and 2.7 Hz, 1 H)	32.0
3'	2.44 (m, 1 H)	36.1
4'	6.41 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H)	135.5
5'	6.24 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H)	135.0
6'	2.24 (m, 1 H)	42.0
7'	2.12 (m, 1 H)	37.6
8'	1.89 (m, 1 H)	43.1
9'	3.32 (dd, $J = 10.6$ and 7.7 Hz, 1 H) 3.50 (dd, $J = 10.6$ and 7.9 Hz, 1 H)	62.9
10'	2.47 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (br d, $J = 6.5$, 1 H)	42.4

4.2.3 Synthesis of kingianin H

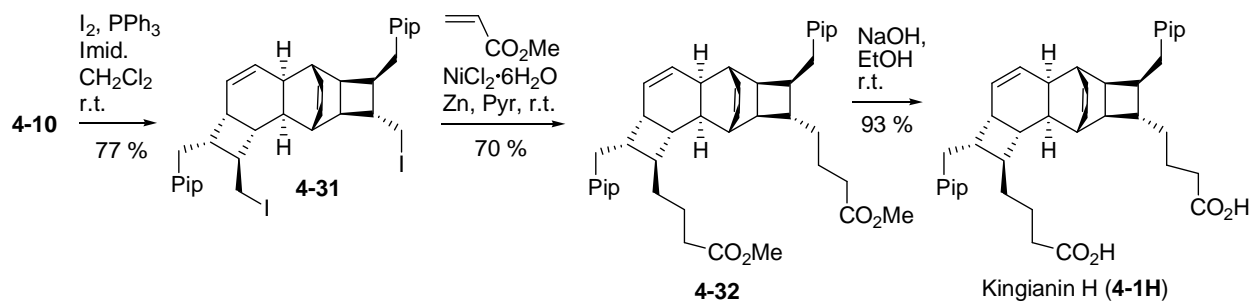
Of the pseudosymmetric kingianins (i.e. those that are constructed from two identical or enantiomeric monomers, A-F, H, and J), kingianin H is reported to be the most active in the Bcl-xL inhibition assay.^{1a} We considered therefore the synthesis of kingianin H from diol **4-10** which was in hand.

Conversion of diol **4-10** (previously converted to kingianin A) to kingianin H requires lengthening of the two hydroxymethyl sidechains. Short sequences that effect 3-carbon homologations are relatively rare. An attractive plan was the transition metal-catalyzed conversion of primary iodides to 3-carbon homologated esters by the Ni(0)-catalyzed “formal conjugate addition” described by Manchand et al.^{112,113} Accordingly, we prepared diiodide **4-31** and applied the chain-lengthening procedure, obtaining diester **4-32** in 70% yield. Hydrolysis then provided kingianin H (**4-1H**, Scheme 4-7).

¹¹² (a) Nickel-Mediated Conjugate Addition. Elaboration of Calcitriol from Ergocalciferol. Manchand, P. S.; Yiannikouros, G. P.; Belica, P. S.; Madan, P. *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, *60*, 6574-81.

(b) Process Control Limits from a Laboratory Study on the Ni(0)-Mediated Coupling of Ethyl Acrylate with a C-22 Steroidal Iodide: □ A Case Study on the Role of Experimental Design in Highly Developed Processes. Van Arnum, S. D.; Moffet, H.; Carpenter, B. K. *Org. Process Res. Dev.* **2004**, *8*, 769-776.

¹¹³ (a) For a related reaction see Cobalt-Catalyzed Reductive Coupling of Saturated Alkyl Halides with Activated Alkenes. Shukla, P.; Hsu, Y.-C.; Cheng, C.-H. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 655-658. (b) For related transformations and a discussion of mechanism, see Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive Conjugate Addition to Enones via Allylnickel Intermediates. Shrestha, R.; Dorn, S. C. M.; Weix, D. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 751-762 and Reductive Conjugate Addition of Haloalkanes to Enones To Form Silyl Enol Ethers. Shrestha, R.; Weix, D. *J. Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2766-2769.



Scheme 4-7. Synthesis of Kingianin H

The ^1H and ^{13}C nmr spectra of synthetic kingianin H are compared with those reported for the natural product in Tables 4-10 and 4-11. The chemical shifts as well as coupling constants are consistent with the authentic data.

Table 4-10. ¹H-NMR for Kingianin H in CDCl₃, δ (ppm), mult, (*J* in Hz)⁸

No.	Authentic, δ _c	Synthetic, δ _c	No.	Authentic, δ _c	Synthetic, δ _c
1	2.00	2.02 m	1'	1.64	1.65 m
2	2.47	2.48 m	2'	2.12	2.12 m
3	5.58 br d (10.4)	5.57 br d (10.5)	3'	2.39	2.41 m
4	5.67 br d (10.4)	5.66 br d (10.5)	4'	6.07 dd (7.1, 7.6)	6.07 t (7.3)
5	2.21	2.23 m	5'	6.23 t (7.1)	6.21 t (7.3)
6	1.68	1.69 br d (10.9)	6'	2.52	2.52 m
7	1.83	1.82 t (9.1)	7'	2.46	2.48 m
8	1.59	1.60 m	8'	2.19	2.28 m
9	2.57/2.43	2.57/2.46 m	9'	2.63/2.49	2.64/2.50 m
10	-	-	10'	-	-
11	6.62	6.63 d (1.2)	11'	6.60	6.61 d (1.2)
12	-	-	12'	-	-
13	-	-	13'	-	-
14	6.67	6.68 d (7.9)	14'	6.68	6.69 d (7.9)
15	6.56	6.58 dd (8.1, 1.3)	15'	6.55	6.56 dd (8.0, 1.3)
16	5.89 ^a	5.89 ^a s	16'	5.89 ^a	5.90 ^a s
17	1.26	1.26 m	17'	1.17/1.22 m	1.18/1.24 m
18	1.57/1.28	1.58/1.28 m	18'	1.36/1.49	1.37/1.50 m
19	2.20	2.21 m	19'	2.24	2.25 m
20	-	-	20'	-	-
21	-	-	21'	-	-

The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.^{1a}

^a Values are interchangeable

Table 4-11. ^{13}C -NMR for Kingianin H in CDCl_3 , δ (ppm)⁹

Number	Authentic	Synthetic	Number	Authentic	Synthetic
1	43.3	43.2	1'	42.0	41.8
2	32.7	32.7	2'	44.4	44.3
3	125.4	125.4	3'	43.6	43.4
4	132.0	132.0	4'	132.2	132.2
5	38.3	38.2	5'	134.9	134.9
6	39.6	39.2	6'	38.7	38.6
7	42.0	42.3	7'	39.7	39.4
8	45.4	45.2	8'	43.9	43.9
9	36.3	36.2	9'	35.5	35.5
10	135.4	135.4	10'	135.8	135.8
11	108.8	108.78 ^a	11'	108.8	108.83 ^a
12	147.5	147.40 ^b	12'	147.5	147.44 ^b
13	145.4	145.32 ^c	13'	145.4	145.34 ^c
14	108.1	108.0	14'	108.1	108.0
15	121.0	120.9 ^d	15'	121.0	121.0 ^d
16	100.7	100.6	16'	100.7	100.6
17	34.6	34.2	17'	36.0	36.0
18	22.7	22.5	18'	22.8	22.7
19	35.0	34.5	19'	34.7	34.4
20	ND	180.0 ^e	20'	ND	180.2 ^e
21	-	-	21'	-	-

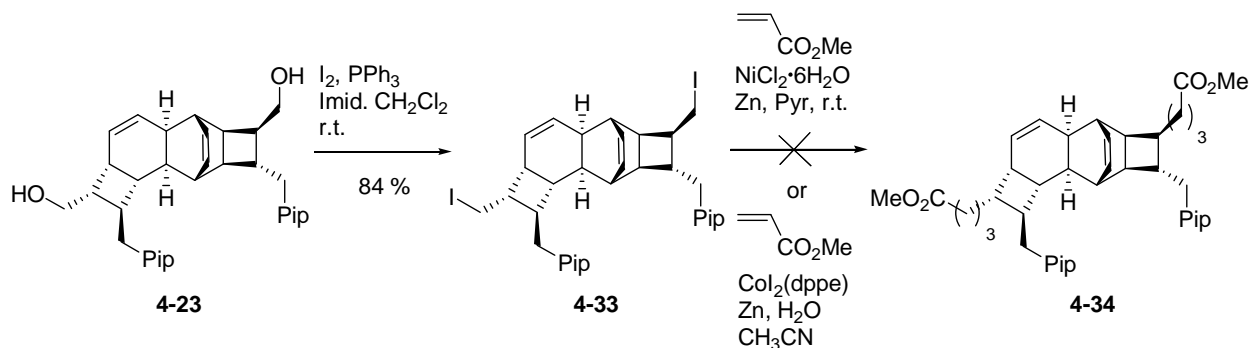
The data for the authentic sample are extracted from the report of the structure assignment.^{1a}

^{a, b, c, d, e} Values are interchangeable

4.2.4 Synthesis of kingianin J

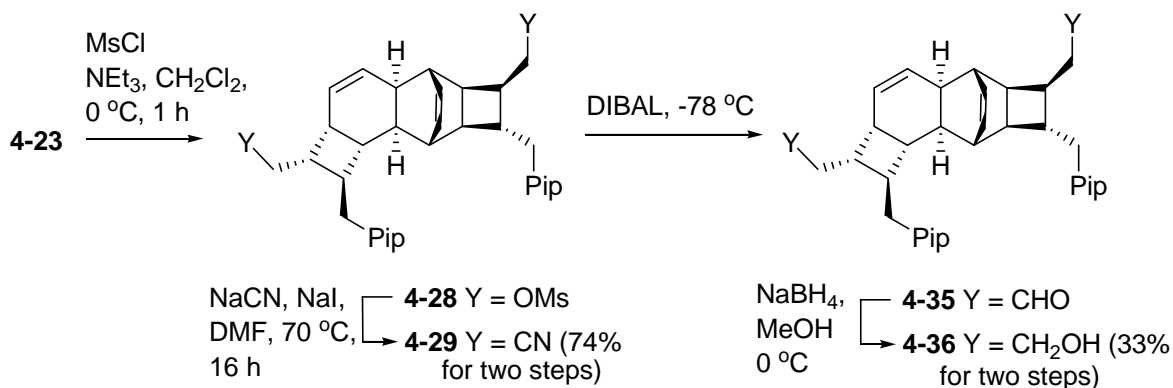
Of the pseudosymmetric kingianins (i.e. those that are constructed from two identical or enantiomeric monomers, A-F, H, and J), kingianin J is reported to be the second most active in the Bcl-xL inhibition assay. Diol **4-23** is a potential precursor for the synthesis of kingianin J.

By analogy to the successful synthesis of kingianin H, we initially planned a 3-carbon homologation of the diiodide **4-33** to afford diester **4-34**. However, the Ni(0)-catalyzed reaction produced intractable mixture. Furthermore, when the Co(0)-mediated homologation^{12a} was attempted, we obtained a complicated mixture. In both cases, the ¹H nmr spectrum showed that the olefinic proton of the western cyclohexene had disappeared, indicating the participation of that olefin in the reaction (Scheme 4-8).



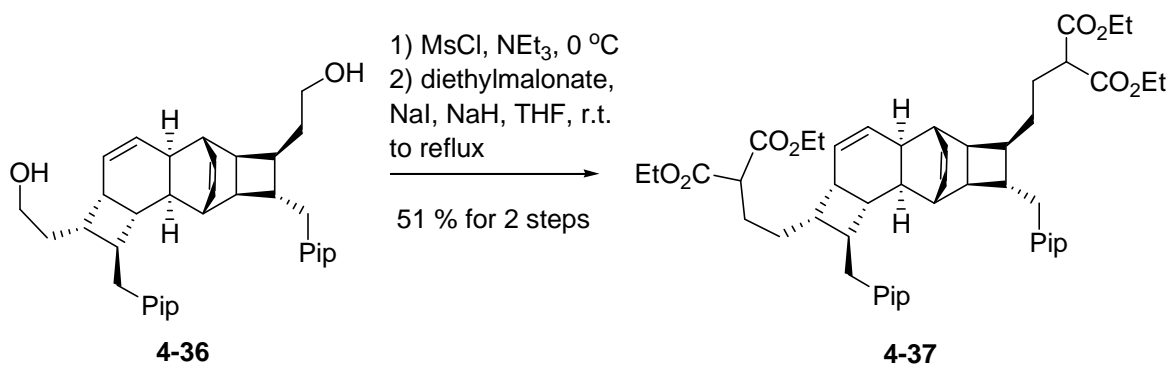
Scheme 4-8. 3-Carbon homologations of the diiodide **4-33**

This result led us to use a conventional homologation method. First, the one carbon homologated alcohol **4-35** was obtained by the four step sequence involving mesylation, cyanide displacement, and then partial DIBAL reduction of the dinitrile **4-29** followed by $NaBH_4$ mediated reduction of the aldehyde **4-35** (Scheme 4-9).



Scheme 4-9. Synthesis of one carbon homologated alcohol **4-36**

The diol **4-36** was then converted to dimalonate **4-37** (Scheme 4-10).



Scheme 4-10. Synthesis of dimalonate **4-36**

The completion of the synthesis of kingianin J from this dimalonate **4-37** is underway.

4.3 Conclusion

In summary, the intermolecular RCDA procedure, applied to the individual pre-kingianin structures **4-2** and **4-19** gave key intermediates for kingianin synthesis. As expected,¹¹⁴ the intermolecular RCDA reaction has a preference for an endo transition state in the RCDA reaction but this is not overwhelming. In both cases, the addition of the (+)-enantiomer to the (–)-

¹¹⁴ Selectivity profile of the cation radical Diels-Alder reaction. Bellville, D. J.; Bauld, N. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 2665-2667.

enantiomer gives an exo Diels Alder adduct as a minor product. Like the intramolecular case examined previously, both intermolecular RCDA reactions (Schemes 4-2 and 4-5) demonstrated additional regio- and stereoselective effects consistent with the structures of the isolated natural products. Thus, the C-5,6 double bond (proximal to the exo substituent on the cyclobutane ring) acts as the dienophile. It is attacked from the less hindered face by the diene component which reacts from its less hindered face.

Three of the major RCDA products were elaborated to three additional members of the kingianin family. The total syntheses of kingianins D, F, and H entailed 10, 13, and 9 steps respectively from commercially available materials. None of the schemes required preparative HPLC separation of intermediates or products. These short syntheses appear to be scalable.

4.4 Experimental Section

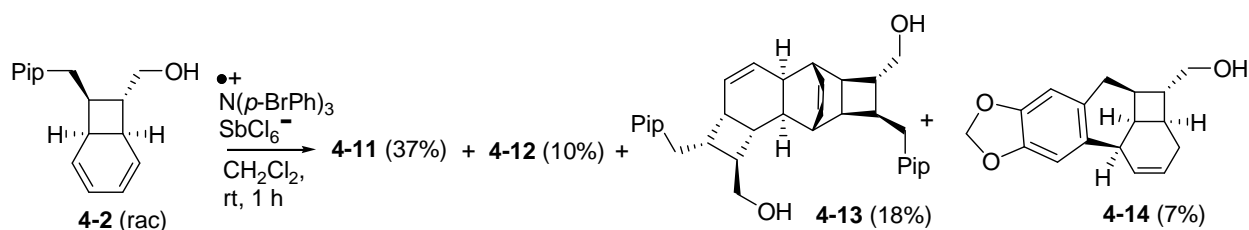
General Information

All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. Unless stated otherwise, commercially available reagents were used as supplied or distilled by short-path distillation. HPLC grade hexane, EtOAc, CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃OH were used in chromatography. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl under argon. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under nitrogen gas. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman precoated AL SIL G/UV 250 μm layer aluminum-supported flexible plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol or KMnO₄ aq. solution and then heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Sorbent Technologies silica gel (porosity 60 Å, 230-400 mesh, surface area 500-600 m²/g, bulk density 0.4 g/mL, pH range 6.5-7.5).

Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FT-IR instrument. Samples were scanned as neat liquids or dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance III-400 (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C) and

Bruker Avance III-500 spectrometer (500 MHz for ^1H and 126 MHz for ^{13}C). Chemical shifts for proton NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.260 ppm for chloroform-*d* and to the singlets at 8.74, 7.58, 7.22 ppm for pyridine-*d*₅. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR spectra are reported in ppm with the center line of the triplet for chloroform-*d* set at 77.000 ppm and the triplets for pyridine-*d*₅ set at 150.35, 135.91, 123.87 ppm. The COSY, NOESY, HMQC, and HMBC spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance III-500 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass Q-ToF Ultima spectrometer (ESI) and a Micromass 70-VSE spectrometer (EI) by the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

Experimental Procedure/ Characterization

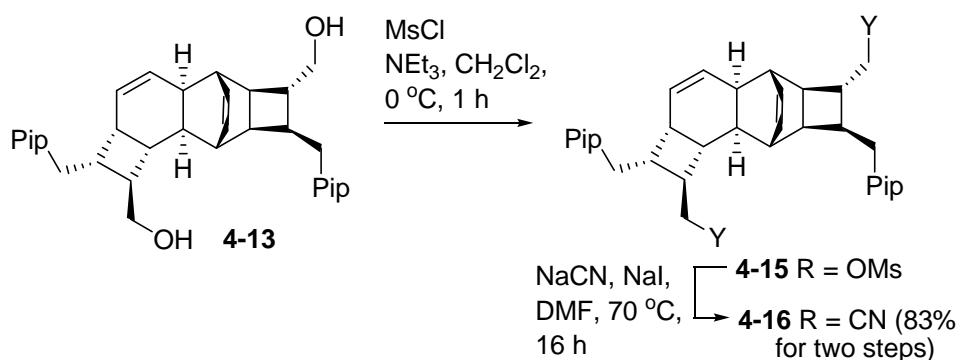


Diol 4-13 and 4-14 To a stirred solution of the endo bicyclooctadienol **4-2** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added $\text{SbCl}_6 \cdot \text{N}(p\text{-BrPh})_3$ (15.1 mg, 0.019 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting deep blue solution was stirred for 1 h and quenched with wet NEt_3 . After concentration of the reaction mixture, the residue was subjected to preparative TLC (hexane: Et_2O : CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 1: 1: 1: 0.02). Diols **4-11** (37 mg, 37 %), **4-12** (10 mg, 10 %), **4-13** (18 mg, 18 %), and alcohol **4-14** (7 mg, 7 %) were isolated.

Diol **4-13** Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.68 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.95 (m, 1 H), 2.15 (m, 1 H), 2.22-2.36 (m, 3 H), 2.41-2.69 (m, 9 H), 3.30-3.40 (m, 4 H), 5.61 (br d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (ddd, J = 10.4, 3.7 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 4 H), 6.11 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.32 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.71 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 33.1, 35.5, 36.2, 37.2, 38.1, 39.2, 39.6, 40.2, 40.3, 40.6, 41.2, 41.4, 44.7, 48.2, 65.0, 67.0, 100.7229, 100.7431, 108.2 (two), 108.8082, 108.8443, 120.9838, 121.0175, 124.8, 132.2, 133.1, 134.4, 135.0, 135.5, 145.5, 145.6, 147.5673, 147.6179.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1246, 1441,

1448, 1502, 2915, 3373 cm^{-1} . HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 563.2410, found 563.2417.

Alcohol **4-14** Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.93 (ddd, $J = 16.7, 6.6$ and 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 (m, 1 H), 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (dd, $J = 14.2$ and 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (m, 1 H), 2.61 (dd, $J = 17.7$ and 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (dd, $J = 14.4$ and 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (m, 1 H), 3.72 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 5.67 (dt, $J = 9.9$ and 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.97 (m, 1 H), 6.60 (s, 1 H), 6.69 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.0, 31.6, 32.0, 32.6, 33.2, 37.1, 49.4, 66.9, 100.5, 108.3, 108.5, 128.5, 131.6, 131.7, 135.1, 145.5, 145.7.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1233, 1481, 1501, 2921, 3356 cm^{-1} . HRMS[EI⁺] calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ [M]⁺ 270.1256, found 270.1249.



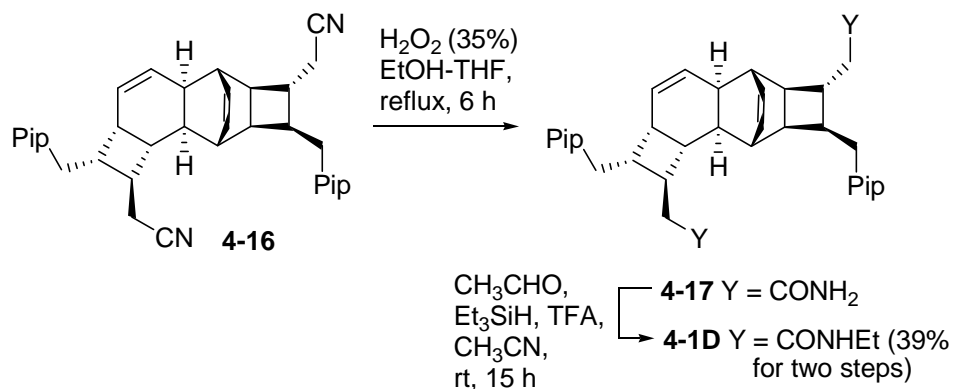
Dinitrile 4-16 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the diol **4-13** (18.0 mg, 33.3 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added triethylamine (27.9 μL , 200 μmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (7.70 μL , 99.8 μmol) at 0°C under Ar. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (20 mL) and the resulting mixture was washed with water, 5 % HCl, and sat. NaHCO_3 solution. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The crude product was directly used for the next step.

Dimesylate **4-15** Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.70 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1 H), 1.97 (m, 1 H), 2.04-2.60 (m, 15 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 2.87 (s, 3 H), 3.79-3.94 (m, 4 H), 5.60 (br d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1 H), 5.79 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 3.8$ and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.9012 (s, 2 H), 5.9023 (s, 2 H), 6.11 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.34 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.53-6.70 (m, 6 H).

Step 2: To a stirred solution of the dimesylate **4-15** in DMF (1 mL) was added sodium iodide (2.5 mg, 17 μmol) and sodium cyanide (13.0 mg, 270 μmol) at r.t. Then, the solution was heated to

70 °C and stirred for 12 h. Then it was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL X 3). The organic layer was then washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford dinitrile **4-16** (15.4 mg, 83 % for two steps, colorless liquid).

Dinitrile **4-16** Rf value: 0.25 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.95-2.07 (m, 5 H), 2.12-2.21 (m, 2 H), 2.31-2.39 (m, 3 H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 14.0 and 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.50-2.69 (m, 7 H), 5.61 (br d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.79 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 3.9 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 4 H), 6.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.52-6.71 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 22.8, 33.6, 34.9, 35.5, 36.7, 38.0, 38.9, 39.6, 40.3, 40.9013, 40.9611, 41.0403, 41.5, 42.4, 43.6, 100.7848, 100.8054, 108.3 (two), 108.6, 108.7, 118.5, 119.0, 120.9515, 120.9952, 124.3, 132.1, 133.3, 133.8, 134.2, 134.4, 145.7, 145.8, 147.6, 147.7.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1246, 1442, 1488, 1502, 2245, 2917 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₆H₃₅N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 559.2597, found 559.2609.



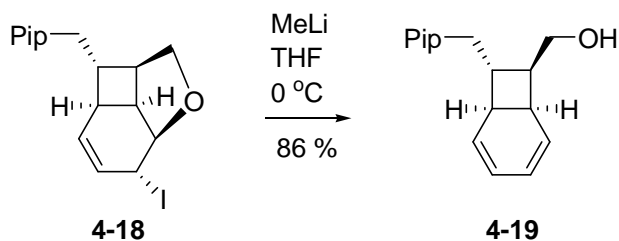
Kingianin D (1D)

Step 1: To a stirred solution of dinitrile **11** (13.0 mg, 23.2 μmol) in EtOH-THF (2.5 mL/0.5 mL) was added aq. NaOH sol'n (0.05 mL, 7 M) and dropwise H₂O₂ sol'n (0.6 mL, 35 % in water) at 0 °C. Then, the mixture was warmed to room temperature, stirred for 30 min, and heated to reflux. After stirring for an additional 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with brine and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL X 5). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was used for the next step.

Step 2: The residue from step 1 was placed in a 3 mL-vial and flushed with Ar for 10 min. To the stirred clear solution of the crude product in CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added acetaldehyde (7.7 μL,

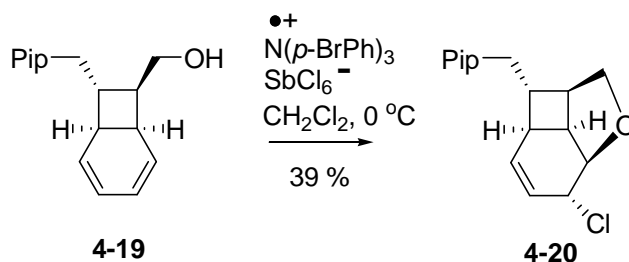
139 μmol), triethylsilane (22.2 μL , 139 μmol), and trifluoroacetic acid (9.8 μL , 128 μmol) in that order at r.t. Then, the vial was capped and sealed with parafilm. After stirring for 15 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC (hexane: EtOAc = 1:2) to afford Kingianin D (5.9 mg, 39 %, white solid, mp = 86-91 $^\circ\text{C}$, lit^{1a}; mp not reported).

Rf value: 0.2 (hexane: EtOAc = 1:2). For ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3), see Tables 4-1 and 4-2. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1246, 1442, 1488, 1503, 1555, 1639, 2924, 3287 cm^{-1} .



Exo alcohol 4-19 To a stirred solution of iodo ether **4-18** (92.0 mg, 0.232 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added MeLi (1.6 M in THF, 0.24 mL, 1.2 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. After 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl sol'n and then extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the exo alcohol **4-19** (66 mg, 86 %) as colorless oil.

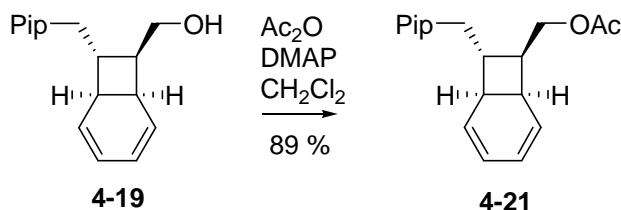
Rf value: 0.3 (Hex:EtOAc = 4:1) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.55-2.75 (m, 5 H), 3.23 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (dd, J = 10.8 and 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (dd, J = 10.8 and 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.44 (dd, J = 9.6 and 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.59 (dd, J = 9.8 and 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (dd, J = 9.7 and 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.85 (ddd, J = 9.8, 5.5 and 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.61 (dd, J = 7.9 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 32.5, 36.1, 41.6, 50.4, 51.7, 63.3, 100.8, 108.2, 109.1, 121.4, 121.5, 124.4, 125.3, 127.2, 134.3, 145.8, 147.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1246, 1442, 1488, 1502, 2916, 3356 cm^{-1} . HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 293.1154, found 293.1150.



Chloro ether 4-20

To a stirred solution of alcohol **4-19** (7.0 mg, 25.9 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added $\text{SbCl}_6\text{-N}(p\text{-BrPh})_3$ (1.1 mg, 1.3 μmol) at room temperature. After 1 min, the reaction mixture became yellow in color. To ensure complete conversion, more catalyst (29.6 mg, 36.3 μmol) was added in portions until a blue color was maintained. The deep blue solution was stirred for 1 h and quenched with wet NEt_3 . After concentration of the reaction mixture, the residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford chloro ether **4-20** (3.1 mg, 39 %, colorless oil).

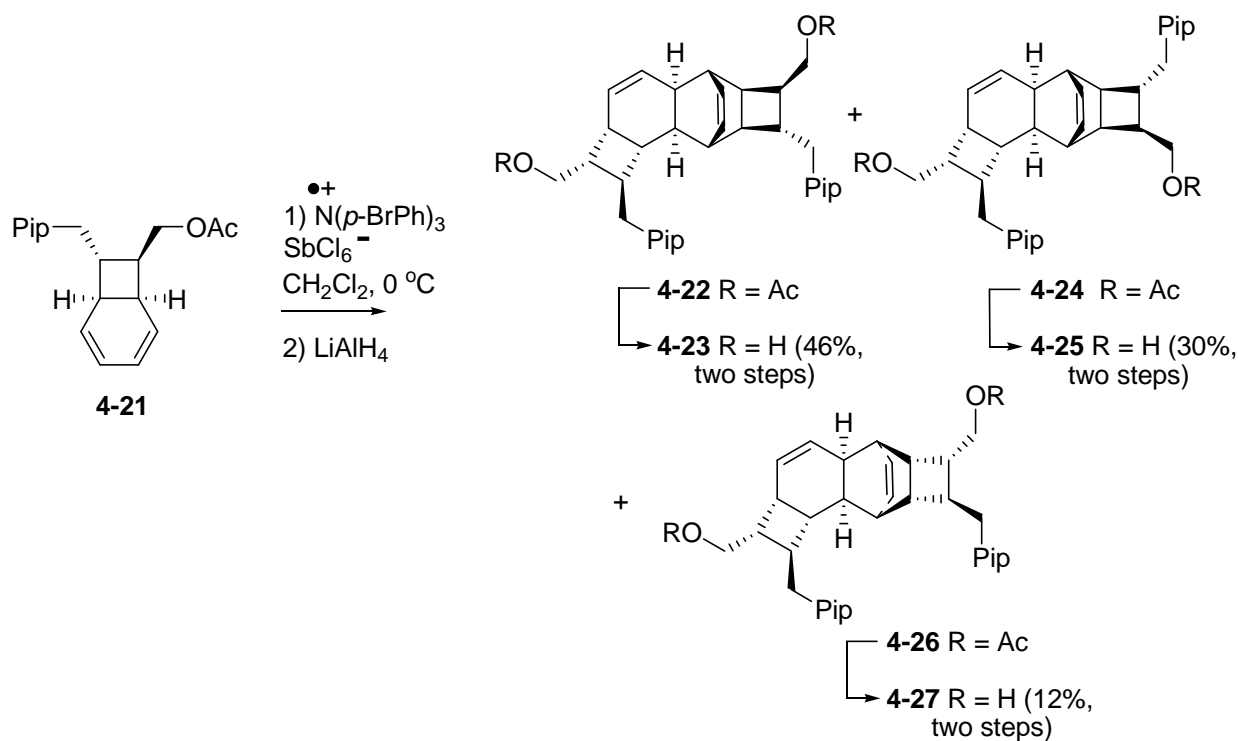
Rf value: 0.8 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.91 (m, 1 H), 2.54 (m, 1 H), 2.62 (dt, $J = 6.4$ and 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.10 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 7.4$ and 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 4.8$ and 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (dd, $J = 4.6$ and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, $J = 8.0$ and 3.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.82 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 6.3$ and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.7, 32.9, 41.4, 41.8, 47.5, 50.3, 73.1, 78.9, 100.8, 108.2, 108.9, 121.4, 122.3, 131.9, 133.4, 145.9, 147.6. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1440, 1489, 1504, 2920 cm^{-1} . HRMS[EI $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ [M] $^+$ 304.0866, found 304.0869.



Acetate 4-21 To a stirred solution of exo alcohol **4-19** (114 mg, 0.422 mmol) and DMAP (10.3 mg, 0.0843 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added acetic anhydride (59.7 μL , 0.632 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), washed with sat.

NaHCO₃ sol'n, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the acetate **4-21** (117 mg, 89 %) as a colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.00 (s, 3 H), 2.56-2.80 (m, 5 H), 3.23 (m, 1 H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 11.0 and 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 11.0 and 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.38 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 5.4 Hz), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 9.9 and 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 9.7 and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.84 (ddd, *J* = 9.8, 5.5 and 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 7.9 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 32.7, 36.2, 41.4, 47.7, 50.4, 64.7, 100.8, 108.1, 109.1, 121.4, 121.6, 124.6, 124.8, 126.8, 134.1, 145.8, 147.5, 171.0.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1239, 1364, 1442, 1489, 1502, 1738, 2917 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₁₉H₂₀O₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 335.1259, found 335.1253.



Diols **4-23**, **4-25**, and **4-27**

Step 1: To a stirred solution of acetates **4-21** (115 mg, 0.369 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added SbCl₆⁻N(*p*-BrPh)₃ (9.0 mg, 0.011 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting deep blue solution was stirred for 1 h and quenched with wet NEt₃. After concentration of the reaction mixture, the residue was

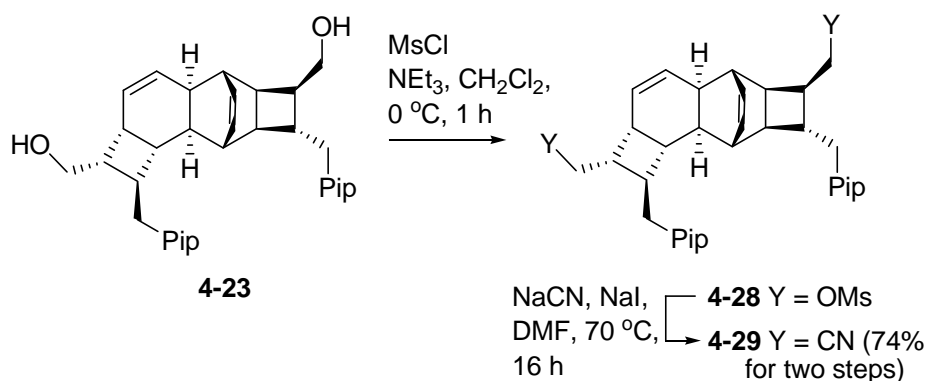
subjected to column chromatography. The fractions containing an inseparable mixture of diacetates were combined and concentrated. The crude product mixture was directly used for the next step.

Step 2: To a stirred solution of the diacetates in dry THF (3 mL) was added lithium aluminum hydride (56 mg, 1.5 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and with sat. NaOH solution. After stirring for an additional 2 h, the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (10 X 5 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC (hexane: Et₂O: CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 1: 1: 1: 0.04) to afford the diols **4-23** (52.9 mg, 46 %, colorless oil), **4-25** (34.5 mg, 30 %, white solid, mp = 179-181 °C), **4-27** (13.8 mg, 12 %, colorless oil).

Diol **4-23** Rf value: 0.4 (hexane: Et₂O: CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 1: 1: 1: 0.04) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.87-1.94 (m, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 2.12-2.28 (m, 4 H), 2.44-2.70 (m, 7 H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.56 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.64 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (m, 4 H), 6.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.56-6.74 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.4, 37.3, 38.0 (two), 38.2, 40.8, 41.5117, 41.5410, 42.2, 42.5, 43.6, 44.1, 44.2, 44.7, 62.5, 63.0, 100.8 (two), 108.1 (two), 109.0, 109.2, 121.2, 121.4, 124.9, 131.9, 132.1, 134.5, 134.7, 134.8, 145.6, 145.7, 147.5, 147.5.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1243, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2919, 3354 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₄H₃₇O₆ [M + H]⁺ 541.2590, found 541.2578.

Diol **4-25** Rf value: 0.55 (hexane: Et₂O: CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 1: 1: 1: 0.04) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.40 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.86-1.93 (m, 2 H), 1.99 (m, 1 H), 2.13-2.27 (m, 3 H), 2.35-2.56 (m, 6 H), 2.63-2.68 (m, 2 H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (br d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.67 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 3.8 and 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.72 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.7, 36.9, 38.3, 39.6, 40.0, 40.7, 41.2, 41.6, 42.1615, 42.2499, 42.3, 43.8, 44.4, 45.3, 62.7, 63.0, 100.7, 100.8, 108.1, 108.2, 108.9, 109.2, 121.2, 121.4, 124.5, 132.2, 132.9, 134.2, 134.4, 134.7, 145.6, 145.7, 147.5, 147.5.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1245, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2918, 3356 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₄H₃₇O₆ [M + H]⁺ 541.2590, found 541.2582.

Diol **4-27** Rf value: 0.35 (hexane: Et₂O: CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 1: 1: 1: 0.04) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.29 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.89 (m, 1 H), 1.92 (m, 1 H), 2.10 (m, 1 H), 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.14 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (m, 1 H), 2.47 (m, 1 H), 2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (br td, *J* = 9.5 and 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (br d, *J* = 6.5, 1 H), 2.68 (br d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (br t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 10.9 and 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 10.6 and 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.81 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.72 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.0, 32.9, 33.2, 33.7, 36.1, 37.6, 40.3, 40.5, 42.0, 42.4, 43.1, 44.2, 44.8, 45.6, 62.8, 62.9, 100.8 (two), 108.1 (two), 108.9, 109.2, 121.2, 121.5, 126.0, 131.5, 134.2, 134.8, 135.0, 135.5, 145.6565, 145.7234, 147.5, 147.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1244, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2917, 3351 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ES⁺] calcd for C₃₄H₃₇O₆ [M + H]⁺ 541.2590, found 541.2585.



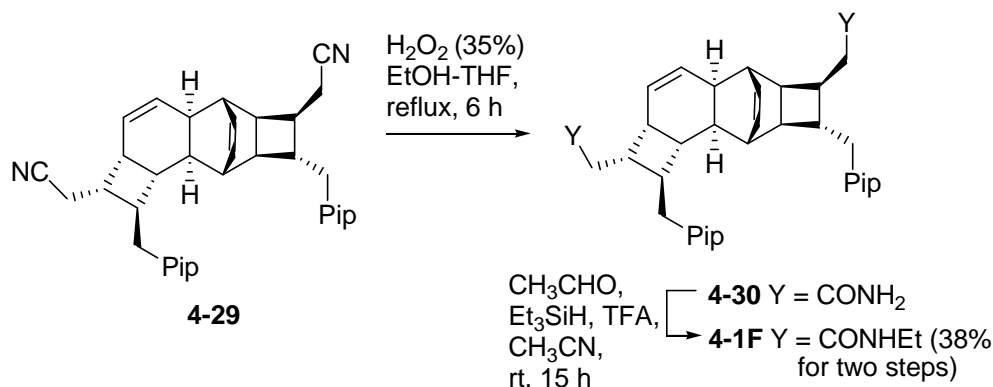
Dinitrile 4-29 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the diol **4-23** (16.5 mg, 30.5 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added triethylamine (25.5 μL, 183 μmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (7.1 μL, 91.5 μmol) at 0 °C under Ar. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (20 mL) and the resulting mixture was washed with water, 5 % HCl, and sat. NaHCO₃ solution. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was directly used for the next step.

Dimesylate **4-28** Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.35 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.24 (m, 4 H), 2.43-2.67 (m, 8 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 9.8 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 9.7 and 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz,

1 H), 4.17 (t, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.67 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (m, 4 H), 6.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.14 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.54-6.74 (m, 6 H).

Step 2: To a stirred solution of the dimesylate **23** in DMF (1 mL) was added sodium iodide (2.3 mg, 15 μ mol) and sodium cyanide (12.0 mg, 244 μ mol) at r.t. The resulting suspension was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 16 h. Then it was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL X 3). The organic layer was then washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford dinitrile **4-29** (12.6 mg, 74 % in two steps, colorless liquid).

Dinitrile **4-29** Rf value: 0.7 (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1) 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.36 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1 H), 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.82-1.99 (m, 4 H), 2.04-2.22 (m, 5 H), 2.29-2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.52-2.71 (m, 7 H), 5.55 (br d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 3.4$ and 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.94 (m, 4 H), 6.07 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.74 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 16.9, 17.8, 31.9, 37.5, 37.6 (two), 37.8, 37.9, 38.0, 39.9, 41.2, 41.3, 42.5, 43.6, 43.9, 47.1, 100.8, 100.9, 108.2021, 108.2421, 108.8, 109.1, 119.0, 119.4, 121.2, 121.5, 123.5, 133.0, 133.3, 133.5, 133.7, 134.0, 145.8, 145.9, 147.5799, 147.6499.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1240, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2242, 2920 cm^{-1} . HRMS[ES $^+$] calcd for $C_{36}H_{35}N_2O_4$ [M + H] $^+$ 559.2597, found 559.2591.

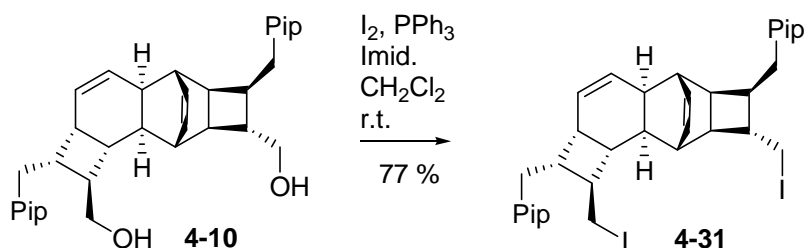


Kingianin F (4-1F)

Step 1: To a stirred solution of dinitrile **4-29** (14.1 mg, 25.2 μ mol) in EtOH-THF (2.5 mL - 0.5 mL) was added aq. NaOH sol'n (0.05 mL, 7 M) and dropwise H_2O_2 sol'n (0.6 mL, 35 % in water) at 0 °C. Then, the mixture was warmed to room temperature, stirred for 30 min, and heated to reflux. After 3 h, the same amount of NaOH and H_2O_2 sol'n was added to the mixture.

After stirring for additional 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with brine and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL X 5). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was used for the next step.

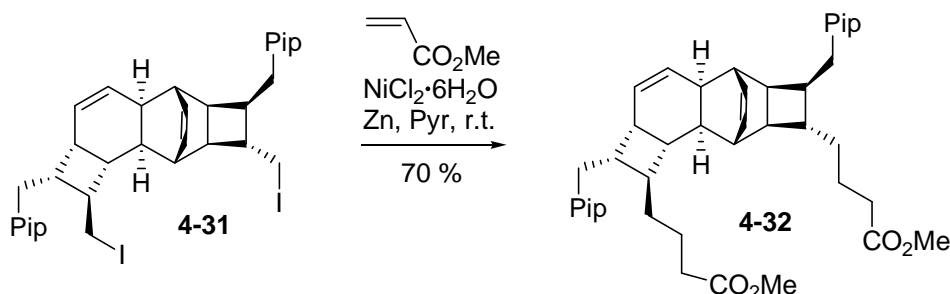
Step 2: The residue from step 1 was placed in 3 mL vial and flushed with Ar for 10 min. To the stirred clear solution of the crude product in CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added acetaldehyde (8.4 μL, 151 μmol), triethylsilane (24.3 μL, 151 μmol), and trifluoroacetic acid (10.6 μL, 139 μmol) in that order at r.t. Then, the vial was capped and sealed with parafilm. After stirring 15 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC (hexane: EtOAc = 1:2) to afford Kingianin F (6.2 mg, 38 %, white solid, mp = 86-91 °C, lit^{1a}. 90-95 °C). R_f value: 0.2 (hexane: EtOAc = 1:2). For ¹H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-d₅) and ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-d₅), see Tables 4-3 and 4-4 in the supporting information. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1039, 1244, 1441, 1488, 1502, 1548, 1641, 2922, 3292 cm⁻¹.



Diiodide 4-31 To a stirred solution of triphenylphosphine (58 mg, 0.22 mmol) and imidazole (25 mg, 0.37 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) was added iodine (56 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 20 min and treated dropwise with a solution of the diol **4-10** (20 mg, 0.037 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). Then, the mixture was warmed to room temperature for 1 h. The resulting suspension was filtered. The filtrate was diluted with ethyl ether (10 mL) and washed twice with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The combined aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the diiodide **4-31** (21.7 mg, 77 %) as a colorless oil.

R_f value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.83-1.92 (m, 2 H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.07-2.27 (m, 5 H), 2.49 (m, 2 H), 2.56-2.67 (m, 6 H), 2.93-3.03 (m, 4 H), 5.59 (br

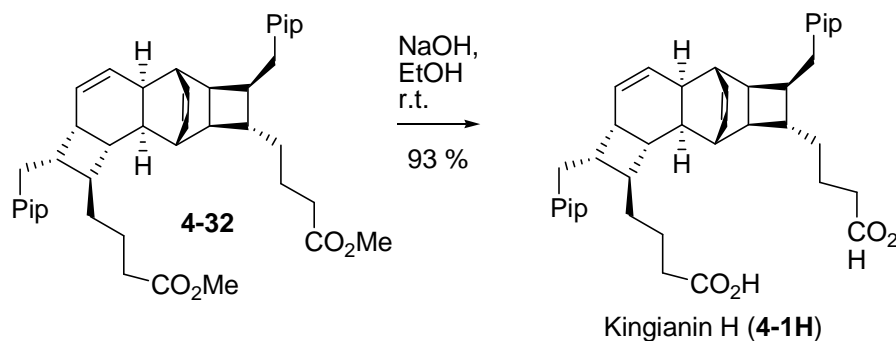
d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (ddd, $J = 10.4$, 3.1 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 6.11 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.23 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.56-6.72 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.6, 13.5, 32.1, 34.8, 35.5, 37.5783, 37.6140, 38.1, 38.2, 42.2, 43.5, 44.6, 45.2, 45.3, 45.8, 46.8, 100.7 (two), 108.1, 108.2, 108.7, 108.8, 120.9641, 120.9749, 125.1, 132.1, 132.3, 134.4, 134.8291, 134.8485, 145.5, 145.6, 147.5 (two).; IR (neat) ν_{max} 938, 1039, 1247, 1442, 1488, 1501, 2919 cm^{-1} .



Diester 4-32 The procedure of Manchand et al was adapted.^{8a} A mixture of $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (32.8 mg, 138 μmol), Zn (45.1 mg, 690 μmol), and methyl acrylate (57.5 μL , 634 μmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) was stirred at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min under Ar. The resulting reddish brown heterogeneous suspension was cooled to room temperature and treated with a solution of diiodide **4-31** (21.0 mg, 27.6 μmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL). After 4 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with 5 % HCl (10 mL X 2). The organic solution was then washed with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the diesters **4-32** (13.1 mg, 70 %) as a colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:2) ^1H NMR (MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.12-1.71 (m, 11 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 2.11 (m, 1 H), 2.16-2.25 (m, 6 H), 2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.45-2.66 (m, 7 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (m, 3 H), 5.56 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.64 (ddd, $J = 10.4$, 3.0 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (s, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 2 H), 6.06 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.20 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.70 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.7, 23.2, 32.6, 34.1, 34.5, 34.7, 35.5, 36.1506, 36.2386, 38.2, 38.5, 39.1, 39.3, 41.7, 42.6, 43.3525, 43.4203, 43.9, 44.4, 45.1, 51.4048, 51.4349, 100.6 (two), 108.0 (two), 108.7575, 108.8181, 120.9, 121.0, 125.4, 132.0, 132.2, 134.8, 135.4, 135.8, 145.3009, 145.3130, 147.3997, 147.4370, 174.1, 174.2. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1246, 1440, 1488, 1503, 1737,

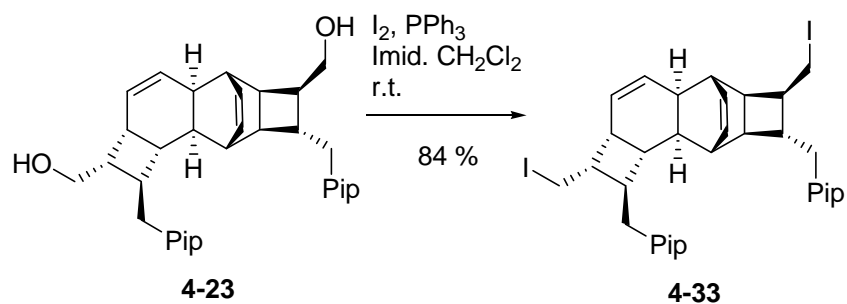
2914 cm^{-1} . HRMS[ES+] calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{49}\text{O}_8$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 681.3427, found 681.3425.



Kingianin H (1H)

To a stirred solution of diester **4-32** (12.5 mg, 18.3 μmol) in EtOH-H₂O (2 mL/0.2 mL) was added NaOH (7.30 mg, 180 μmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred overnight and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in water and acidified with 1 N aq. HCl solution. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was then washed with water, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to afford the kingianin H (11.2 mg, 93 %, white solid, m.p = 59-63 °C, lit^{1a}; mp not reported).

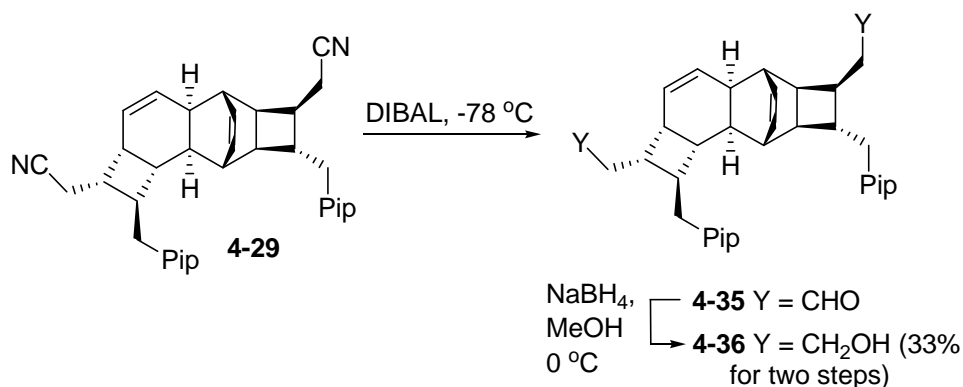
Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ . ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ . see Tables 4-5 and 4-6. IR (neat) ν_{max} 924, 1039, 1186, 1245, 1442, 1488, 1503, 1704, 2913 cm^{-1} .



Diiodide 4-33 To a stirred solution of triphenylphosphine (72 mg, 0.28 mmol) and imidazole (19 mg, 0.28 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added iodine (63 mg, 0.28 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 20 min and treated dropwise with a solution of the diol **4-23** (15.0 mg, 27.7 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). Then, the mixture was warmed to room temperature for 1 h.

The resulting suspension was filtered. The filtrate was diluted with ethyl ether (10 mL) and washed twice with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The combined aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the diiodide **4-33** (17.9 mg, 85 %) as a colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.80-1.87 (m, 2 H), 2.03-2.24 (m, 4 H), 2.46-2.59 (m, 5 H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 12.9 and 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 13.7 and 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.76-2.81 (m, 3 H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 9.1 and 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 5.69 (br d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (br d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 5.95 (s, 2 H), 6.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.73 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.9, 7.1, 33.0, 37.1, 37.8718, 37.9093, 39.7, 40.1, 40.2, 42.0, 42.3, 45.0920, 45.1396, 45.2, 48.5, 100.7593, 100.8013, 108.1, 108.2, 108.9, 109.0, 121.3, 121.4, 123.1, 132.5, 133.0, 134.0, 134.3, 134.4, 145.7, 145.8, 147.5, 147.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 733, 1040, 1242, 1441, 1487, 1501, 2920 cm⁻¹.

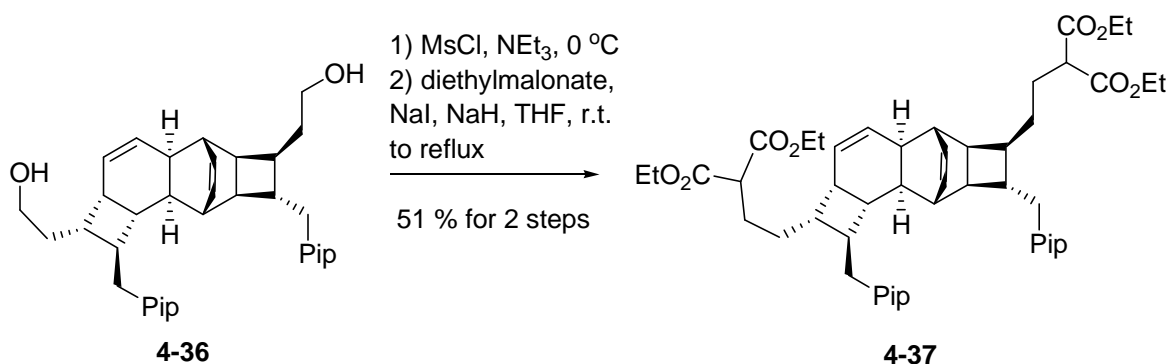


Diol 4-36 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the dinitrile **4-29** (17.8 mg, 31.9 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) was added dropwise DIBAL (1.0 M in hexane, 70.0 μL, 70.0 μmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 4 h at the same temperature, quenched with sat. NH₄Cl sol'n, treated with 10 % potassium sodium tartrate. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL X 5). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and directly used for the next step.

Step 2: To a stirred solution the dialdehyde **4-35** in MeOH (1.0 mL) was slowly added NaBH₄ (3.6 mg, 95.6 μmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl

sol'n, extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL x 3). The combined organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 2:1) to afford the diol **4-36** (6.1 mg, 33 %) as colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.6 (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) ¹H NMR (MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.30 (m, 1 H), 1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.49-1.62 (m, 3 H), 1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.80-1.87 (m, 3 H), 2.04-2.12 (m, 4 H), 2.7 (m, 2 H), 2.50 (m, 1 H), 2.56 (m, 4 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.47 (m, 2 H), 5.53 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 5.94 (s, 2 H), 5.97 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.11 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.55-6.74 (m, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 32.9, 33.4, 38.0, 38.2, 38.6 (two), 38.9, 39.0, 41.0, 42.0, 42.6, 42.7, 43.8, 44.3, 47.2, 61.8, 61.9, 100.7, (two), 108.0 (two), 109.0, 109.3, 121.2, 121.5, 125.3, 131.9951, 132.0289, 134.6, 134.8, 135.1, 145.5, 145.6, 147.4 (two). IR (neat) ν_{max} 1040, 1243, 1441, 1488, 1502, 2917, 3347 cm⁻¹.



Dimalonate 4-37 Step 1: To a stirred solution of the diol **4-36** (6.1 mg, 10.7 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added triethylamine (9.0 μL, 64 μmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (2.5 μL, 32 μmol) at 0 °C under Ar. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (10 mL) and the resulting mixture was washed with water, 5 % HCl, and sat. NaHCO₃ solution. The organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was directly used for the next step.

Step 2: To a stirred solution of NaH (60% dispersion in oil, 7.70 mg, 193 μmol) in THF (3.0 mL)-DMF (0.3 mL) was added diethylmalonate (32.5 μL, 214 μmol) at r.t. After 30 min, the mixture was treated with mesylate in THF (0.2 mL) and NaI (0.8 mg, 5.4 μmol). The reaction mixture was then heated to reflux and stirred for 18 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to r.t., quenched with sat. NH₄Cl so'n, and extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL X 3). The combined

organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the dimesylate **4-37** (4.7 mg, 51 %) as colorless oil.

Rf value: 0.5 (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) ^1H NMR (MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (m, 17 H), 1.54 (m, 1 H), 1.61-1.83 (m, 7 H), 1.95-1.2.08 (m, 4 H), 2.36 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (m, 5 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 4.17 (m, 8 H), 5.50 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.59 (br d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.91-5.94 (m, 5 H), 6.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.52-6.73 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.0590 (two), 14.0842 (two), 27.2, 27.4, 27.5, 28.0, 32.1, 38.0505, 38.0845, 38.3, 38.9, 40.9, 41.7, 42.0, 42.2, 42.5, 42.7, 43.6, 44.0, 47.2, 52.1, 52.2, 61.2 (four), 100.7, (two), 108.0 (two), 109.0, 109.2, 121.2, 121.5, 124.9, 131.9, 132.1, 134.6, 134.8, 135.1, 145.4528, 145.5236, 147.4 (two), 169.4, 169.5 (two), 169.5. IR (neat) ν_{max} 1036, 1146, 1324, 1375, 1463, 1742, 2922 cm^{-1} .

Chapter 5

Arisugacin A; Background and Retrosynthesis

5.1 Introduction: Bioactivity and Structure of (±)-Arisugacin A

(±)-Arisugacin A (**5-1**), a microbial metabolite, was isolated together with Territrem B and C, from the culture broth of *Penicillium* sp. FO-4295 in 1995.¹¹⁵ These natural products are potent inhibitors of acetylcholine esterase (AChE). Inhibition of the AChE has been used as one of the clinical treatments of Alzheimer's disease (AD).² The therapeutic role of AChE inhibitors is to maintain the concentration of the acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter which is involved in the memory process.

In particular, high selectivity against AChE was observed in case of (±)-Arisugacin A, while tacrine (an AD drug approved by the FDA) displayed no selectivity² that causes the overdose. To date, only a few drugs including tacrine,¹¹⁶ donepezil,¹¹⁷ rivastigmine and galantamine¹¹⁸ have been approved for the treatment of AD. As a highly selective and potent AD drug, (±)-arisugacin A is an intriguing synthetic target.

(±)-Arisugacin A has a tetracyclic skeleton in which four continuous stereogenic centers and a 2-aryl- α -pyrone are incorporated. The construction of two angular tertiary alcohols and two angular methyl groups at the ring junctures of the ABC ring system is considered to be synthetically challenging. The structures of arisugacin A and its congeners are depicted in Figure 5-1 and Table 5-1.

¹¹⁵ Arisugacin, a Novel and Selective Inhibitor of Acetylcholinesterase from *Penicillium* sp. FO-4259. Omura, S.; Kuno, F. Otaguro, K.; Sunazuka, T.; Shiomi, K.; Masuma, R.; Iwai, Y. *J. Antibiot.* **1995**, 48, 745.

¹¹⁶ Tacrine. Davis, K. L.; Powchik, P. *Lancet* **1995**, 345, 625-630.

¹¹⁷ Donepezil. Bryson, P.; Benfield, P. Donepezil, *Drugs Aging* **1997**, 10, 234-239.

¹¹⁸ Review of the acetylcholinesterase inhibitor galanthamine. Sramek, J. J.; Frackiewicz, E. J.; Cutler, N. R. Review of the acetylcholinesterase inhibitor galanthamine, *Expert Opin. Investg. Drugs* **2000**, 9, 2393-3402.

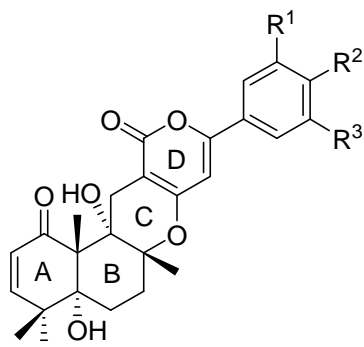


Table 5-1. Arisugacin A and its congeners

	R ¹	R ²	R ³
Arusugacin A (5-1)	H	OMe	OMe
Arusugacin B (5-2)	H	OMe	H
Territrem A (5-3)	-OCH ₂ O-		OMe
Territrem B (5-4)	OMe	OMe	OMe
Territrem C (5-5)	OMe	OH	OMe

Figure 5-1. (±)-Arisugacin A (**5-1**) and its congeners

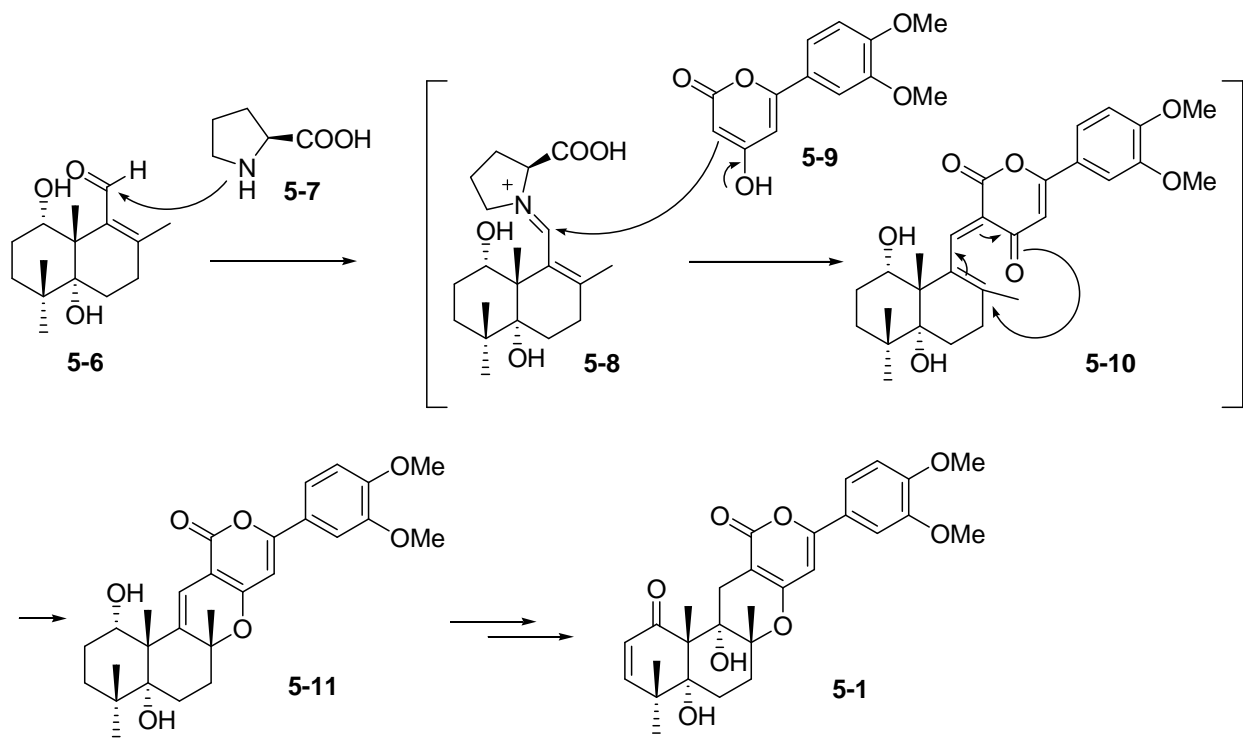
5.2 Previous Syntheses

5.2.1 Omura's synthesis

In 2002, Omura and coworkers reported the first total synthesis of arisugacin A. They employed an enantiomerically pure α , β -unsaturated aldehyde **5-6**¹¹⁹ bearing an angular tertiary alcohol, which reacted with α -pyrone **5-9** in the presence of L-proline, to afford a diene **10** by eliminating proline. Then, diene **5-10** underwent a 6π -electrocyclization, providing tetracyclic structure **5-11**. The tetracycle **5-11** was converted to (±)-Arisugacin A (**5-1**) by the additional steps including the stereoselective introduction of the other tertiary alcohol. Finally, (±)-Arisugacin A (**5-1**) was achieved in 6.8 % overall yield from the aldehyde **5-6**. (Scheme 5-1).¹²⁰

¹¹⁹ Total Synthesis of Forskolin - Part I. Delpech, B.; Calvo, D.; Lett, R. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, 37, 1015-1018.

¹²⁰ The First Total Synthesis of (±)-Arisugacin A, a Potent, Orally Bioavailable Inhibitor of Acetylcholinesterase. Sunazuka, T; Handa, M; Nagai, K.; Shirahata, T.; Harigaya, Y.; Otoguro, K; Kuwajima, I.; Omura, S. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 367-369.



Scheme 5-1. Omura's synthesis

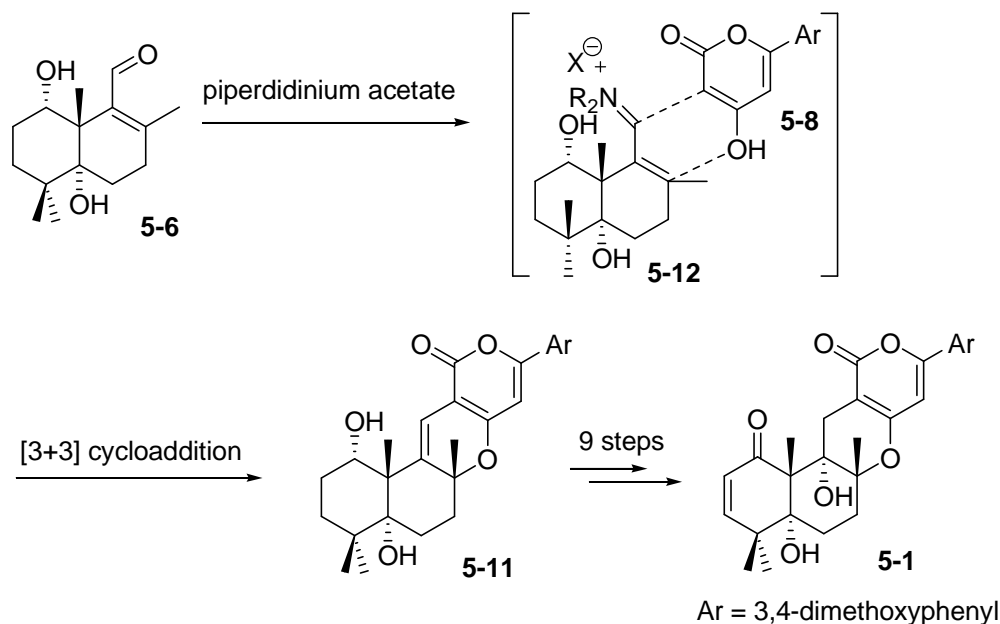
5.2.2 Hsung's synthesis

In 2003, Hsung and coworkers have completed the total synthesis of (\pm)-Arisugacin A. Their synthesis also featured [3+3] cycloaddition as a key reaction to construct the ABCD ring backbone in one pot.¹²¹ Previously, they illustrated the study about coupling reaction between iminium salt and α -pyrone by way of [3+3]-cycloaddition reaction as an approach to arisugacin backbone.¹²²

¹²¹ A Concise Stereoselective Route to the Pentacyclic Frameworks of Arisugacin A and Territrem B. Zehnder, L. R.; Hsung, R. P.; Wang, J.; Golding, G. M. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 3876.

¹²² The total synthesis of (\pm)-arisugacin A. Hsung, R. P.; Cole, K. P. Zehnder, L.R.; Wang, J. Wei, L., -L.; Yang, X. -F. Coverdane, H. A. *Tetrahedron*, **2003**, *59*, 311.

The [3+3] cycloaddition between iminium salt **5-12** and 2-aryl-4-hydroxypyrrone **5-8** produced the key intermediate **5-11**, containing the ABCD ring system. The total synthesis (Scheme 5-2). The total synthesis completed in 10 steps from the aldehyde **5-6**.



Scheme 5-2. Hsung's synthesis

5.2.3 Jung's approach

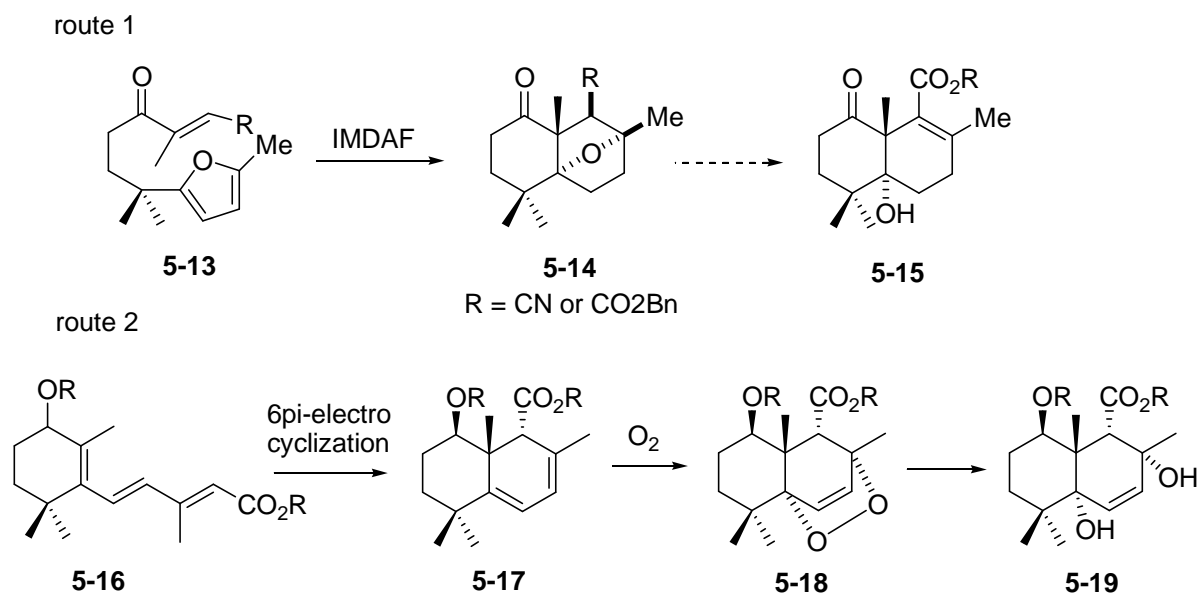
In 2005, Jung and Min disclosed the synthesis of oxatricyclic compounds by a route based on the intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction of a furan (IMDAF). Here, they claimed that the resulting Diels-Alder product would be investigated for the elaboration of arisugacin A.¹²³

In 2007, the authors described their synthetic approaches to the AB ring system of arisugacin A (Scheme 5-3).¹²⁴ They introduced two synthetic routes to the highly oxidized trans-decalin: 1) IMDAF reaction of the substrate **5-13** and 2) 6π -electrocyclization of the triene **5-16** followed by

¹²³ Intramolecular Diels-Alder Reaction of Optically Active Allenic ketones: Chirality Transfer in the Preparation of Substituted Oxa-Bridged Octalones. Jung, M. E.; Min, S. -*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 10834-10835.

¹²⁴ Approaches to the synthesis of arisugacin A. Jung, M. E.; Min, S. -*J. Tetrahedron*, **2007**, *63*, 3682-3701.

cycloaddition between the diene **5-17** and singlet oxygen. By the second approach, they installed the angular tert-alcohols.



Scheme 5-3. Jung's approach

5.3 Our retrosynthesis of arisugacin A

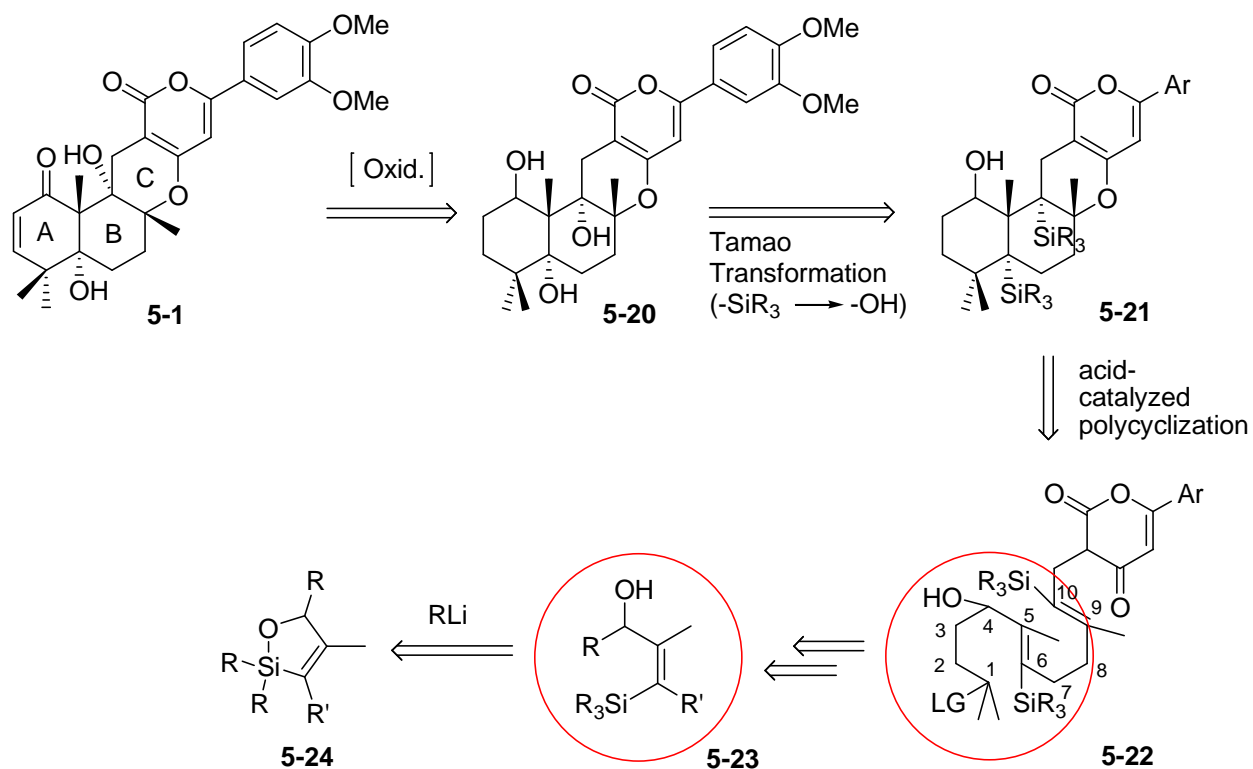
We envisaged that the preparation of polyolefin **5-22** containing tetrasubstituted vinyl silanes followed by the cyclization under acid catalysis would give the ring system **5-21** of (\pm)-Arisugacin A. If the cyclization of the **5-22** is successful, two *tert*-silyl groups of the tetracycle **5-21** could be transformed into *tert*-alcohols by the Tamao transformation.¹²⁵

We thought that tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinyl silane allylic alcohol **5-23** would be an important precursor for the synthesis of the polyene **5-22**. This alcohol might be achieved by the ring opening of oxasilol **5-24** (Scheme 5-4).

In this proposed synthesis, the key reactions are in three parts. First, the efficient and scalable synthesis of the key starting material **5-23** is required. Second, the conditions for the cyclization

¹²⁵ Synthetic Stitching with Silicon: Geminal Alkylation-Hydroxylation of Alkynyl Carbonyl Compounds. Trost, B. M.; Ball, Z. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 13942-13944. See references therein.

of the substrate **5-22** bearing secondary allylic alcohol and silyl groups should be explored. Third, the Tamao oxidation of the angular silyl groups is not trivial. Thus, the many conditions for that transformation should be screened.



Scheme 5-4. Retrosynthesis of Arisugacin A

Chapter 6

Arisugacin A; Synthetic study of oxasilacycles

6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 Vinylsilanes

In chapter 5, we designed the total synthesis of arisugacin A. In the retrosynthetic scheme, the vinylsilane **6-1** was a key starting material.

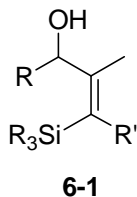


Figure 6-1. Vinylsilane

Vinylsilanes have played an important role in organic synthesis because of their synthetic utilities, low cost, low toxicity, ease of handling, and simplicity of byproduct removal.¹²⁶ The preparation of vinylsilanes, including β -(*E*) vinylsilanes¹²⁷, β -(*Z*) vinylsilanes¹²⁸, and α -vinylsilanes,^{1b} has depended on the metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation of terminal alkynes.

¹²⁶ (a) Ojima, I; Li, Z.; Zhu, J. In *the Chemistry of Organosilicon Compounds*; Rappoport, Z.; Apeloig, Y., Eds.; John Wiley & Sons: Great Britain. 1998; Vol. 2, pp 1687-1792. (b) Alkyne Hydrosilylation Catalyzed by a Cationic Ruthenium Complex: Efficient and General Trans Addition. Trost, B. M.; Ball, Z. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 17644-17655.

¹²⁷ (a) Organolanthanide-Catalyzed Cyclization/Silylation of Nitrogen-Containing Enynes. Molander, G. A. Corrette, C. P. *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, *64*, 9697. (b) Highly Stereoselective Hydrocarbation of Terminal Alkynes via Pt-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation/Pd-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions. Denmark, S. E.; Wang, Z. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 1073. (c) Metal-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation of Alkenes and Alkynes Using Dimethyl(pyridyl)silane. Itami, K.; Mitsudo, K.; Nishino, A.; Yoshida, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 2645.

¹²⁸ (a) Ojima, I. Kumagai, M. *Organomet. Chem.* 1974, *66*, C14-C16. (b) Exclusive formation of *cis*-PhCH:CH(SiEt₃) by addition of triethylsilane to phenylacetylene catalyzed by ruthenium complex [(Me₂CH)₃P]₂RuHCl(CO). Esteruelas, M. A.; Herrero, J.; Oro, L. A. *Organometallics* **1993**, *12*, 2377. (c) Lewis Acid Catalyzed *trans*-Allylsilylation of Unactivated Alkynes.

In particular, the synthesis of (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohols has been reported by several methods: platinum-catalyzed addition of trimethylsilane to prop-1-ynyl pivalate followed by reduction of carbonyl group¹²⁹; 1,4-O to sp²-C silyl rearrangement from allylic silyl ether¹³⁰; the tin(IV) chloride-promoted coupling reaction followed by elimination of thiolate by DBU¹³¹ with “reverse Brook” rearrangement.¹³² Although many methods have been developed for (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohols, few synthetic methods have been reported for the preparation of *tetrasubstituted* (*Z*)-vinylsilanes.

6.1.2 Retrosynthesis of an Oxasilole Containing a Tetrasubstituted Olefin

6.1.2.1 Previous synthesis of trisubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane using RRCM strategy

In the Parker group’s continuing efforts on the synthesis of discodermolide, Xie et al. reported that relay ring closing metathesis (RRCM) provided the dihydrooxasiline **6-3** in 92 % yield (Scheme 6-1).¹³³ Note that (*Z*)-vinylsilane **6-4** was then obtained *via* ring closing (RRCM)/ ring opening strategy.

Yoshikawa, E.; Gevorgyan, V.; Asao, N.; Sudo, T.; Yamamoto, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 6781. (d) Highly Stereoselective and Efficient Hydrosilylation of Terminal Alkynes Catalyzed by [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂. Na, Y.; Chang, S. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 1887.

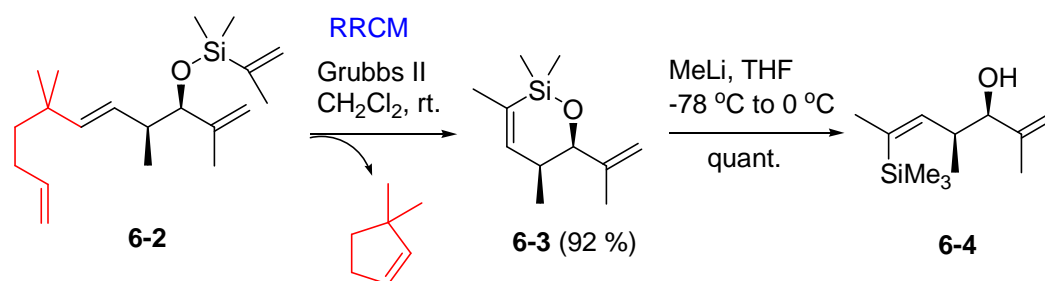
¹²⁹ Synthetic routes to halomethyl vinylsilanes. Stork, G.; Jung, M. E.; Colvin, E.; Noel, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 3684.

¹³⁰ A new stereoselective synthesis of (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohols. Kim, K. D.; Magriotis, P. *A. Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 6137.

¹³¹ Copper(I) *tert*-Butoxide-Promoted 1,4 C^{sp2}-to-O Silyl Migration: Generation of Vinyl Copper Equivalents and Their Stereospecific Cross-Coupling with Allylic, Aryl, and Vinylic Halides. Taguchi, H.; Ghoroku, K.; Tadaki, M.; Tsubouchi, A.; Takeda, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 8450.

¹³² Brook, A. G.; Bassindale, A. R. *In Rearrangements in Ground and Excited States*; de Mayo, P., Ed.; Academic Press: New York, 1980; Essay 9, Molecular Rearrangements of Organosilicon Compounds.

¹³³ A Relay Ring-Closing Metathesis Synthesis of Dihydrooxasilines, Precursors of (*Z*)-Iodo Olefins. Xie, Q.; Denton, R. W.; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 5345-5348.

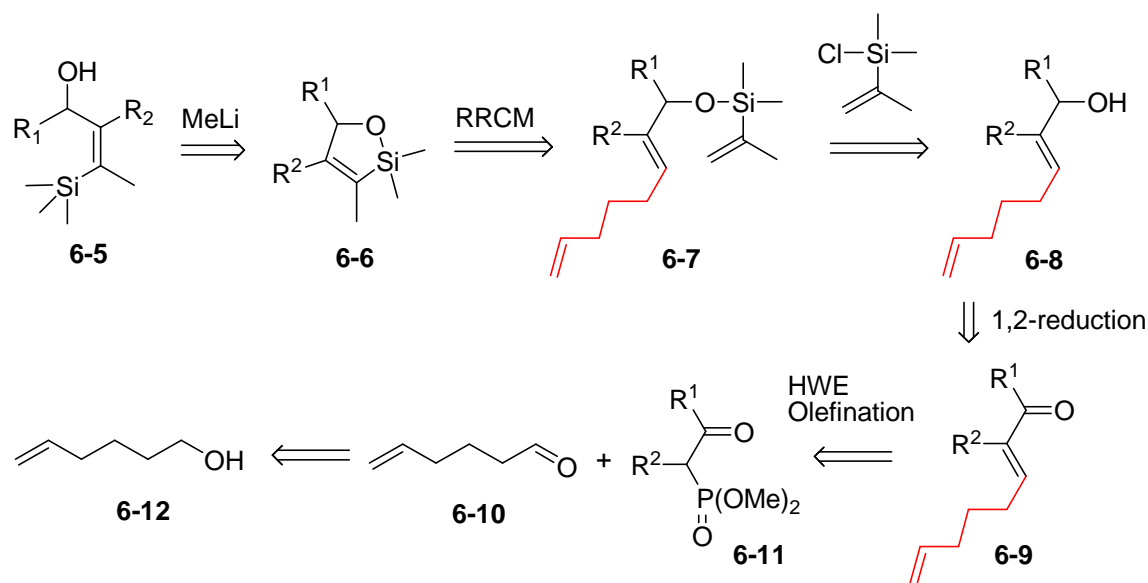


Scheme 6-1. Synthesis of vinylsilane by relay ring closing metathesis

6.1.2.2 Retrosynthesis of tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohol

Our first goal then was to develop an efficient synthetic route to the tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohol. We planned to prepare a model compound **6-5** by way of the ring closing/ring opening strategy that was used in Scheme 6-1.

We envisaged that the use of the RRCM procedure would yield the oxasilole **6-6** from silyl ether **6-7**. The 3-step sequence from 5-hexen-1-ol **6-12** (oxidation of **6-12**, Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons (HWE) olefination using a phosphonate **6-11**, and the 1,2-selective reduction of the ketone **6-9**) was expected to give allylic alcohol **6-8**. The O-silylation of the alcohol **6-8** should give silyl ether **6-7**.



Scheme 6-2. Retrosynthesis of tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohol

6.1.3 Synthetic examples of oxasiloles

Oxasiloles containing a tetrasubstituted olefin **6-13** (Figure 6-2) have served as masked allylic alcohol derivatives¹³⁴ and been widely used as valuable synthetic intermediates in many transformations such as oxidations, cross-couplings, and cycloadditions.¹³⁵ As for the preparation of oxasiloles containing a tetra-substituted olefins, three procedures have been developed so far.

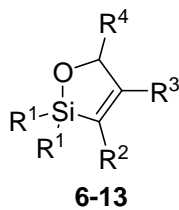


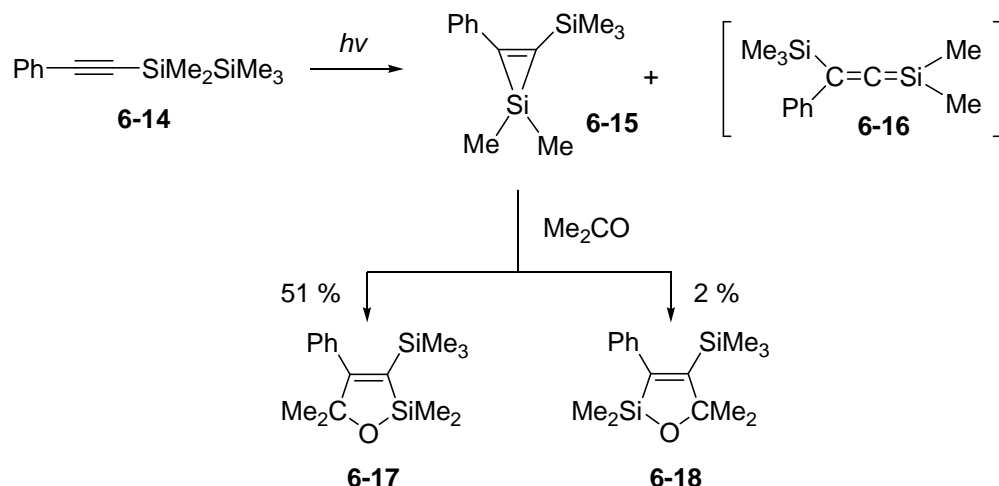
Figure 6-2. Oxasiloles

In 1977, the Ishikawa group reported the synthesis of 3-trimethylsilyl-4-phenyl oxasilole.¹³⁶ In their communication, they described the synthesis of 1-silacyclopropene **6-15** by UV irradiation of (pentamethyldisilanyl)phenylacetylene (**6-14**). Then, the insertion of activated acetone into 1-silacyclopropene **6-15** provided oxasiloles **6-17** and **6-18** (Scheme 6-3).

¹³⁴ (a) Silacyclopropenes. 2. Two-atom insertion reactions of 1,1-dimethyl-2,3-bis(trimethylsilyl)silirene. Seyferth, D.; Vick, S.C.; Shannon, M. L. *Organometallics* **1984**, *3*, 1897-1905. (b) Nickel-catalyzed preparation of stereodefined allylic alcohols using silicon-tethered ynals. Lozanov, M.; Montgomery, J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, *42*, 3259-3261.

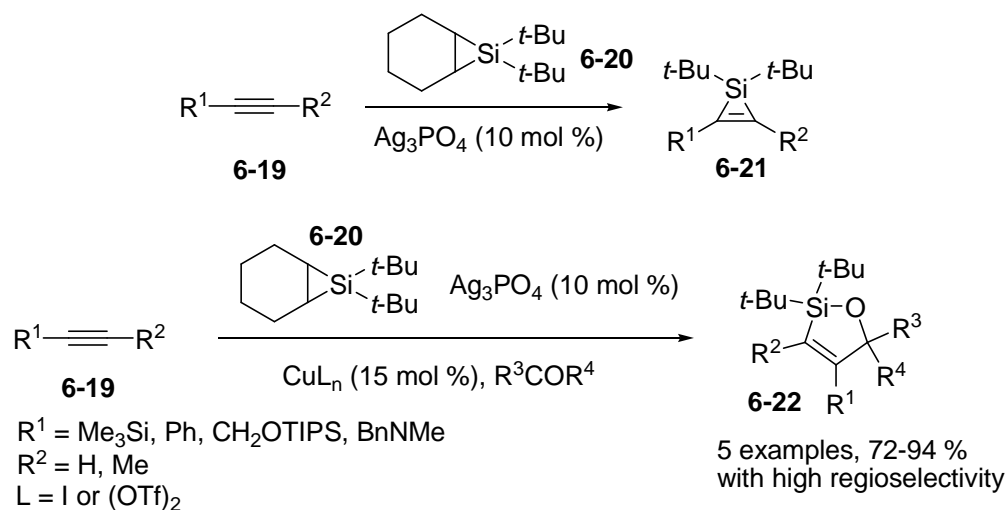
¹³⁵ (a) Development of Reactions of Silacyclopropanes as New Methods for Stereoselective Organic Synthesis. Franz, A. K.; Woerpel, K. A. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2000**, *33*, 813. (b) Intramolecular Diels–Alder Reactions of Siloxacyclopentene Constrained Trienes. Halvorsen, G. T.; Roush, W. R. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 2243.

¹³⁶ Photolysis of Organopolysilanes. Formation and Reactions of Substituted 1-Silacyclopropene and 1-Sila-1,2-propadiene. Ishikawa, M.; Fuchikami, T.; Kumada, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 245-247.



Scheme 6-3. Ishikawa's synthesis of oxasiloles

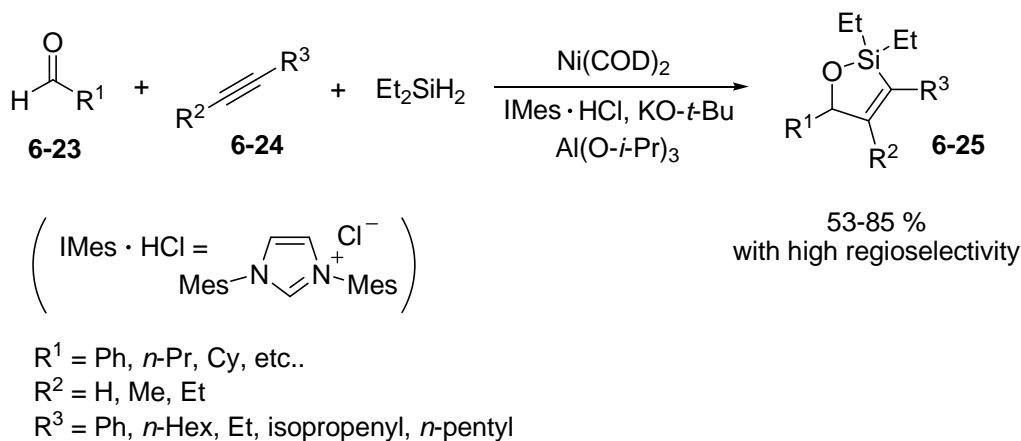
In 2004, Clark and Woerpel disclosed the silver catalyzed synthesis of oxasilacyclopropenes **6-21** from the functionalized alkynes **6-19**. This highly reactive species **6-21** was not easy to isolate. Thus, they developed a one pot reaction in which the in-situ prepared oxasilacyclopropenes reacted with the carbonyl-containing substrate under copper catalyst, producing the oxasilacyclopentenes **6-22** in high yields with high regioselectivity (Scheme 6-4).¹³⁷



Scheme 6-4. Woerpel's synthesis of oxasiloles

¹³⁷ Formation and Utility of Oxasilacyclopentenes Derived from Functionalized Alkynes. Clark, T. B.; Woerpel, K. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 9522-9523.

In 2008, Baxter and Montgomery reported the nickel-catalyzed dehydrogenative cyclocondensation of aldehydes **6-23**, alkynes **6-24**, and diethylsilane to provide oxasiloles **6-25** in a one-step process.¹³⁸ This method provided highly functionalized oxasiloles with high regioselectivity (Scheme 6-5).



Scheme 6-5. Montgomery's synthesis of oxasiloles

6.1.4 Relay Ring Closing Metathesis

The ring closing metathesis (RCM) reaction has been used as a powerful tool not only for the synthesis of small carbocycles but also for medium- to macro- carbocycles for several decades. Because of the air-stability and commercial availability of ruthenium alkylidene catalysts including Grubbs catalyst I and its derivatives **6-26**, **6-27**, **6-28** and etc (Figure 6-3), the RCM reaction has been utilized by many synthetic chemists.¹³⁹

¹³⁸ Dehydrogenative Cyclocondensation of Aldehydes, Alkynes, and Dialkylsilanes. Baxter, R. D.; Montgomery, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 9662-9663.

¹³⁹ Recent reviews, references herein: (a) Metal-Mediated Synthesis of Medium-Sized Rings. Yet, L. *Chem. Rev.* **2000**, *100*, 2963-3008. (b) Microtubule-Stabilizing Marine Metabolite Laulimalide and Its Derivatives: Synthetic Approaches and Antitumor Activity. Mulzer, J.; Öhler, E. *Chem. Rev.* **2003**, *103*, 3753-3786. (c) Synthesis of Oxygen- and Nitrogen-Containing

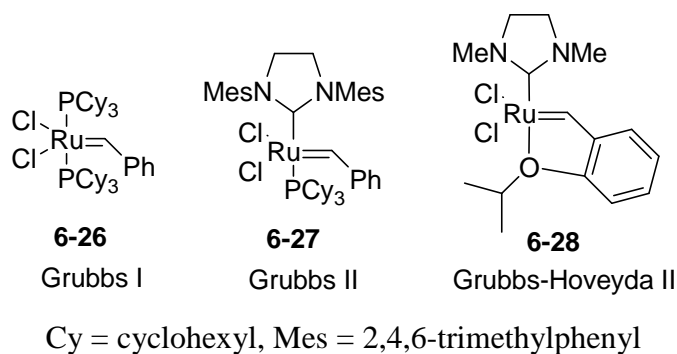
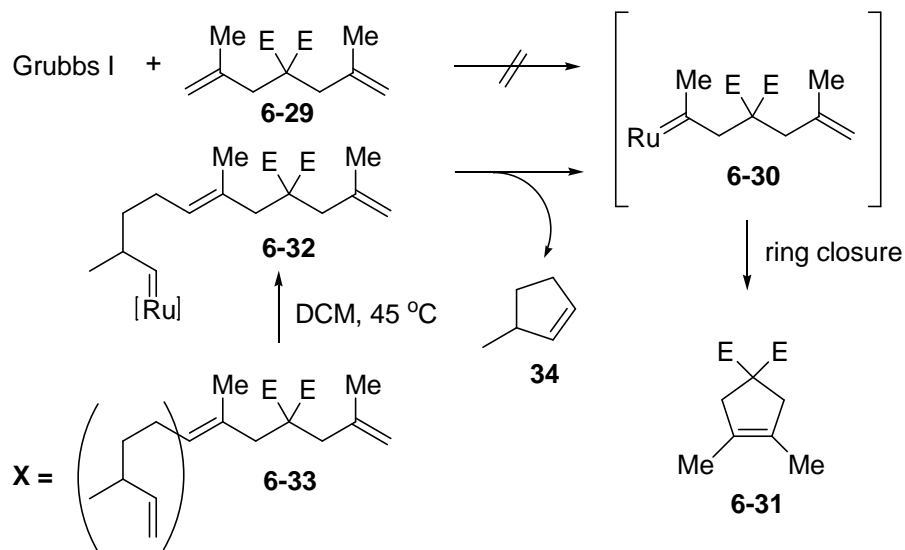


Figure 6-3. Representative ruthenium alkylidene catalysts

Despite numerous uses of RCM reaction in many laboratories, the application is sometimes limited when alkenes of the substrates are sterically hindered or electronically deactivated. For example, the RCM reaction of the substrate **6-29** was not successful. In 2004, Hoyer et al. reported a solution for these problems.¹⁴⁰ In this report, a new concept “relay ring closing metathesis (RRCM)” was introduced as a complementary strategy for the RCM reaction of unactivated alkenes. The relay moiety (X) in the substrate **6-33** overcame the reactivity problem caused by the inertness of the substrate **6-29**. Due to the relay moiety, the RCM reaction of the substrate **6-33** with Grubbs 1st generation successfully gave a cyclized product **6-31** (Scheme 6-6).

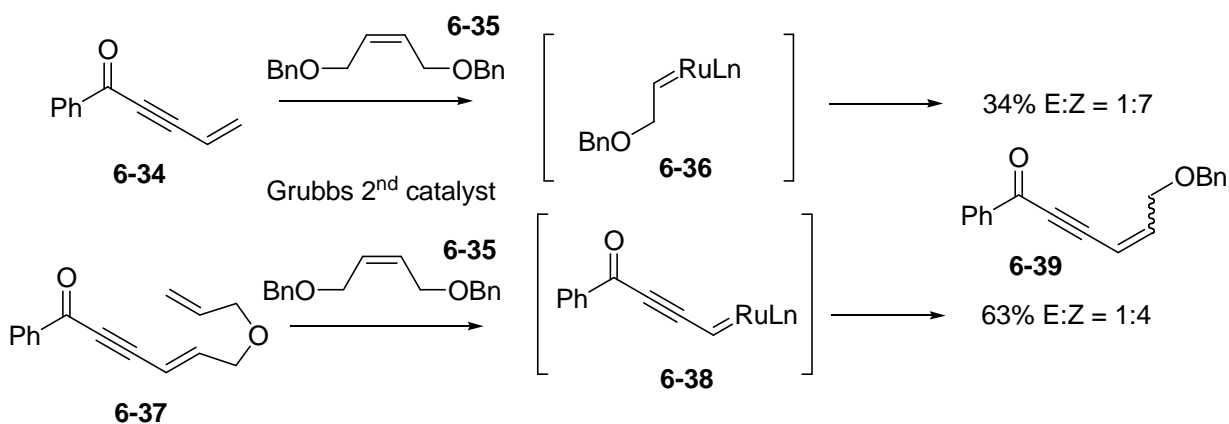
Heterocycles by Ring-Closing Metathesis. Deiters, A.; Martin, S. F. *Chem. Rev.* **2004**, *104*, 2199-2238. (d) Total Synthesis of Ingenol. Kuwajima, I; Tanino, K. *Chem. Rev.* **2005**, *105*, 4661-4670. (e) Total Synthesis of Natural 8- and 9-Membered Lactones: Recent Advancements in Medium-Sized Ring Formation. Shiina, I. *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, *107*, 239-273.

¹⁴⁰ Relay Ring-Closing Metathesis (RRCM): A Strategy for Directing Metal Movement Throughout Olefin Metathesis Sequences. Hoyer, T. R.; Jeffrey, C. S.; Tennakoon, M. A.; Wang, J.; Zhao, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 10210.



Scheme 6-6. Hoye's development of RRCM reaction

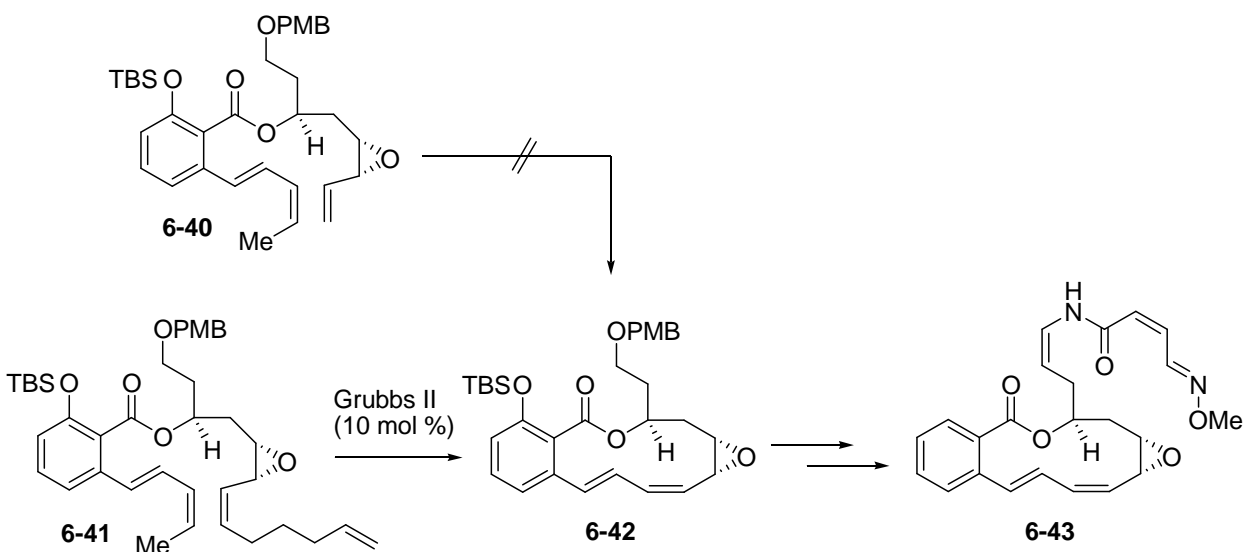
In 2004, Hansen and Lee reported the (Z)-selective synthesis of substituted enynes **6-39** using cross metathesis.¹⁴¹ This method was conceptually very similar to Hoye's RRCM. They introduced an allyl ether moiety as "a catalyst delivery vehicle" in order to provide the alkynyl alkylidene **6-38**. This method improved the efficiency of cross metathesis between enyne **6-34** and Z-olefin **6-35** (Scheme 6-7).



Scheme 6-7. Lee's RRCM

¹⁴¹ Efficient and Z-Selective Cross-Metathesis of Conjugated Enynes. Hansen, E.; Lee, D. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 2035-2038.

In 2005, the Porco group disclosed the total synthesis of the salicylate enamide oximidine III **6-43** using RRCM in the key macro-cyclization step. The RRCM reaction was applied to obtain a 12-membered cyclic *E/Z* diene **6-42**. Because of the inertness of electronically unactivated epoxy alkene under Grubbs catalysts, they appended the relay moiety on the terminus of the epoxy alkene **6-40**. By screening the conditions for RRCM, the best result was given when they used a cis-epoxy alkene **6-41** in the presence of 10 mol % Grubbs II catalyst at 50 °C in 1,2-dichloroethane (Scheme 6-8).¹⁴²



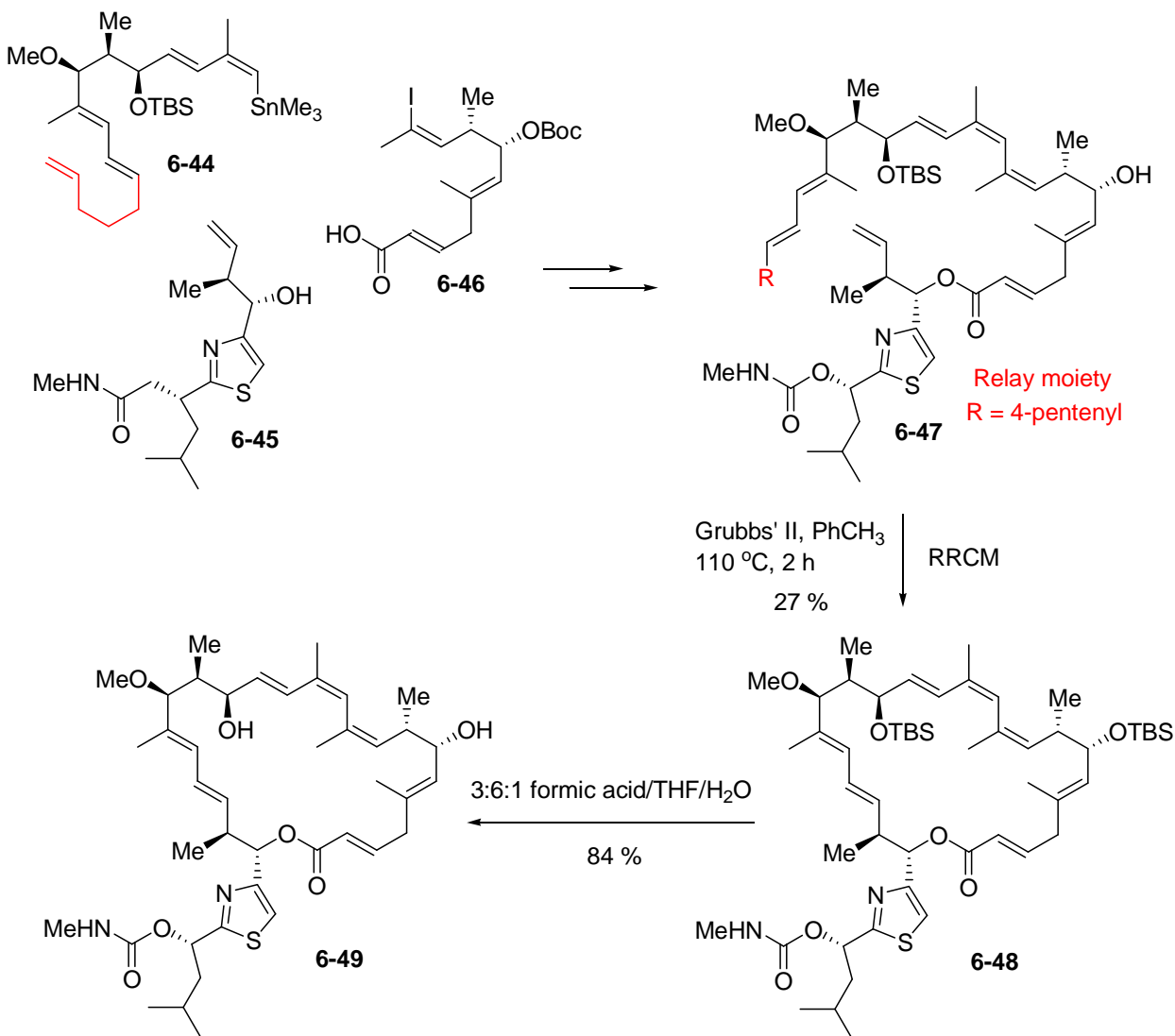
Scheme 6-8. Porco's synthesis of oximidine III

In 2007, Trauner et al. reported the total synthesis of (-)-Archazolid B using the RRCM strategy in the key macrocyclization step.¹⁴³ The three building blocks (stannane **6-44**, thiazole **6-45**, and iodide **6-46**) were combined to provide the substrate **6-47** before the RRCM stage (northeastern part of scheme 6-9). The RRCM reaction of the substrate **6-47** with Grubbs's 2nd

¹⁴² Total Synthesis of the Salicylate Enamide Macrolide Oximidine III: Application of Relay Ring-Closing Metathesis. Wang, X.; Bowman, E. J.; Bowman, B. J.; Porco, Jr., J. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 1912-1915.

¹⁴³ Total Synthesis of (-)-Archazolid B. Roethle, P. A.; Chen, I. T.; Trauner, D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 8960-8961.

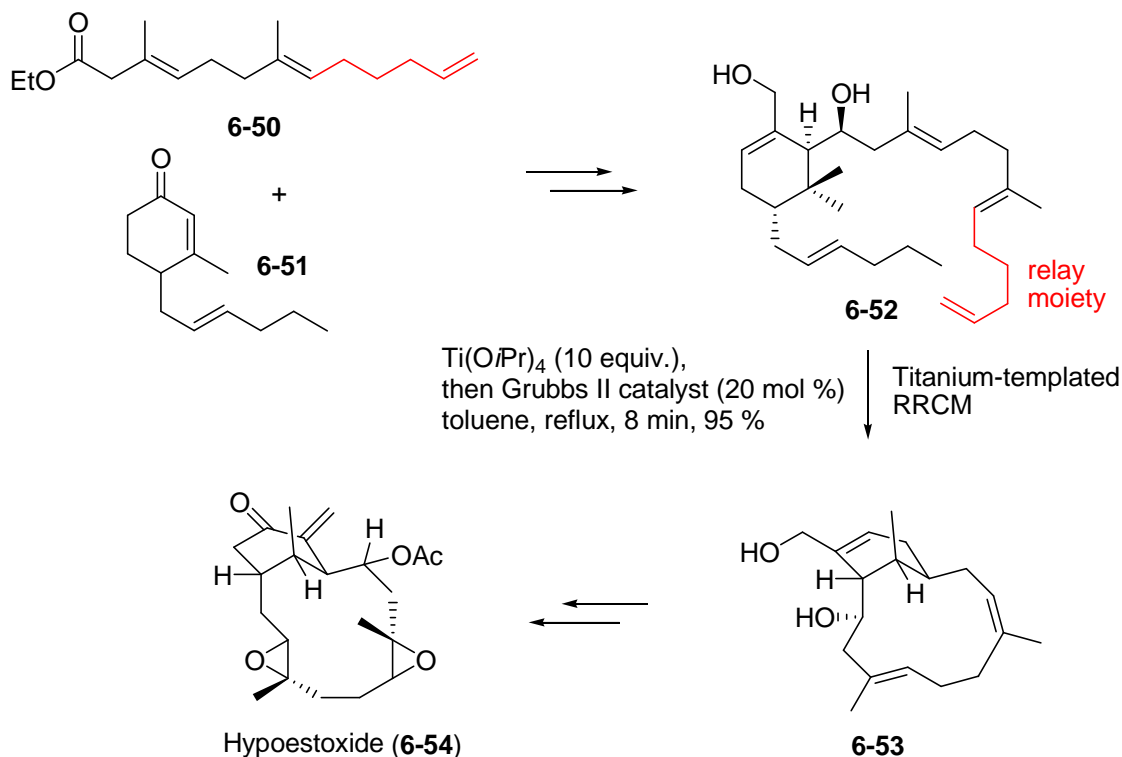
generation catalyst gave the macrolactone in 27 % yield. The careful deprotection of the TBS groups by treatment with aqueous formic acid provided alcohol (–)-Archzolid B (**52**) in 84 % yield (Scheme 4-10).



Scheme 6-9. Trauner's synthesis of (–)-Archzolid B

In 2008, the Njardarson group reported the first total synthesis of hypostoxide (**6-57**). This natural compound was reported to have promising anticancer, antimalarial, and anti-inflammatory activities. The titanium-templated RRCM macro-cyclization was the key step in the synthesis. The use of titanium isopropoxide blocks the coordination of diols in the substrate

6-52 to the Grubbs catalyst. As a result, the RRCM reaction of the relay substrate **6-52** provided the macrocycle **6-53** in excellent yield (Scheme 6-10).¹⁴⁴

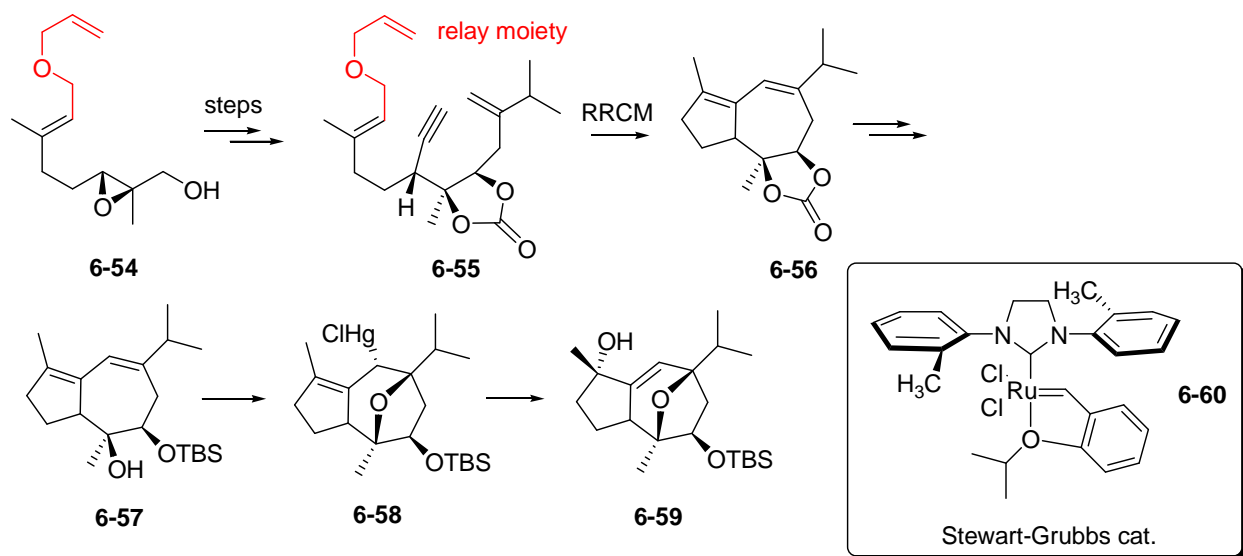


Scheme 6-10. Njardarson's synthesis of hypoestoxide

In 2012, Lee and Parker reported the formal synthesis of (–)-englerin A.¹⁴⁵ Starting from the naturally abundant geraniol, their synthesis featured stereoselective ring opening of the epoxide **6-54**, a relay ene-yne-ene metathesis of **6-55**, and oxymercuration of **6-57** as key steps. In the RRCM step, they found that the Stewart-Grubbs catalyst was superior to other catalysts (Scheme 6-11).

¹⁴⁴ An Efficient Substrate-Controlled Approach Toward Hypoestoxide, a Member of a Family of Diterpenoid Natural Products With an Inside-Out [9,3,1]Bicyclic Core. McGrath, N. A.; Lee, C. A.; Araki, H.; Brichacek, M.; Njardarson, J. T. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 9450-9453.

¹⁴⁵ A Formal Synthesis of (–)-Englerin A by Relay Ring Closing Metathesis and Transannular thierification. Lee, J; Parker, K. A. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 2682-2685.



Scheme 6-11. Lee and Parker's formal synthesis of (-)-englerin A

6.2 Result and Discussion

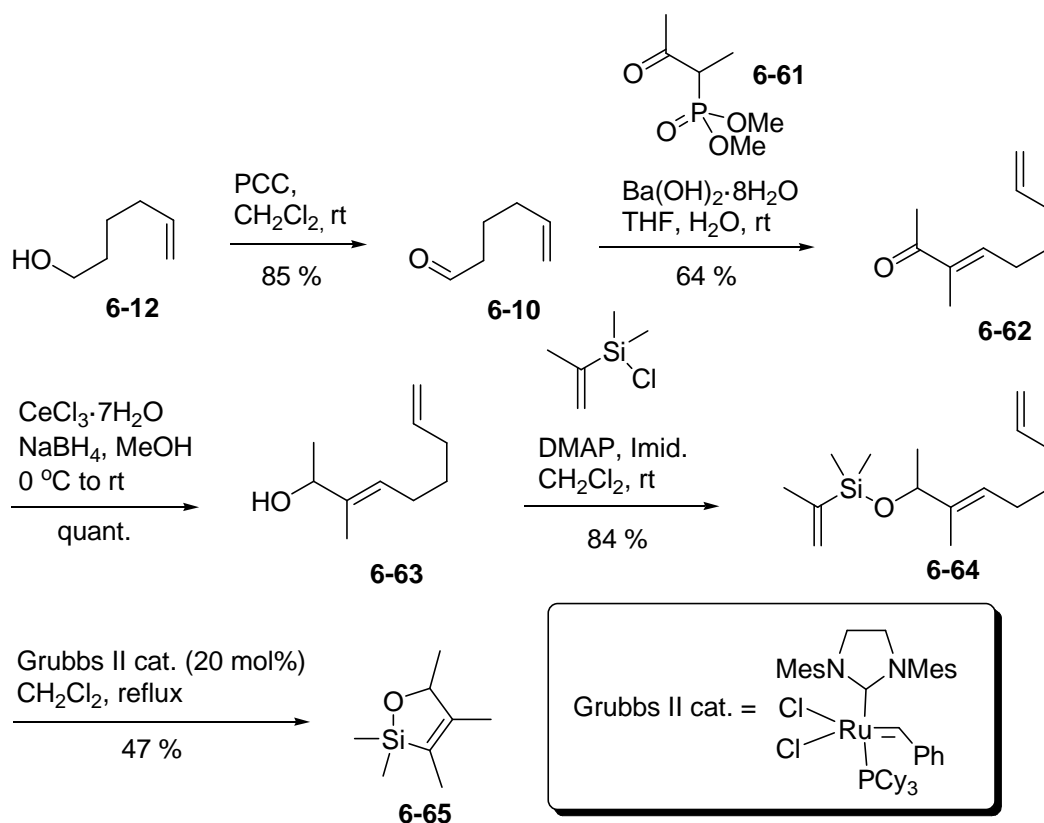
6.2.1 Oxasilole Synthesis

First, the model reaction was performed to look into the feasibility of the RRCM in the synthesis of oxasiloles (Scheme 4-13). We commenced PCC oxidation of 5-hexene-1-ol (**6-12**).¹⁴⁶ The resulting aldehyde **6-10** was treated with the known phosphonate **6-61**¹⁴⁷ in the presence of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to furnish an enone **6-62** in 64 % yield by way of the Horner-

¹⁴⁶ Combination of RCM and the Pauson-Khand Reaction: One-Step Synthesis of Tricyclic Structures. Rosillo, M; Arnáiz, E.; Abdi, D.; Urgoiti, J. -B., Domínguez, G.; Castells, J. P. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, 23, 3917-3927.

¹⁴⁷ Biosynthesis of Tetronasin: Part 4, Preparation of Deuterium Labelled C19-C26, C17-C26, C11-C26, and C3-C26 Polyketide Fragments as Putative Biosynthetic Precursors of the Ionophore Antibiotic Tetronasin (ICI 139603). Boons, G. -J.; Clase, A.; Lennon, I. C.; Ley, S. V.; Staunton, J. *Tetrahedron*, **1995**, 51, 5417-5419.

Wadsworth-Emmons olefination.¹⁴⁸ Lanthanide-assisted selective 1,2-reduction¹⁴⁹ of the enone **6-62** followed by silylation of (E)-allylic alcohol **6-63** with chloro dimethylisopropenylsilane gave a silyl ether **6-64** in 84 % yield. We tested the reaction conditions for RRCM with Grubbs' II catalyst and found that the result was dependent upon the temperature and amount of catalyst. In the first attempt, 10 mol % of catalyst was used at room temperature; although the product was detected on TLC, the reaction was not complete after 1 day. Therefore, modified conditions were applied (refluxing temperature and increased catalyst loading). As a result, the oxasilole **6-65** was obtained in 47 % yield after column chromatography. However, because the product **6-65** was very volatile and unstable; careful handling was required.

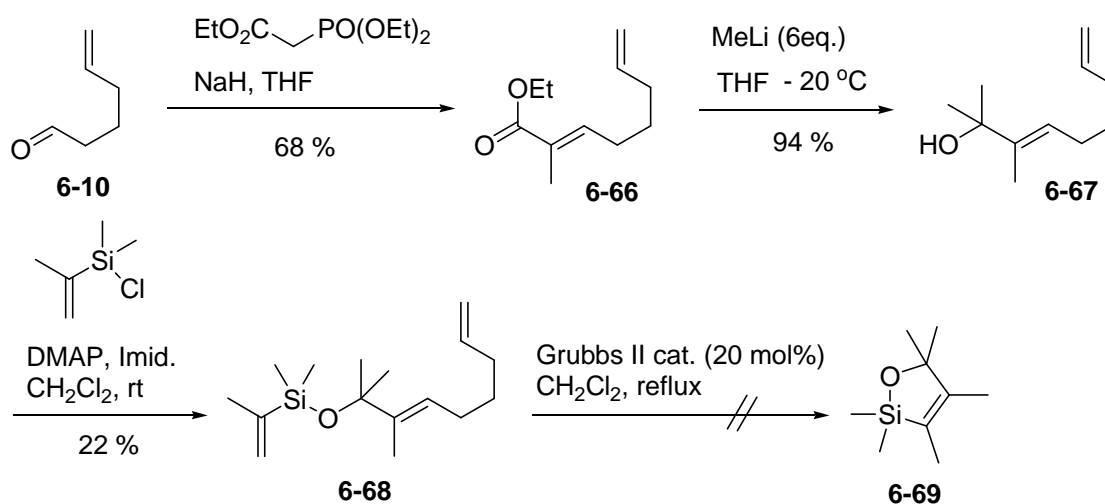


Scheme 6-12. Synthesis of the oxasilole **6-65** using RRCM

¹⁴⁸ Total Synthesis of Bistramide A. Lowe, J. T.; Wrona, I. E.; Panek, J. S. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 327-330.

¹⁴⁹ Lanthanides in Organic Chemistry. 1. Selective 1,2 Reductions of Conjugated Ketones. Luche, J. -L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 2226-2227.

To look at the generality of this method for the synthesis of oxasiloles, another model substrate was examined (Scheme 4-14). The Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination of the aldehyde **6-10** was adapted to give α, β -unsaturated ester **6-66**. Addition of MeLi to the ester **6-66** afforded tert-alcohol **6-67**. The silylation of the alcohol **6-67** showed 100 % conversion, but the 69 % of silyl ether was hydrolyzed during silica gel chromatography. The isolated silyl ether **6-68** was subjected to the Grubbs II catalyst. However, the desired oxasilole **6-69** was not obtained; instead a complicated mixture was recovered.



Scheme 6-13. Examination of the sterically hindered substrate **6-68**

6.2.2 Expansion to the Medium-Sized Rings

6.2.2.1 Study for the synthesis of oxasiline

With the successful application of RRCM to the preparation of oxasilole **6-65**, we moved to expand this chemistry to larger ring formation. First, we decided to apply RRCM conditions to get a 6-membered oxasilacycle (oxasiline). The precursor **6-74** for testing RRCM was prepared by following procedures (Scheme 6-14). The sec-allylic alcohol **6-70** was obtained in 78 % yield by the treatment of aldehyde **6-10** with isopropenylmagnesium bromide in THF at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Then, according to the known procedure,¹⁵⁰ alcohol **6-10** was treated with excess thionyl chloride to

¹⁵⁰ The Synthesis and Cyclization of 4-(trans,trans-7,12-Dimethyl-3,7,11-tridecatrienyl)-3-

produce the allylic chloride **6-71**¹⁵¹ in 69 % yield. Substitution with CuCN without solvent at room temperature gave a β , γ -unsaturated nitrile **6-72** in 14 % yield;¹⁵² a better conversion was obtained with sodium cyanide in DMSO (73 % yield).¹⁵³ The nitrile **6-72** was then converted to a *sec*-homoallylic alcohol **6-73** (28 % for two steps) by employing diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H) reduction followed by mild acidic hydrolysis and subsequent treatment with methylolithium.¹⁵⁴ This low yielding synthesis of the alcohol **6-73** from the chloride **6-71** was able to be improved by one step titanium-mediated allylation¹⁵⁵ of the chloride **6-71** (Scheme 6-15). The silylation of the alcohol **6-73** gave a silyl ether **6-74** in 81 % yield.

Having the key substrate **6-74** in hand, we next evaluated the RRCM reaction. Two catalysts were tested to get an oxasiline **6-77**. First, the Grubbs' II catalyst (15 mol %) was used in dichloromethane at room temperature; however only the relay group was removed to give the compound **6-76** in 22 % yield. Second, when the Grubbs-Hoveyda II catalyst¹⁵⁶ (30 mol %) was

methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol and of Its Allylic Isomer. Parker, K. A.; Johnson, W. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 2556-2559.

¹⁵¹ The synthesis of D,L-15-acetoxypallescensin-A: an intramolecular oxidative free-radical approach. Zoretic, P.A.; Ming, W. *Syn. Commun.* **1996**, *24*, 2783-2796.

¹⁵² On the Mechanism and Kinetics of Radical Reaction of Epoxyketones and Epoxynitriles Induced by Titanocene Chloride. Mateos, A. -F.; Teijón, P. H.; Burón, L. M.; Clemente, R. R.; González, R. R. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, *72*, 9973-9982.

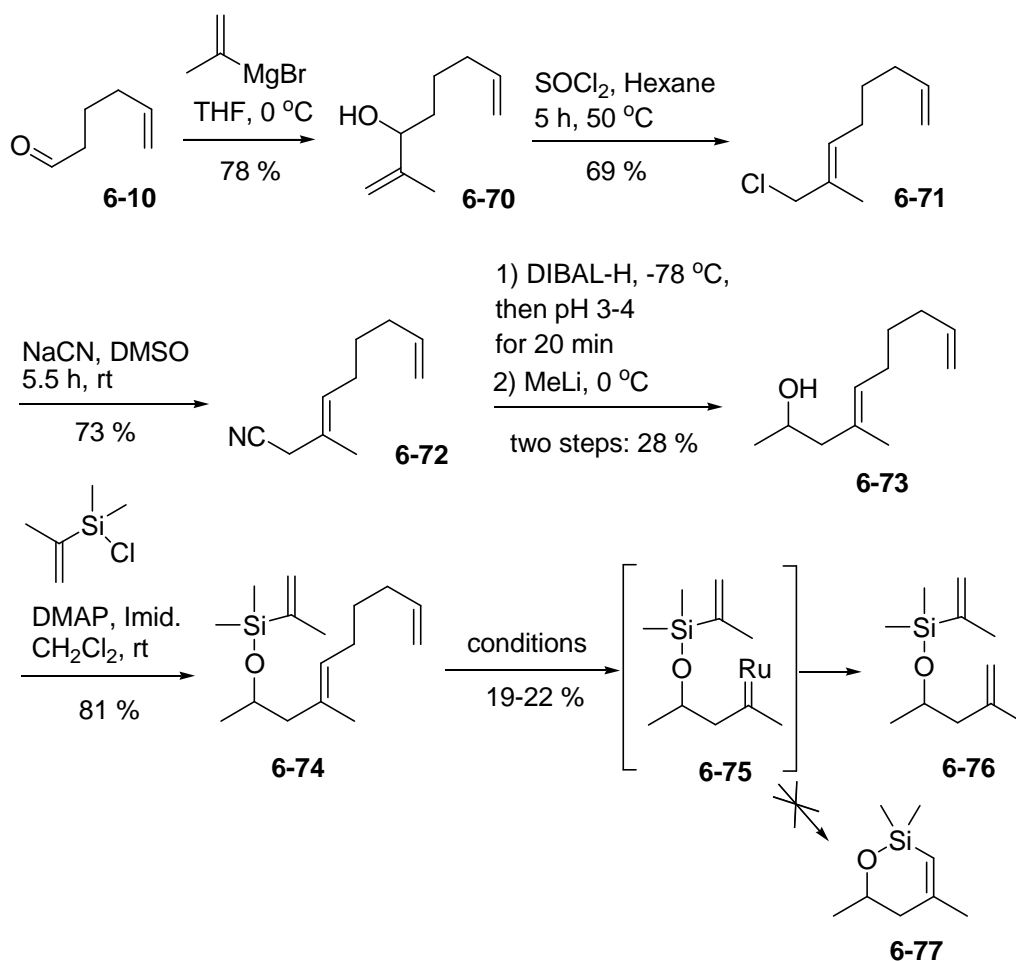
¹⁵³ Stereoselective Routes to the C10-C19 Fragment of FK-506. Villalobos, A.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 2776-2786.

¹⁵⁴ Novel Stererocontrolled Approach to syn- and anti-Oxepene-Cyclogeranyl trans-Fused Polycyclic Systems: Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (-)-Aplysistatin, (+)-Palisadin A, (+)-Palisadin B, (+)-12-Hydroxy-Palisadin B, and the AB Ring System of Adociasulfate-2 and Toxicol A. Couladouros, E. A.; Vidali, V. P. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2004**, *10*, 3822-3835.

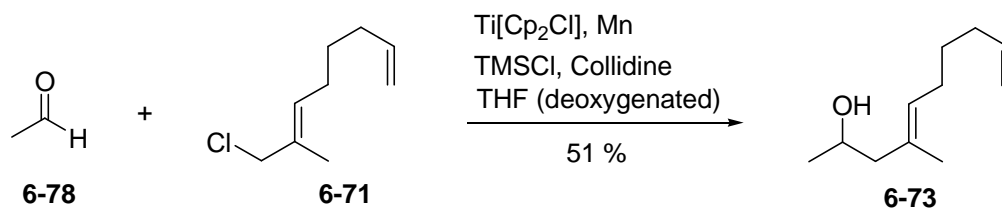
¹⁵⁵ Estévez, R.; Justicia, J.; Bazdi, B.; Fuentes, N.; Paradas, M.; Lazarte, D. C.; Ruiz, G. M.; Robles L.; Gansäuer, A.; Cuerva, J. M.; Oltra, J. E. Ti-Catalyzed Barbier-Type Allylations and Related Reactions. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2009**, *15*, 2774-2791.

¹⁵⁶ Conformations of N-Heterocyclic Carbene Ligands in Ruthenium Complexes Relevant to Olefin Metathesis. Stewart, I. C.; Benitez, D.; O'Leary, D. J.; Tkatchouk, E.; Day, M. W.;

used in refluxing dichloroethane; these conditions also afforded the compound **6-76** (19 %). Presumably, the intermolecular reaction between the ruthenium alkylidene **6-75** and external ligand, styrene in this case, appeared to be faster than the intramolecular metathesis reaction.



Scheme 6-14. The RRCM reaction of silyl ether **6-74** toward oxasiline **6-77**

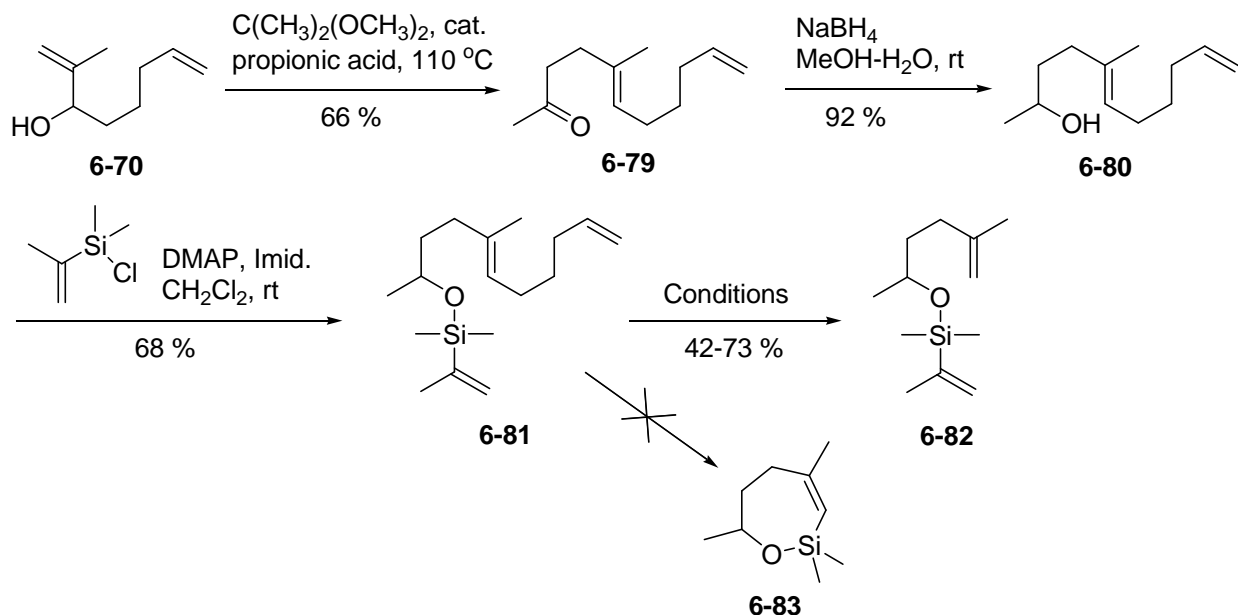


Scheme 6-15. The improved approach to sec-homoallylic alcohol **6-73**

6.2.2.2 Study for the synthesis of oxasilepine

We next prepared a relay substrate **6-81** to test RRCM conditions for the synthesis of the 7-membered oxasilacycle **6-83** (oxasilepine). The γ , δ -unsaturated ketone **6-79** was obtained in 66 % yield with the starting material recovered (21 %) by Claisen rearrangement of the alcohol **6-70**.¹⁵⁷ The sec-alcohol **6-80** was obtained by sodium borohydride reduction.¹⁵⁸ Silyl protection of the alcohol **6-80** gave a silyl ether **6-81** in 68 % yield.

Having synthesized the substrate **6-81**, we examined the reaction conditions by varying the temperature, solvent, and catalyst. However, no cyclized product **6-83** was obtained and the diene **6-82** was isolated (Scheme 6-16). The screened conditions are summarized in Table 6-1.



Scheme 6-16. The RRCM reaction of silyl ether **6-81** toward oxasilepine **6-83**

¹⁵⁷ Über die Reaktion von tertiären Vinylcarbinolen mit Isopropenyläther Eine neue Methode zur Herstellung von γ , δ -ungesättigten Ketonen. Saucy, G.; Marbet, R. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* **1967**, *7*, 2091.

¹⁵⁸ A New, Simple Synthesis of *N*-Tosyl Pyrrolidines and Piperidines. Marcotullio, M. C.; Campagna, V.; Sternativo, S.; Costantino, F.; Curini, M. *Synthesis* **2006**, 2760.

Table 6-1. Screened conditions for RRCM reaction of the silyl ether **6-81**

Cat.	Solvent	Temp.	Time (h)	Result 6-82
G II (10 mol %)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	reflux	2 h	46 %
G II (20 mol %)	DCE	reflux	3 h	71 %
H-G II	DCE	55 °C	2 h	52 %
Stewart-Grubbs	Benzene	50 °C	2.5 h	73 %

G II = Grubbs II, H-G II = Hoveyda-Grubbs II

6.3 Conclusion

The tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohol is potentially a key starting material for the synthesis of arisugacin A. In order to obtain this compound, we decided to use ring closing/ring opening strategy that was developed by Parker.

In this chapter, we have studied the RRCM reactions of some silyl ethers for the synthesis of oxasilacycles including an oxasilole, oxasiline, and oxasilepine that are all precursors of tetrasubstituted (*Z*)-vinylsilane allylic alcohols.

Oxasilole **6-65** was obtained in five steps from commercially available 5-hexen-1-ol. The RRCM reaction gave a moderate yield (47%) which may be improved by optimization of reaction conditions. Furthermore, the model product **6-65** was volatile and unstable.¹⁵⁹ Thus, use of a silyl chloride that contain longer alkyl chains or aromatics is expected to solve the synthetic problems.

In case of oxasiline and oxasilepine, the RRCM reactions appeared to be limited. Although we varied the reaction conditions, the ring closure of the silyl ethers was not observed. Instead of the cyclized products, the diene compounds **6-76** and **6-82** were obtained. The optimization for the synthesis of oxasiline and oxasilepine is needed.

¹⁵⁹ The oxasilole **6-65** was decomposed after 1 week at - 20 °C.

6.4 Experimental Section

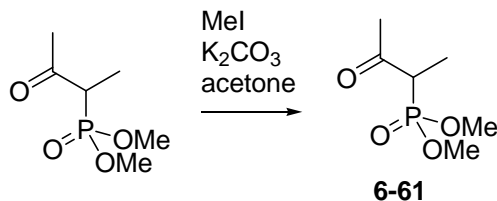
General Information

Reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Fisher Scientific, Acros Organics. Unless otherwise noted, solid reagents were used without further purification. All air- and moisture sensitive reactions were performed under a positive pressure of dry argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. All moisture sensitive solution and anhydrous solvents were transferred *via* standard syringe and cannula techniques. Concentration of solutions was accomplished with a Buchi rotary evaporator evacuated by a water aspirator. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl and dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under argon gas.

All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman 250µm layer aluminum silica gel plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with a 10 % solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol and the heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Fisher brand silica gel (170-400 mesh).

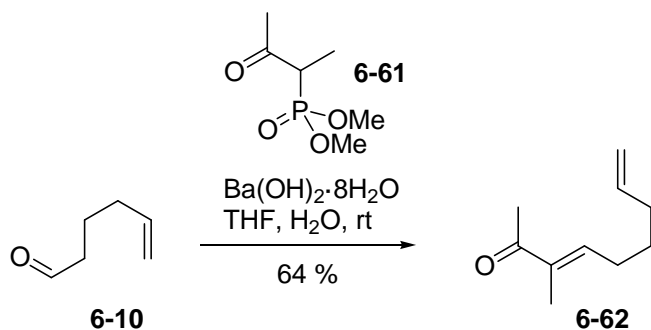
Infrared spectra were recorded with a Galaxy Series FT-IR 3000 infrared spectrophotometer. Samples were scanned as neat liquids on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova-600 (600 MHz for ¹H), Varian Inova-400 (400 MHz for ¹H), Varian Inova-300 (300 MHz for ¹H, 75 MHz for ¹³C) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for proton NMR are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-d. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR are reported in ppm with the centerline of the triplet for chloroform-d set at 77.0 ppm. The following abbreviations are used in the experimental section for the description of ¹H-NMR spectra: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (q), multiplet (m), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of quartets (dq), and broad singlet (bs). Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Herz (Hz).

Experimental procedures/ Characterization



Phosphonate 6-61 Iodomethane (1.56 g, 11 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of dimethyl (2-oxopropyl)phosphonate (1.66 g, 10 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1.80, 13 mmol) in acetone (20 mL) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h, and then gradually warmed up to rt. After 16 h, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (30 mL) was poured into the reaction mixture and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 × 3 mL). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The crude product was concentrated *in vacuo* and chromatographed on silica gel (Acetone: Hex = 1:1) to afford phosphonate **6-61** (1.23 g) in 68% yield (pale yellow oil, Lit. yield = 71%).

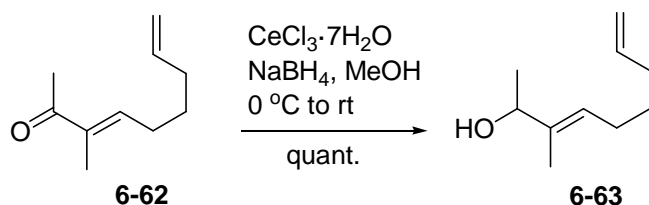
¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): 1.36 (dd, *J* = 18.0 and 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.23 (dq, *J* = 25.5 and 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 3H). The data were in consistent with literature values.²³



α , β -Unsaturated ketone 6-62. To a stirred solution of Ba(OH)₂·8H₂O (3.94 g, 12.5 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added phosphonate **6-61** (0.90 g, 5 mmol) at room temperature. The solution of aldehyde **6-10** (0.28 g, 2.5 mmol) in THF/H₂O (10 mL/1 mL) was added over dropwise to the pre-mixed solution for 0.5 h. After 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed by saturated sodium bicarbonate and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL X 3). The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was

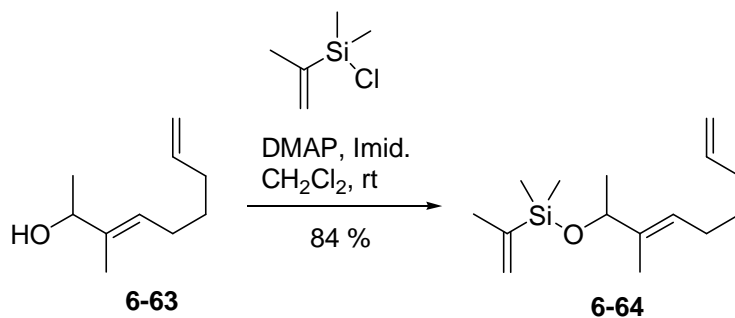
subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 25:1) to give α , β -Unsaturated ketone **6-62** (0.24 g, 64 %) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.59-6.65 (m, 1 H), 5.74-5.87 (m, 1 H), 4.96-5.06 (m, 2 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H), 2.21-2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.06-2.13 (m, 2 H), 1.75-1.77 (m, 3 H), 1.52-1.64 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.1, 25.4, 27.8, 28.4, 33.3, 115.1, 137.8, 138.0, 143.3, 199.9.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2927, 1669, 1641, 1436 cm^{-1} .



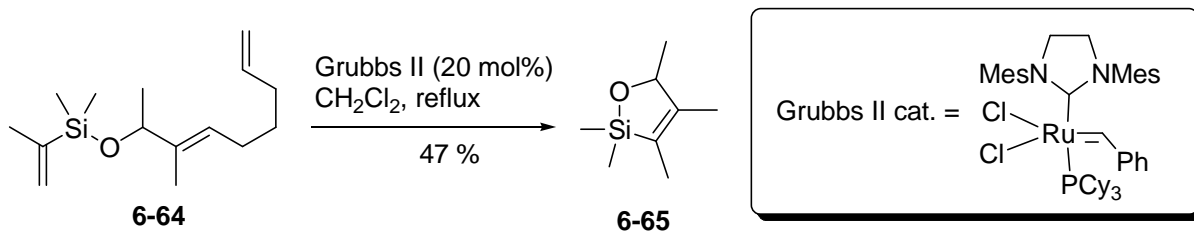
sec-Alcohol 6-63 The α , β -unsaturated ketone **6-62** (0.20 g, 1.3 mmol) was dissolved in a solution of $\text{CeCl}_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.48 g, 1.3 mmol) in MeOH (3.25 mL). Then, NaBH_4 (0.049 g, 1.3 mmol) was slowly added to the solution at 0 °C. After 10 min, NH_4Cl (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 5 min. The resulting mixture was extracted with Et_2O (20 ~~x~~ 2 mL), dried over MgSO_4 and filtered. The organic solution was concentrated and used without further purification.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.45 (quintet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3 H), 1.99-2.09 (m, 4H), 4.20 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.92-5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.40 (ddt, $J = 6.6, 6.6,$ and 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.80 (ddt, $J = 17.1, 6.6,$ and 6.6 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.4, 21.6, 26.9, 28.7, 33.3, 73.4, 114.5, 124.8, 138.7, 138.8.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3351, 2974, 2926, 2856, 1640 cm^{-1} .



Silyl ether 6-64 To a stirred solution of dichlorodimethylsilane (0.56 g, 4.4 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added the propen-2-yl magnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 13.2 mL, 6.6 mmol) by cannula at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h and then warmed up to r.t. over 2 h. The resulting mixture was transferred to a pre-mixed solution of **6-63** (0.17 g, 1.1 mmol), DMAP (0.067 g, 0.55 mmol) and imidazole (0.37 g, 5.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at r.t. and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched by NH₄Cl (30 mL), and extracted with Et₂O (30 × 2 mL). The combined organic solution was washed by sat. aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and brine. The separate organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50: 1) to afford silyl ether **6-64** (0.23 g, 84%) as colorless oil.

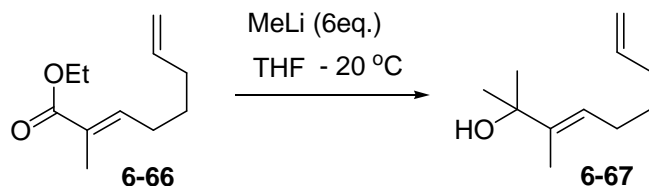
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.43 (quintet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.57 (m, 3 H), 1.82 (m, 3 H), 1.95-2.08 (m, 4 H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.92-5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.28-5.35 (m, 2 H), 5.88-5.62 (m, 1 H), 5.74-5.88 (m, 1 H).; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.3, -2.0, 11.3, 21.9, 23.1, 26.9, 28.7, 33.4, 74.1, 114.4, 124.0, 126.1, 138.6, 138.9, 146.5.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2958, 2929, 1641, 1447 cm⁻¹.



Oxasilole 6-65 In an oven-dried 250 mL round-bottom flask, silyl ether **6-64** (0.13 g, 0.51 mmol) was placed, and dry CH₂Cl₂ (103 mL) was added by a syringe under Ar. To a resulting solution was added Grubbs II catalyst (0.087 g, 0.10 mmol). The reaction mixture was then refluxed and stirred for 1.5 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled down to r.t., it was concentrated in an ice bath, filtered through a short pad of silica gel (rinsing with Et₂O), and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50: 1) to afford oxasilole **6-65** (0.038 g, 47%) as a colorless oil.

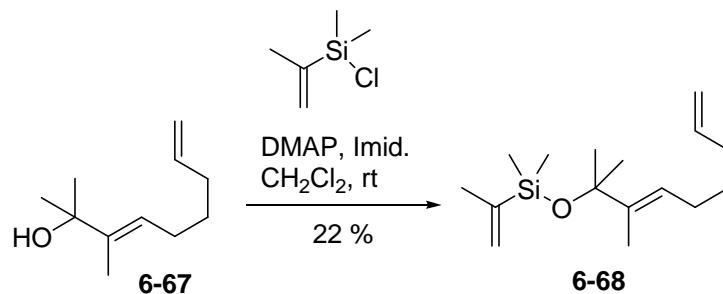
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.18 (s, 3 H), 0.20 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.64-1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H), 1.69 (s, 3 H).4.55 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H); IR (neat) ν_{max} 2958, 2921, 2851,

1732, 1462, 1376, 1258 cm^{-1} .



tert-Alcohol 6-67 To a stirred solution of the ester **6-66** (0.36 g, 2.0 mmol) was added MeLi (1.6 M in diethyl ether, 7.5 mL, 12.0 mmol) at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ under Ar. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, it was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl sol'n. The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 10: 1) to afford the tert-alcohol **6-67** (0.32 g, 84%) as colorless oil.

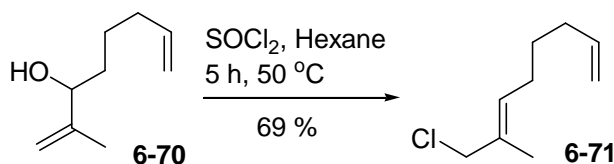
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.32 (s, 6 H), 1.46 (m, 2 H), 1.66 (q, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 3 H), 2.04 (m, 4 H), 4.92 – 5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.48 (tq, $J = 7.2$ and 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.81 (m, 1 H); IR (neat) ν_{max} 1136, 1371, 1458, 1640, 3373 cm^{-1} .



Silyl ether 6-68 To a stirred solution of dichloromethylsilane (0.77 mL, 6.32 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise the propen-2-yl magnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 18.9 mL, 9.48 mmol) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. over 2 h. The resulting mixture was transferred to a pre-mixed solution of **6-67** (0.27 g, 1.58 mmol), DMAP (0.097 g, 0.79 mmol) and imidazole (0.54 g, 7.9 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at r.t. and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched by NH_4Cl (30 mL), and extracted with Et_2O (30 \times 2 mL). The combined organic solution was washed by sat. aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and brine. The separate organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50: 1) to afford silyl ether **6-68** (95.2 mg,

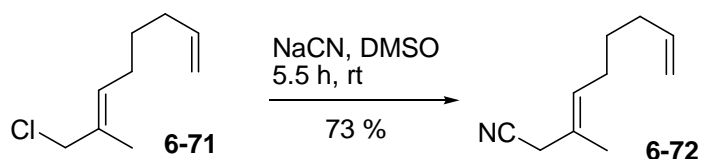
22 %) as colorless oil with starting material (0.18 g, 69 %) recovered.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.17 (s, 6 H), 1.33 (s, 6 H), 1.40 – 1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.63 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.84 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3 H), 1.97 – 2.10 (m, 4 H), 4.92 – 5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.34 – 5.53 (m, 2 H), 5.54 (m, 1 H), 5.82 (m, 1 H).



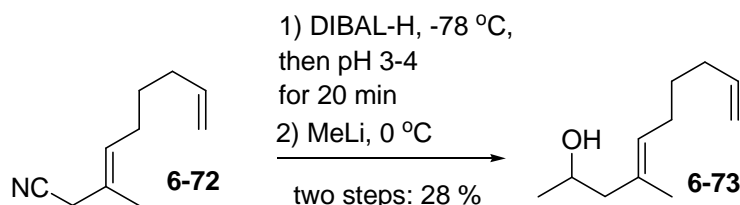
Allyl chloride 6-71 To a stirred solution of 2-Methylocta-1,7-dien-3-ol (**6-70**) (0.70 g, 5 mmol) in dry hexane was added excess SOCl_2 (1.30 mL, 18.06 mmol) at 50 °C under Ar. After 5 h, the reaction was cooled down, and the residue of SOCl_2 was evaporated. The crude mixture was diluted with hexane (30 mL) and washed with water (10 mL), sat. aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (10 mL) and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) to afford allyl chloride **6-71** (0.55 g, 68 %) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300MHz, CDCl_3): 5.73-5.87 (m, 1 H), 5.50-5.55 (m, 1 H), 4.95-5.05 (m, 2 H), 4.02 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2 H), 2.01-2.10 (m, 4 H), 1.72-1.73 (m, 2 H), 1.464 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H). The data were in consistent with literature values.²⁶



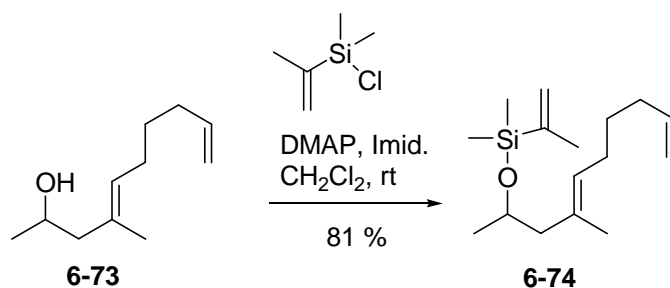
β, γ -Unsaturated nitrile 6-72 To a stirred solution of allyl chloride **6-71** (0.32 g, 2.0 mmol) in DMSO was added sodium cyanide (0.12 g, 2.4 mmol) at r.t. under Ar. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (20 X 3 mL). The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: $\text{EtOAc} = 15: 1$) to afford the β, γ -unsaturated nitrile **6-72** (0.26 g, 73 %) as a colorless oil.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.45 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 2.02-2.09 (m, 4 H), 3.02 (s, 2 H), 4.94-5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.45-5.51 (m, 1 H), 5.73-5.86 (m, 1 H).; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.9, 27.1, 27.3, 28.3, 33.1, 114.7, 117.8, 124.2, 129.5, 138.4.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2938, 2248, 1640, 1437 cm^{-1} .



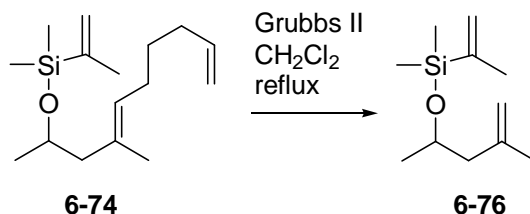
sec-Homoallylic alcohol **6-73** 1) To a flame-dried 50 mL round-bottom flask β , γ -Unsaturated nitrile **6-72** (0.15 g, 1.0 mmol) was placed, and CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h. Then, diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H) (1.0 M in Hexane, 1.1 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added dropwise. After 0.5 h, the reaction was quenched by MeOH (0.2 mL) and poured in a mixture of EtOAc/sat. NH_4Cl sol'n (2.5/2.5 mL). The mixture was treated with 10 % potassium sodium tartrate and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 X 3 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The crude aldehyde was directly used for the next step without further purifications. 2) To a stirred solution of the aldehyde in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise methyl lithium (1.6 M in Et_2O , 0.94 mL, 1.5 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. After 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O (20 mL) and quenched with sat. aqueous NH_4Cl sol'n. The ethereal layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hexane: EtOAc = 10: 1) to afford sec-homoallylic alcohol **6-73** (47.0 mg, 28 % two steps) as a colorless oil.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.18 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3 H), 1.44 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 1.62 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 3 H), 1.75 (bs, 1 H), 1.99-2.09 (m, 5 H), 2.12-2.18 (dd, $J = 13.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.81-3.92 (m, 1 H), 4.92-5.03 (m, 2 H), 5.21-5.26 (m, 1 H), 5.73-5.87 (m, 1 H).; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.1, 22.7, 27.4, 28.9, 33.4, 49.8, 64.7, 114.5, 128.4, 132.2, 138.7.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3398, 2925, 1664, 1640, 1458 cm^{-1} .



Silyl ether 6-74 To a stirred solution of dichlorodimethylsilane (0.12 g, 0.96 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added propen-2-yl magnesium bromide (0.5 M, 2.88 mL, 1.44 mmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ by cannula. The resulting mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 0.5 h and then warmed up to r.t. over 2 h. The resulting mixture was transferred to a pre-mixed solution of **6-73** (0.041 g, 0.24 mmol), DMAP (0.015 g, 0.012 mmol) and imidazole (0.082 g, 1.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) at r.t. by cannular. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by sat. NH_4Cl sol'n (5 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (20 X 3 mL). The combined organic solution was washed by sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 50: 1) to afford the silyl ether **6-74** (0.23 g, 81 %) as colorless oil.

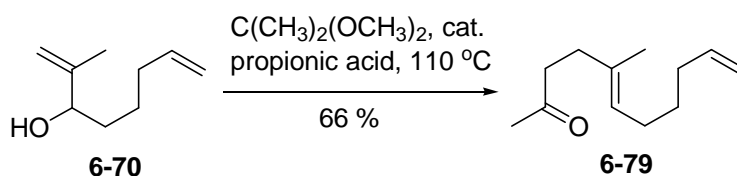
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.171 (s, 3 H), 0.174 (s, 3 H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 3 H), 1.43 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 1.58-1.59 (m, 3 H), 1.83-1.84 (m, 3 H), 1.95-2.09 (m, 5 H), 2.16-2.23 (dd, $J = 13.0, 6.0$ Hz), 3.84-3.95 (m, 1 H), 4.91-5.02 (m, 2 H), 5.13-5.18 (m, 1 H), 5.35-5.39 (m, 1 H), 5.60-5.63 (m, 1 H), 5.74-5.88 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -2.1, -2.0, 16.5, 22.0, 23.3, 27.4, 28.9, 33.4, 50.1, 67.6, 114.3, 126.3, 127.2, 132.4, 138.9, 146.4.



Diene 6-76 The silyl ether **6-74** (20.0 mg, 0.075 mmol) was placed in an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottom flask, and dry CH_2Cl_2 (7.5 mL) was added by a syringe under Ar. To a resulting

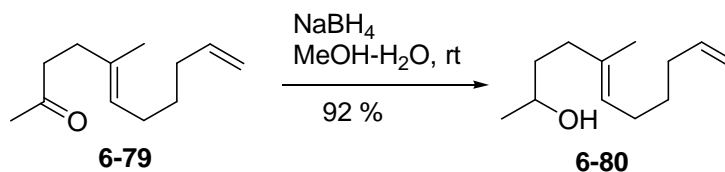
solution was rapidly added Grubbs II catalyst (12.7 mg, 0.015 mmol). The reaction mixture was then refluxed and stirred for 1 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., it was concentrated in an ice bath, filtered through a short pad of silica gel (rinsing with Et₂O). The filtrate was carefully concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 100:1) to afford the diene **6-76** (2.82 mg, 19%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600MHz, CDCl₃): 0.184 (s, 3 H), 0.188 (s, 3 H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H), 2.21-2.25 (dd, *J* = 13.5 and 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.91-3.97 (m, 1 H), 4.70-4.76 (m, 2 H), 5.37 (m, 1 H), 5.62 (m, 1 H).



γ , δ -Unsaturated ketone 6-79 A solution of the alcohol **6-70** (0.28 g, 2.0 mmol), dimethoxypropane (1.04 g, 10.0 mmol) and propanoic acid (7.4 μ L, 0.10 mmol) was stirred at 110 °C. After 1 day, 5 eq. dimethoxypropane (1.04 g, 10 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was stirred for additional 1 day. The reaction mixture was then cooled to r.t. and quenched with ice-cold 2 M HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (10 X 3 mL). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (hexane: EtOAc = 30:1) to give γ , δ -unsaturated ketone **6-79** (0.24 g, 66 %) as a colorless oil.

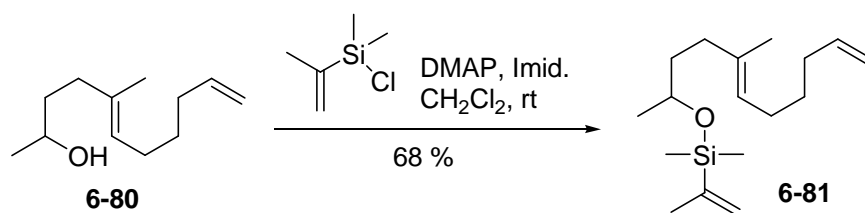
¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): 1.39 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.57 (s, 3 H), 1.95-2.02 (m, 4 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.90-4.00 (m, 2 H), 5.09-5.12 (m, 1 H), 5.73-5.83 (m, 1 H).; IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2925, 1718, 1640, 1439, 1358cm⁻¹.



sec-Alcohol 6-80 To a stirred solution of the ketone **6-79** (0.54 g, 3 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was

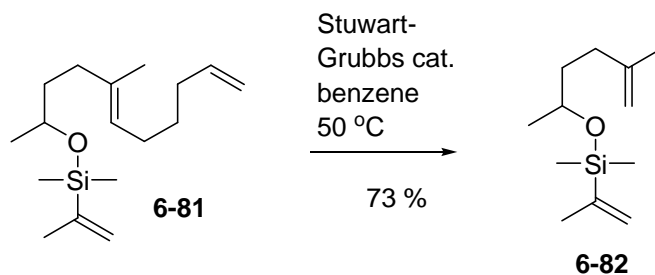
added dropwise a solution of NaBH₄ (0.57 g, 1.5 mmol) in H₂O (3 mL) for 0.5 h. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched with 1 N HCl and extracted with EtOAc (20 X 3 mL). The extracts were washed with sat. NaHCO₃ solution. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (hex: EtOAc = 10: 1) to afford sec-alcohol **6-80** (0.50 g, 92 %) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.42, (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.51-1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.96-2.10 (m, 6 H), 3.74-3.84 (m, 1 H), 4.92-5.03 (m, 2 H), 5.15-5.21 (m, 1 H), 5.74-5.88 (m, 1 H).; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3353, 2967, 1640, 1454 cm⁻¹.



Silyl ether 6-81 To a stirred solution of dichlorodimethylsilane (1.03 g, 8 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added propen-2-yl magnesium bromide (0.5 M, 24.0 mL, 12 mmol) at -78 °C under Ar by cannula. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h and then warmed to r.t. over 2 h. The resulting mixture was transferred to a pre-mixed solution of the alcohol **6-80** (0.36 g, 2 mmol), DMAP (0.12 g, 1 mmol) and imidazole (0.68 g, 10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at r.t. by cannula. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by sat. NH₄Cl sol'n (10 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (20 X 3 mL). The combined organic solution was washed by sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n, brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 100: 1) to afford the silyl ether **6-81** (0.38 g, 68 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): 0.19 (s, 6 H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.46-1.63 (m, 2 H), 1.58 (m, 3 H), 1.85 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.93-2.08 (m, 6 H), 3.70-3.80 (m, 1 H), 4.92-5.03 (m, 1 H), 5.04-5.14 (m, 1 H), 5.36-5.38 (m, 1 H), 5.60-5.63 (m, 1 H), 5.75-5.89 (m, 1 H).



Diene 6-82 To a stirred solution of the Stuart-Grubbs catalyst (6.1 mg, 11.0 μmol) in dry benzene (30.6 mL) was added a solution of silyl ether **6-81** (30.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL) by cannula over 0.5 h at 50 °C. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and concentrated. The concentrate was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (rinsing with Et_2O), and concentrated again. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex: EtOAc = 100: 1) to afford silyl ether **6-82** (17.1 mg, 73%) as a colorless oil.

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3): 5.62 (m, 1 H), 5.37 (m, 1 H), 4.67-4.69 (m, 2 H), 3.75-3.81 (m, 1 H), 1.97-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.46-1.69 (m, 2 H), 1.1.15 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3 H), 0.190 (s, 6 H).

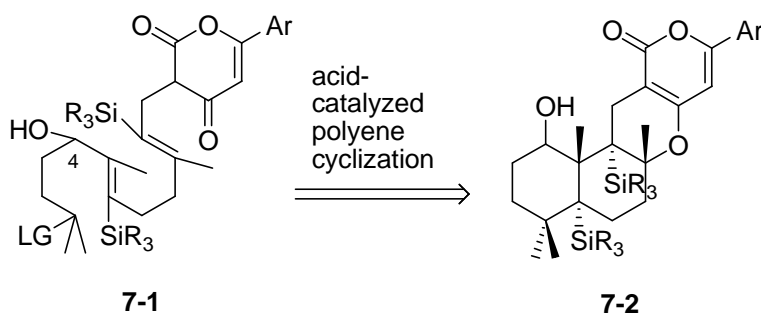
Chapter 7

Arisugacin A; Synthetic Study of Polyolefin cyclization

7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 Synthetic issues posed by the polyolefin cyclization

Previously we designed the retrosynthesis of arisugacin A on the basis of acid-catalyzed polyene cyclization as a key reaction. The potential polyene precursor **7-1** contains a vinyl silane and vinyl silane allyl alcohol (Scheme 7-1). Although the acid catalyzed polyolefin cyclization is now considered as a versatile methodology for the synthesis of multi-fused carbocycles containing angular substituents, our substrate has some anticipated difficulties for its application. First, the incorporation of two vinyl silane moieties in one molecule is not trivial; there has not been any report related to this structure. Second, the acidic conditions in the presence of allyl alcohol at C4 might be risky because the allyl alcohol is a good leaving group. Third, there's a possibility that the silyl group after the first cyclization might be eliminated to give an olefin. Thus, exploration of appropriate conditions is needed for the successful polyene cyclization of the substrate **7-1**.



Scheme 7-1. A key polyene cyclization in our retrosynthesis

7.1.2 Examples of polyene cyclization

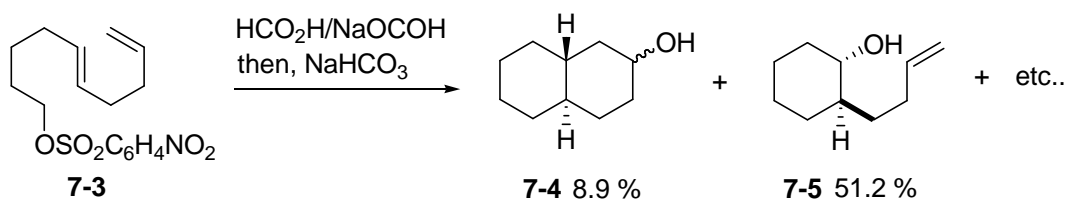
7.1.2.1 Johnson's study

Since the first demonstration of the cationic cyclization of polyolefin by the Johnson group, many chemists have adapted this tandem cyclization protocol to prepare multi-fused carbocycles, especially steroidal natural products.¹⁶⁰ Because of the construction of angular methyl groups

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and convenient synthesis in one-pot, Johnson's research on natural product syntheses and methodology development for polyene cyclization has been of huge interest and for several decades.

In 1963 and 1964, Johnson et al. reported a series of studies regarding the cationic cyclization of *trans*-5,9-decadienyl *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonate (**7-3**). The solvolysis of primary *p*-nosylate **7-3** gave the *trans*-decalin **7-4** in 8.9% yield (Scheme 7-2).¹⁶¹



Scheme 7-2. Solvolysis of diene nosylate

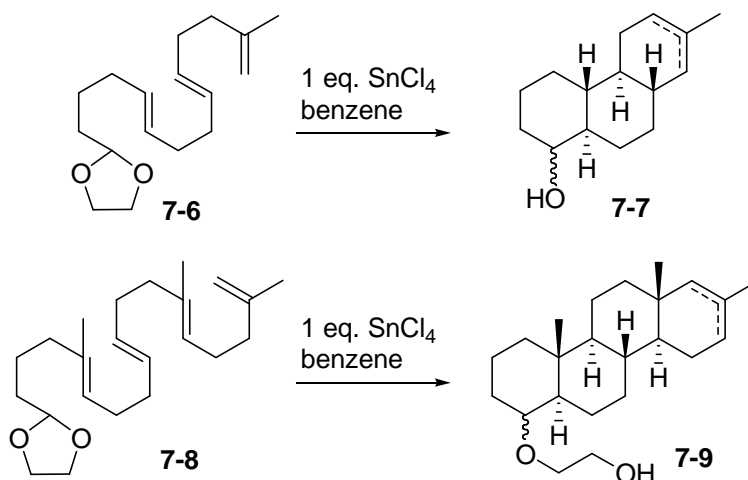
The stereochemistry was studied by Stork and Eschenmoser.¹⁶² The Stork-Eschenmoser hypothesis was concerned with the formation of *trans*/*cis*-decalins from the 1, (*E*)- or (*Z*)-5, 9-trienes under acid catalyst. Their hypothesis was that the (*Z*)-5-olefin would give *cis*-decalin while (*E*)-5-olefin would give *trans*-decalin. Their hypothesis was consistent with Johnson's experimental results.

Steroids. Yoder, R. A.; Johnston, J. N. *Chem. Rev.* **2005**, *105*, 4730-4756.

¹⁶¹ Cationic Cyclizations Involving Olefinic Bonds. II. Solvolysis of 5-Hexenyl and *trans*-5,9-Decadienyl *p*-Nitrobenzenesulfonates. Johnson, W. S.; Bailey, D. M.; Owyang, R.; Russell, A. B.; Jaques, B.; Crandall, J. K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1964**, *86*, 1959-1966.

¹⁶² (a) The Stereochemistry of Polyene Cyclization. Stork, G.; Burgstahler, A. W. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1955**, *77*, 5068. (b) Triterpenes. CXC. A stereochemical interpretation of the biogenetic isoprene rule of the triterpenes. Eschenmoser, A.; Ruzicka, L.; Jeger, O.; Arigoni, D. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* **1955**, *38*, 1890.

They also introduced acetals as initiating groups. They carried out acid catalyzed cyclization using SnCl_4 to obtain stereoselective tricyclic **7-7** (87 %) and tetracyclic product **7-9** (30 %) from triene **7-6** and tetraene **7-8**, respectively (scheme 7-3).¹⁶³



Scheme 7-3. SnCl_4 -catalyzed polyene cyclization

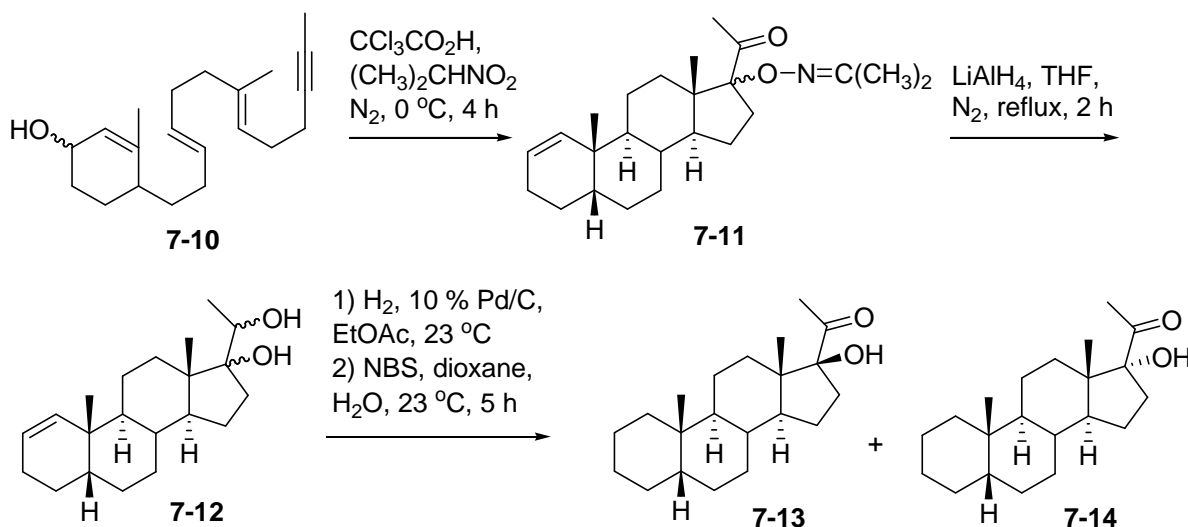
The use of acetylene as a terminating group and of allylic alcohols as initiating groups allowed the synthesis of a number of bicycles, tricycles, and tetracycles. The functionality in the products depended on the nucleophile that was available to capture the terminal vinyl cation.¹⁶⁴

For example, when nitroalkane was used as a trapping nucleophile, an oxime ether **7-11** was produced by addition of nitroalkane to the terminal cation followed by rearrangement (Scheme 7-4). Treatment of the resulting oxime ether **7-11** with LiAlH_4 gave the diol **7-12**. The catalytic

¹⁶³ (a) Stereospecific Tricyclization of a Polyolefinic Acetal. Johnson, W. S.; Kinnel, R. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 3861-3862. (b) The Nonenzymic, Biogenetic-Like Cyclization of a Tetraenic Acetal. Johnson, W. S.; Wiedhaup, K.; Brady, S. F.; Olson, G. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 5277-5279.

¹⁶⁴ (a) Acetylenic Bond Participation in Biogenetic-Like Olefinic Cyclizations. I. Formation of Five-Membered Rings in Model Systems. Johnson, W. S.; Gravestock, M. B.; Parry, R. J.; Myers, R. F.; Bryson, T. A.; Miles, D. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 4330-4332. (b) Acetylenic Bond Participation in Biogenetic-Like Olefinic Cyclizations. II. Synthesis of *dl*-Progesterone. Johnson, W. S.; Gravestock, M. B.; McCarry, B. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 4332-4334.

hydrogenation of the double bond was followed by oxidation of the sec-alcohol, providing epimeric products **7-13** and **7-14**.¹⁶⁵



Scheme 7-4. Synthesis of the 17-Hydroxy-5 β -pregnan-20-one

Polyolefin carbocyclization in the Johnson group had been well-studied; it had resulted in many significant approaches to steroidal natural products. In particular, modifications of the terminating groups (propargylsilane, trimethylsilylacetylene), initiating groups, a cation-stabilizing functional group (e.g. fluorine atom) and chiral auxiliaries had been extensively studied. Representative examples of synthesized terpenoids (*dl*-16,17-dehydroprogesterone, *dl*-fichtelite, *dl*-progesterone, 5 β -D-homoandrostan-17-one, corticoids, euphol, tirucallol, β -amyrin, sophoradiol, *dl*-dammareniol) are presented in Figure 7-1.

¹⁶⁵ Acetylenic Bond Participation in Biogenetic-Like Olefinic Cyclizations in Nitroalkane Solvents. Synthesis of the 17-Hydroxy-5 β -pregnan-20-one System. Morton, D. R.; Gravestock, M. B.; Parry, R. J.; Johnson, W. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 4417-4418.

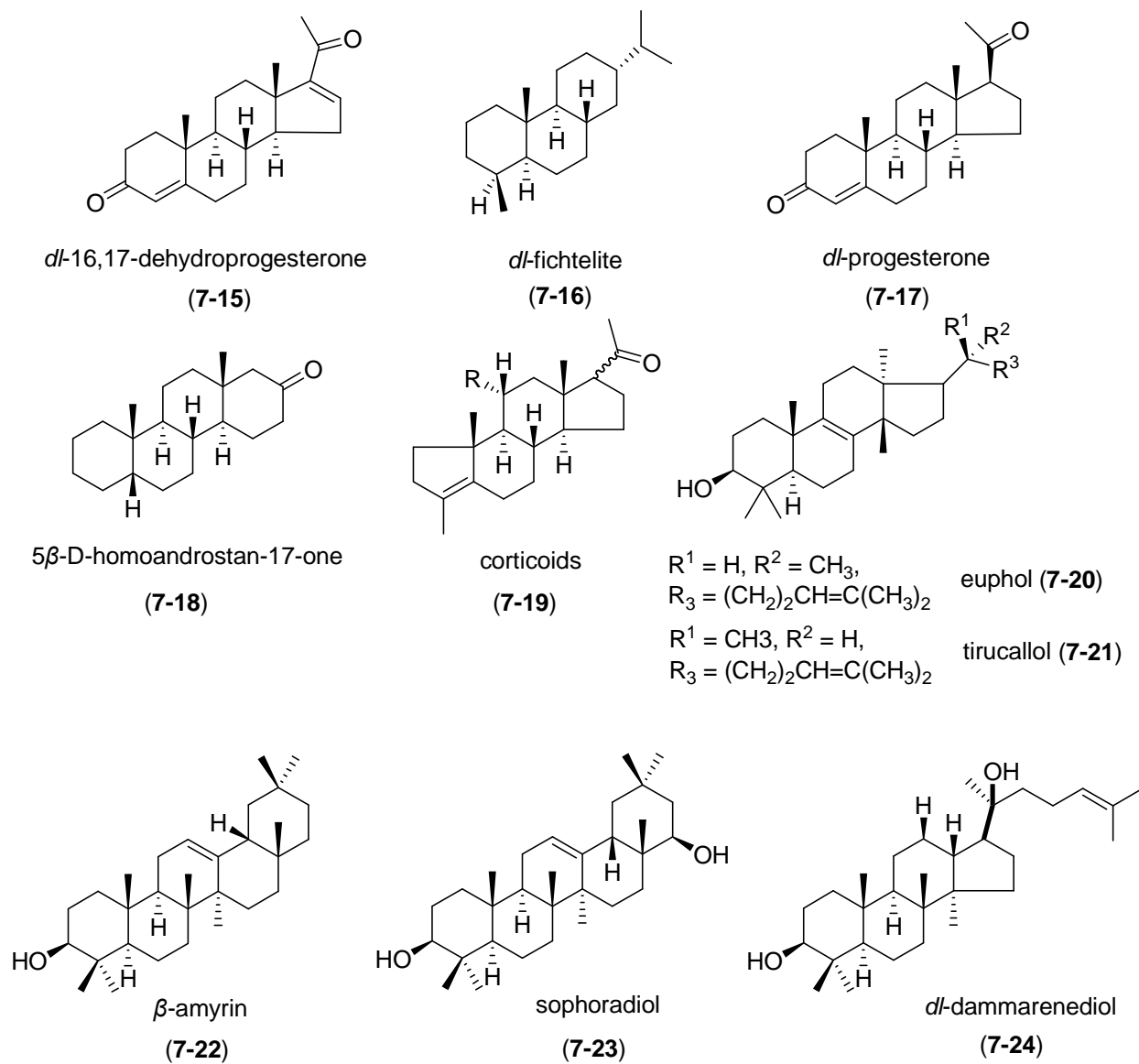


Figure 7-1. Synthesized terpenoids by Jhonson et al.

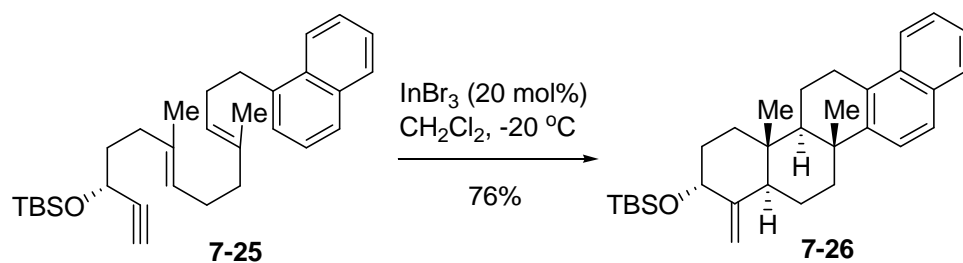
7.1.2.2 Corey's study

The Corey group have studied the polyolefin cyclization to synthesize many polycyclic natural products. In particular, they have used a chiral epoxide as the initiating group to induce enantioselective synthesis in many examples.¹⁶⁶

In 2011, Surendra and Corey reported the indium(III)-catalyzed cationic cyclization of chiral polyene substrates containing a terminal acetylene as the initiating group.¹⁶⁷ The resulting allyl alcohol structure **7-26** is expected to be used for further transformation into many related natural products (Scheme 7-5).

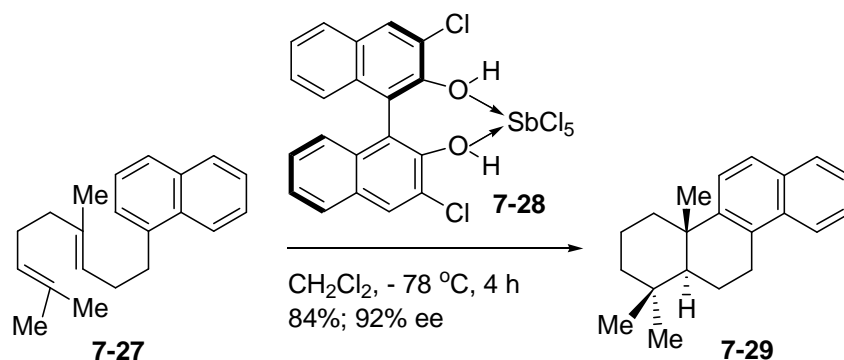
¹⁶⁶ (a) Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Oleanolic Acid, Erythrodiol, β -Amyrin, and Other Pentacyclic Triterpenes from a Common Intermediate. Corey, E. J.; Lee, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 8873-8874. (b) A New Strategy for Stereocontrol of Cation-Olefin Cyclization. The First Chemical Emulation of the A/B-trans-9,10-syn-Folding Pathway of Steroid Biosynthesis from 2,3-Oxidosqualene. Corey, E. J.; Wood Jr, H. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 11982-11983. (c) A Simple Enantioselective Synthesis of the Biologically Active Tetracyclic Marine Sesterterpene Scalarenedial. Corey, E. J.; Luo, G.; Lin, L. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 9927-9928. (d) An Exceptionally Short and Simple Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Pentacyclic Triterpenes of the β -Amyrin Family. Huang, A. X.; Xiong, Z.; Corey, E. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 9999-10003. (e) Simple Enantioselective Approach to Synthetic Limonoids. Behenna, D. C.; Corey, E. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 6720-6721. (f) Rapid and Enantioselective Synthetic Approaches to Germanicol and Other Pentacyclic Triterpenes. Surendra, K.; Corey, E. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 8865-8869. (g) A Short Enantioselective Total Synthesis of the Fundamental Pentacyclic Triterpene Lupeol. Surendra, K.; Corey, E. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 13928-13929.

¹⁶⁷ A Powerful New Construction of Complex Chiral Polycycles by an Indium(III)-Catalyzed Cationic Cascade. Surendra, K.; Qiu, W.; Corey, E. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 9724-9726.



Scheme 7-5. Indium(III)-catalyzed cationic cyclization

Most recently, Surendra and Corey disclosed enantioselective proton-initiated cationic cyclization of polyene substrates by using stoichiometric chiral BINOL and antimony pentachloride. The BINOL-antimony complex **7-28** provided a chiral environment that limited the approach of polyolefin to the proton source. The resulting products displayed high yield and high enantioselectivity (Scheme 7-6).¹⁶⁸

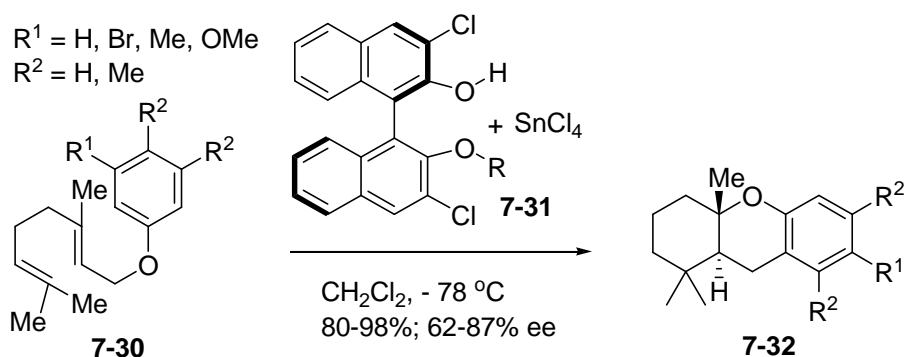


Scheme 7-6. Enantioselective proton-initiated cationic cyclization

¹⁶⁸ Highly Enantioselective Proton-Initiated Polycyclization of Polyenes. Surendra, K.; Corey, E. *J. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 11992-11994.

7.1.2.3 Other approaches to polyoefin cyclization

In 1999, Yamamoto group reported the enantioselective cyclization of polyprenoids using a chiral system by a combination of a Lewis acid and a chiral Bronsted acid (LBA).¹⁶⁹ Interestingly, the LBA catalysis of the aryl ether **7-30** provided an abnormal products **7-31** which presumably formed by Claisen rearrangement followed by the cationic cyclization (Scheme 7-7).

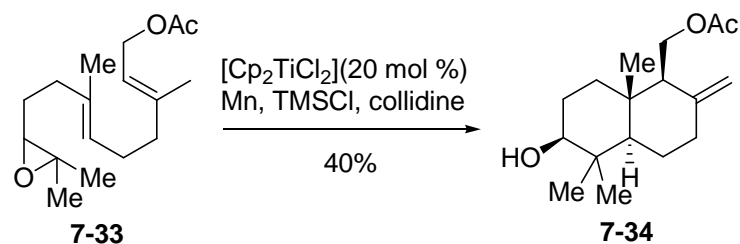


Scheme 7-7. Yamamoto's LBA catalysis

In 2004, Oltra group reported the titiocene-mediated polyolefin cyclization as an approach to terpenoids.¹⁷⁰ The radical opening of epoxide **7-33** was followed by a free radical chain reaction, providing trans-decalin **7-34** (Scheme 7-8).

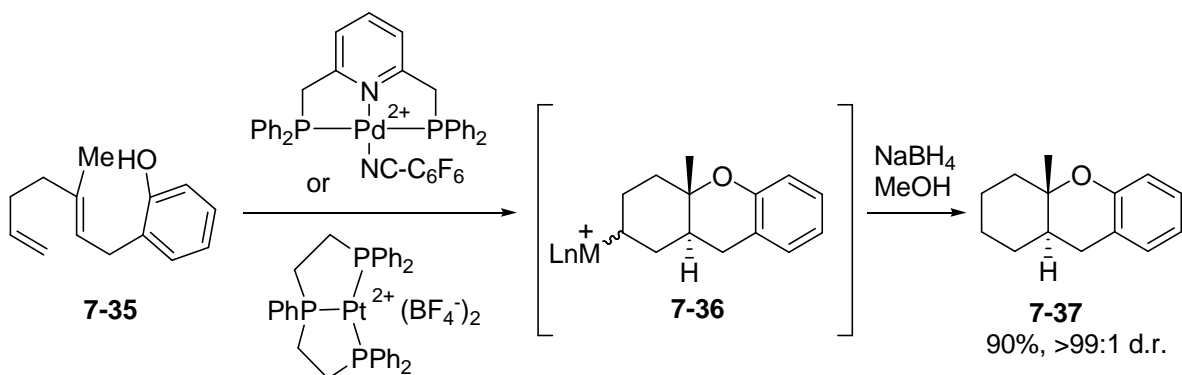
¹⁶⁹ The First Enantioselective Biomimetic Cyclization of Polyprenoids. Ishihara, K.; Nakamura, S.; Yamamoto, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 4906-4907.

¹⁷⁰ Titanocene-Catalyzed Cascade Cyclization of Epoxypolyprenes: Straightforward Synthesis of Terpenoids by Free-Radical Chemistry. Justicia, J.; Rosales, A.; Bunuel, E.; Oller-Lopez, J. L.; Valdivia, M. V.; Hadour, A.; Otrá, J. E.; Barrero, A.; Cardenas, D. J.; Cuerva, J. M. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2004**, *10*, 1778-1788.



Scheme 7-8. Ultra's Ti-mediated radical cyclization

In the same year, Koh and Gagne reported the Pd(II)- or Pt(II)-mediated polycyclization of 1,5-diene **7-35**.¹⁷¹ They demonstrated that this cyclization undergoes the cationic reaction pathway by isolating the Pd-intermediate **7-36** (Scheme 7-9).

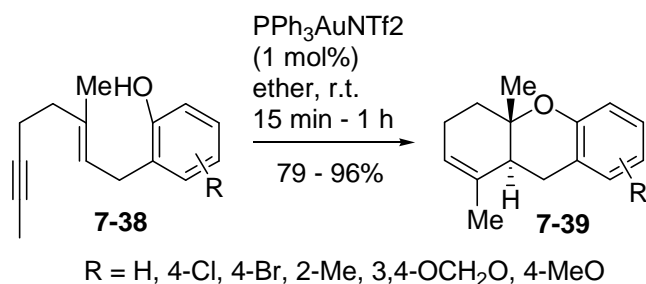


Scheme 7-9. Gagne's Pd(II)- or Pt(II)-mediated cyclization

In 2009, Michele group disclosed the gold-catalyzed cyclization of 1,5-enynes **7-38**. The highly reactive interaction between the alkyne and metal induced the isomerization of 1,5-enynes and *in situ* 6-endo-dig oxycyclization (Scheme 7-10).¹⁷²

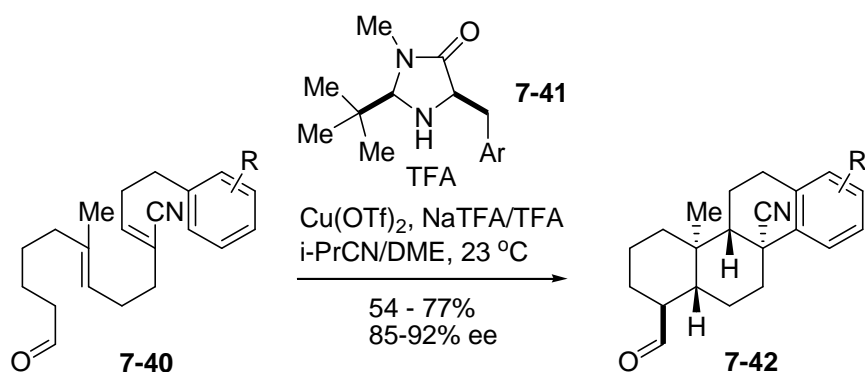
¹⁷¹ Pd^{II}- and Pt^{II}-Mediated Polycyclization Reaction of 1,5- and 1,6-Dienes: Evidence in Support of Carbocation Intermediates. Koh, J. W.; Gagne, M. R. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 3459-3461.

¹⁷² Mimicking Polyolefin Carbocyclization Reactions: Gold-Catalyzed Intramolecular Phenoxylation of 1,5-Enynes. Toullec, P. Y.; Blarre, T.; Michelet, V. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*,



Scheme 7-10. Michelet's gold-catalyzed cyclization

In 2010, Rendler and MacMillan reported the application of organo-SOMO (singly occupied molecular orbital) catalysis to the polyene cyclization.¹⁷³ They demonstrated that the α -imino radical intermediate of **7-40** upon metal oxidant initiated cyclization and the use of chiral imidazolidinone induced enantioselective reaction (Scheme 7-11).



Scheme 7-11. MacMillan's SOMO-cyclization

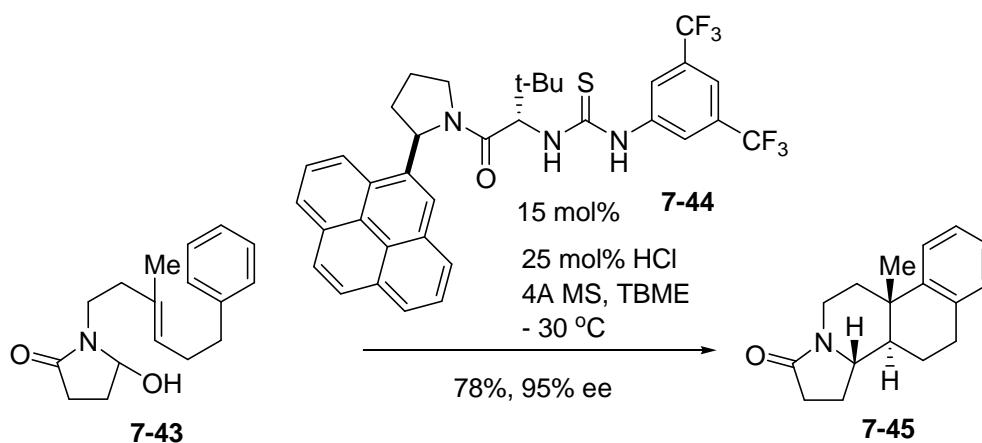
The Jacobsen group communicated the development of enantioselective cationic cyclization using thiourea **7-44**.¹⁷⁴ Under HCl condition, the hydroxyl lactam was first converted to a

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¹⁷³ Enantioselective Polyene Cyclization via Organo-SOMO Catalysis. Rendler, S.; MacMillan, D. W. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 5027-5029.

¹⁷⁴ Enantioselective Thiourea-Catalyzed Cationic Polycyclizations. Knowles, R. R.; Lin, S.; Jacobsen, E. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 5030-5032.

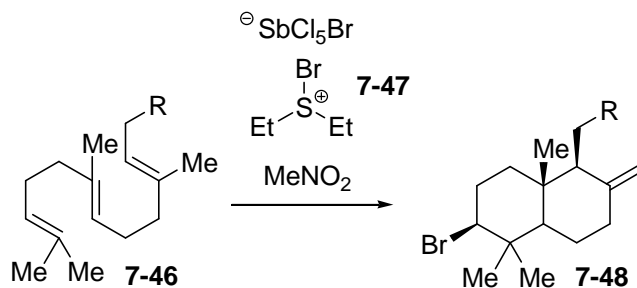
chlorolactam. The hydrogen bond-mediated ionization of the chlorolactam by the chiral thiourea was presumed to give a key complex that is stabilized by cation- π interaction (Scheme 7-12).



Scheme 7-12. Jacobsen's thiourea-catalyzed polyene cyclization

The Snyder group has studied bromonium-induced polyene cyclizations.¹⁷⁵ They developed an easy preparation of bromodiethylsulfonium bromopentachloroantimonate (BDSB) catalyst **7-47** as a stable solid. By screening conditions, they successfully induced cyclization of polyprenoidal compounds (Scheme 7-13).

¹⁷⁵ (a) $\text{Et}_2\text{SBr}\cdot\text{SbCl}_5\text{Br}$: An Effective Reagent for Direct Bromination-Induced Polyene Cyclizations. Snyder, S. A.; Treitler, D. S. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2009**, *48*, 7899-7903. (b) Simple Reagents for Direct Halonium-Induced Polyene Cyclization. Snyder, S. A.; Treitler, D. S.; Brucks, A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 14303-14314. (c) A two-step mimic for direct, asymmetric bromonium- and chloronium-induced polyene cyclizations. Snyder, S. A.; Treitler, D.; Schall, A. *Tetrahedron* **2010**, *66*, 4796-4804.



Scheme 7-13. Snyder's bromonium-induced polyene cyclization

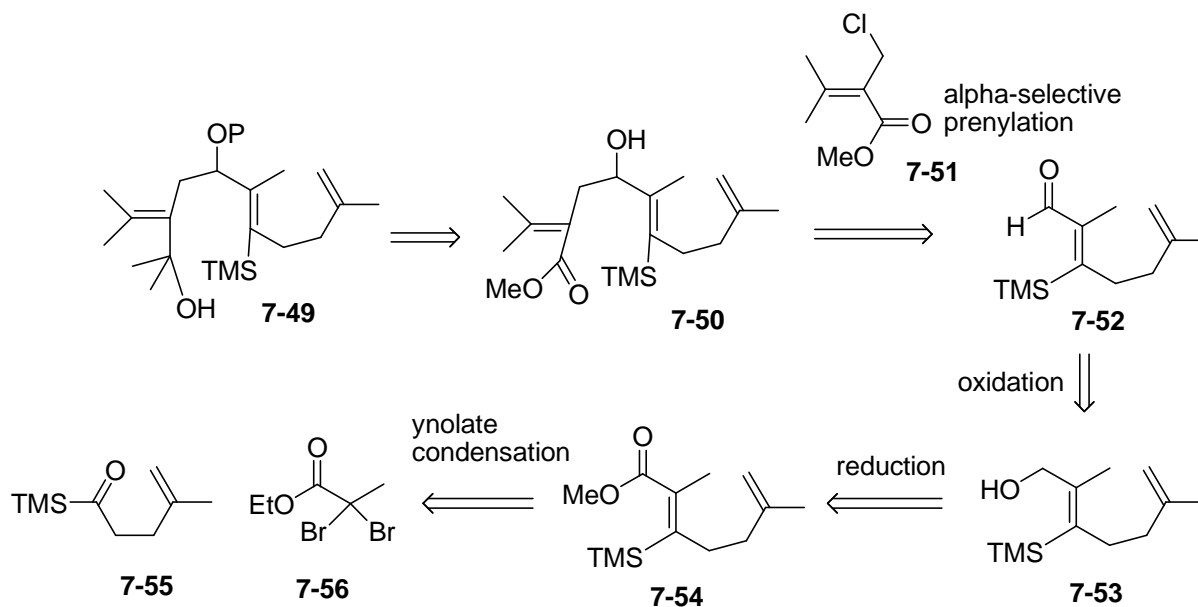
7.2 Result and Discussion

7.2.1 Model compound 1

As a model compound that is closely related structure of arisugacin A, we first considered the triene compound **7-49**. We designed the model compound **7-49** having tetramethylallyl cation precursor which had been shown to be a better initiating group than an epoxide.¹⁷⁶ We hoped that the secondary alcohol **7-50** is prepared by the α -selective prenylation of aldehyde **7-52** using prenyl chloride **7-51**. The aldehyde **7-52** was thought to be given by reduction and oxidation sequence of (*Z*)- α,β -unsaturated ester **7-54** bearing TMS group at β -carbon. The ester **7-54** was presumed to be provided by ynoate condensation¹⁷⁷ between acyl silane **7-55** and 2,2-dibromoester **7-56** (Scheme 7-14).

¹⁷⁶ Johnson, W. S.; Fish, P. V. The Tetramethylallyl Cation as a Surrogate for the Epoxide Function as an Initiator of Biomimetic Polyene Pentacyclizations. *Total Synthesis of Sophoradiol. Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 1469-1472.

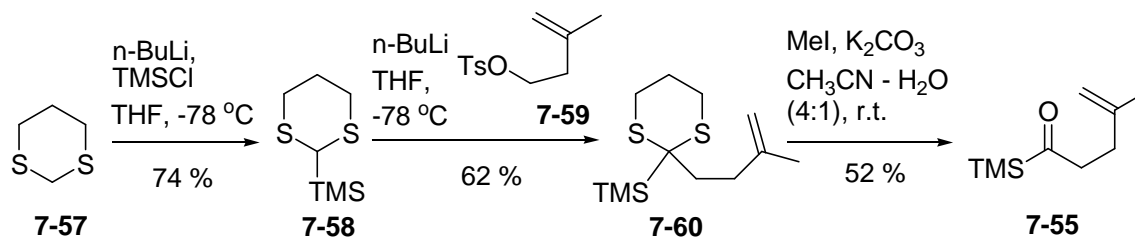
¹⁷⁷ Shindo, M.; Matsumoto, K.; Mori, S.; Shishido, K. The First General Method for *Z*-Selective Olefination of Acylsilanes via Ynoate Anions Providing Multisubstitued Allenes. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, *124*, 6840-6841.



Scheme 7-14. Retrosynthesis of a model compound **7-49**

7.2.1.1 Synthesis of acyl silane **7-55**

The acylsilane **7-55** was prepared as shown below (Scheme 7-15). The introduction of TMS group to 1,3-dithiane followed by alkylation gave a masked ketone **7-60** (46 % for two steps). The hydrolysis¹⁷⁸ of **7-60** using methyl iodide and potassium carbonate provided the acyl silane **7-55**.

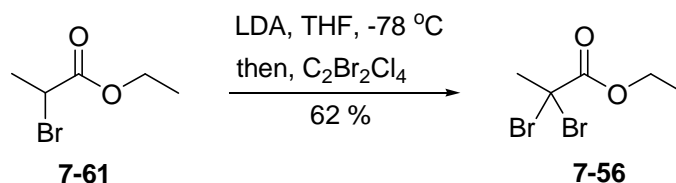


Scheme 7-15. Synthesis of acyl silane **7-55**

¹⁷⁸ A synthesis of multisubstituted vinylsilanes via ynone: stereoselective formation of β -silyl- β -lactones followed by decarboxylation. Shindo, M.; Matsumoto, K.; Shishido, K. *Chem. Commun.* **2005**, 2477-2479.

7.2.1.2 Synthesis of ethyl 2,2-dibromopropionate (**7-56**)

On the basis of the known procedure,¹⁷⁹ we prepared the ethyl 2,2-dibromopropionate (**7-56**) from ethyl 2-bromopropionate (**7-61**) (Scheme 7-16).



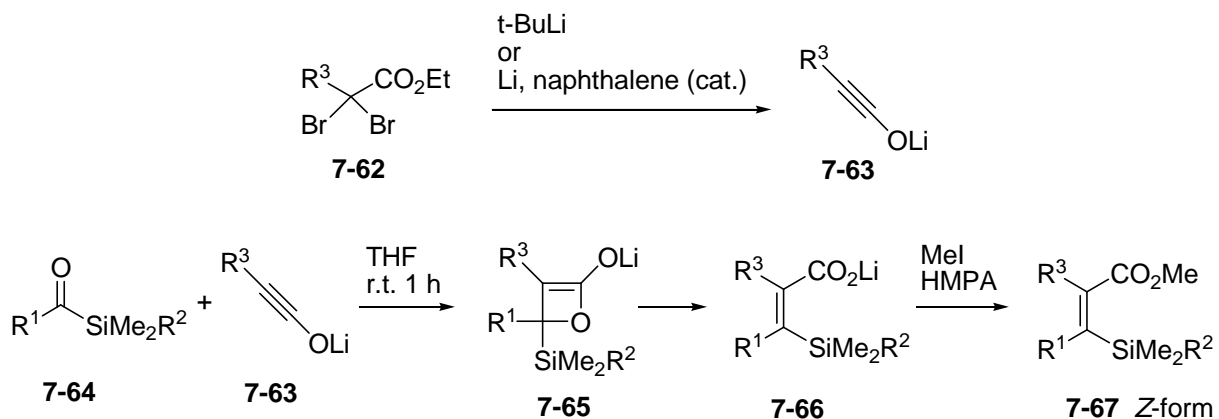
Scheme 7-16. Synthesis of the 2,2'-dibromoester **7-56**

7.2.1.3 Synthesis of the ester **7-54**

Although the Wittig reaction has been one of the most popular reactions for (*E*)- or (*Z*)-stereoselective olefination, most of examples for synthesizing tri- or tetrasubstituted silyl alkene have been shown low stereoselectivity.¹⁸⁰ In 2002, Shindo et al. reported the *Z*-selective olefination of acylsilanes by using ynolate chemistry (Scheme 7-17).²¹ They generated ynolate anion **7-63** by reducing 2,2'-dibromo ethyl ester **7-62** with *t*-BuLi or Li/Naphthalene. The ynolate solution was then treated with the acylsilanes **7-64** to produce *Z*-selective tetrasubstituted olefins **7-68**. The reaction was shown to proceed through the β -lactone enolate intermediate **7-66**. The authors reasoned that the stereochemistry is by the interaction between a σ -bonding orbital of the breaking C-O bond and vacant orbitals on silicon in the electrocyclic ring opening step of the β -lactone enolate **7-66**.⁵⁴

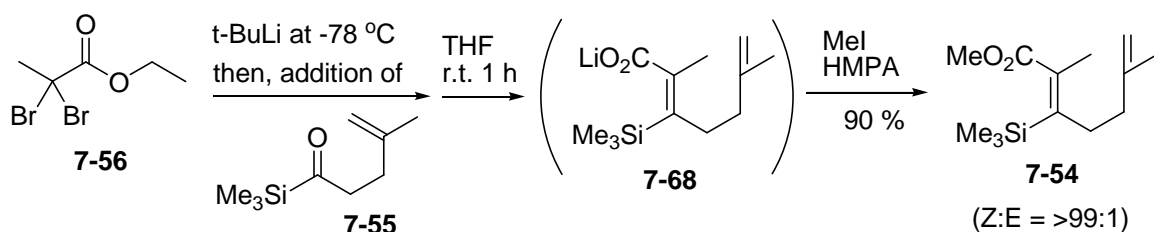
¹⁷⁹ Generation of ynolate and *Z*-selective olefination of acylsilanes: (*Z*)-2-methyl-3-trimethylsilyl-2-butenic acid. Shindo, M.; Matsumoto, K.; Shishido, K. *Organic Syntheses*, **2007**, *84*, 11.

¹⁸⁰ The First General Method for (*Z*)-Selective Olefination of Acylsilanes via Ynolate Anions Providing Multisubstituted Alkenes. Shindo, M.; Matsumoto, K.; Mori, S.; Shishido, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, *124*, 6840-6841 and see the references therein.



Scheme 7-17. Shindo's procedure for the synthesis of Z-selective olefination of acylsilane

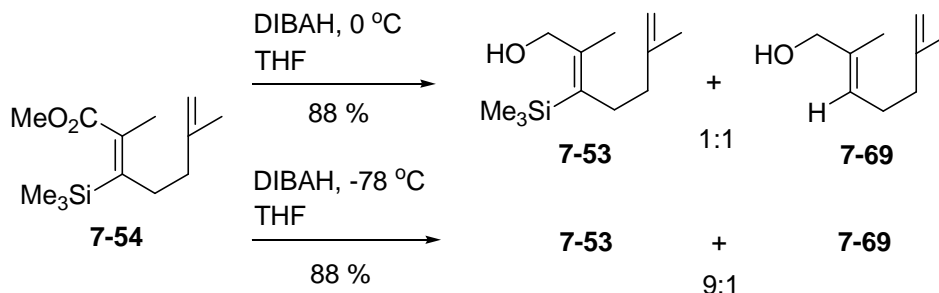
Having two substrates **7-55** and **7-56** in hand, we performed a condensation reaction. The application of Shindo's procedure provided the Z-tetrasubstituted olefin **7-54** containing TMS group at β -carbon (Scheme 7-18).



Scheme 7-18. Synthesis of Z-olefin tetrasubstituted olefin **7-54**

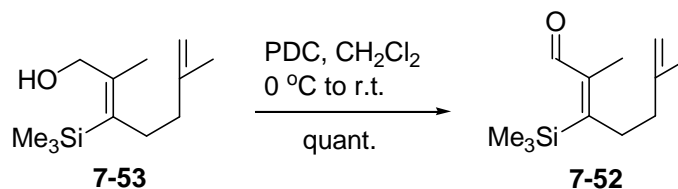
7.2.1.4 Synthesis of the aldehyde **7-52**

In order to get the aldehyde **48**, the reduction of **7-54** was followed by an oxidation of **7-53** as planned. When DIBAL-H was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C, a mixture of **7-53** and desilylated product **7-69** was obtained with 1:1 ratio. However, when the reaction temperature was decreased to – 78 °C, the ratio of the two compounds was increased to 9:1 (Scheme 7-19). Careful separation gave the clean product **7-53**.



Scheme 7-19. Synthesis of *Z*-allylic alcohol **7-53**

The oxidation of *Z*-allylic alcohol **7-53** was found to undergo isomerization during the oxidation. For example, the oxidation using manganese (IV) oxide¹⁸¹ afforded a mixture of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-isomers. Thus, we next tested a neutral PDC oxidation, which gave a pure α , β -unsaturated aldehyde **7-52** (Scheme 7-20).



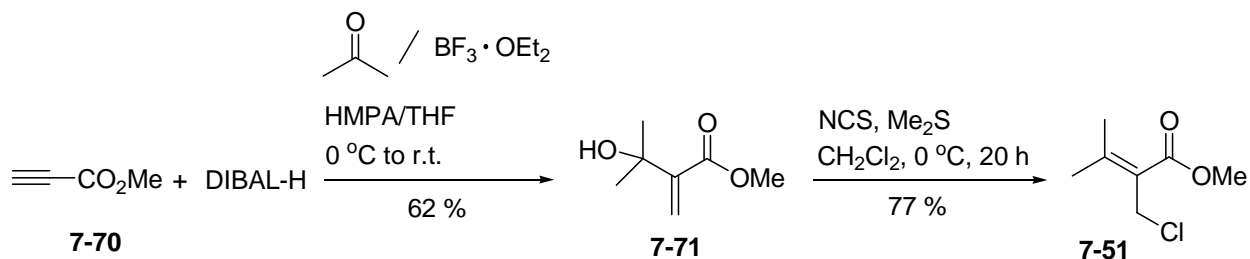
Scheme 7-20. Synthesis of the aldehyde **7-52**

7.2.1.5 Synthesis of the prenyl chloride **7-51**

The prenyl chloride **7-51** was prepared by following the known procedure.¹⁸² In situ coupling of the [α -(methoxycarbonyl)vinyl]aluminum reagent with acetone in the presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ gave the tert-alcohol **7-71** in 62 % yield. The tert-alcohol reacted with *N*-chlorosuccinimide in the presence of SMe_2 to afford the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'$ reaction product, prenyl chloride **7-51** in 77 % yield (Scheme 7-21).

¹⁸¹ Uniting Anion Relay Chemistry with Pd-Mediated Cross Coupling: Design, Synthesis and Evaluation of Bifunctional Aryl and Vinyl Silane Linchpins. Smith III, A. B.; Kim, W. -S.; Tong, R. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 588-591.

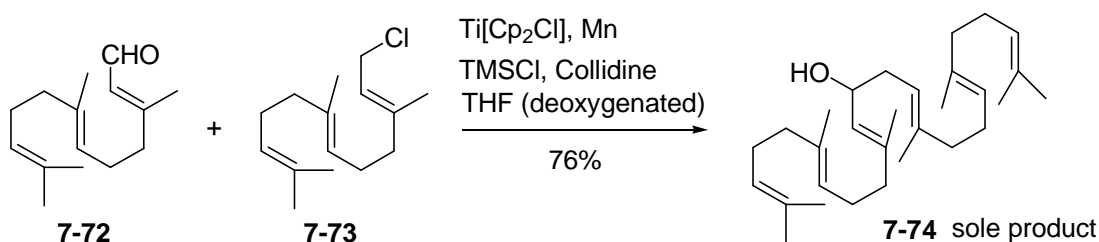
¹⁸² Efficient Synthesis of Methyl 2-(*tert*-Butyl)acrylate and Analogous Esters. Kündig, E. P.; Xu, L. -H. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* **1994**, *77*, 1480.



Scheme 7-21. Synthesis of prenyl chloride **7-71**

7.2.1.6 Examinations for α -prenylation of the aldehyde **7-52**

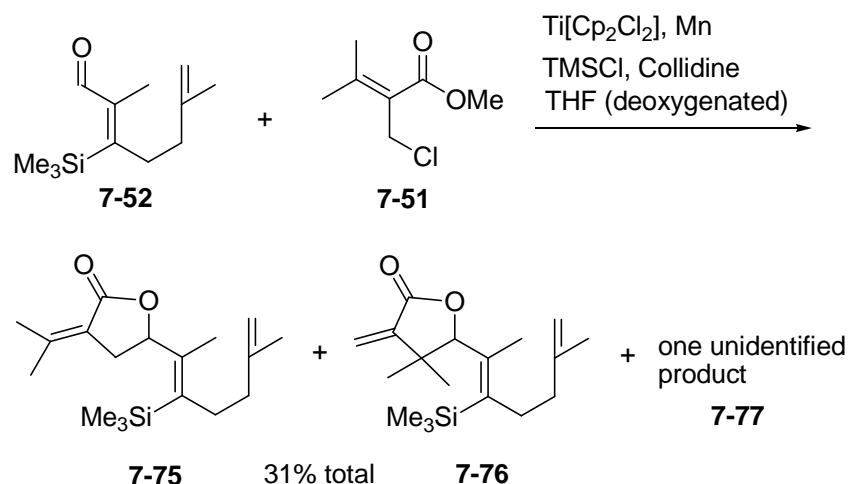
In 2009, the Oltra group reported the stereoselective α -prenylation reaction between aldehydes and a series of prenyl chlorides by Ti-catalysis.¹⁸³ Among the many examples, the most intriguing one was the selectively prenylated alcohol **7-74** derived from the farnesal **7-72** and farnesyl chloride **7-73** (Scheme 7-22).



Scheme 7-22. Oltra's α -selective prenylation

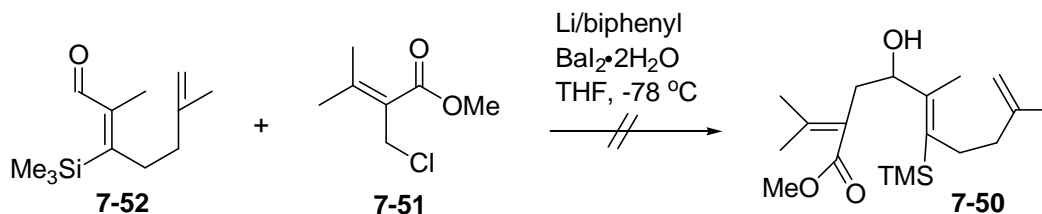
Following Oltra's procedure, we examined coupling reaction between allyl chloride **7-51** and aldehyde **7-52**. However, in contrast to our expectation, the resulting products turned out to be an inseparable 2:1 mixture of lactones **7-75**, **7-76**, and one unidentified product **7-77** (Scheme 7-23). The ratio of lactones **7-75** and **7-76** was determined by the integration of each methine proton.

¹⁸³ Ti-Catalyzed Barbier-Type Allylations and Related Reactions. Estévez, R.; Justicia, J.; Bazdi, B.; Fuentes, N.; Paradas, M.; Lazarte, D. C.; Ruiz, G. M.; Robles L.; Gansäuer, A.; Cuerva, J. M.; Oltra, J. E. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2009**, *15*, 2774-2791.



Scheme 7-23. Ti-mediated Barbier reaction between aldehyde **7-52** and prenyl chloride **7-51**

Because the selective α -prenylation using Ti-catalyst was unsuccessful, Yamamoto's α -prenylation procedure¹⁸⁴ was next examined. However, the prenylated product **7-50** was not obtained and the aldehyde **7-52** was recovered (Scheme 7-24).



Scheme 7-24. Model reaction using Yamamoto's protocol

7.2.2 Model compound 2

¹⁸⁴ Allylbarium in organic synthesis: unprecedented α -selective and stereospecific allylation of carbonyl compounds. Yanagisawa, A; Habaue, S; Yamamoto, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 8955-8956.

Because of the difficulty for the scalable synthesis of the aldehyde **7-52** and difficulty to induce α -prenylation product using the prenyl chloride **7-51**, we planned to prepare a new model **7-78** to quickly test cationic cyclization of the substrate containing vinylsilane allyl alcohol moiety (Figure 7-2).

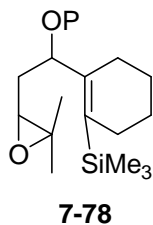
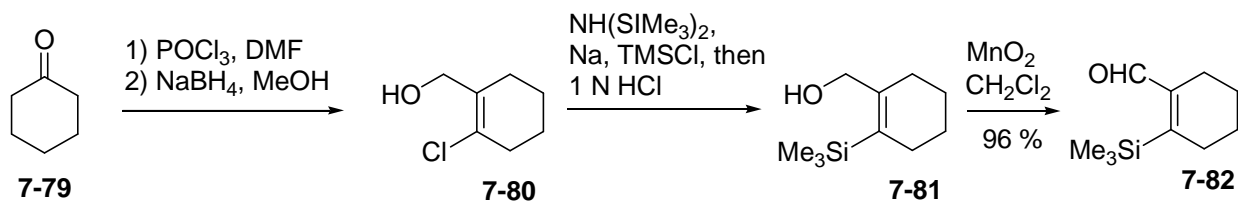


Figure 7-2. A new model compound

7.2.2.1 Preparation of the epoxide **7-78**

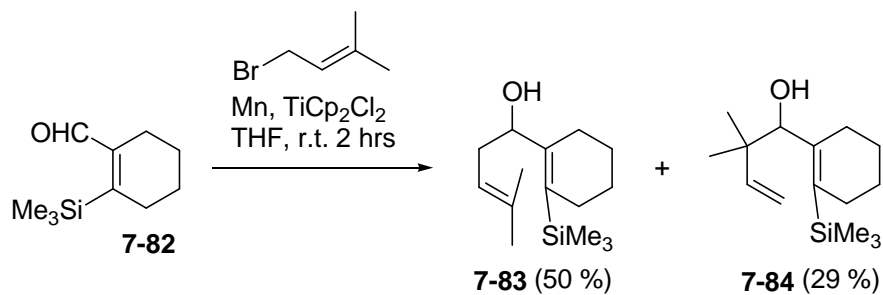
The α,β -unsaturated aldehyde **7-82** was prepared from the known alcohol¹⁸⁵ in gram scale (scheme 7-25).



Scheme 7-25. 4-Step synthesis of the aldehyde **7-82**

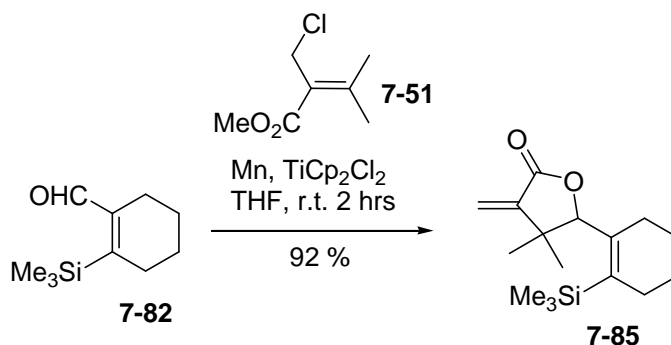
Next, we tried Ti-mediated Barbier reaction of the aldehyde **7-82** and prenyl bromide by adapting Oltra's protocol.²⁴ As a result, the isomeric α -prenylated alcohol **83** and γ -prenylated alcohol **84** were isolated in 50 and 29 % yield, respectively (Scheme 7-26).

¹⁸⁵ Highly Regio- and Diastereoselective One-Pot Synthesis of Silyl Epoxy Alcohols and Vinylsilanes by Direct Hydroxy-Epoxidation. Adam, W.; Richter, M. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 3341-3346.



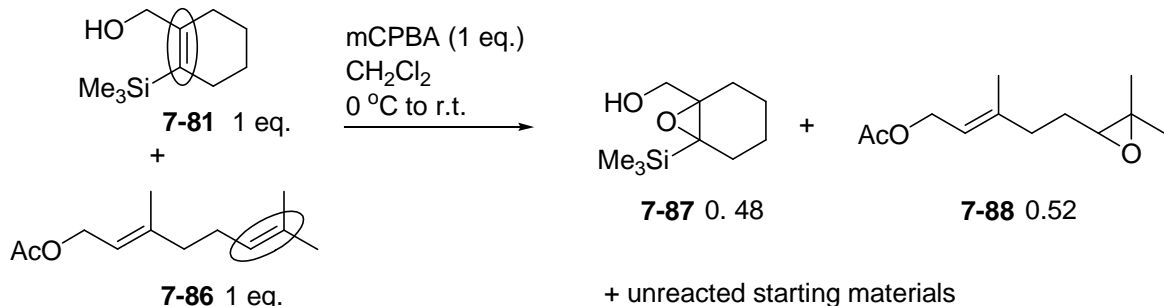
Scheme 7-26. The Ti-mediated prenylation of the model aldehyde **7-82**

However, the coupling reaction of prenyl chloride **7-51** and the aldehyde **7-82** under the same conditions only produced γ -prenylation product **7-85** (Scheme 7-27).



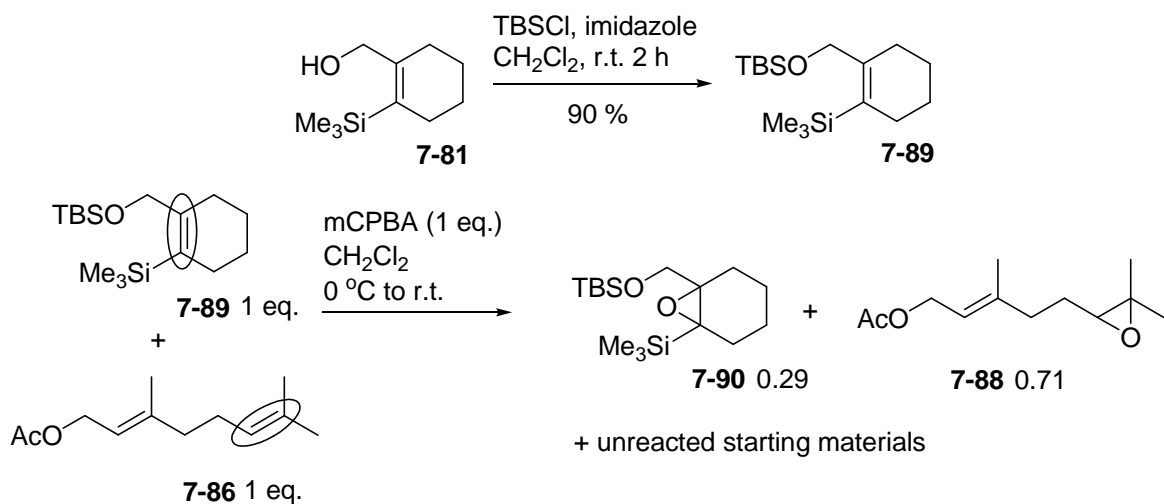
Scheme 7-27. The Ti-mediated coupling reaction of the aldehyde **7-82** and prenyl chloride **7-51**

The selective epoxidation for the alcohol **7-83** and its derivatives was examined by a series of cross-reactivity experiments. When two substrates **7-81** and **7-86** were subjected to *m*-CPBA, the tetrasubstituted olefin of **7-81** and the terminal trisubstituted olefin of **7-86** almost equally reacted, generating corresponding epoxides **7-87** and **7-88** (Scheme 7-28).



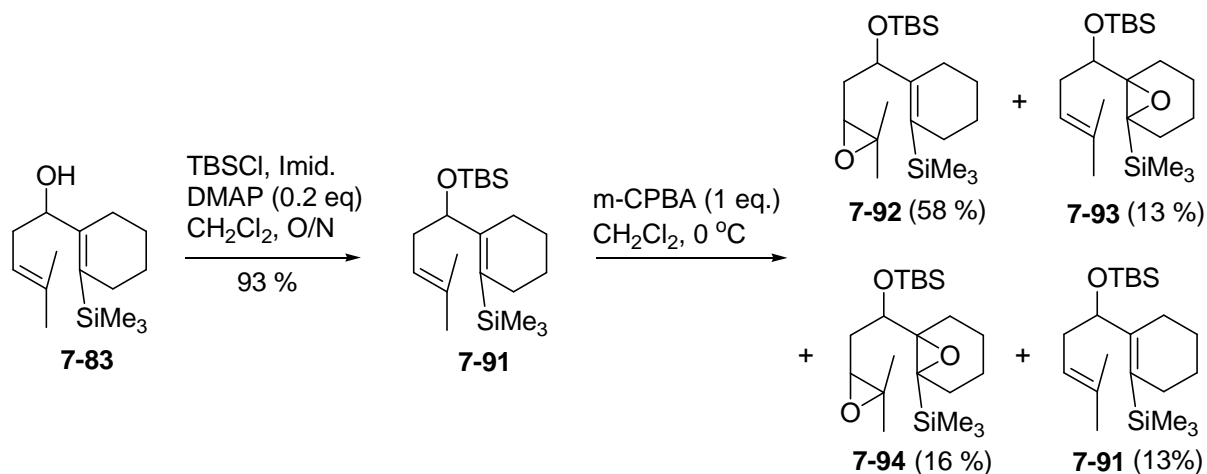
Scheme 7-28. Relative reactivity for the oxidation of the alcohol **7-81**

When the silyl ether **7-89** was subjected to the same oxidation conditions, the ratio was considerably changed, presumably due to steric hindrance (Scheme 7-29).



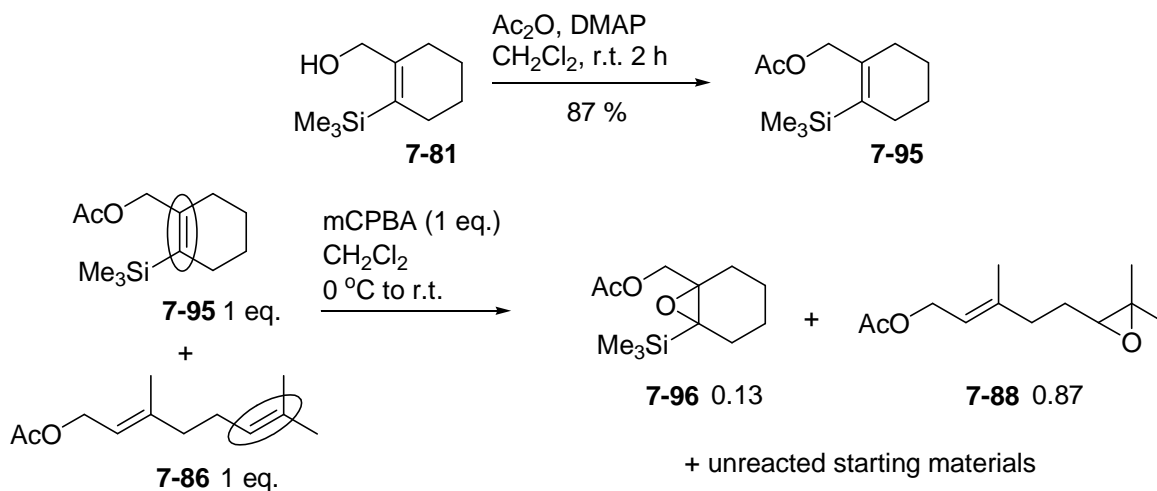
Scheme 7-29. Relative reactivity for the oxidation of the silyl ether **7-89**

This preliminary result led us to prepare the TBS-protected alcohol **7-91**. The ratio of the resulting epoxidized products in ^1H nmr was 0.58 (**7-92**): 0.13 (**7-93**): 0.16 (**7-94**). Although the selective formation of monoepoxide **93** is achieved, the difficulty of separation did not allow us to use the substrate **7-91** (Scheme 7-30).



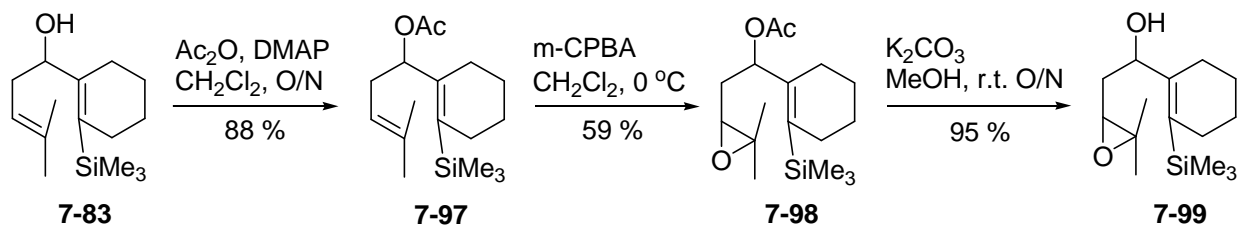
Scheme 7-30. Selective epoxidation of the silyl ether **7-91**

We needed to find another protecting group that is able to give the selectivity and easiness of separation. Therefore, the acetate **7-95** was examined for the selective epoxidation. As a result, the epoxidation of trisubstituted olefin of **7-86** was even more selective than deactivated tetrasubstituted olefin of **7-95** (Scheme 7-31).



Scheme 7-31. Relative reactivity for the oxidation of the acetate **7-95**

The α -prenylated alcohol **7-83** was acetylated and oxidized with m-CPBA (m-chloro perbenzoic acid) to afford the epoxy acetate **7-98**. The acetyl group of the epoxide was removed by potassium carbonate, affording the epoxy alcohol **7-99** (Scheme 7-32).

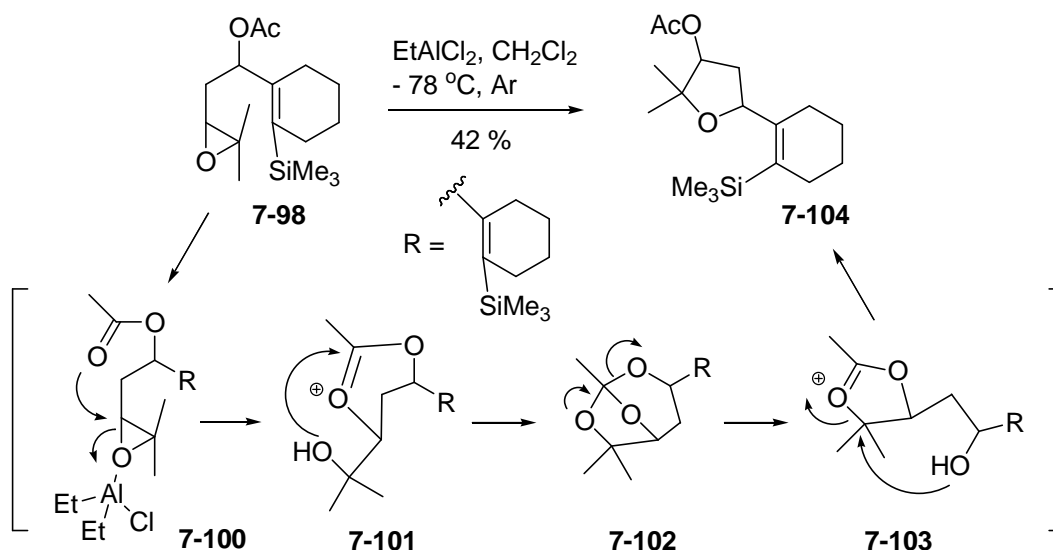


Scheme 7-32. Synthesis of epoxy alcohol **7-99**

7.2.2.2 Examination for the cationic cyclization of the epoxy acetate **7-98**

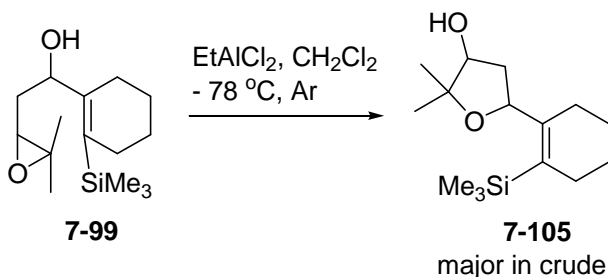
Having a model epoxide **7-98**, we examined acid-catalyzed cationic cyclization. First, the epoxide **7-98** was subjected to ethylaluminumdichloride at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. In contrast to our expectation, the cyclized product was not obtained and an unexpected product, tetrahydrofuran **7-104**, was isolated. The addition of the acetate to the carbocation followed by rearrangements was presumed to occur in this substrate (Scheme 7-33). The mechanism for this reaction was previously demonstrated by Giner et al.¹⁸⁶

¹⁸⁶ Mechanistic Studies of the Biomimetic Epoxy Ester-Orthoester and Orthoester-Cyclic Ether Rearrangements. Giner, J. -L.; Li, X.; Mullins, J. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, *68*, 10079-10086.



Scheme 7-33. EtAlCl₂-catalyzed formation of 2-acetoxypyrrole **7-104**

Not surprisingly, the acid-catalyzed cyclization of the hydroxy epoxide **7-99** also produced the furan **7-105**, which was identified by crude ¹H nmr experiment (Scheme 7-34).

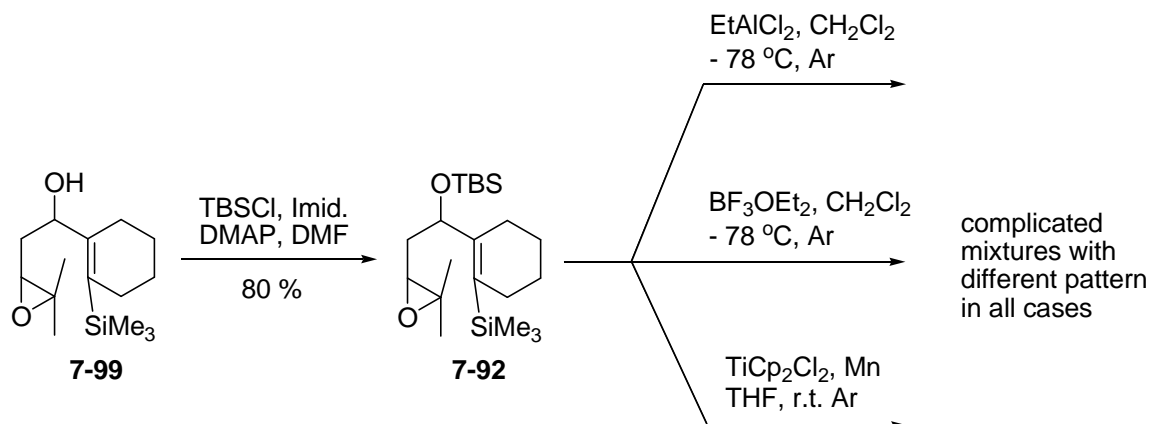


Scheme 7-34. EtAlCl₂-catalyzed synthesis of 2-hydroxypyrrole **7-105**

7.2.2.3 Examination for the cationic cyclization of TBS-protected substrate

Because both carbonyl group of epoxide **7-98** and hydroxyl group of epoxide **7-99** participated in the reaction under acid-catalyzed conditions, we needed to protect alcohol with non-reactive group. Thus, we protected the hydroxyl epoxide **7-99** with *t*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS) group and examined several conditions for cationic cyclization (Scheme 7-35). However, the conditions including Lewis acids and Ti-mediated radical reaction resulted in production of complex

mixtures. The interpretation of the resulting products did not show any evidence that is able to explain the existence of the cyclized products (Scheme 7-34).



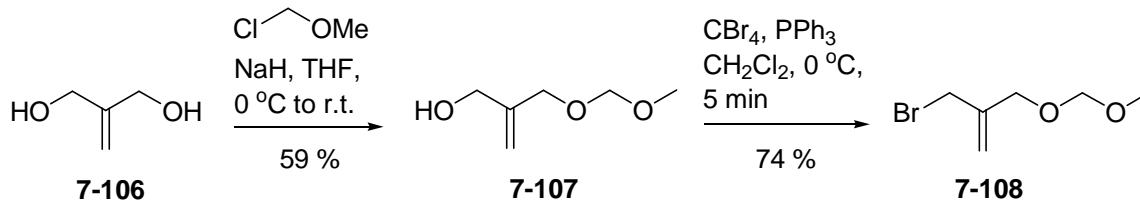
Scheme 7-35. Examinations for the catalytic cyclization of the silyl ether **7-95**

7.2.3 Model compound 3

The polyolefin cyclization of epoxides containing allylic alcohol was frustrated by the participation of the oxo-functionality under acidic conditions. In addition, the interpretation of the products formed from a diastereomeric mixture **7-91** was not easy. Thus, we sought for alternative substrates that are not only able to give simpler stereochemical results, but also to guarantee short-steps synthesis.

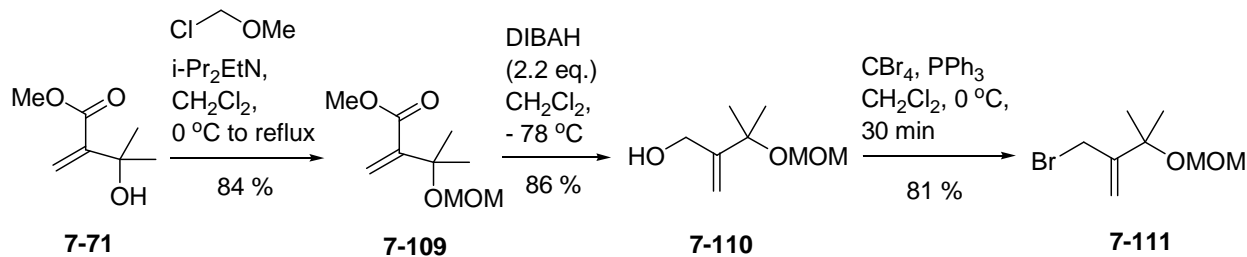
For example, we decided to use an allylic alcohol or MOM-ether as the initiating group. The allyl halides were prepared by the known procedures. First, a monoprotected alcohol **7-107** was prepared in 59 % yield by treating 2-methylene-1,3-propanediol with 1 eq. of sodium hydride and chloromethoxymethane. Next, MOM-protected alcohol **7-107** was brominated by treating carbon tetrabromide and triphenylphosphine, giving the allyl bromide **7-108** in 74 % yield¹⁸⁷ (Scheme 7-36).

¹⁸⁷ Total Syntheses of Natural Tubelactomicins B, D, and E: Establishment of Their Stereochemistries. Sawamura, K.; Yoshida, K.; Suzuki, A.; Motozaki, T.; Kozawa, I.; Hayamizu, T.; Munakata, R.; Takao, K. –I.; Tadano, K. –I. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, *62*, 6143-6148.



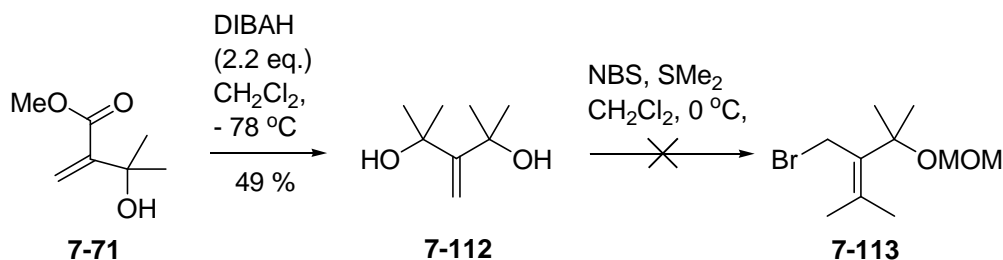
Scheme 7-36. Synthesis of MOM-protected allylic bromide **7-108**

Second, the bromide **7-111** was prepared from tert-alcohol **7-110** (Scheme 7-37). MOM-protection of the alcohol **7-71** followed by DIBAH reduction of the ester **7-109** gave the allyl alcohol **7-110** (72 % for 2 steps).



Scheme 7-37. Synthesis of MOM-protected allylic bromide **7-111**

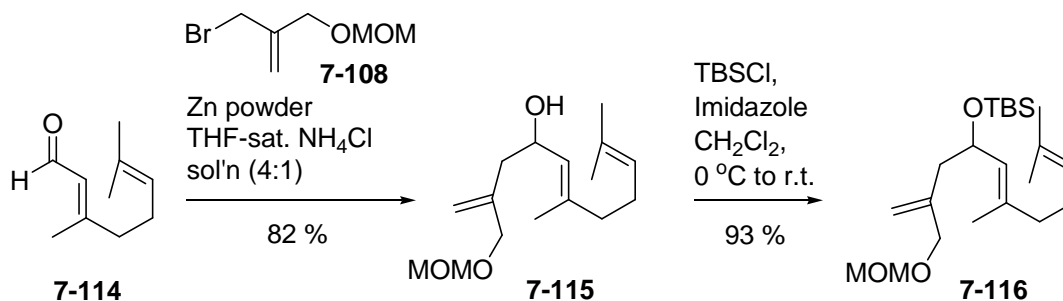
Third, the synthesis of the bromide **7-113** was attempted. The reduction of the methyl ester **7-71** with DIBAL-H provided di-tert-alcohol **7-112** in 49 % yield. However, the bromination procedure using NBS/SMe₂ gave a complicated mixture, discouraging the use of attractive bromide **7-113** (Scheme 7-38).



Scheme 7-38. Attempt to synthesize the allyl bromide **7-113**

7.2.3.1 Synthesis of a model compound using geranialdehyde

Although the backbone of a Barbier adduct derived from the geranial is different from the previous model compounds, the easy access to the Barbier adduct is attractive. The zinc-mediated Barbier reaction of the geranial **7-114** with allyl bromide **7-108** was performed by adapting Handy's protocol.¹⁸⁸ This Barbier reaction in THF-saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution with excess zinc powder (2.5 eq.) furnished the alcohol **7-115** in 82 % yield. Then, the resulting secondary allyl alcohol **7-115** was protected by a TBS group (Scheme 7-39).



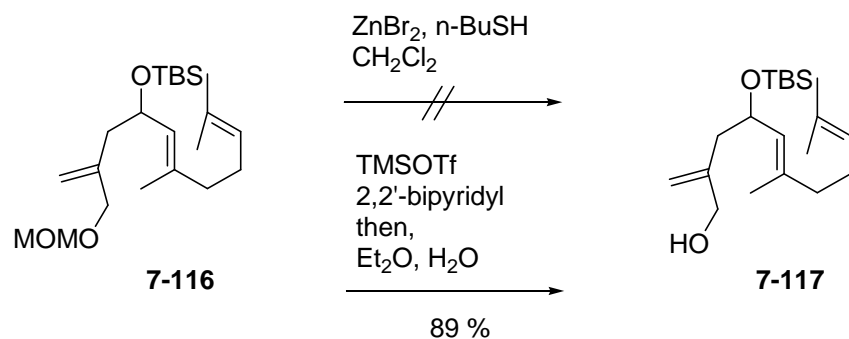
Scheme 7-39. Synthesis of silyl ether **7-116** from the geranialdehyde

We next tried MOM-deprotection of the silyl ether **7-116**. The conditions using zinc bromide with n-butanethiol in dichloromethane¹⁸⁹ provided a complicated mixture. When a non-acidic condition with TMSOTf and 2,2'-bipyridyl was applied,¹⁹⁰ we obtained the deprotected alcohol **7-117** (Scheme 7-40).

¹⁸⁸ Regioselective Barbier reactions of 2-bromomethylcyclohexenone. Manchanayakage, R.; Handy, S. T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2007**, *48*, 3819-3822.

¹⁸⁹ A facile method for the rapid and selective deprotection of methoxymethyl (MOM) ethers. Han, J. H.; Kwon, Y. E.; Sohn, J. H.; Ryu, D. H. *Tetrahedron* **2010**, *66*, 1673-1677.

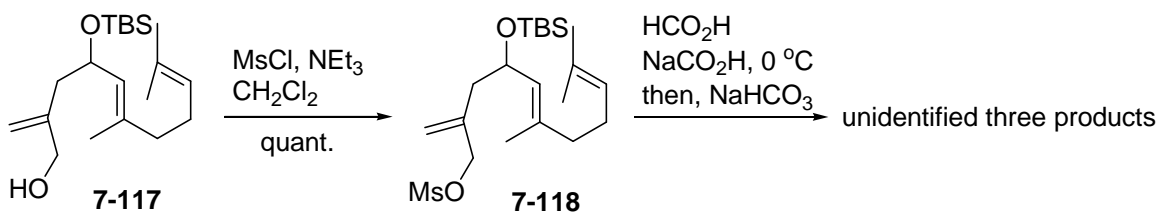
¹⁹⁰ Remarkable effect of 2,2'-bipyridyl: mild and highly chemoselective deprotection of methoxymethyl (MOM) ethers in combination with TMSOTf (TESOTf)-2,2'-bipyridyl. Fujioka, H; Kubo, O.; Senami, K.; Minamitsujia, Y; Maegawa, T. *Chem. Commun.* **2009**, 4429-4431.



Scheme 7-40. MOM-deprotection of the silyl ether **7-116**

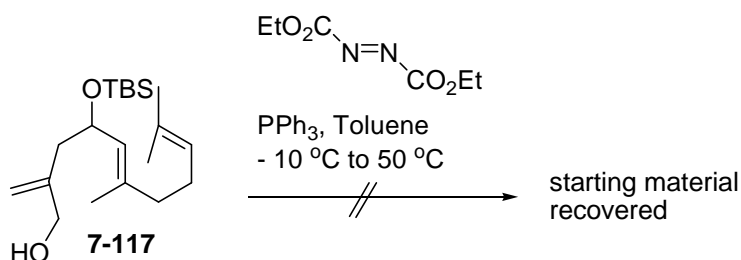
7.2.3.2 Test of the polyene cyclization of the allyl alcohol **7-117**

We anticipated that the mesylate of allylic alcohol **7-117** could be cyclized by solvolysis. By adapting Johnson's conditions² using formic acid as a solvent to initiate and terminate the reaction, we examined the formolysis of the mesylate **7-118**. The allylic alcohol **7-117** was treated with mesyl chloride to successfully provide the mesylate **7-118** in quantitative yield. Then, the mesylate **7-118** was treated with 97 % formic acid with sodium formate, which resulted in three major products (Scheme 7-41). The exact structure of these products are not yet determined.



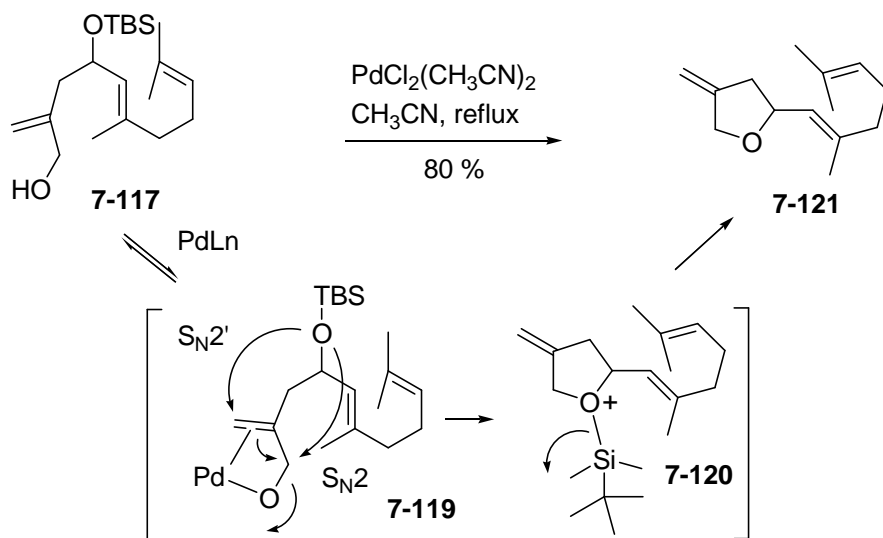
Scheme 7-41. Formolysis of the mesylate **7-118**

Next, we applied the Mitsunobu reaction to the allyl alcohol **7-117**. The application of the Mitsunobu reaction to polyolefin cyclization have not been explored. We hoped that the allylic alcohol is would be activated to give an allyl cationic species under the Mitsunobu conditions. However, the cyclized products were not observed and the starting material was recovered (Scheme 7-42).



Scheme 7-42. Mitsunobu reaction of the allyl alcohol **7-117**

Pd(II)-catalyzed activation of allylic alcohols to π -allyl complex has been reported for the application to the intramolecular carbocyclization.¹⁹¹ We anticipated that Pd catalyst could initiate the reaction by activating the allylic alcohol, which would induce a tandem Heck-type cyclization. The allylic alcohol **7-117** was subjected to the catalytic $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2$ in refluxing acetonitrile. Interestingly, the resulting product was the 5-methylene-hydrofuran **7-121**. The alcohol of π -complex was presumed to be substituted with oxygen of the silyl ether via $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ or $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'$ pathway (Scheme 7-43).



Scheme 7-43. Pd-catalyzed activation of allylic alcohol

¹⁹¹ Direct Syntheses of Polyfused Ring Systems by Intramolecular Tandem Palladium-Ene/Heck Insertion Reactions. Oppolzer, W.; DeVita, R. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 6256-6257.

7.3 Conclusion

In the retrosynthesis of previous chapter 5, we designated the key intermediate for acid-catalyzed polyolefin cyclization. The key substrate **7-1** has an allyl alcohol and vinyl silane in its structure. We thought that the acid-catalyzed cyclization of the substrate **7-1** would not be trivial in view of the reactivity of functional groups. Thus, we sought to find optimized reaction conditions.

We have discussed the polyene cyclization of several model compounds that are related to the key intermediate.

First, we wanted to have a model compound **7-49** that contains tetramethylallyl cation precursor as the good initiating group. Although the synthesis of the aldehyde **7-52** was completed, the α -selective prenylation of the aldehyde **7-52** was not achieved. Therefore, we could not test acid-catalyzed polycyclization reaction.

Second, we prepared simpler model compounds by using the known aldehyde **7-82**. The α -selective prenylated alcohol **7-83** was converted to epoxy ethers **7-87** and **7-95**. Then, we examined acid-catalyzed epoxide opening followed by carbocyclization of epoxy ether **7-87**. However, the acetyl group of **7-87** participated in the reaction, which resulted in the production of the 2-acetoxypyrrole **7-104**. In case of polycyclization of the epoxy silyl ether **7-95**, a complicated mixture was obtained. The difficulty for the interpretation of the resulting inseparable mixture didn't allow us to claim that we got cyclized products.

In the third model compounds, we decided to use allyl alcohols as initiating groups. Thus, we planned to prepare three allyl bromides which would be used for Barbier reactions. Also, we chose geraniol as an easily accessible starting material. The model alcohol **7-117** was prepared by a 3-step sequence from the geraniol. Then, we applied several conditions including formolysis, Mitsunobu reaction, and Pd(II)-catalyzed tandem cyclization. However, a product of cationic polyene cyclization was not isolated in any case.

Although we have not been able to induce model substrates to carbocyclization products, we have figured out reactivity of our model compounds. The systematic examination using transition metal complex or organo catalysts upon protected substrate of the model alcohols should be investigated.

7.4 Experimental Section

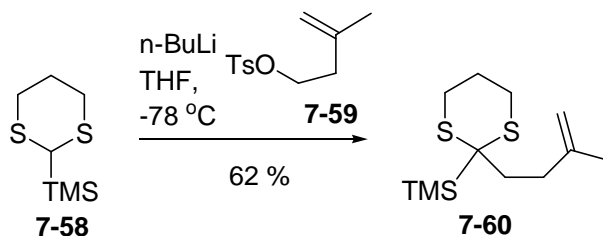
General Information

Reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Fisher Scientific, Acros Organics. Unless otherwise noted, solid reagents were used without further purification. All air- and moisture sensitive reactions were performed under a positive pressure of dry argon in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. All moisture sensitive solution and anhydrous solvents were transferred *via* standard syringe and cannula techniques. Concentration of solutions was accomplished with a Buchi rotary evaporator evacuated by a water aspirator. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl and dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under argon gas.

All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Whatman 250µm layer aluminum silica gel plates. Spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm) or by staining with a 10 % solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol and the heating. Flash chromatography was carried out with Fisher brand silica gel (170-400 mesh).

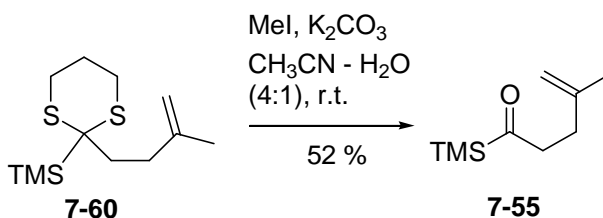
Infrared spectra were recorded with a Galaxy Series FT-IR 3000 infrared spectrophotometer. Samples were scanned as neat liquids on sodium chloride (NaCl) salt plates. Frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova-600 (600 MHz for ¹H), Varian Inova-400 (400 MHz for ¹H), Varian Inova-300 (300 MHz for ¹H, 75 MHz for ¹³C) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for proton NMR are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-d. Chemical shifts for carbon NMR are reported in ppm with the centerline of the triplet for chloroform-d set at 77.0 ppm. The following abbreviations are used in the experimental section for the description of ¹H-NMR spectra: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (q), multiplet (m), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of quartets (dq), and broad singlet (bs). Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Herz (Hz).

Experimental Procedure/ Characterization



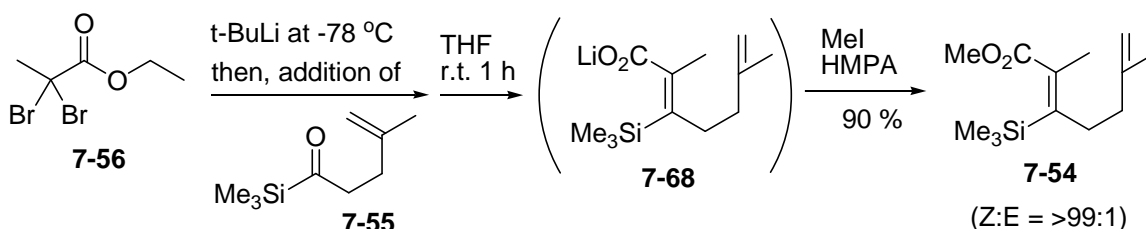
Thiane 7-60 To a stirred solution of 2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane (**7-58**, 0.43 g, 2.25 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added n-BuLi (1.48 mL, 2.36 mmol) at -78 °C under Ar. After 30 min, a solution of the tosylate **7-59** (0.57 g, 2.36 mmol) in THF was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to r.t and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl sol'n, extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the thiane **7-60** (0.36 g, 62 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.21 (s, 9 H), 1.78 (s, 3 H), 1.82 – 1.98 (m, 2 H), 2.01 – 2.10 (m, 2 H), 2.16 – 2.22 (m, 2 H), 2.31 – 2.37 (m, 2 H), 2.42 – 2.49 (m, 2 H), 3.05 (m, 2 H), 4.737 (s, 1 H), 4.741 (s, 1 H).; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.5, 22.8, 23.3, 25.1, 32.5, 35.9, 38.5, 109.9, 145.9.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1422, 1450, 1647, 2921 cm⁻¹.



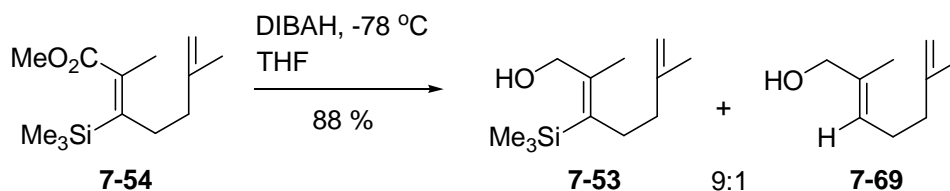
Acylsilane 7-55 To a stirred solution of dithiane 7-60 (1.64 g, 6.28 mmol) in CH₃CN (20 mL)/H₂O (5 mL) was added potassium carbonate (2.51 g, 25.1 mmol) and MeI (3.92 mL, 62.8 mmol) at r.t. under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 3 days. Then, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column

chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the acylsilane **7-55** (0.33 g, 52 %) as colorless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.21 (s, 9 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 2.74 (m, 2 H), 4.63 (m, 1 H), 4.70 (m, 1 H).; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -3.1, 22.7, 29.8, 46.5, 109.8, 144.8, 247.2.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1248, 1374, 1417, 1451, 1647 cm^{-1} .



Methyl ester 7-54 To a stirred solution of ethyl 2,2-dibromopropionate **7-55** (0.40 g, 1.55 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was slowly added $t\text{-BuLi}$ (3.88 mL, 6.20 mmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 3 h at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and allowed to warm to r.t. A solution of acylsilane **7-55** (0.22 g, 1.29 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added to the mixture. After 1.5 h, MeI (0.80 mL, 12.90 mmol) in HMPA (3 mL) was added to the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl sol'n and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the methyl ester **7-54** (0.28 g, 90 %) as colorless oil.

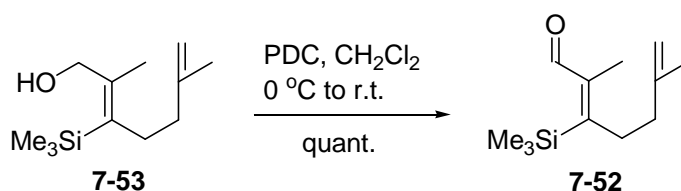
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.15 (s, 9 H), 1.76 (s, 3 H), 1.93 (m, 2 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 4.72 (s, 1 H), 4.73 (s, 1 H).; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.4, 15.5, 22.4, 31.9, 36.8, 51.5, 110.1, 137.3, 145.4, 153.3, 170.1.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1072, 1196, 1277, 1458, 1717 cm^{-1} .



Allyl alcohol 7-53 To a stirred solution of the ester **7-54** (0.28 g, 1.16 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added DIBAL-H (3.48 mL, 3.48 mmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. The reaction mixture was

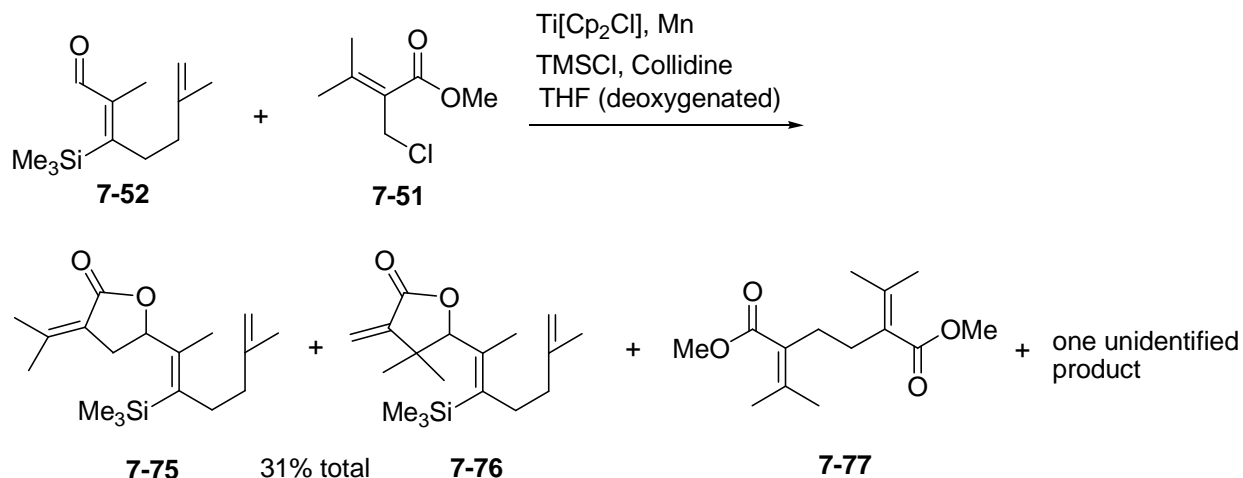
slowly warmed to 0 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water, diluted with 10 % potassium sodium tartarate solution and diethyl ether. The suspension was stirred for 1 h and partitioned. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the allyl alcohol **7-53** (0.20 g, 80 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.17 (s, 9 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H), 1.84 (s, 3 H), 1.90 (m, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 2 H), 4.14 (s, 2 H), 4.70 (m, 2 H).

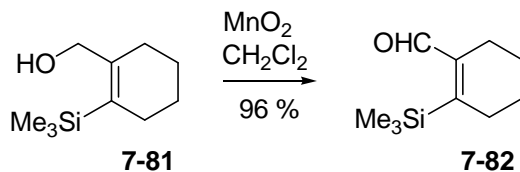


Aldehyde 7-52 To a stirred solution of allyl alcohol **7-53** (26.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added pyridinium dichlormate (PDC, 70 mg, 0.18 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 3 h. The resulting suspension was concentrated and diluted with cold ethyl ether. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated (**7-52**, 25.9 mg, quant.). The residue was directly used for the next step without further purification because ¹H nmr of that was quite clean.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.29 (s, 9 H), 1.77 (s, 3 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H), 1.96 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (m, 2 H), 4.73 (m, 1 H), 4.75 (m, 1 H), 9.94 (s, 1 H).

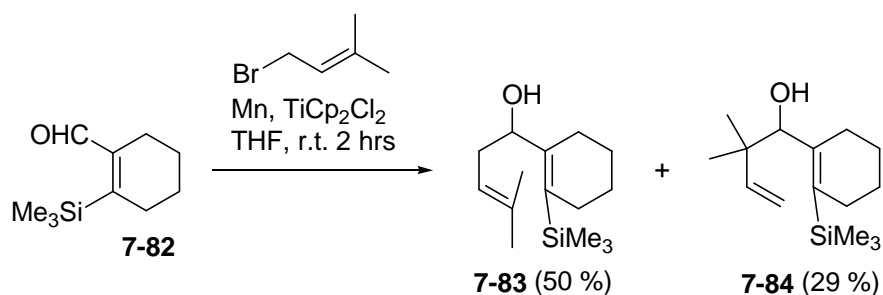


Ti-mediated α -selective prenylation of the aldehyde 7-52 A mixture of $\text{Ti}[\text{Cp}_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (6.1 mg, 24.7 μmol), Mn (54.2 mg, 0.98 mmol), collidine (0.11 mL, 0.86 mmol), and TMSCl (62.0 μL , 0.49 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was stirred for 30 min at r.t. Then, a solution of the aldehyde **7-52** (25.9 mg, 0.12 mmol) and prenylchloride **7-51** (40.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added slowly to the premixed lime-green solution over 50 min. After 11 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 2 N HCl sol'n and stirred for 30 min. The resulting suspension was filtered and the filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the inseparable mixture of **7-75**, **7-76**, and one unidentified product **7-77**. For the ratio of **7-75** and **7-76**, see spectrum.



Aldehyde 7-82 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-81** (0.50 g, 2.72 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was added MnO_2 (2.36 g, 27.2 mmol) at r.t. After 16 h, 5 equiv. of MnO_2 (1.18 g, 13.6 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 6 h. The resulting mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to give the aldehyde **7-82** (0.48 g, 96 %) as colorless oil.

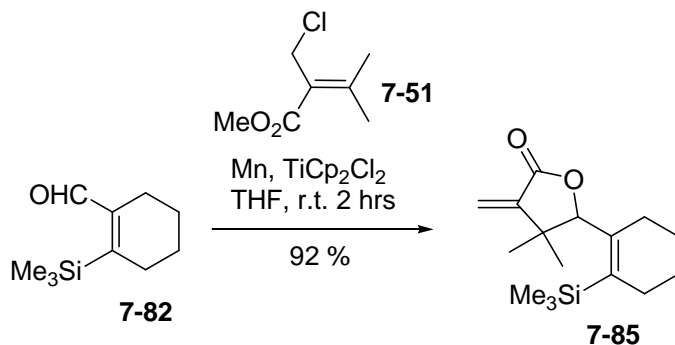
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.25 (s, 9 H), 1.60 (m, 4 H), 2.24 (m, 2 H), 2.36 (m, 2 H), 9.89 (s, 1 H).; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1206, 1252, 1430, 1675, 2935 cm^{-1} .



α -Prenylated alcohol 7-83 and γ -prenylated alcohol 7-84 A mixture of TiCp_2Cl_2 (0.50 g, 2.2 mmol) and Mn (0.49 g, 8.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was stirred for 30 min at r.t. under Ar. Then, a solution of the aldehyde **7-82** (0.18 g, 1.0 mmol) and prenyl bromide (0.29 g, 2.0 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was slowly added to the pre-mixed solution over 1.5 h by syringe pump. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO_3 and filtered. The filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the alcohols **7-83** (0.13 g, 50 %) and **7-84** (81.7 mg, 29 %) as colorless oil.

Alcohol **7-83**: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.12 (s, 9 H), 1.44 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1 H), 1.43 – 1.52 (m, 2 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.92 – 2.15 (m, 4 H), 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (m, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 5.09 (m, 1 H).

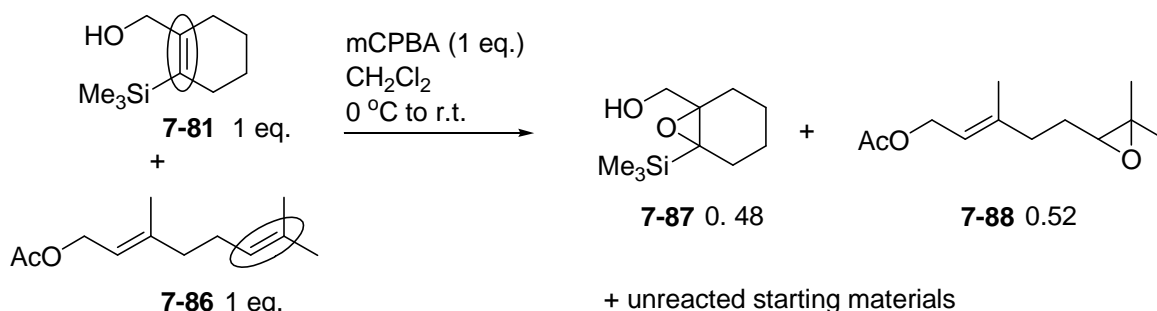
Alcohol **7-84**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.16 (s, 9 H), 1.04 (s, 3 H), 1.11 (s, 3 H), 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.90 – 2.19 (m, 4 H), 4.16 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 5.02 (s, 1 H), 5.06 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 18.0$ and 10.5 Hz, 1 H).



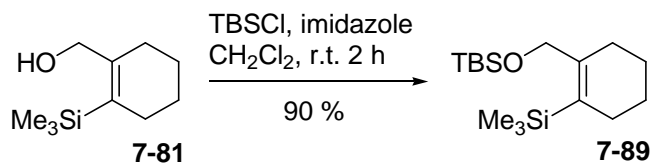
Lactone 7-85 A mixture of TiCp_2Cl_2 (0.16 g, 0.66 mmol) and Mn (0.13 g, 2.4 mmol) in THF

(10 mL) was stirred for 30 min at r.t. under Ar. Then, a solution of the aldehyde **7-82** (54.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and prenyl chloride **7-51** (72.9 mg, 0.45 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was slowly added to the pre-mixed solution over 1.5 h by syringe pump. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ and filtered. The filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the lactone **7-85** (76.6 mg, 92 %) as white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.19 (s, 9 H), 1.16 (s, 3 H), 1.26 (s, 3 H), 1.46 – 1.64 (m, 4 H), 1.80 – 2.12 (m, 4 H), 4.98 (s, 1 H), 5.43 (s, 1 H), 6.13 (s, 1 H).

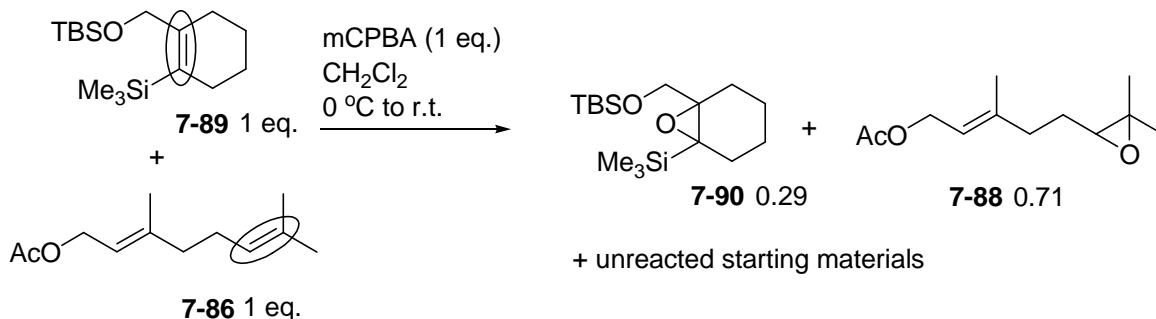


Cross experiment 1 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-81** (18.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and geranyl acetate **7-86** (19.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added m-CPBA (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. For the ratio of both epoxides **7-87** and **7-88**, see spectrum.

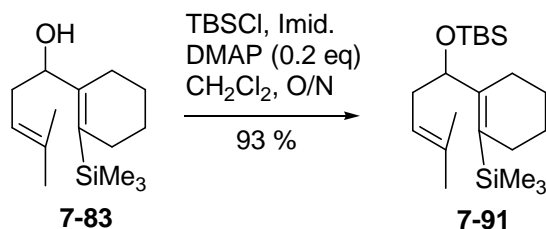


Silyl ether 7-89 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-81** (18.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added imidazole (10.2 mg, 0.15 mmol) and TBSCl (22.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) at r.t. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the silyl ether **7-89** (27.0 mg, 90 %) as colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.07 (s, 6 H), 0.11 (s, 9 H), 0.91 (s, 9 H), 1.54 (m, 4 H), 2.08 (m, 4 H), 4.10 (s, 2 H).

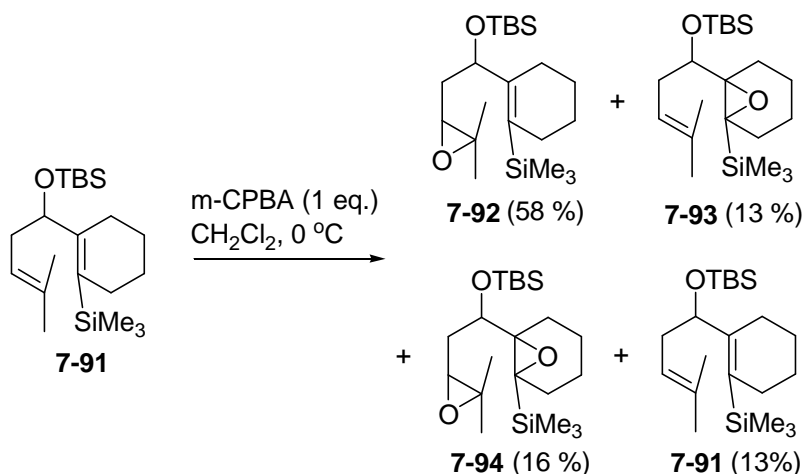


Cross experiment 2 To a stirred solution of the silyl ether **7-89** (27.0 mg, $90.4\ \mu\text{mol}$) and geranyl acetate **7-86** (17.7 mg, $90.4\ \mu\text{mol}$) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added $m\text{-CPBA}$ (20.3 mg, $90.4\ \mu\text{mol}$) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO_3 sol'n and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. For the ratio of both epoxides **7-90** and **7-88**, see spectrum.

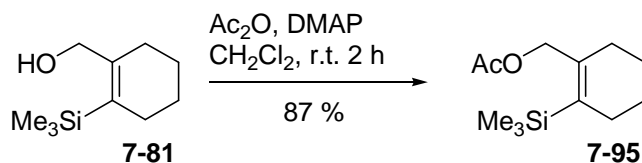


Silyl ether 7-91 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-83** (11.0 mg, $43.5\ \mu\text{mol}$) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) was added imidazole (4.4 mg, $65.2\ \mu\text{mol}$) and TBSCl (9.8 mg, $65.2\ \mu\text{mol}$) at r.t. After 1 d, the reaction mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the silyl ether **7-91** (14.8 mg, 93 %) as colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -0.01 (s, 3 H), 0.02 (s, 3 H), 0.11 (s, 9 H), 0.87 (s, 9 H), 1.49 – 1.58 (m, 4 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.69 (s, 3 H), 1.95 – 2.02 (m, 4 H), 2.92 (m, 2 H), 4.37 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 (m, 1 H).

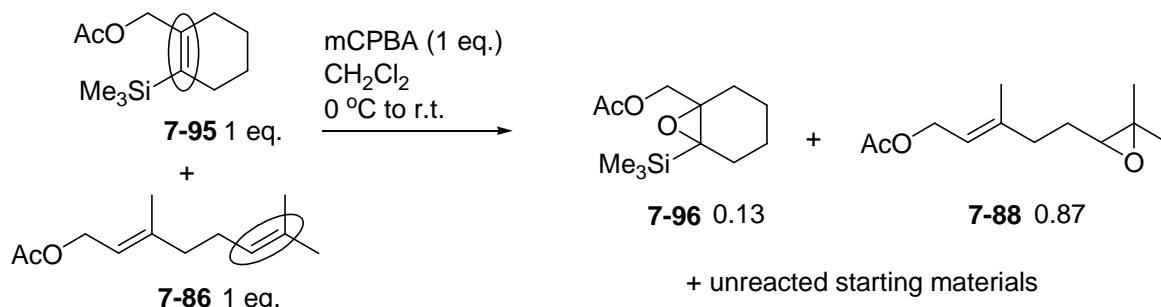


Epoxidation of the silyl ether 7-91 To a stirred solution of the silyl ether **7-91** (7.0 mg, 19.0 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added *m*-CPBA (3.3 mg, 19.0 μmol) at - 40 °C. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to r.t. over 3 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. For the ratio of epoxides **7-92**, **93**, and **94**, see spectrum.

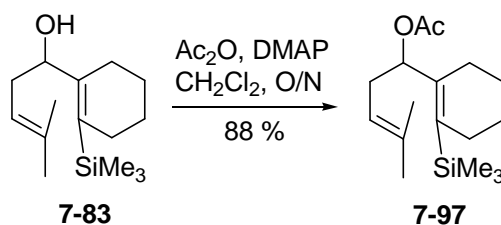


Acetate 7-95 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-81** (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added DMAP (4.9 mg, 40.0 μmol) and acetic anhydride (28.0 μL, 0.3 mmol) at r.t. and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ Sol'n, extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 40:1 to 20:1) to afford the acetate **7-95** (39.4 mg, 87 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.12 (s, 9 H), 1.51 – 1.65 (m, 4 H), 2.01 – 2.10 (m, 4 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H).

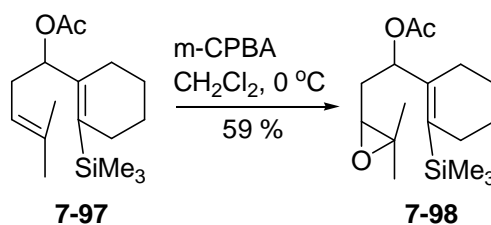


Cross experiment 3 To a stirred solution of the acetate **7-95** (15.0 mg, 66.2 μ mol) and geranyl acetate **7-86** (13.0 mg, 66.2 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added m-CPBA (14.8 mg, 66.2 μ mol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 2 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. For the ratio of both epoxides **7-96** and **7-88**, see spectrum.



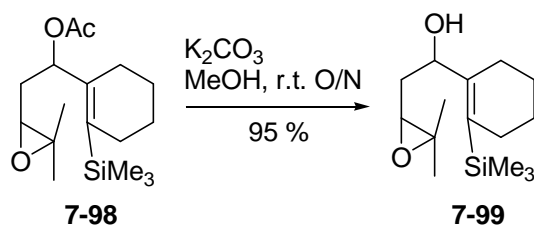
Acetate 7-97 To a stirred solution of the alcohol **7-83** (25.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added DMAP (2.4 mg, 20.0 μ mol) and acetic anhydride (14.1 μ L, 0.15 mmol) at r.t. and the mixture was stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ Sol'n, extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the acetate **7-97** (23.0 mg, 78 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.13 (s, 9 H), 1.46 – 1.60 (m, 4 H), 1.63 (s, 3 H), 1.68 (s, 3 H), 2.01 (s, 3 H), 2.07 – 2.18 (m, 5 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 4.99 (m, 1 H), 5.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H).



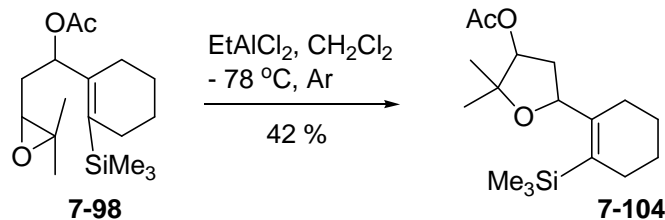
Epoxy acetate 7-98 To a stirred solution of the acetate **7-97** (83.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was added m-CPBA (69.4 mg, 0.31 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford the epoxy acetate **7-98** (51.8 mg, 59 %) as an inseparable cis- and trans-diastereomers.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.17 (s, 9 H), 0.18 (s, 4.5 H), 1.26 (s, 1.5 H), 1.27 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (s, 4.5 H), 1.49 – 1.61 (m, 4.5 H), 1.76 – 2.17 (m, 10.5 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 7.0 and 4.5 Hz, 0.5 H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 8.0 and 6.0 Hz, 0.5 H).



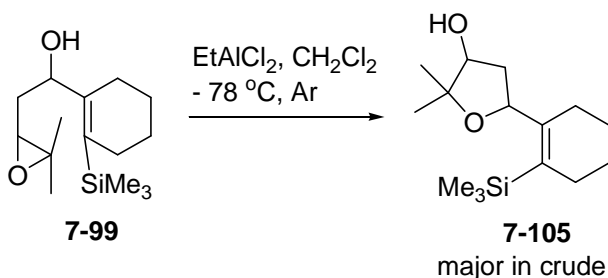
Epoxy alcohol 7-99 To a stirred solution of the epoxy acetate **7-98** (41.7 mg, 0.13 mmol) in MeOH (1.0 mL) was added potassium carbonate (18.5 mg, 0.13 mmol) at r.t. After 15 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl sol'n and extracted with ethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the epoxy alcohol **7-99** (34.2 mg, 95 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.15 (s, 9 H), 1.28 (s, 3 H), 1.33 (s, 3 H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.42 – 1.73 (m, 5 H), 1.93 – 2.09 (m, 4 H), 2.26 (m, 1 H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 7.2 and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (m, 1 H).



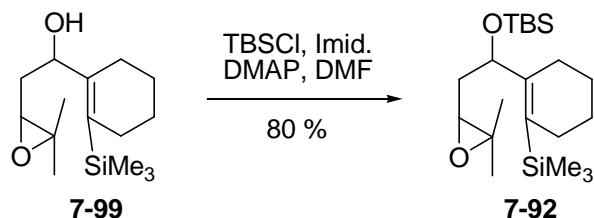
2-Acetoxyfuran 7-104 To a stirred solution of the epoxy acetate **7-98** (14.0 mg, 45.0 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) was added ethylaluminum dichloride (0.9 M in heptane, 0.10 mL, 90.0 μmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with wet triethylamine and diluted with water. The resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 30:1 to 10:1) to afford the 2-acetoxyfuran **7-104** (5.8 mg, 42 %) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.12 (s, 9 H), 1.23 (s, 3 H), 1.24 (s, 3 H), 1.46 (m, 1 H), 1.54 – 1.67 (m, 4 H), 1.86 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 8.4,$ and 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.97 – 2.02 (m, 1 H), 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 2.26 (m, 1 H), 2.39 (dt, $J = 13.6$ and 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.71 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 7.2$ and 4.2 Hz, 1 H).; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.5, 21.0, 21.1, 22.4, 22.5, 23.3, 25.2, 29.7, 36.7, 77.8, 79.7, 81.7, 136.0, 145.2, 170.6.; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1044, 1248, 1373, 1613, 1741 cm^{-1} .



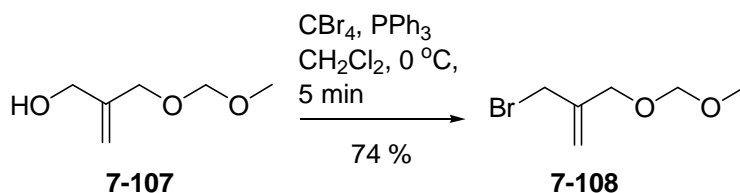
2-Hydroxyfuran 7-105 To a stirred solution of the epoxy alcohol **7-99** (5.4 mg, 20.1 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) was added ethylaluminum dichloride (0.9 M in heptane, 44.6 μmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with wet triethylamine and diluted with water. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The ^1H nmr of the crude product was obtained without silica gel chromatography. As a result, the same pattern of the nmr spectrum indicated the

presence of the 2-hydroxyfuran **7-105** as a major product. See spectrum.



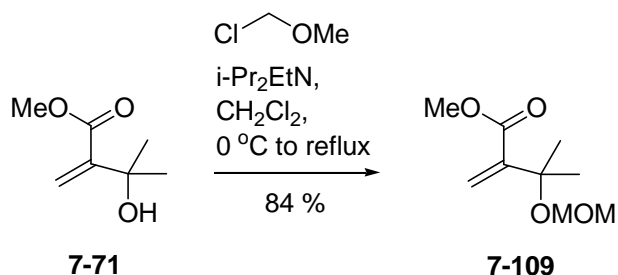
Silyl ether 7-92 To a stirred solution of the epoxy alcohol **7-99** (10.0 mg, 37.2 μmol) in DMF (1.0 mL) was added imidazole (5.1 mg, 74.4 μmol) and TBSCl (8.4 mg, 55.8 μmol) at r.t. under Ar. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the silyl ether **7-92** (13.5 mg, 95 %) as an inseparable mixture of cis- and trans-diastereomers.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.02 (s, 1.5 H), 0.06 (s, 1.5 H), 0.08 (s, 1.5 H), 0.11 (s, 1.5 H), 0.148 (s, 4.5 H), 0.153 (s, 4.5 H), 0.88 (s, 4.5 H), 0.89 (s, 4.5 H), 1.26 (s, 1.5 H), 1.27 (s, 1.5 H), 1.29 (s, 1.5 H), 1.31 (s, 1.5 H), 1.36 – 1.68 (m, 5 H), 1.78 – 2.13 (m, 4 H), 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.76 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 0.5 H), 2.87 (dd, $J = 6.9$ and 4.8 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.64 (m, 1 H).



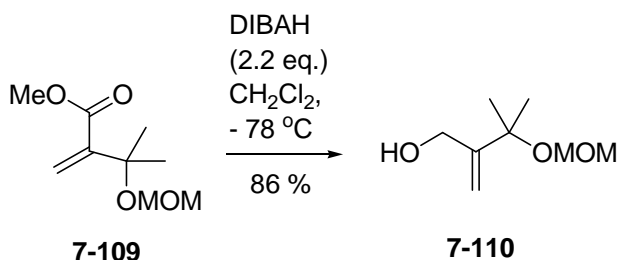
Allyl bromide 7-108 To a stirred solution of allyl alcohol **7-107** (0.34 g, 2.56 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL) was added CBr_4 (1.03 g, 3.09 mmol) and PPh_3 (0.88 g, 3.35 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the allyl bromide **7-108** (0.37 g, 74 %) as colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.40 (s, 3 H), 4.04 (s, 2 H), 4.19 (s, 2 H), 4.66 (s, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 1 H), 5.34 (s, 1 H).



Methyl ester 7-109 To a stirred solution of tert-alcohol **7-71** (0.47 g, 3.26 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8.0 mL) was added diisopropylethylamine (1.08 mL, 6.52 mmol) and MOMCl (0.37 mL, 4.89 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 40 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to r.t., quenched with sat. NH₄Cl sol'n, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the MOM-ether **7-109** (0.51 g, 84 %) as colorless oil.

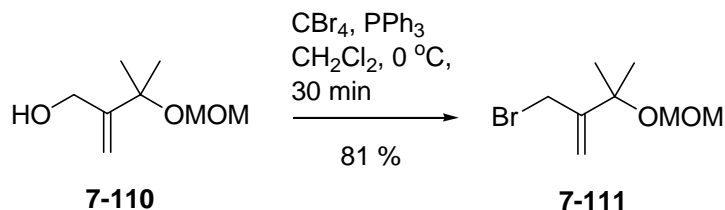
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.53 (s, 6 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1 H).



Allyl alcohol 7-110 To a stirred solution of MOM-ether **7-109** (0.42 g, 2.21 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexane, 4.64 mL, 4.64 mmol) at – 78 °C under Ar. After 20 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH and diluted with 10 % potassium sodium tartarate sol'n and diethyl ether (50 mL). The mixture was stirred for 1 h and partitioned. The aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford the allyl alcohol **7-110** (0.25 g, 86 %) as colorless oil.

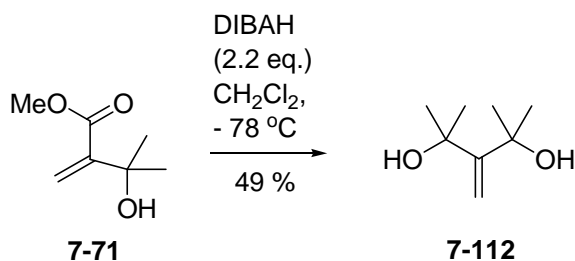
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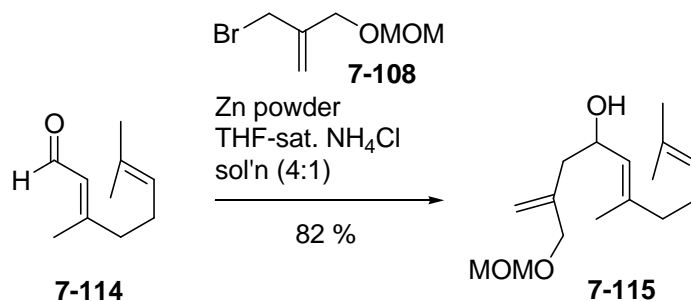
Allyl bromide 7-111 To a stirred solution of allyl alcohol **7-110** (80.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4.0 mL) was added CBr_4 (0.20 g, 0.60 mmol) and PPh_3 (0.17 g, 0.65 mmol) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. After 20 min, the reaction mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the allyl bromide **7-111** (90.7 mg, 81 %) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.45 (s, 6 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 4.06 (s, 2 H), 4.59 (s, 2 H), 5.40 (s, 1 H), 5.51 (s, 1 H).



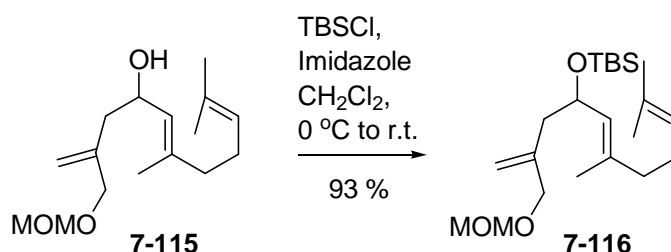
Diol 7-112 To a stirred solution of the tert-alcohol **7-71** (40.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) in diethyl ether (1.0 mL) was added MeLi (1.6 M in diethyl ether, 0.61 mL, 0.97 mmol) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to r.t. over 2 h and quenched with sat. NH_4Cl sol'n. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the diol **7-112** (19.5 mg, 49 %) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.48 (s, 6 H), 3.33 (s, 1 H), 4.90 (s, 1 H).



Allyl alcohol 7-115 A mixture of (E)-geranialdehyde **7-114** (0.12 g, 0.78 mmol), allyl bromide **7-108** (0.23 g, 1.17 mmol), and Zn (0.13 g, 1.95 mmol) in THF (0.8 mL)/ sat. NH₄Cl sol'n (0.4 mL) was stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the allyl alcohol **7-115** (0.17 g, 82 %) as colorless oil.

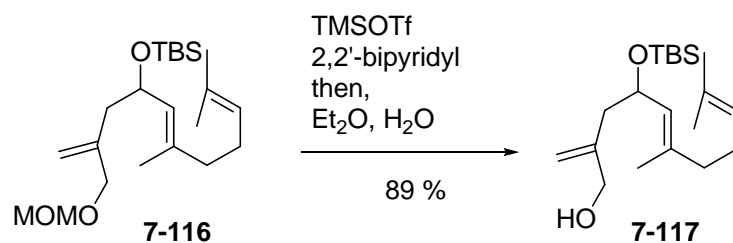
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Silyl ether 7-116 To a stirred solution of the allyl alcohol **7-115** (0.17 g, 0.63 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added imidazole (0.13 g, 1.90 mmol) and TBSCl (0.14 g, 0.95 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. Then, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water and brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the silyl ether **7-116** (0.23 g, 93 %) as colorless oil.

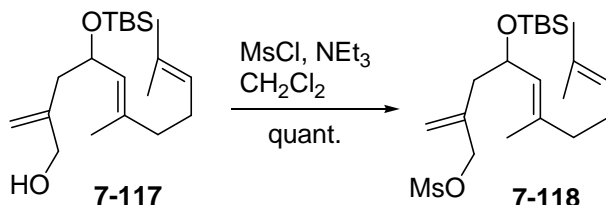
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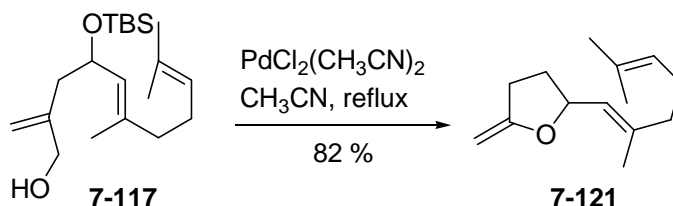
Allyl alcohol 7-117 To a stirred solution of the silyl ether **7-116** (76.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and bioyridiyl (93.7 mg, 0.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added dropwise TMSOTf (72.0 μL, 0.4 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 30 min. Then, the reaction mixture was treated with water (3 mL)/diethyl ether (3 mL) and stirred overnight. The resulting bilayer was partitioned and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic solution was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the allyl alcohol **7-117** (60.5 mg, 89 %) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.03 (s, 3 H), 0.05 (s, 3 H), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.62 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.70 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 3 H), 1.97 – 2.09 (m, 4 H), 2.28 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2 H), 4.07 (s, 2 H), 4.53 (dt, $J = 8.4$ and 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.85 (m, 1 H), 5.05 – 5.18 (m, 4 H).



Mesylate 7-118 To a stirred solution of the allyl alcohol **7-117** (38.3 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added triethylamine (31.4 μL, 0.22 mmol) and MsCl (13.1 μL, 0.17 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether and washed with water, 1N HCl, and sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.003 (s, 3 H), 0.015 (s, 3 H), 0.86 (s, 9 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.63 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (s, 3 H), 1.99 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.22 (dd, $J = 13.8$ and 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.27 (dd, $J = 13.8$ and 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 4.51 (m, 1 H), 4.71 (s, 2 H), 5.07 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (s, 1 H), 5.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.23 (s, 1 H).

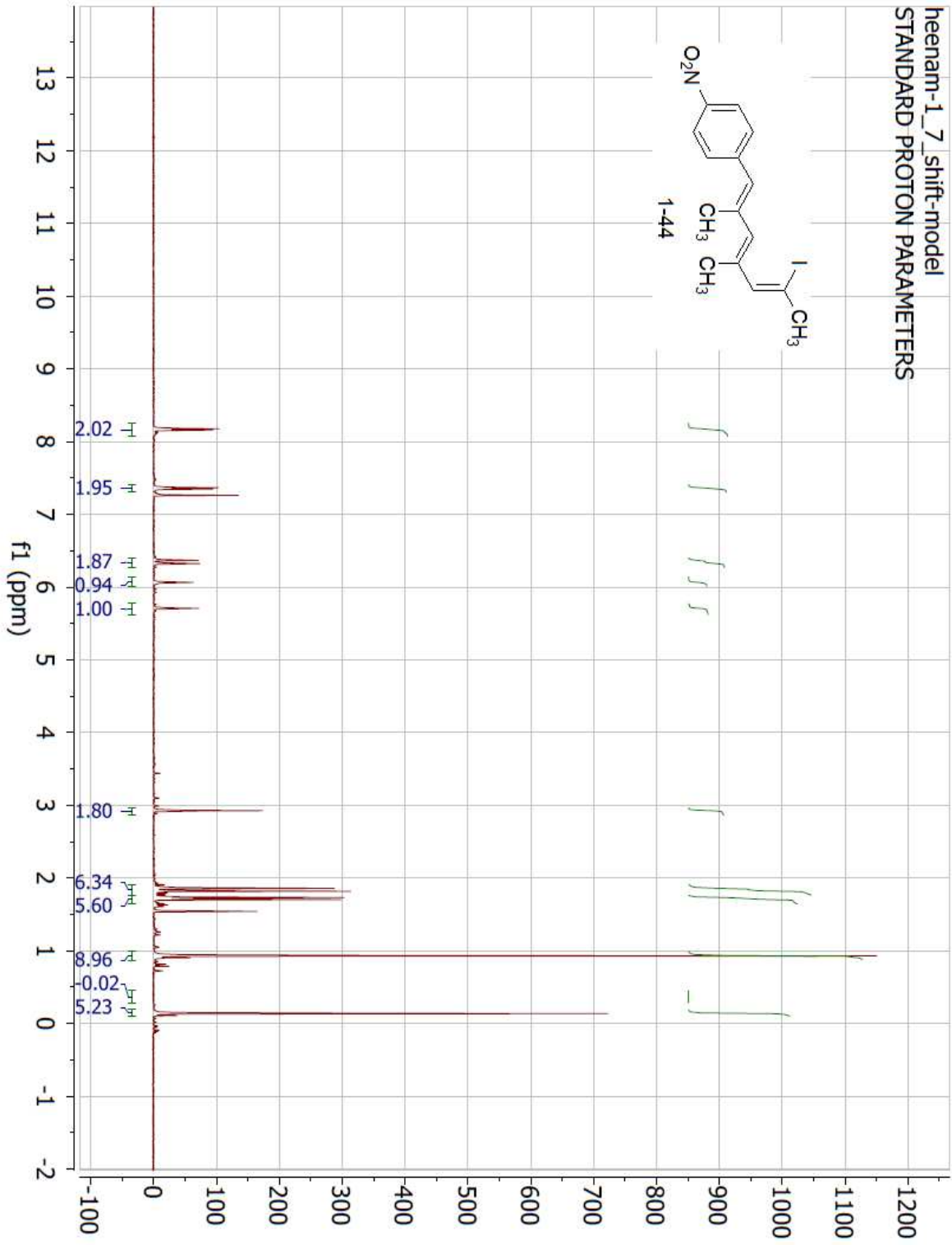


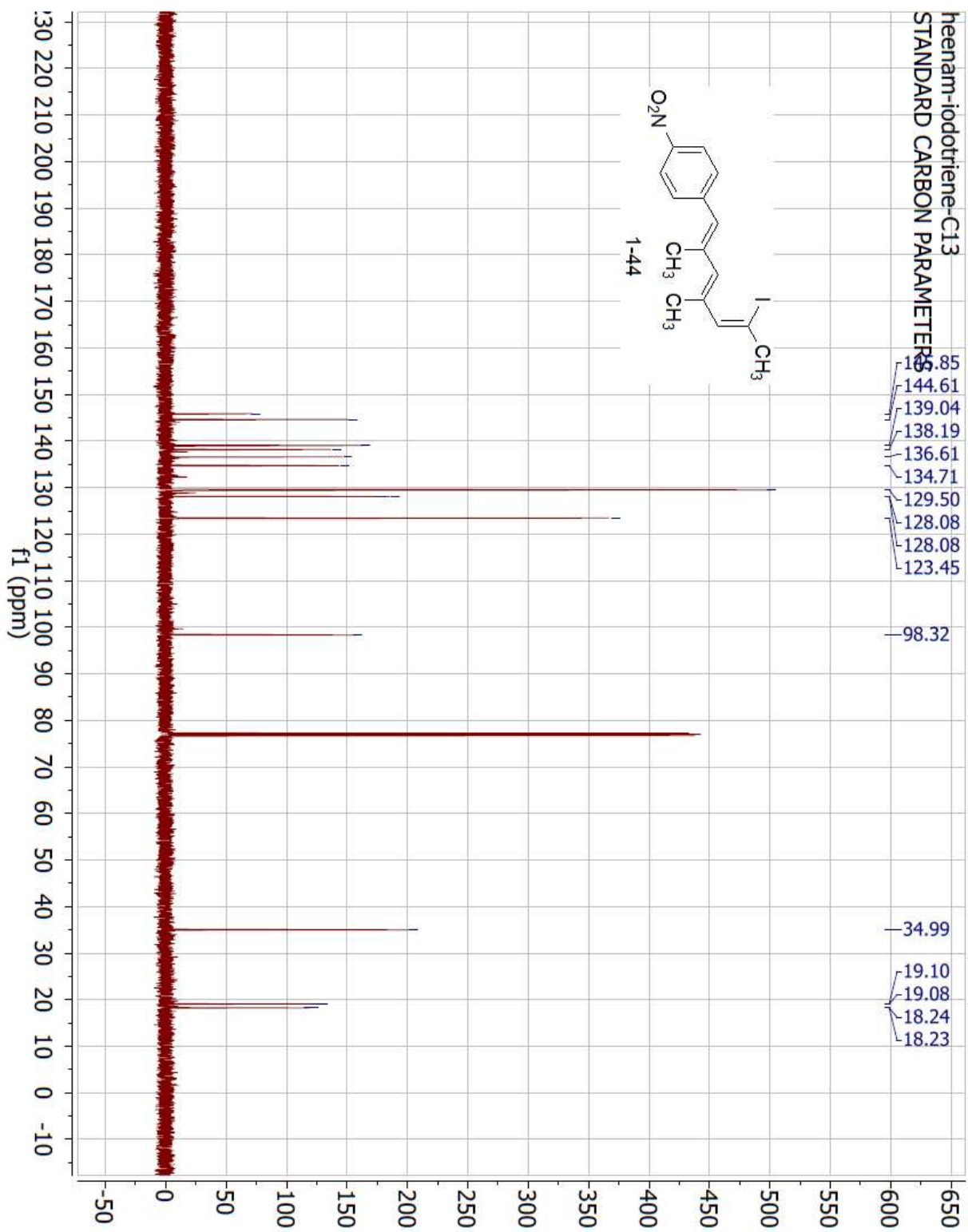
Furan 7-121 To a stirred solution of the allyl alcohol **7-117** (14.7 mg, 43.4 μmol) in CH_3CN (2 mL) was added $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2$ (1.1 mg, 4.3 μmol) at r.t. under Ar. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1 h. Then, the mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the furan **7-121** (7.3 mg, 82 %) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.68 (s, 3 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H), 2.01 – 2.13 (m, 4 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 15.0$ and 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 13.0$ and 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (m, 1 H), 4.90 (s, 1 H), 4.98 (s, 1 H), 5.09 (m, 1 H), 5.26 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H).; IR (neat) ν_{max} 1050, 1323, 1377, 1431, 1667 cm^{-1} .

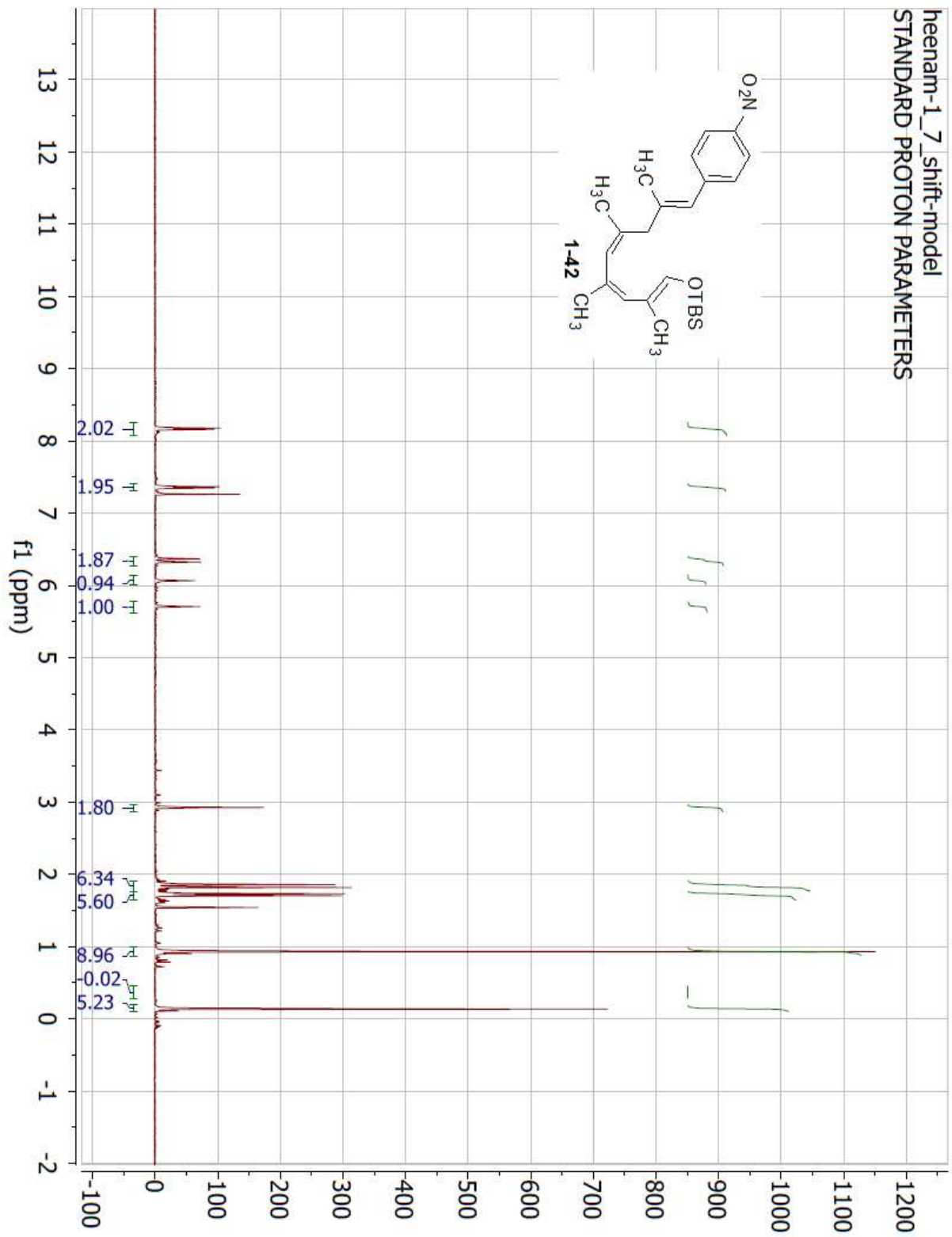
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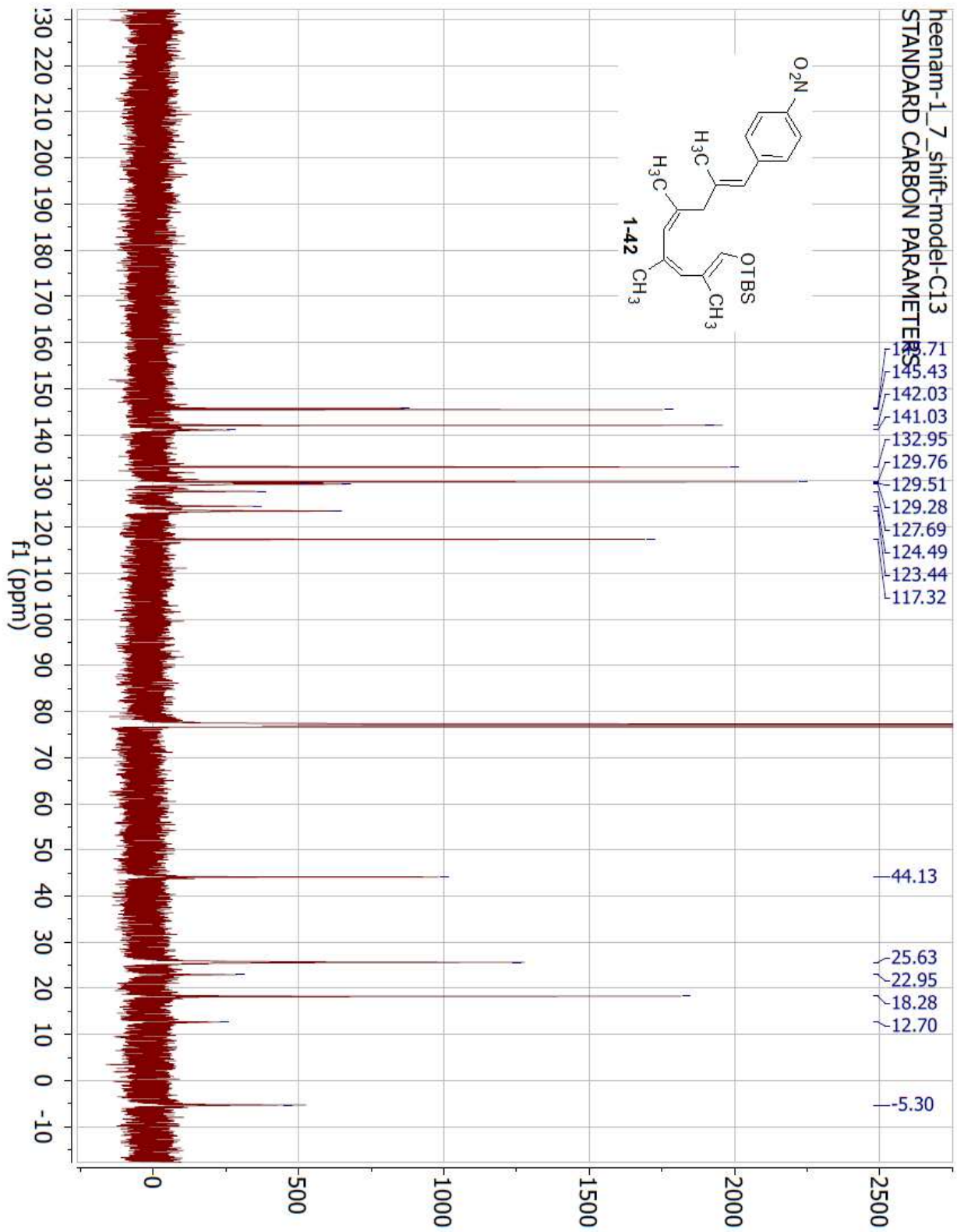
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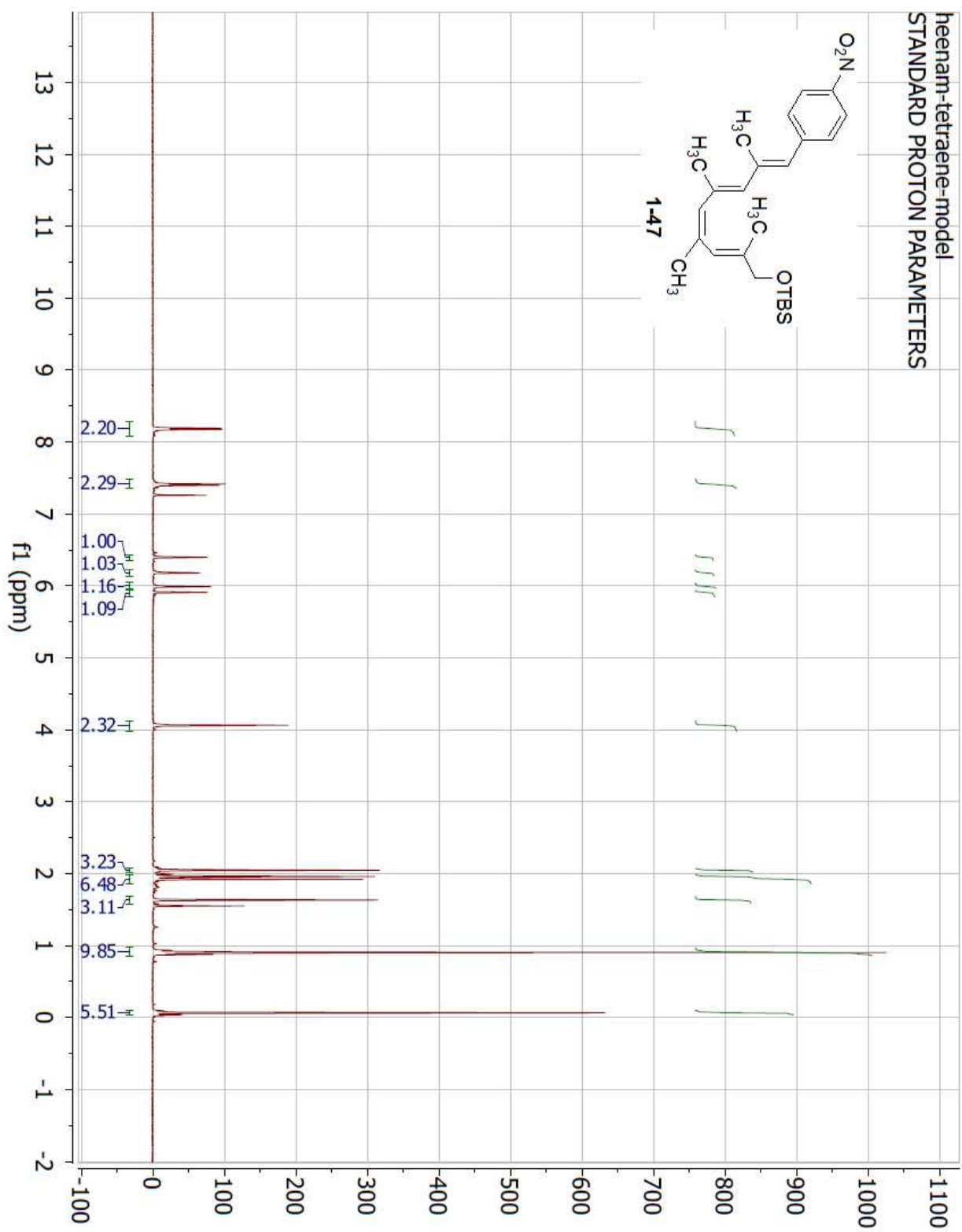


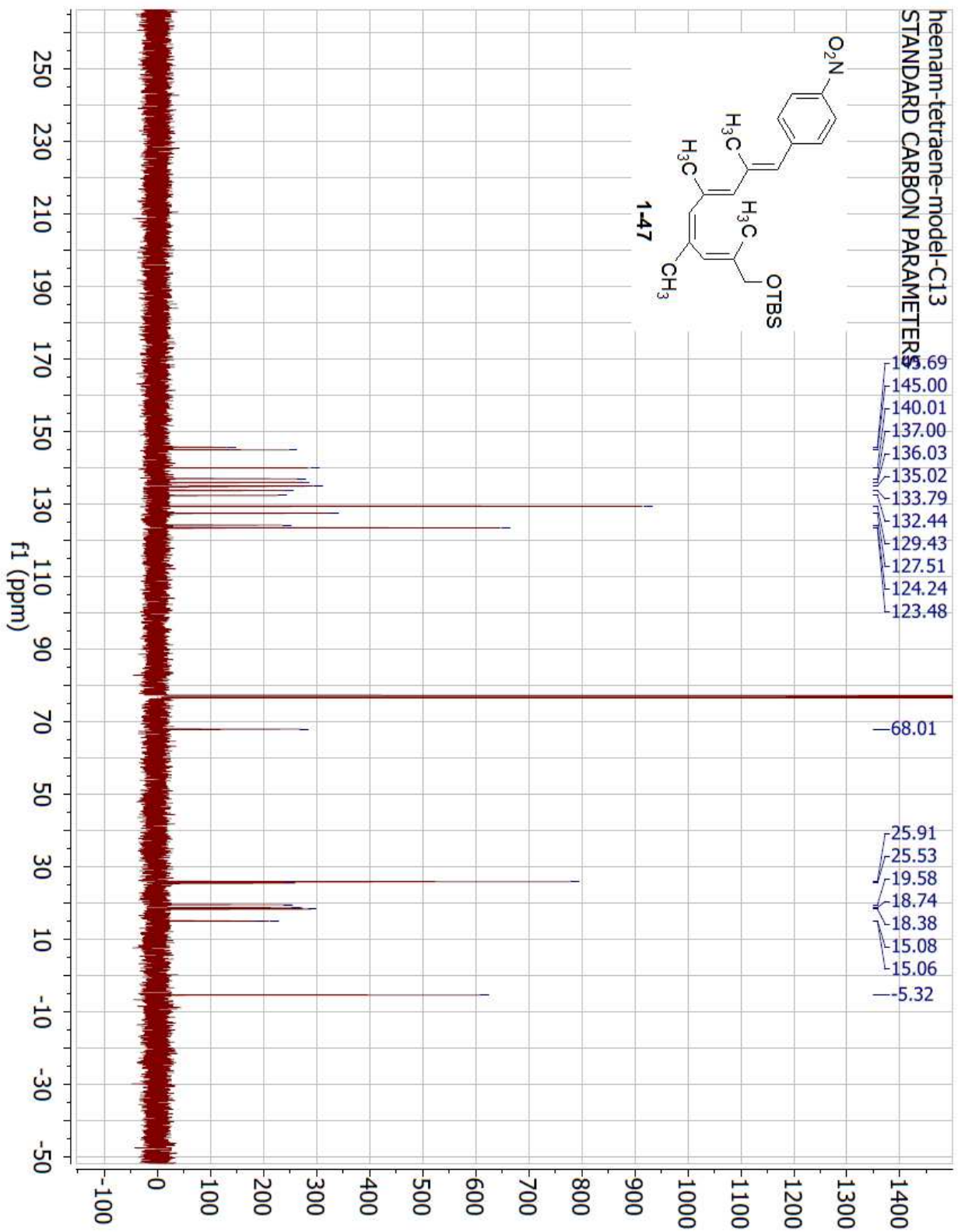
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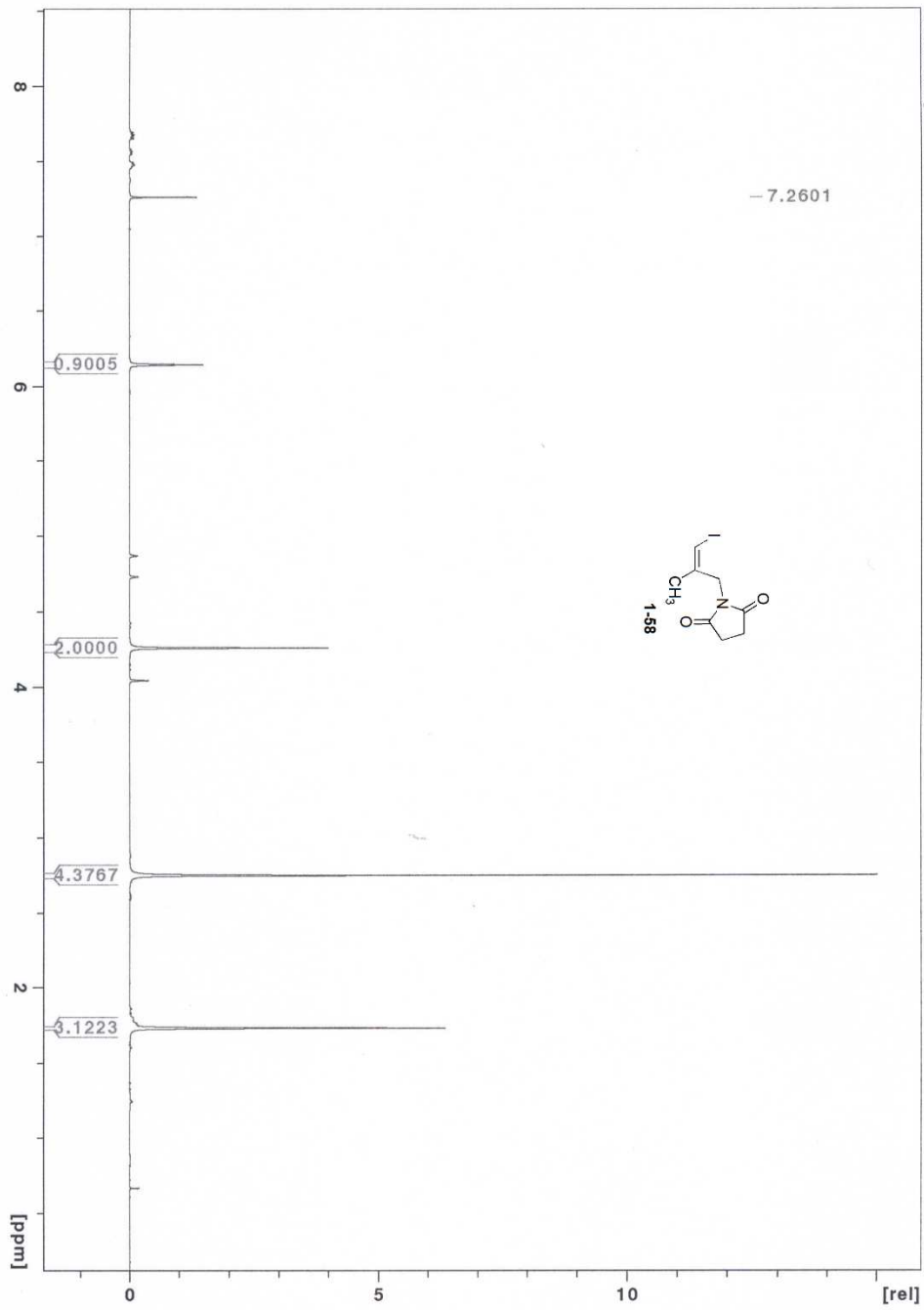


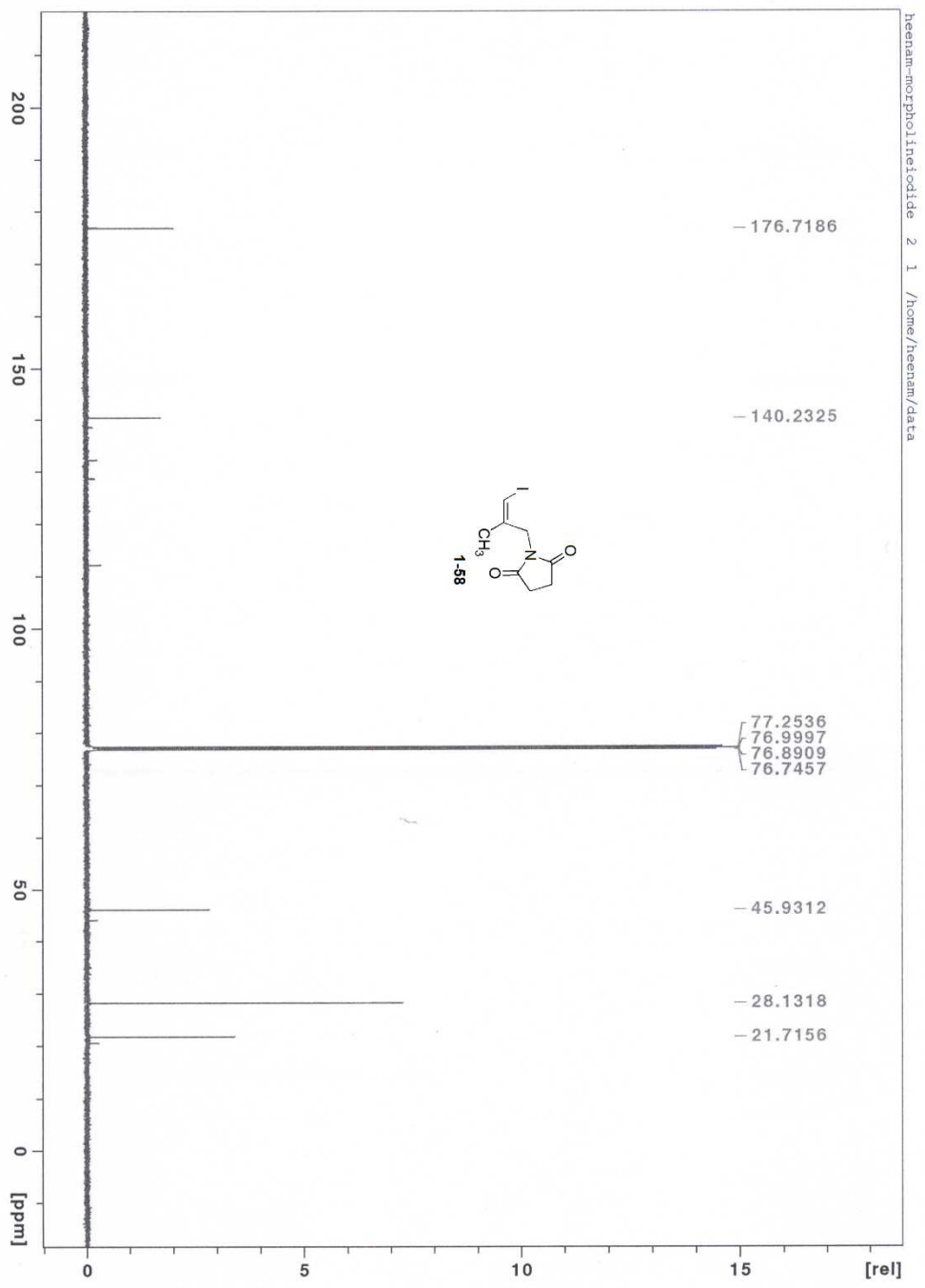


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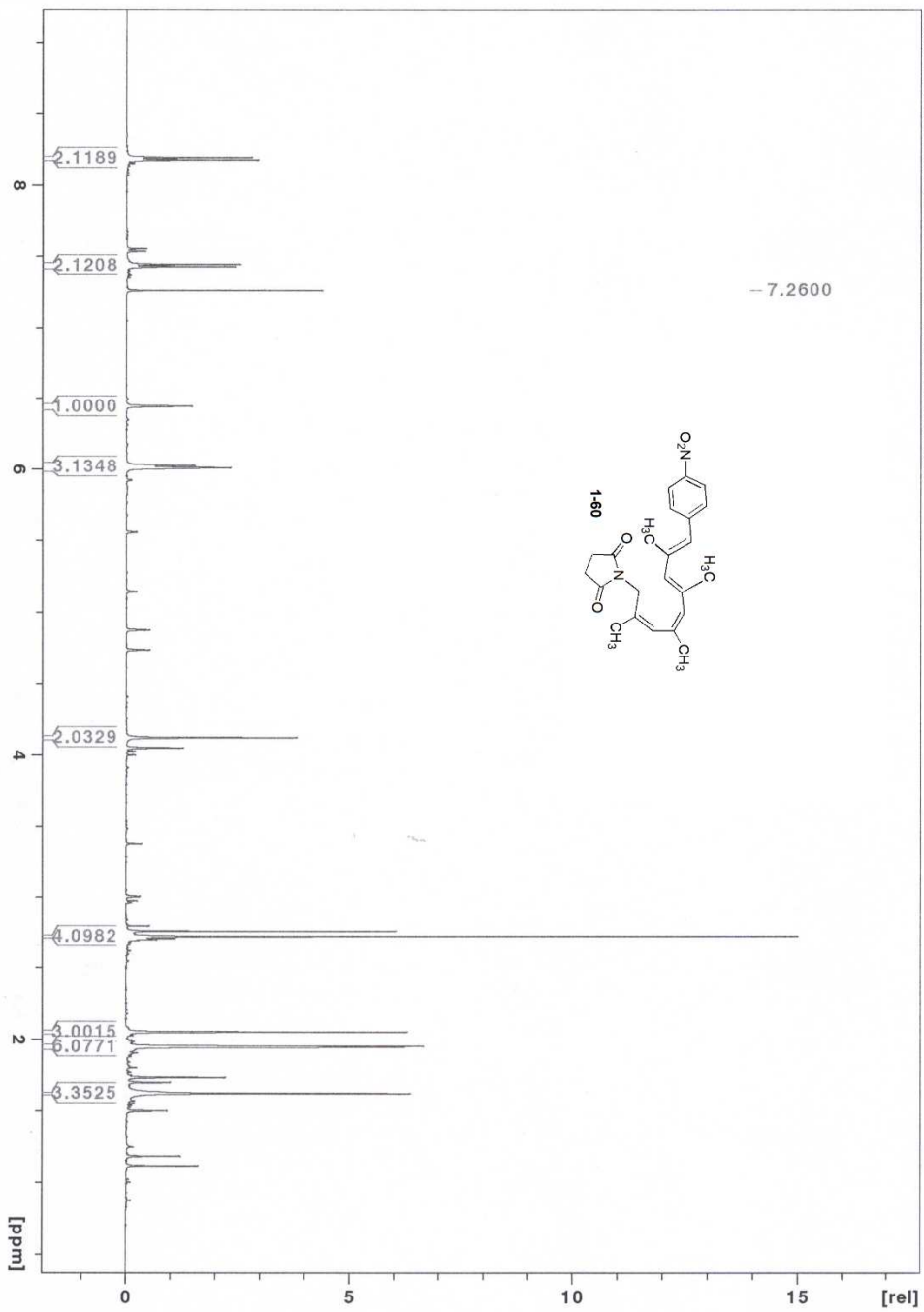


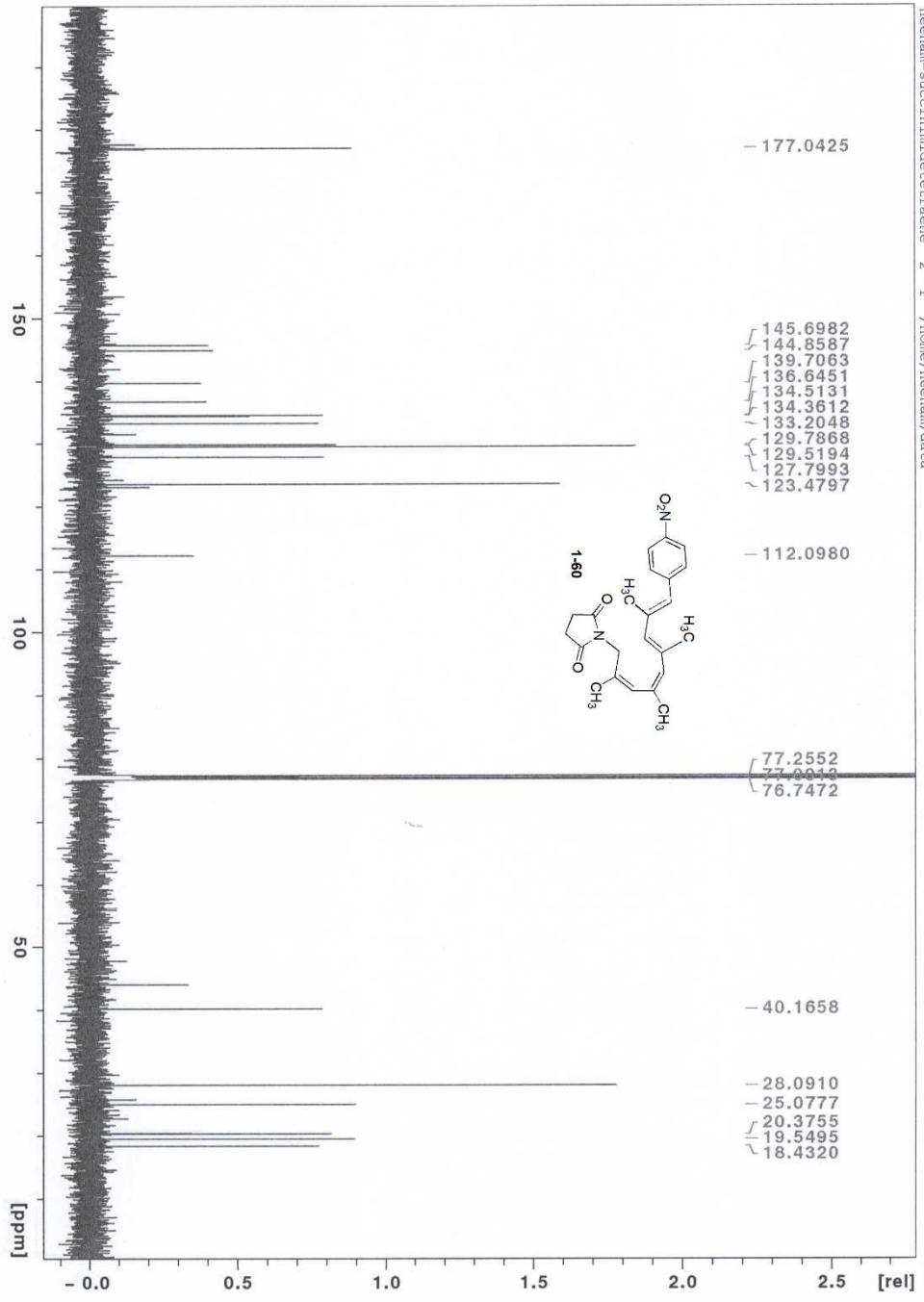


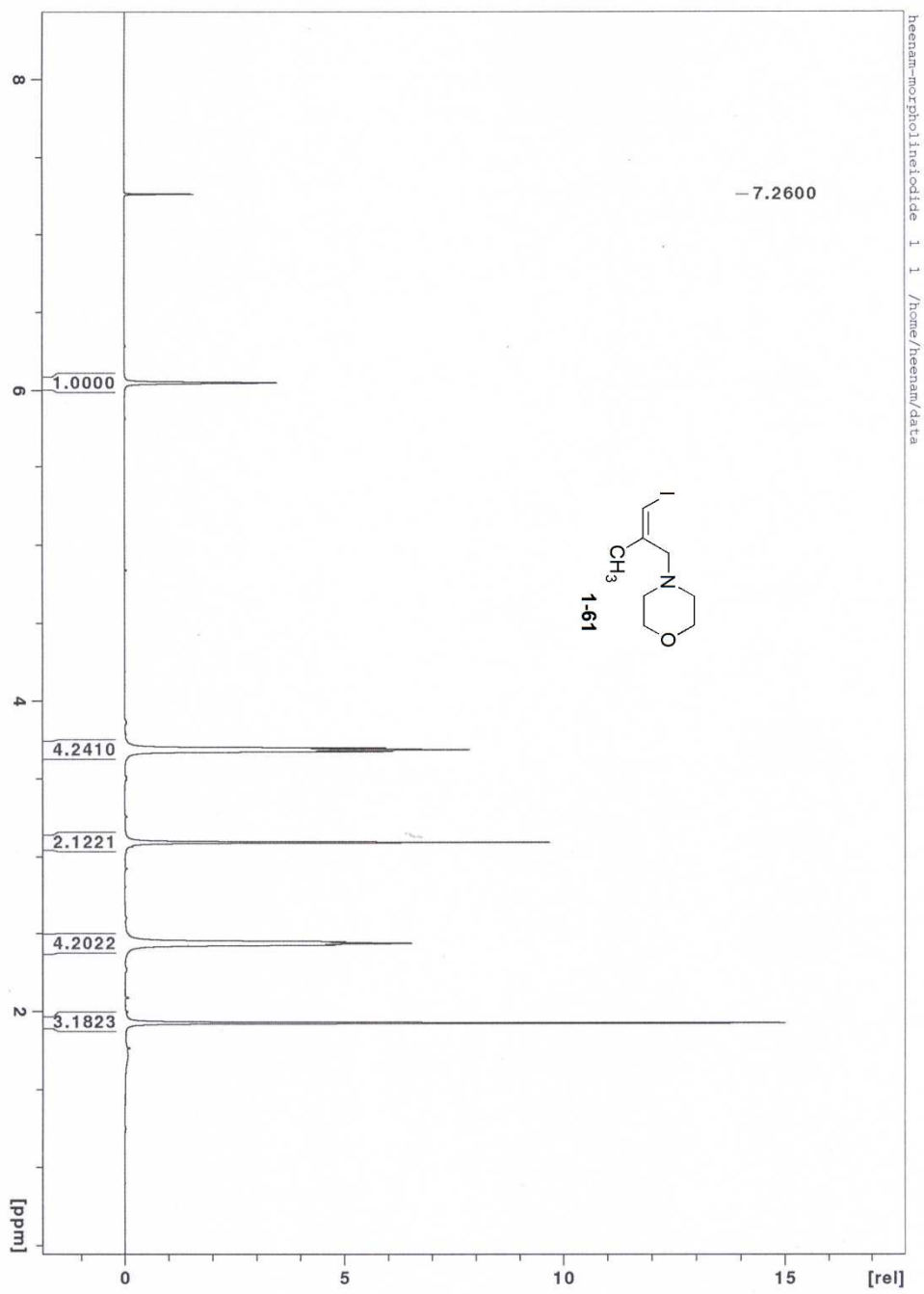


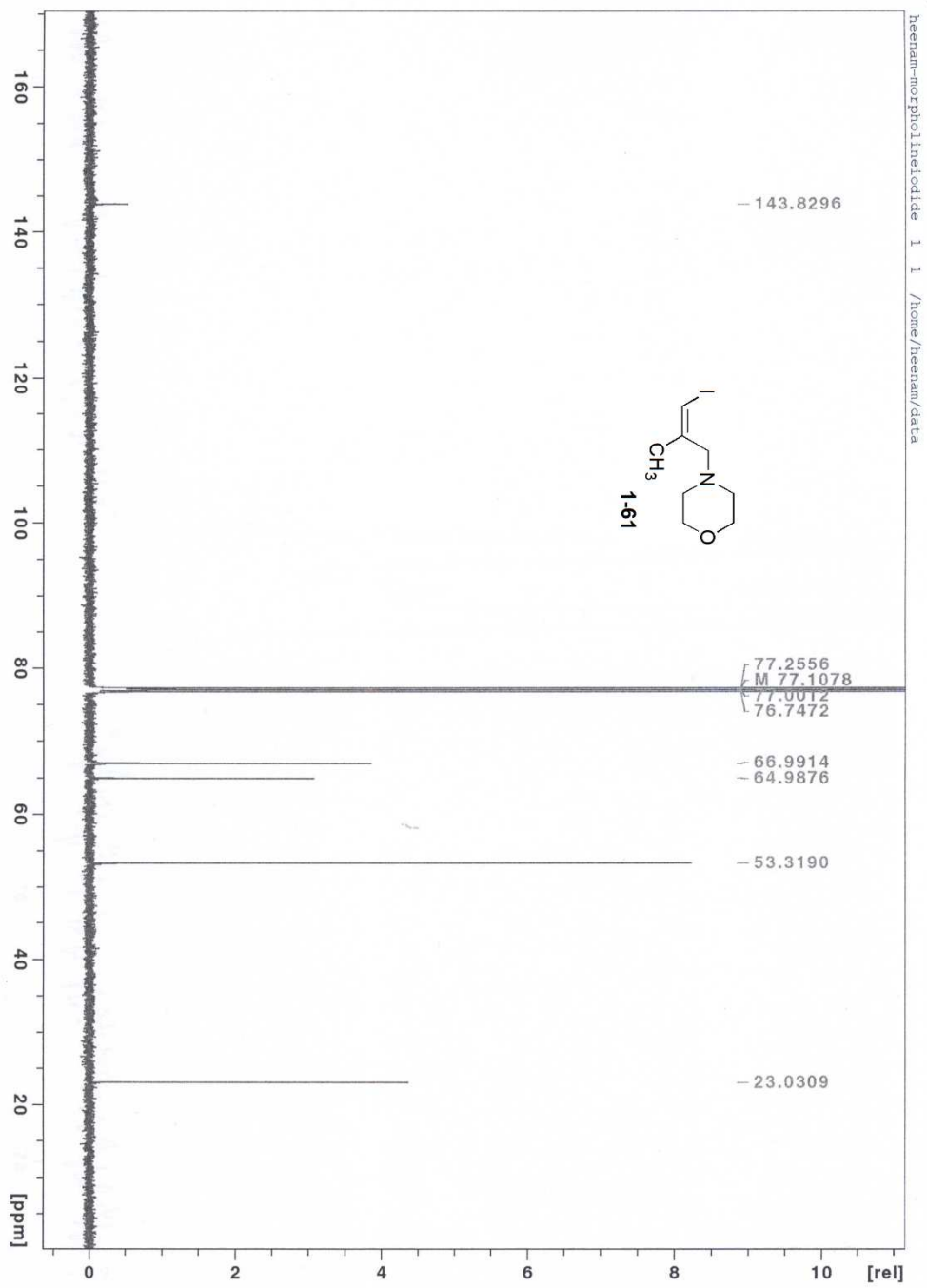


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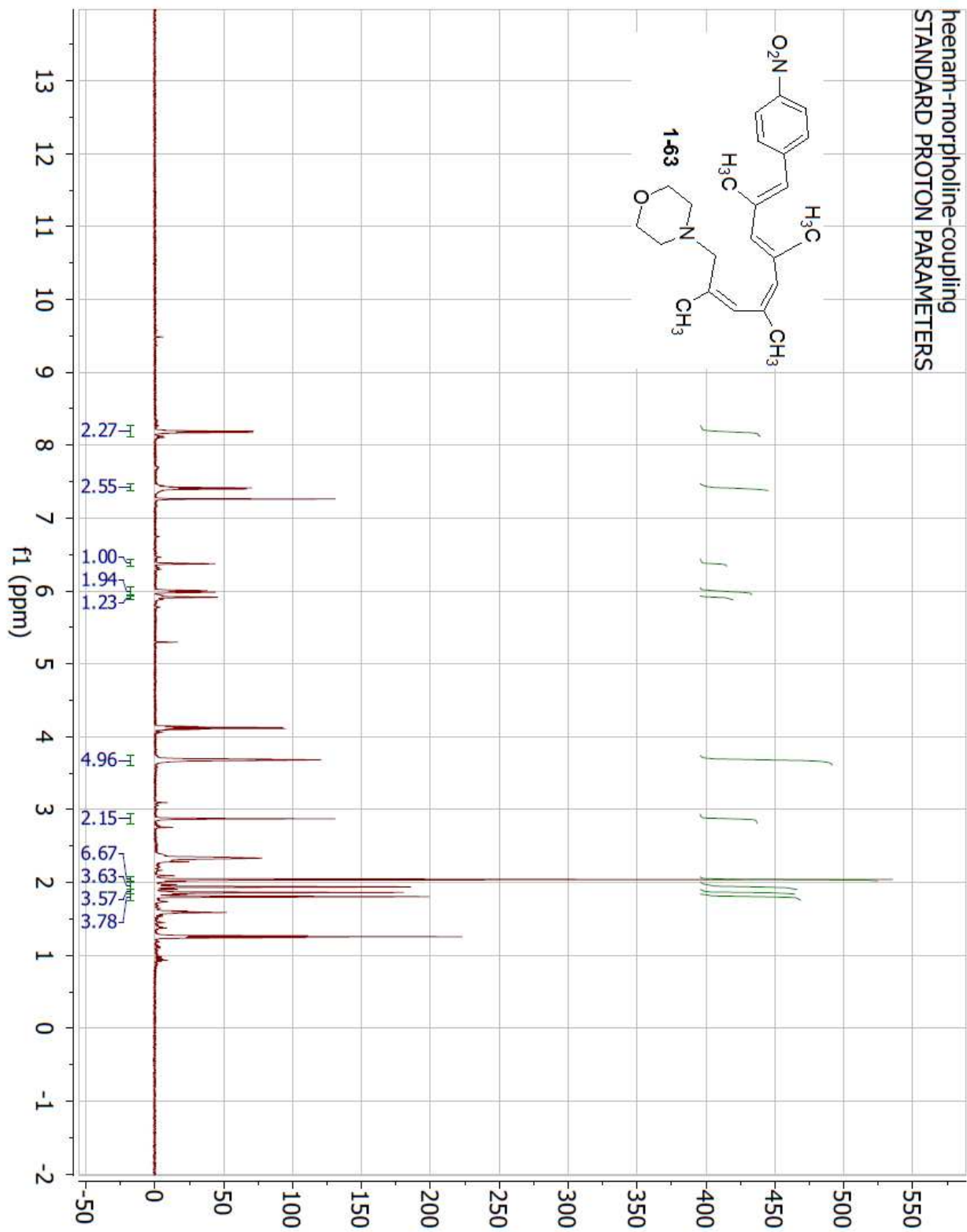




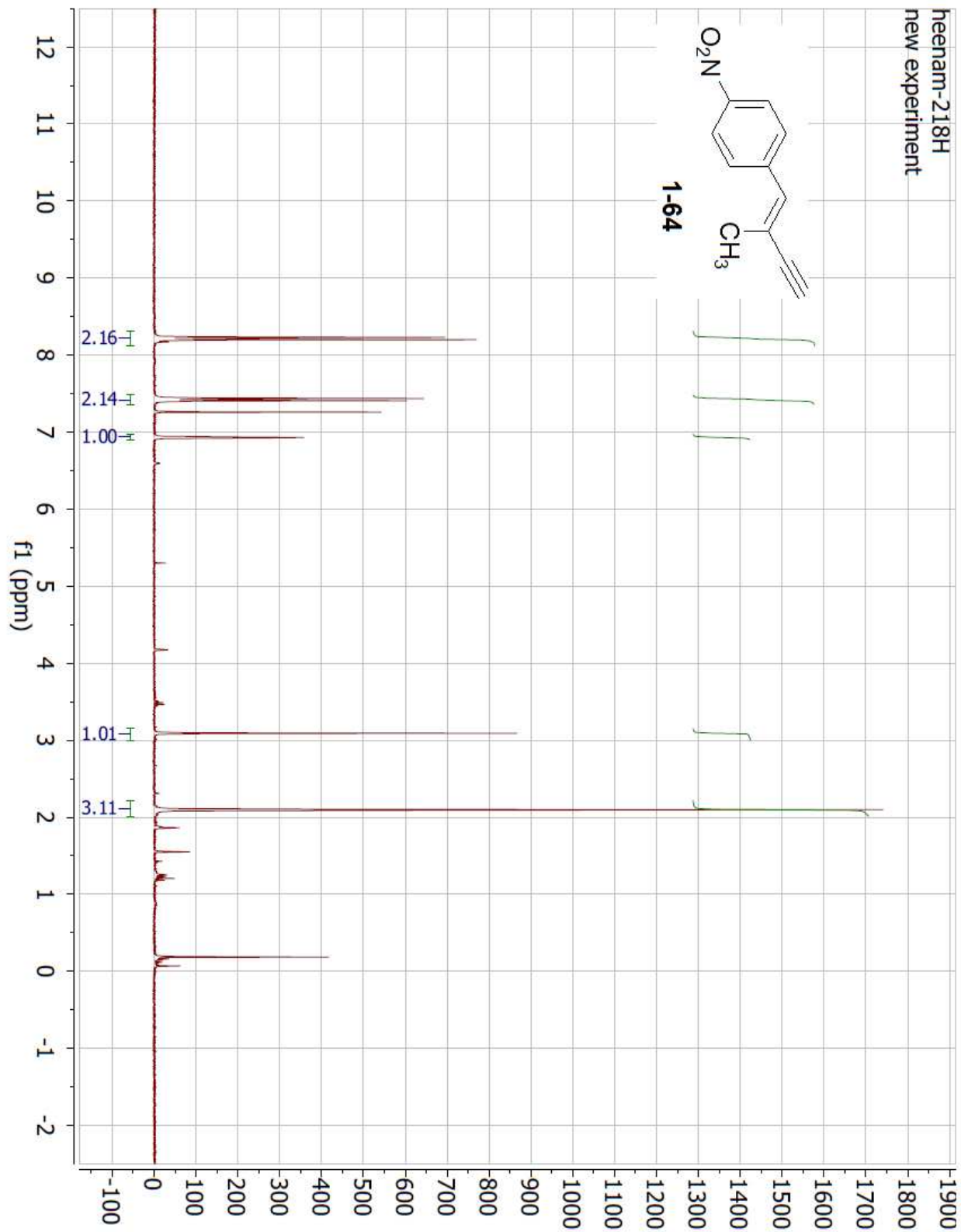
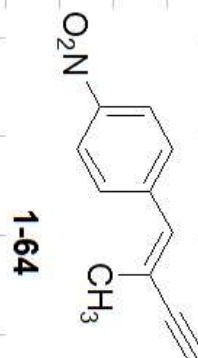




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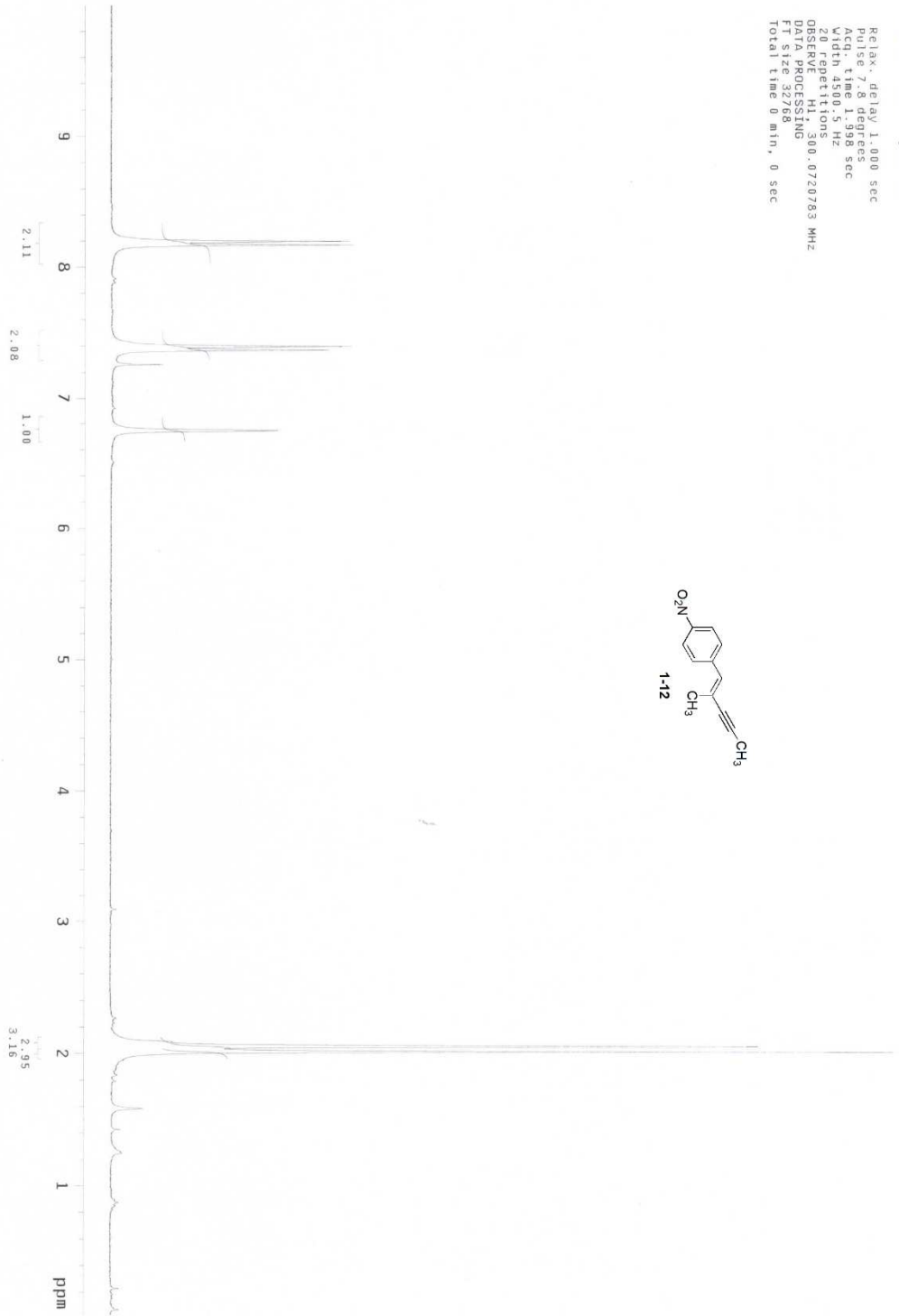
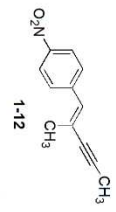
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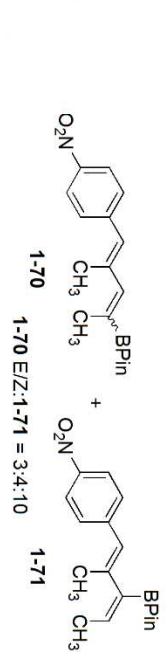
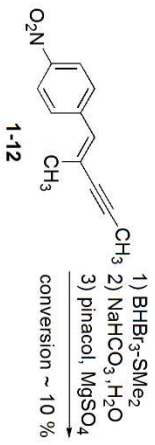
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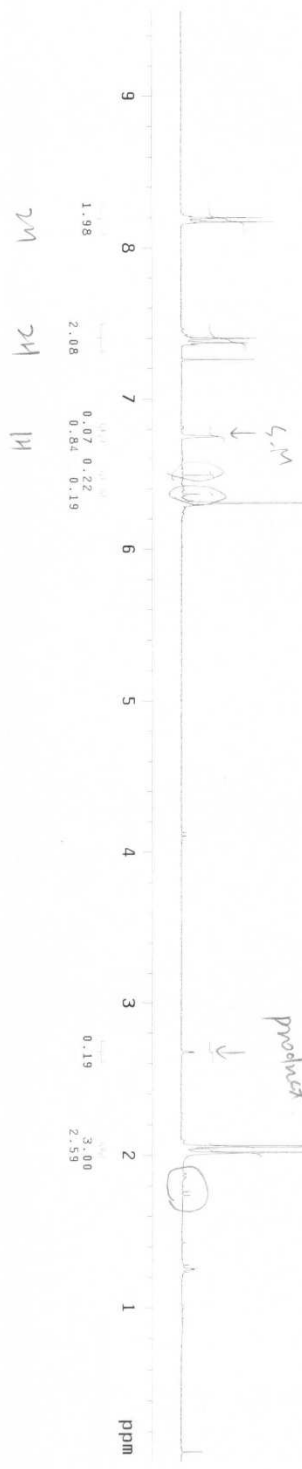
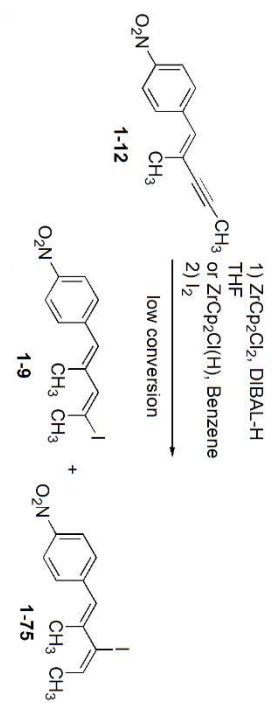
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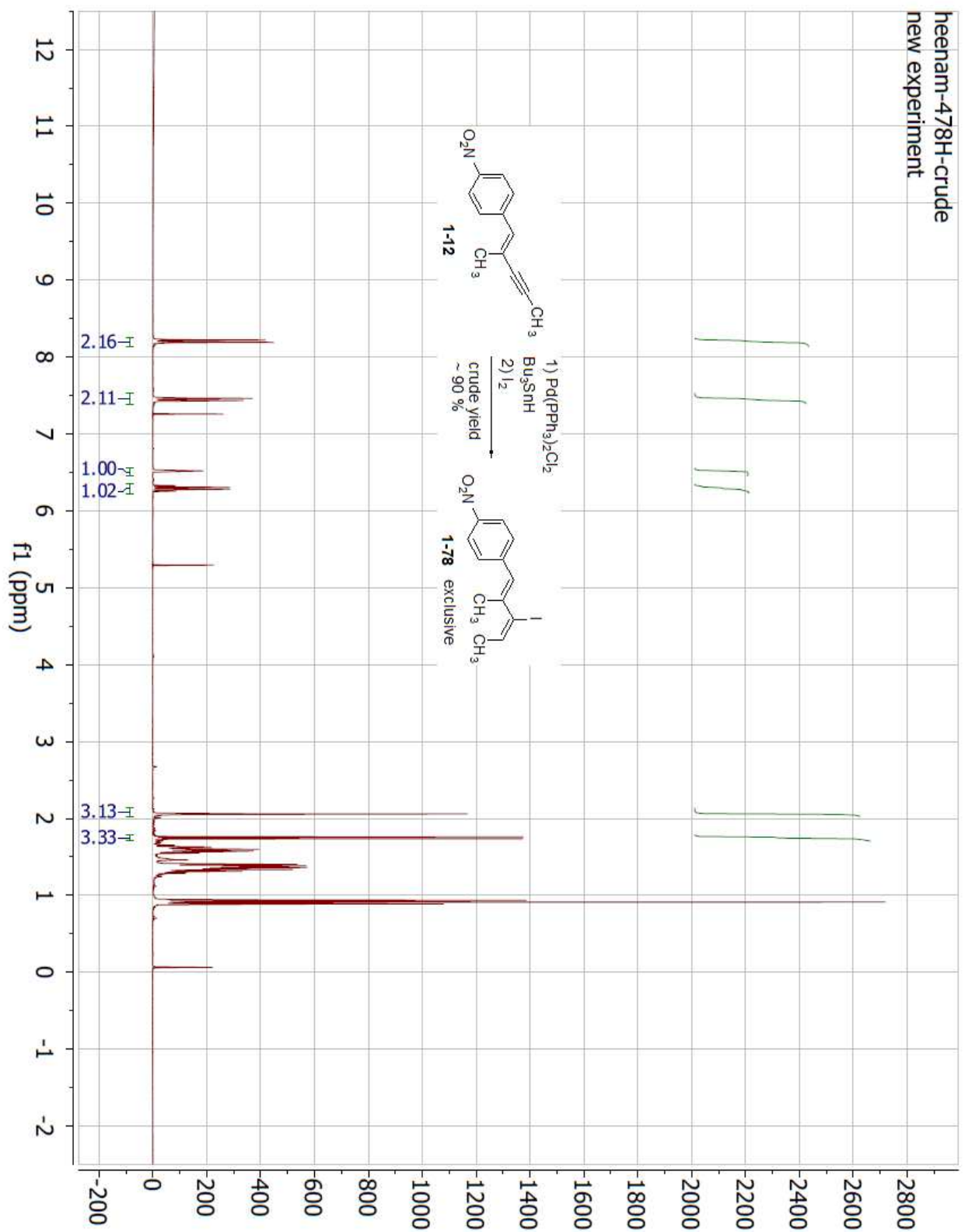
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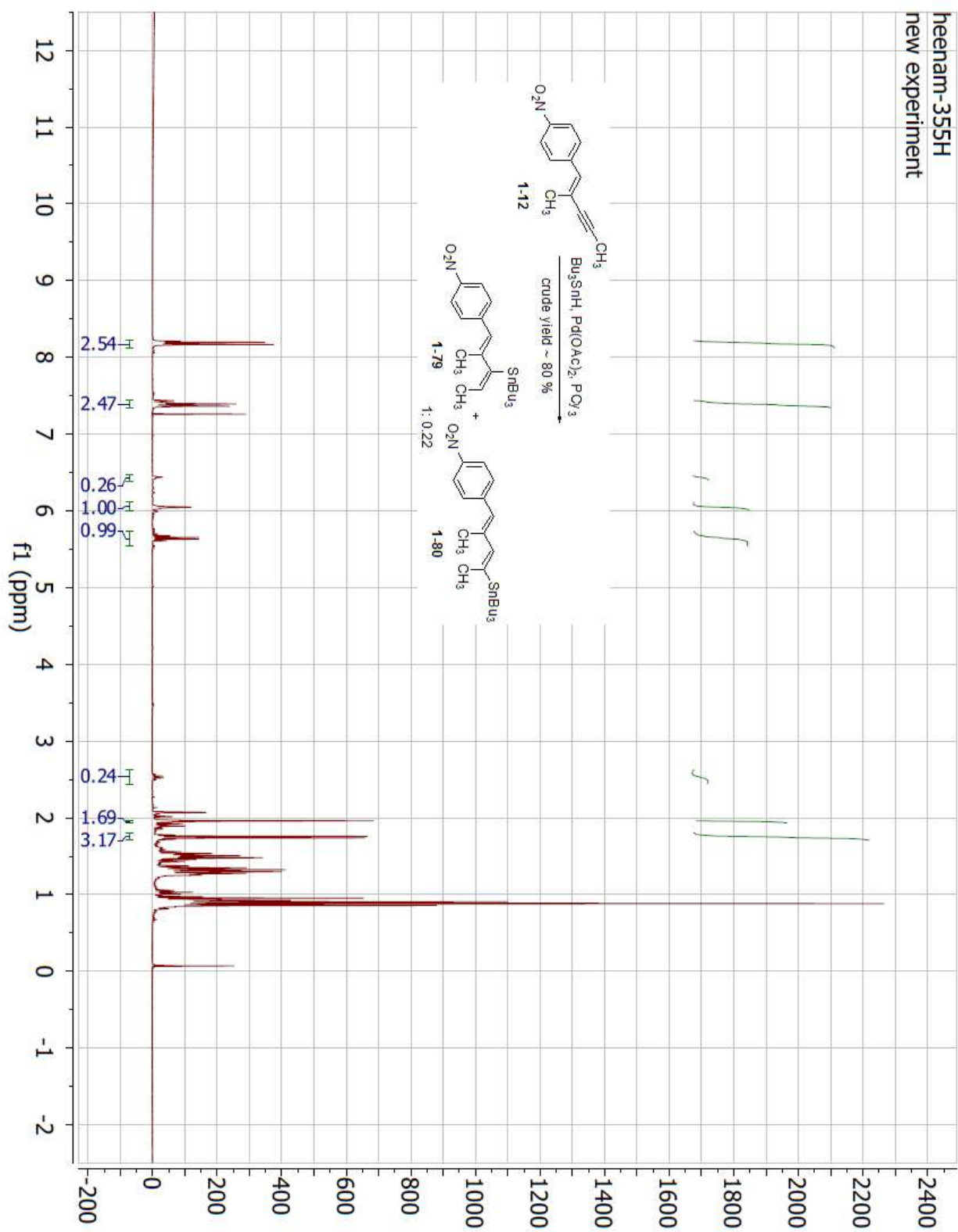
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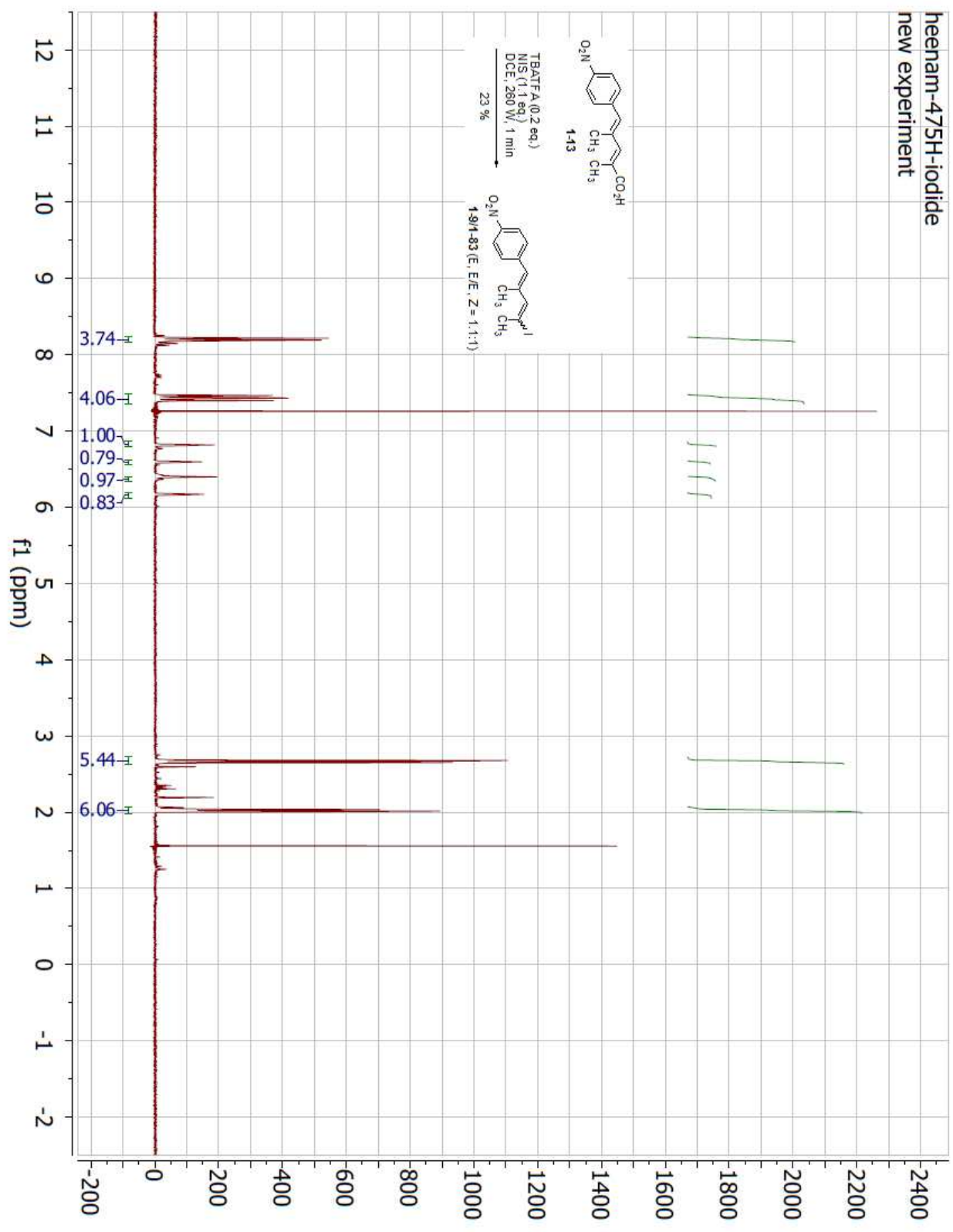
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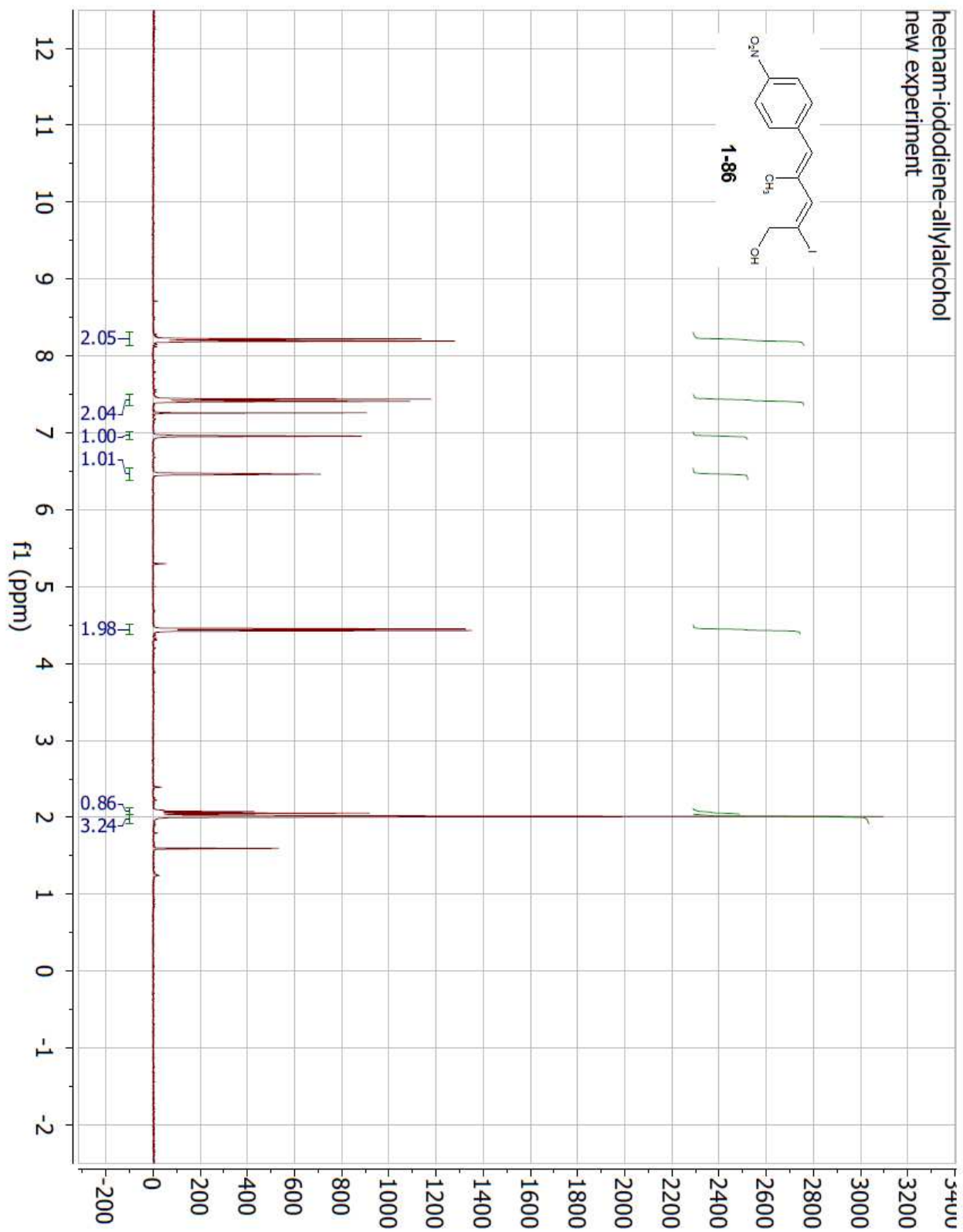
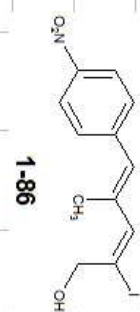
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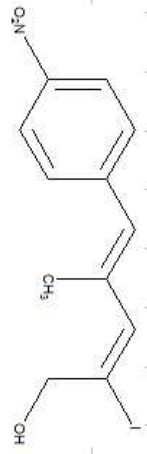
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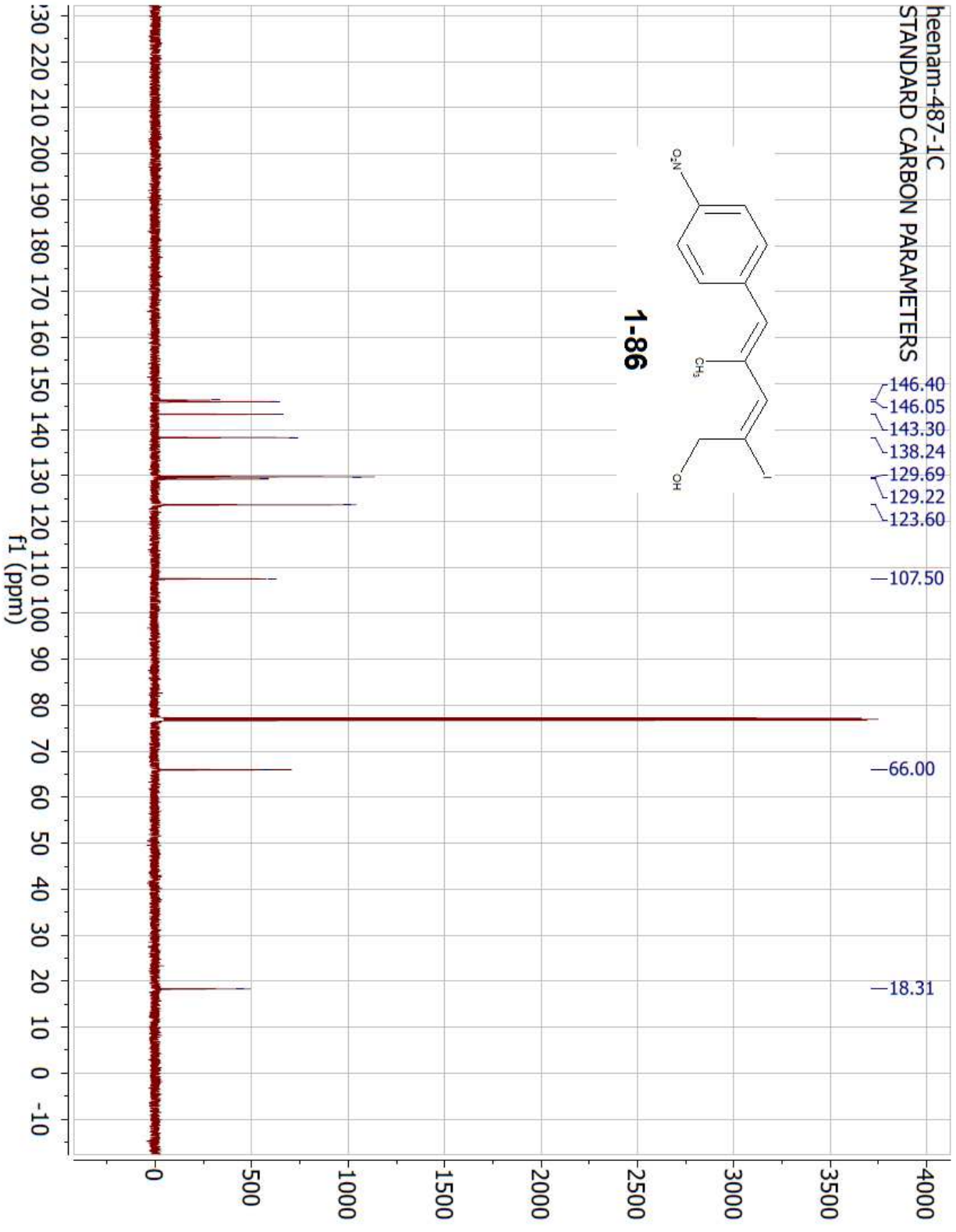


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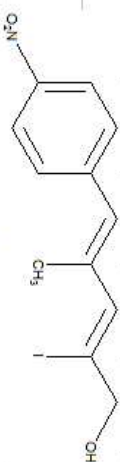


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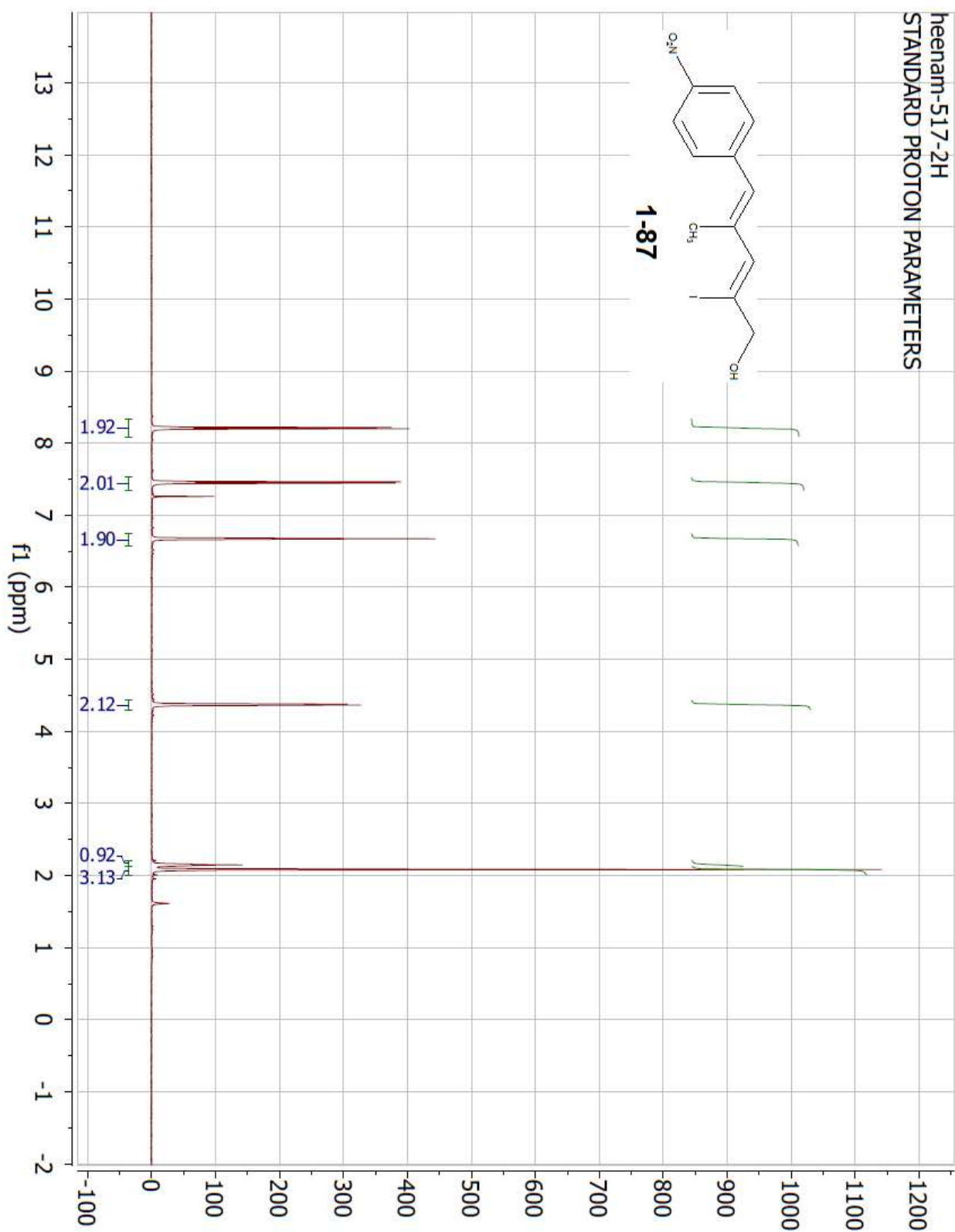
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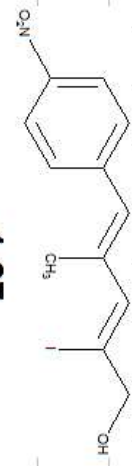
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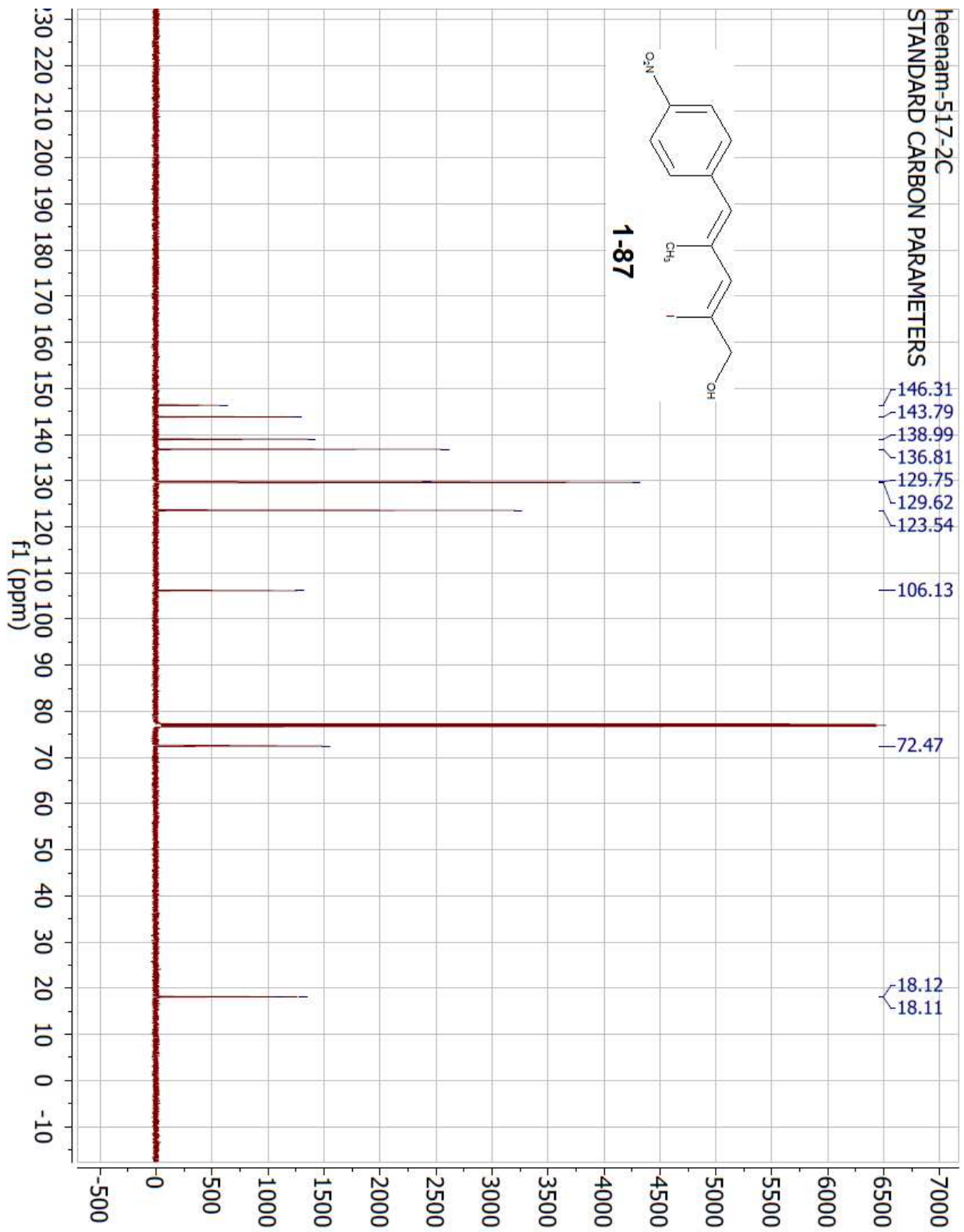
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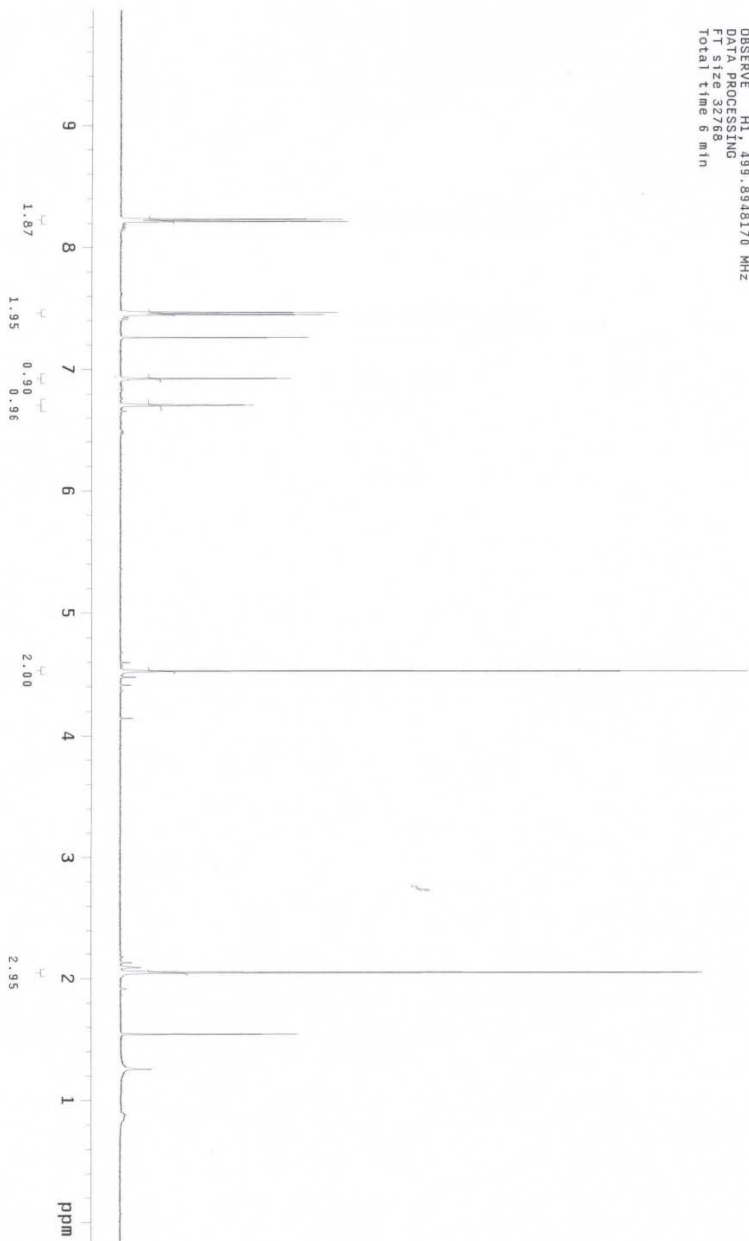
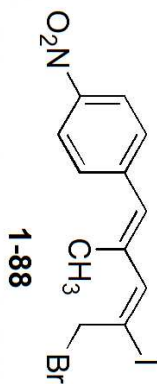
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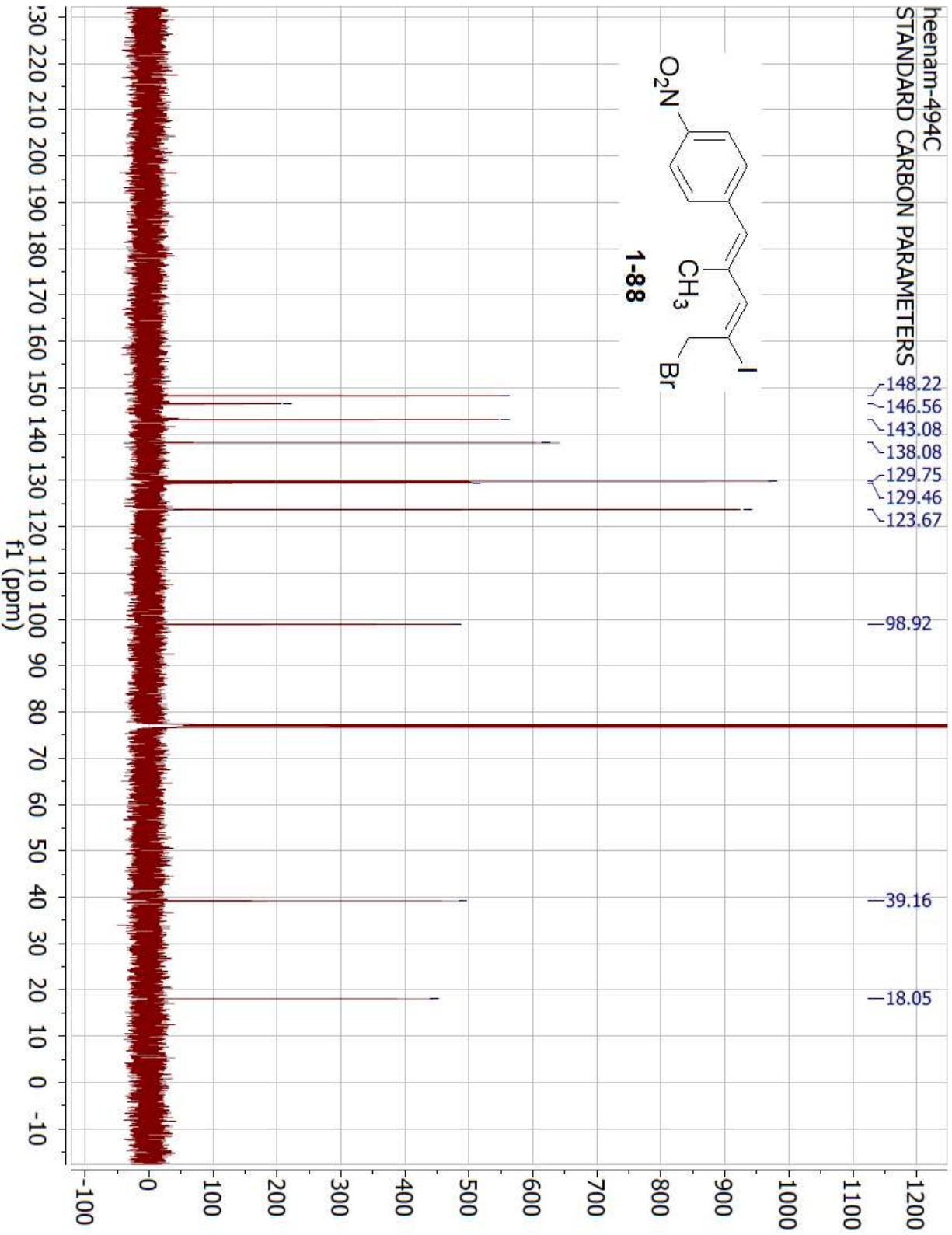


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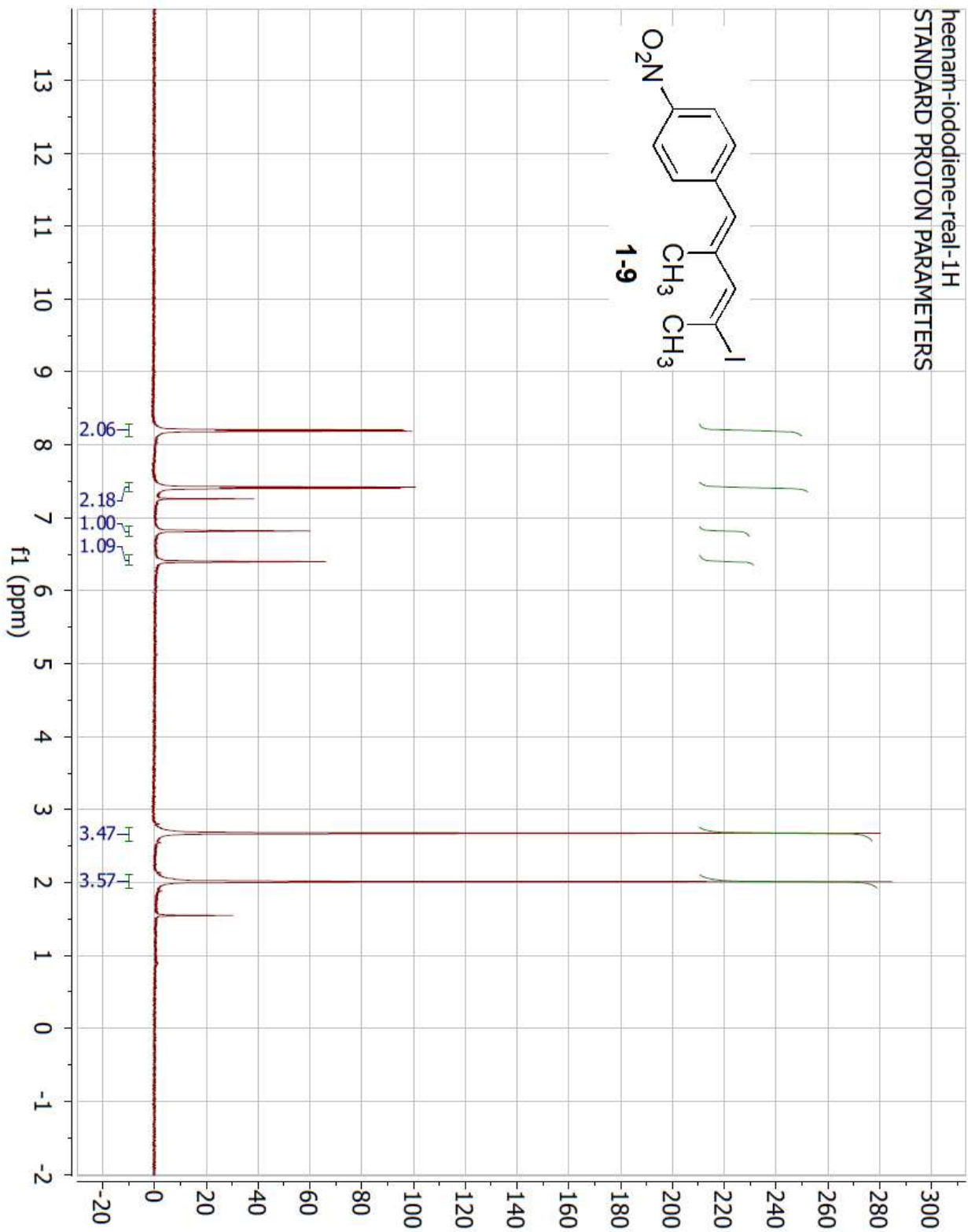
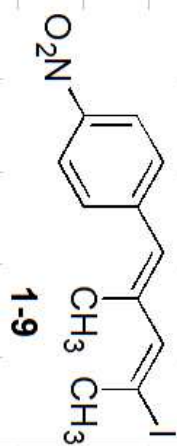
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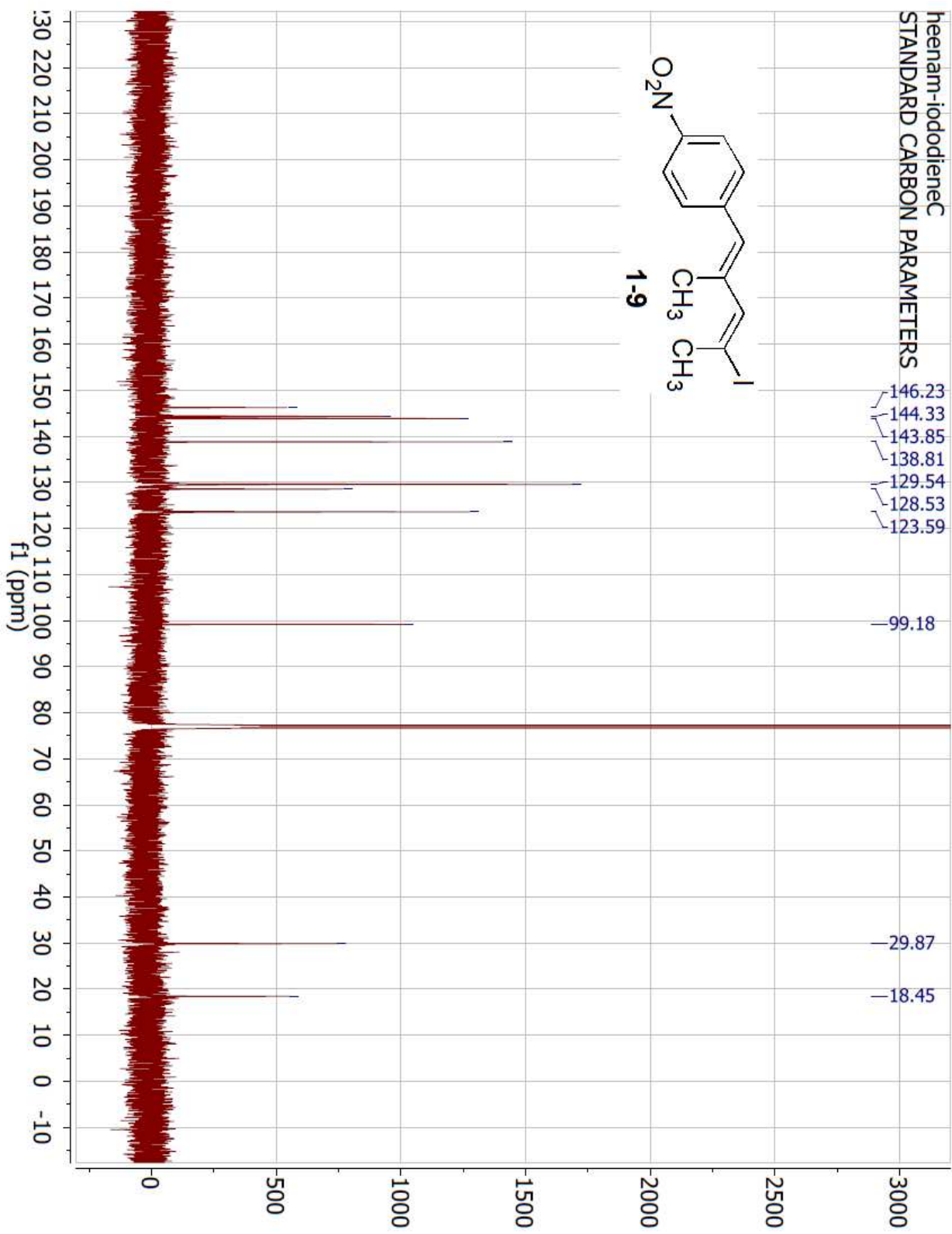
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Pulse Sequence: szpu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Relax. delay: 1.000 sec
Pulse: 45.0 degrees
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Width: 7998.4 Hz
92 repetitions
082K PROCESS1.MD
D1: 499.8948170 MHz
FT size: 32728
Total time: 6 min



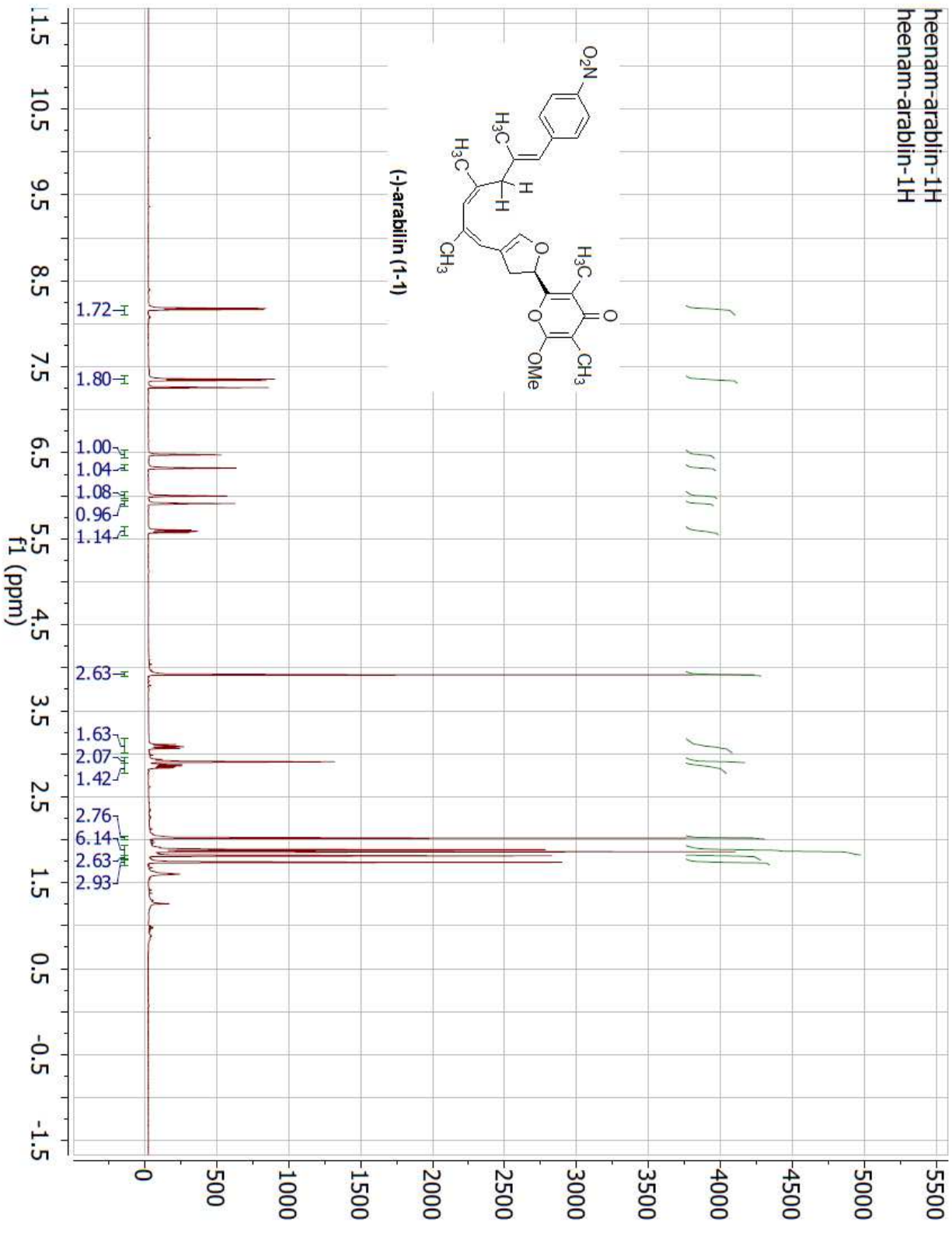


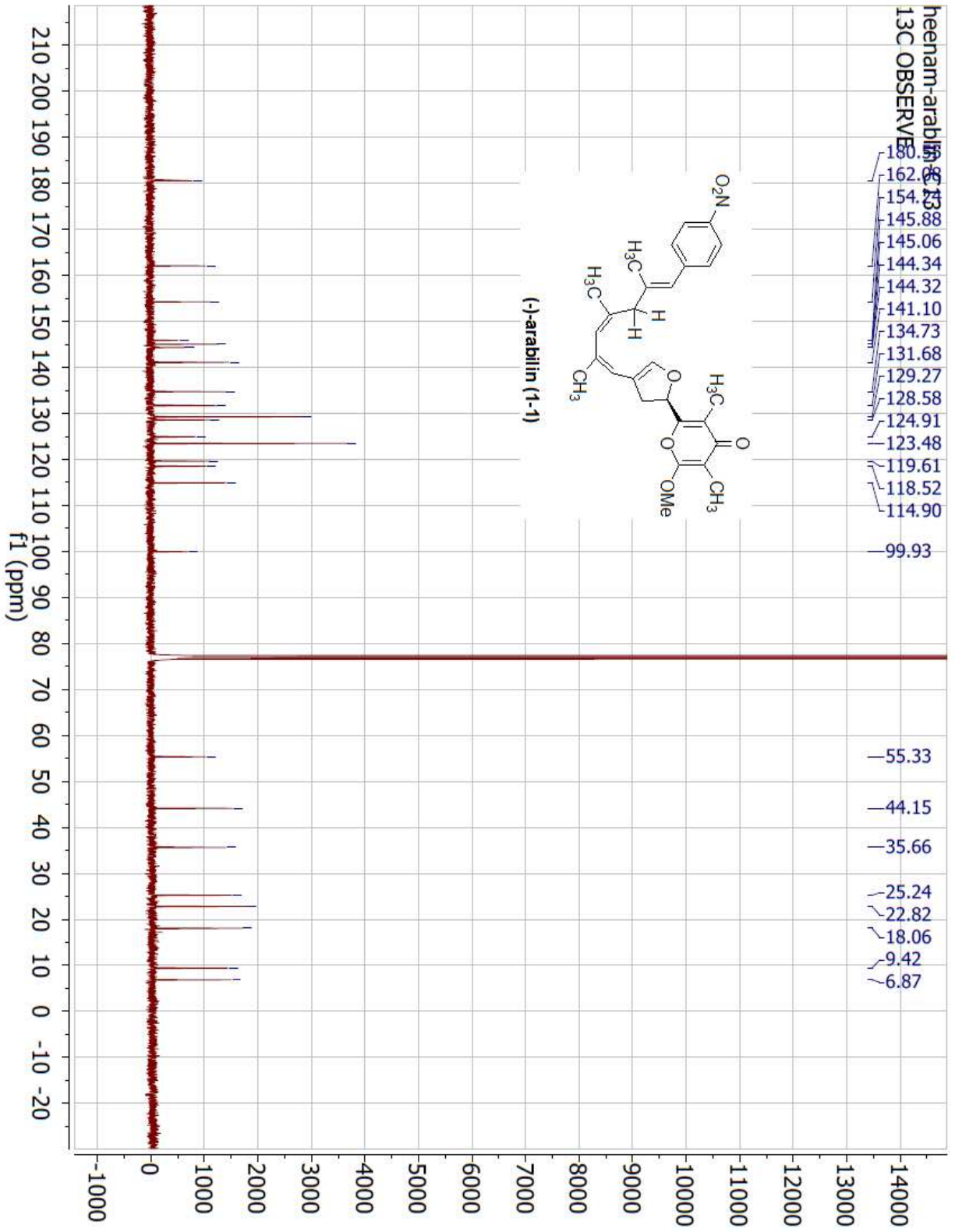
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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



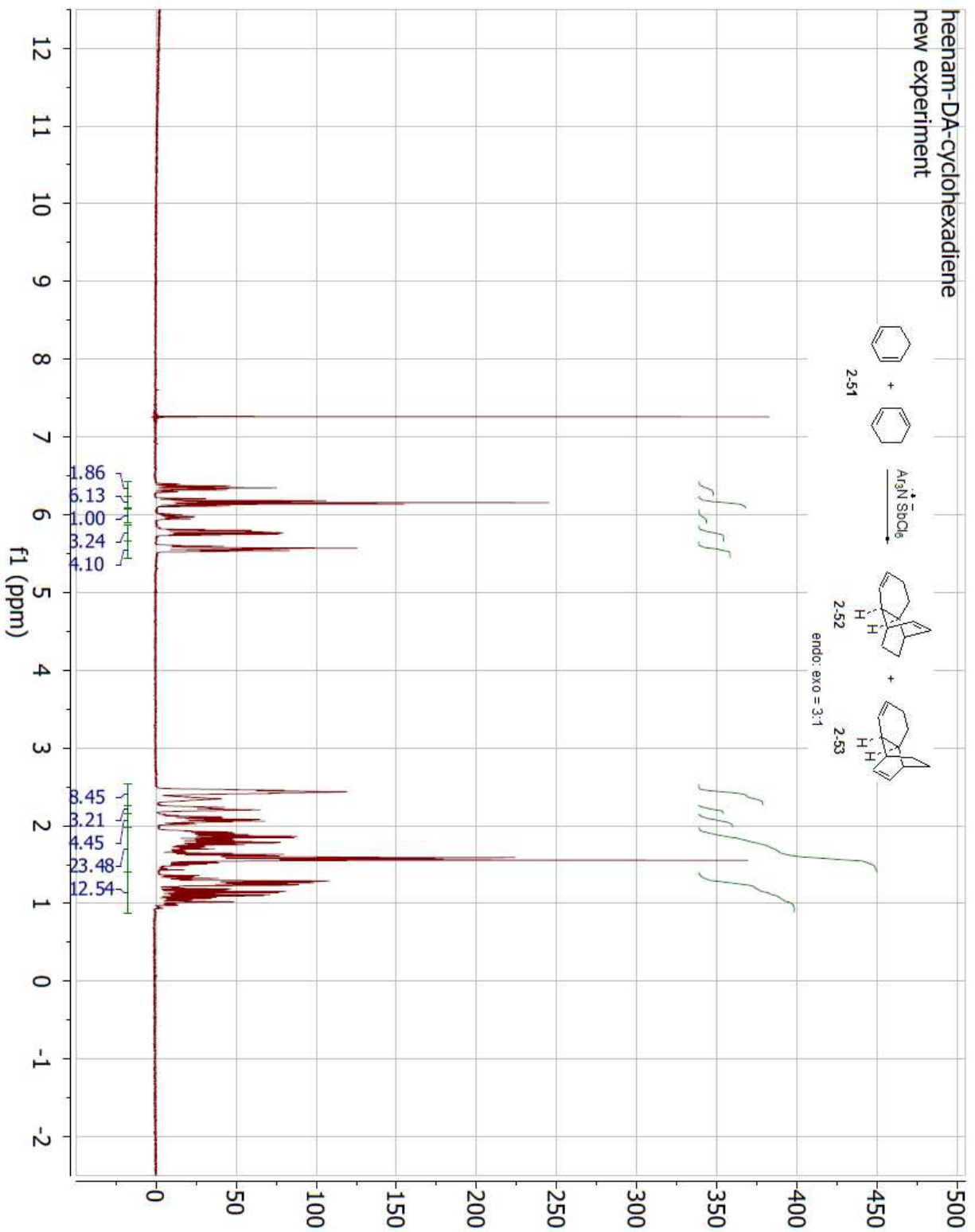
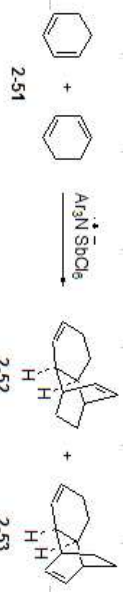


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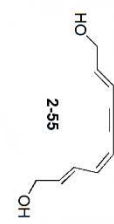




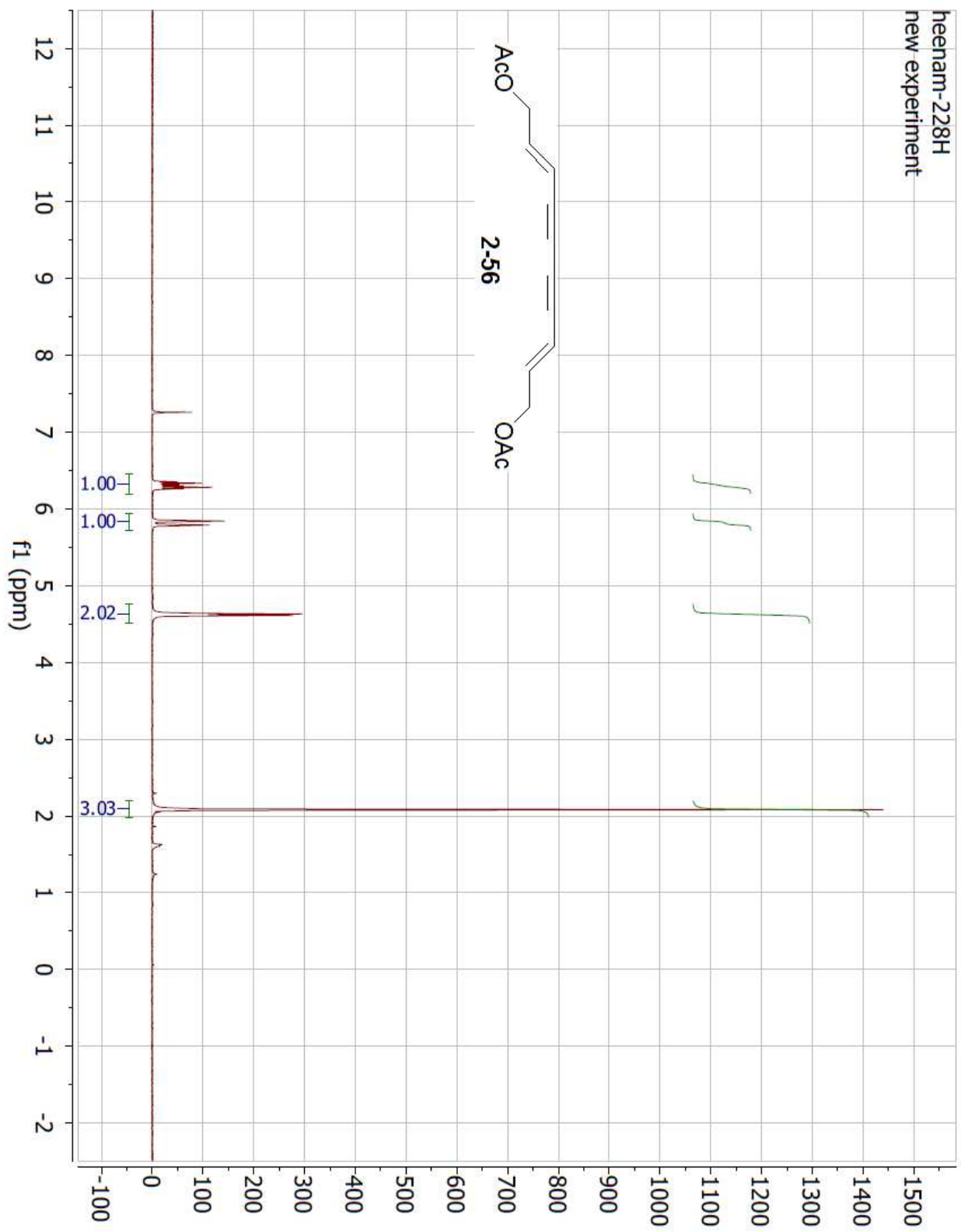
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new experiment



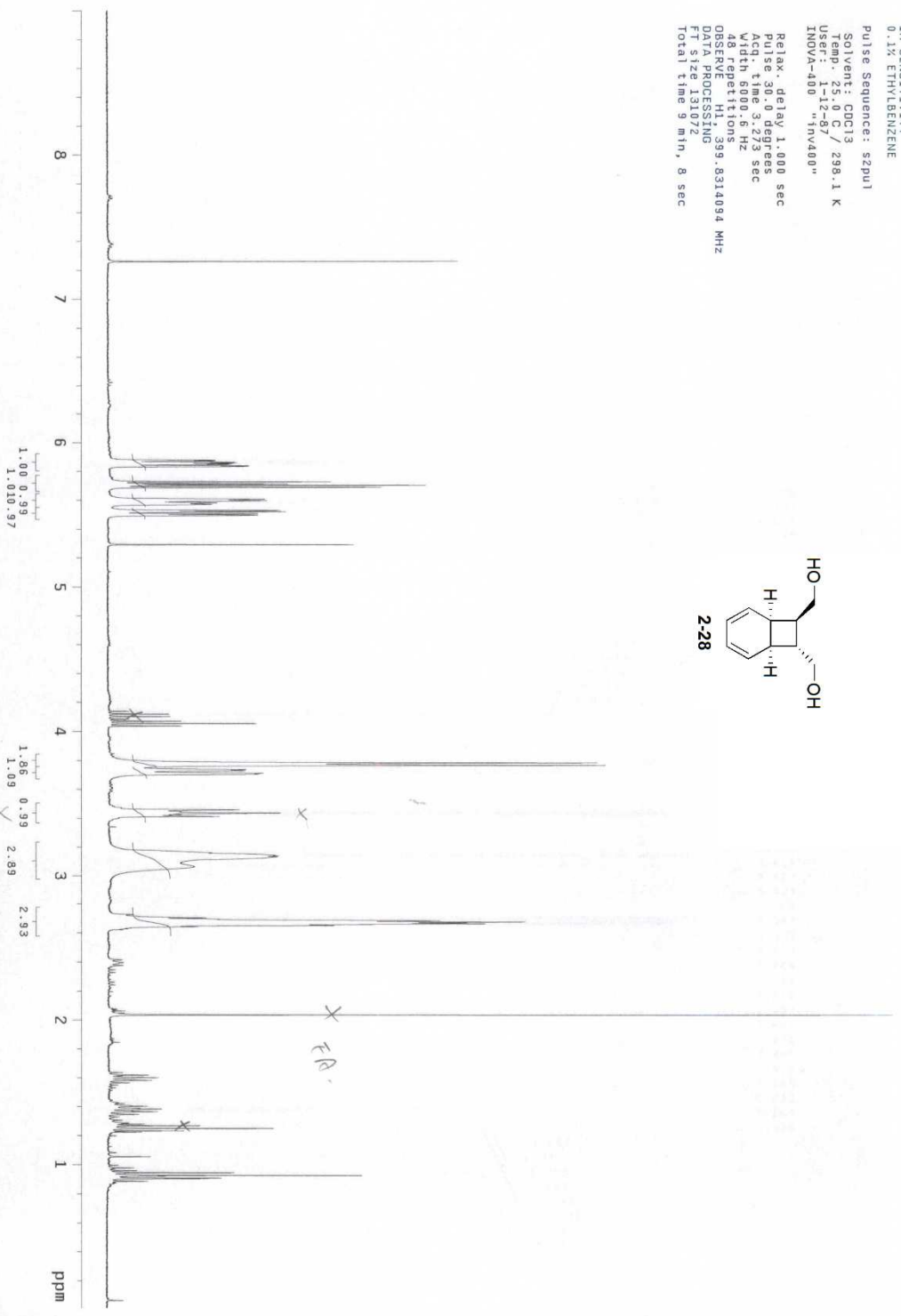
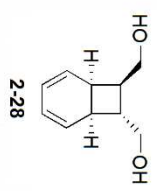
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS
 Pulse Sequence: szpul
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
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 Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 61.5 degrees
 Acq. time 1.892 sec
 MATH 6000:0.000
 OBSERVE: H1 599.7178142 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 6 min, 11 sec



heenam-228H
new experiment



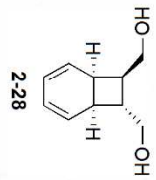
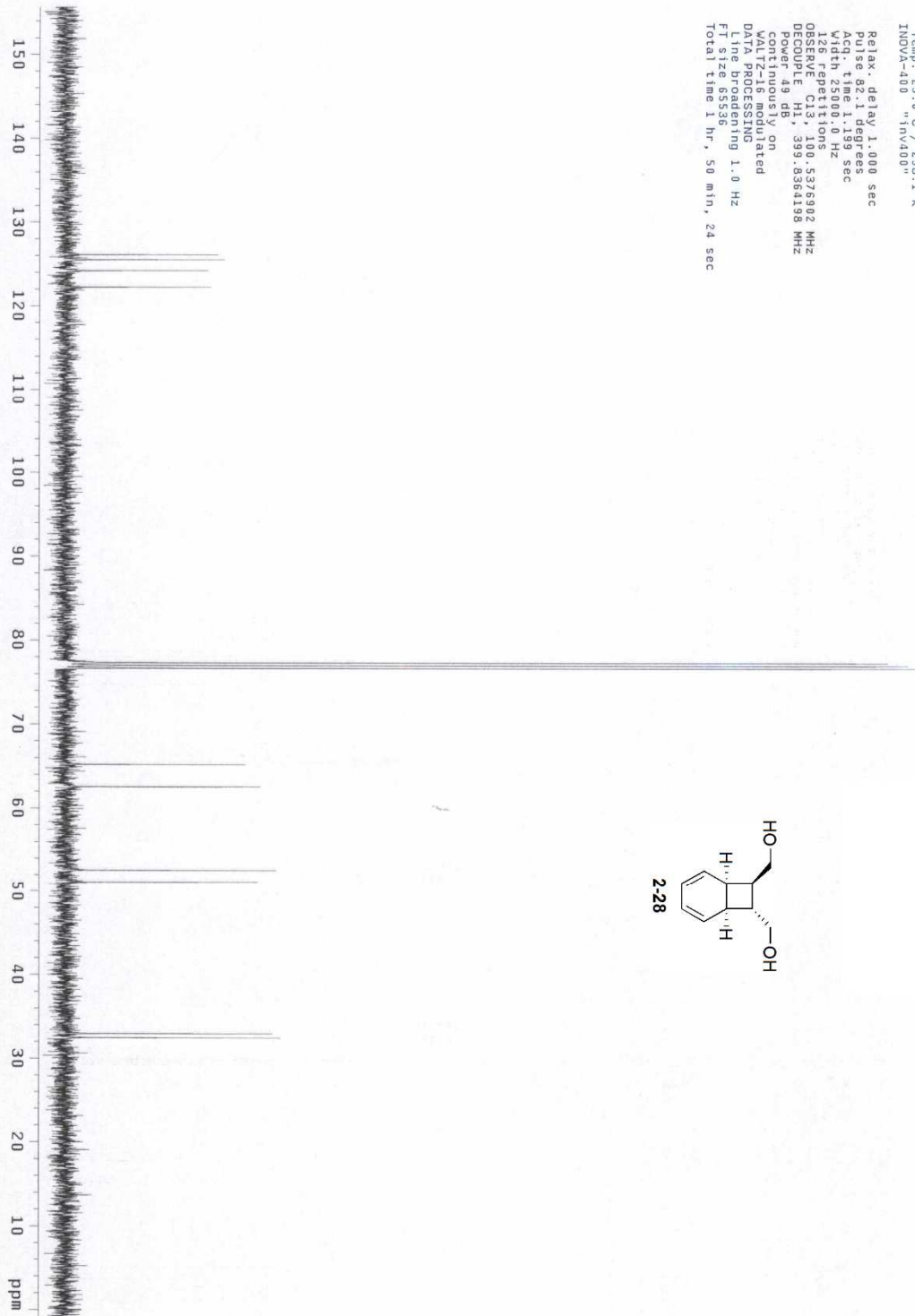
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 INOVA 400 MHz S/N# S011517
 ASPIRG PROBE S/N# P03133
 1H SENSITIVITY
 0.1X ETHYLBENZENE
 Pulse Sequence: szpu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 User: 1-12-87
 INOVA-400 "1nv400"
 Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 30.0 degrees
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 Width 400.0 Hz
 48 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 399.8314094 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 9 min, 8 sec



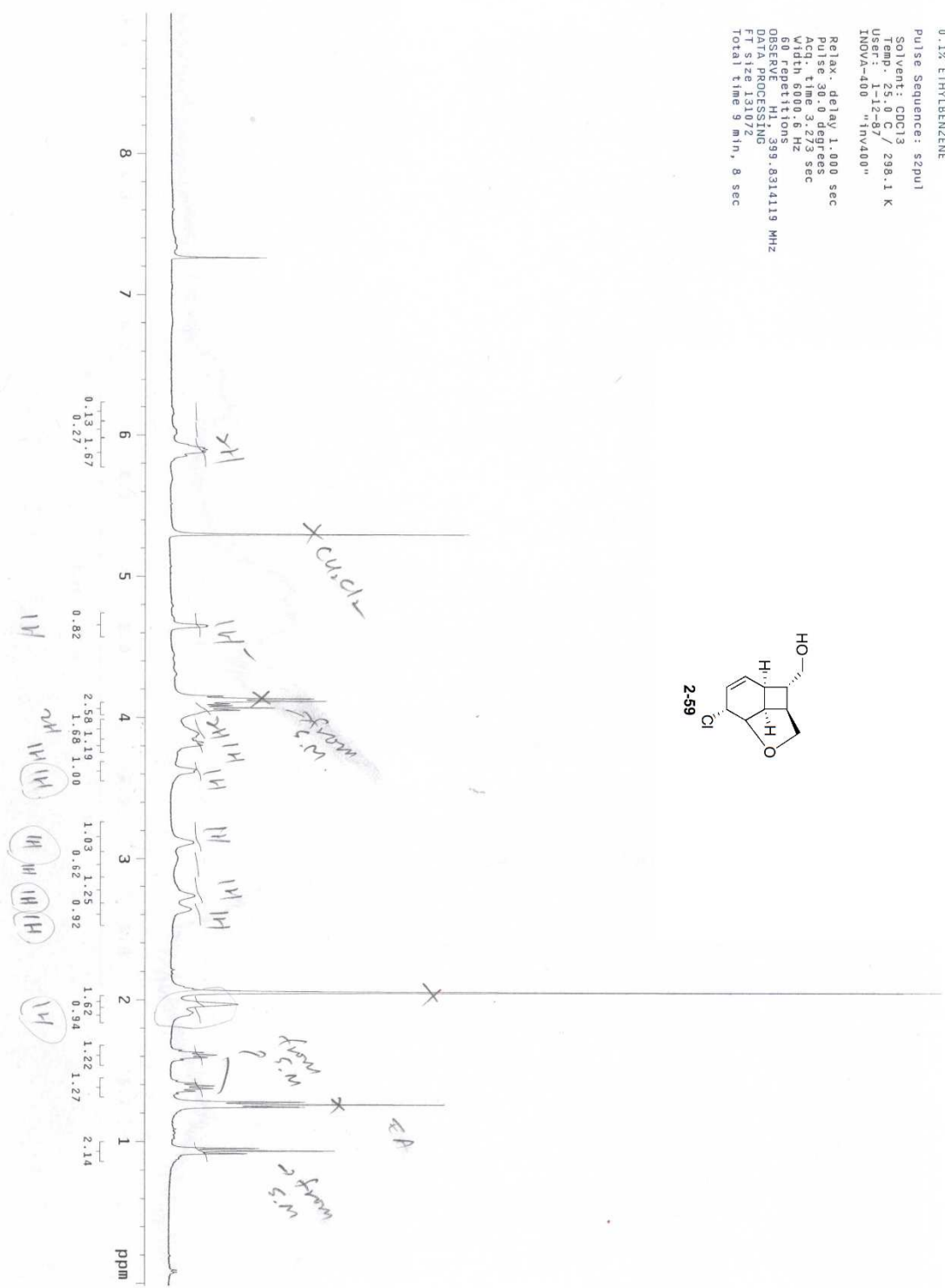
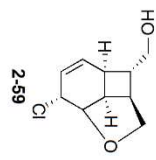
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2put
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
INVA-400 "inv400"

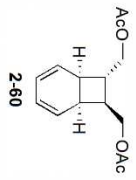
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse: 82.1 degrees
Acq. time 1.189 sec
Width 25000.0 Hz
126 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.5376902 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.3564198 MHz
PULSE 19.48
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 hr, 50 min, 24 sec



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
 INOVA 400 MHz NMR SOLIS17
 ASMP1g PROB: Smp P009133
 1H SENSITIVITY
 0.1X ETHYLBENZENE
 Pulse Sequence: s2pul
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 User: 1-12-87
 INOVA-400 "1nv400"
 Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 30.0 degrees
 Acq. time 3.273 sec
 V 4.210
 60 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1 399.8314119 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 9 min, 8 sec



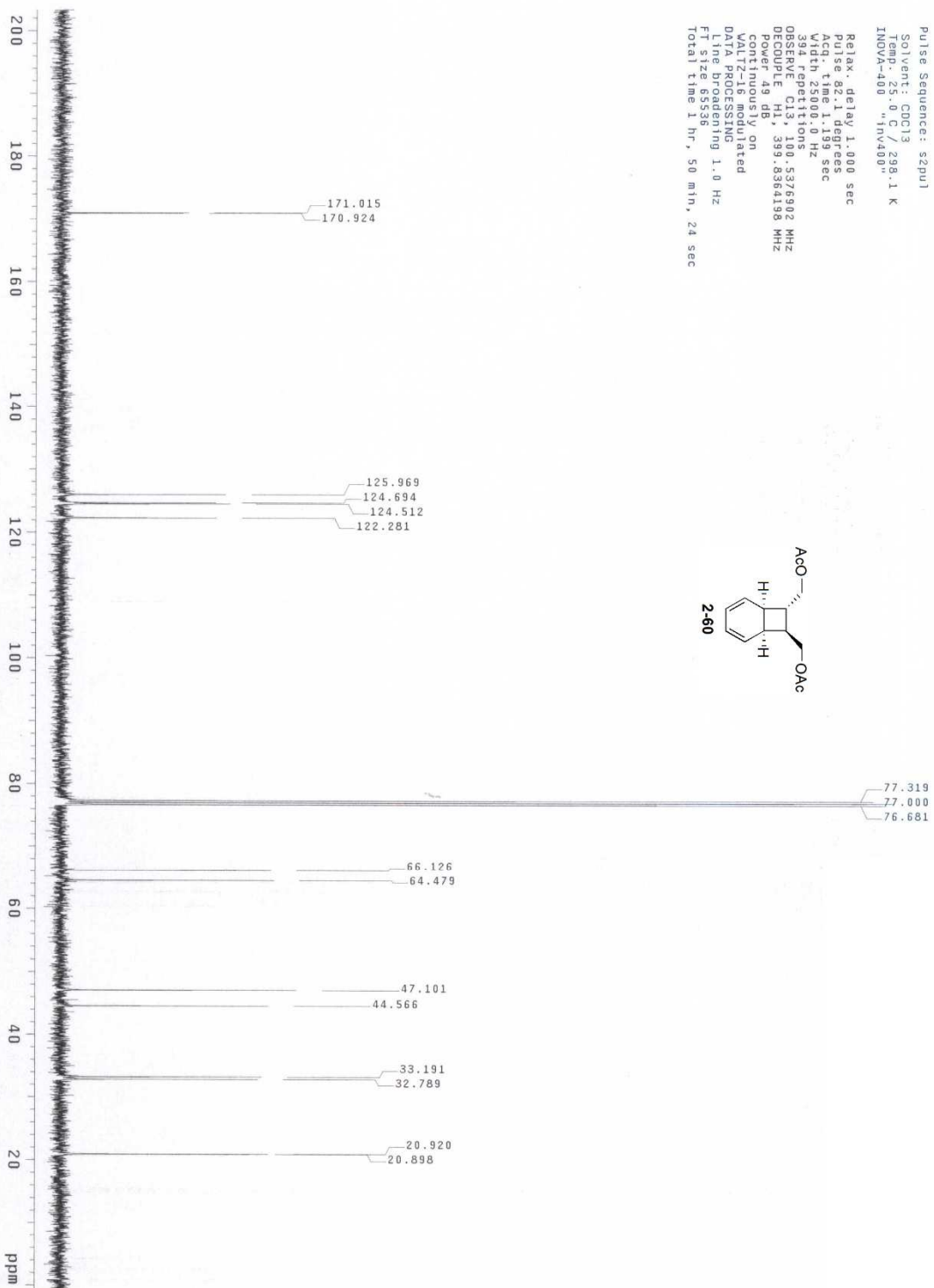
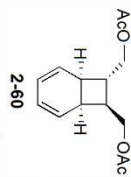
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
 INDVA 400 MHz SN# S011617
 ASMPFG PROBE SN# P005133
 1H SENSITIVITY
 0.1% ETHYLENEDIAMINE
 Pulse Sequence: szpu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 User: 1-12-87
 INDVA-400 "inv400"
 Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 30.0 degrees
 Acq: time 3.273 sec
 Width 6000.6 Hz
 Observed 11 ions
 OBSERVED 9.8314109 MHZ
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 131072
 Total time 9 min, 59 sec



13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3 298.1 K
Temp: 25.0 C // 298.1 K
INDV4-400 11V4900

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 42.1 degrees
Pulse 42.1 degrees
Width 25000.0 Hz
394 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.5376902 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.8364198 MHz
Power 49 dB
continuously on
not frequency modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 hr, 50 min, 24 sec



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Data Collected on:
 inv500-inova500
 Archive directory:
 /export/home/heenan/vnmrSYS/data
 Sample directory:

File: PROTON

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: CDCl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.892 sec

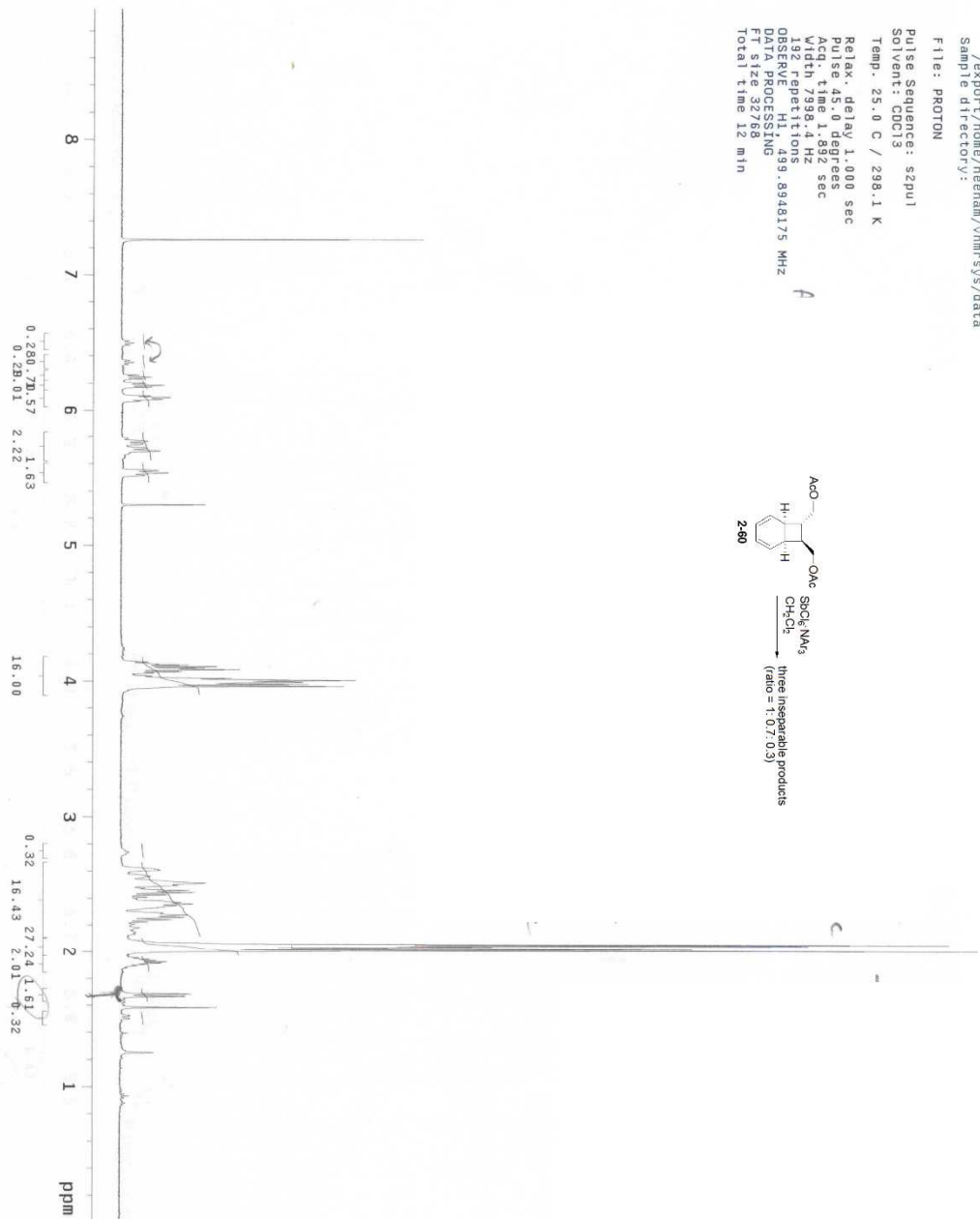
Width 7998.4 Hz

192 repetitions

OBSERVE H1 499.8948175 MHz

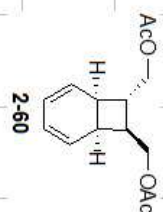
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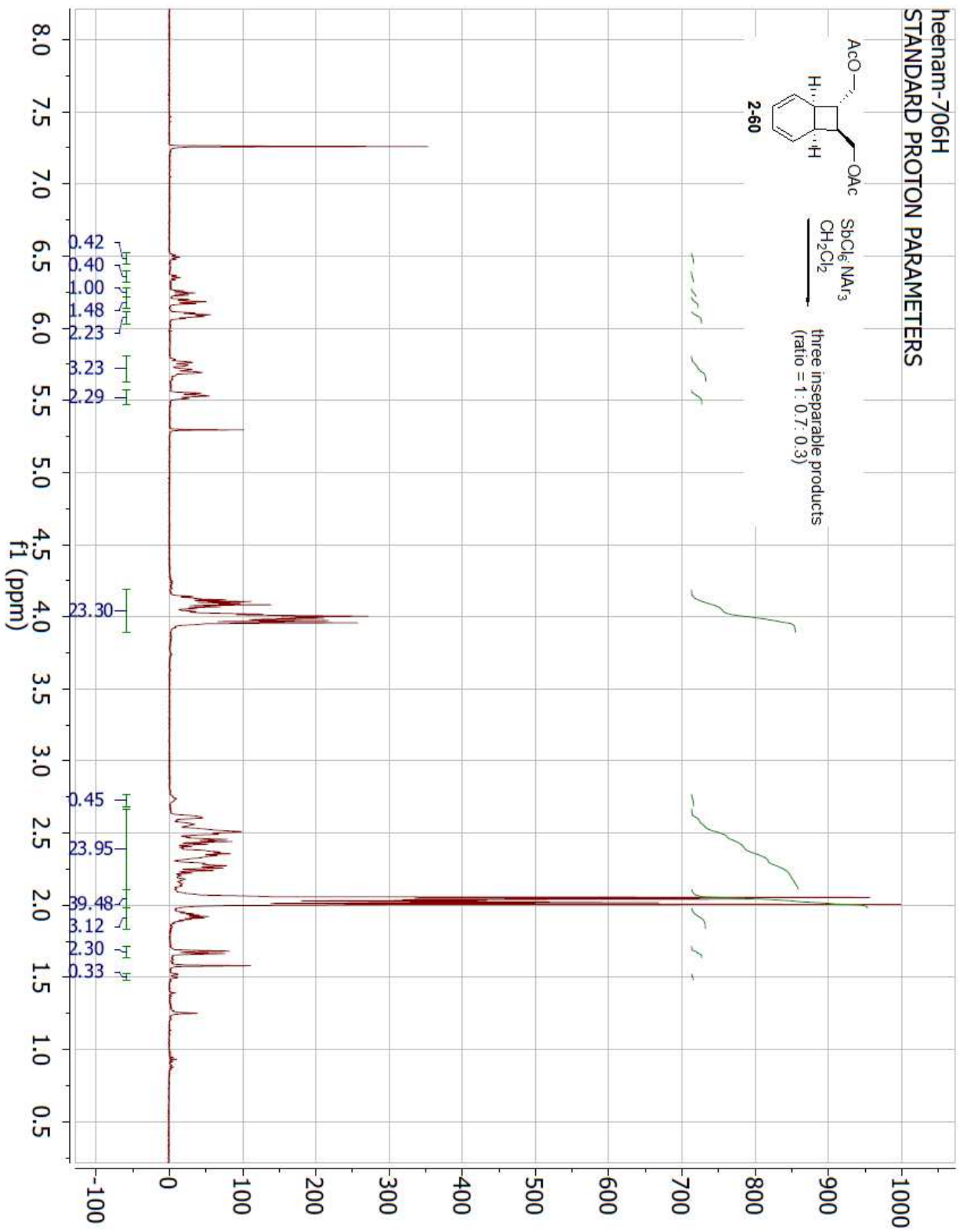


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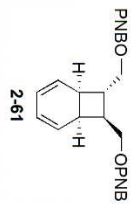


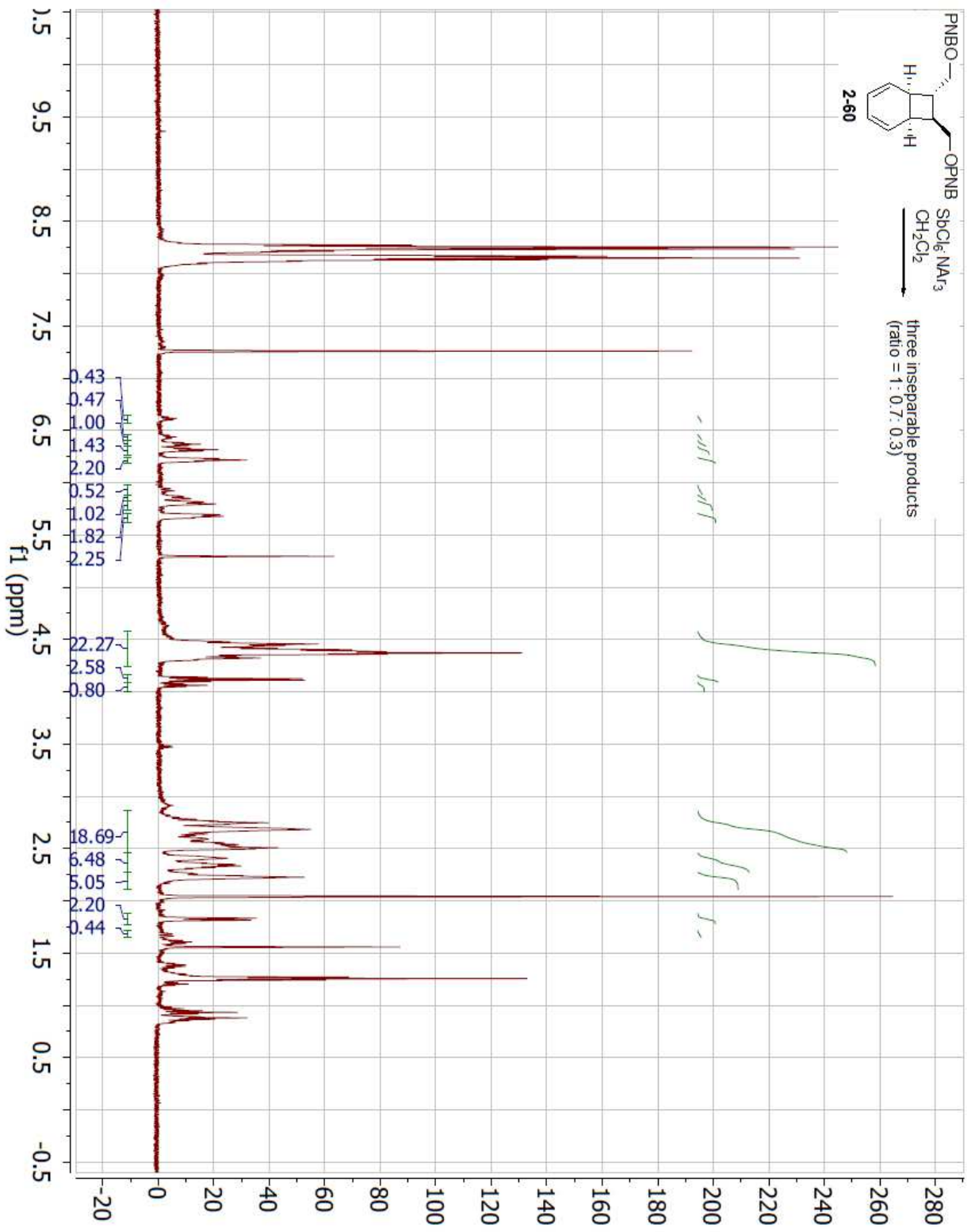
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CH₂Cl₂
three inseparable products
(ratio = 1 : 0.7 : 0.3)



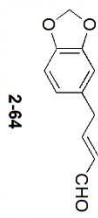
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
INOVA 400 MHz SNW S011617
ASWpfg PROBE SNW P005133
1H SENSITIVITY
0.1X ETHYLBENZENE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
User: 1-12-87
INOVA-400 "1nv400"
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 30.0 degrees
Acq. time 3.273 sec
K0 600.130 MHz
K1 600.130 MHz
OBSERVE 1H 399.8314087 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 9 min, 8 sec

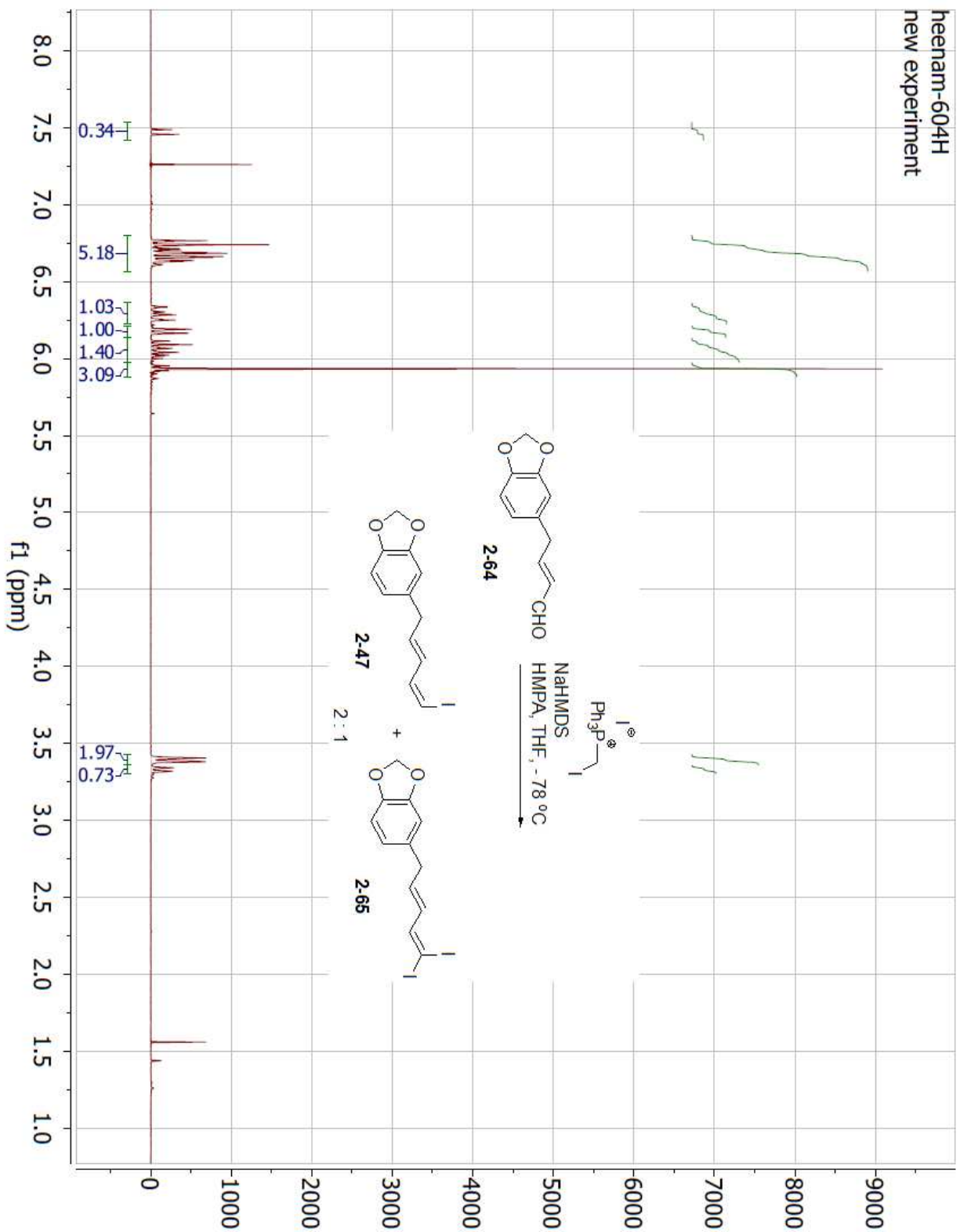


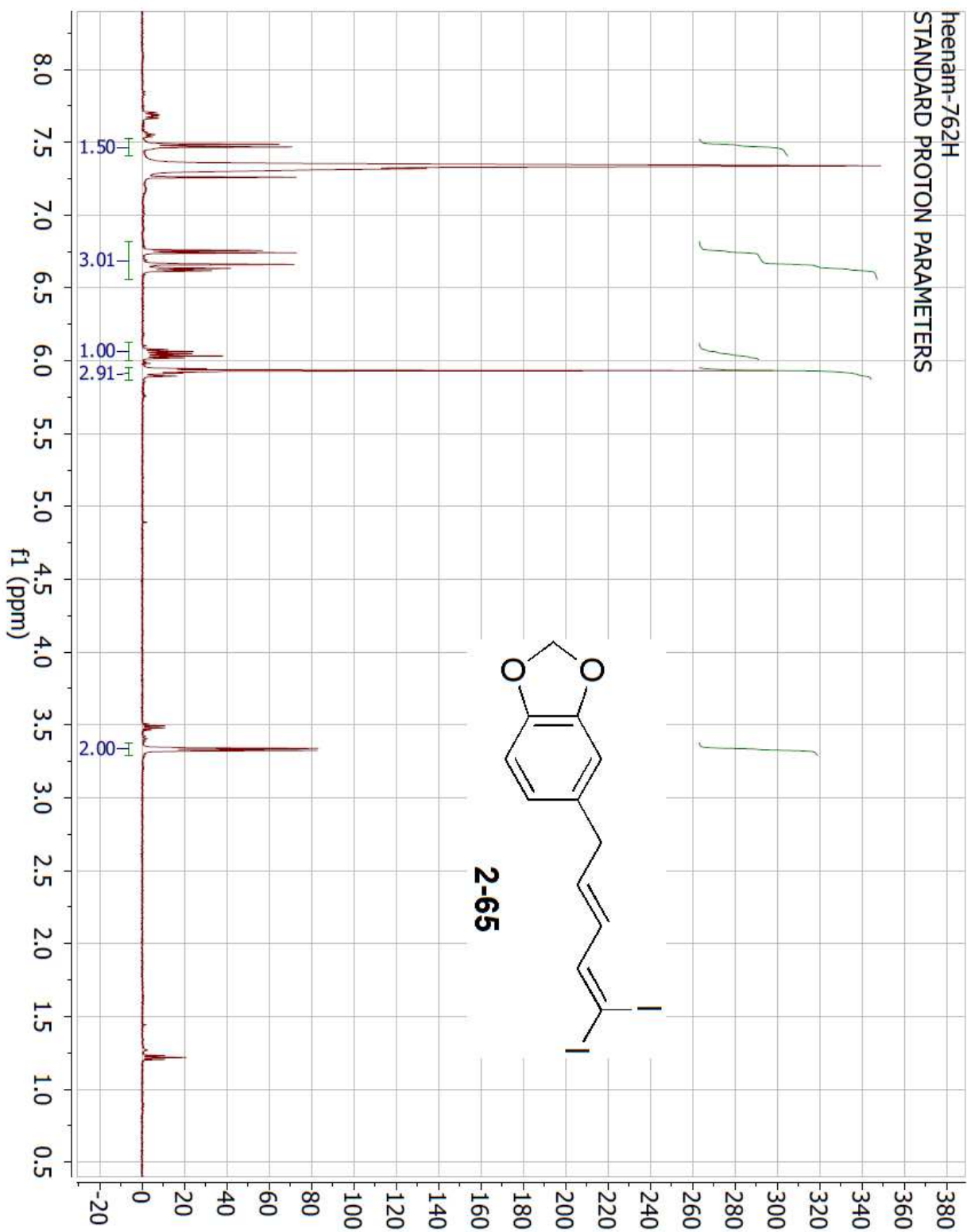


new experiment
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300BB "gem300"
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 7.8 degrees
Acq. time 1.998 sec
Width 4500.5 Hz
Sweep rate 100.0720783 MHz
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DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 9 min, 16 sec

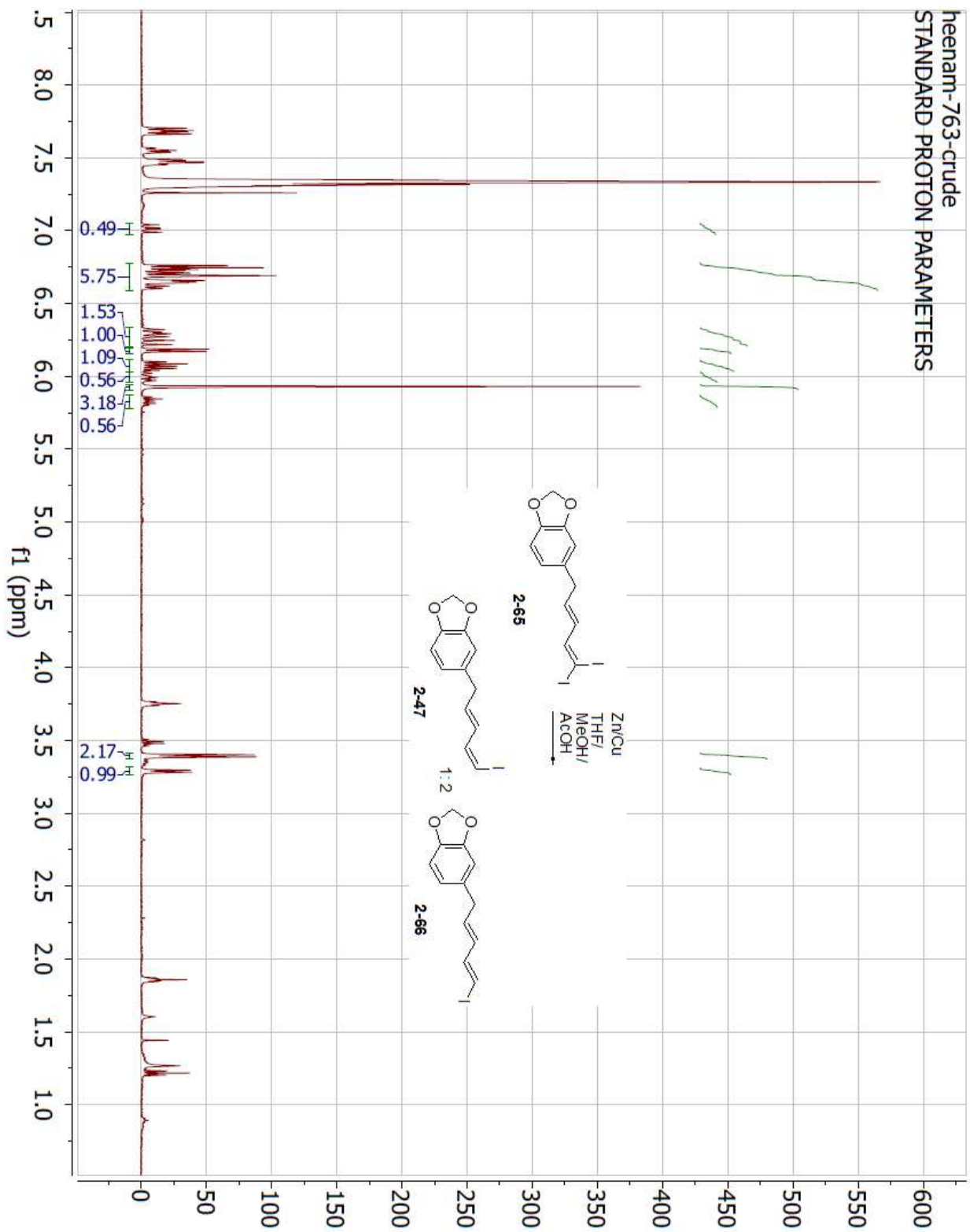


heenam-604H
new experiment





heenam-763-crude
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



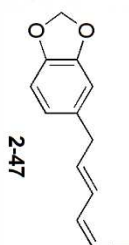
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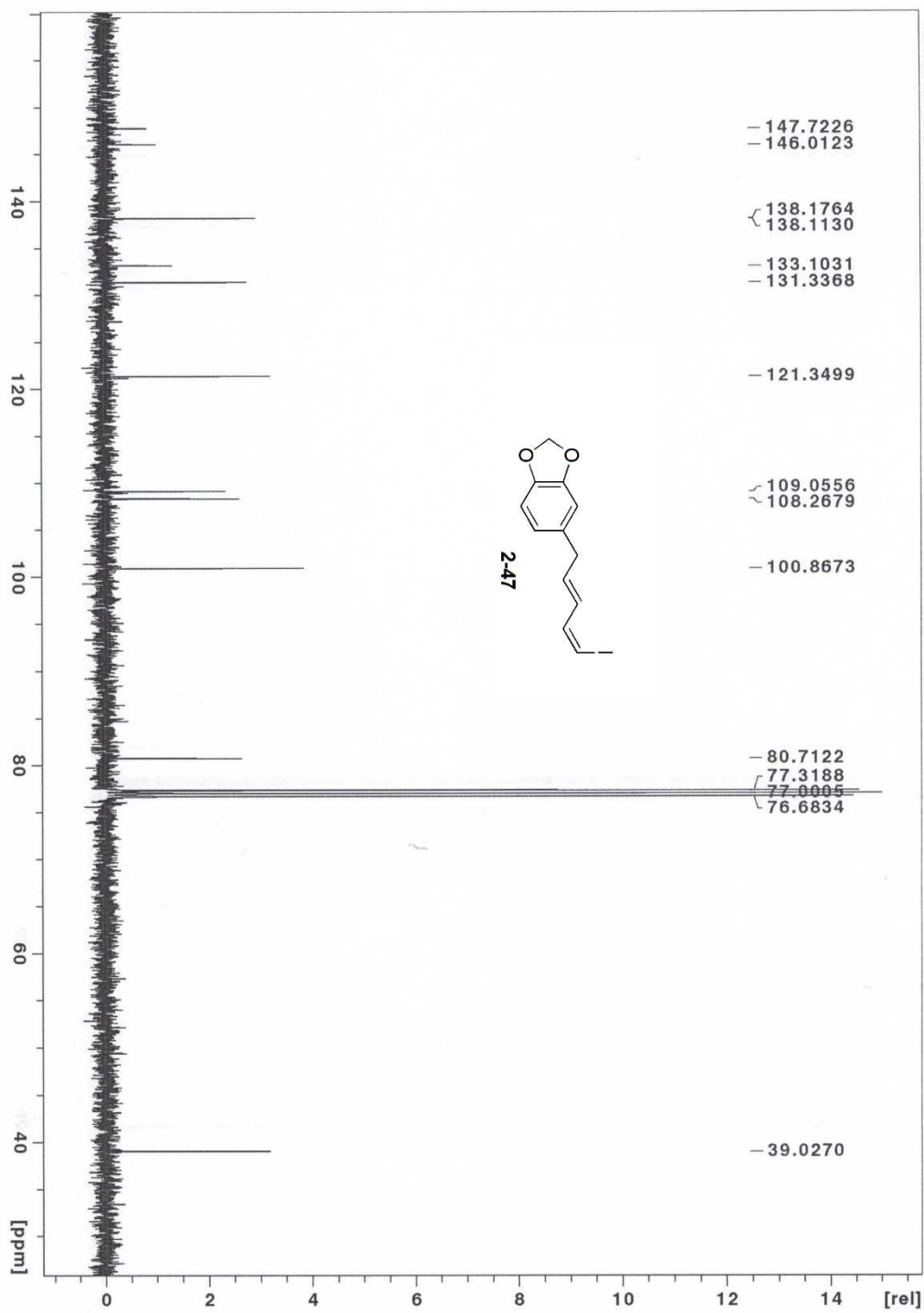
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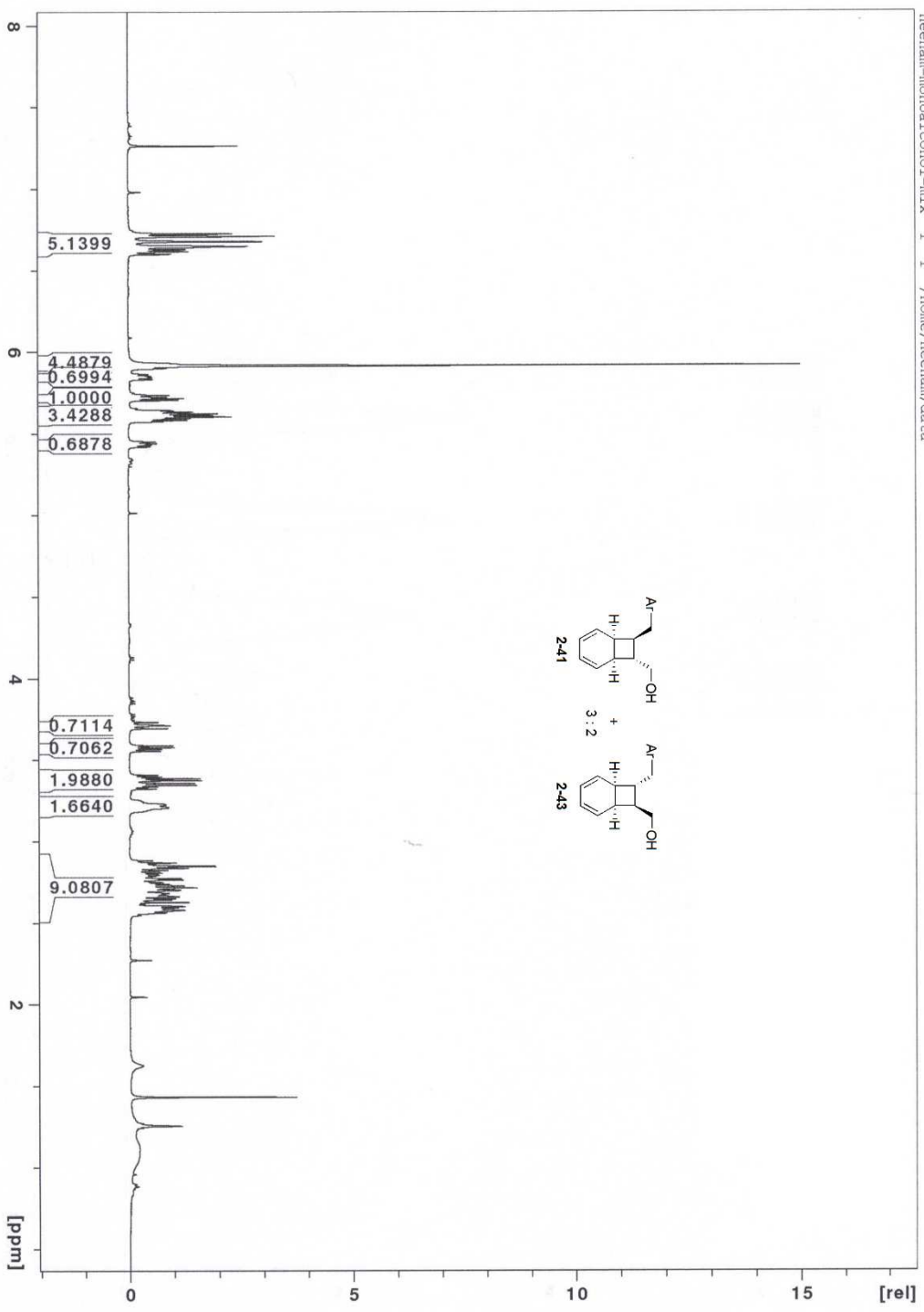
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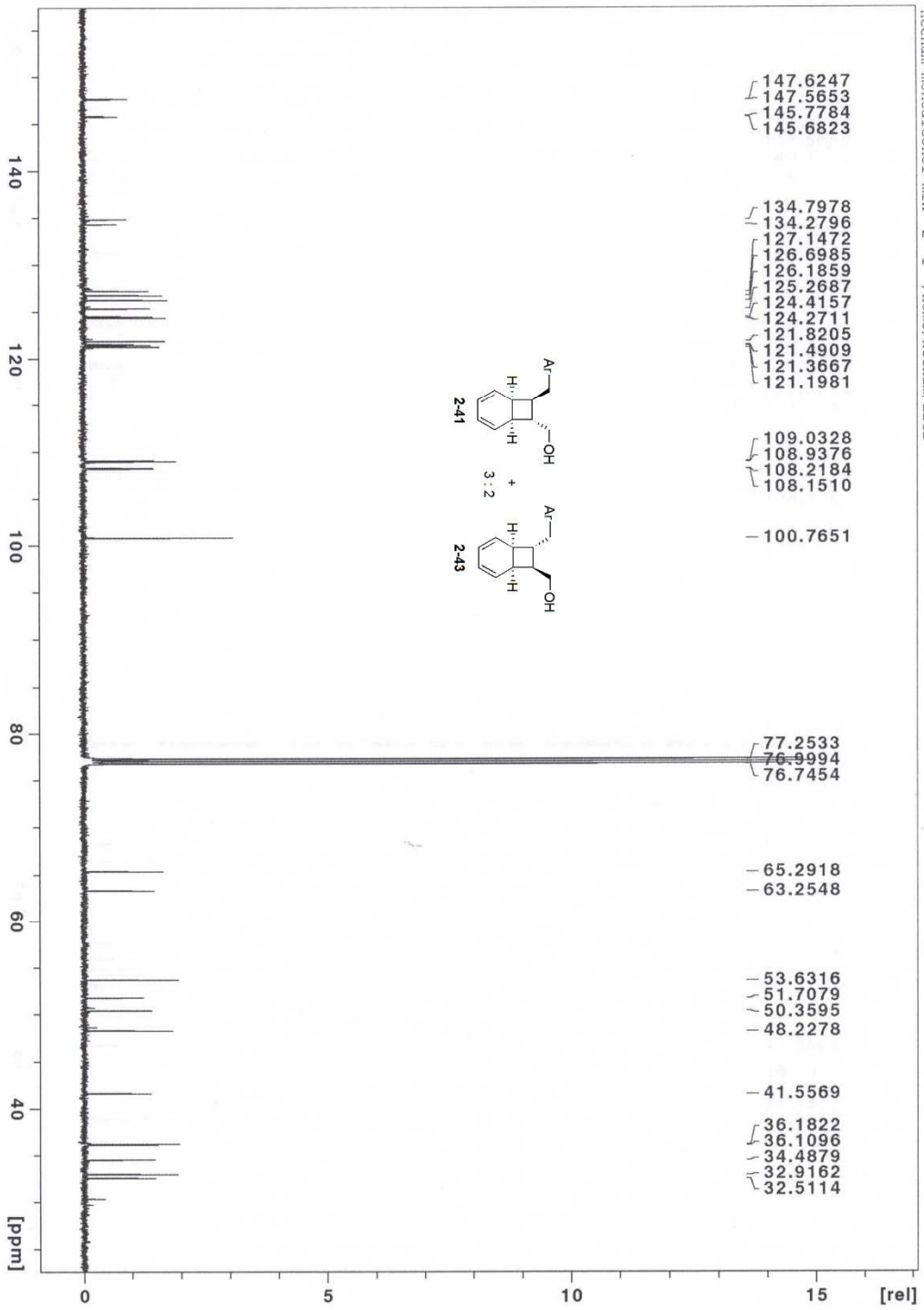
Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
Solvent: CDCl3

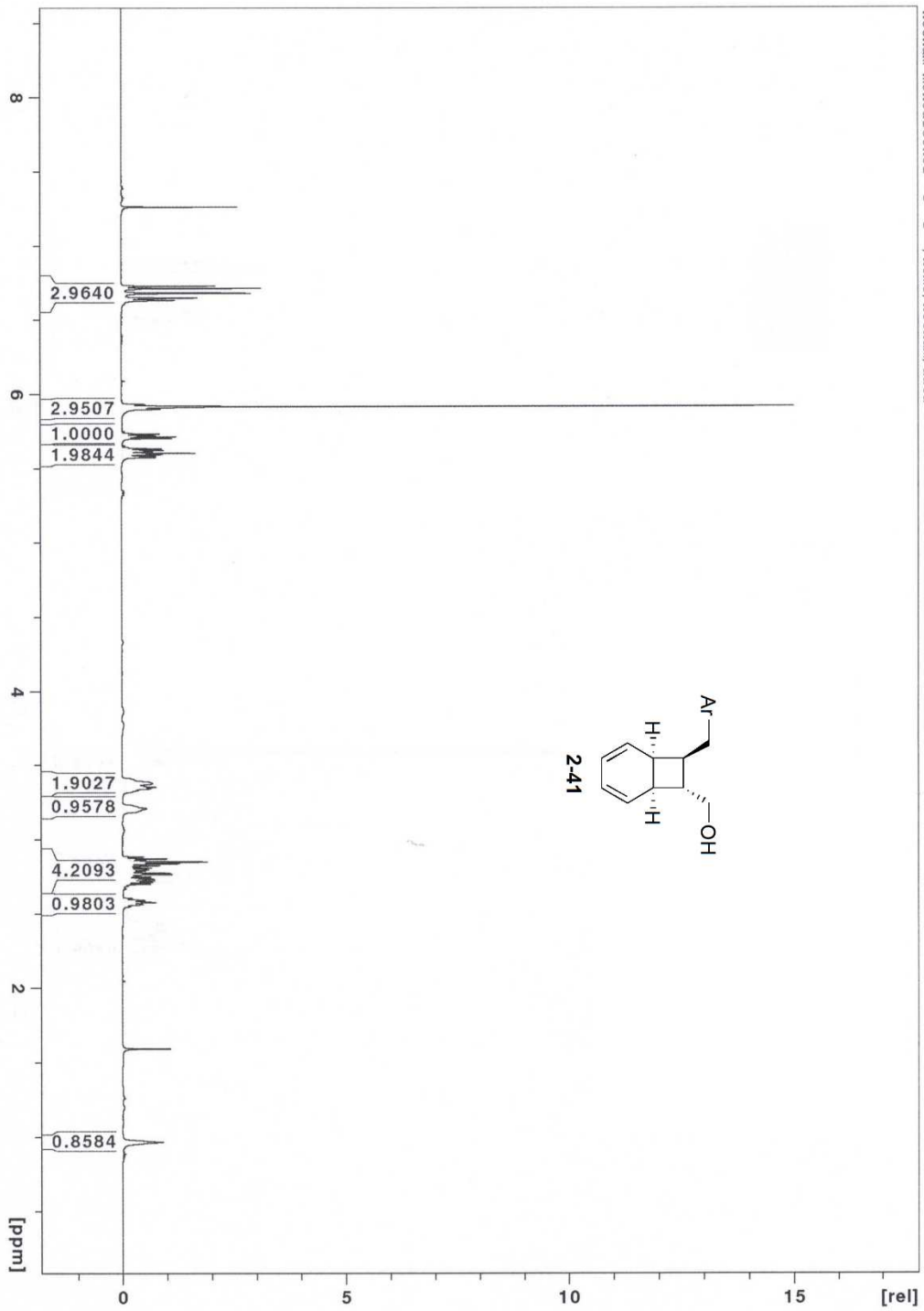
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.892 sec
Width 7998.4 Hz
82 repetitions
002KPROCES1.MG
499.8948170 MHz
FT size 32768
Total time 6 min

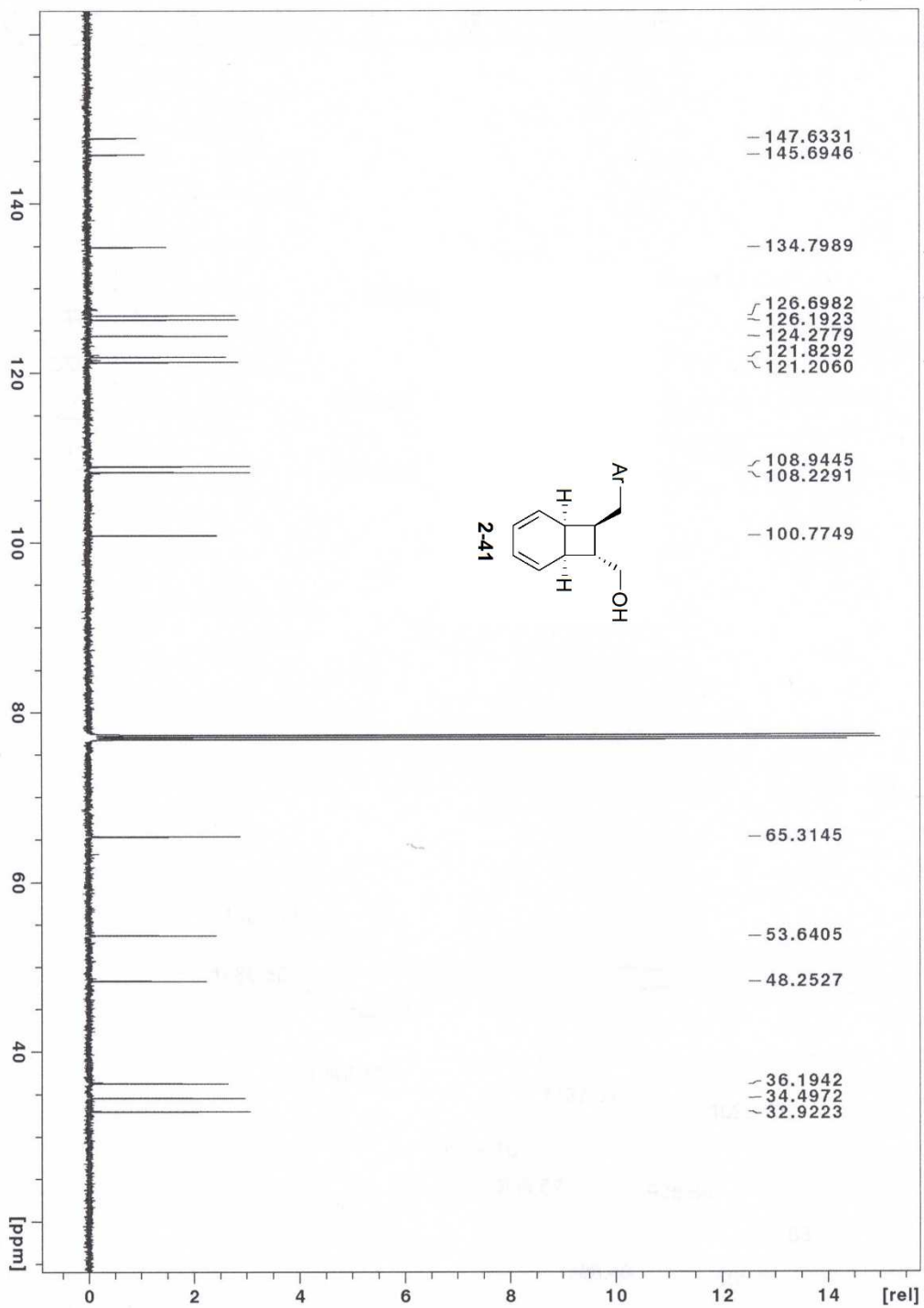


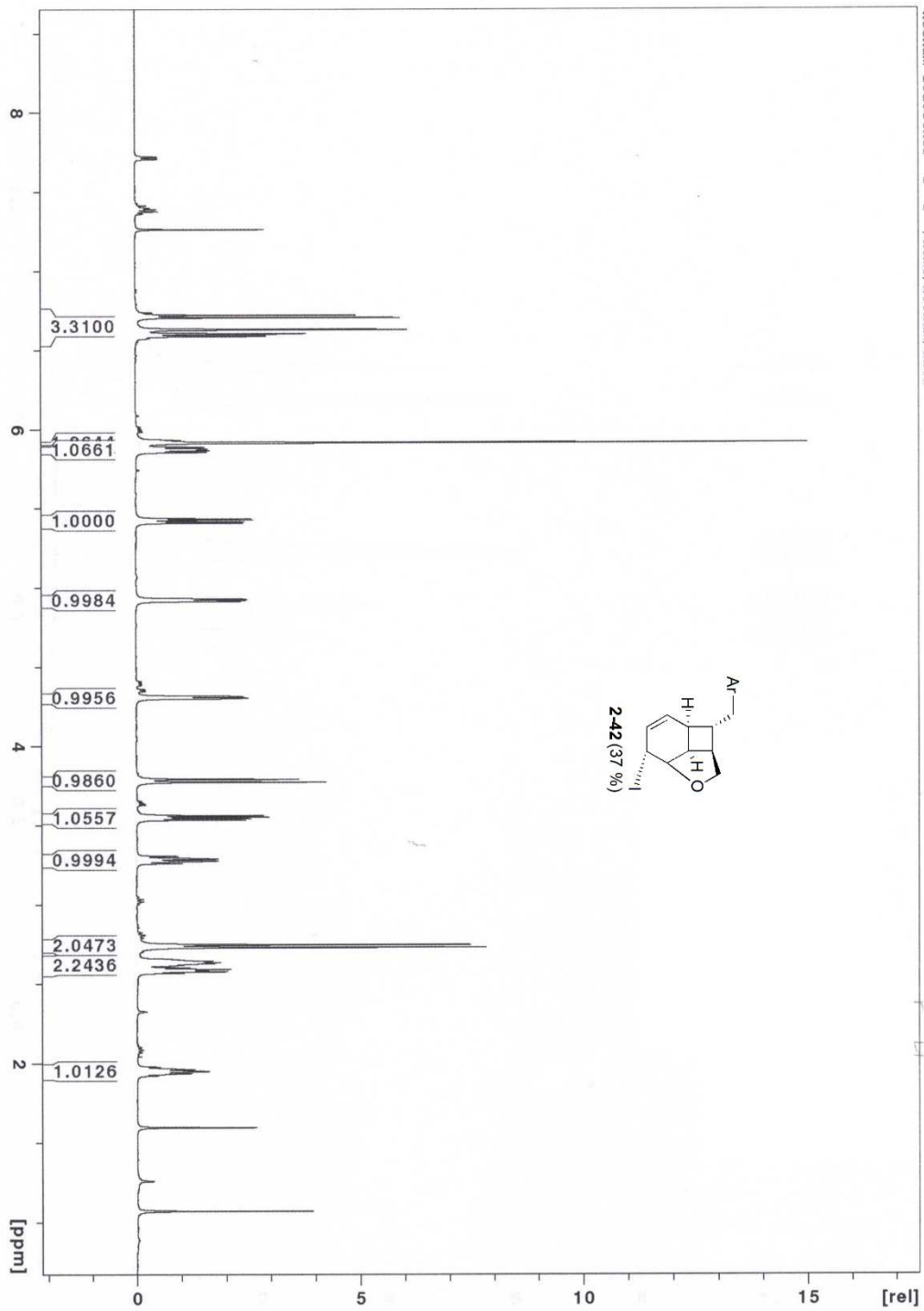


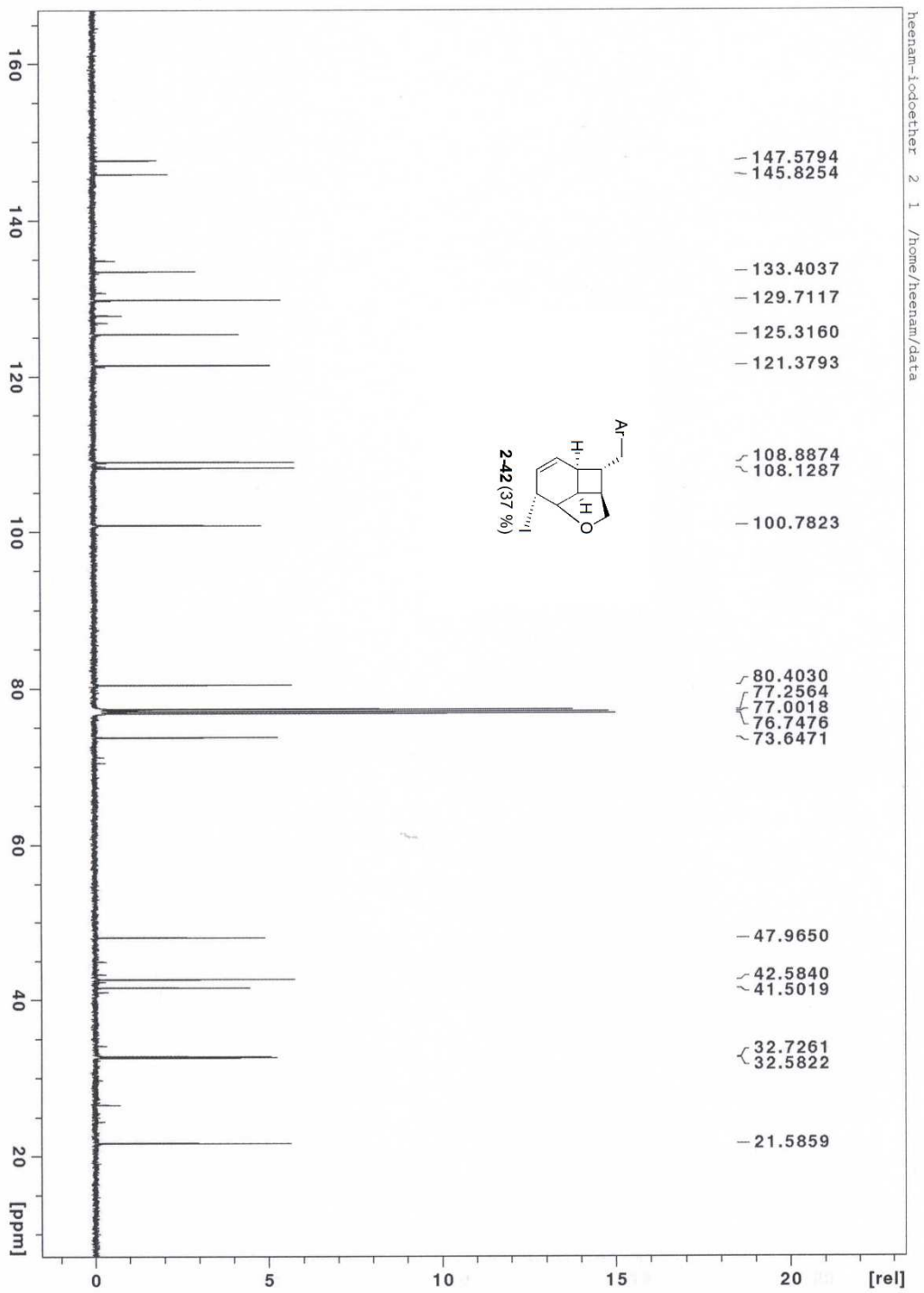




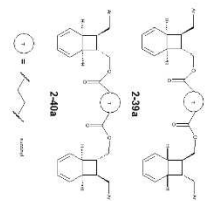




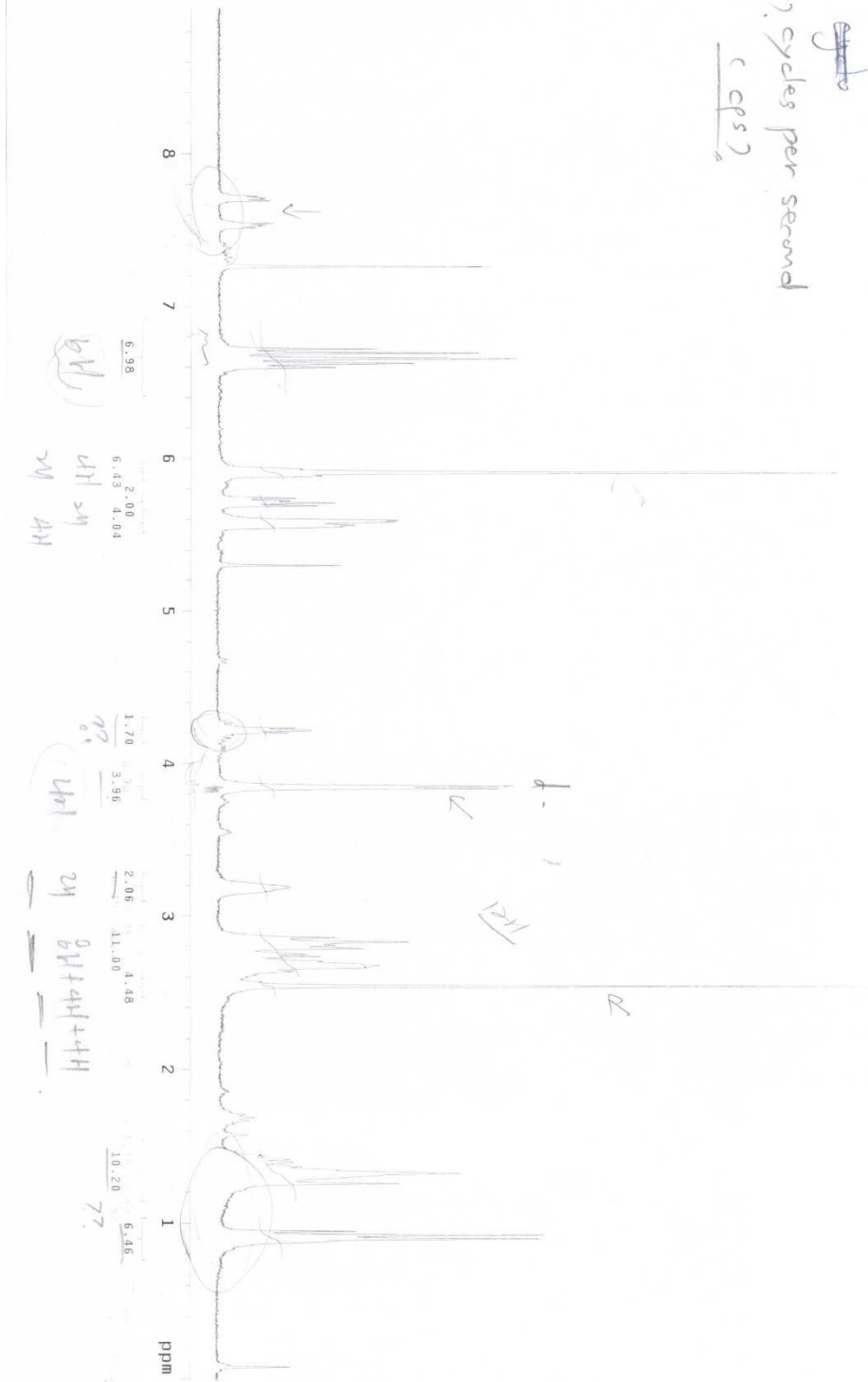




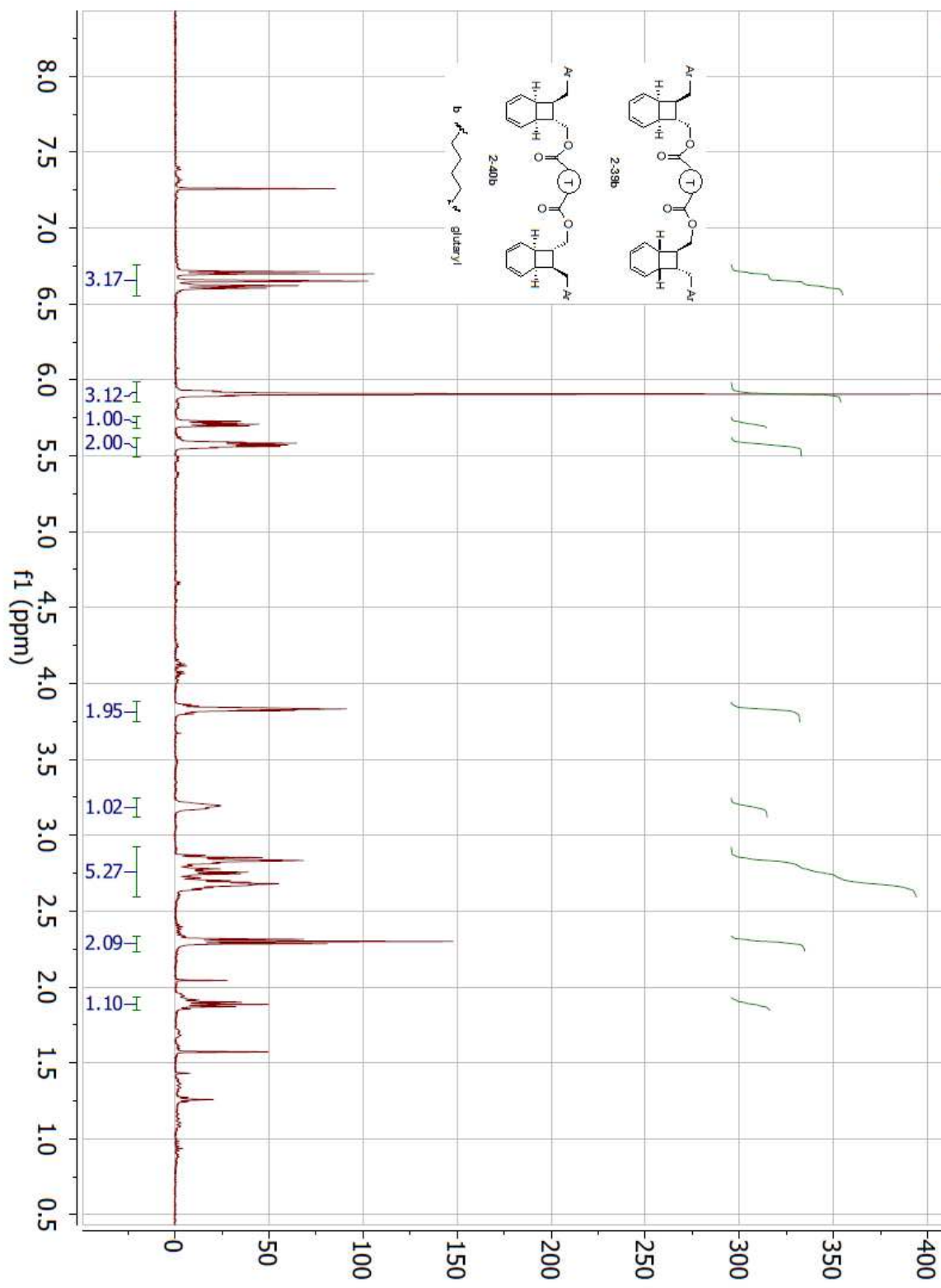
NMR EXPERIMENT
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 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-500B6 9cm2500
 Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 8 degrees
 Acq: time 9.968 sec
 Width 4500.5 Hz
 41 repetitions
 OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720786 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 0 min, 0 sec

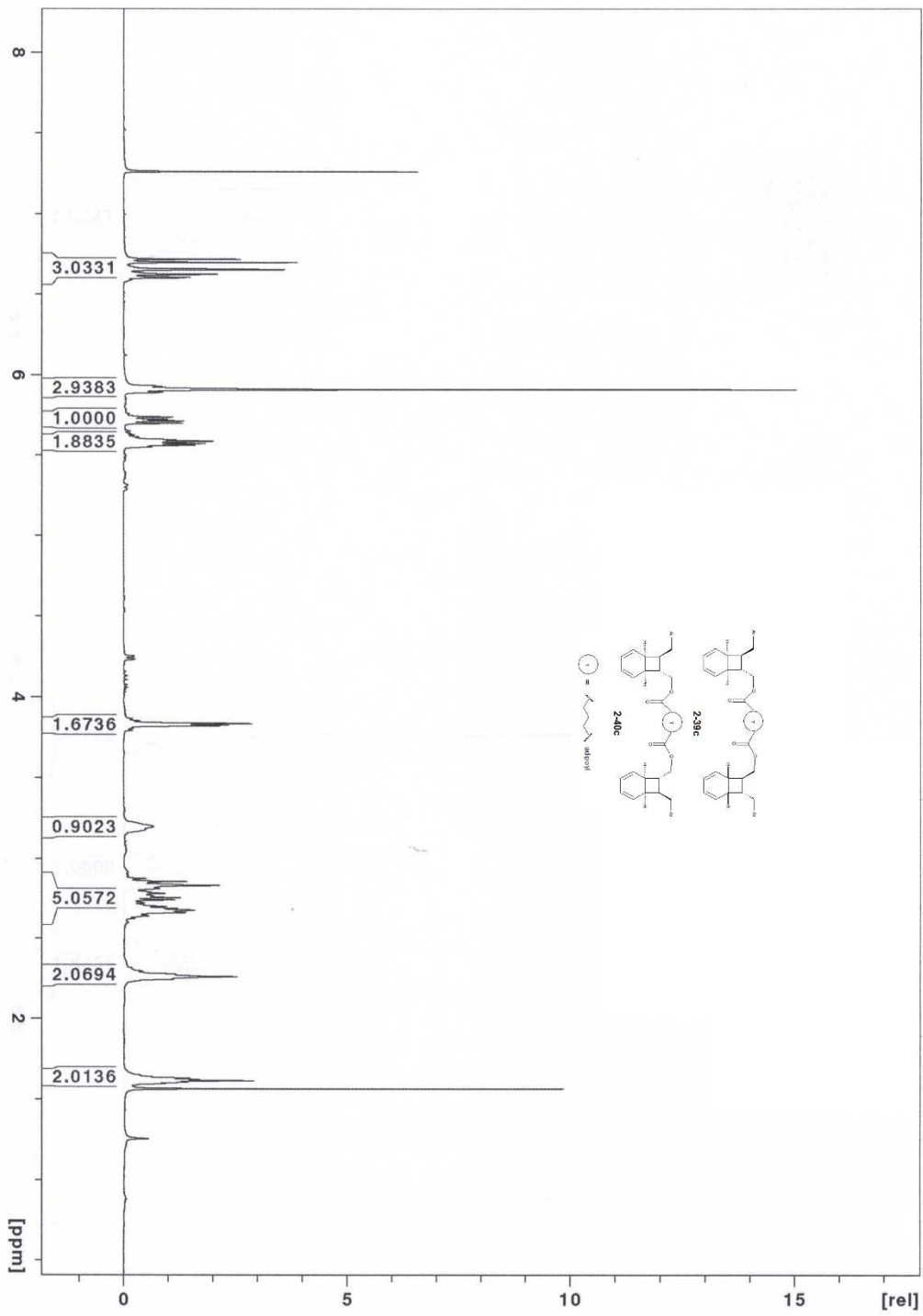


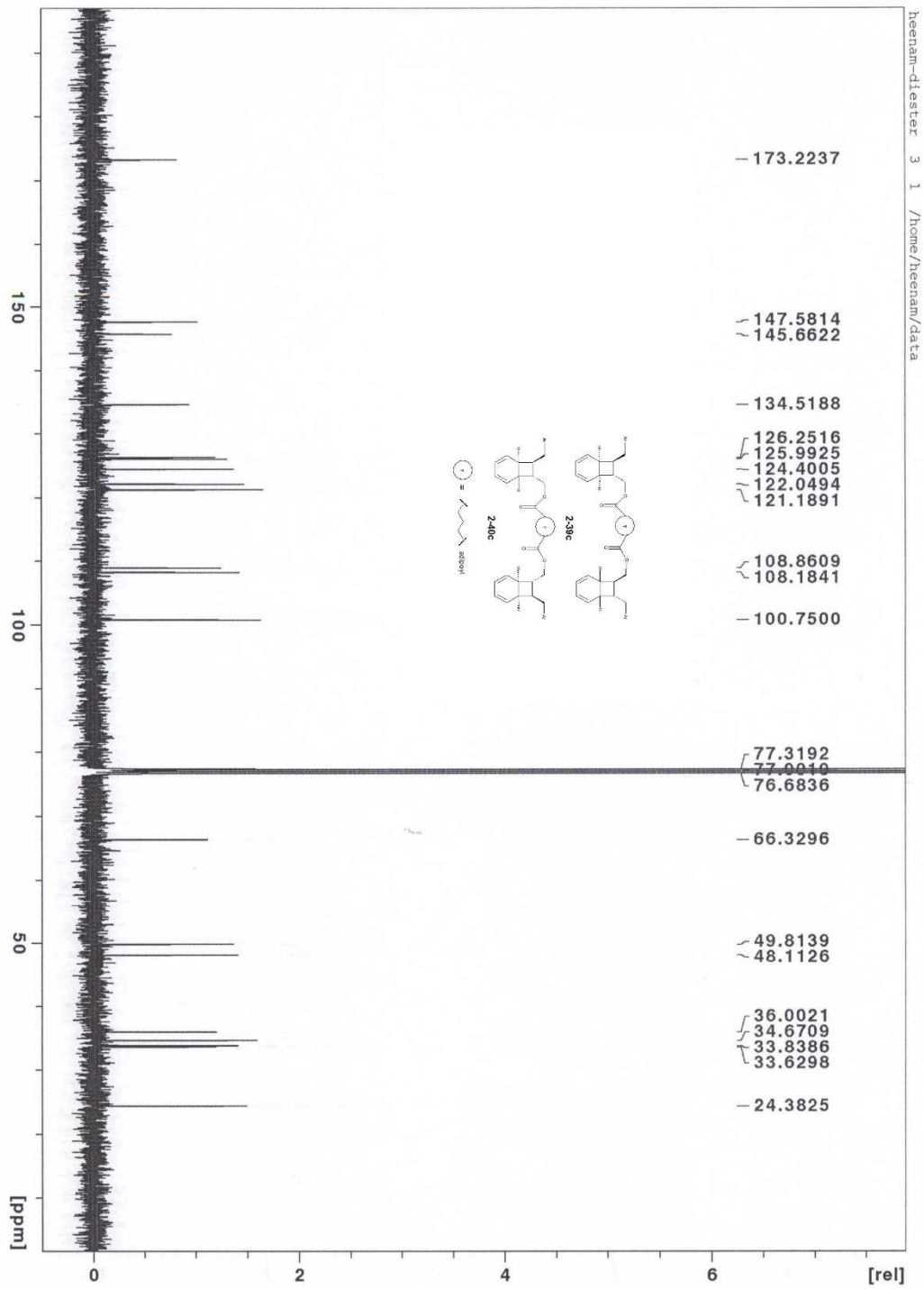
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 7.1 cycles per second
 (cps)



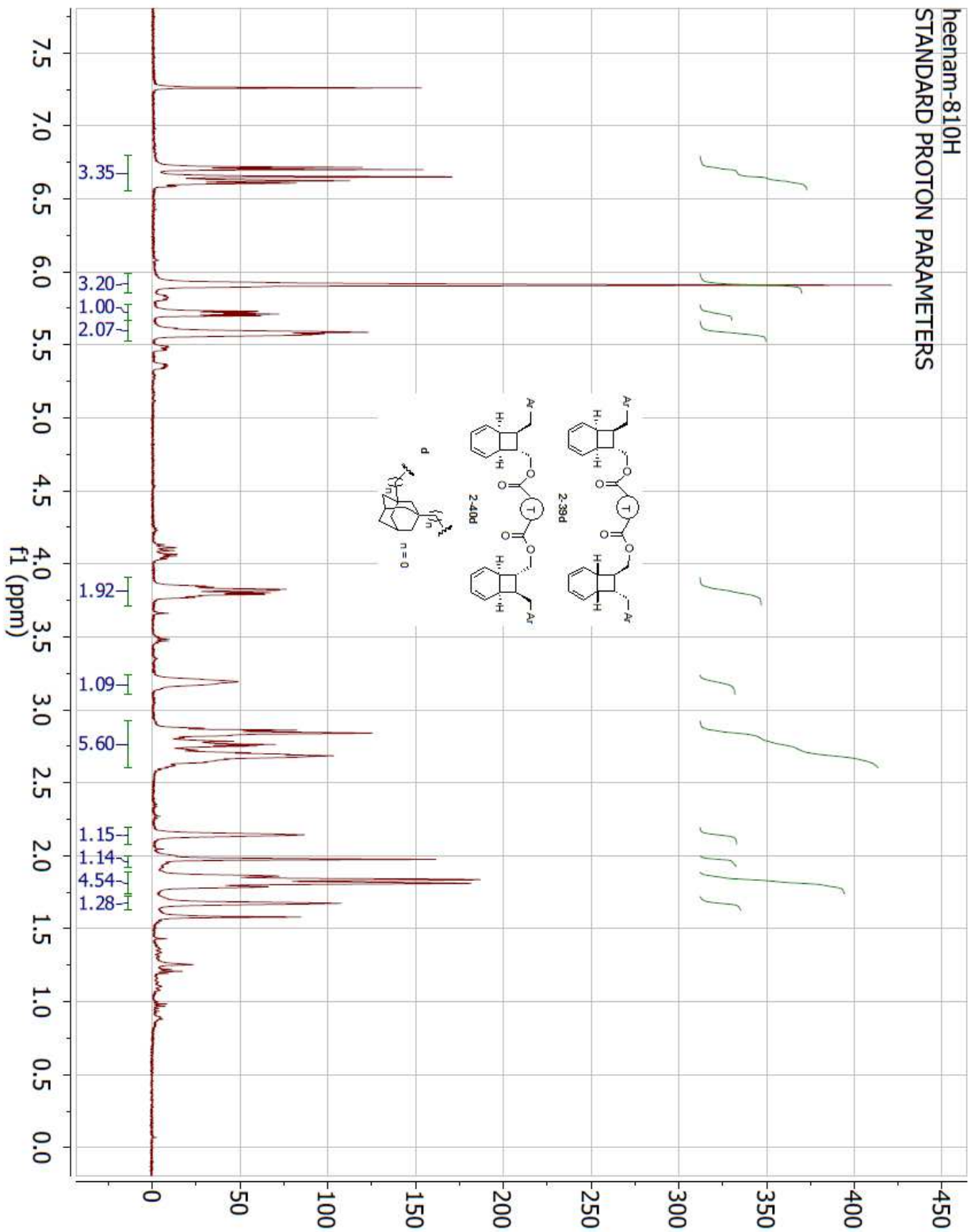
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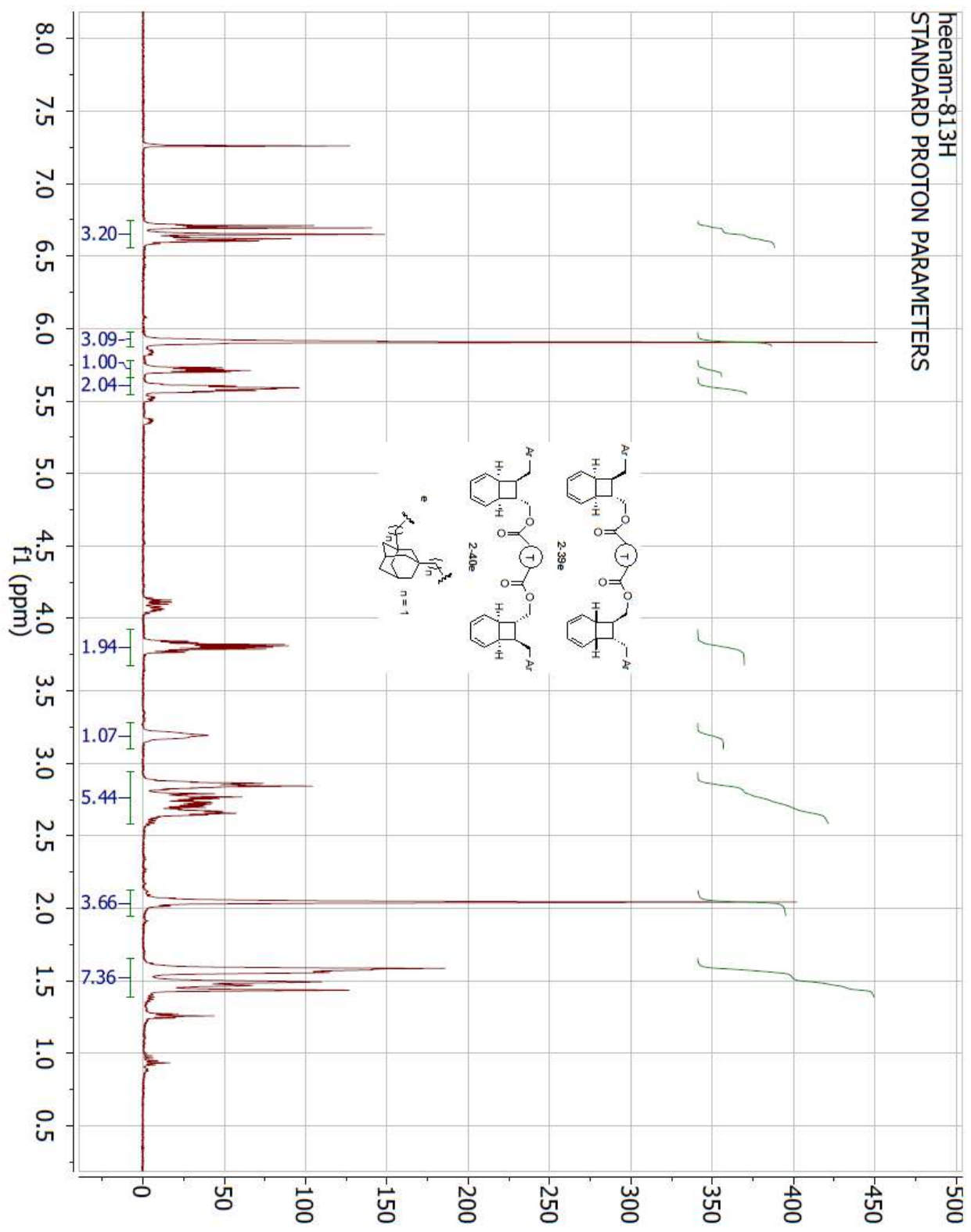


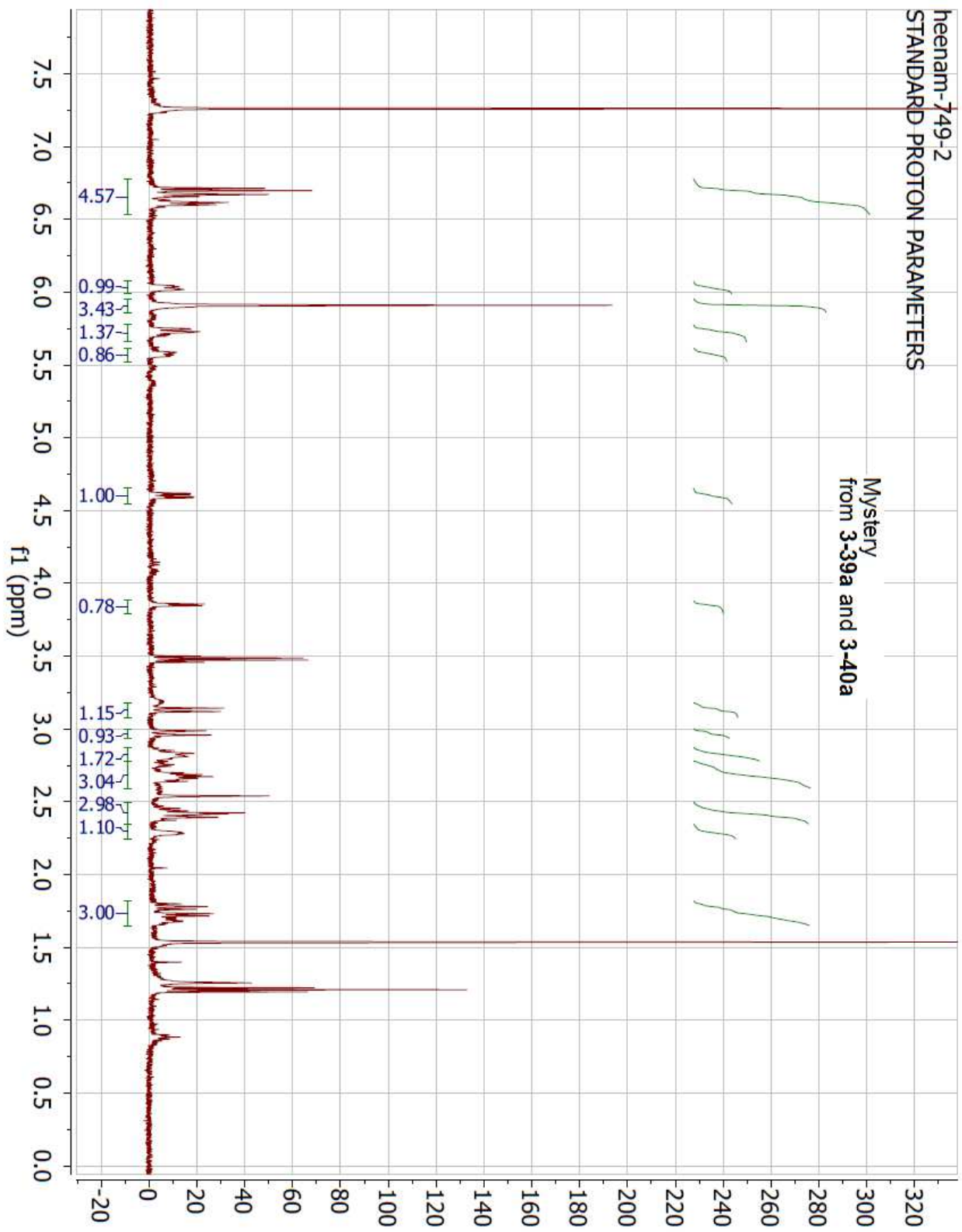


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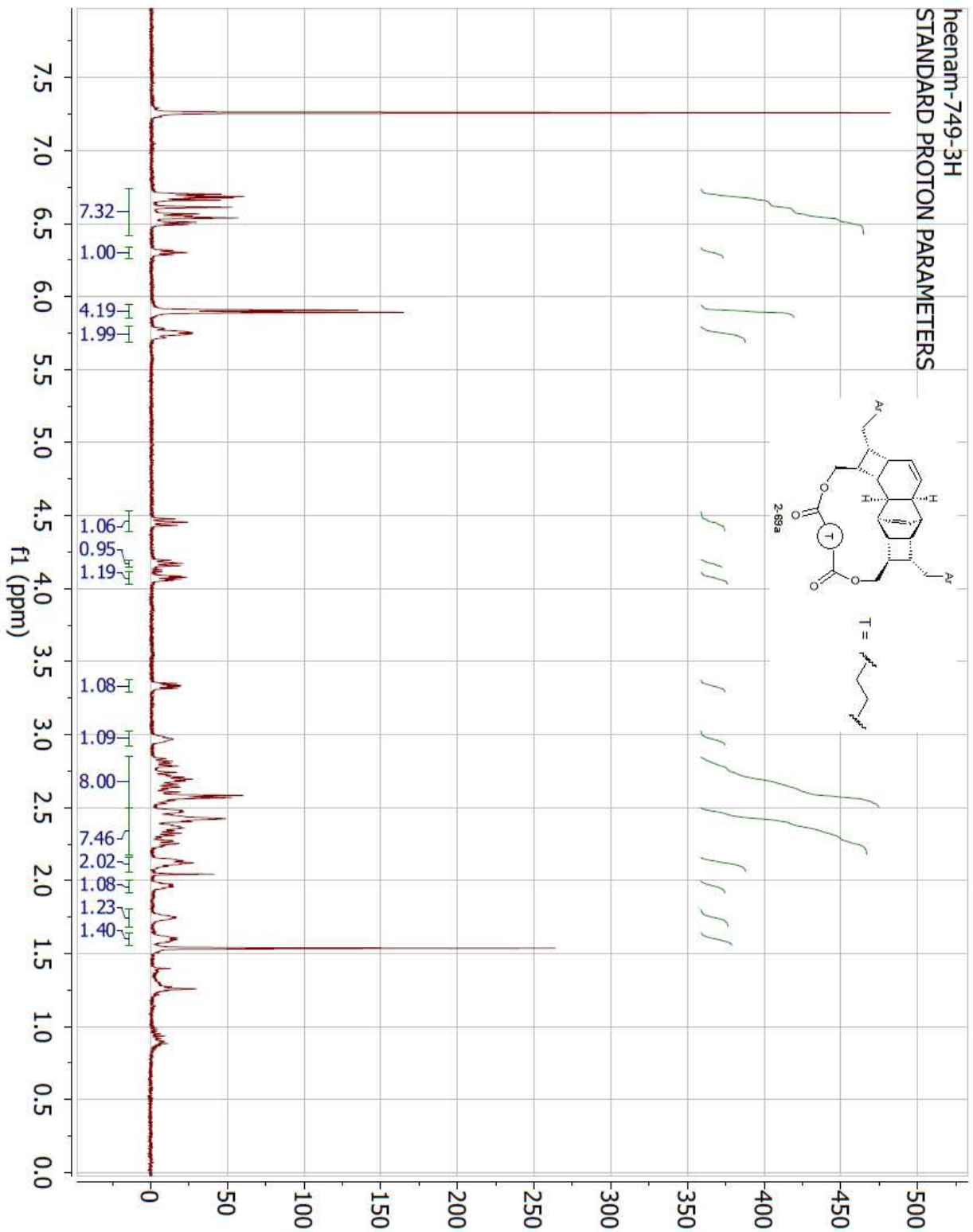


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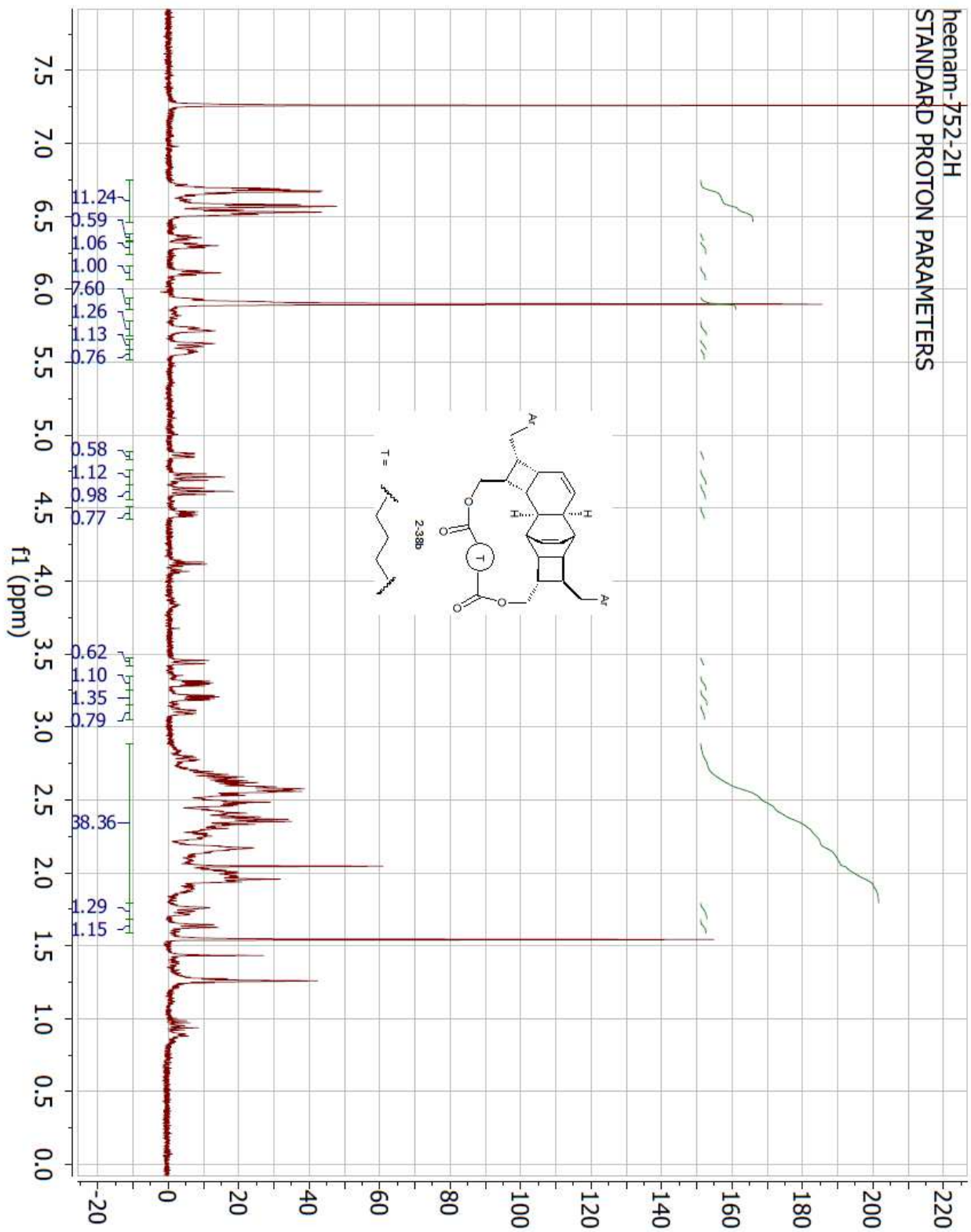




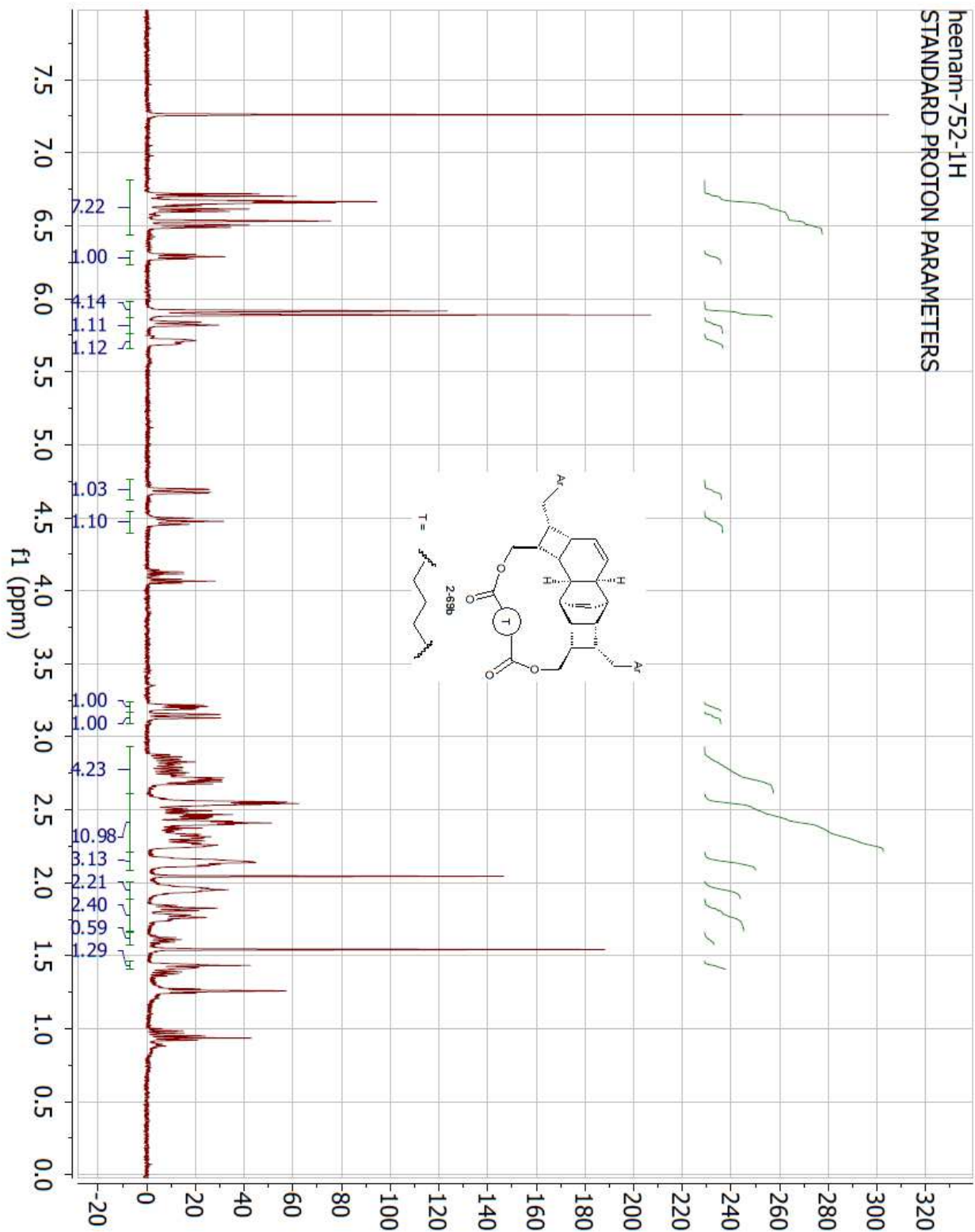
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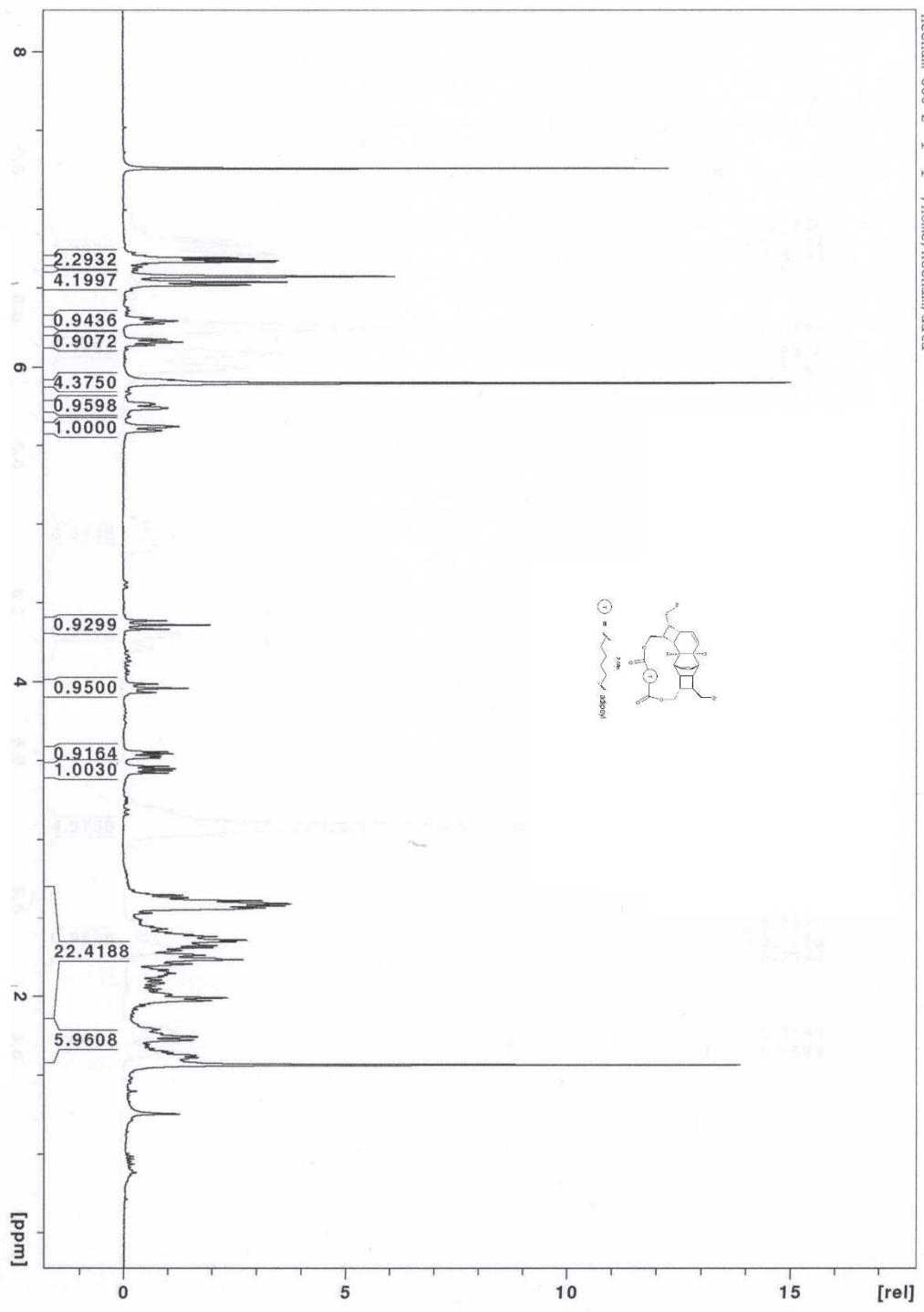


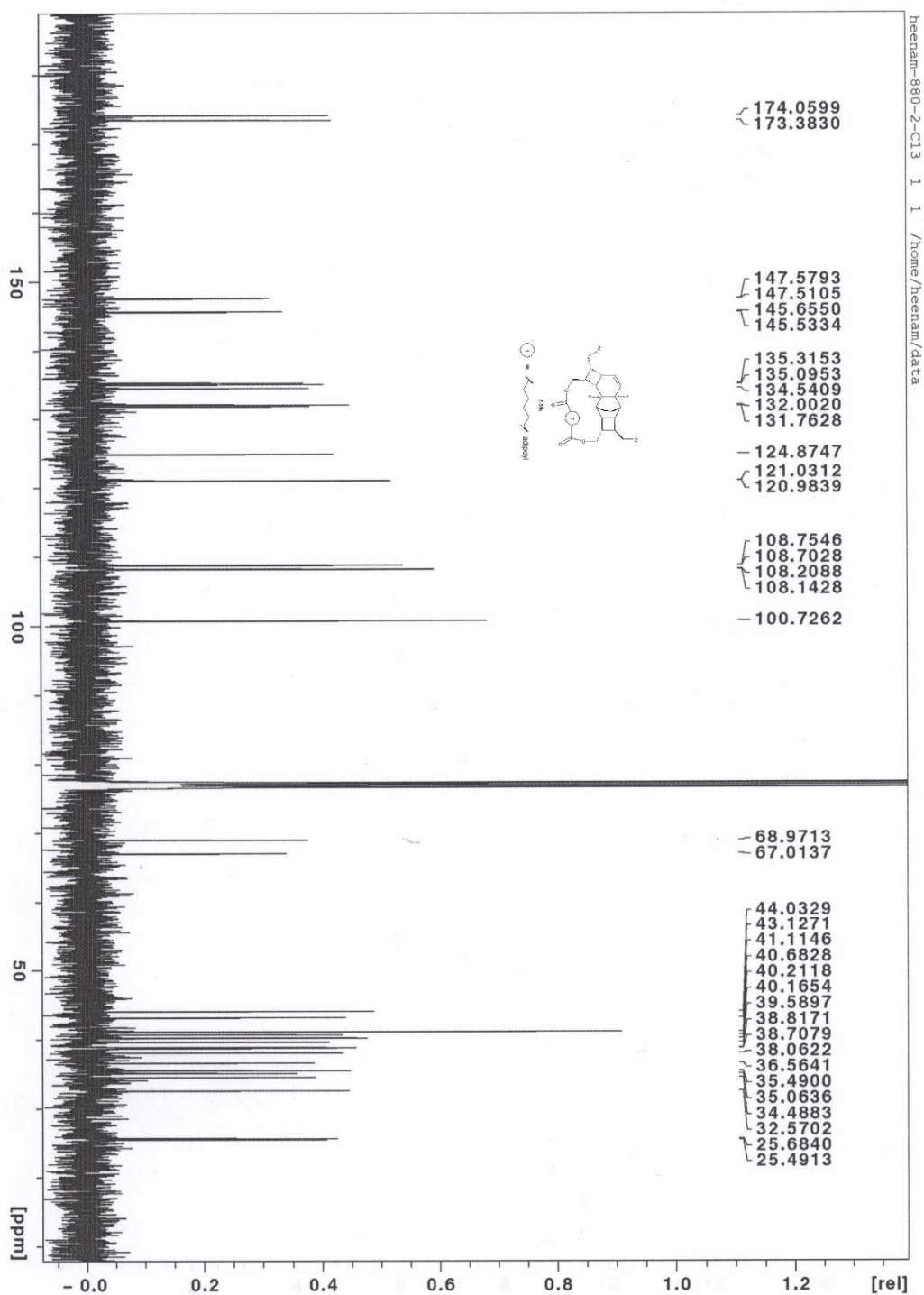
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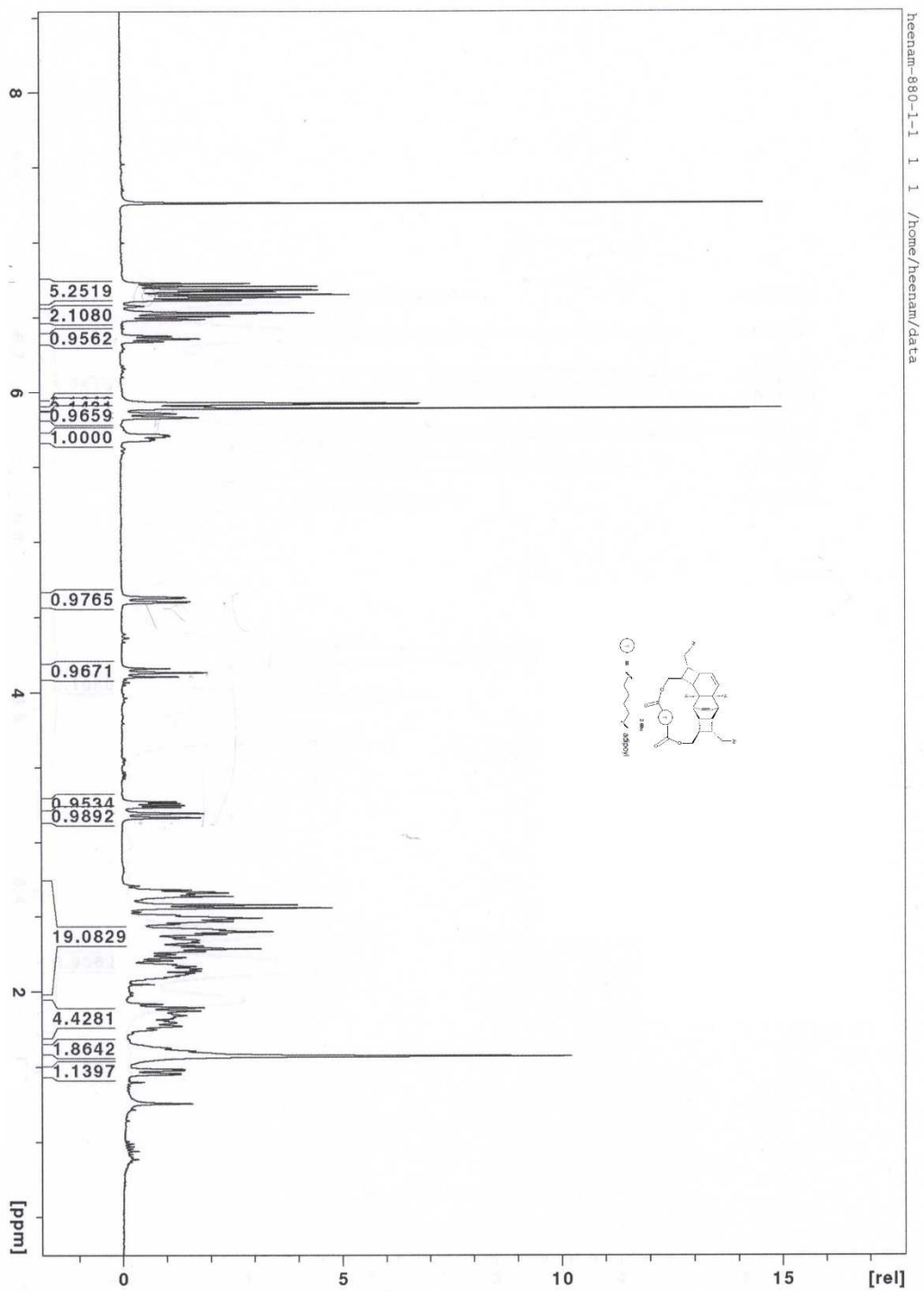


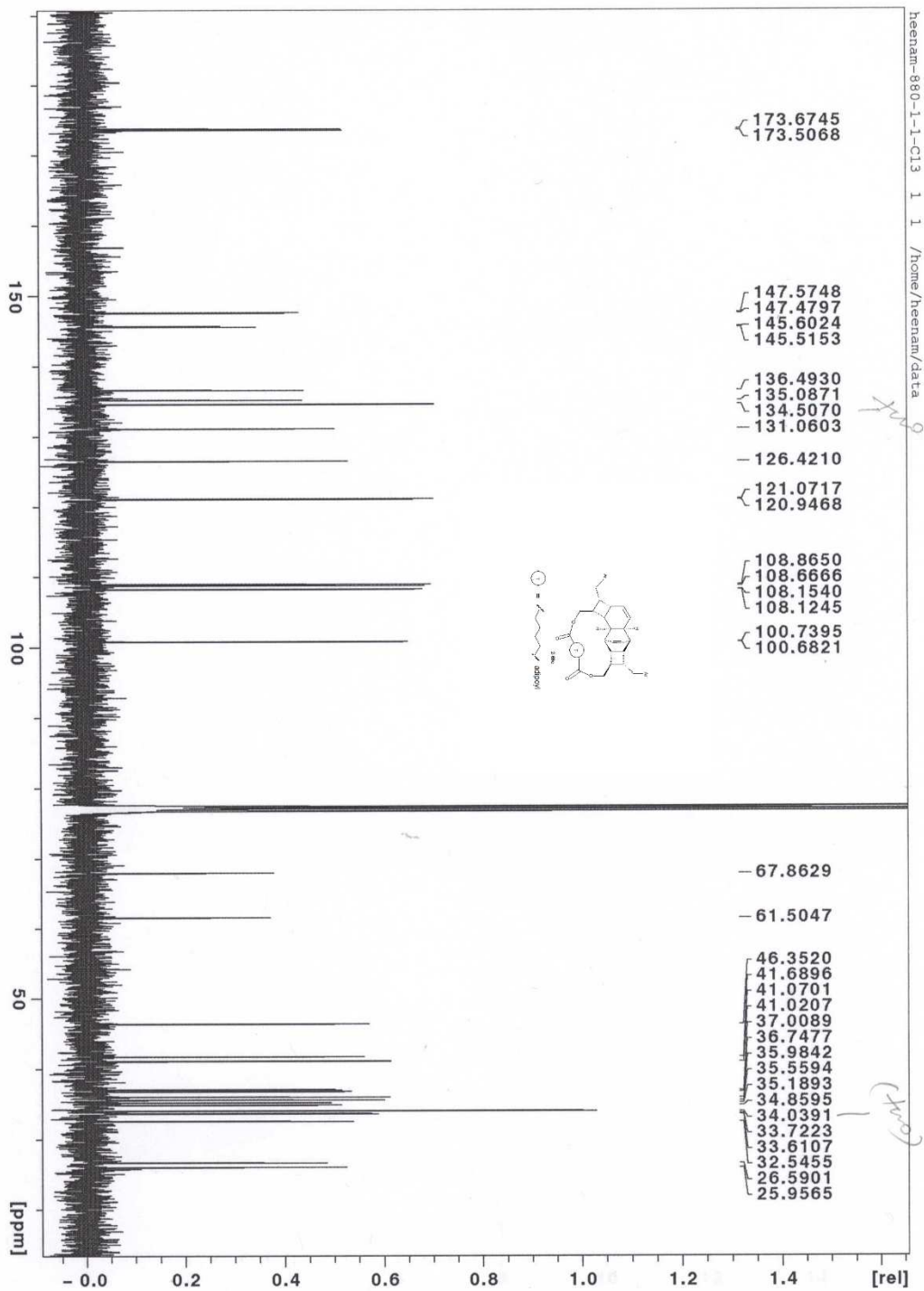
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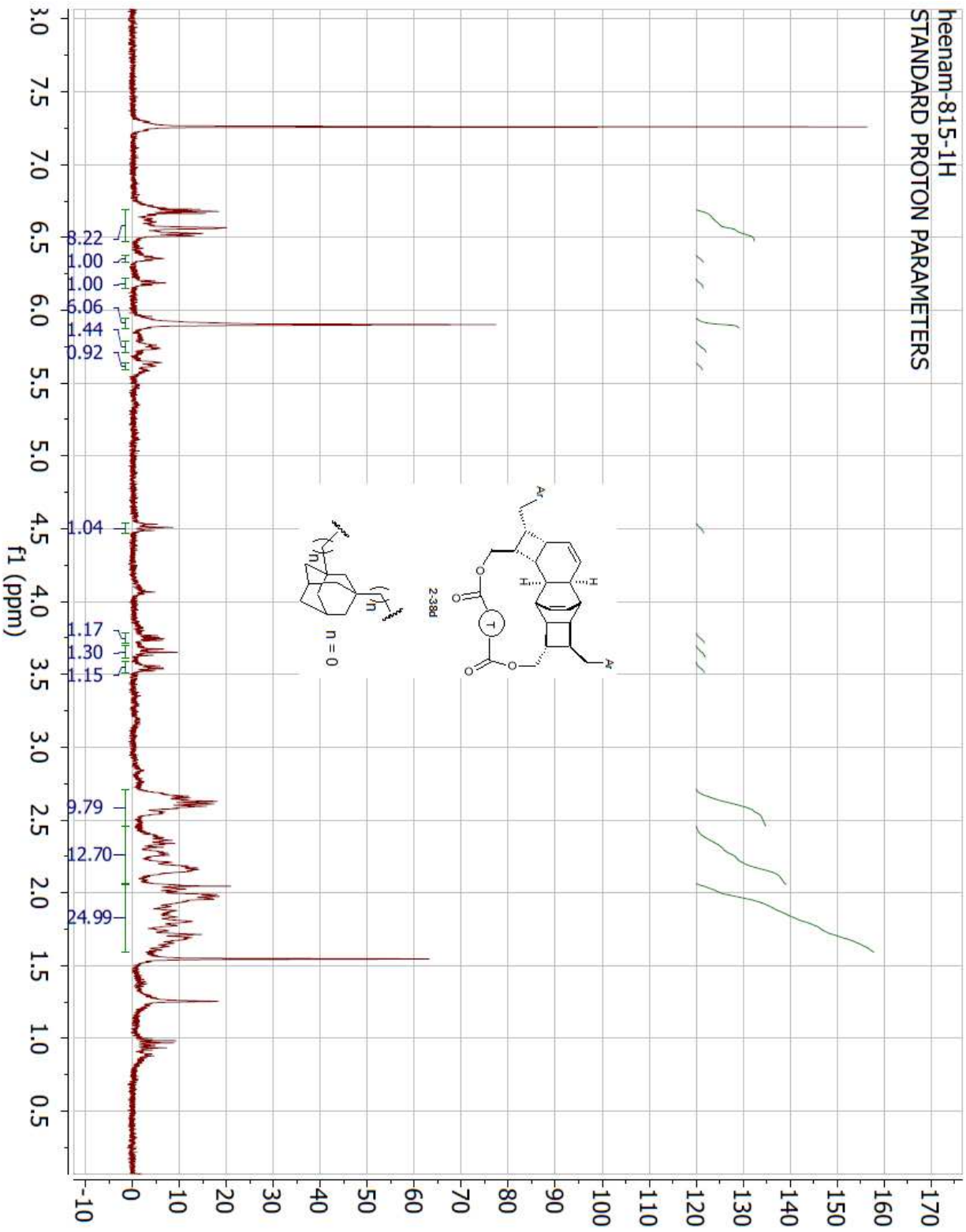




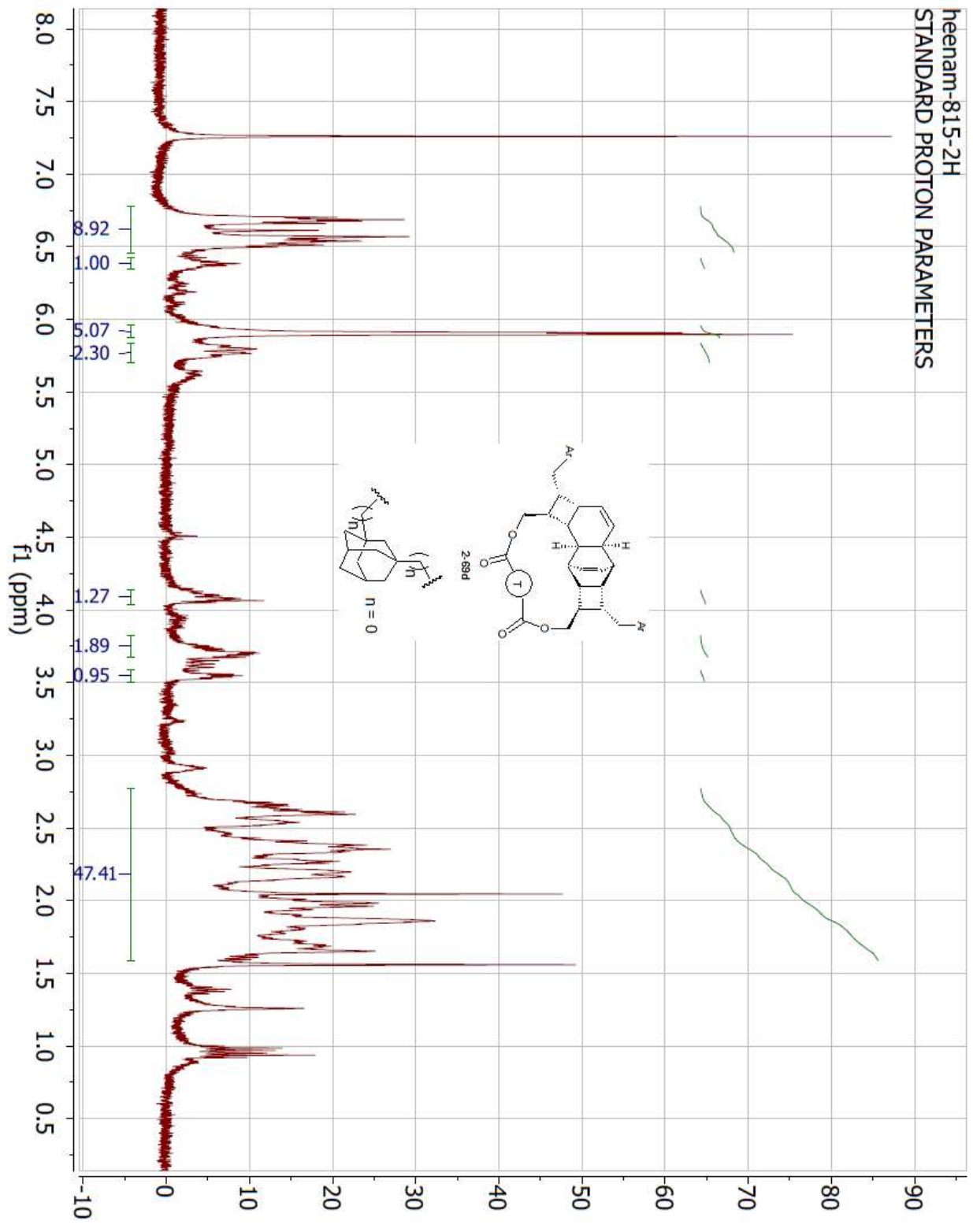




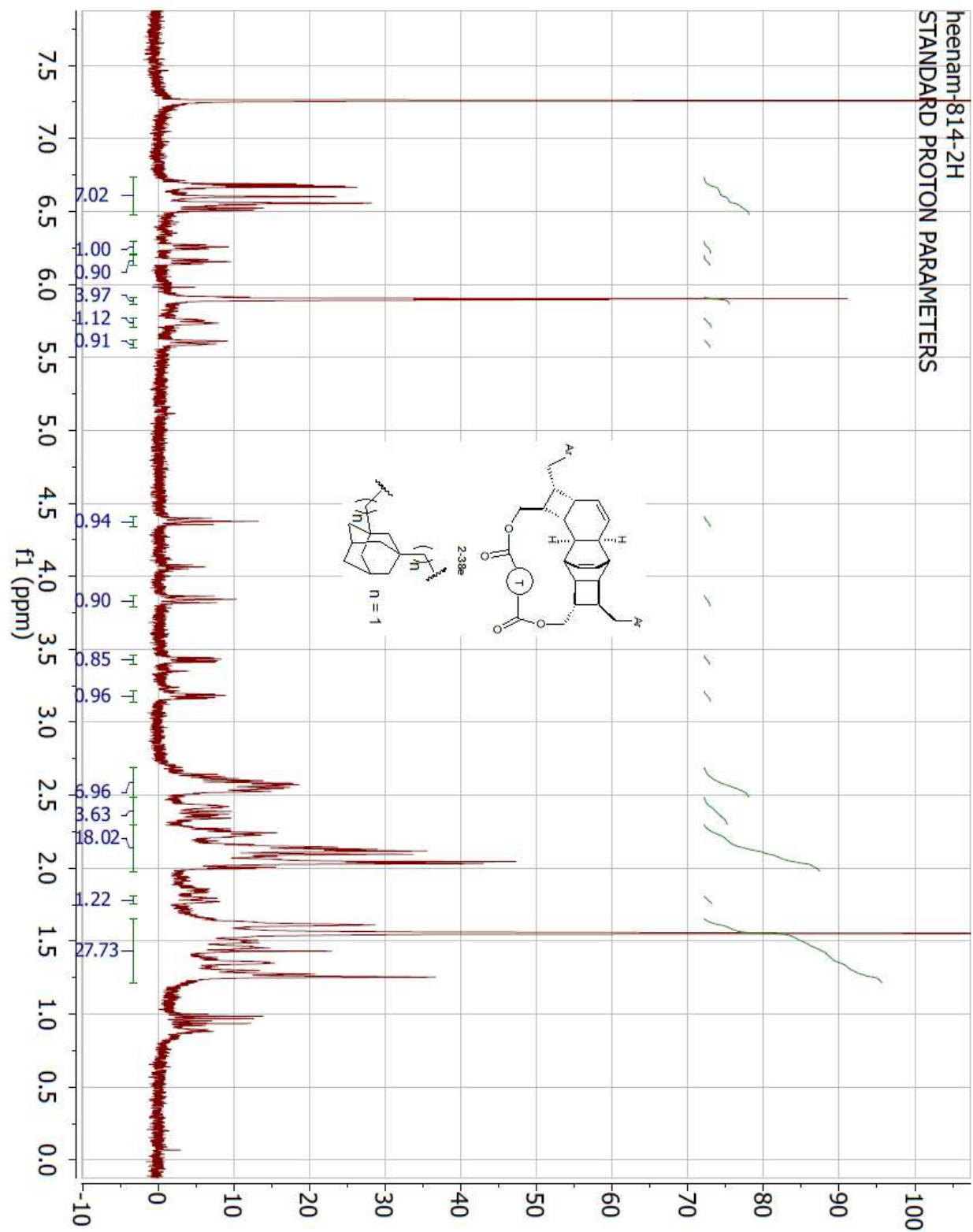
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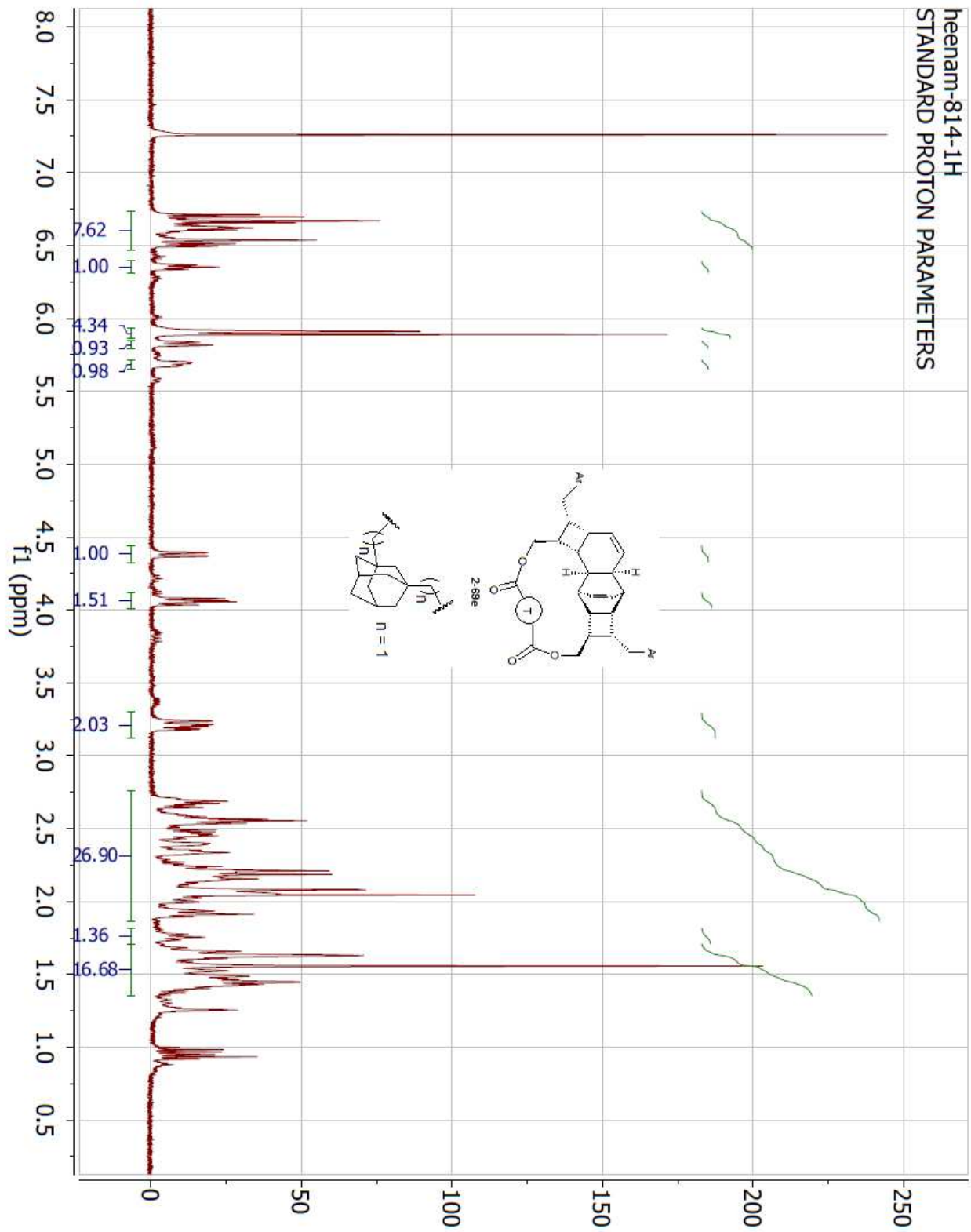
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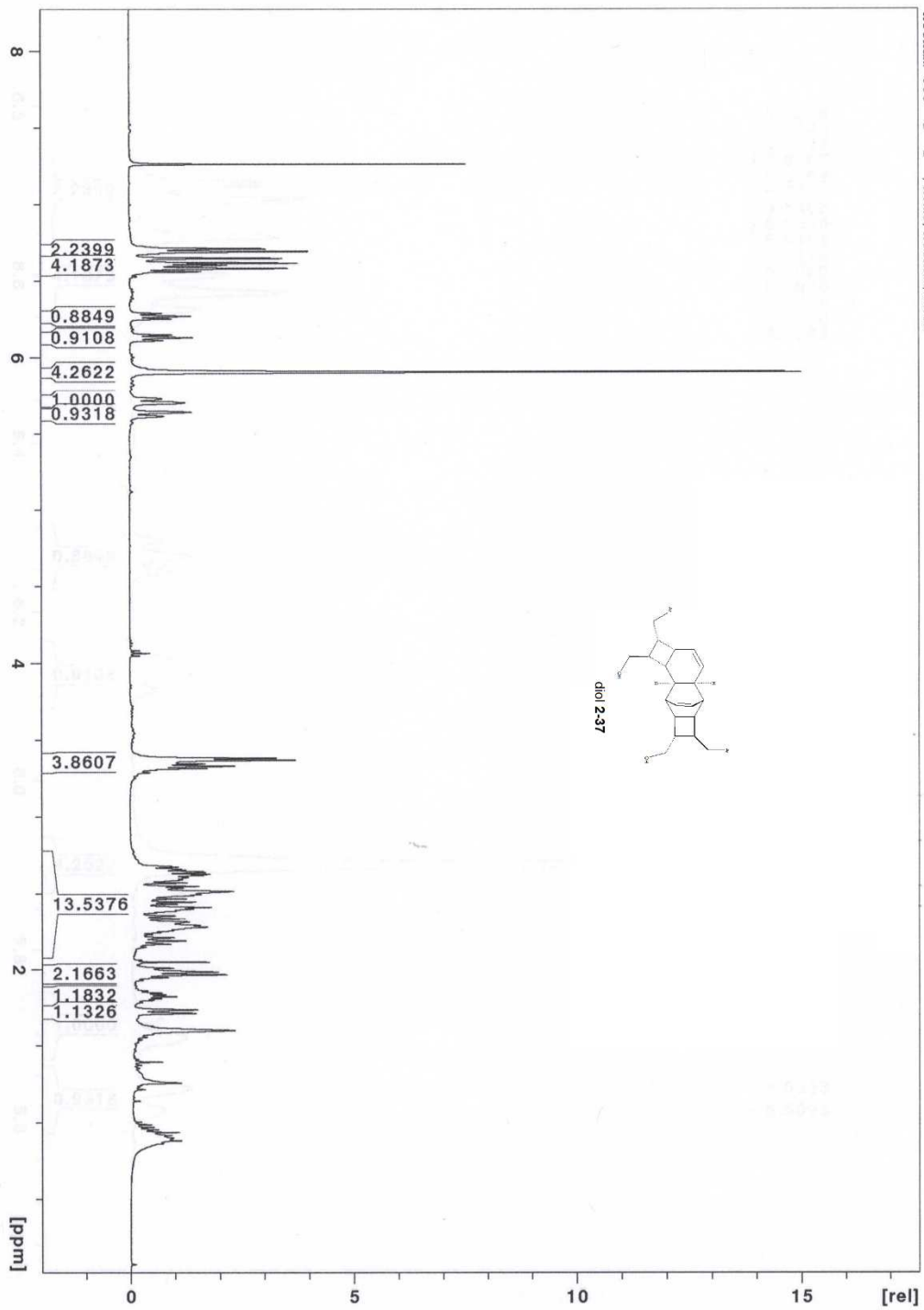


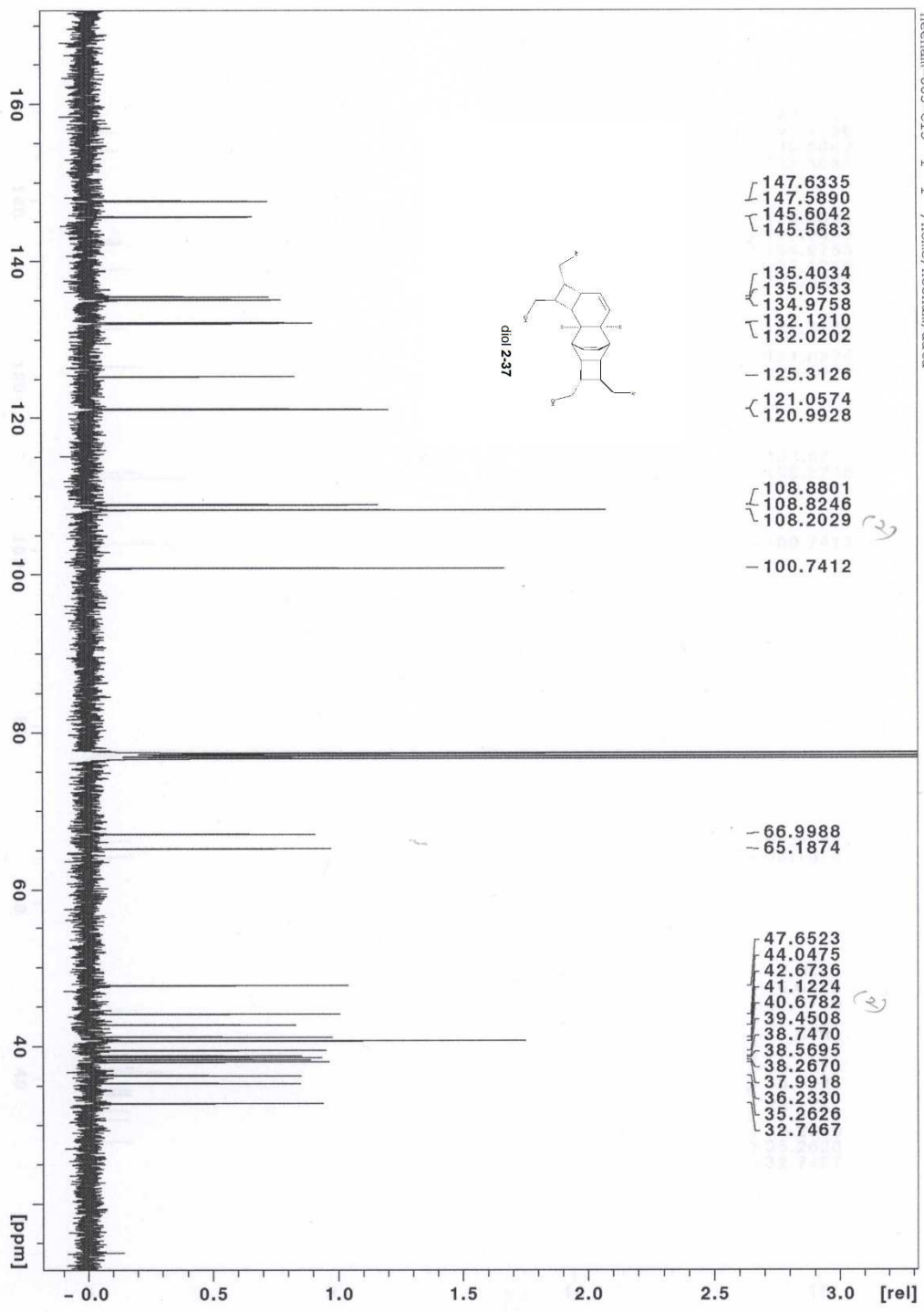
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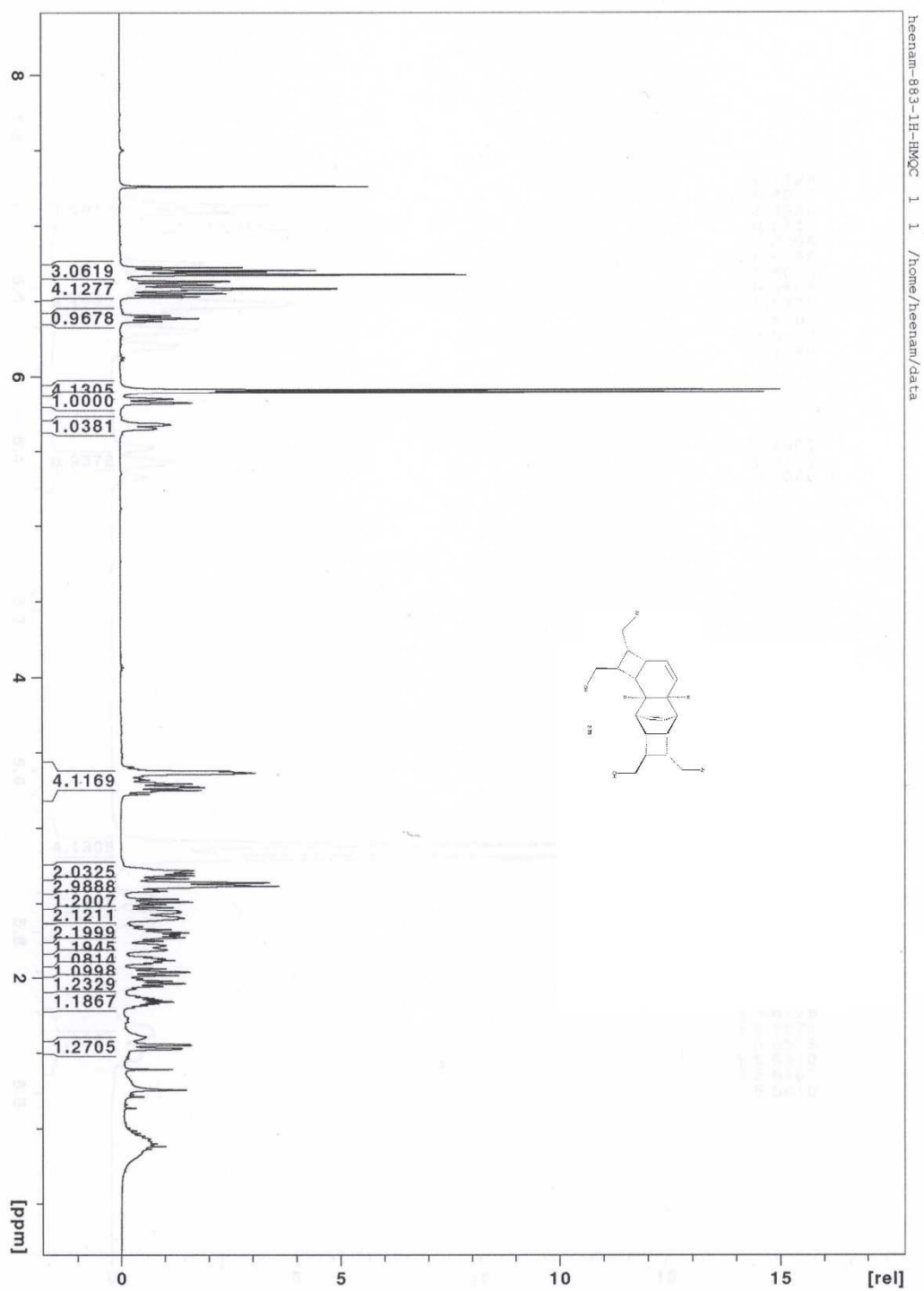
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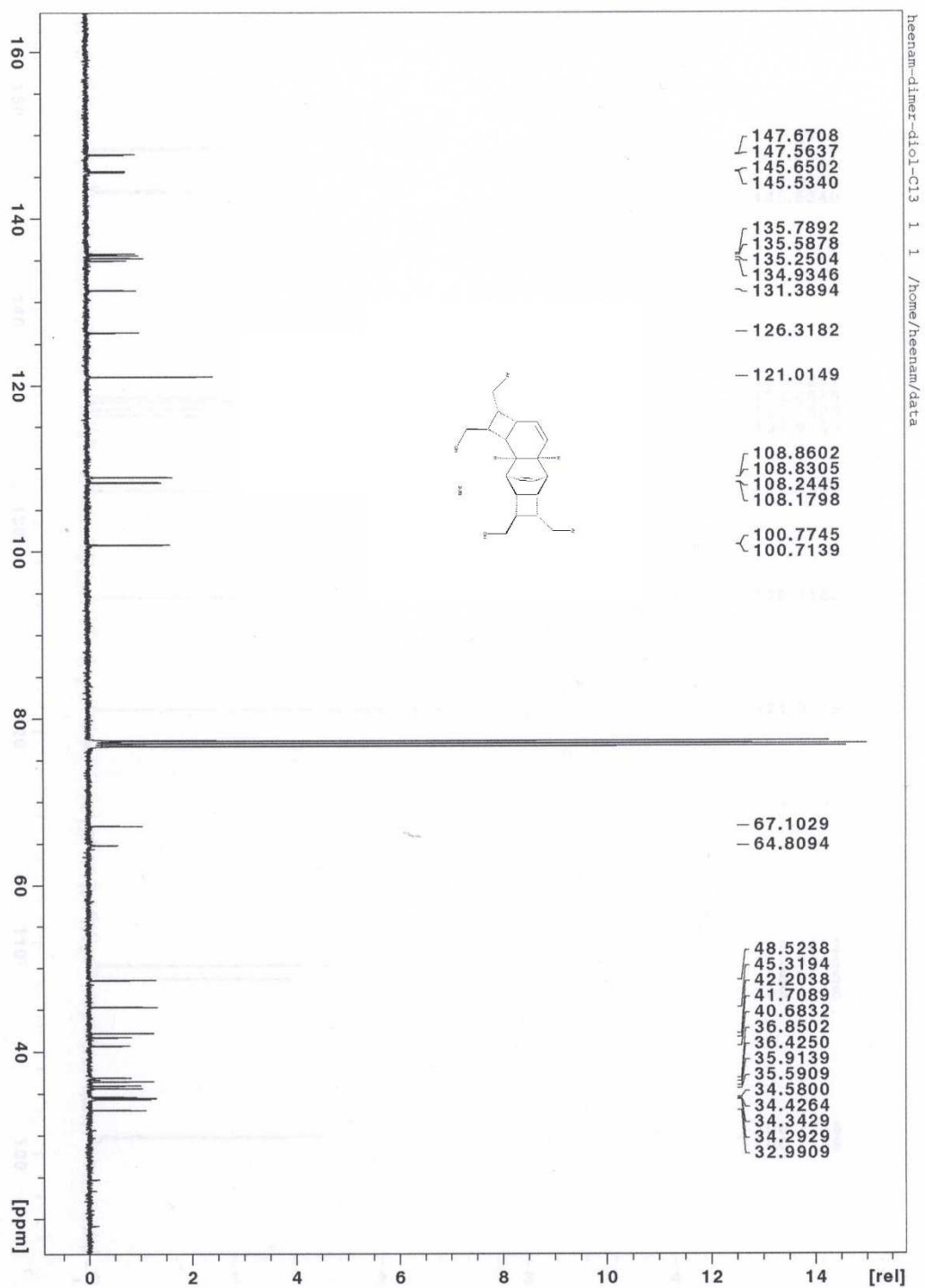


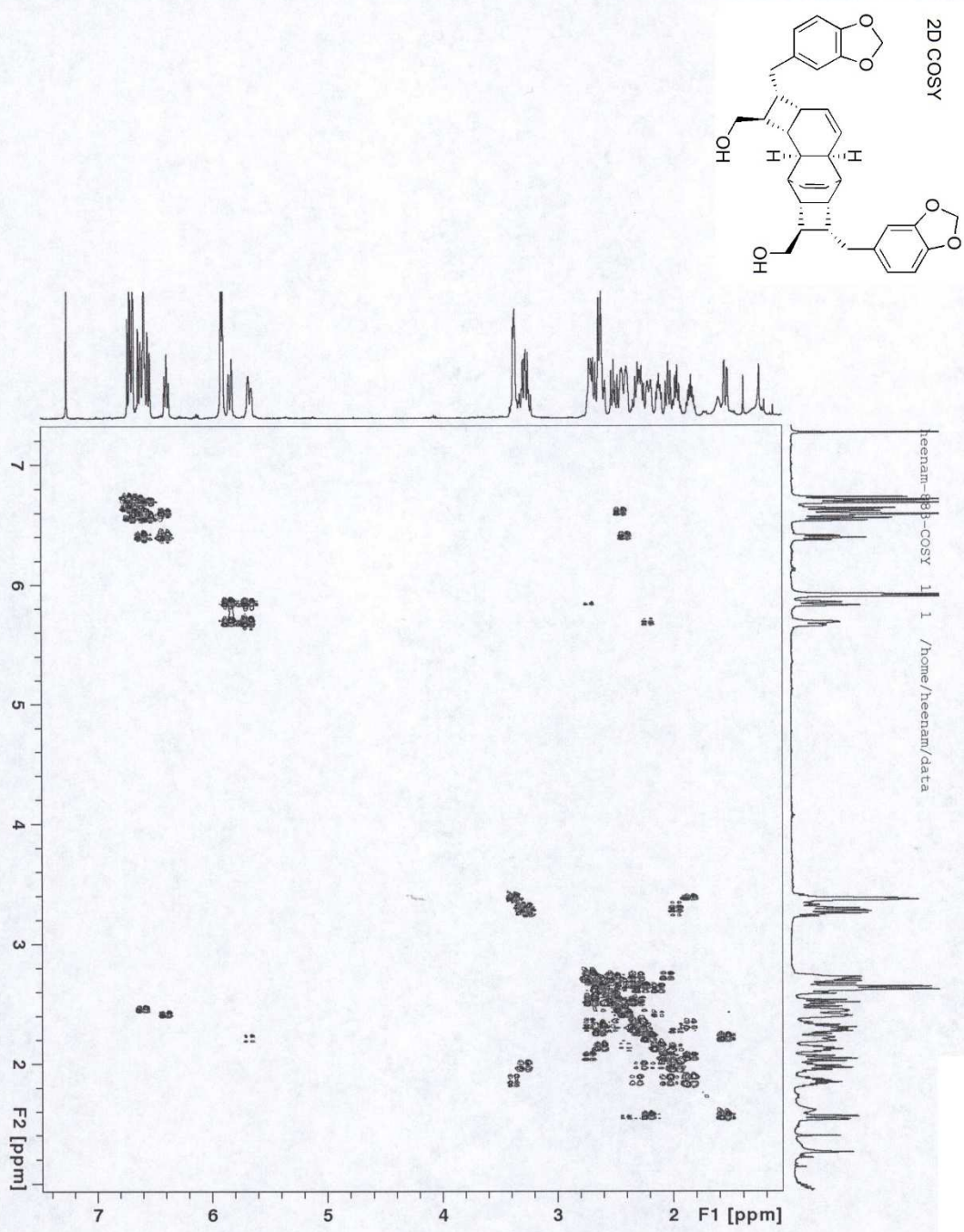




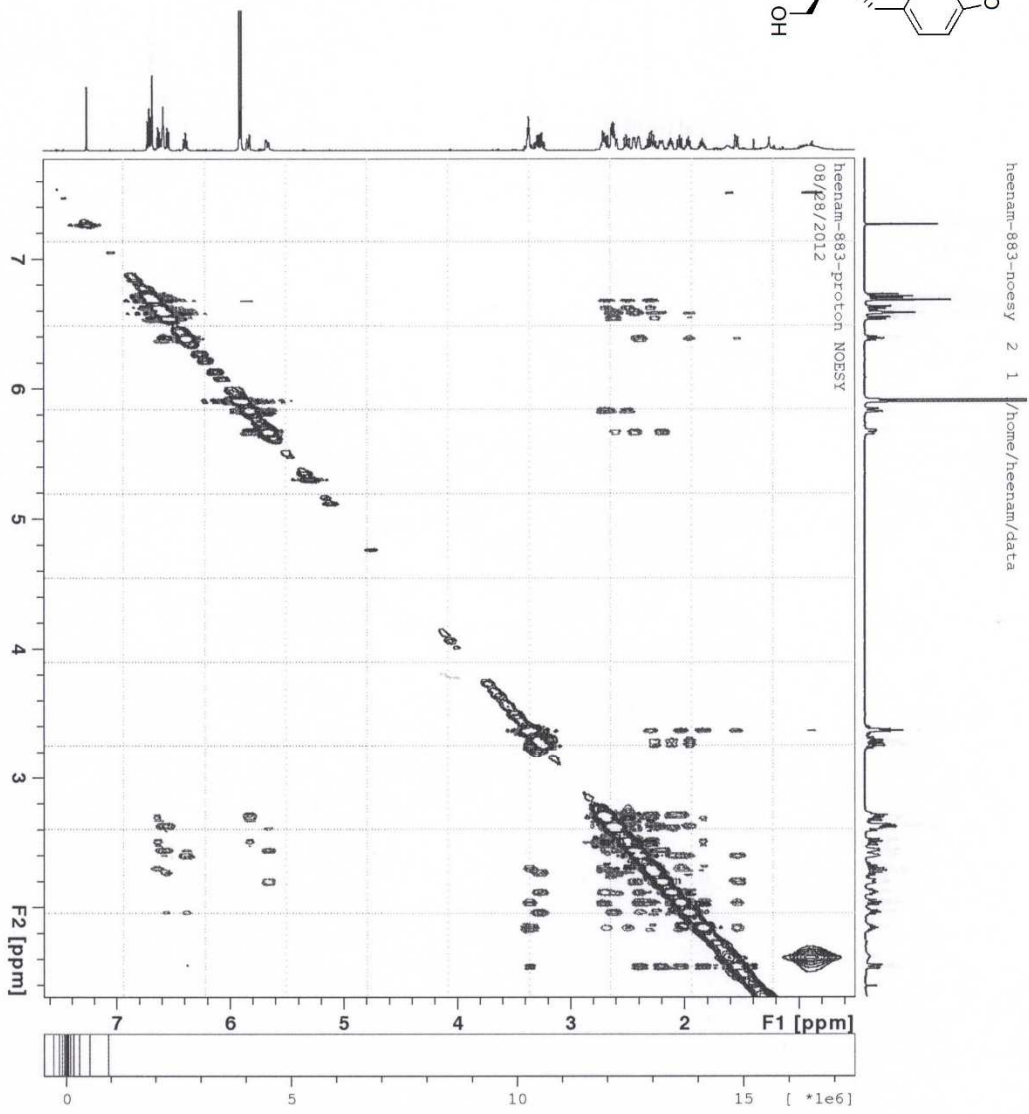
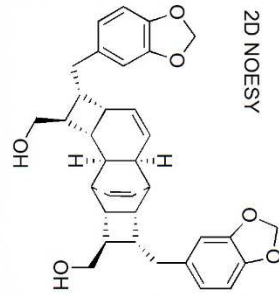
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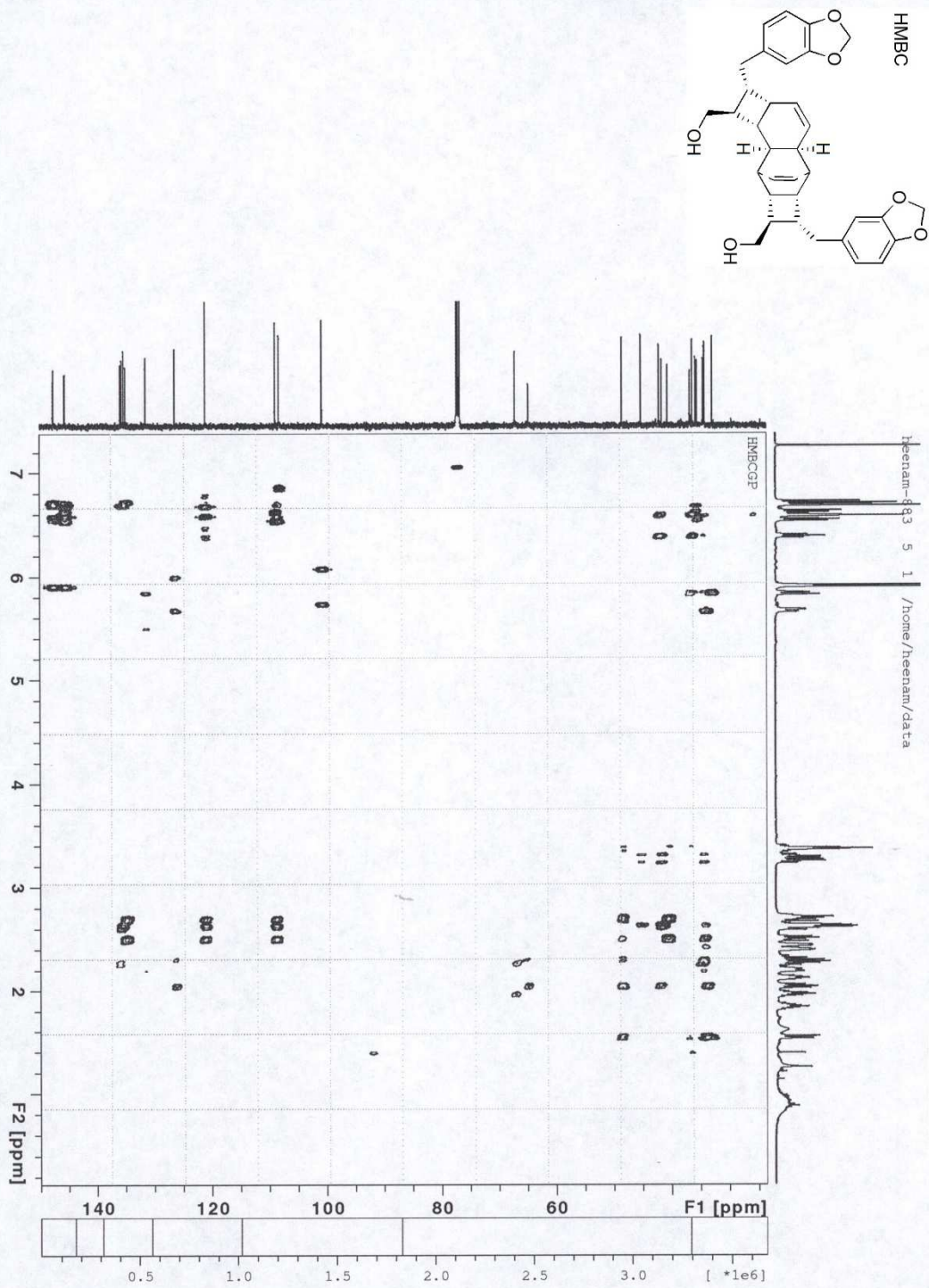


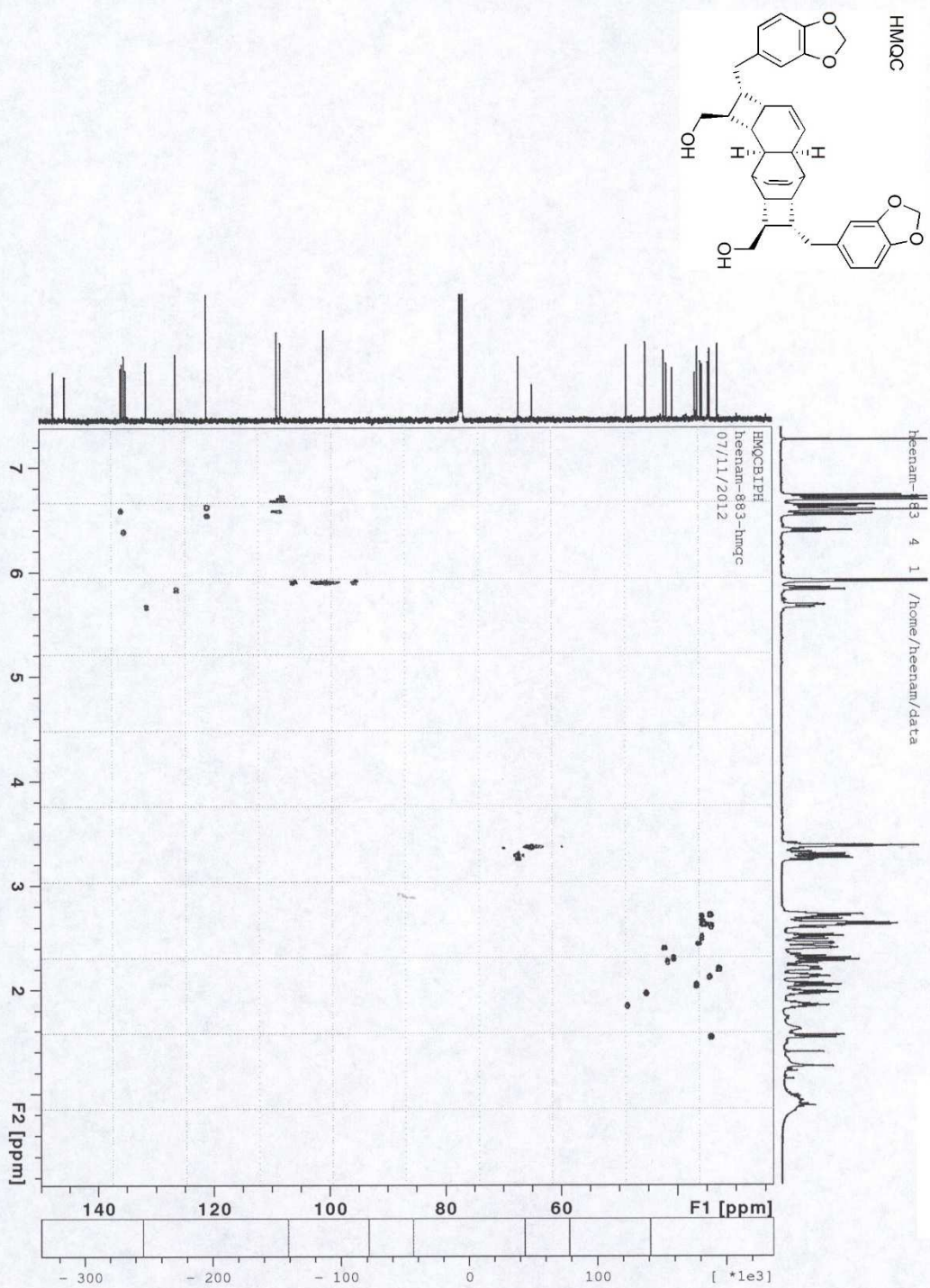




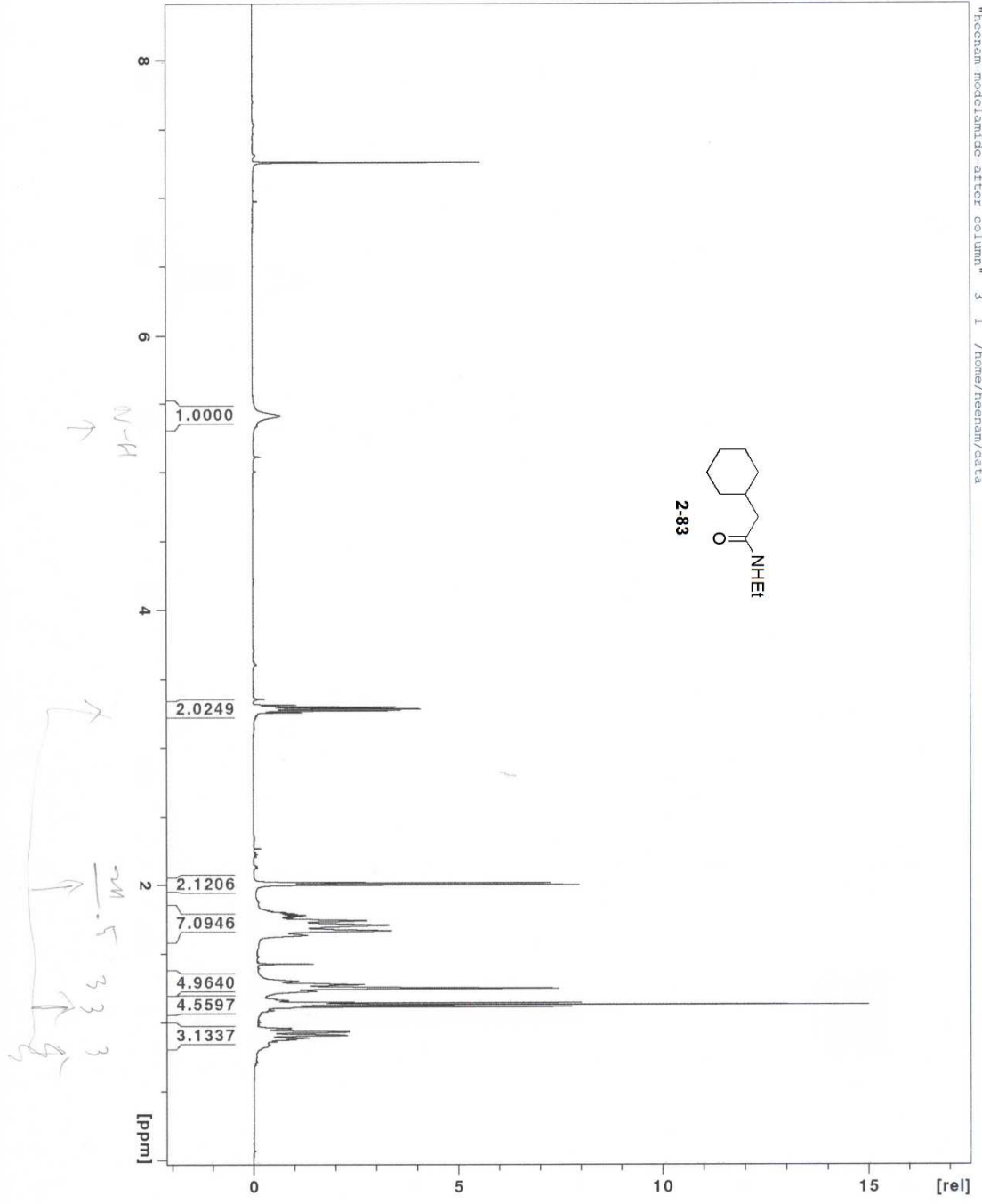
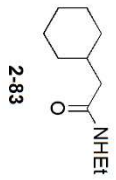
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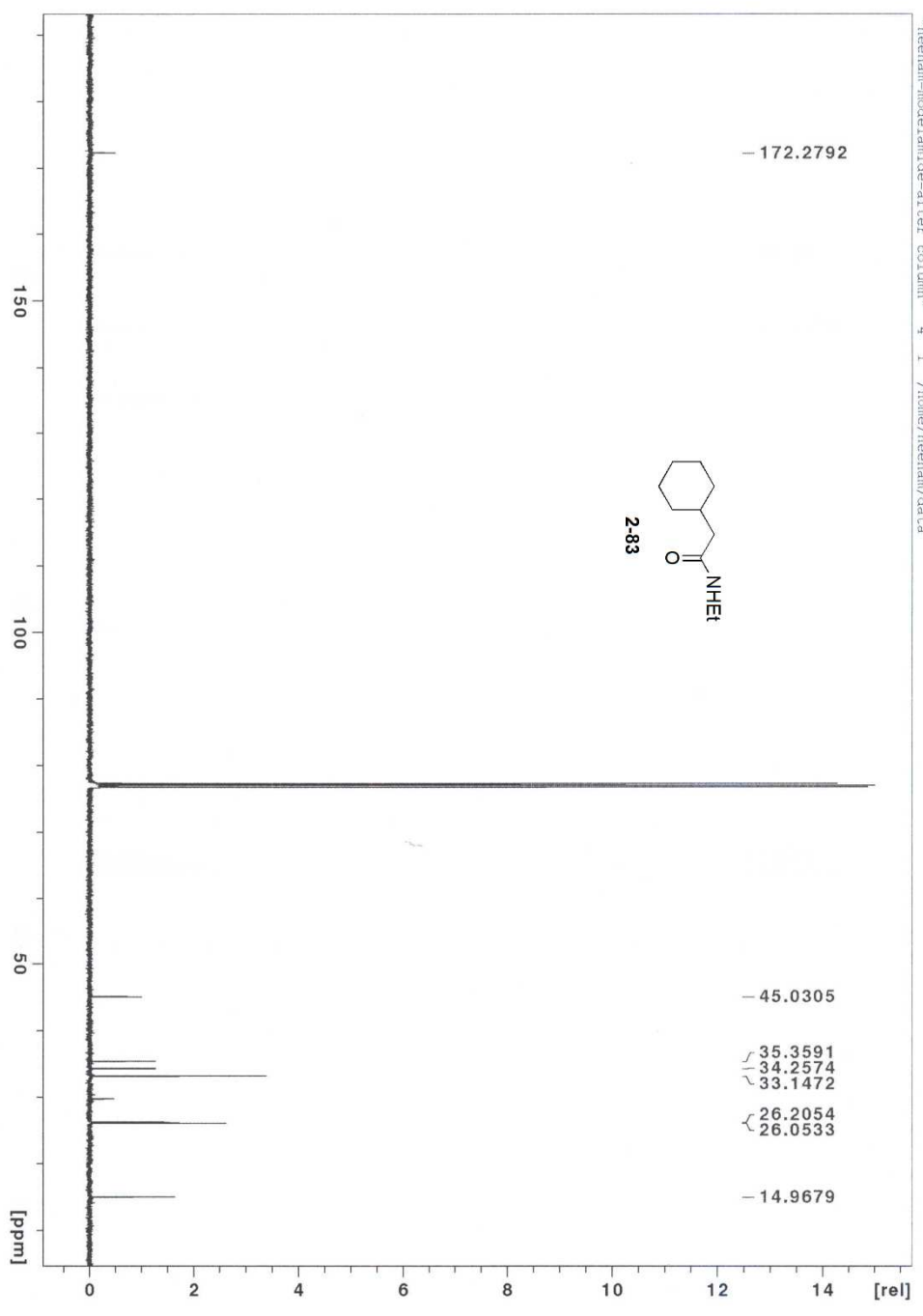




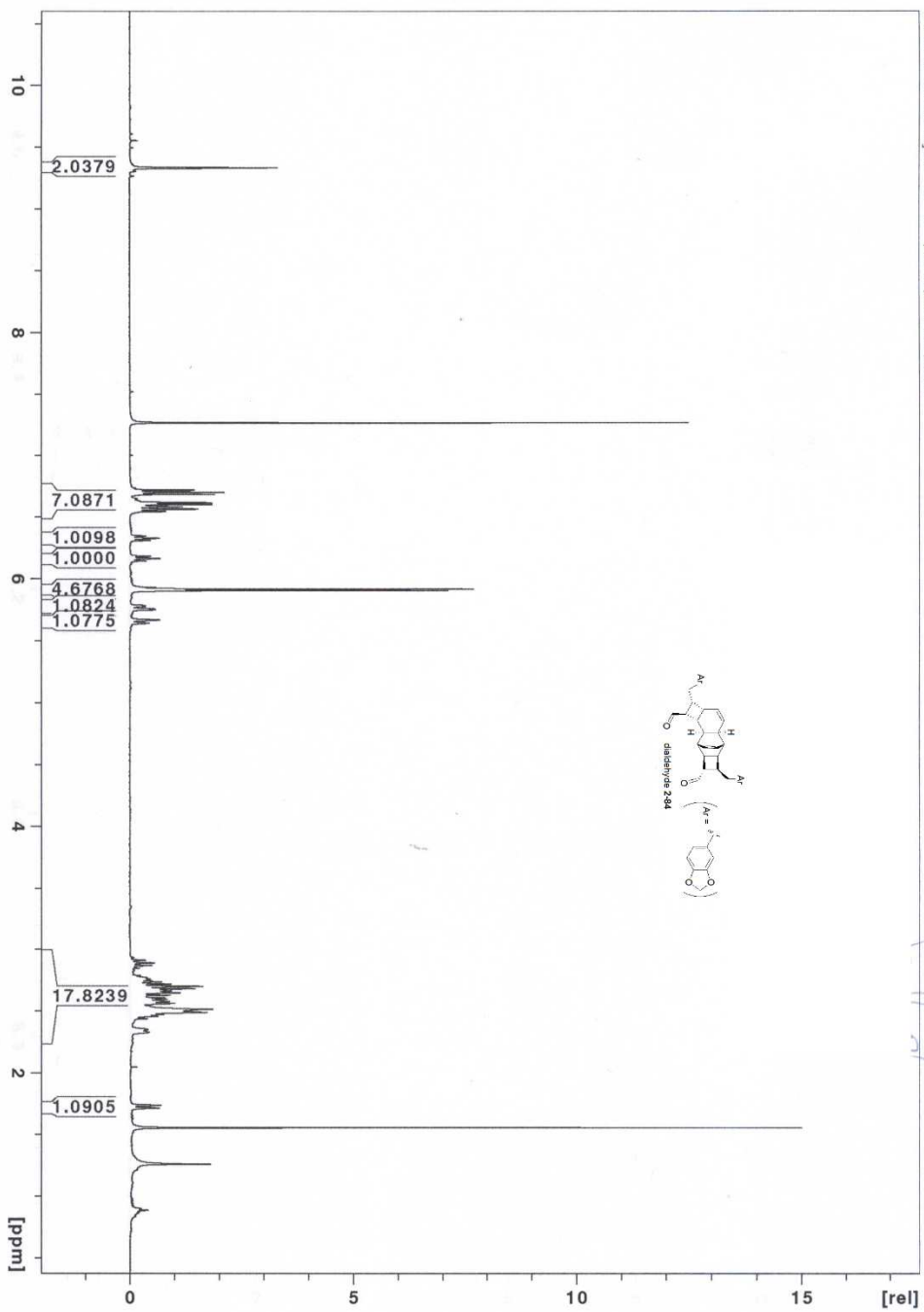
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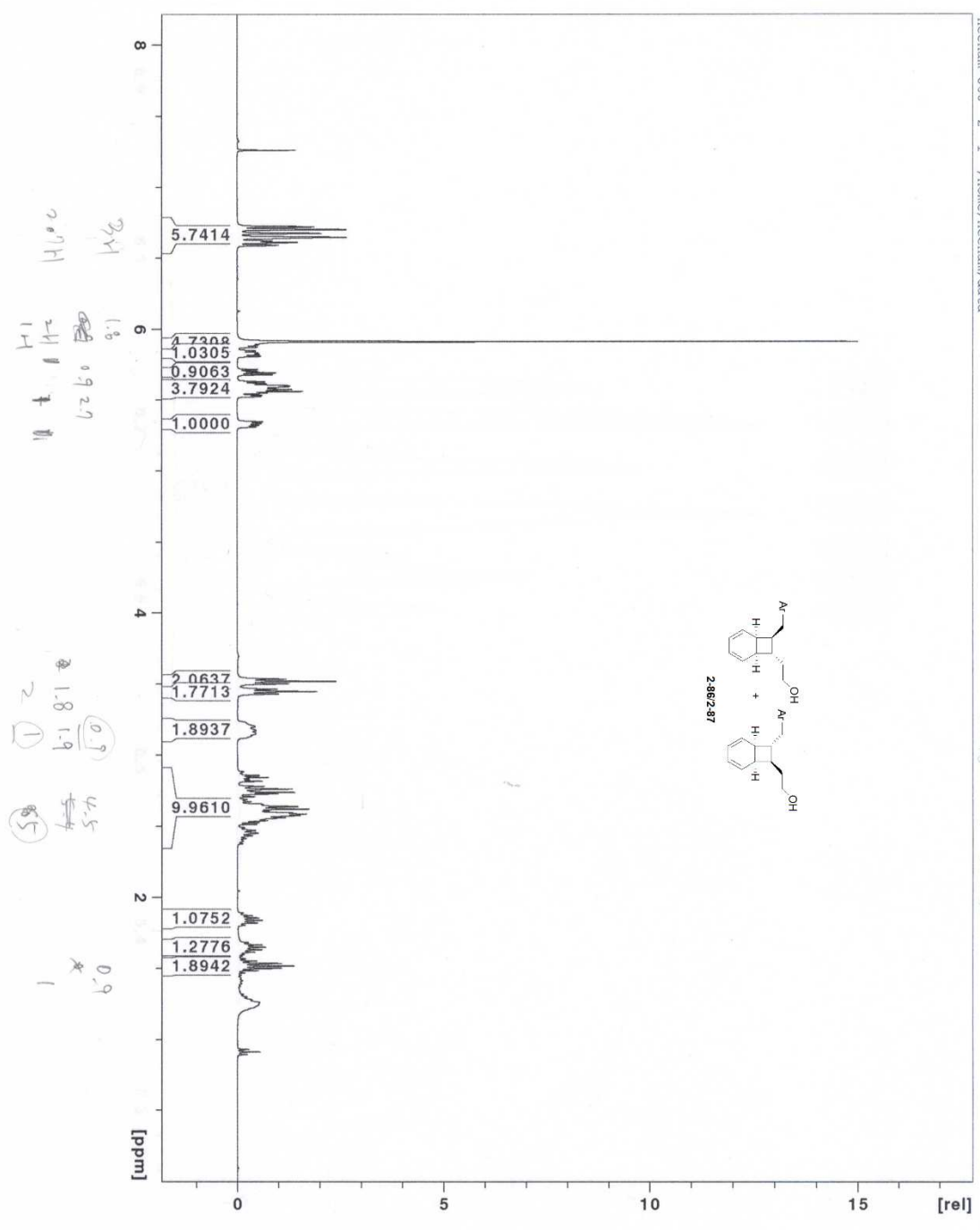
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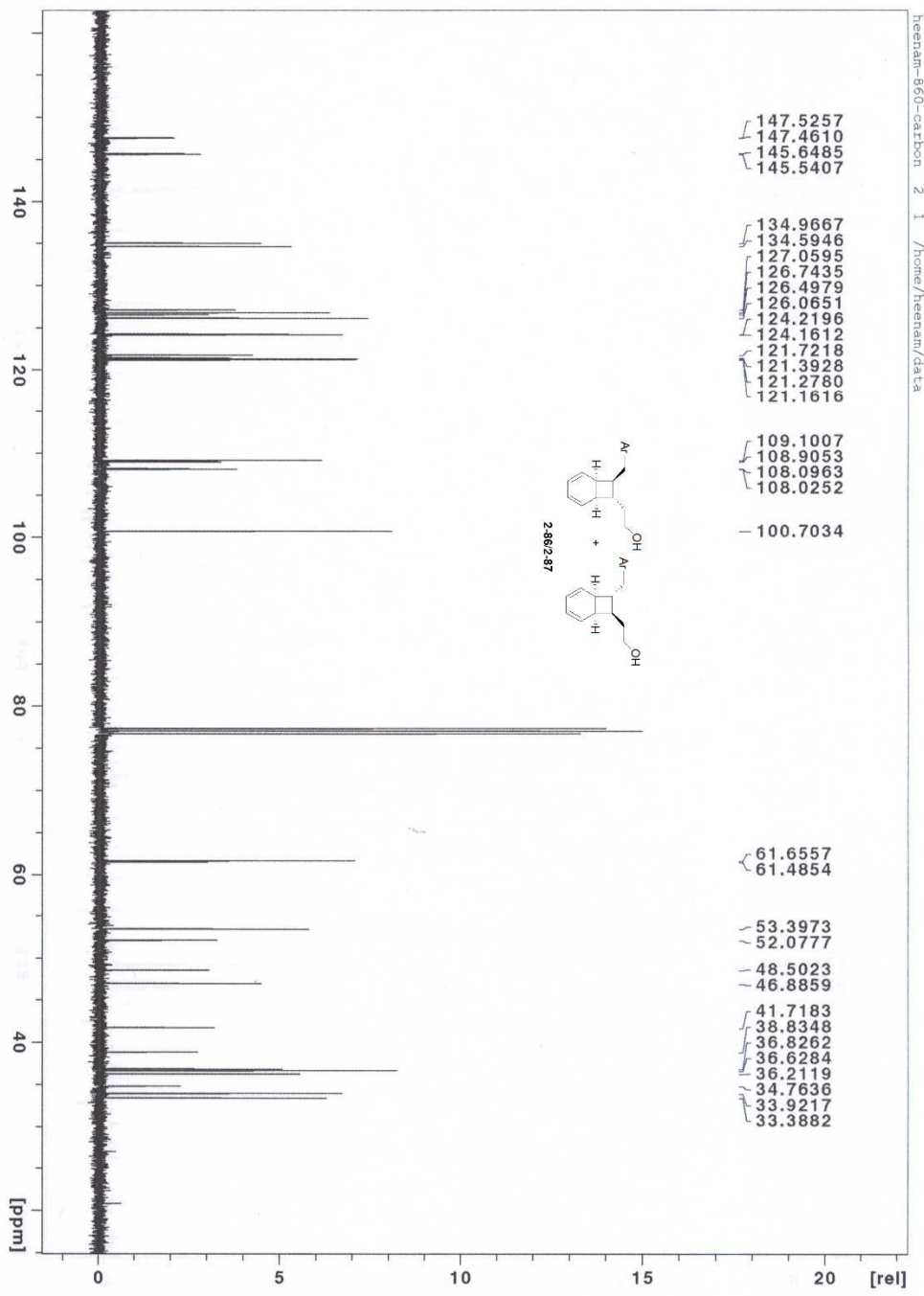


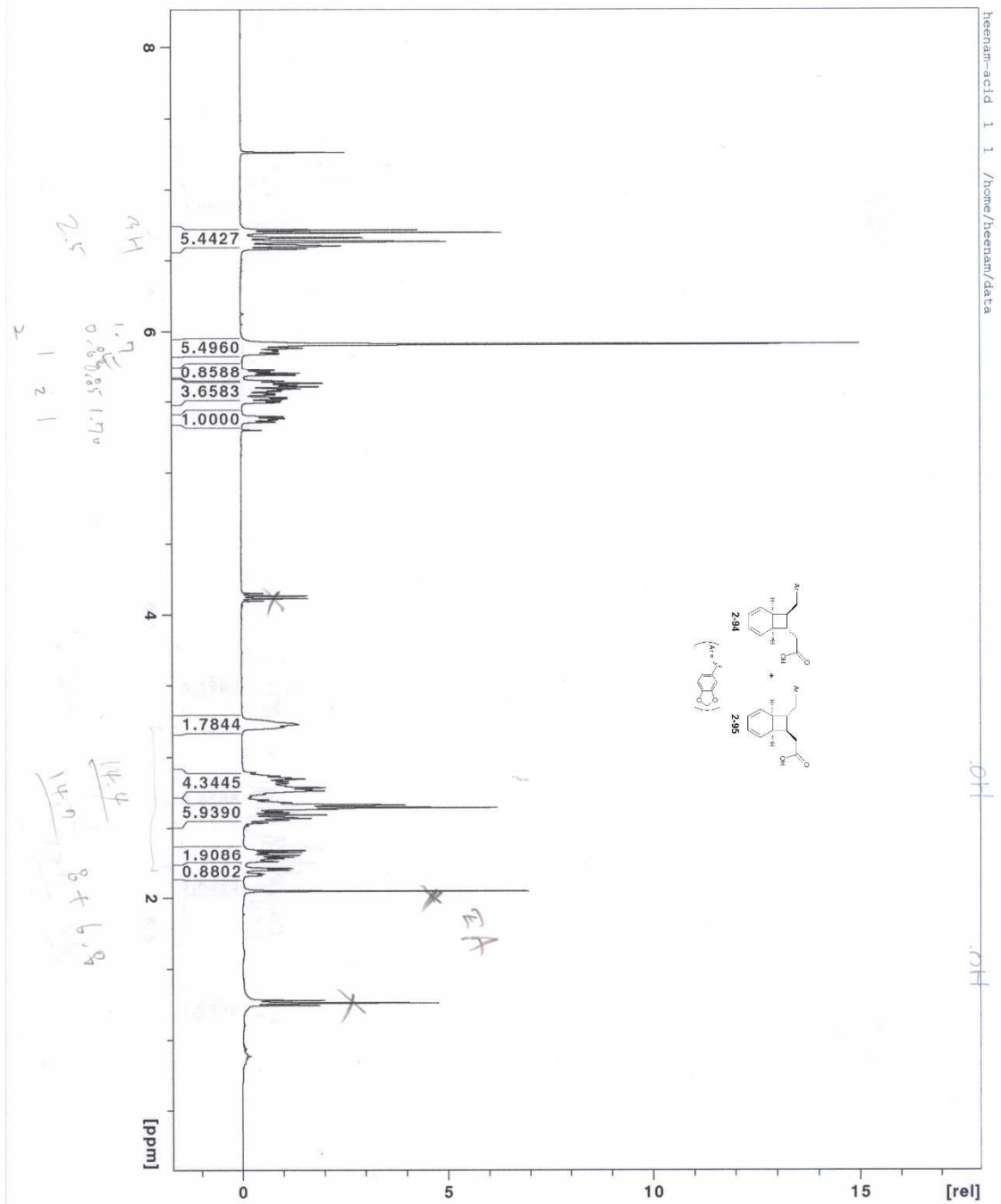
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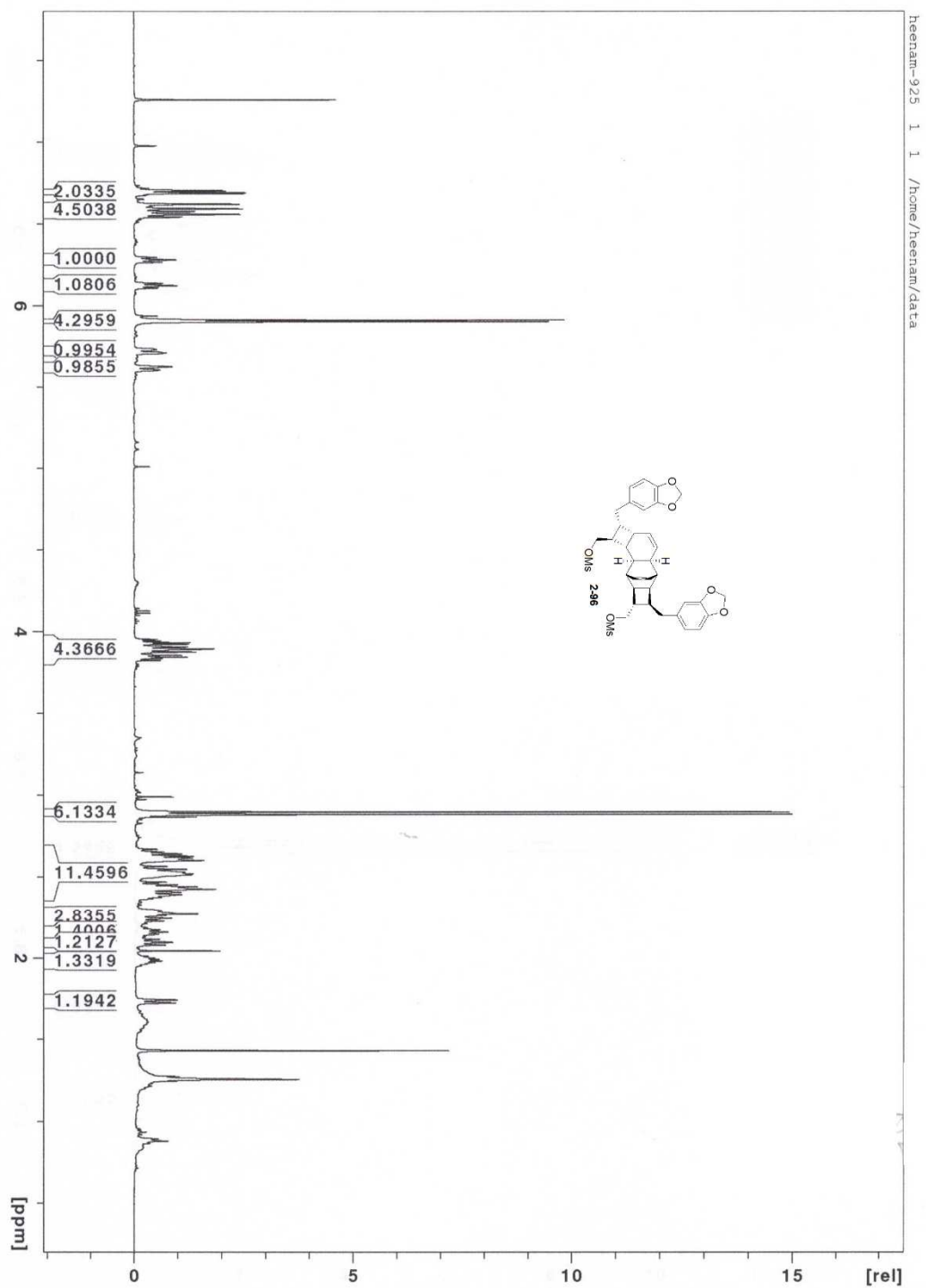
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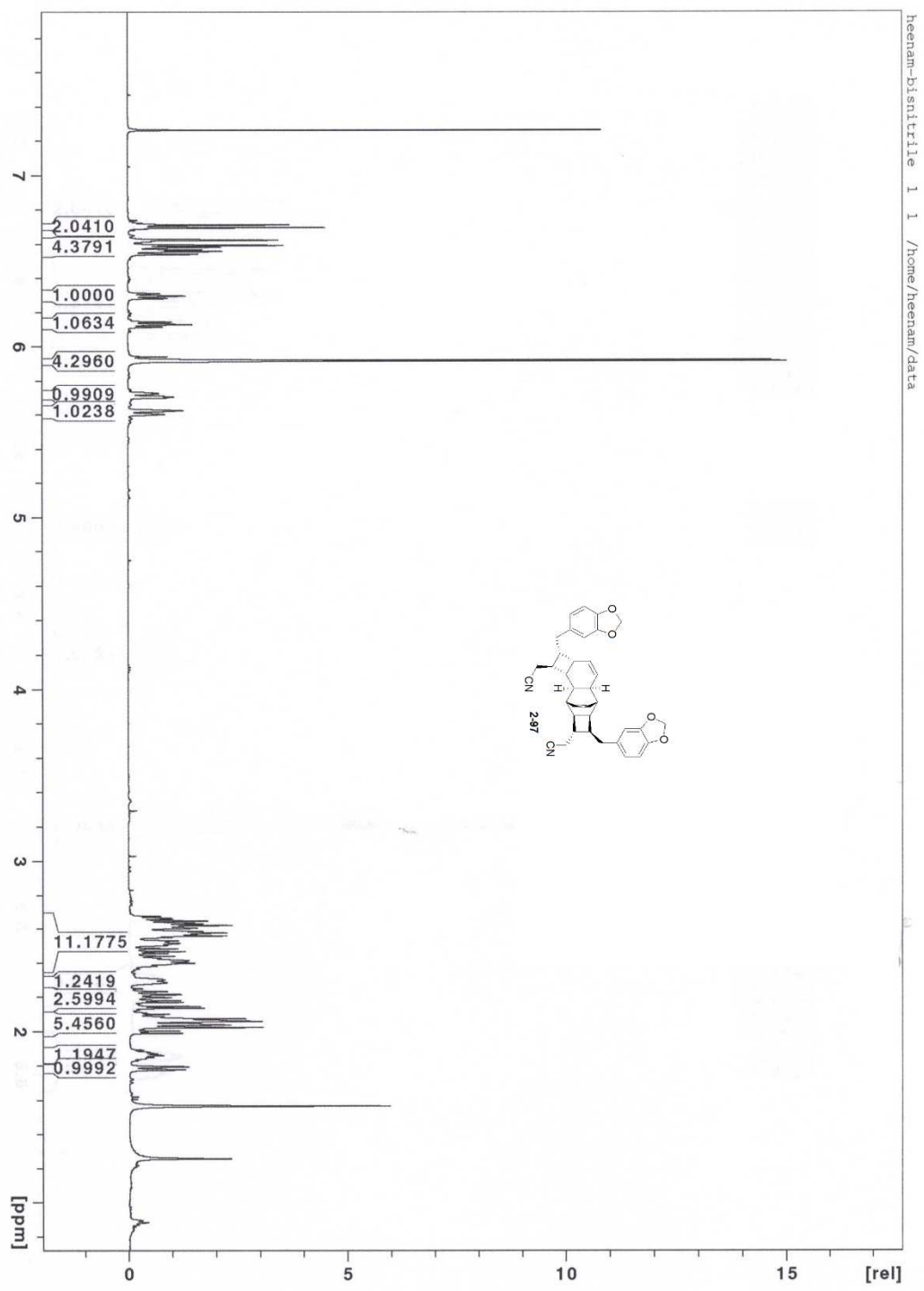
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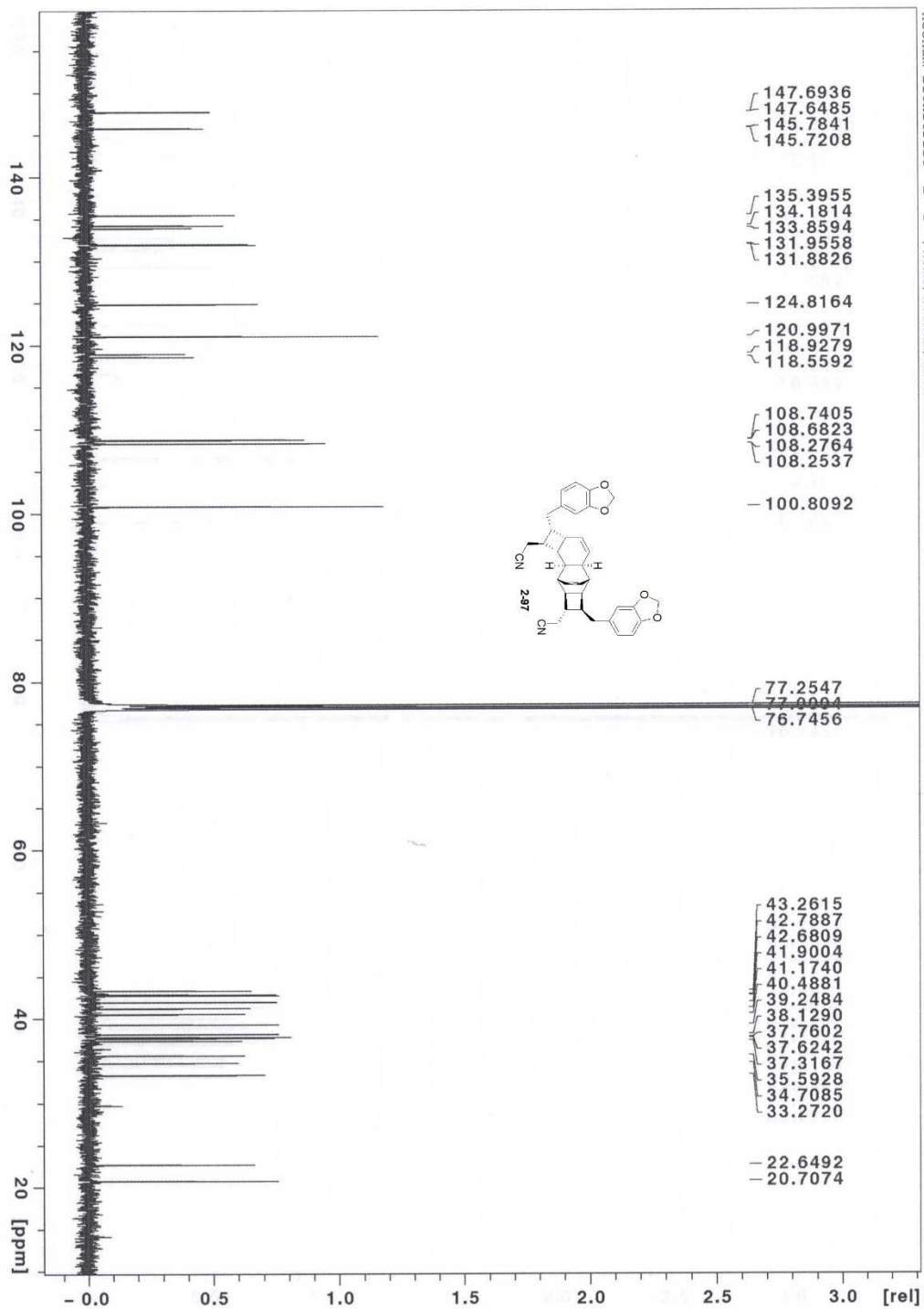




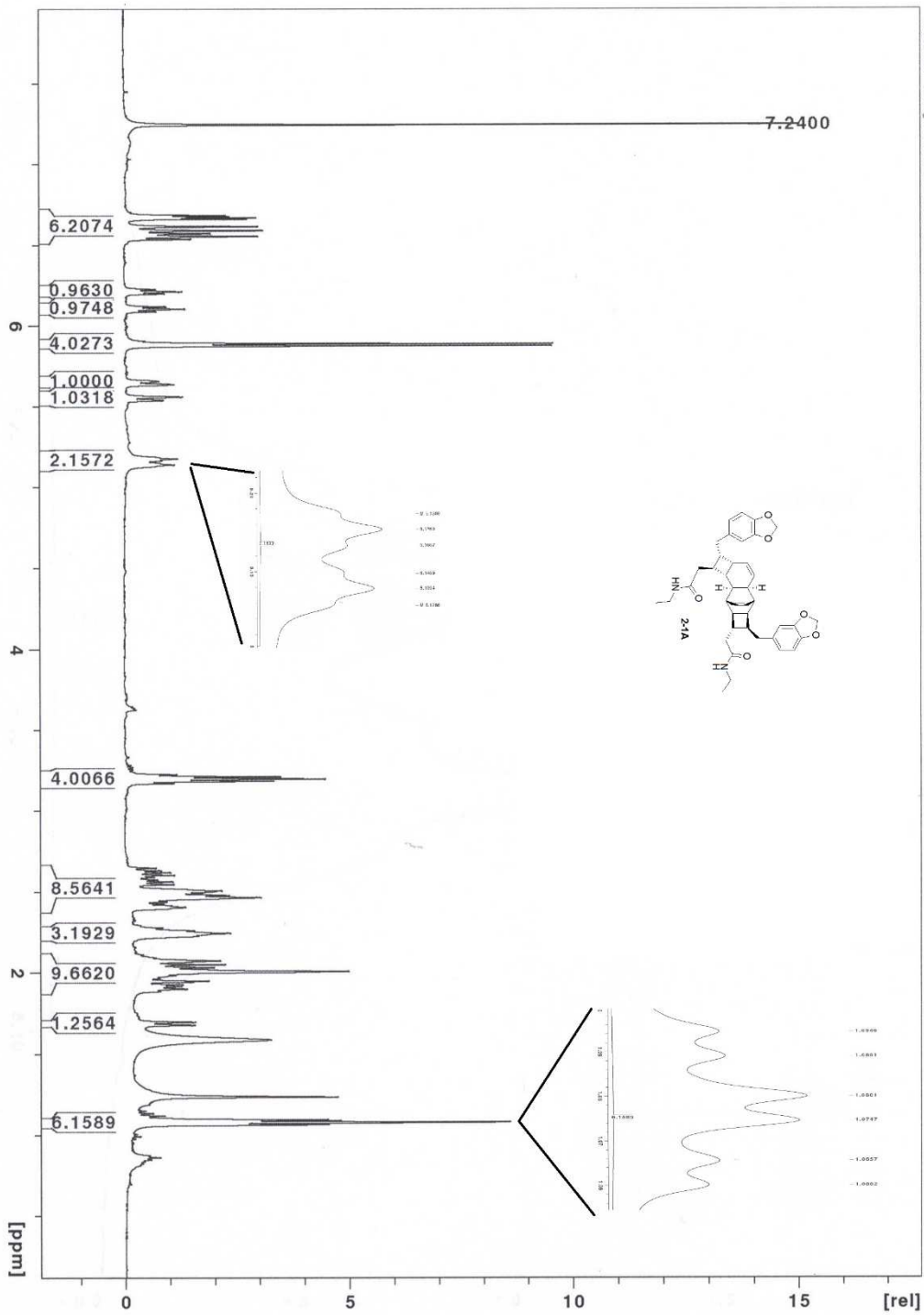


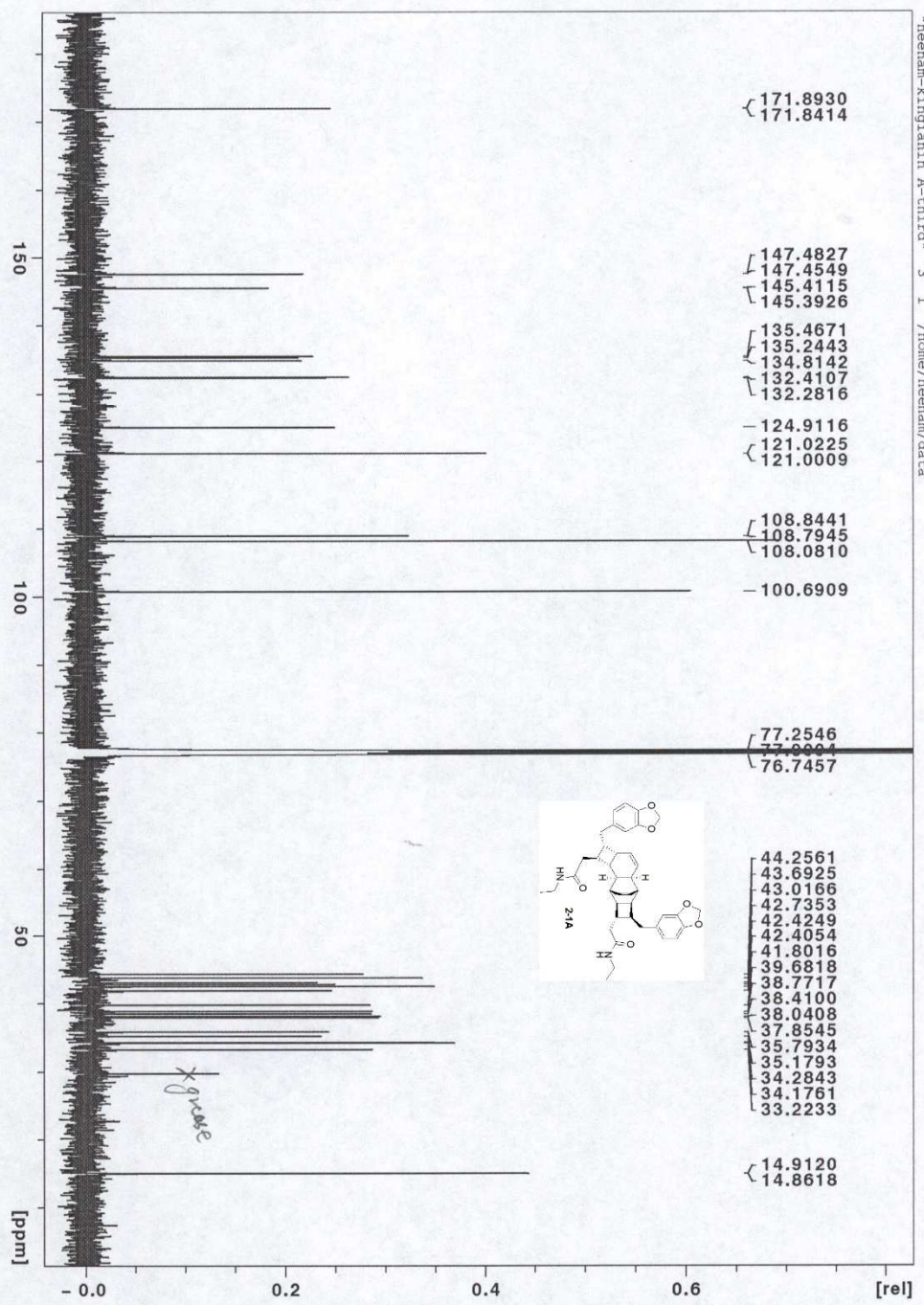






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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

Data Collected on: Inv500-inova500
Archive directory: /export/home/heenah/vnmr/sys/data
Sample directory:

File: PROTON

Pulse Sequence: sgpul

Solvent: CDCl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.892 sec

Width 7998.4 Hz

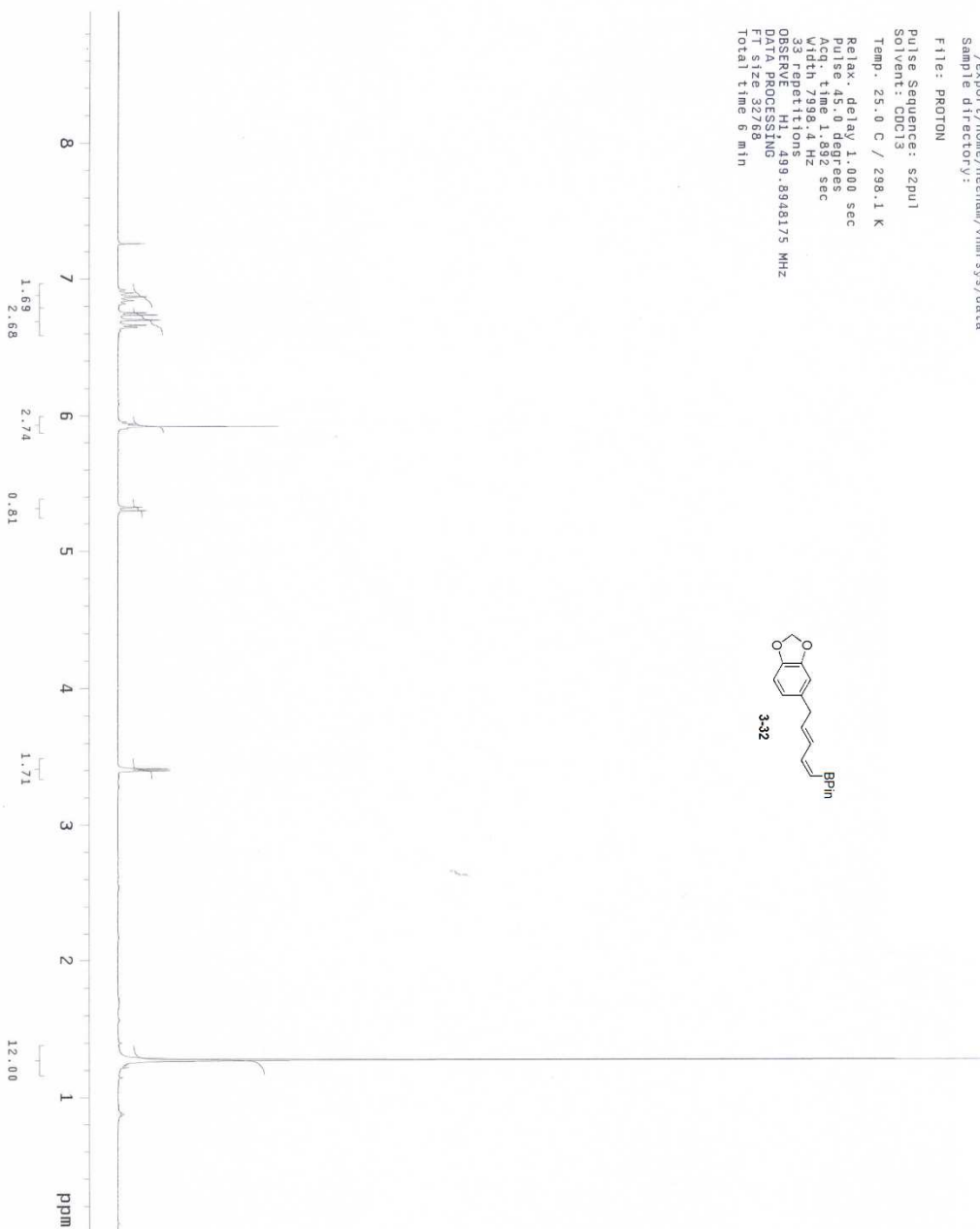
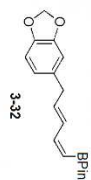
33 repetitions

Observed at 499.8948175 MHz

DDX: PROCES1

FT: size 32768

Total time 6 min



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INOVA 400 MHz S/N# S011517
ASVPTG PROBE S/N# P005133

1H SENSITIVITY
0.1X ETHYLBENZENE

Pulse Sequence: s2pu1

Solvent: CDCl3

Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K

User: 1-12-87

INOVA-400 "Inv400"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 30.0 degrees

Acq. time 3.273 sec

Ver. 1.00

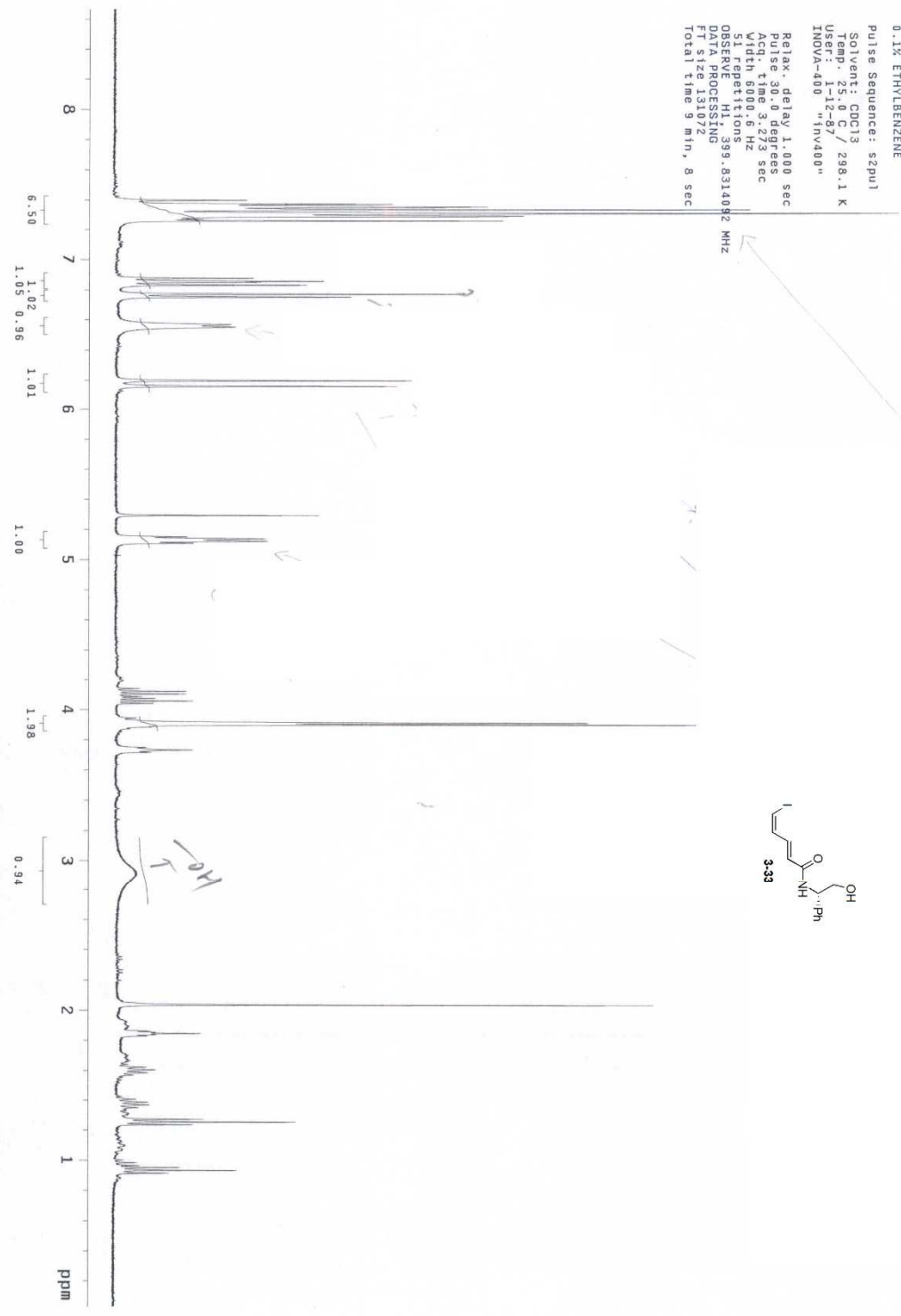
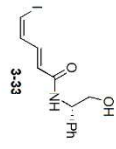
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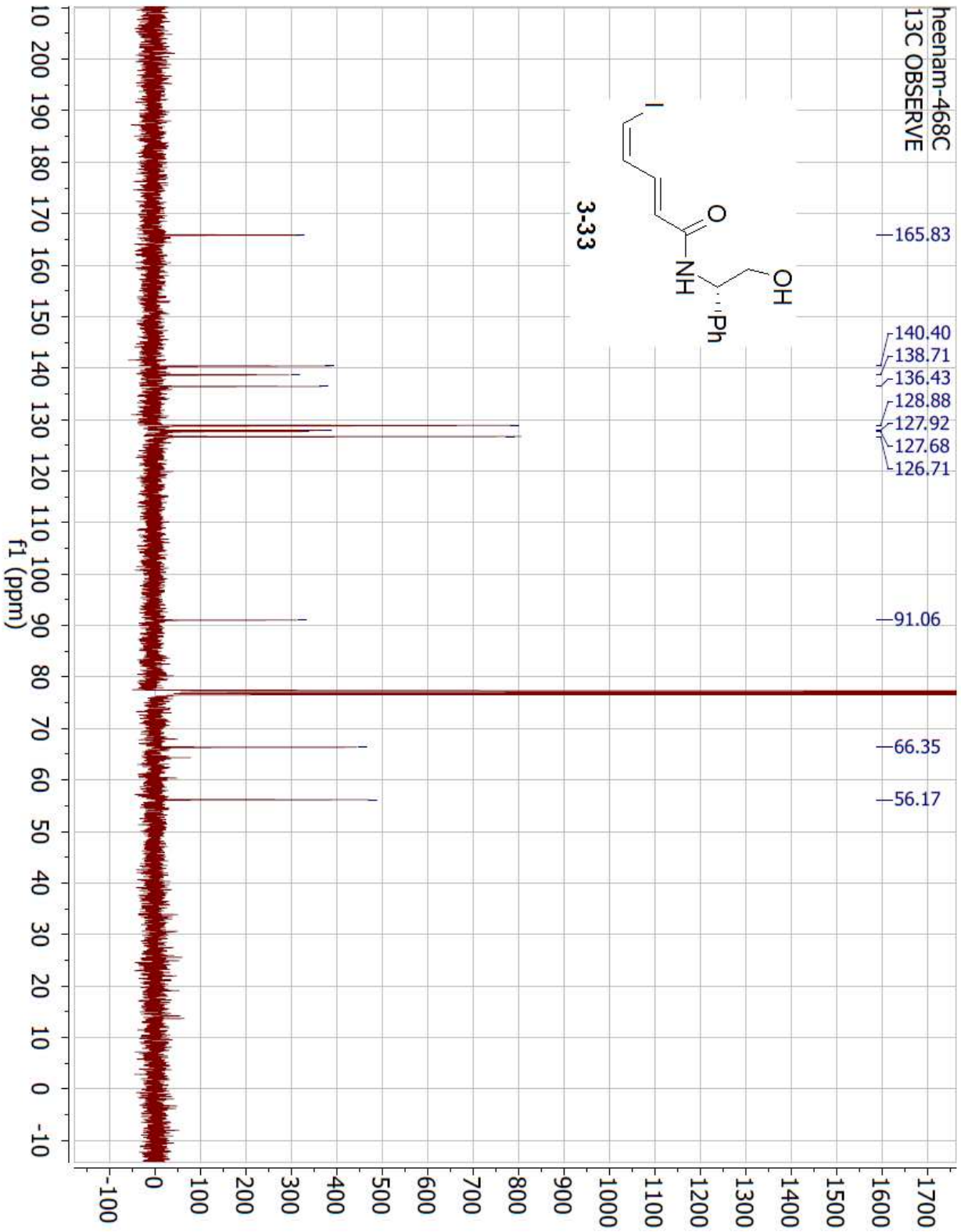
OBSERVE H1, 399.8314092 MHZ

DATA PROCESSING

FT size 131072

Total time 9 min, 8 sec





STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

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 /export/home/heenan/vnmrSYS/data
 Sample directory:

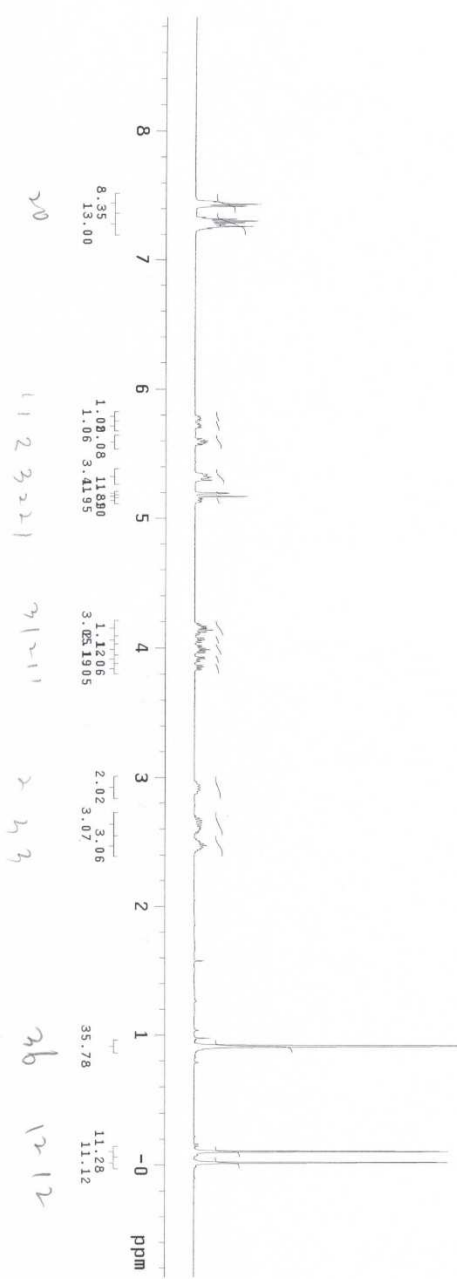
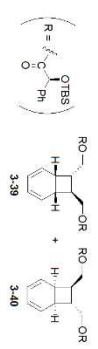
File: PROTON

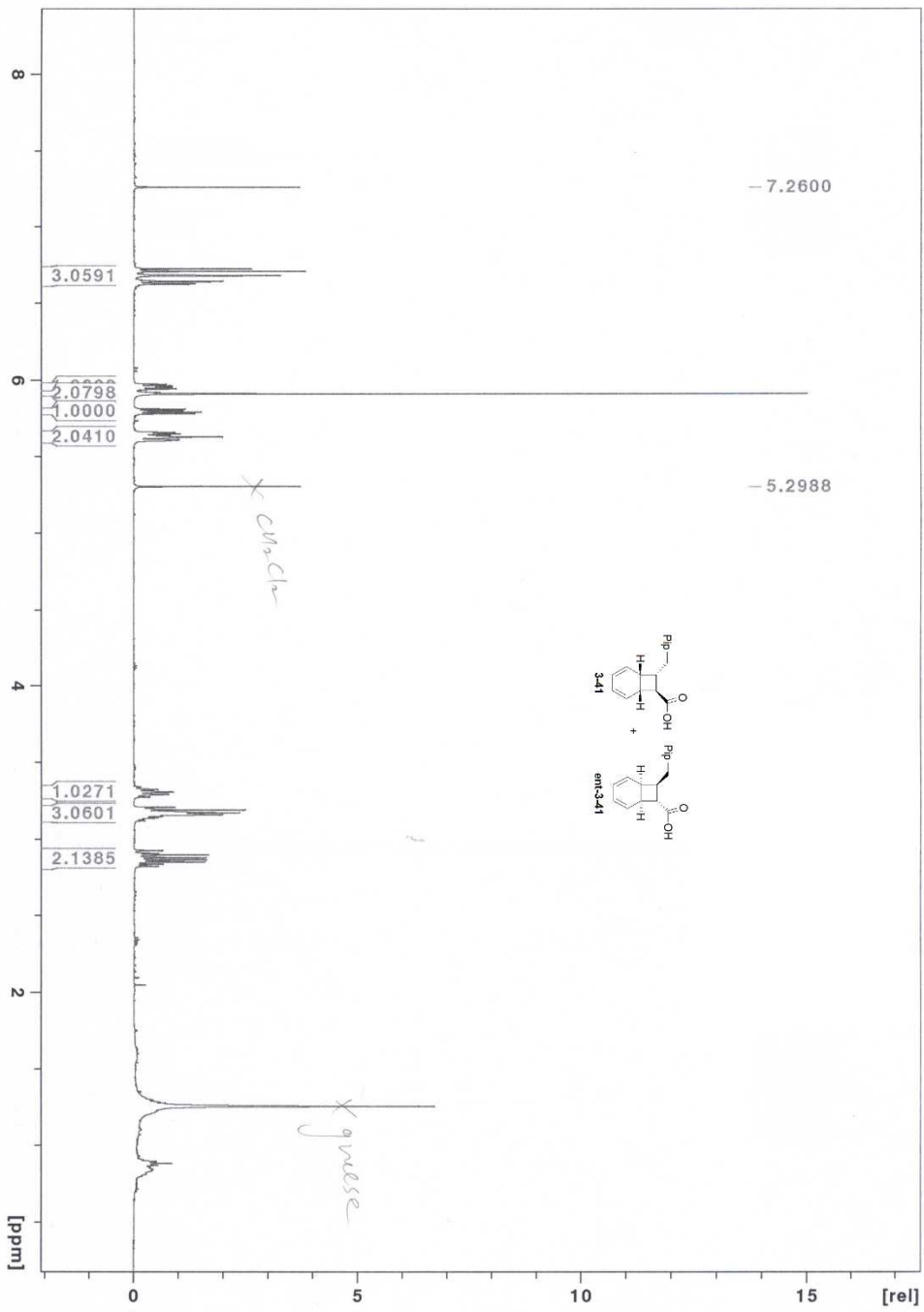
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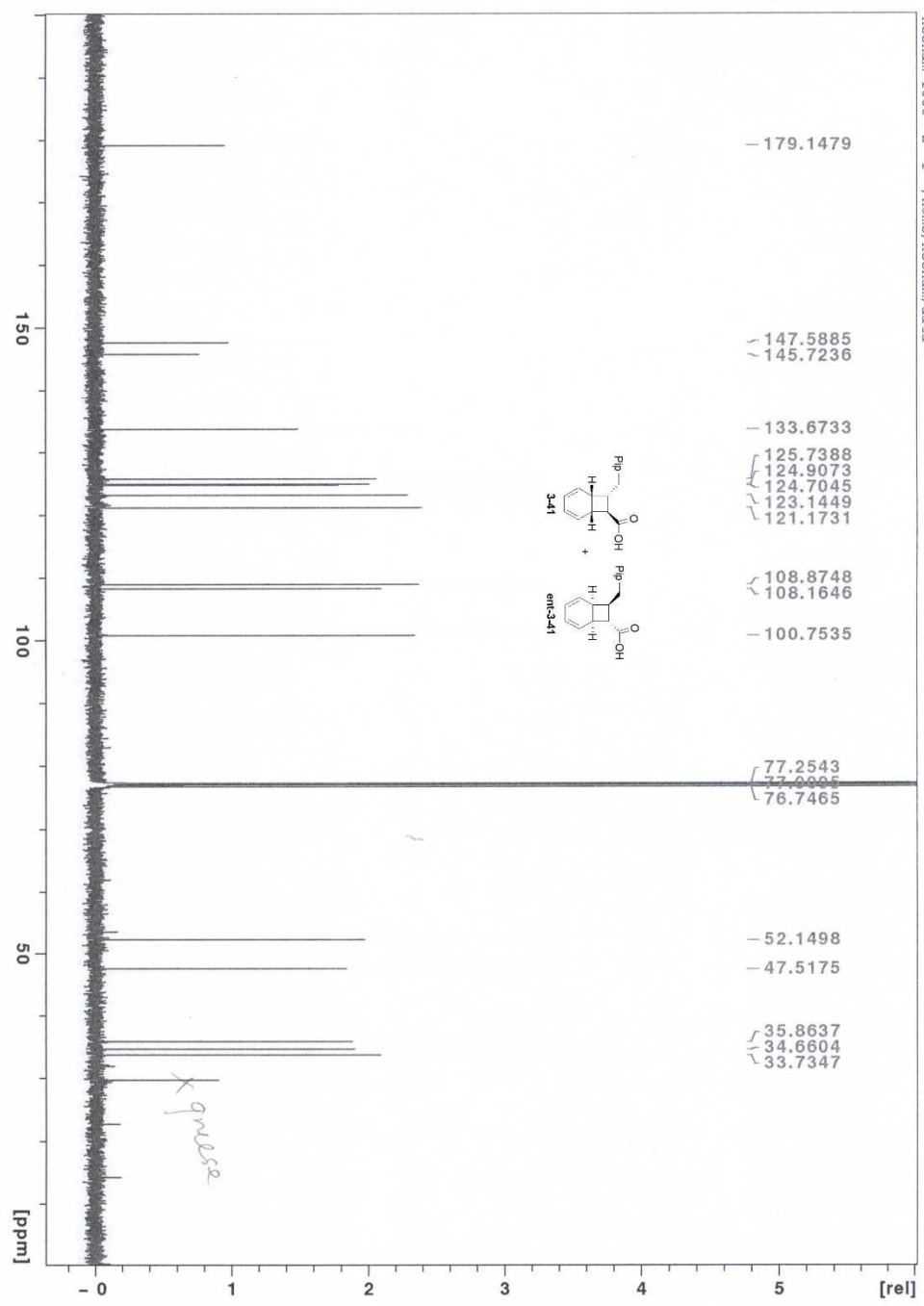
Solvent: CDCl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

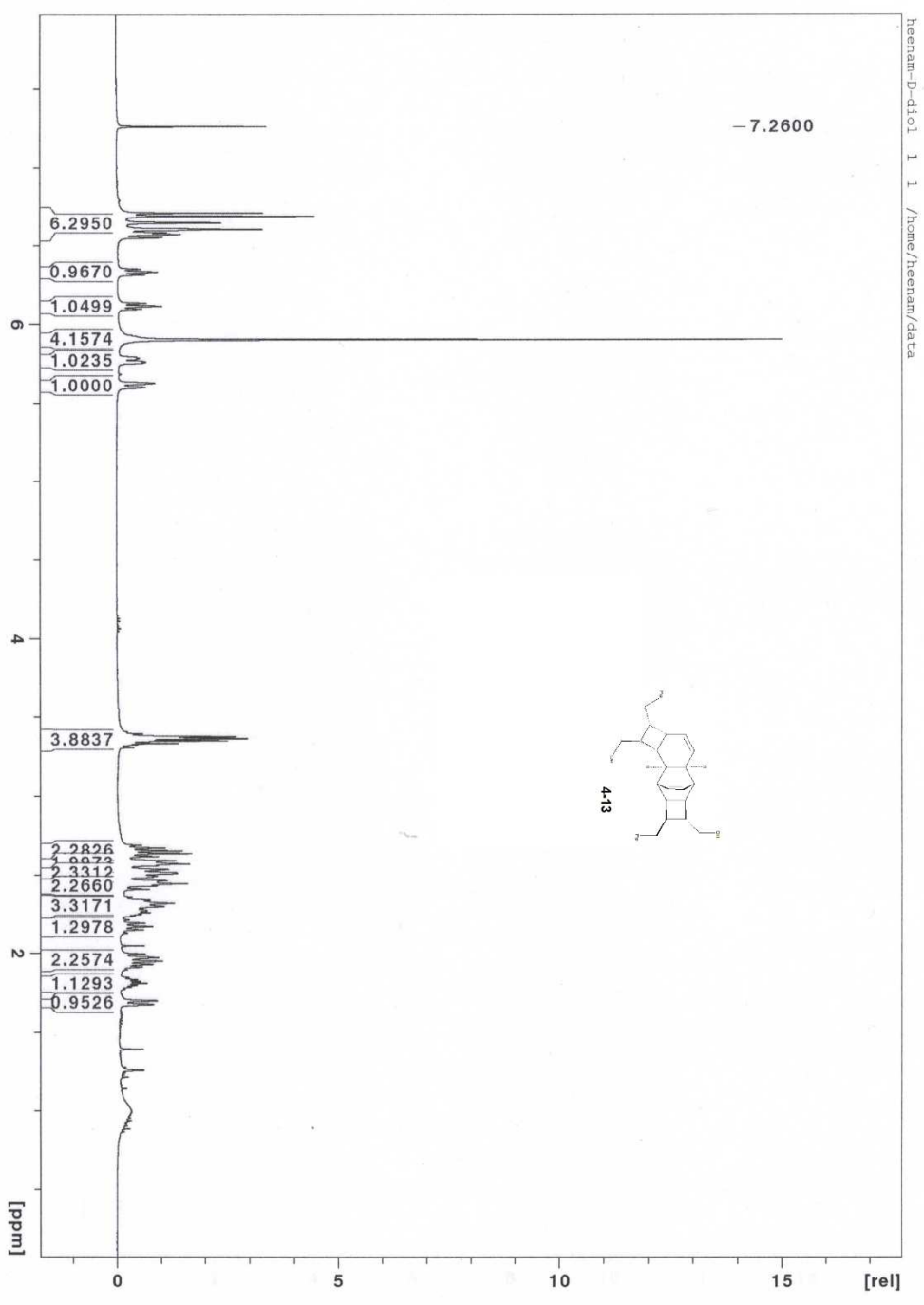
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 45.0 degrees
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 Width 7998.4 Hz
 160 Repetitions
 OBSERVE H1: 499.8948150 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 F1 Size: 32768
 Total time 12 min

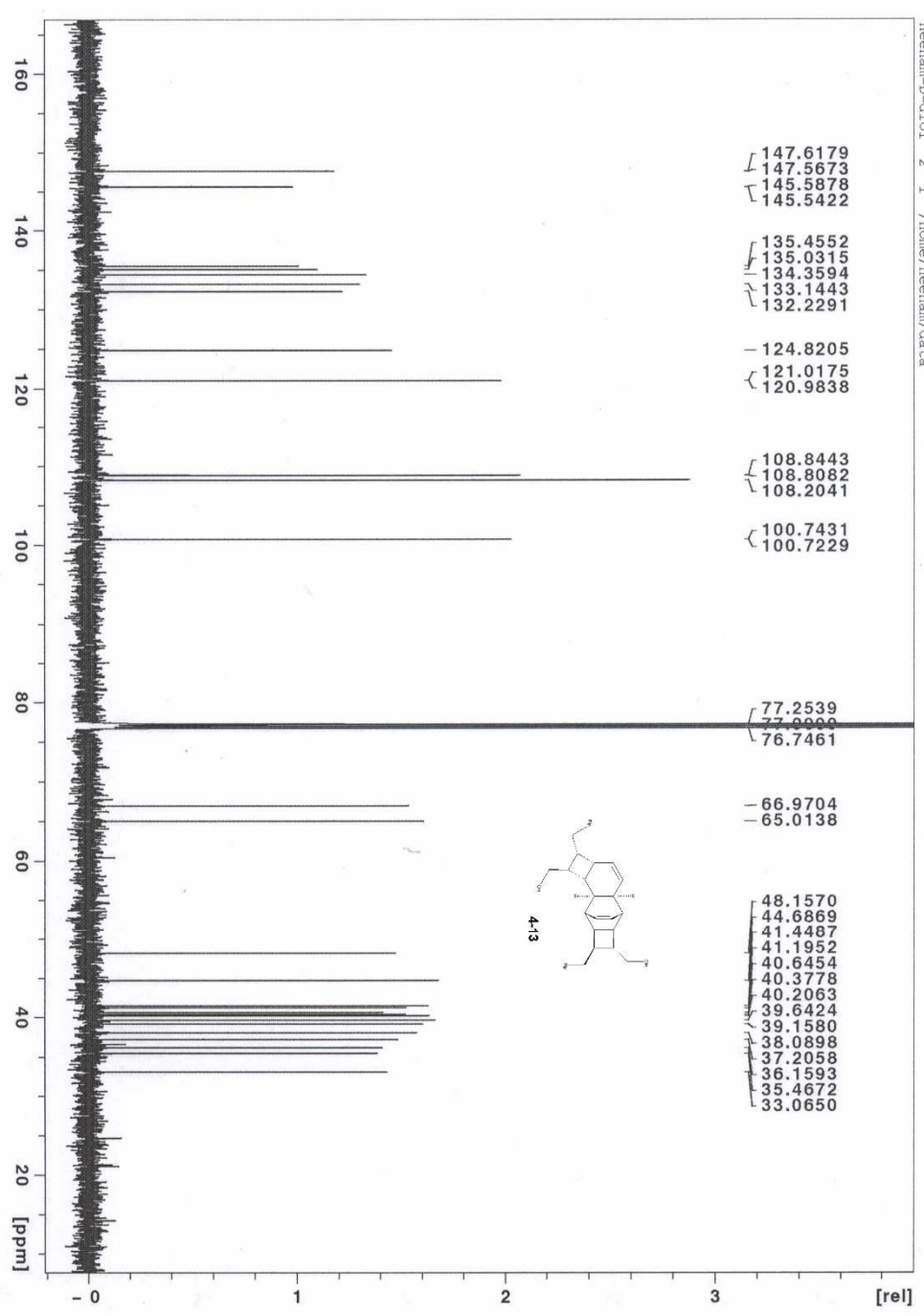


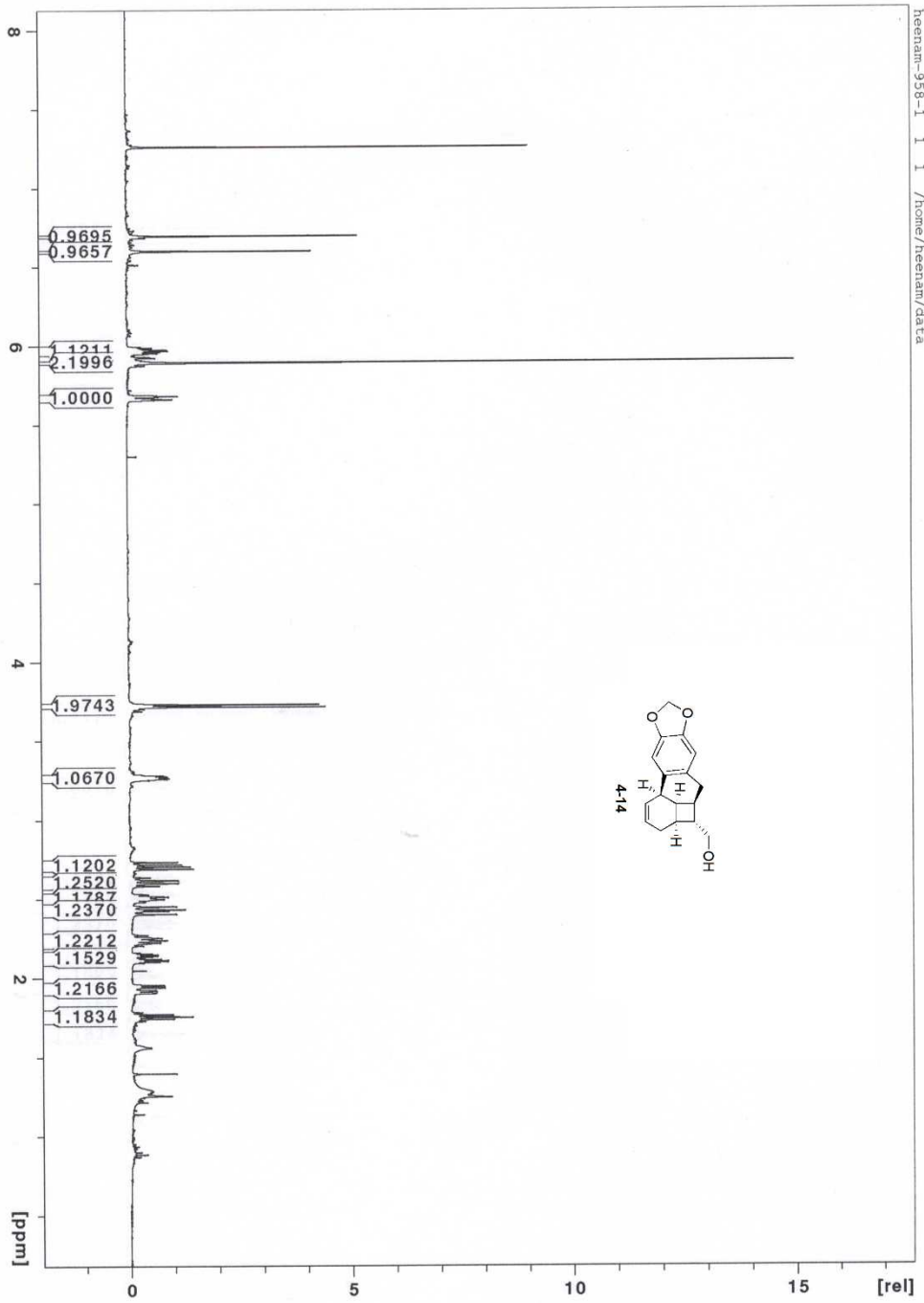


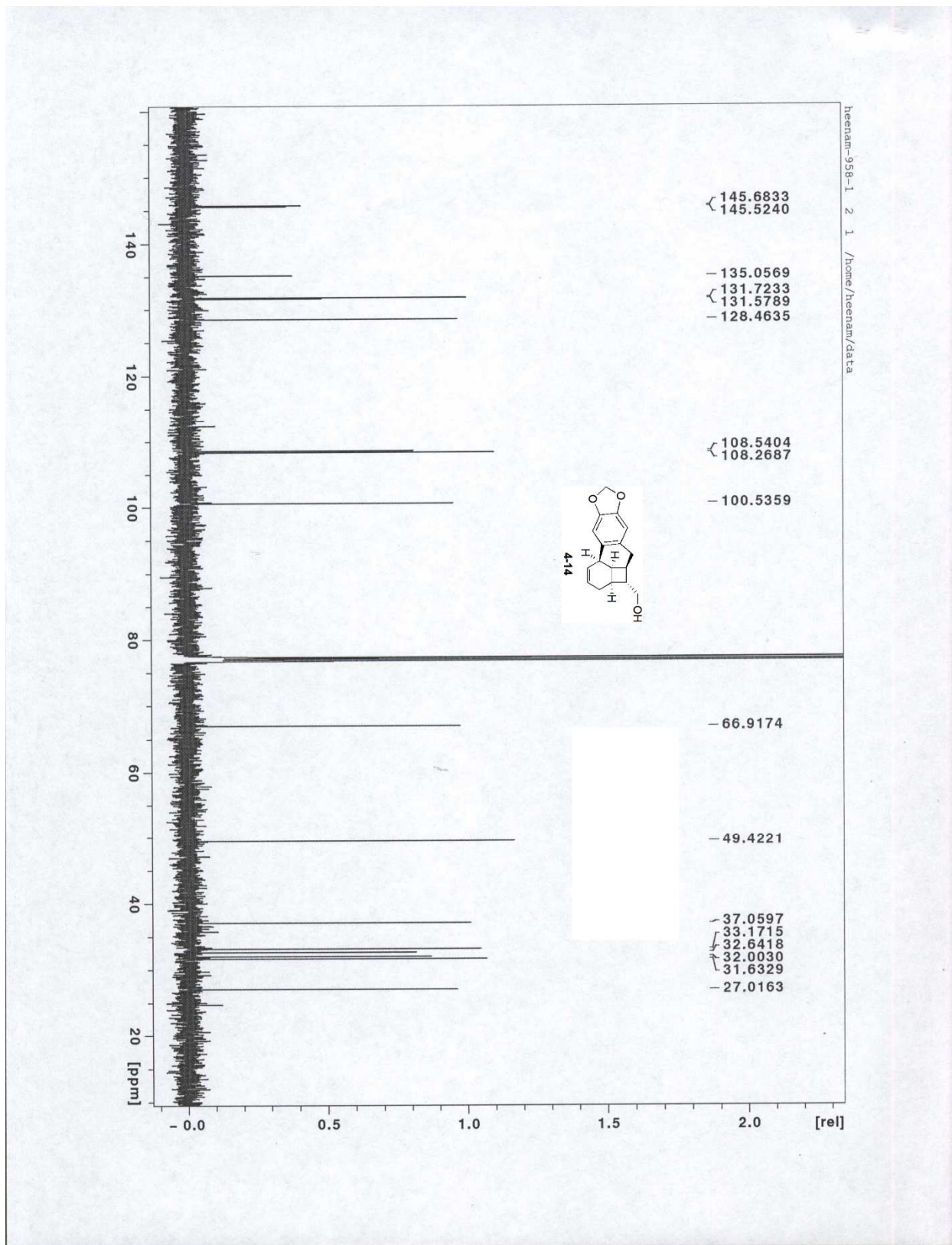


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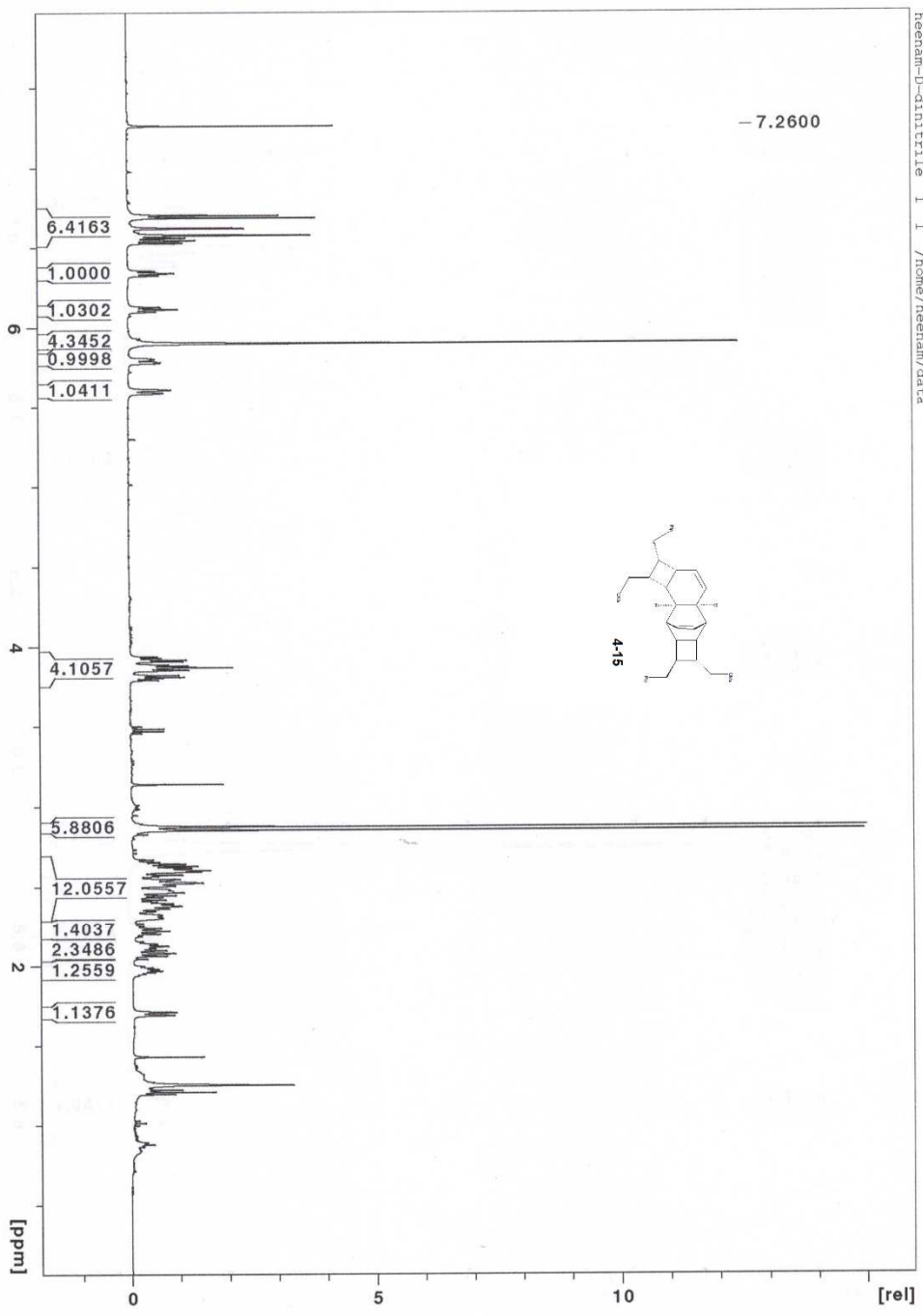






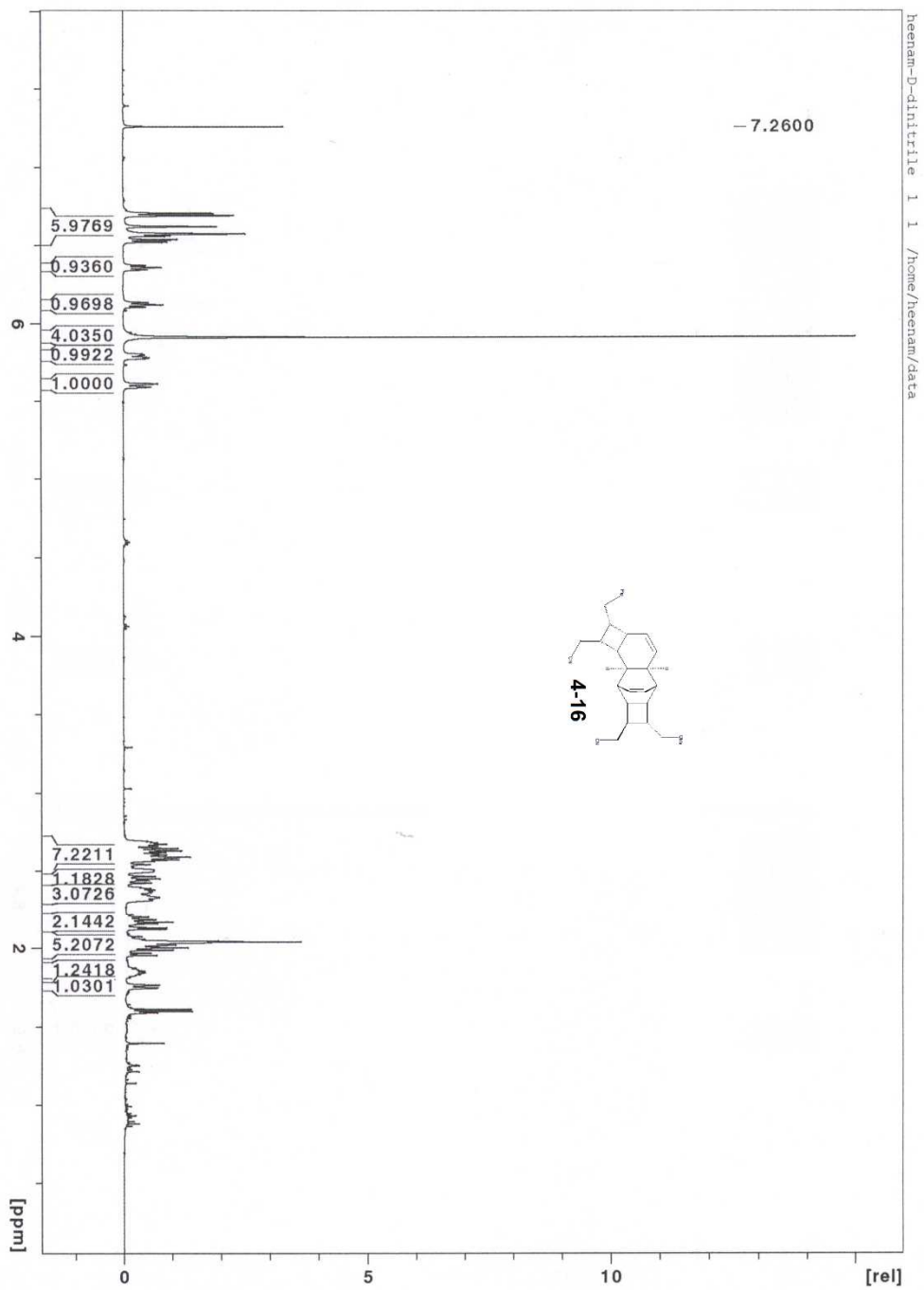
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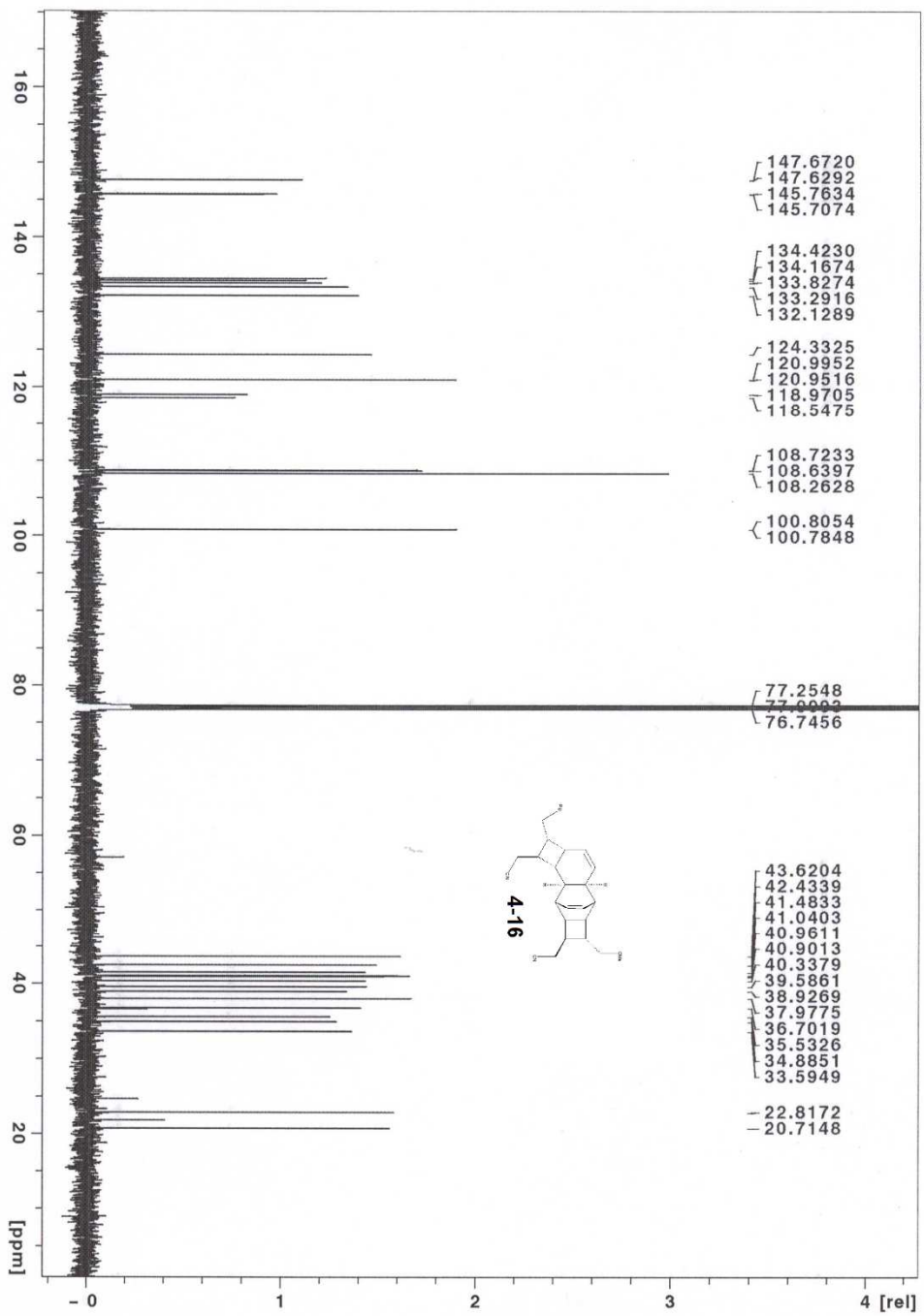
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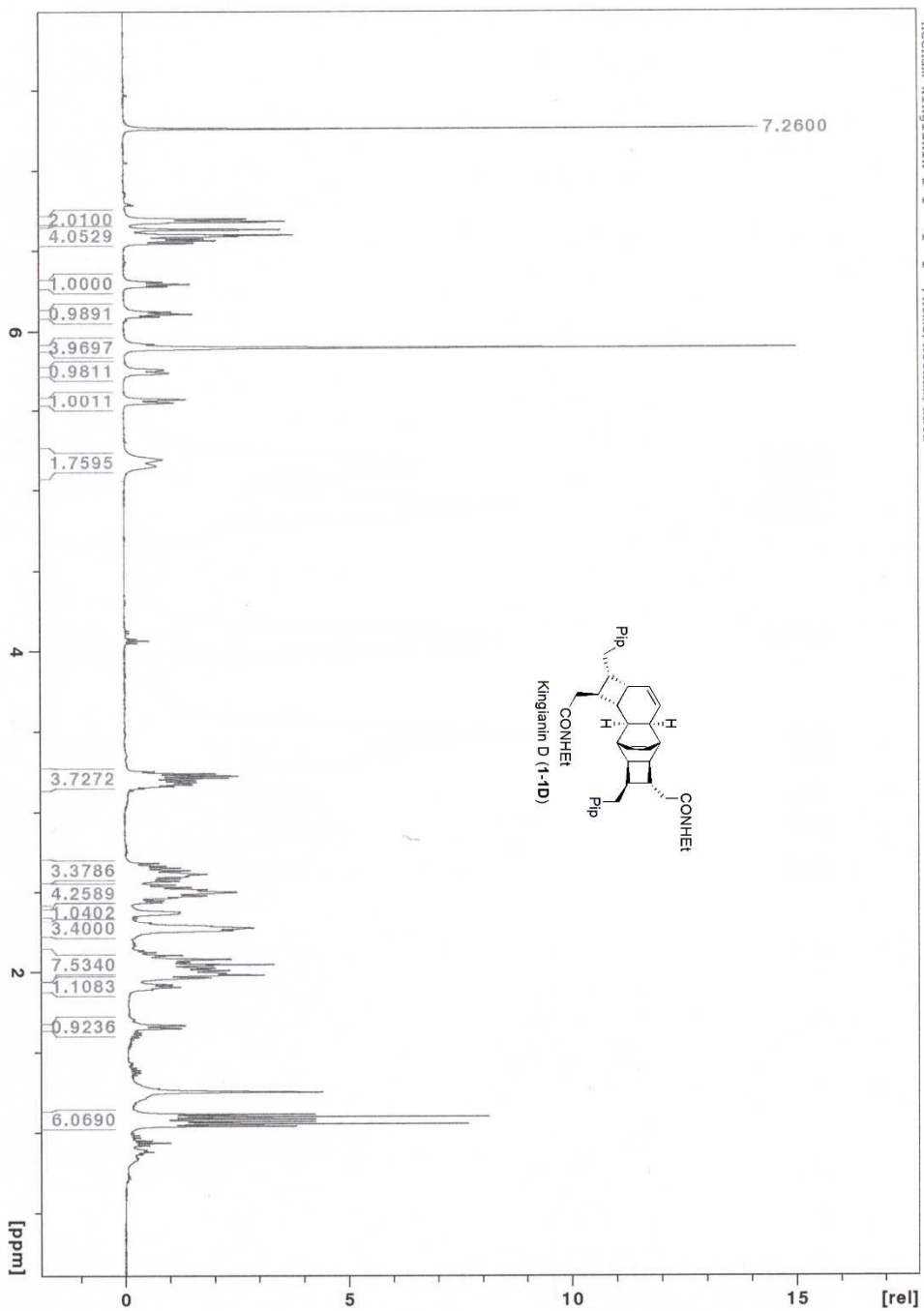


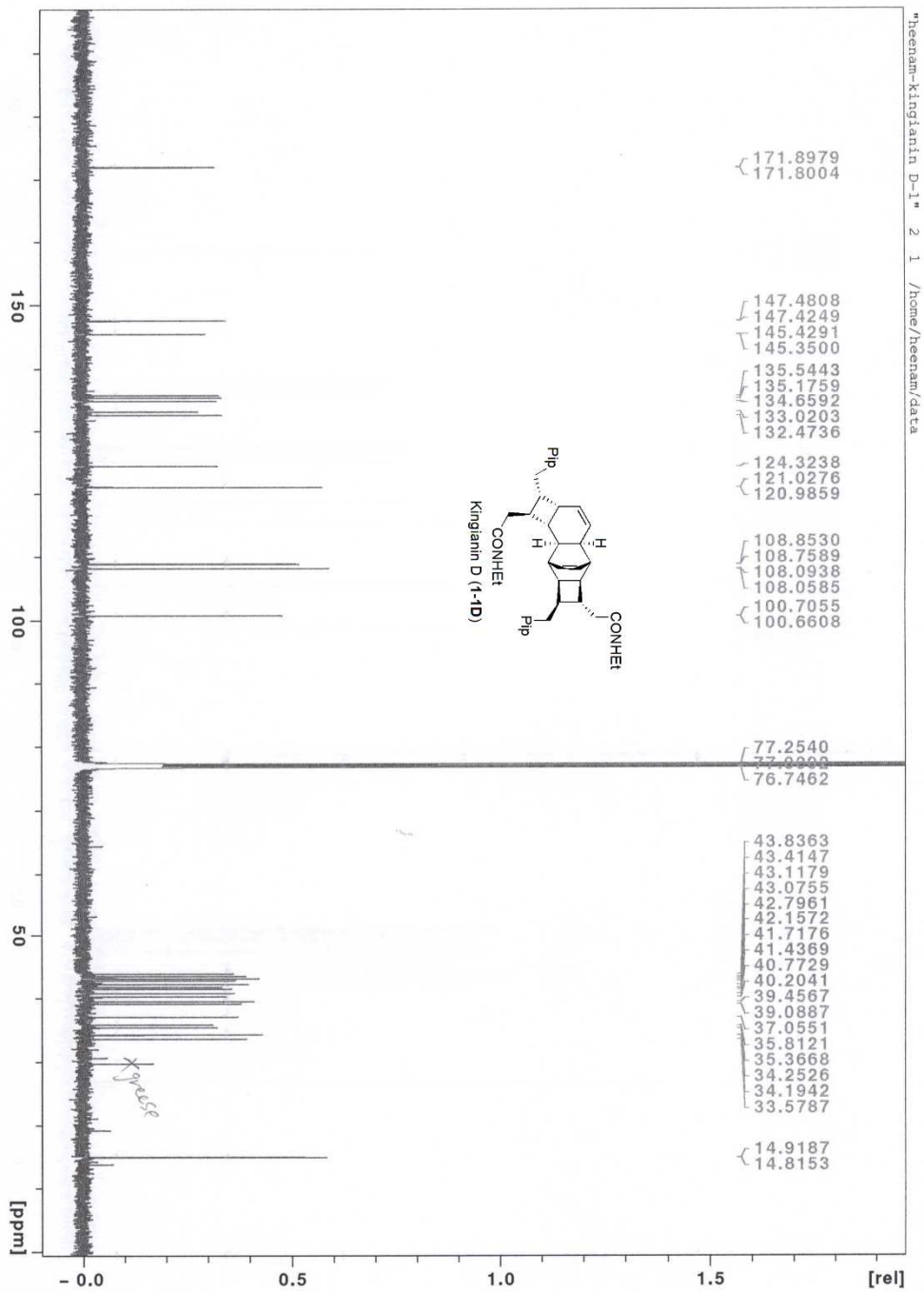
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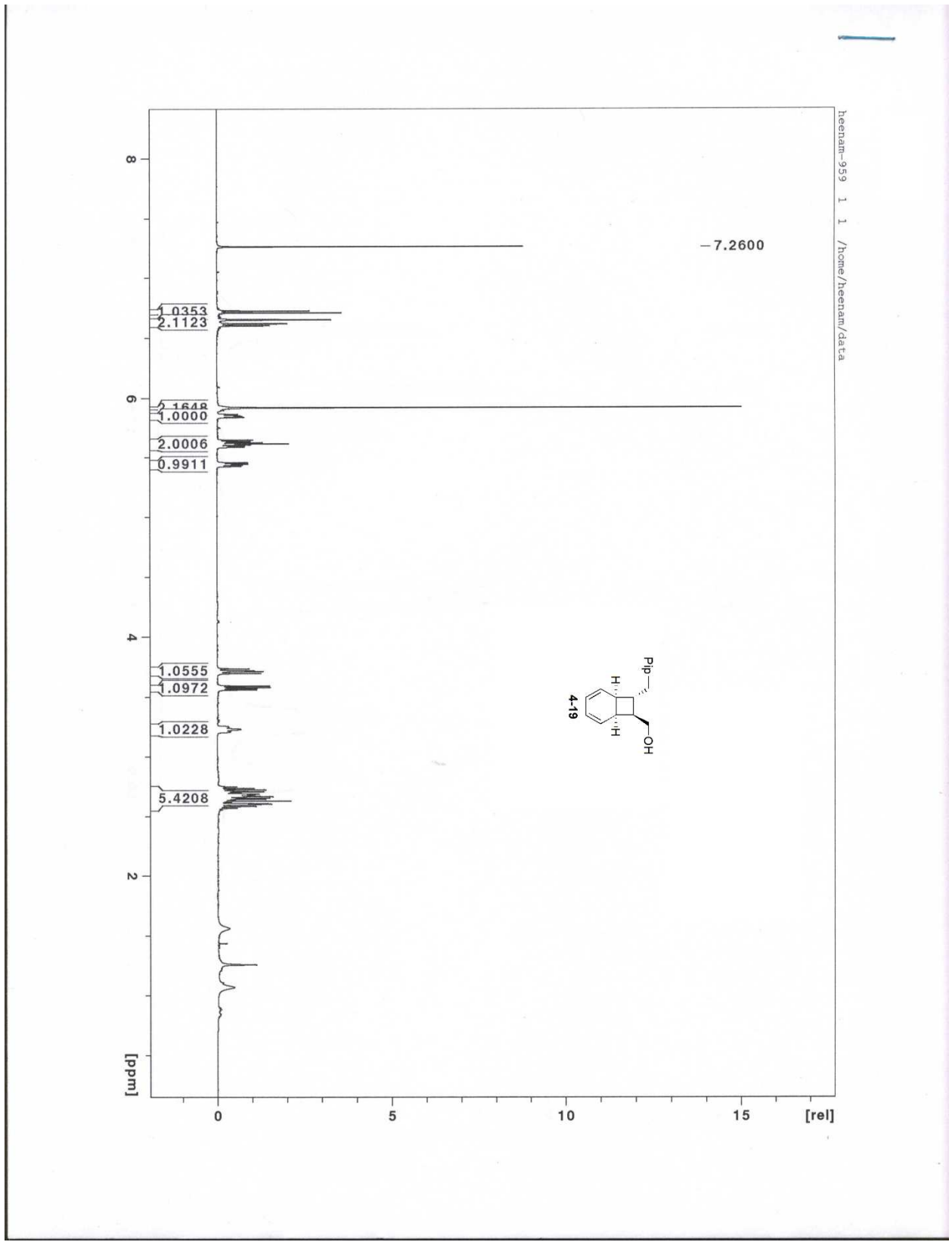
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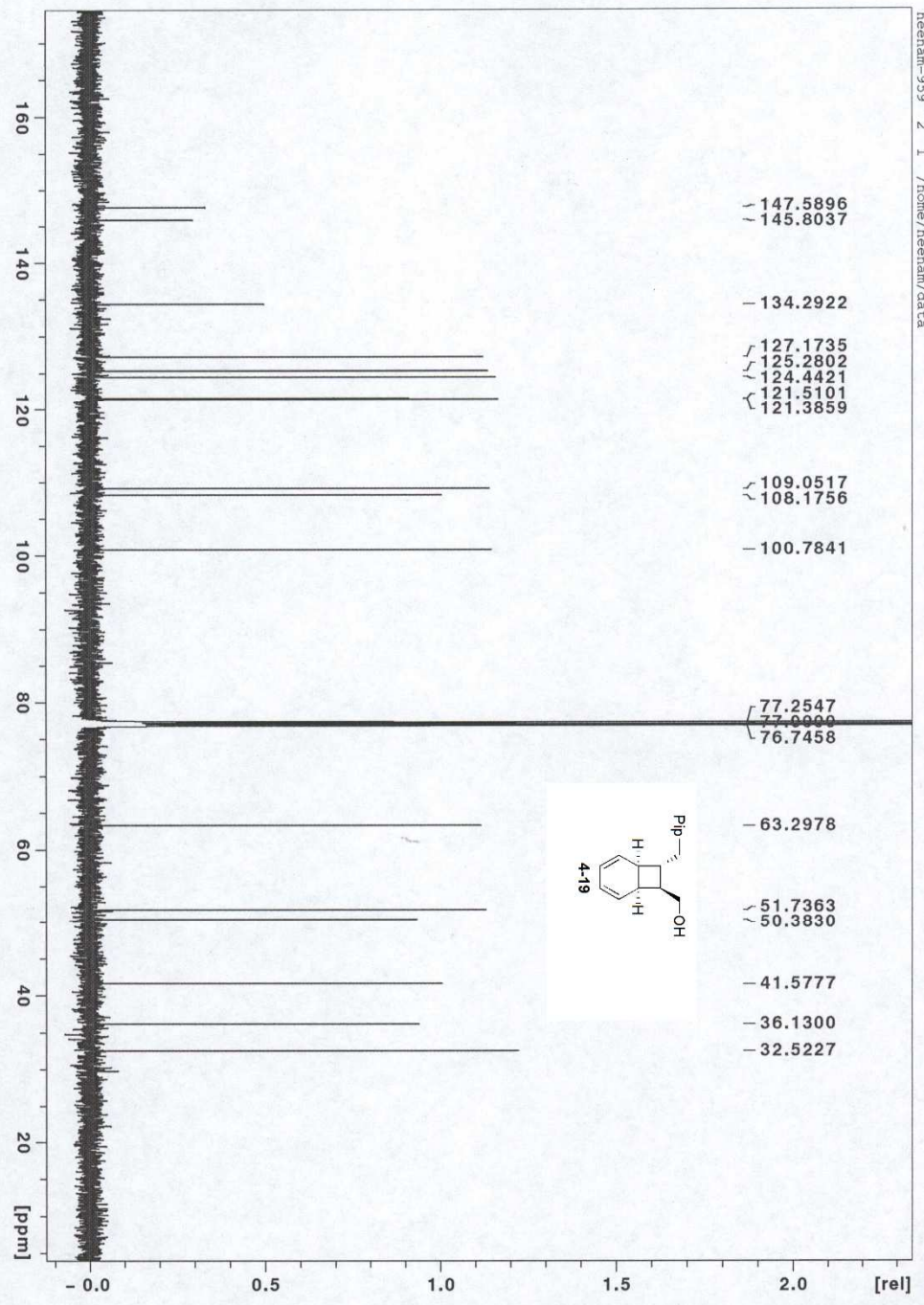


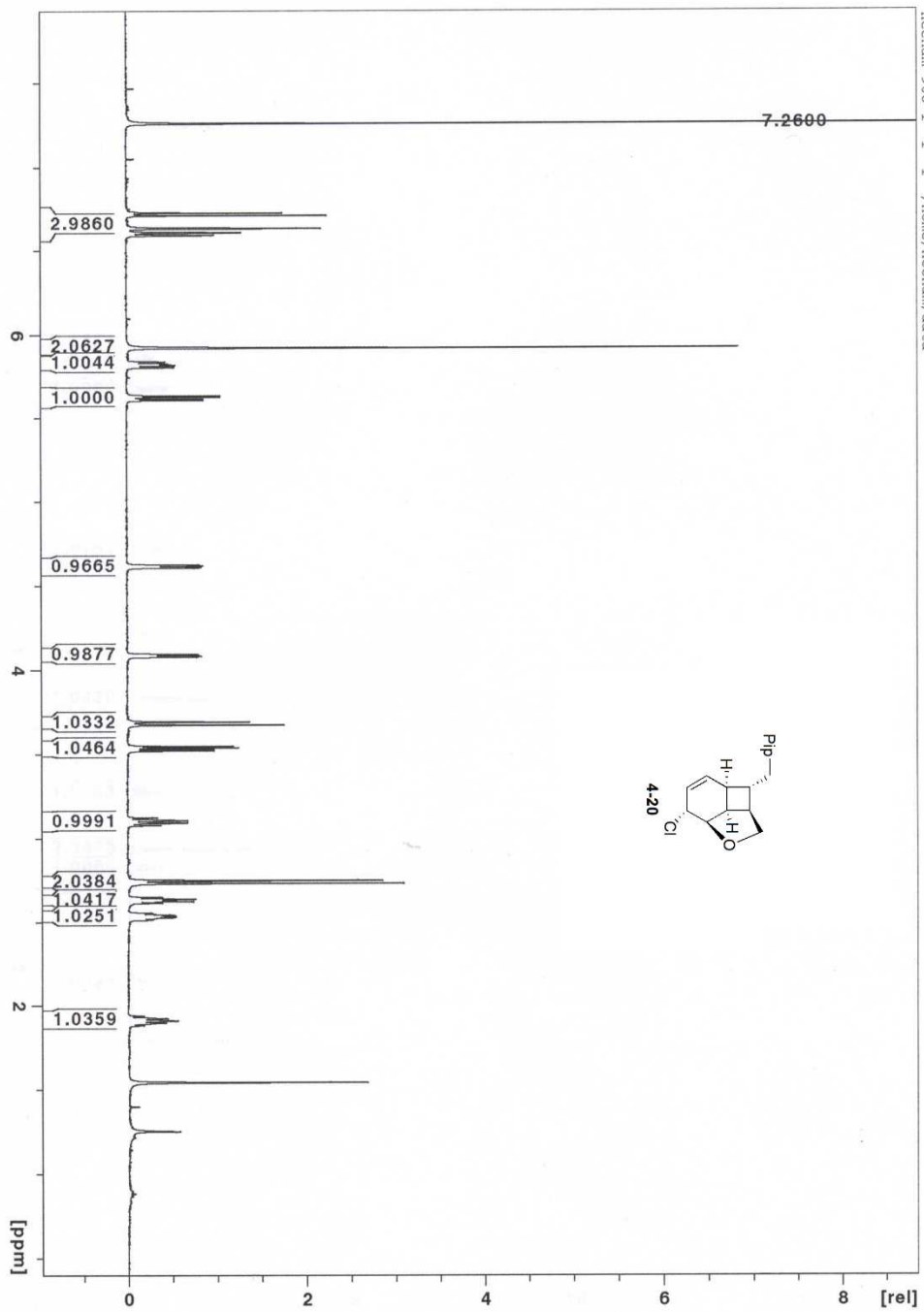


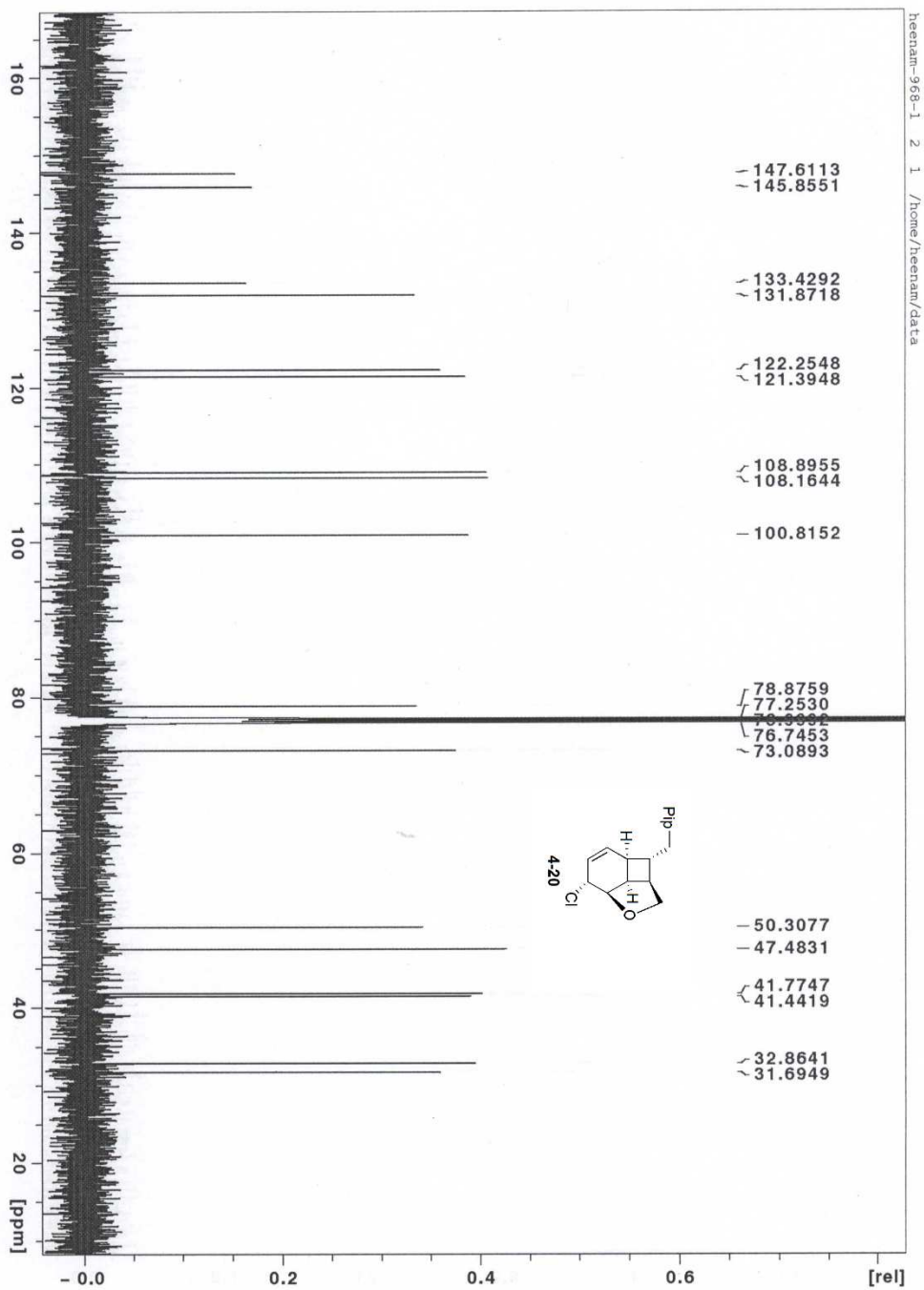


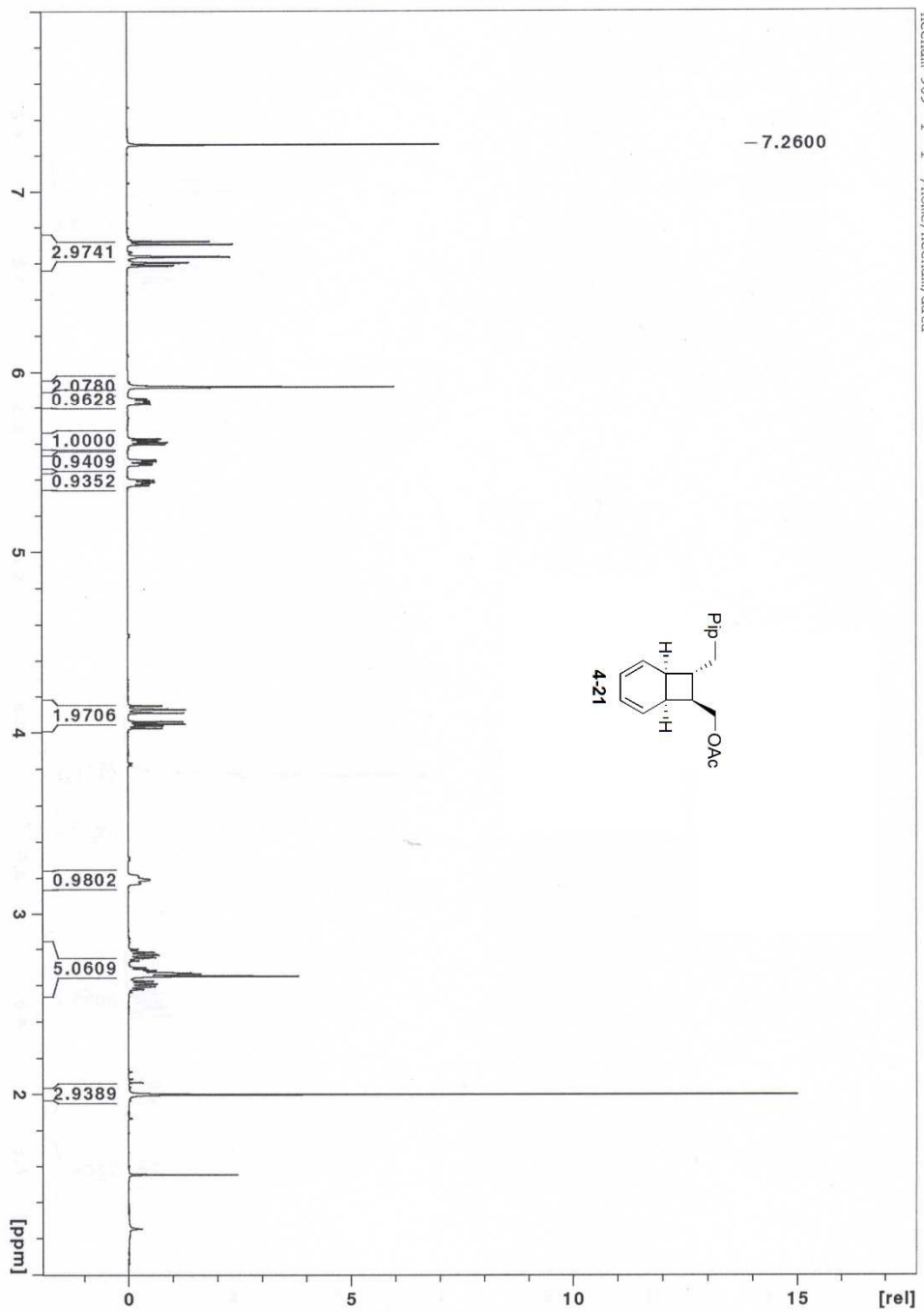
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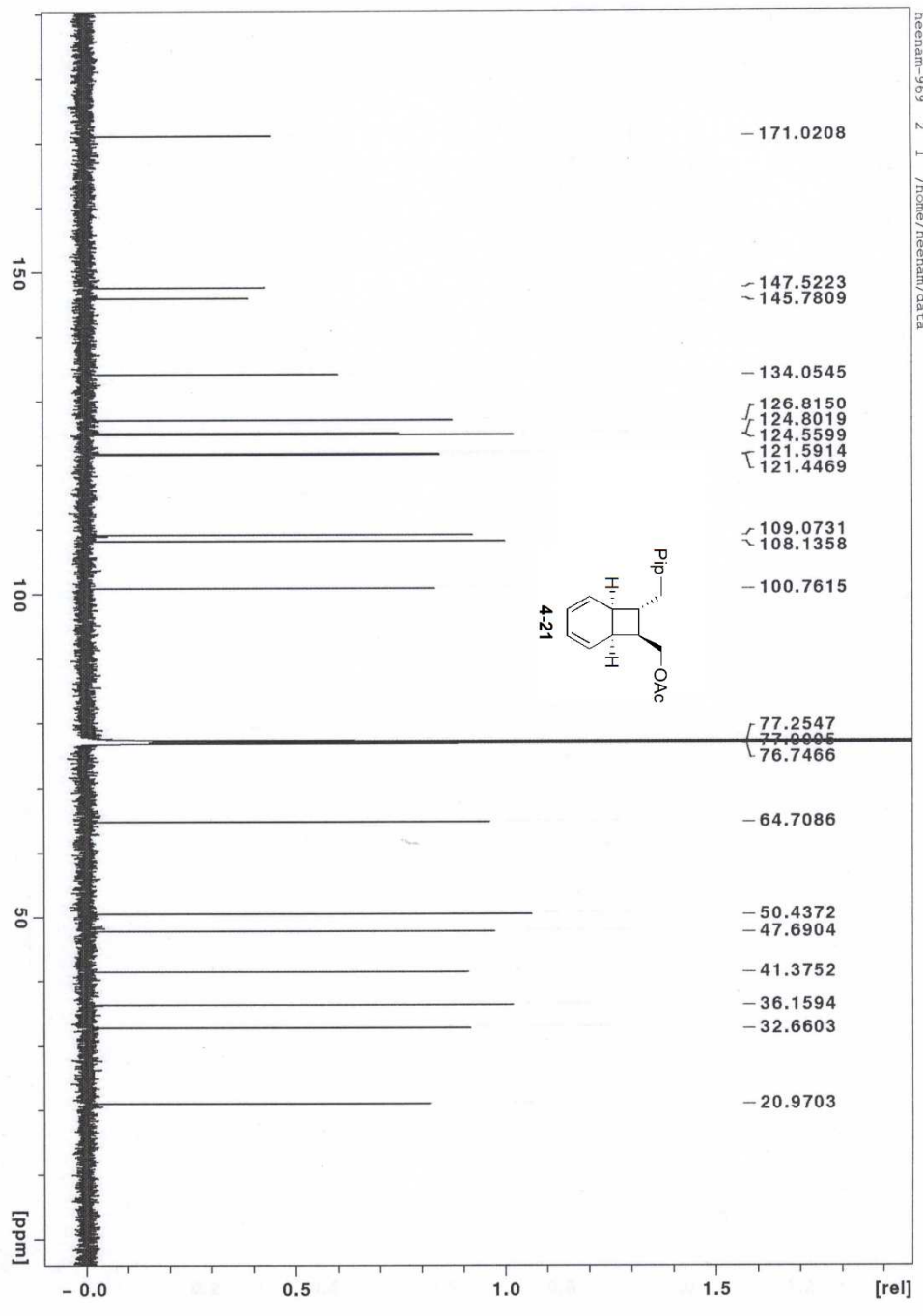


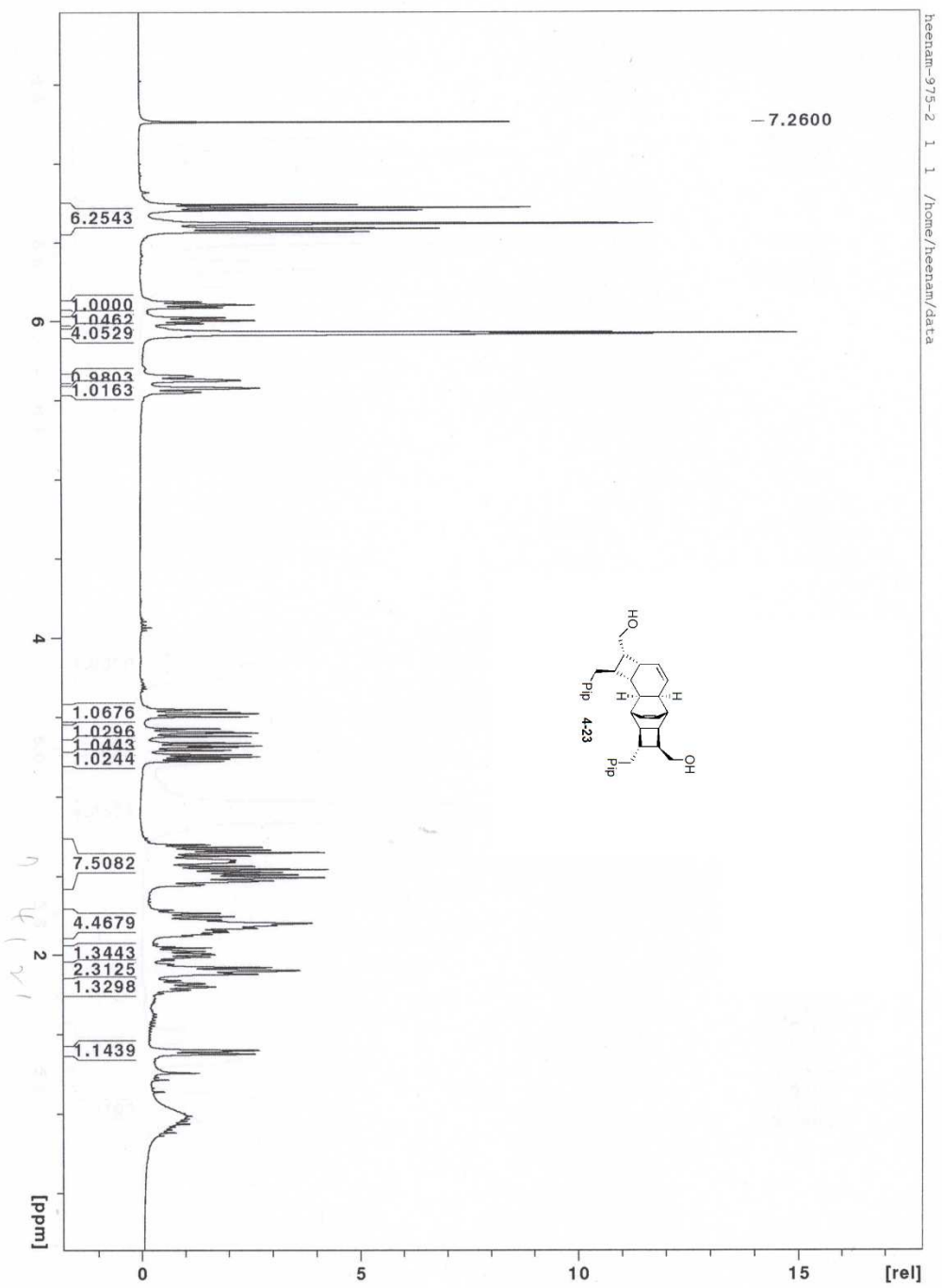


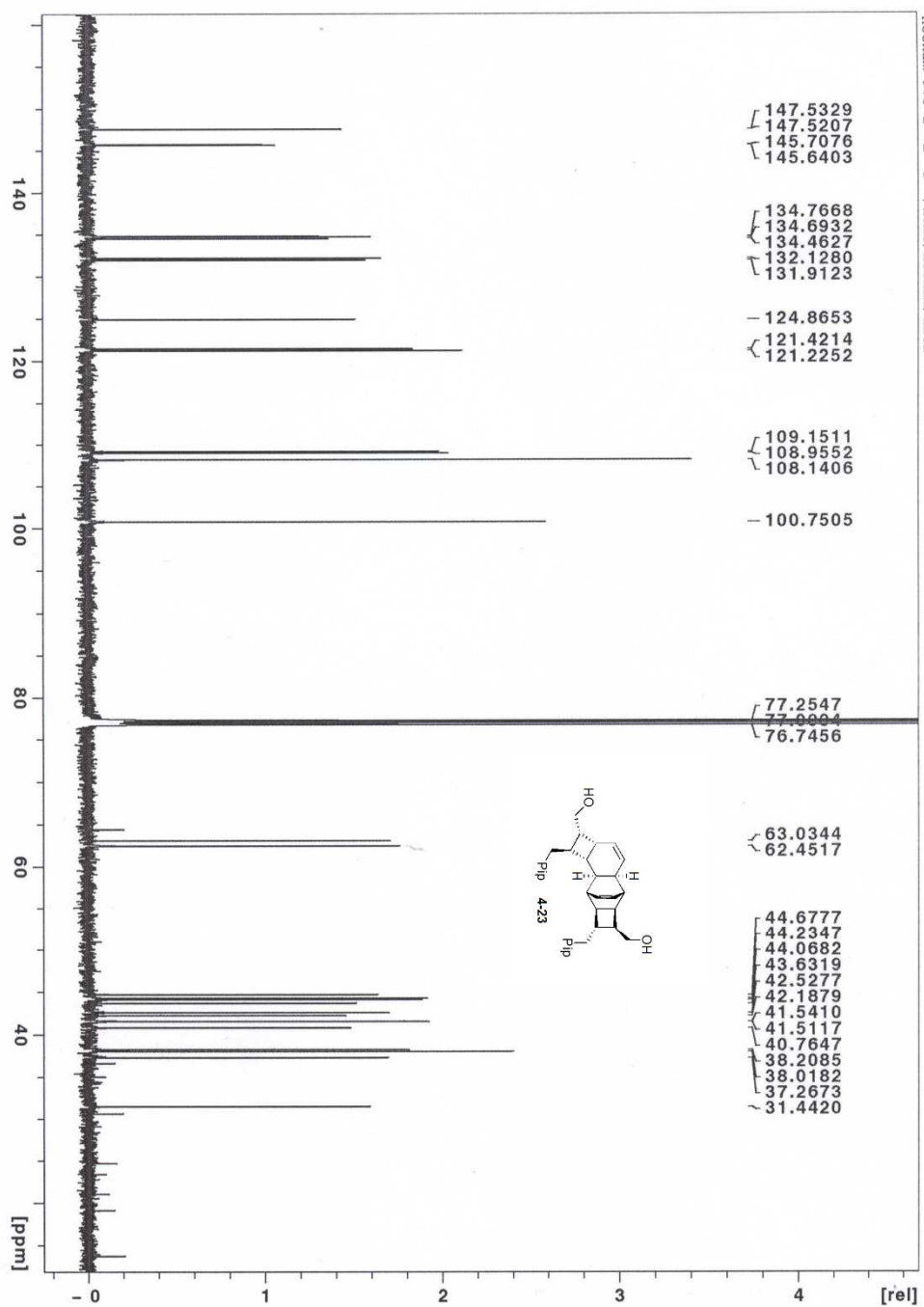




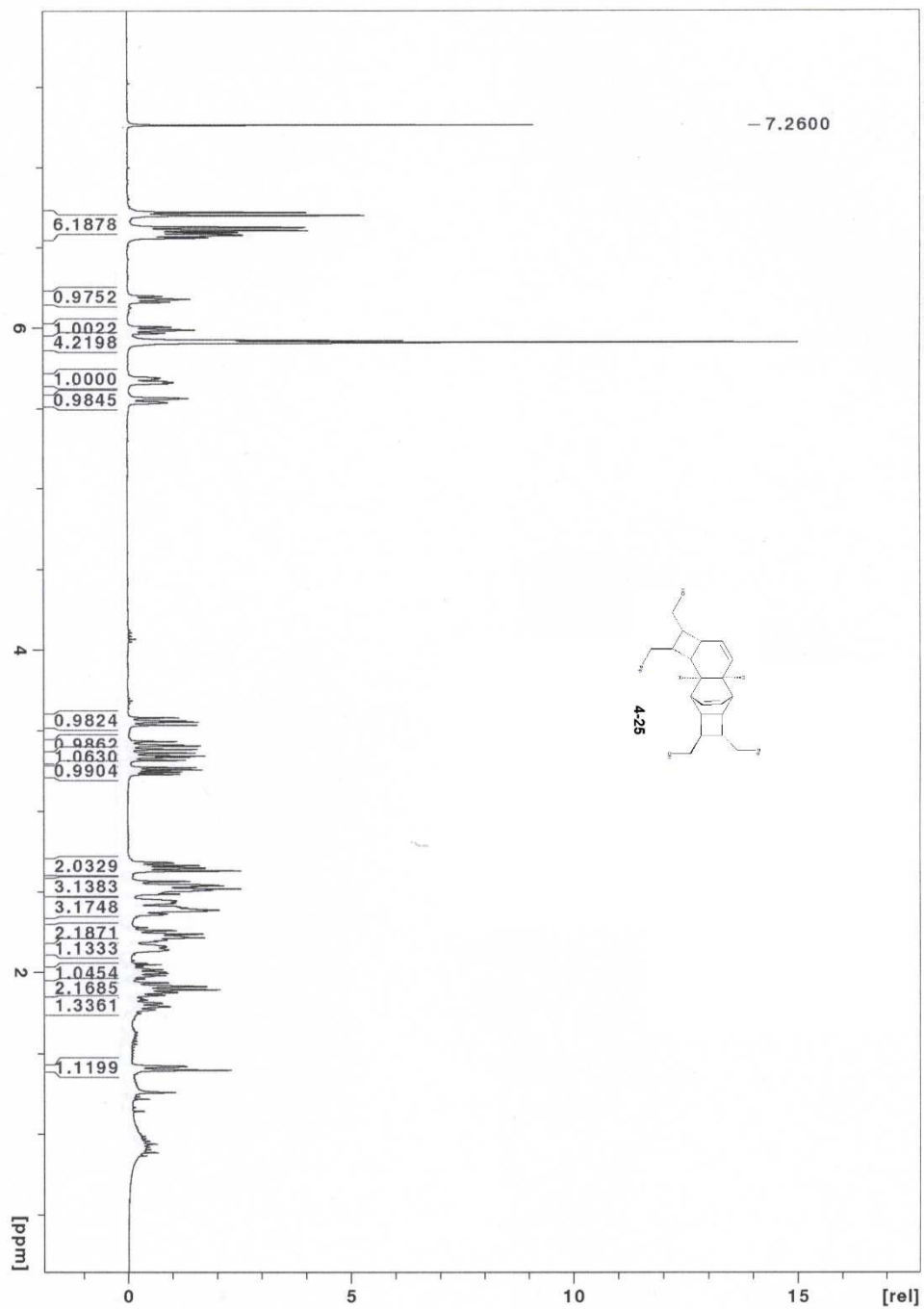
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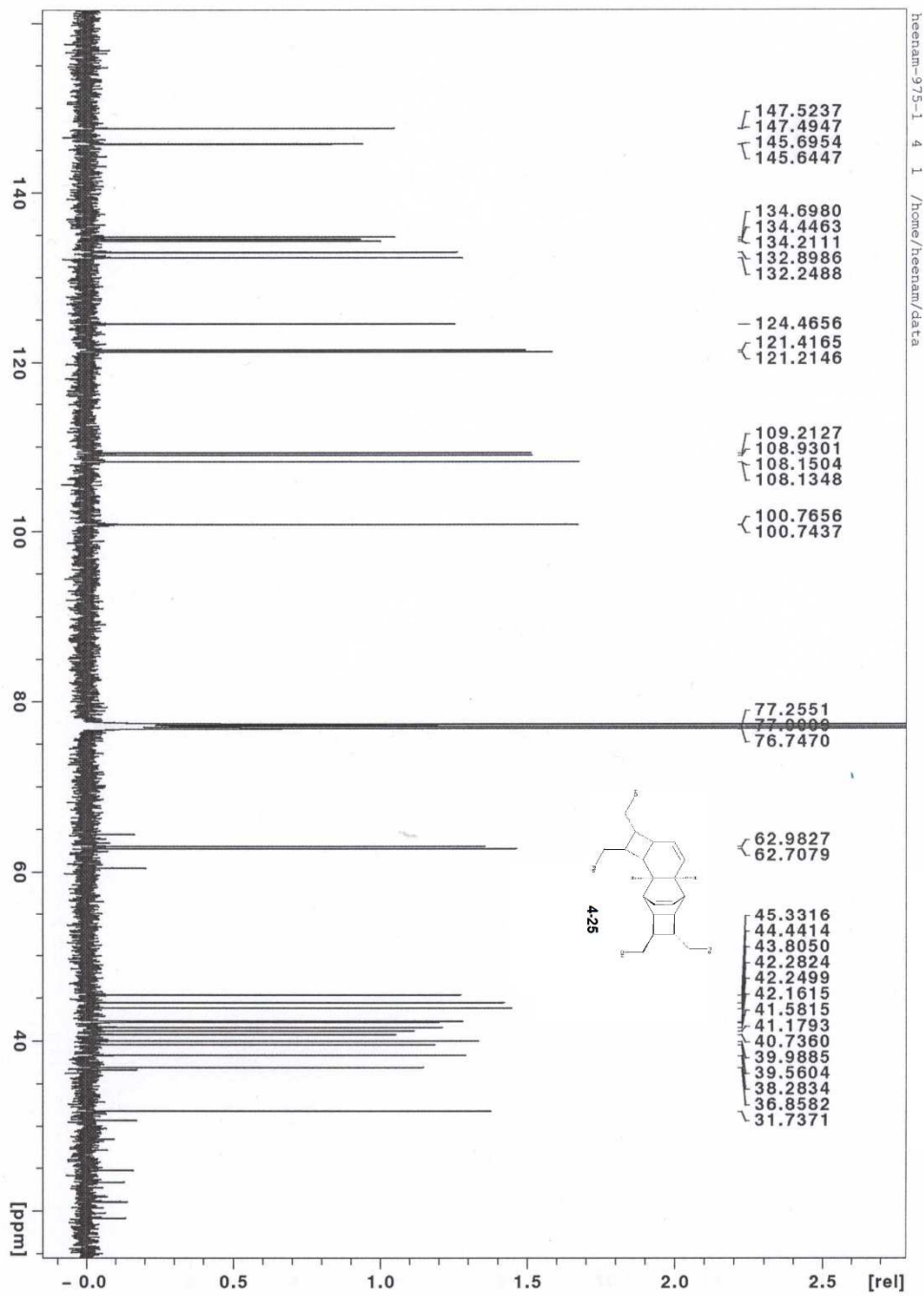


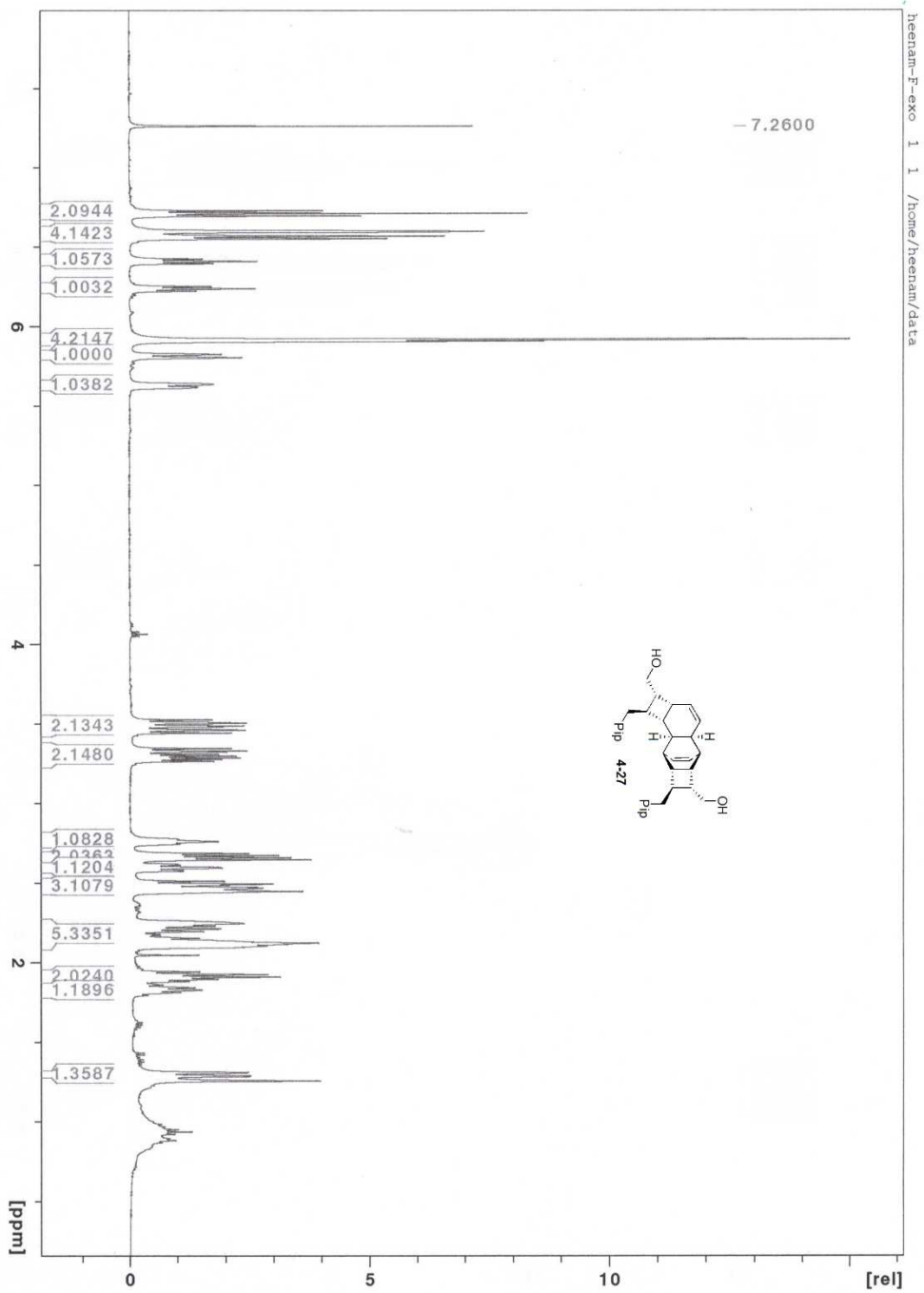


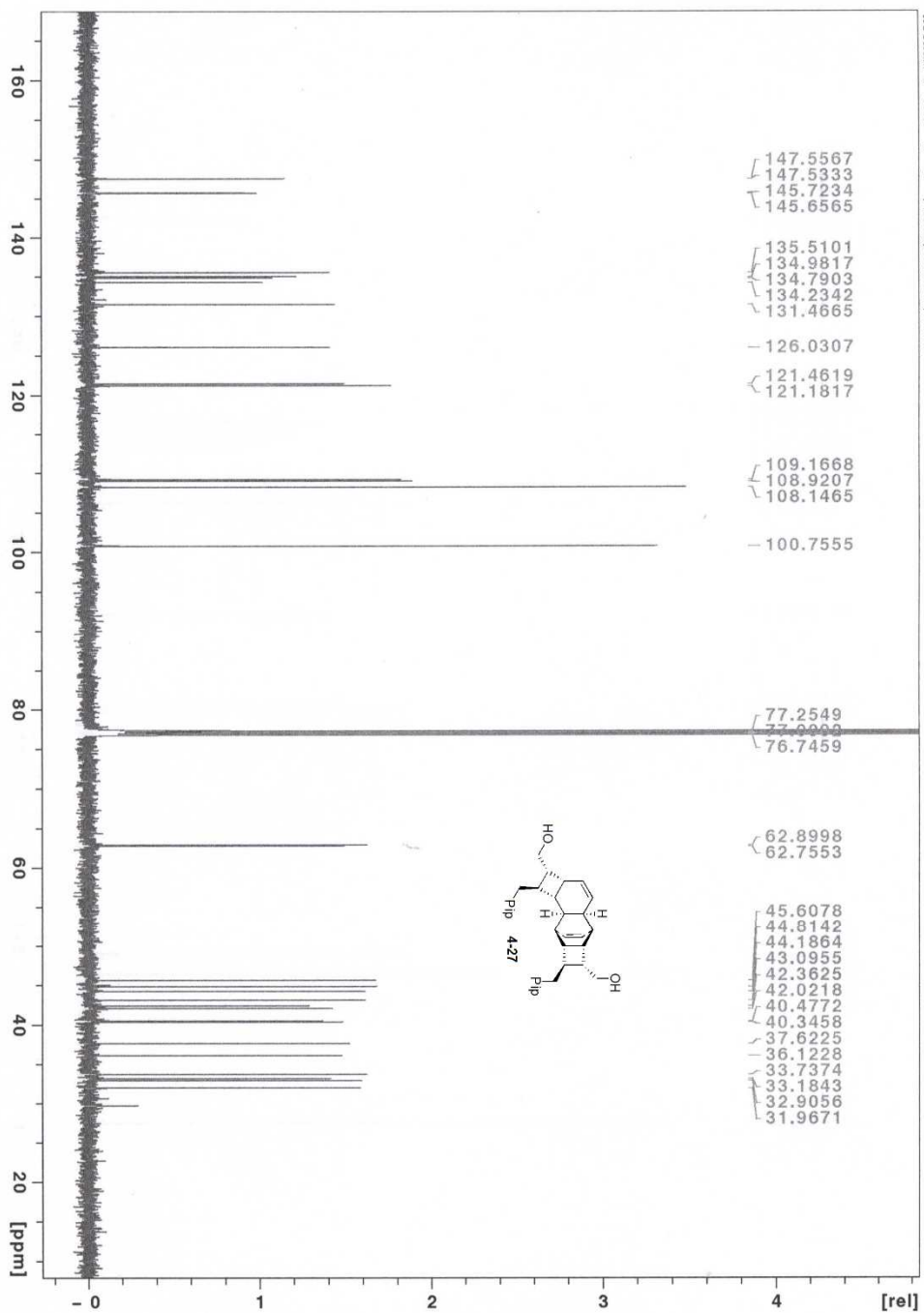


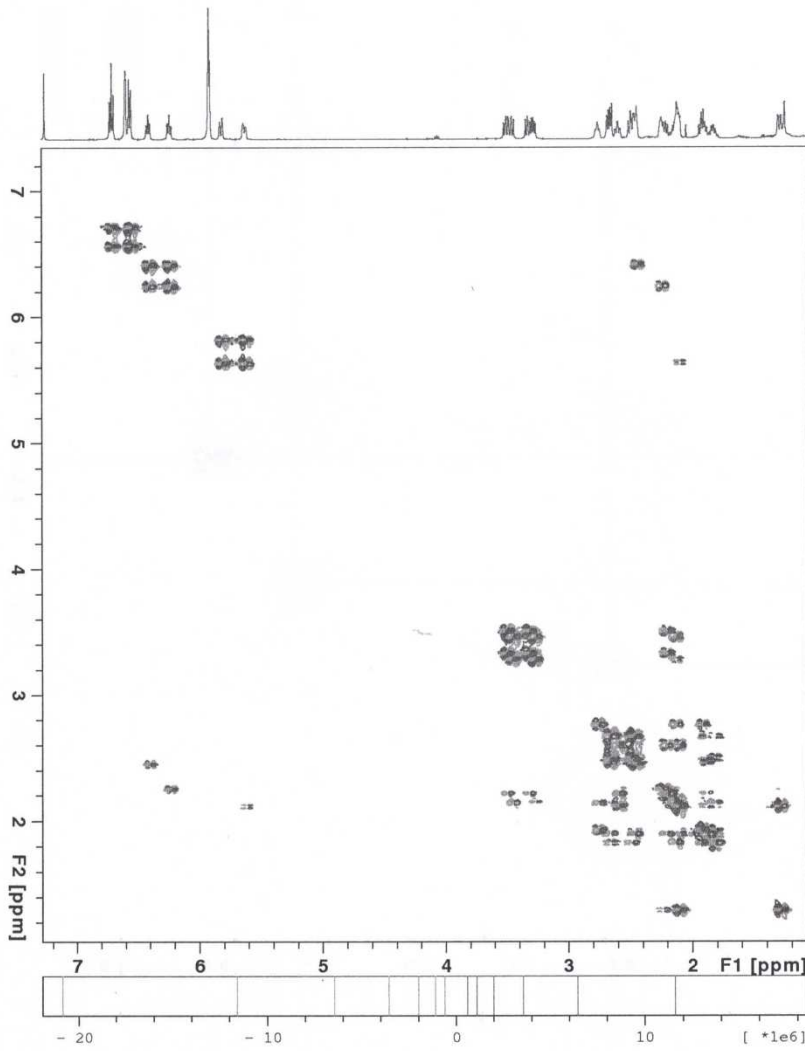
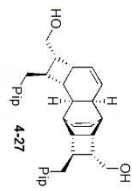
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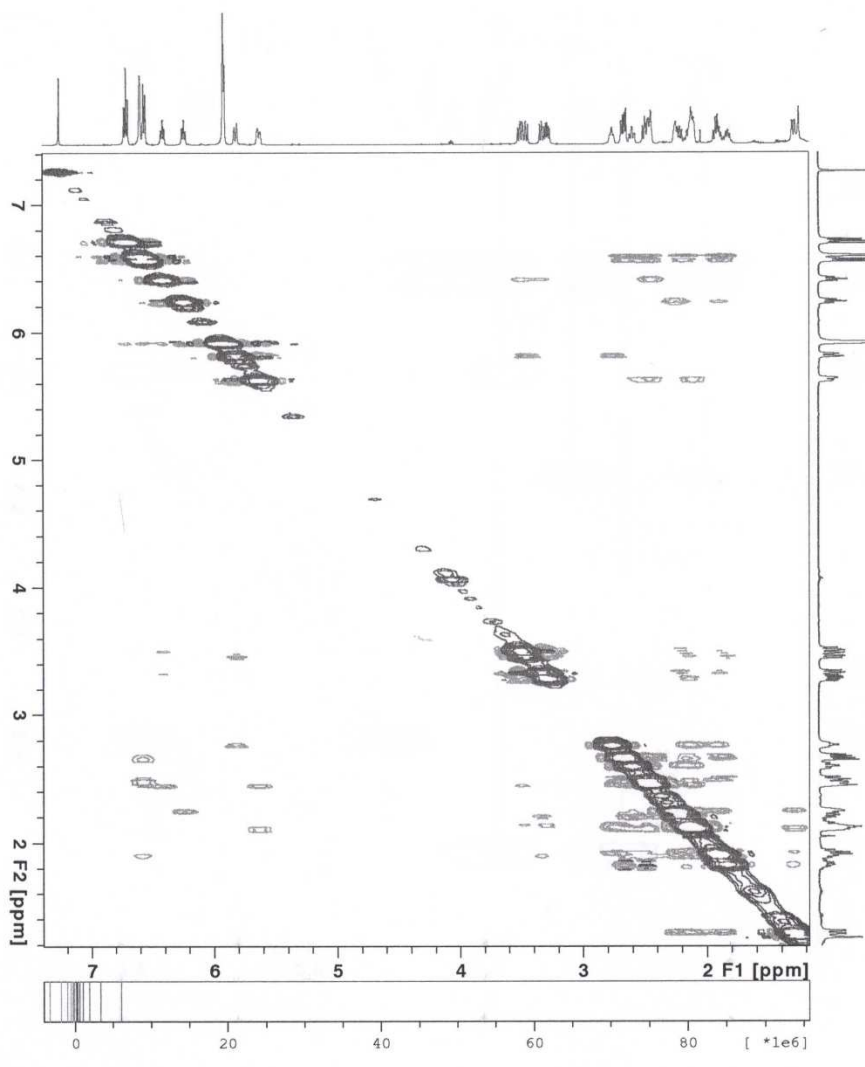
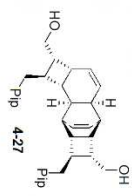


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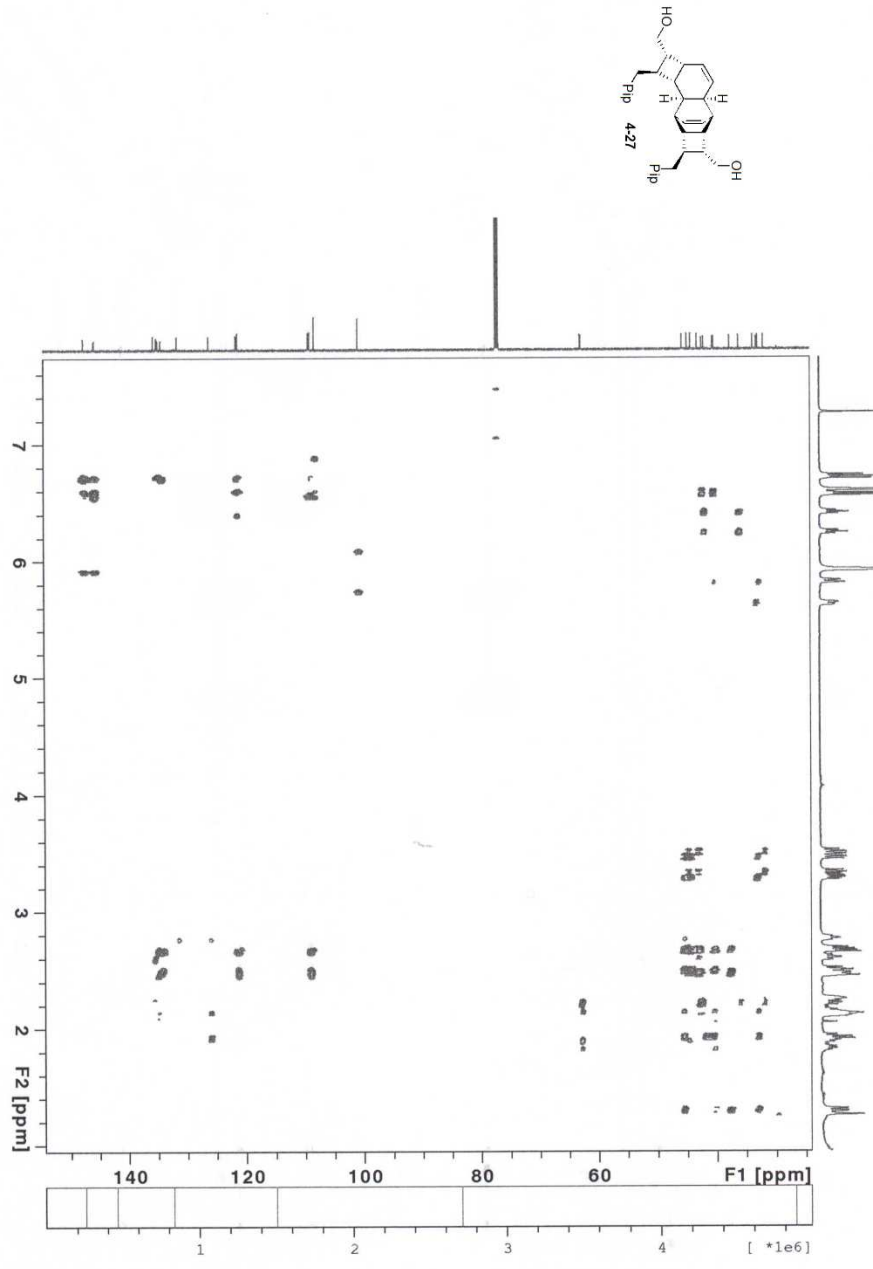
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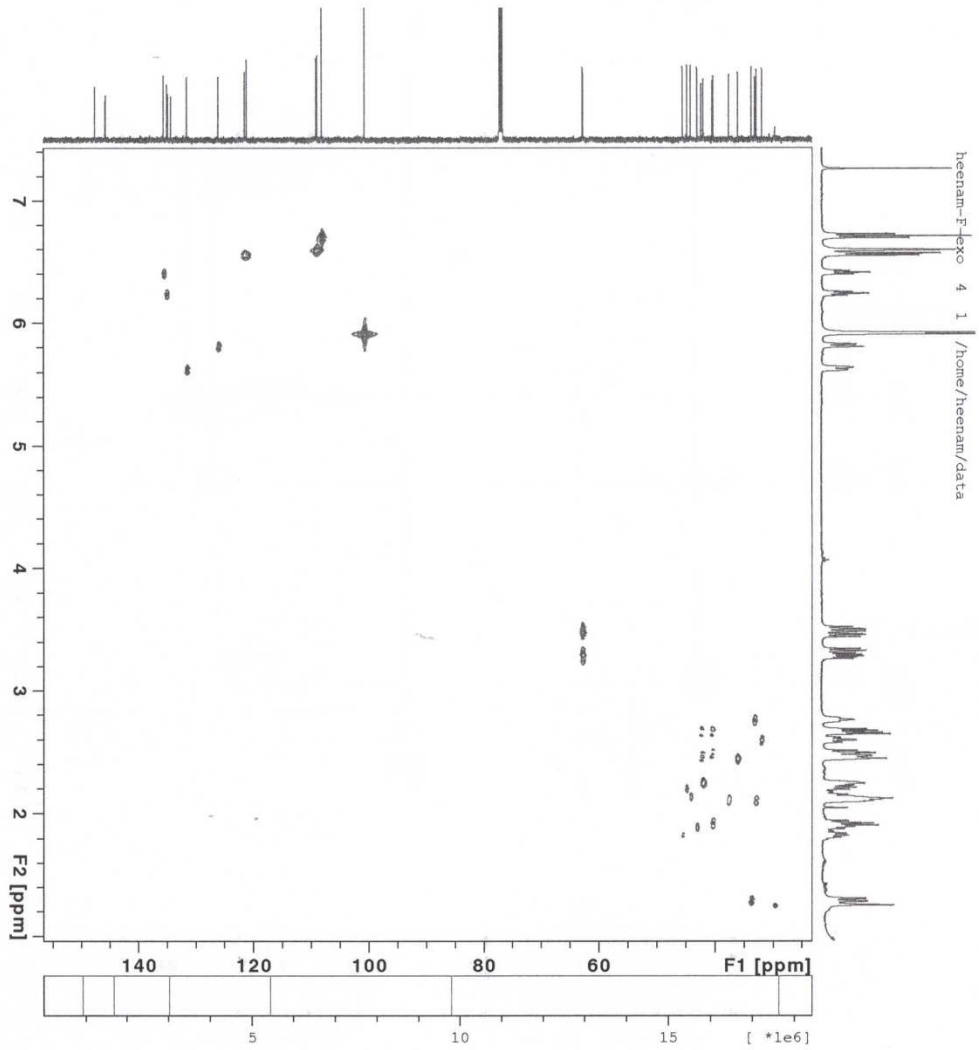
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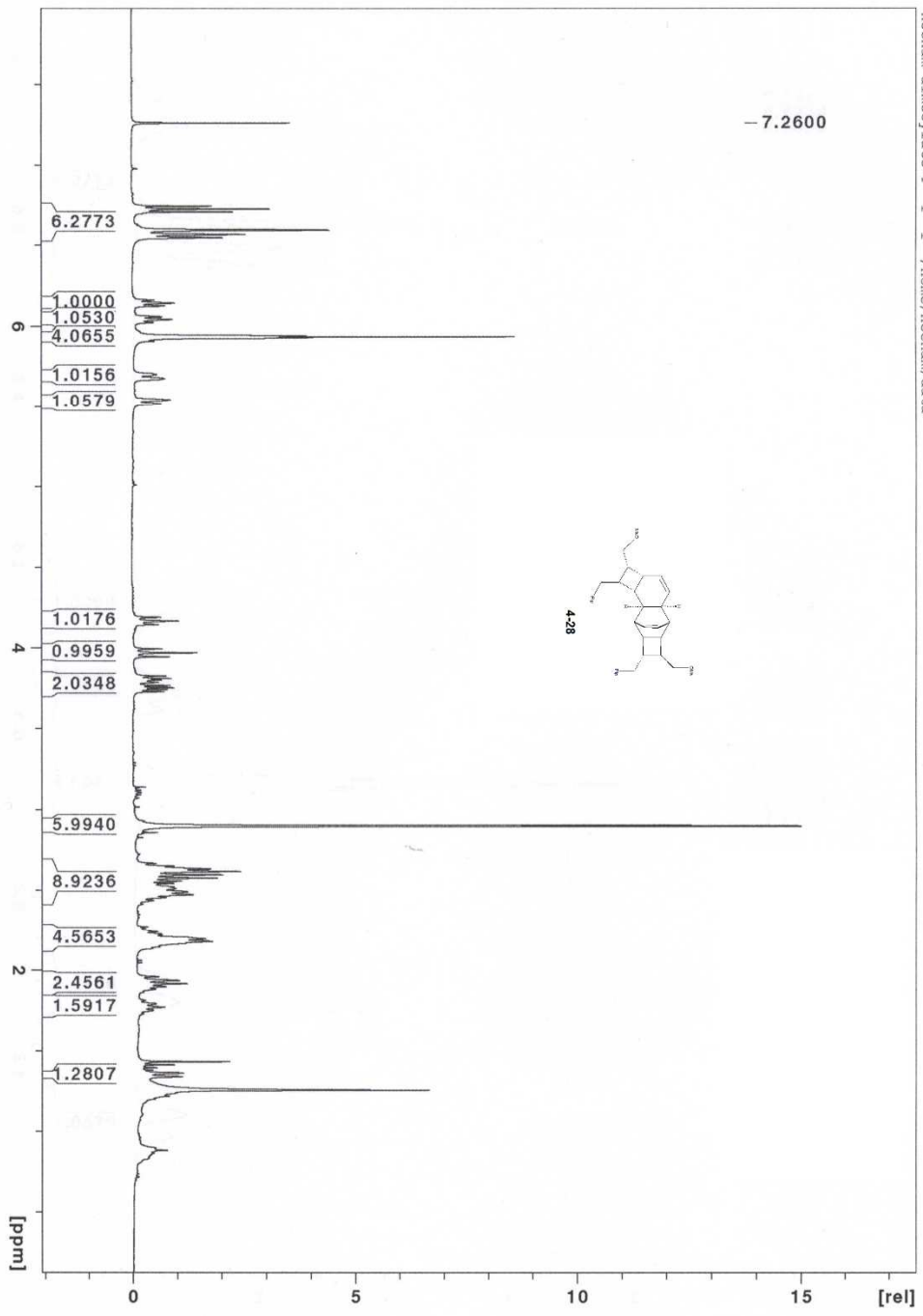
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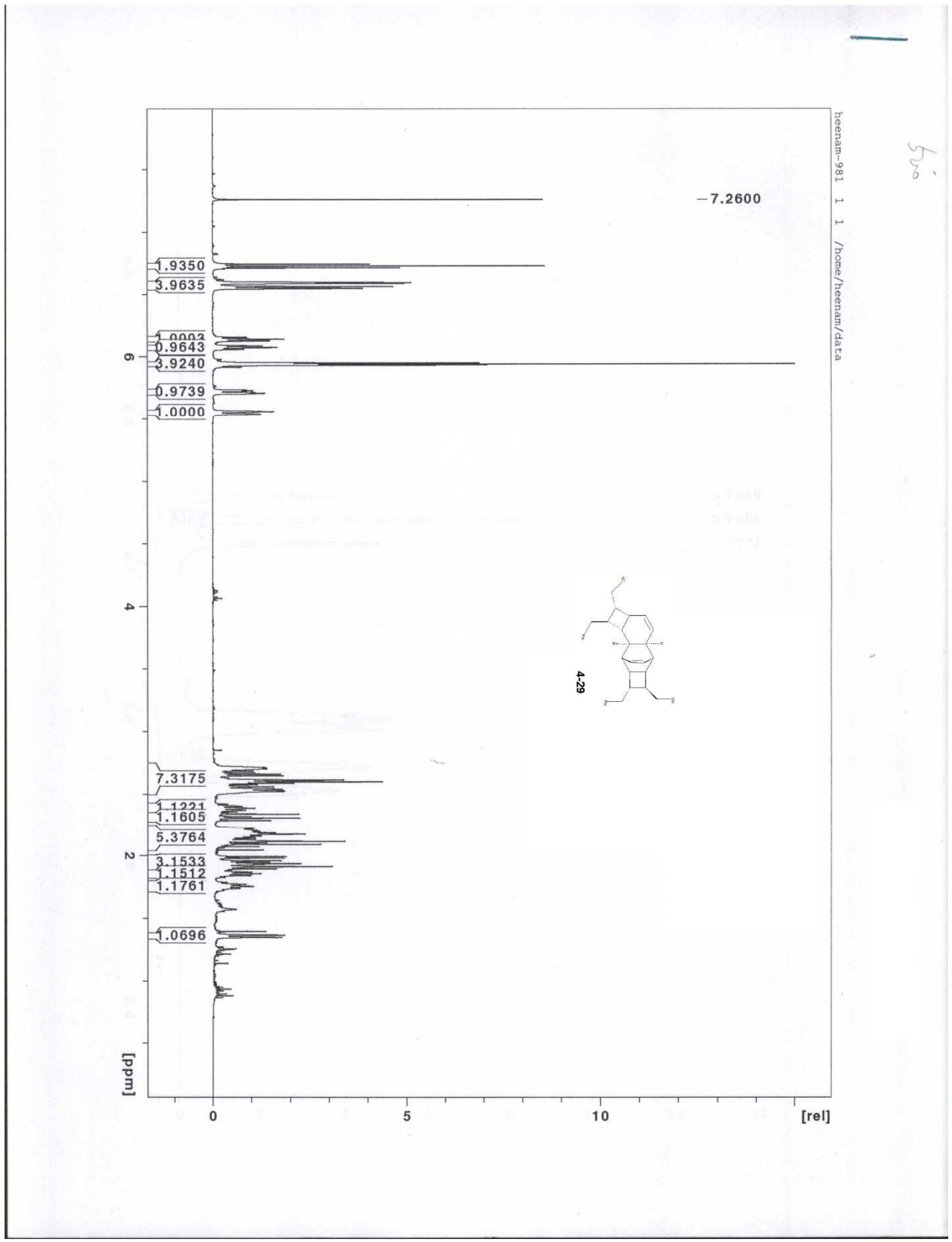


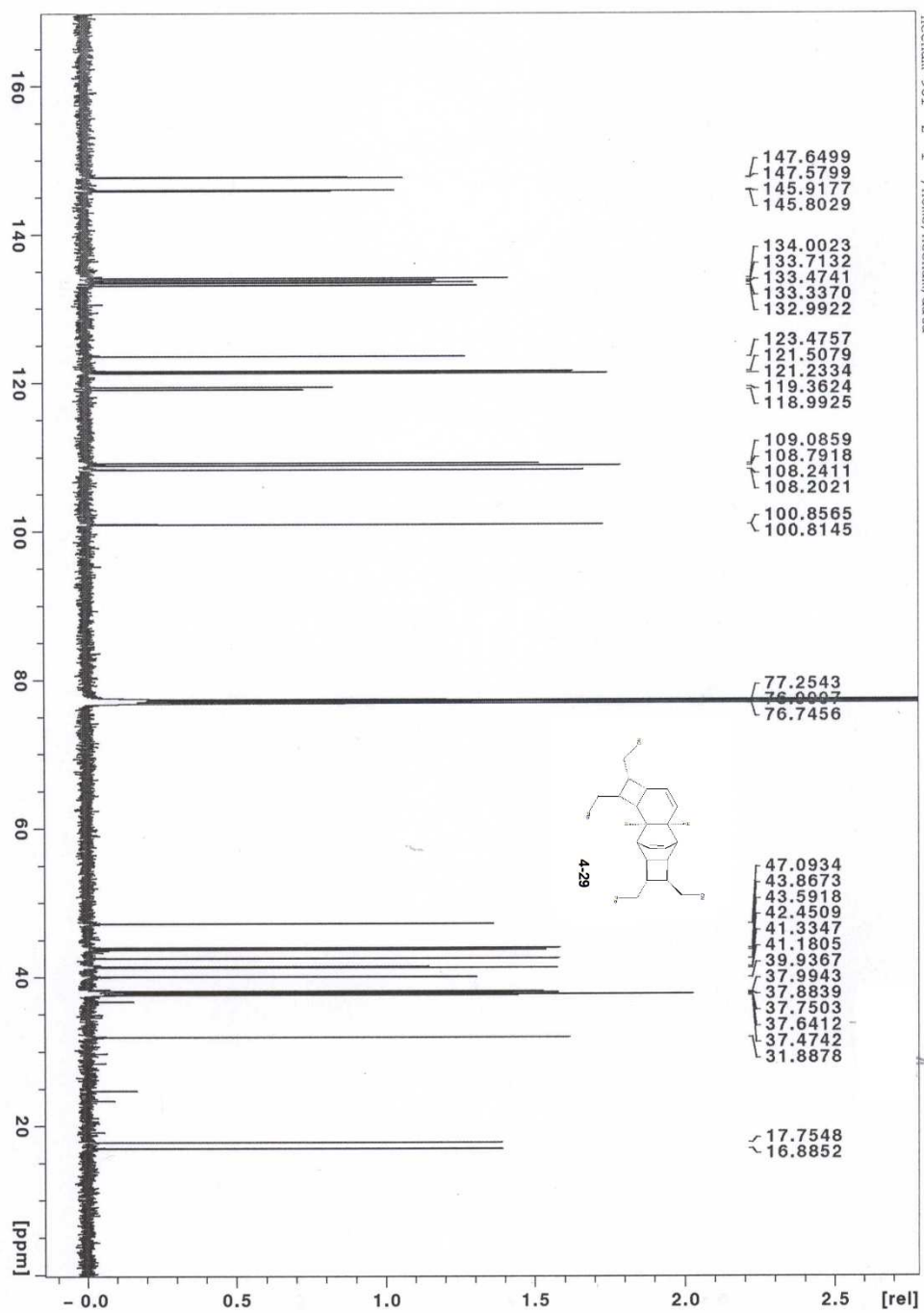


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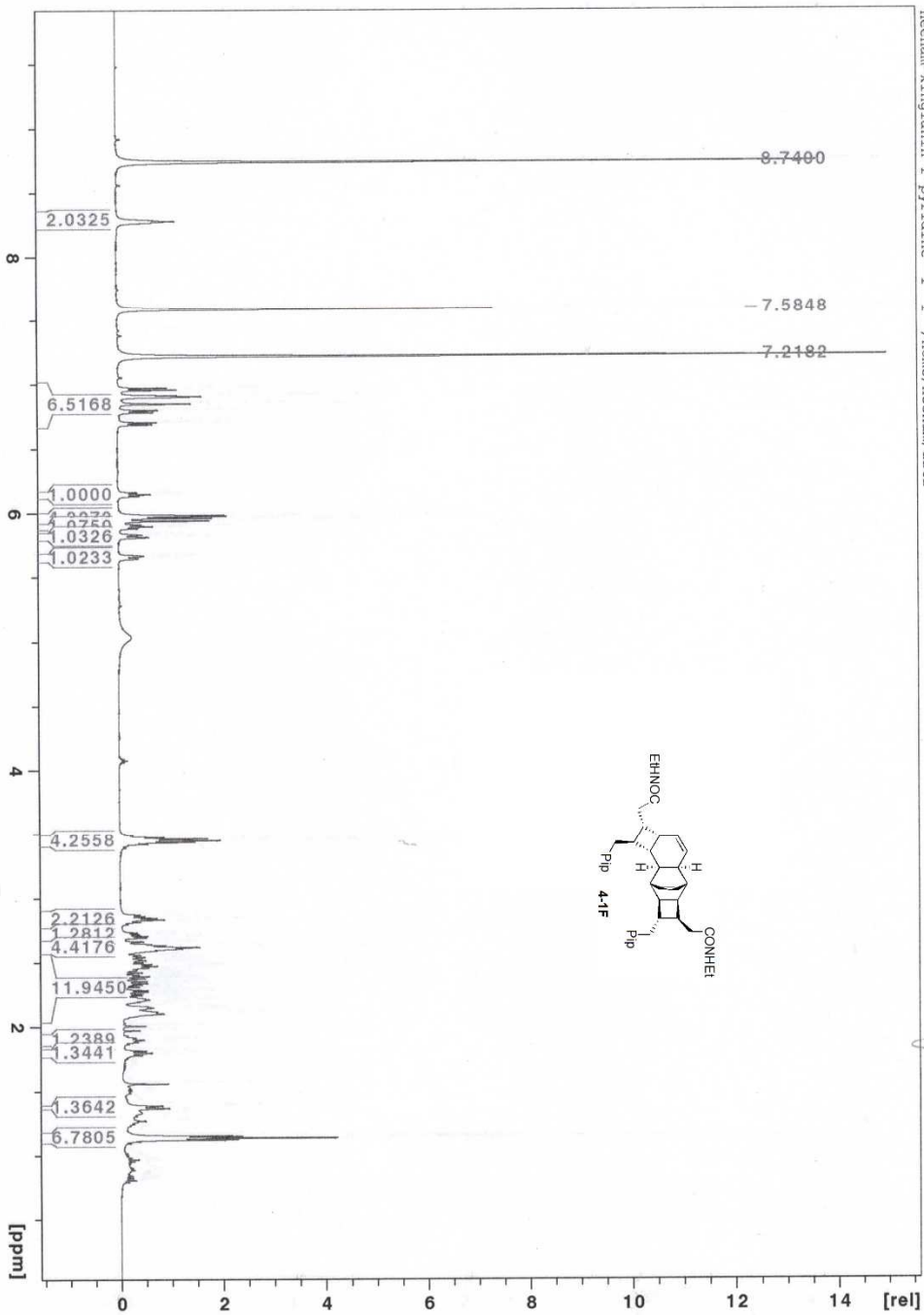
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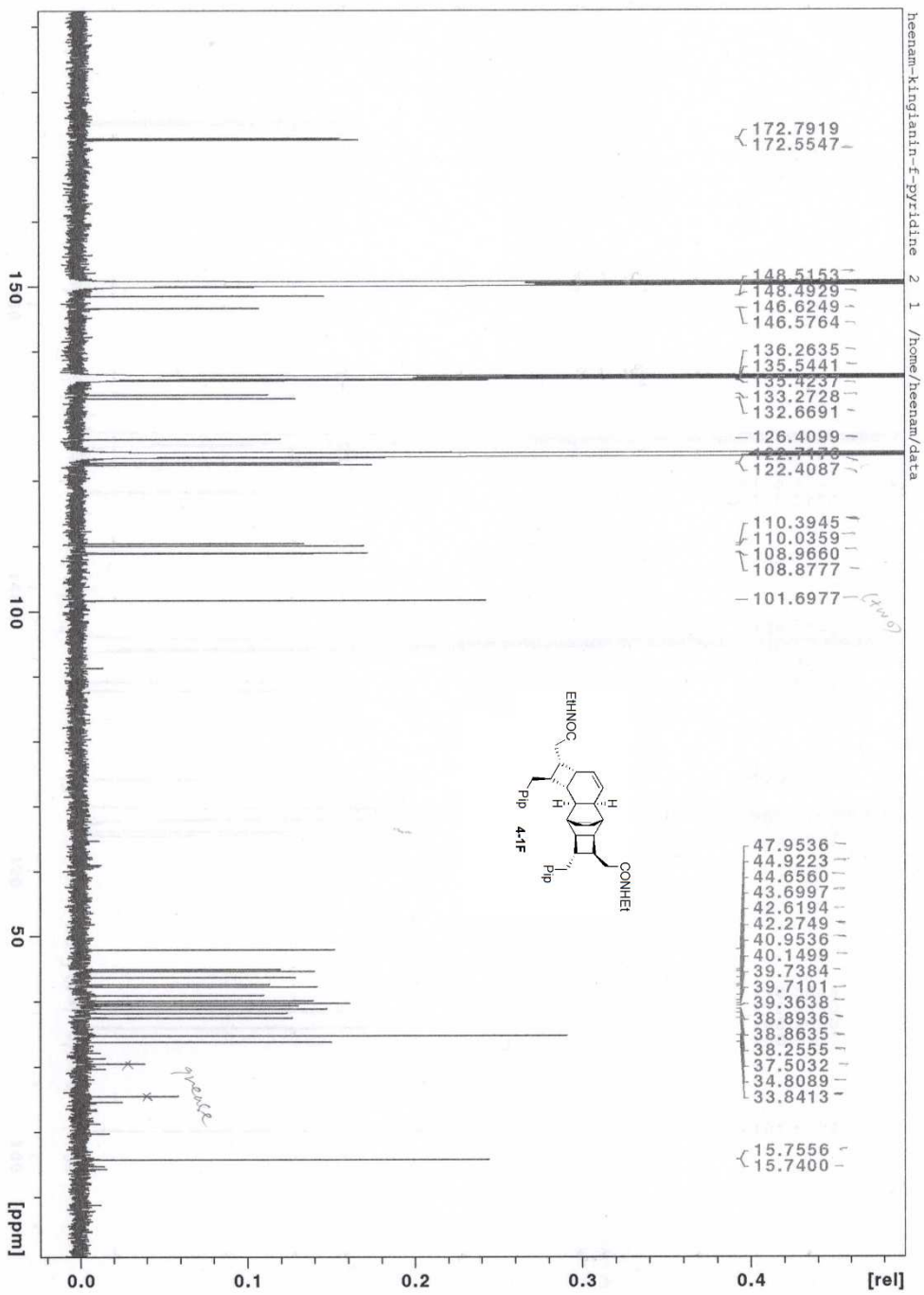




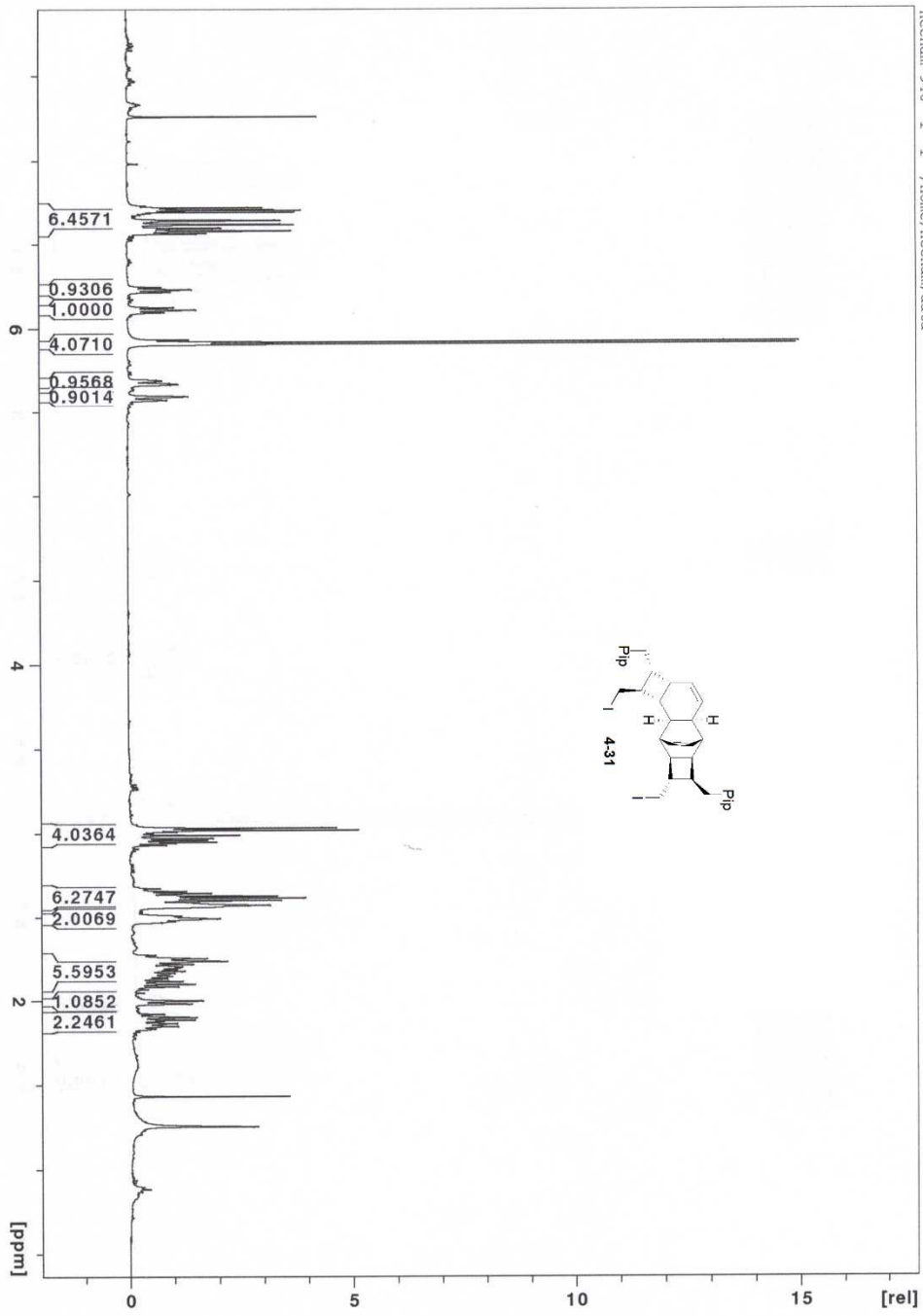
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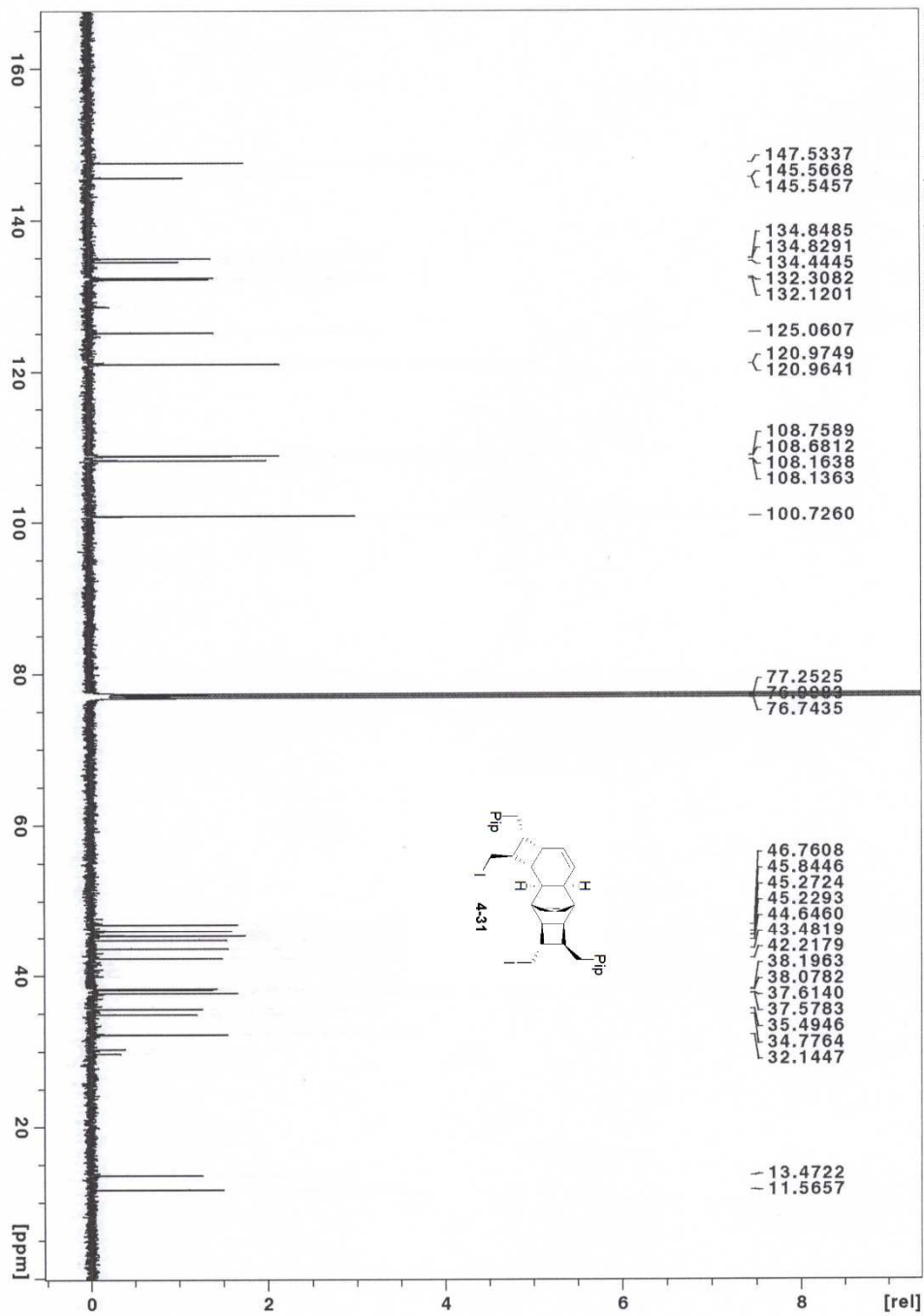


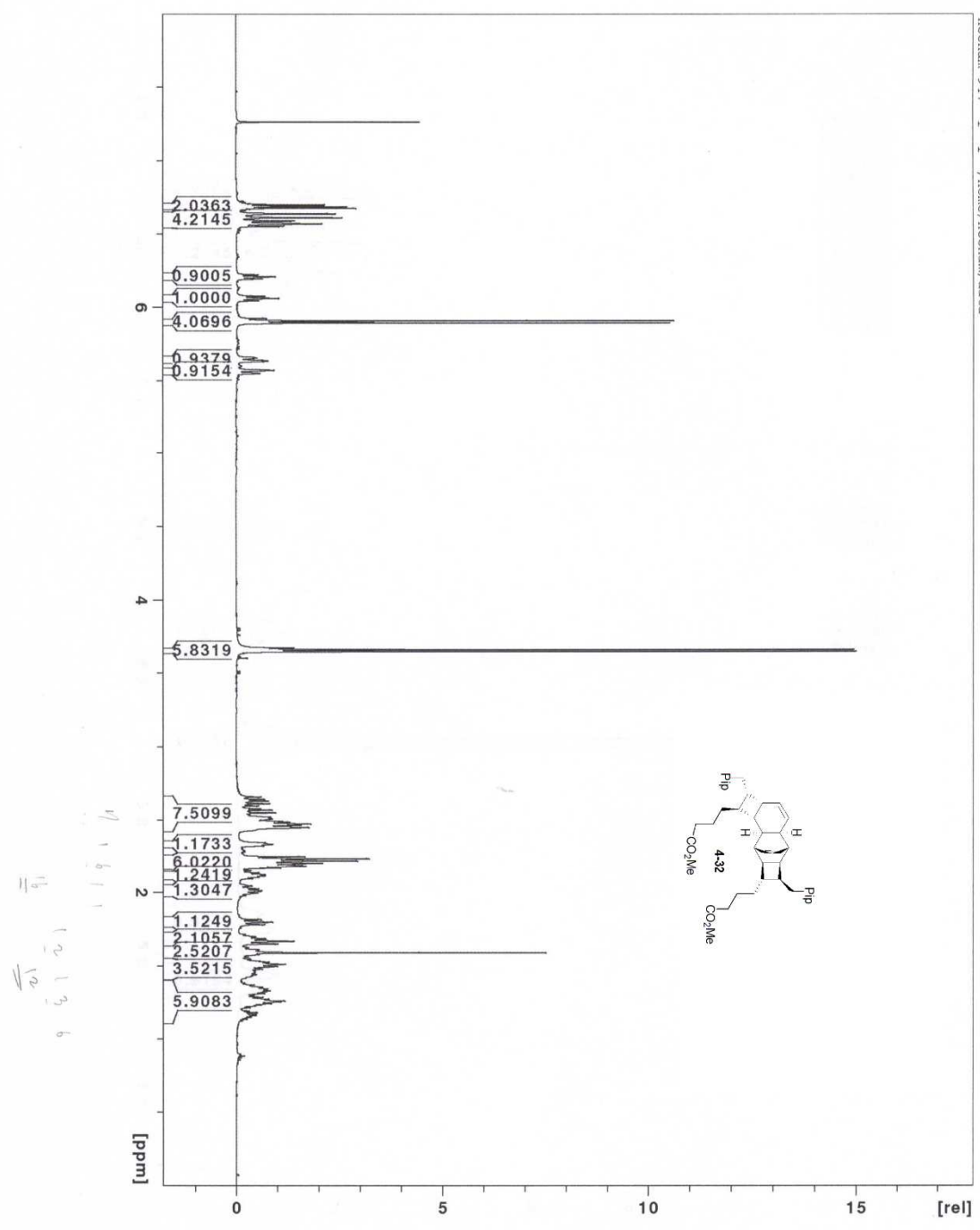
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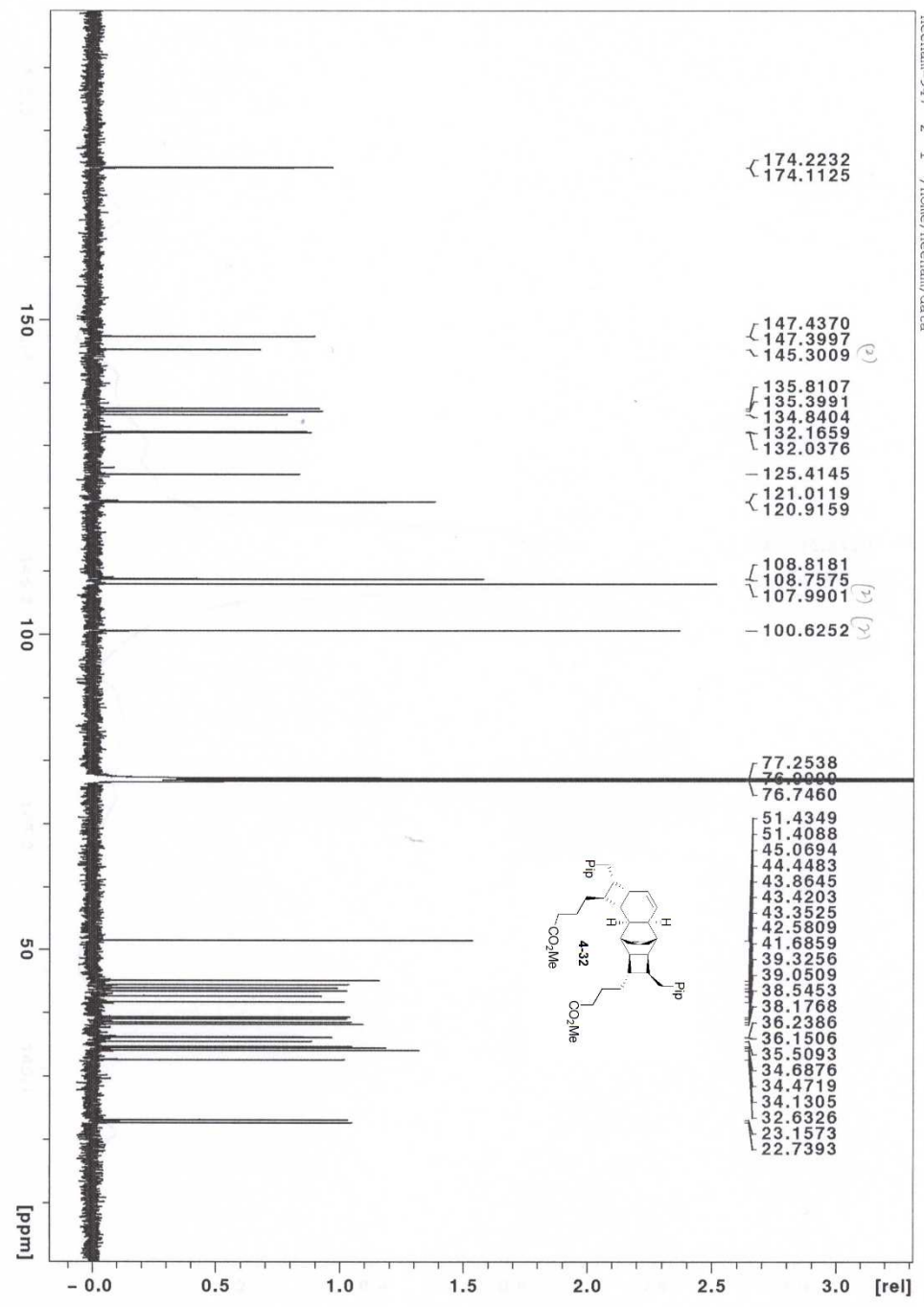
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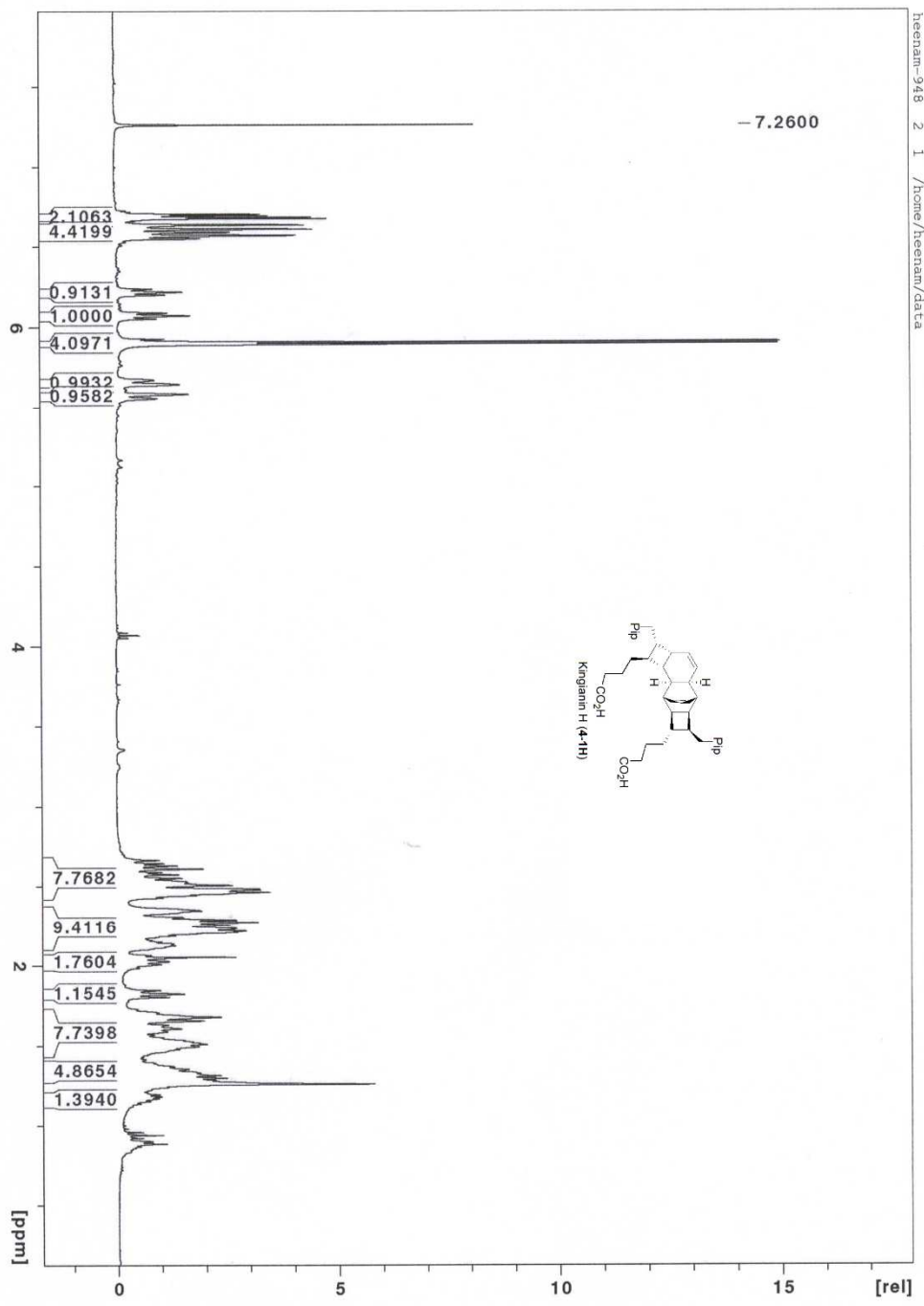


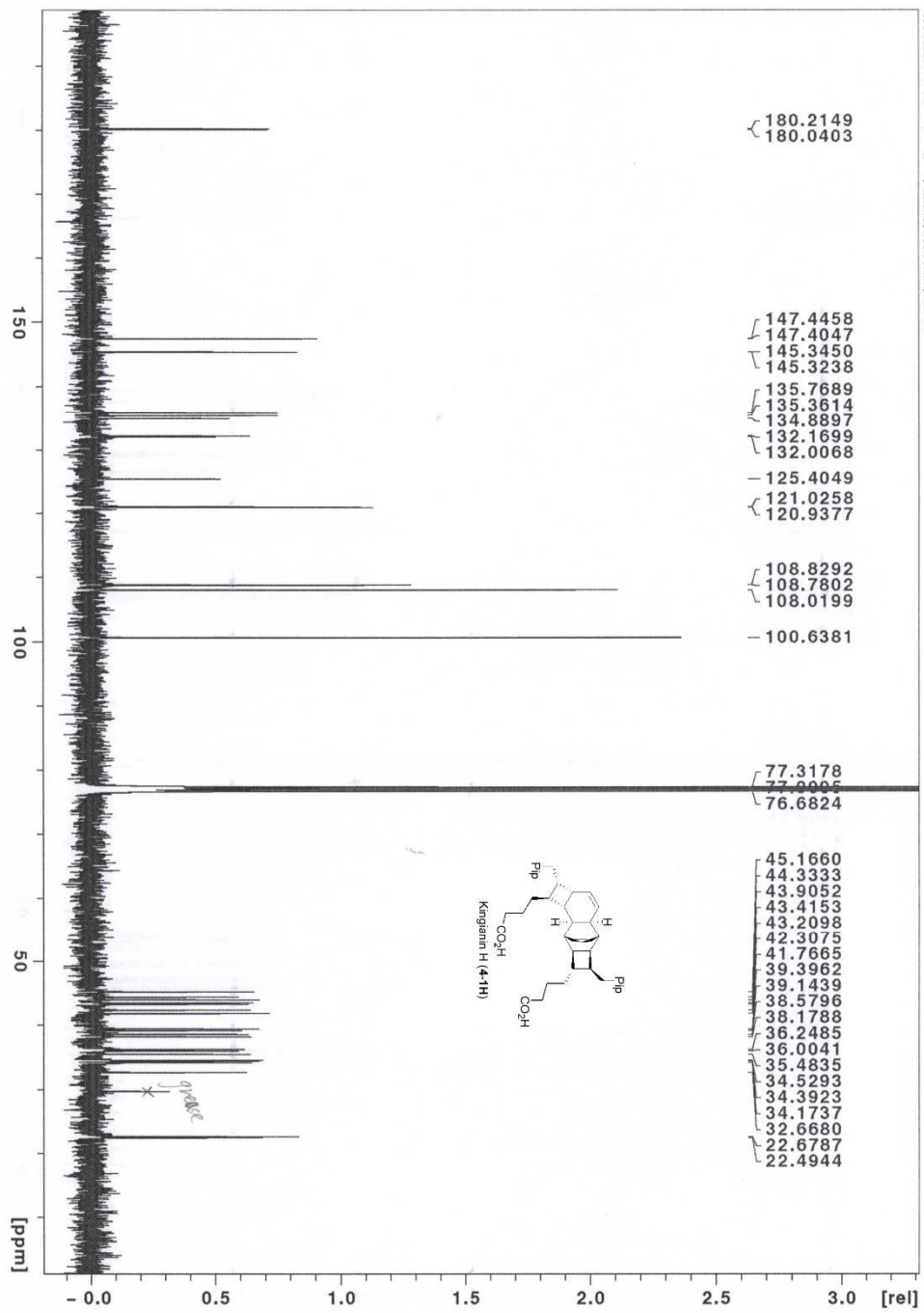
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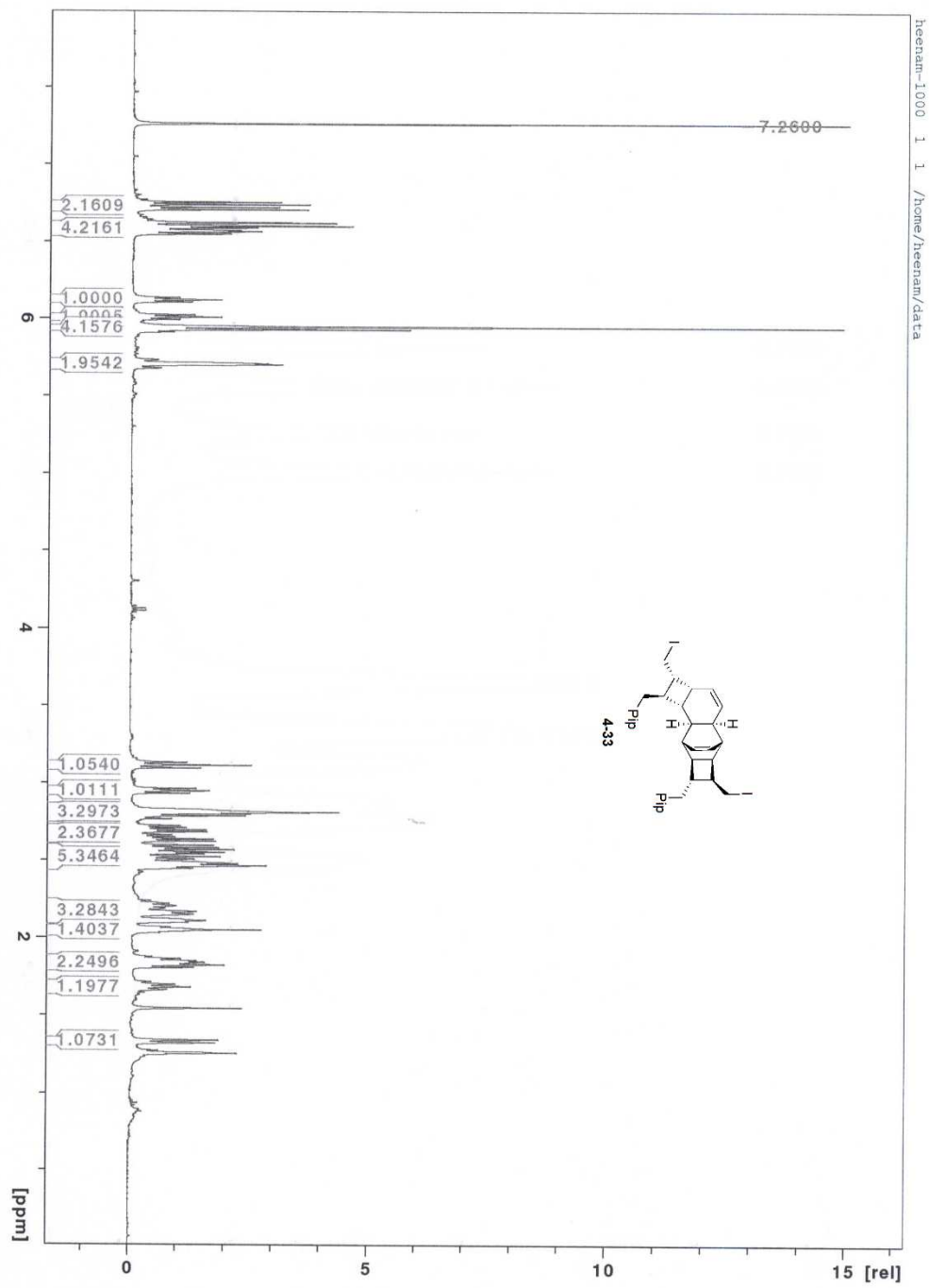


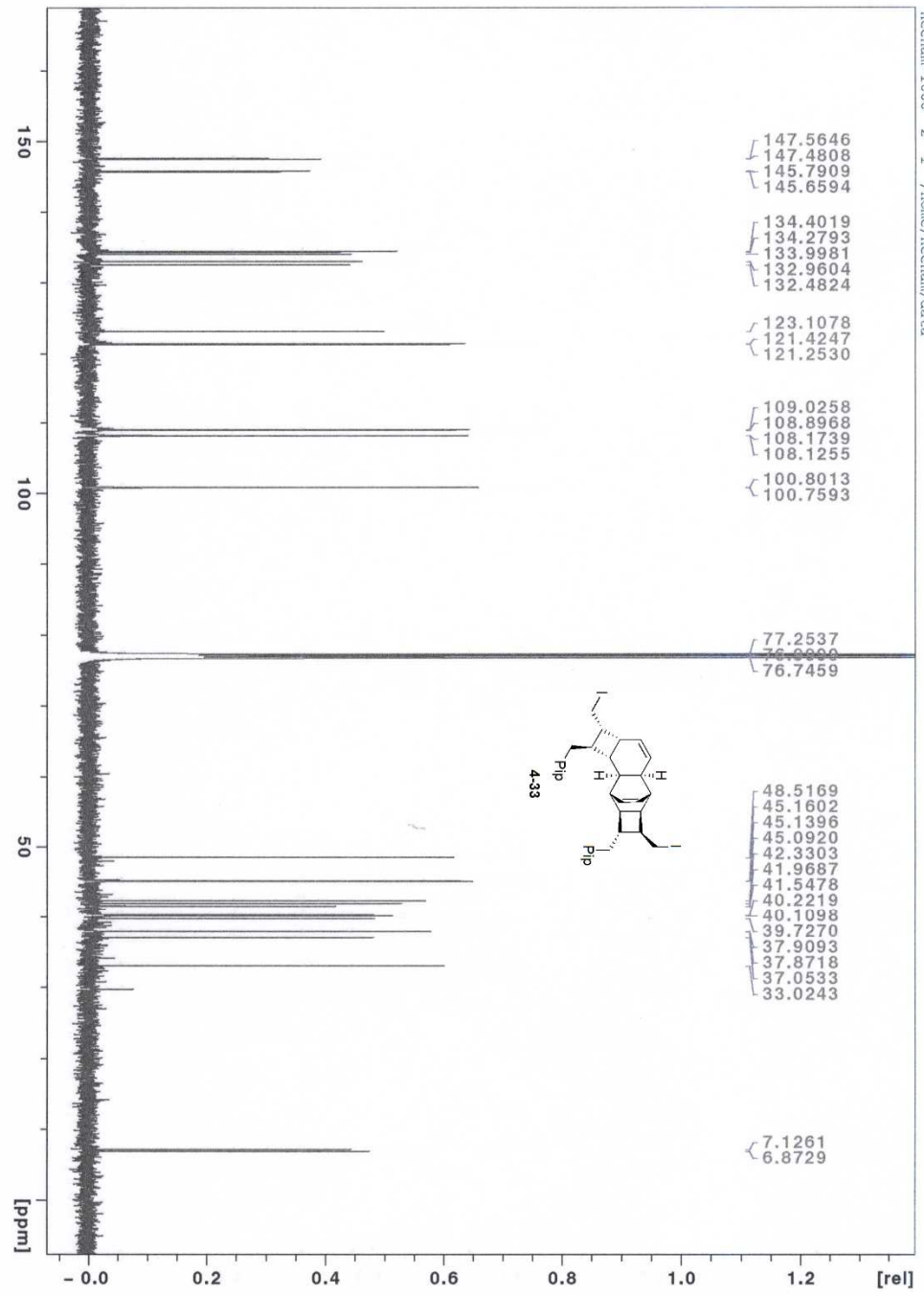
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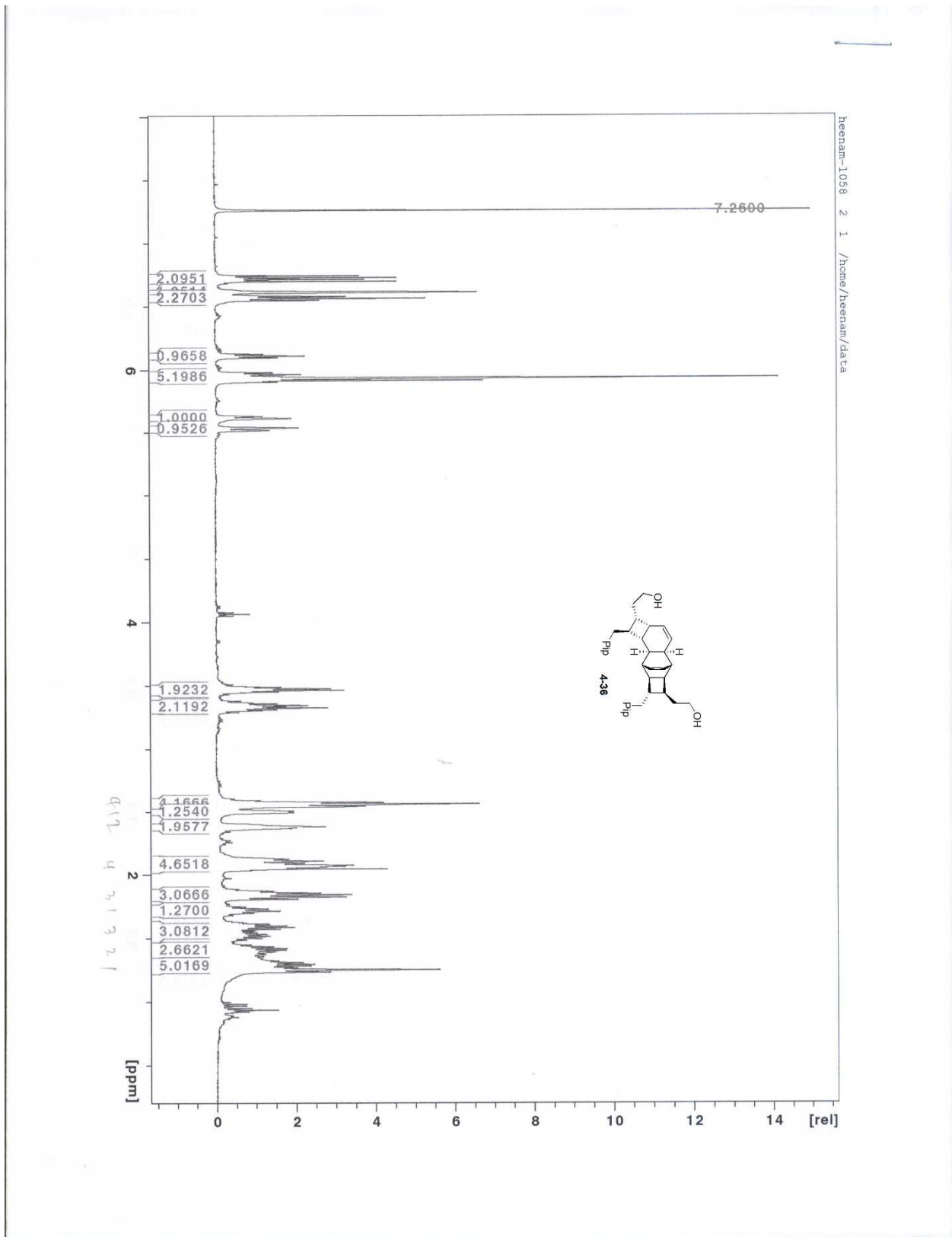
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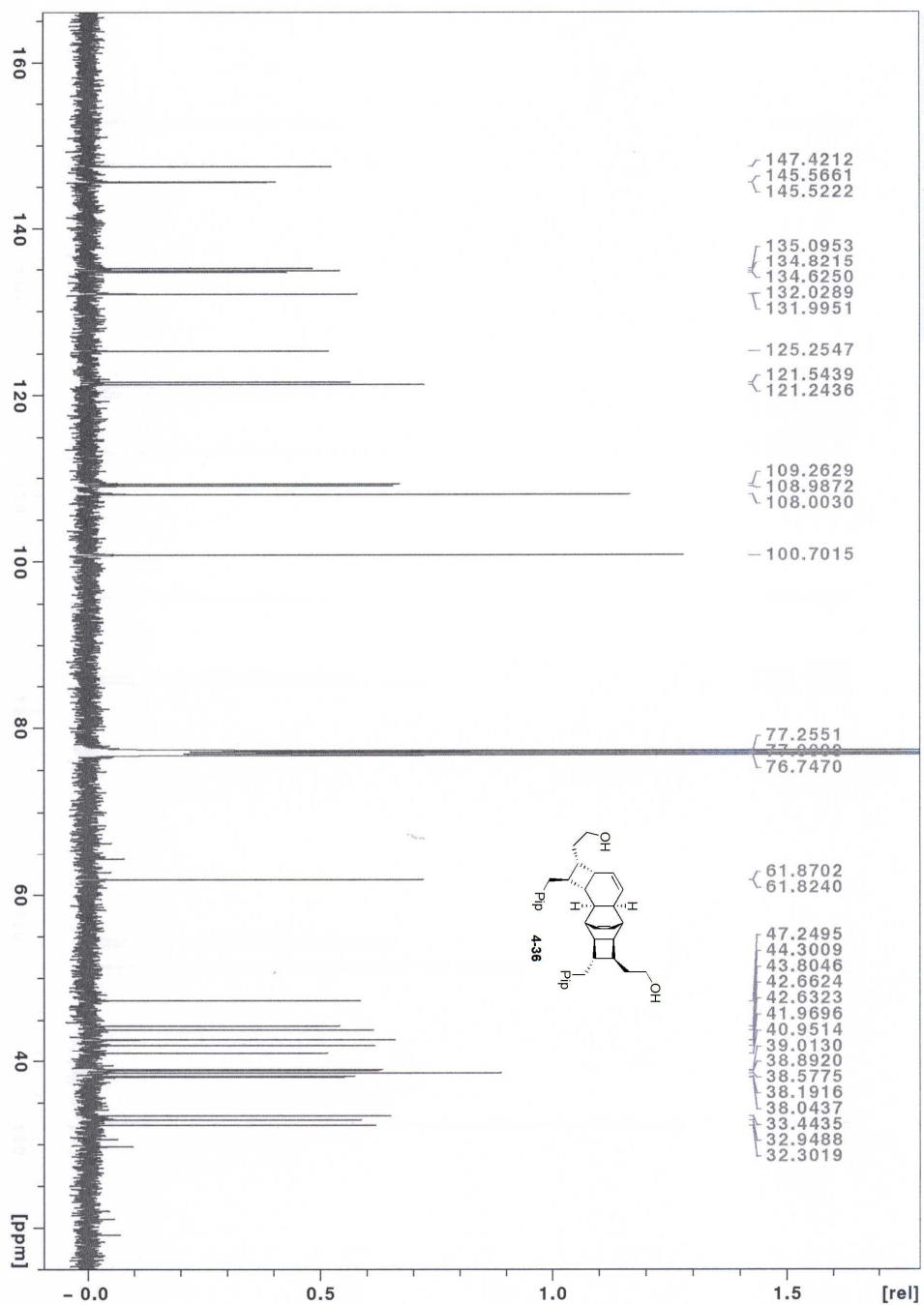




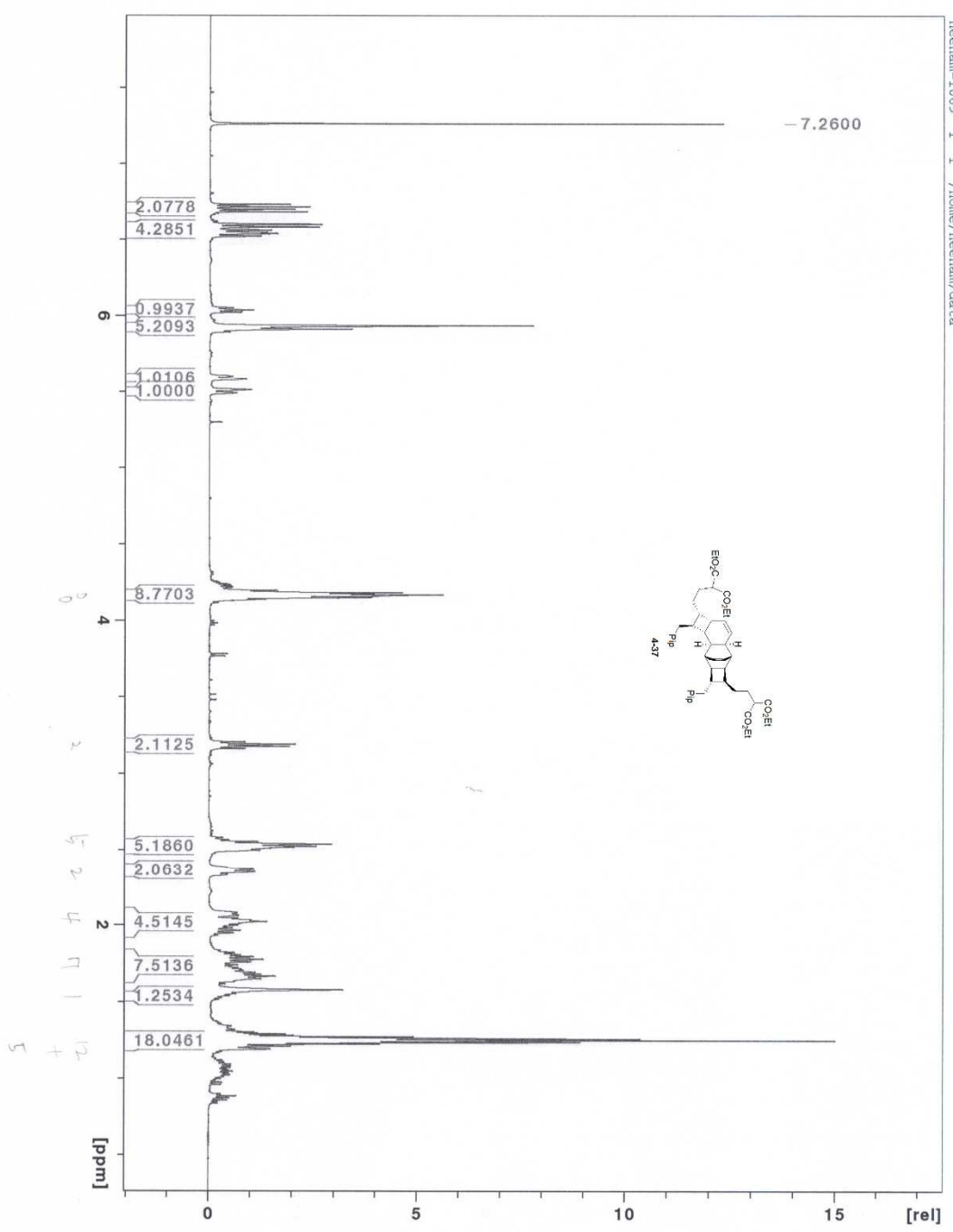


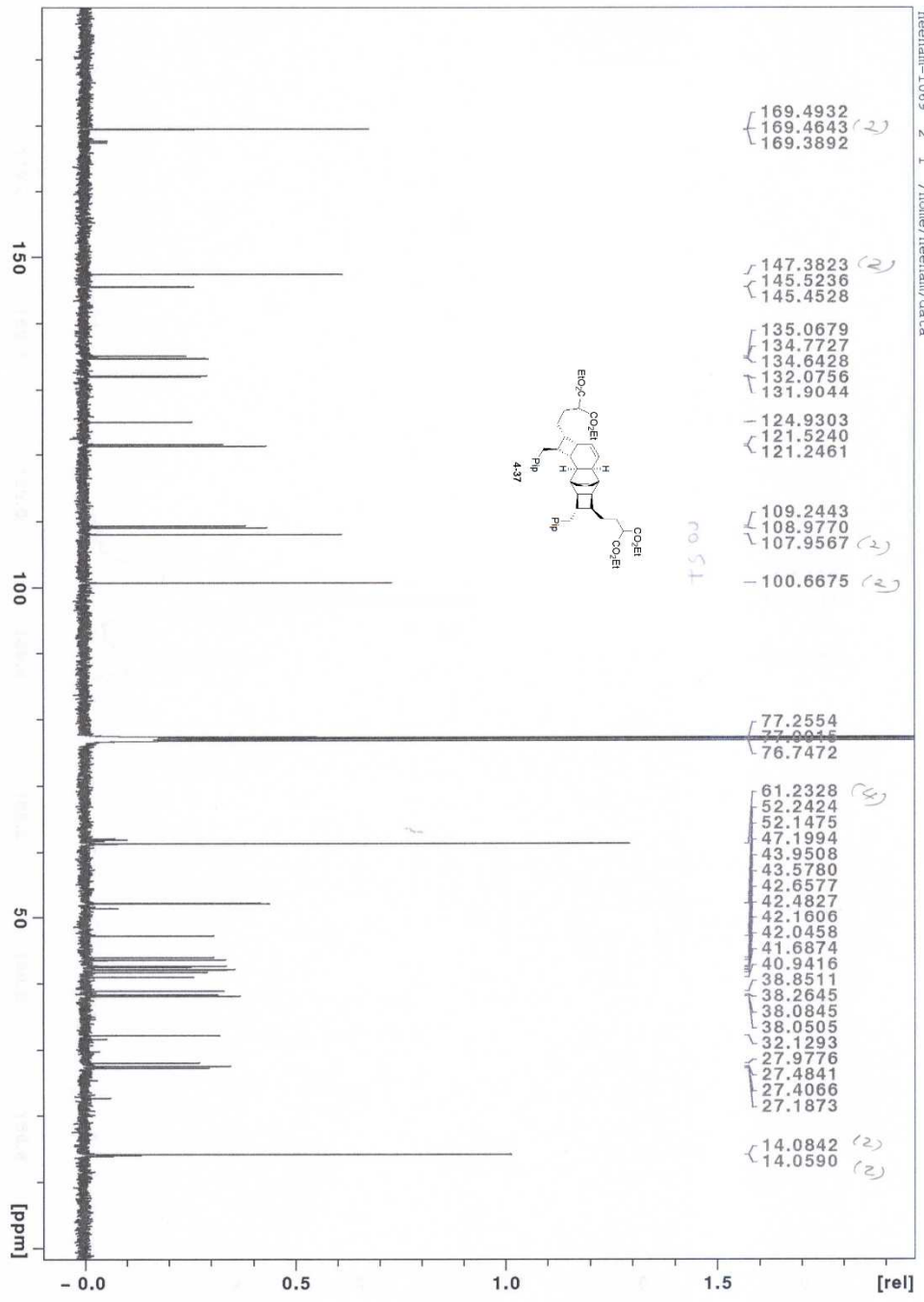






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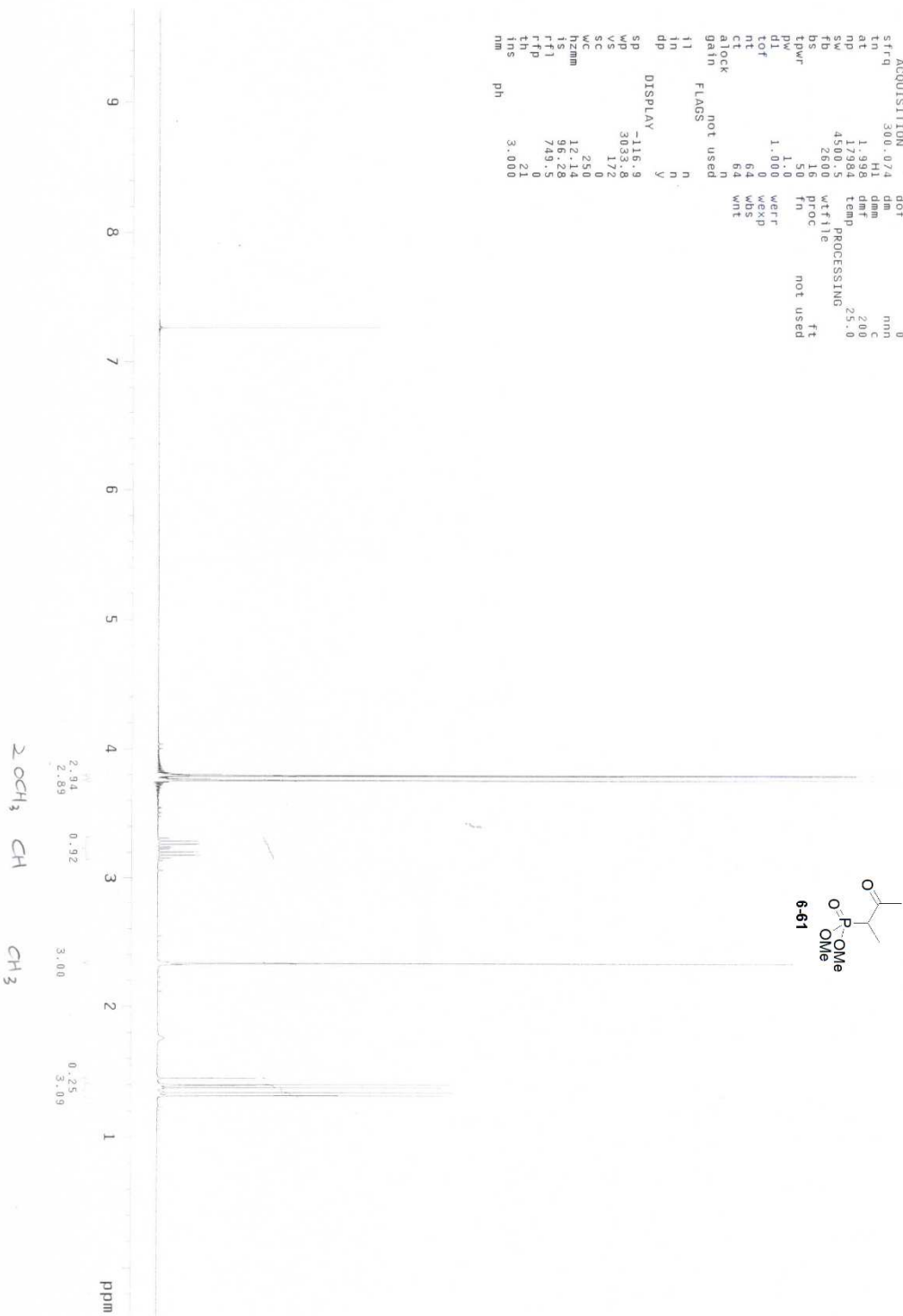





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new experiment
expt 32911
SAMPLE 3 3000 OFC: 8 VT
date Mar 3 2000 dfrq 300.074
solvent CDCl3 ddw 30
file ACQUISITION exp dof 0
sfrq 300.074 dm nm
in H1 dm 200
ac 1.989 dm 2.00
sp 1.7834 temp 23.0
fb 450.04 wifile
bs 2600 wifile
tpwr 16 proc ft
pw 50 fn not used
d1 1.000 wgrt
l1 0 wexp
of 0 wds
ct 64 wnt
a1ock 0 n
gain not used
FLAGS not used
l1 n
in n
dp y
DISPLAY -116.9
SP 3033.8
VS 172
SC 0
WC 250
hzmm 12.14
S 96.28
F 749.9
FFP 21
th 21
ns 3.000
nm
ph

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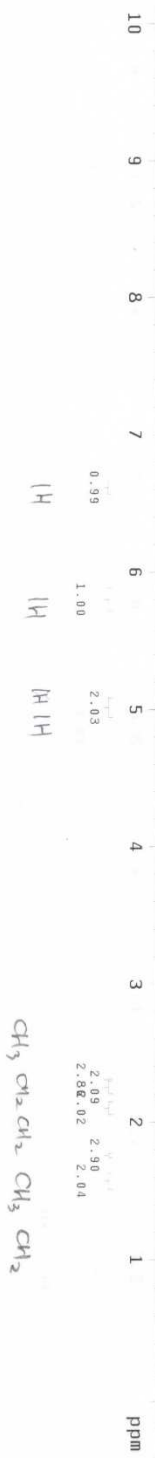
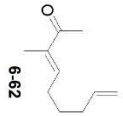


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new experiment
expl s2pul

SAMPLE DEC. 8 VT
date Mar 27 2009 dfrq 300.074
solvent CDCl3 dn 31
F1 ACQUISITION exp 31
sfrq 300.074 dm 0
tn H1 dmn mnm
at 1.998 dmf 200
np 17984 temp 25.0
sw 4500.5 wfile
f1 2016 proc
bs 50 ft
tpwr 1.0 not used
pw 1.000 werr
di 0 wexp
tof 0 wbs
nt 16 wnt
ct 16
clock not used
gain not used
flags not used
il n
in n
in n
dp y
DISPLAY
SP -122.4
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WC 0
SC 290
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th 2178.2
ins 1.000
nm
ph

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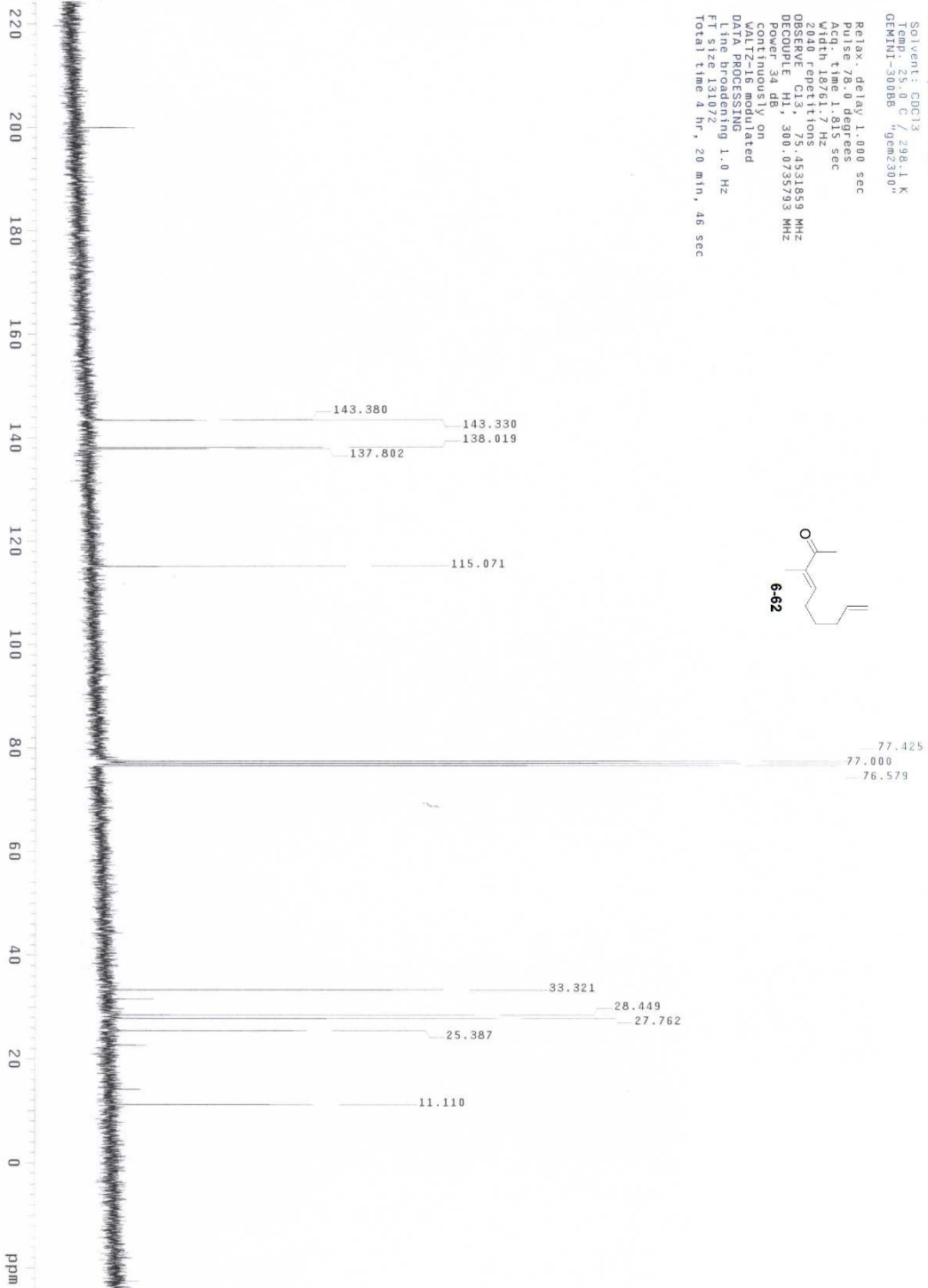
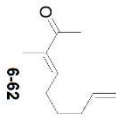


13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: zgpg30

Solvent: CDCl3
Temperature: 298.1 K
GEMINI-3000B "gpmz3000"

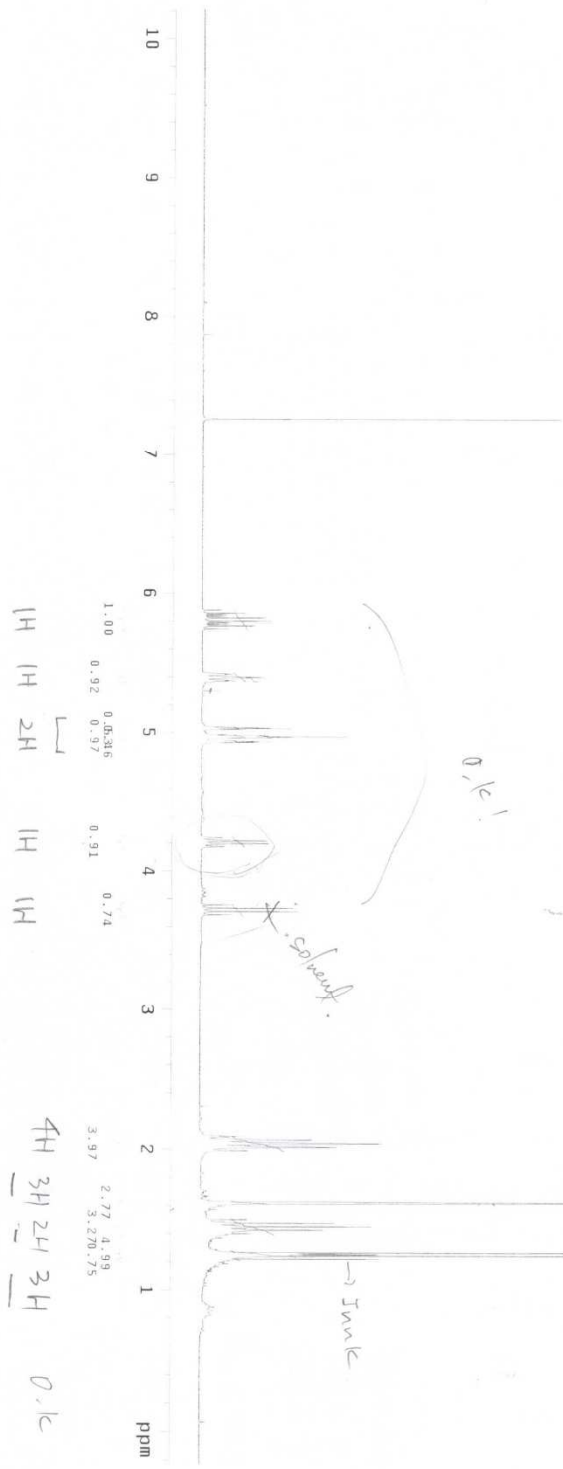
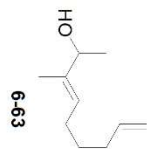
Pulse delay: 1.000 sec
Pulse: 78.0 degrees
Acq. time: 1.815 sec
Width: 18761.7 Hz
2040 repetitions
OBSERVE: C13, 75.4531859 MHz
DECOUPLE: H1, 300.073793 MHz
Power: 1.000 W
Pulsed: on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening: 1.0 Hz
FT size: 131072
Total time: 4 hr, 20 min, 46 sec



new experiment
 exp1 52pu1

SAMPLE Mar 31 2009 DEC. & VT 300.074
 date 31 2009
 time 11:00
 F110 GDS 34
 F110 EXP 30
 ACQUISITION Exp dot 0
 SFRQ 300.074 dm nnn
 tn H1 dm C
 at 1.993 dmf 200
 np 1.7984 temp PROCESSING 25.0
 pw 4390.0 wfile
 ps 2016 proc
 bs 50 fn not used
 tdwr 1.0
 pw 1.000 wepp
 dl 1.000 wepp
 tof 0 wepp
 nt 64 WOS
 st 64 WOS
 alock 1 white
 gain not used
 flags not used
 i1 n
 in n
 dp y

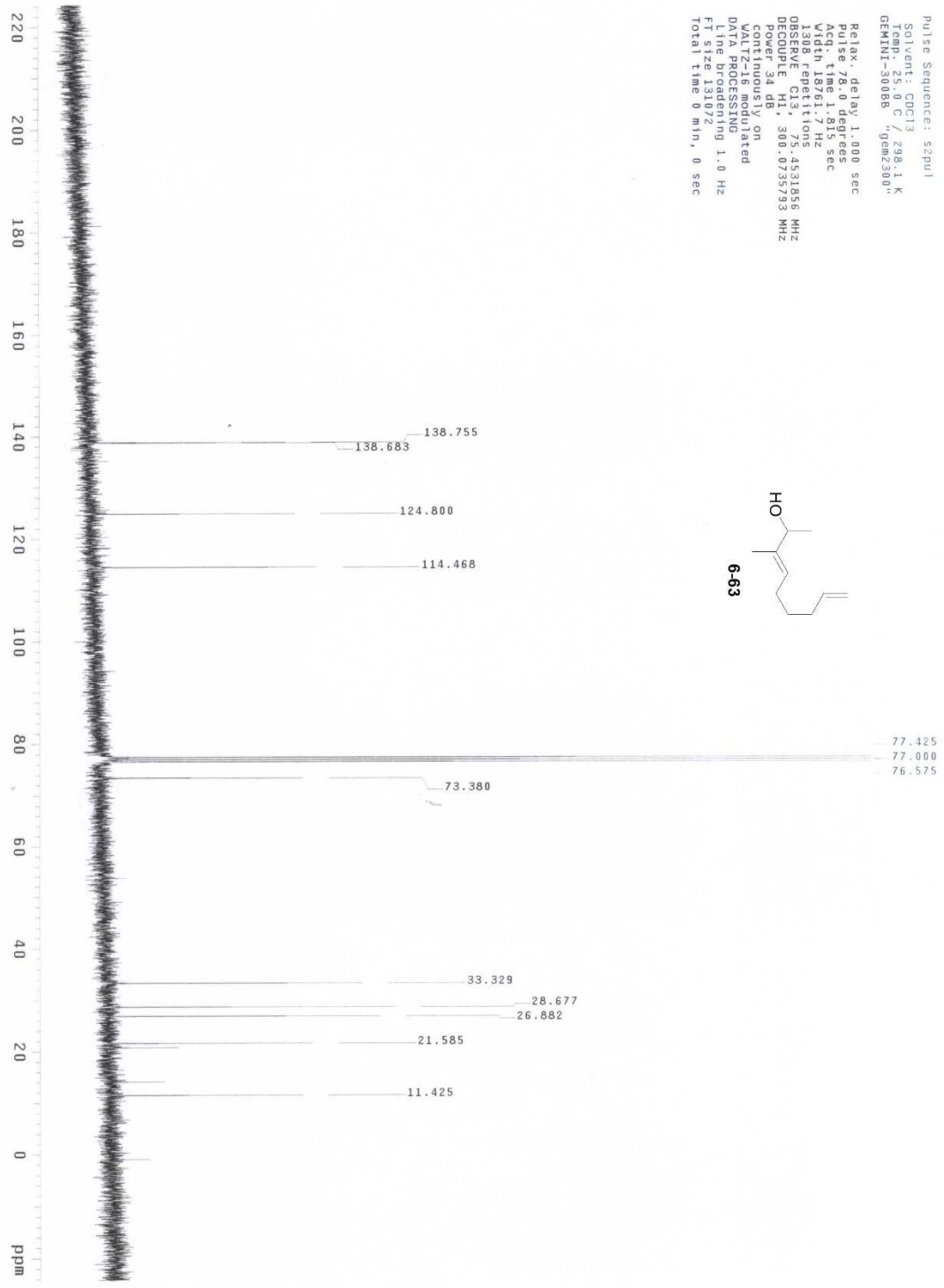
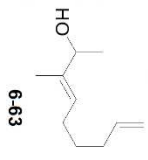
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 SD 3134.1
 VD 163
 VC 0
 WC 250
 Hzmm 12.54
 Hz 145.86
 FFD 749.3
 th 4
 ns 4
 mm 1.000
 ph



13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C // 298.1 K
GEMINI-300088 gemz3000

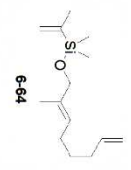
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 78.0 dB sec
Pulse 14.0 dB sec
Width 18761.7 Hz
1308 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4531856 MHz
DECUPLE H1, 300.0735793 MHz
Power 34 dB
Continuously on
Acquisition gated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 0 min, 0 sec



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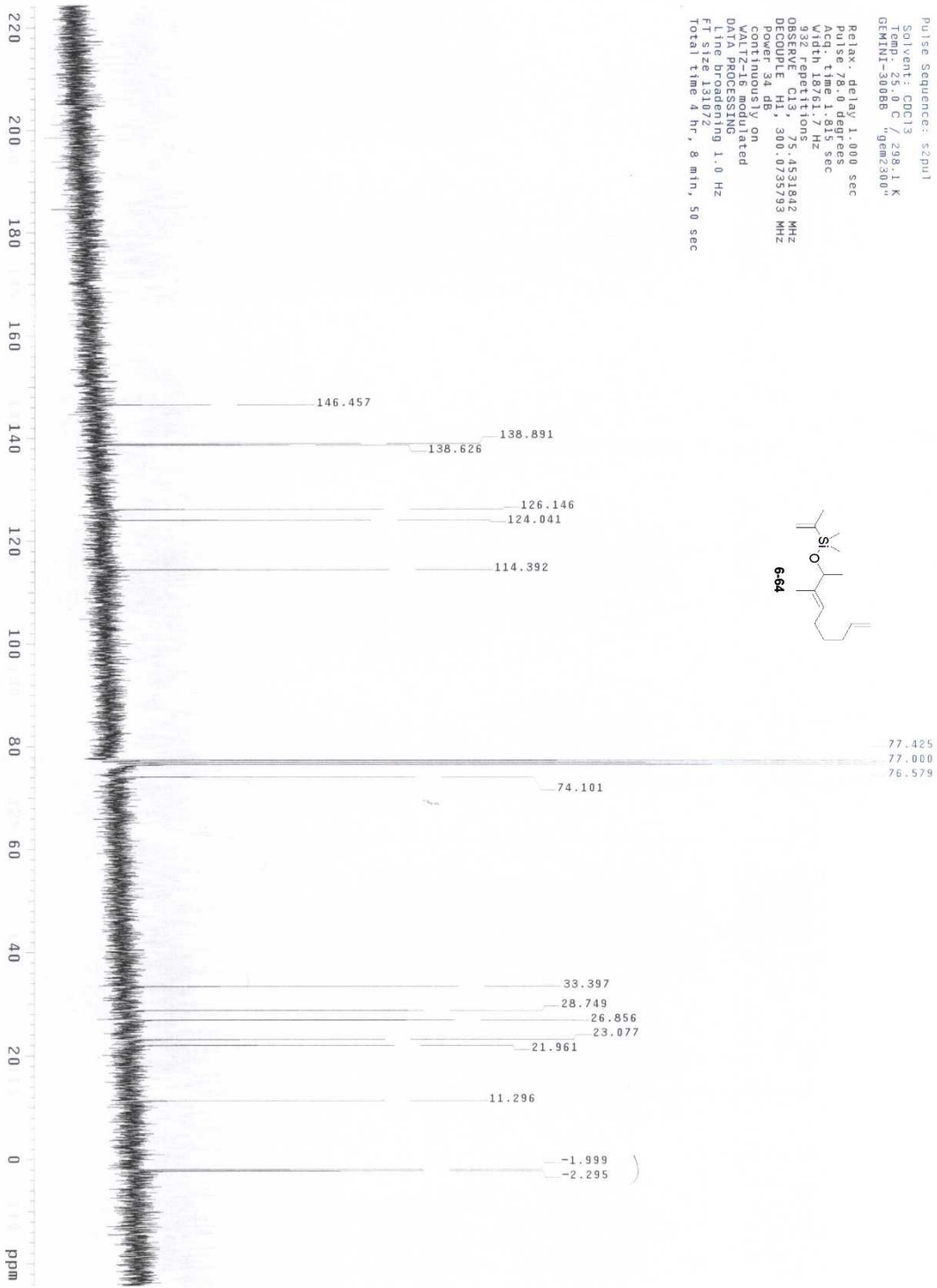
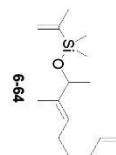
new experiment
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 299.1 K
GEMINI-300BB "gem2300"
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 7.8 degrees
Acq. time 1.998 sec
Width 4394.5 Hz
Resolution 0.120 Hz
OBSERVE HI 300.0720786 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 1 min, 58 sec

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13C OBSERVE

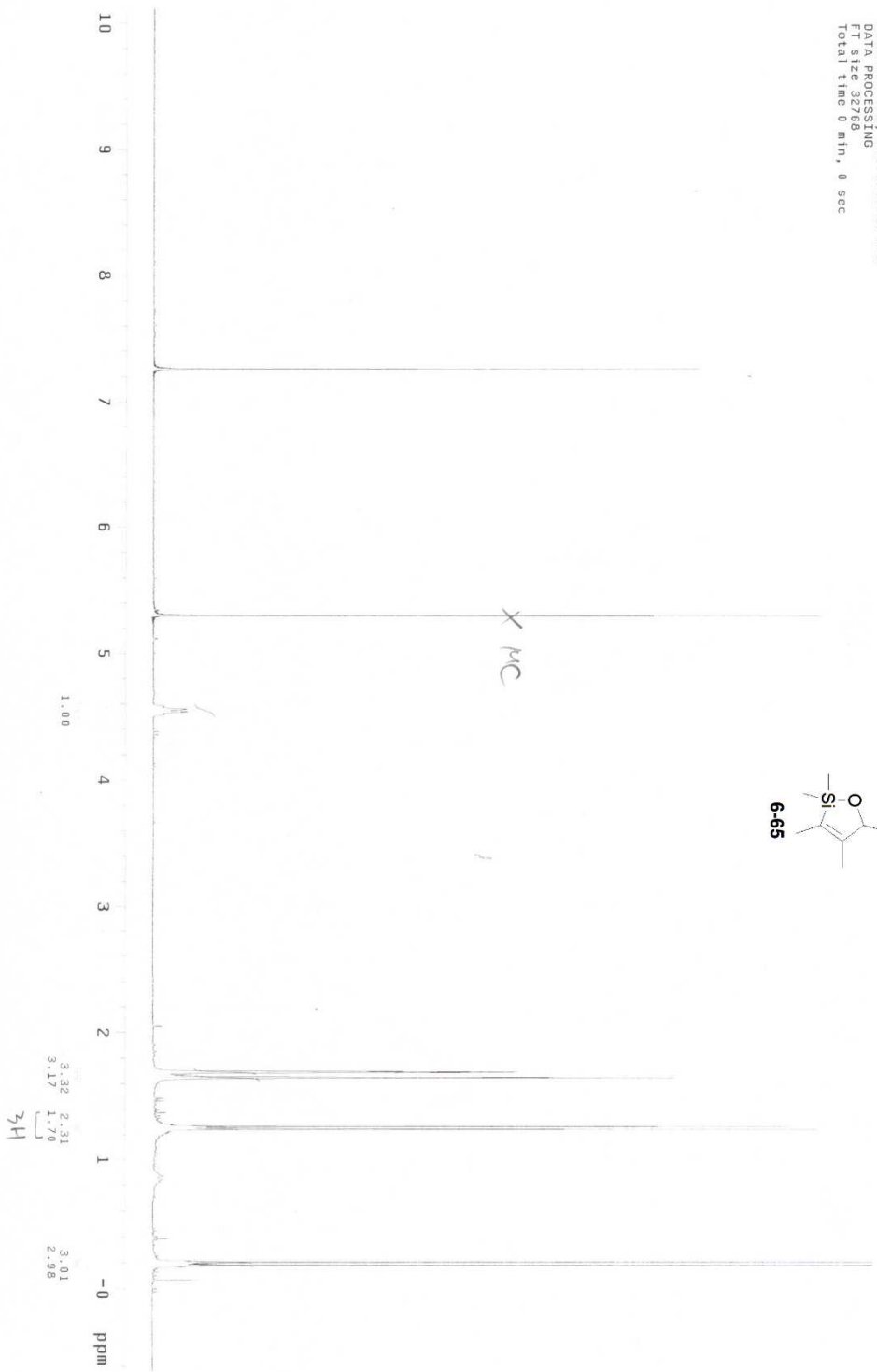
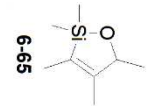
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-30086 'gem2300'
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Pulse 78.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.213 sec
Vpd 1197.1 Hz
932 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4531842 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0735793 MHz
Power 34 db
continuously on
WALTZ16 modulated
NUC1 50.0000000
Decoupling 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 4 hr, 8 min, 50 sec



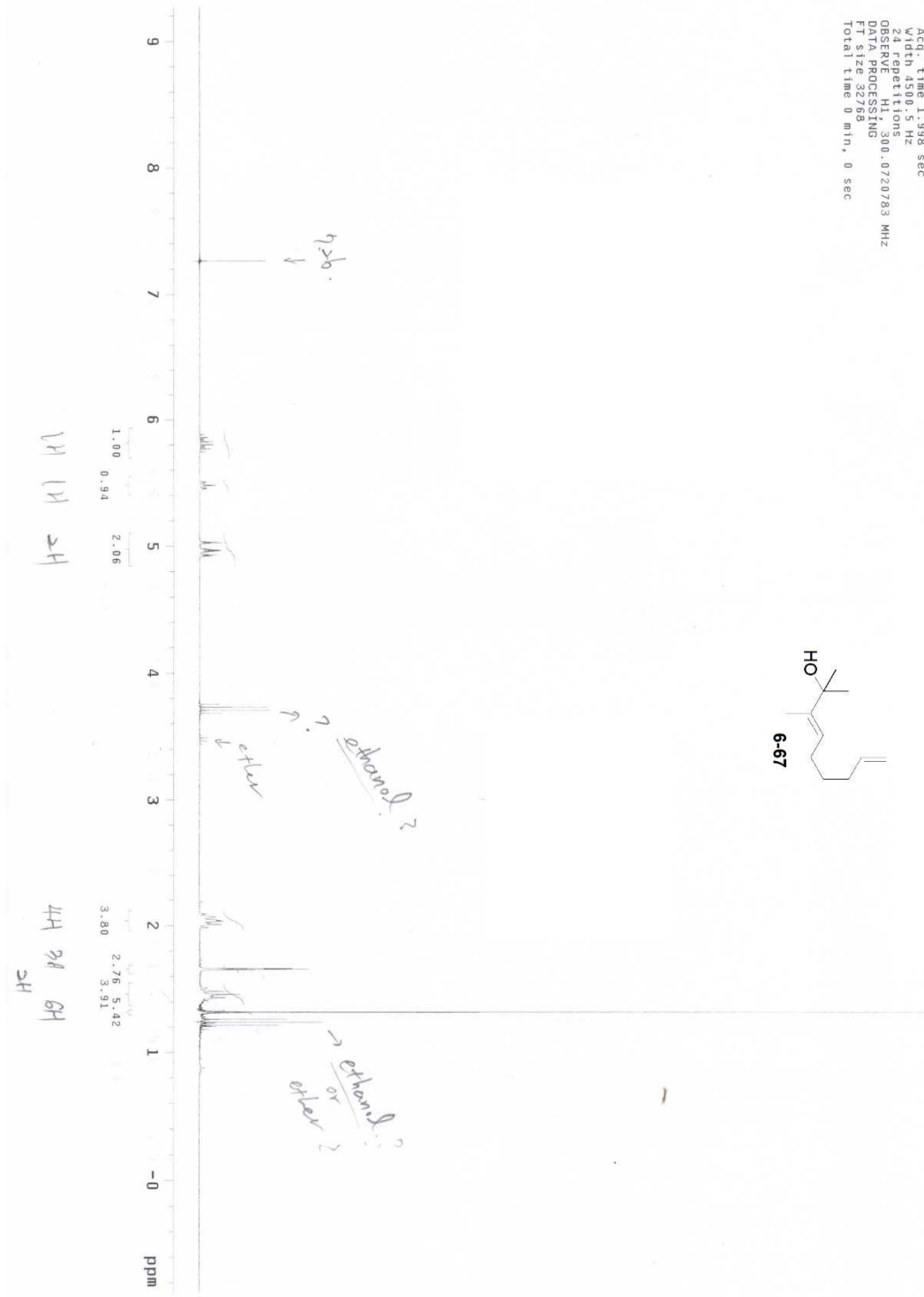
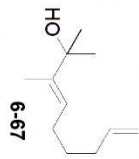
NEW EXPERIMENT

Pulse Sequence: szpu1
Solvent: CCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300BB "gcm2300"

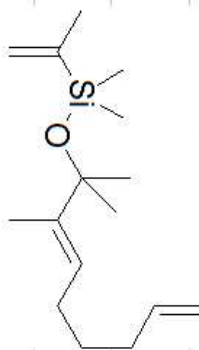
Relax: delay 1.000 sec
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Acq: time 1.995 sec
64 repeats
OBSERVE: H1 300.0720783 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 0 min, 0 sec



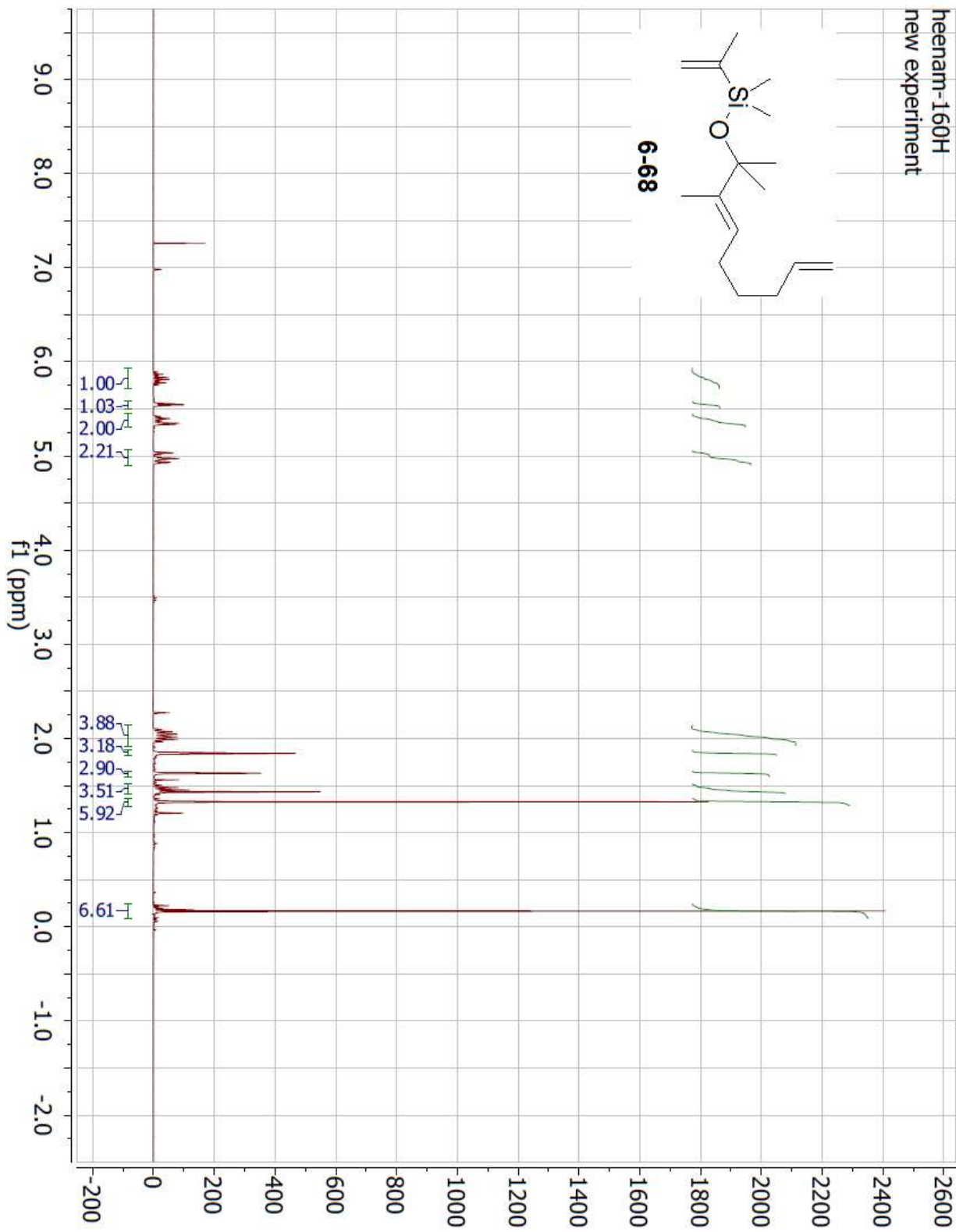
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 Pulse Sequence: szput
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-300DB "gem300"
 Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 7.8 degrees
 Acq. time 1.995 sec
 Data points 65536
 Observations 24
 OBSERVE H1 300.0720783 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 0 min, 0 sec



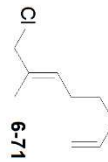
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new experiment



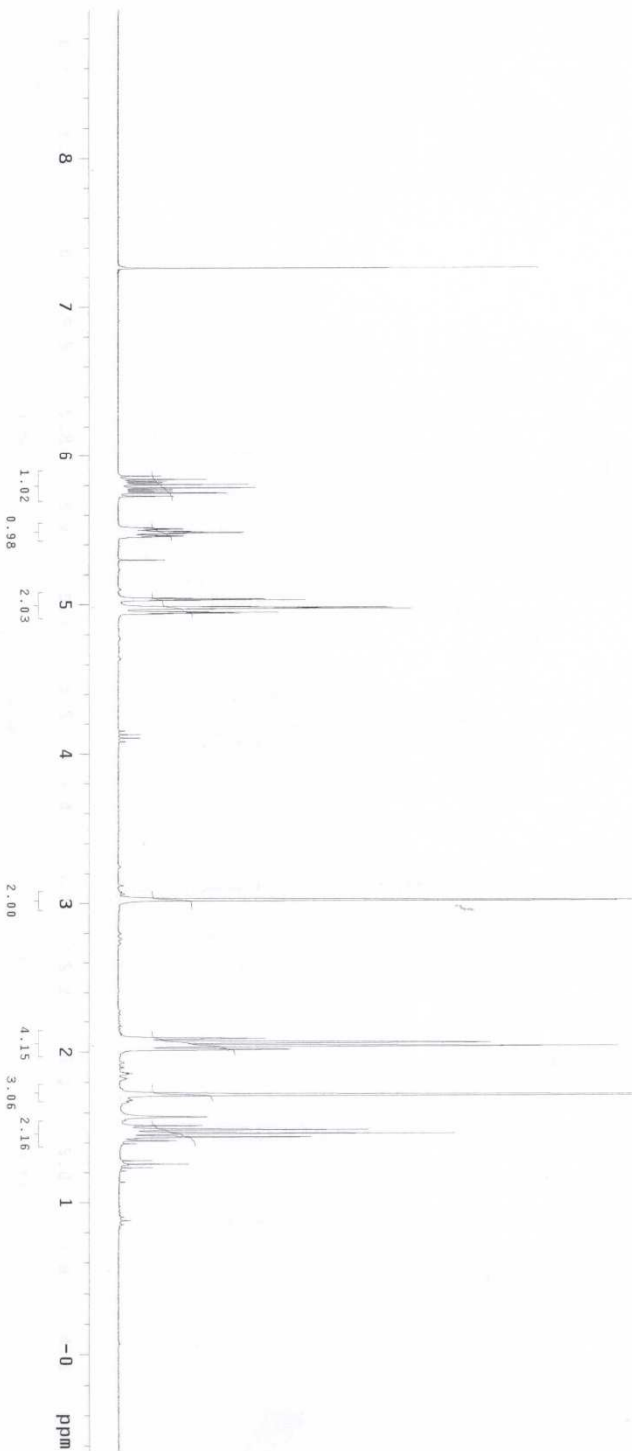
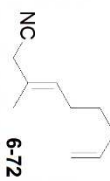
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new experiment
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300088 'gemz3000'
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 1.8 deg sec
Acq. 1.000 sec
Width 4500.5 Hz
50 repetitions
OBSERVE HI, 300.0720786 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 3 min, 56 sec



new experiment
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl3 298.1 K
F1 (nucl): 13C 101.25 MHz
GEMINI-300BB "gem2300"
Relax. delay: 1.000 sec
Pulse: 7.6 degrees
Acq. time: 1.998 sec
Width: 4500.5 Hz
64 repetitions
OBSERVE: H1 300.0720786 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
F1 (nucl): 13C 101.25 MHz
Total time: 9 min, 56 sec

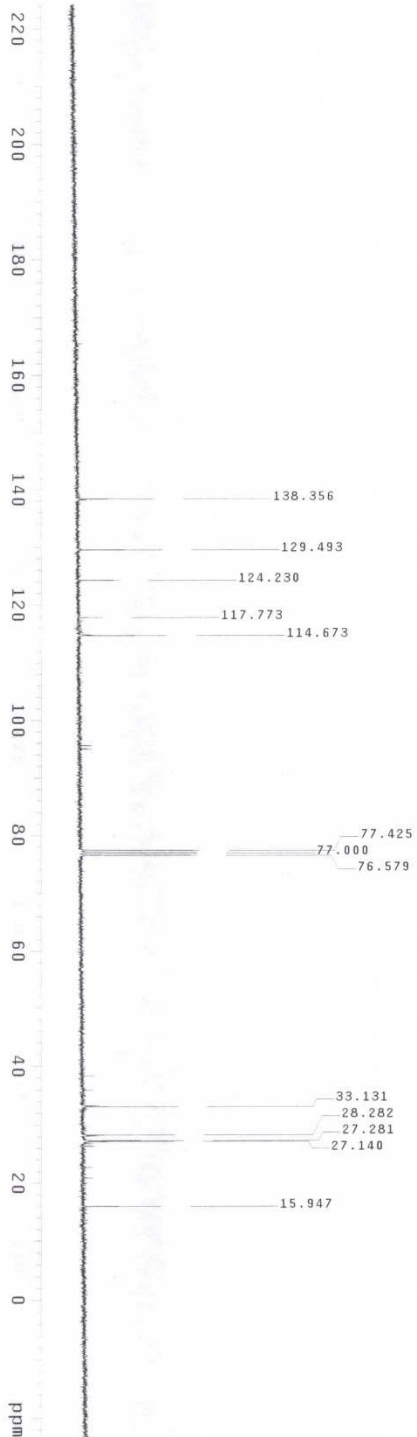
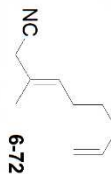


13C OBSERVE

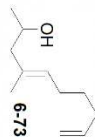
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30

Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GMINI-300BB gmz300

Relax - delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 7.000 sec
Acq time 1.815 sec
Width 18761.7 Hz
1180 Repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4531896 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0735793 MHz
Power 34.00 db
VOLTAGE 16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 4 hr, 8 min, 50 sec



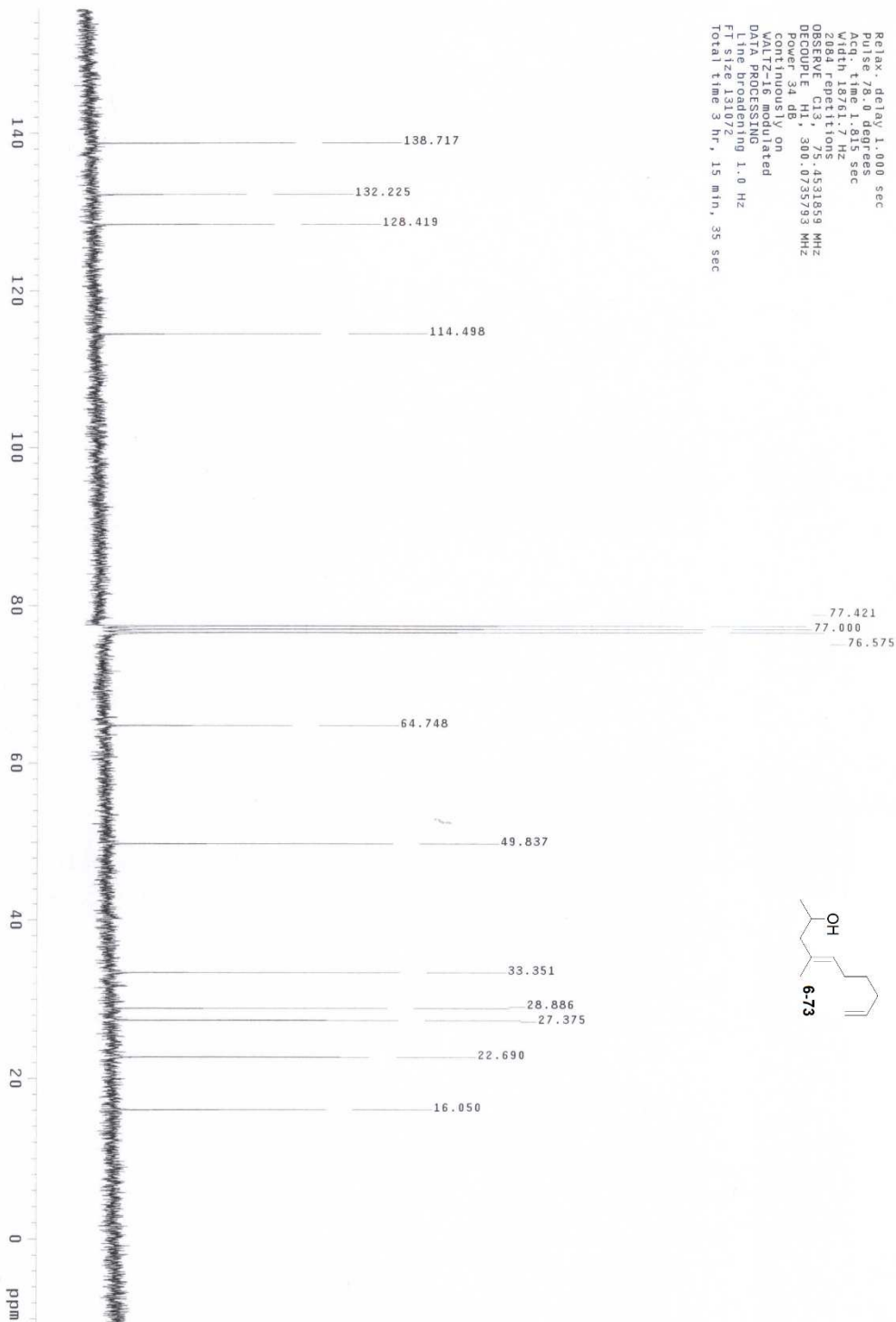
new experiment
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300BB gemz300
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 7.8 degrees sec
Pulse 7.8 degrees sec
Width 4500.5 Hz
70 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 300.0720786 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 0 min, 0 sec



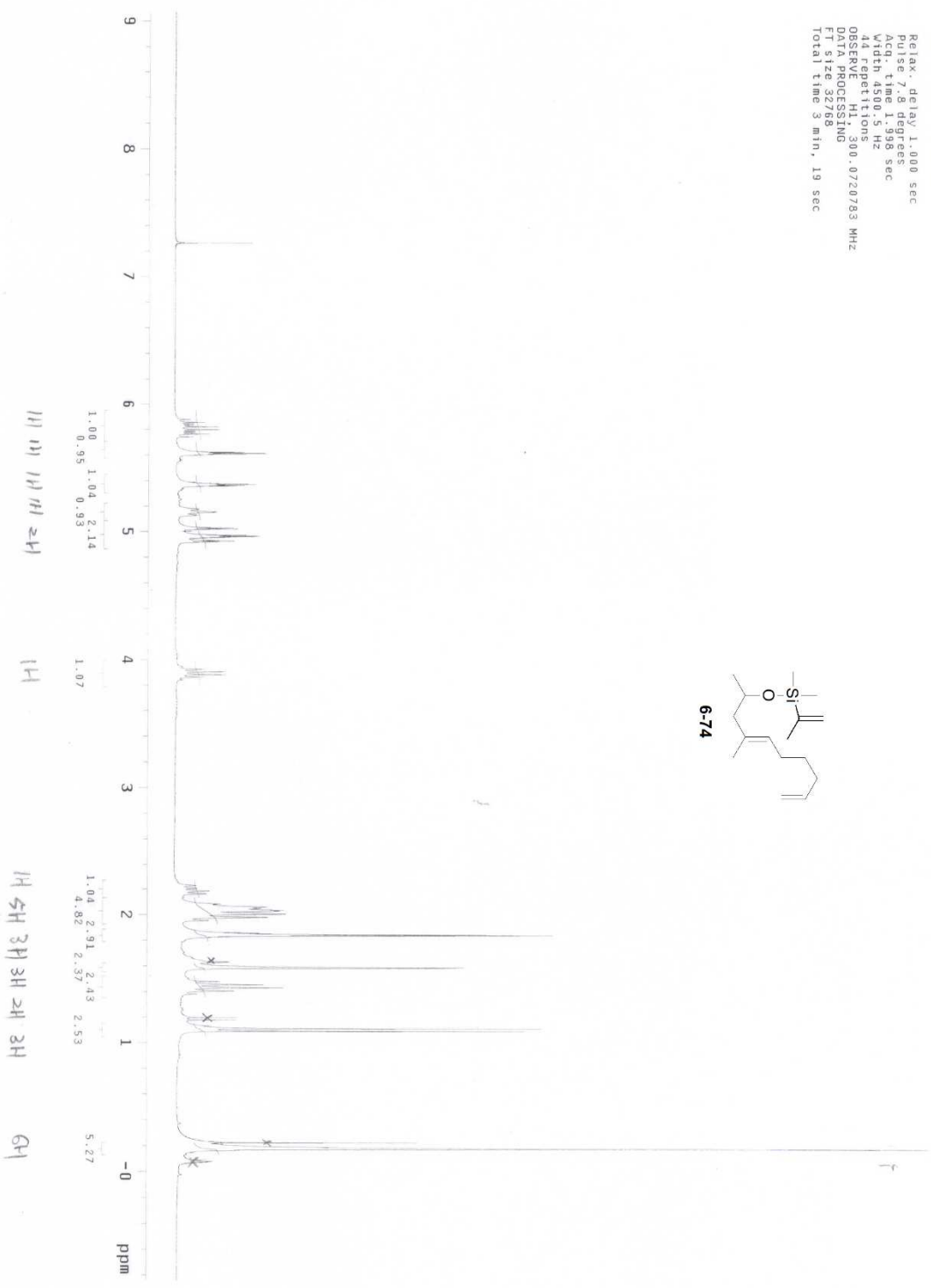
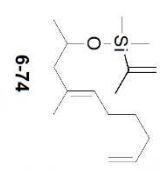
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 298.1 K
GEMIN: 50088 gm2308

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Acq. time 1.815 sec
Width 18761.7 Hz
2084 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4531859 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.073793 MHz
Power 34 dB
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 3 hr, 15 min, 35 sec

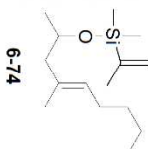
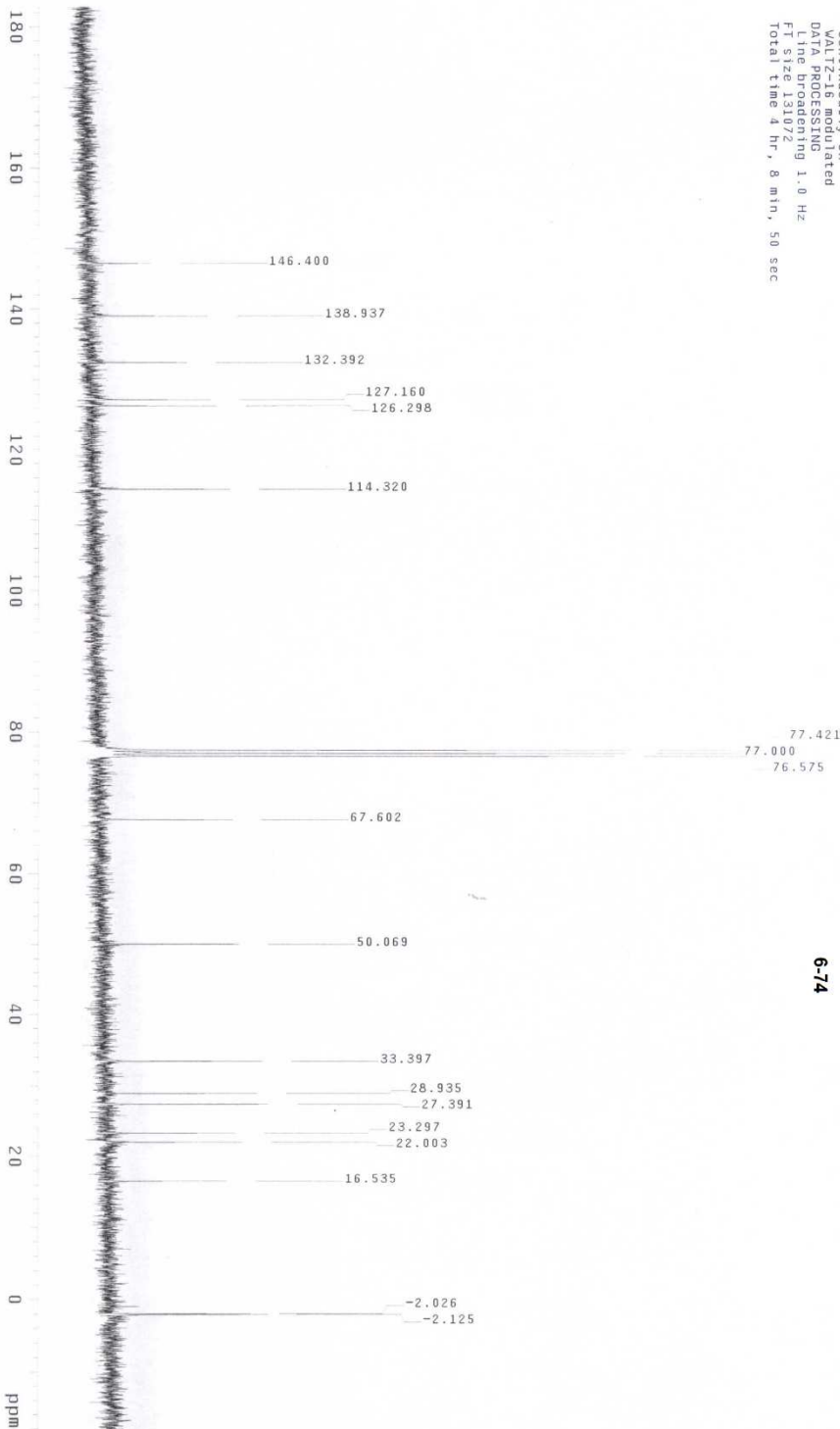


new experiment
 Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-300B8 7mmz300p
 Relax, delay 1.000 sec
 Acq time 0.998 sec
 Width 4500.5 Hz
 44 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 300.0720793 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 3 min, 19 sec

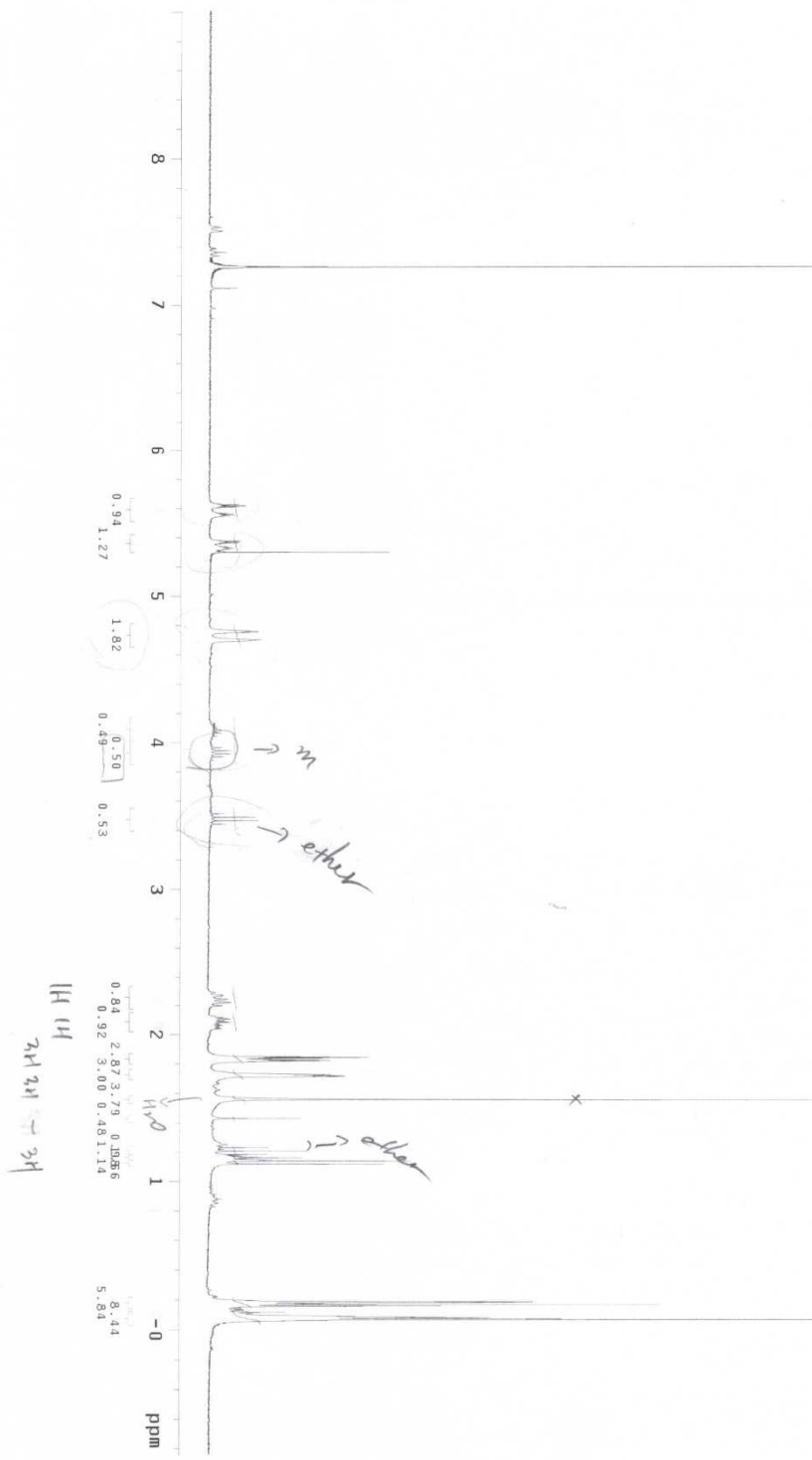
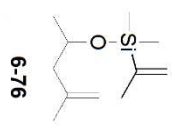


13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: szpu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 T1: 2.000000000 sec 7.298, 1.0 K
 GFMINT-3008B 7.000000000 gcm230p
 Relax Delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 78.0 degrees
 Acq. time 1.815 sec
 Width 18761.7 Hz
 1218 repetitions
 OBSERVE C13, 75.4531847 MHz
 DECOUPLE H1, 300.0735793 MHz
 Power 3.5 dB
 Modulation by ON
 VALT2-16 modulated
 DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 1.0 Hz
 FT size 131072
 Total time 4 hr, 8 min, 50 sec



new experiment
 Pulse Sequence: szpul
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-300BB "gem300"
 Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 7.8 degrees
 Acq: 140.1392 sec
 Width: 1.392
 90 Repeats
 OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720786 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 0 min, 0 sec



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ASW/PFG PROBE SM# P005133

¹H SENSITIVITY
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Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: CDCl₃

Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K

User: 112-87

INOVA-400 "inv400"

Relax. delay: 1.000 sec

Pulse: 30.0 degrees

Acq. time: 3.273 sec

Width: 6000.6 Hz

32 repetitions

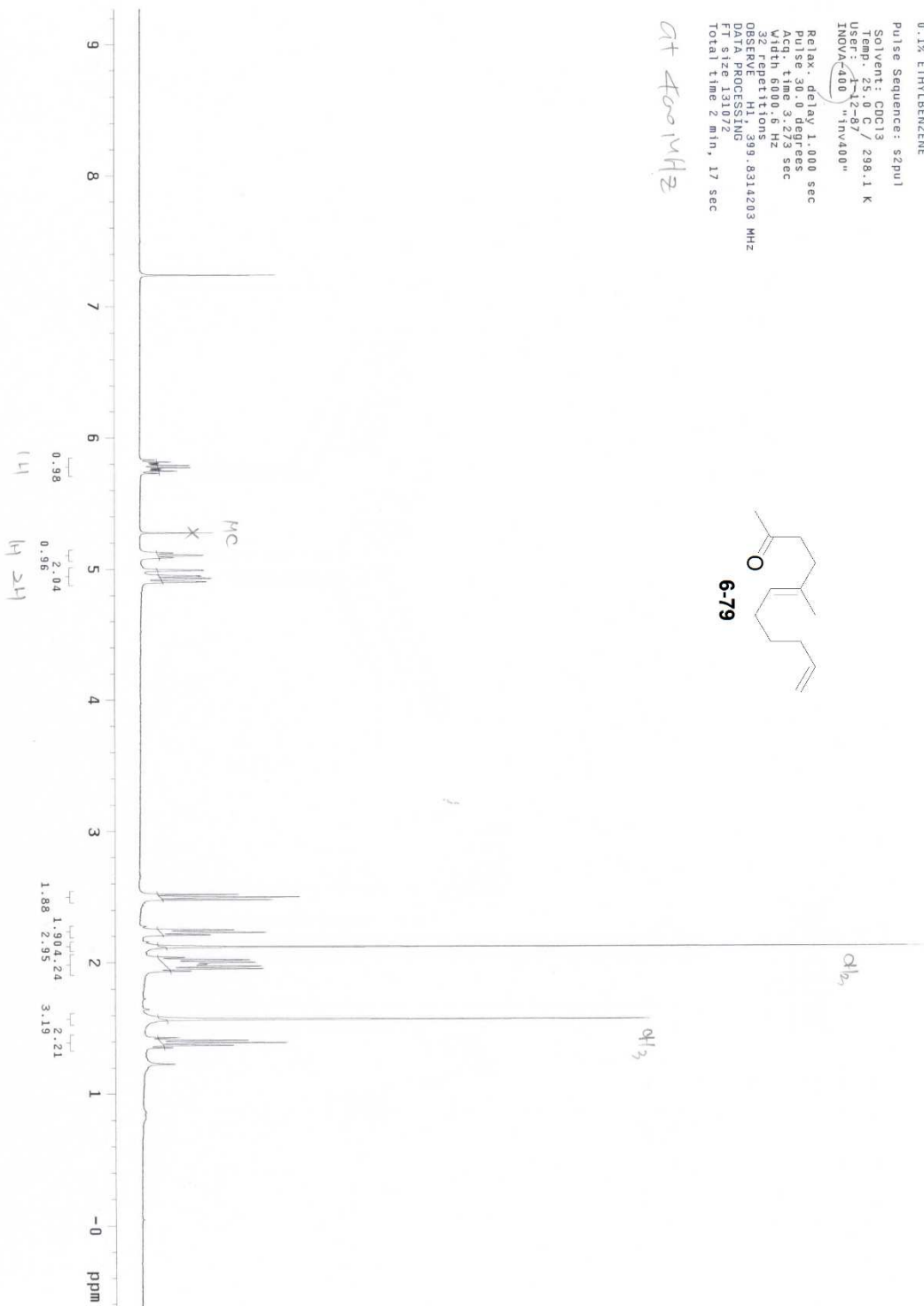
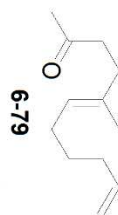
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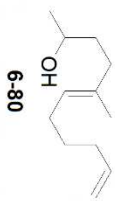
FT size: 131072

Total time: 2 min, 17 sec

at 400 MHz



new experiment
 Pulse Sequence: sgpul
 Solvent: CHCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-300BB "gem300b"
 Relax, delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse, delay 7.8 degrees
 Pulse, delay 1.399 sec
 Width 450.5 Hz
 128 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 300.0720786 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 7 min, 10 sec

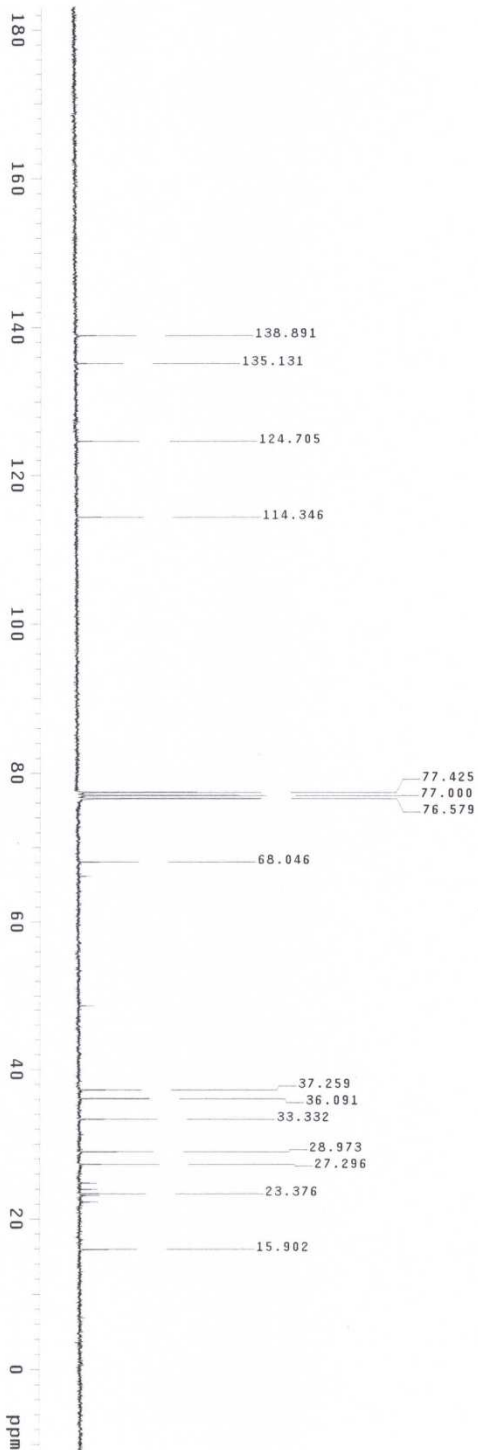
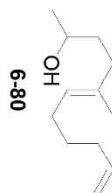


13C OBSERVE

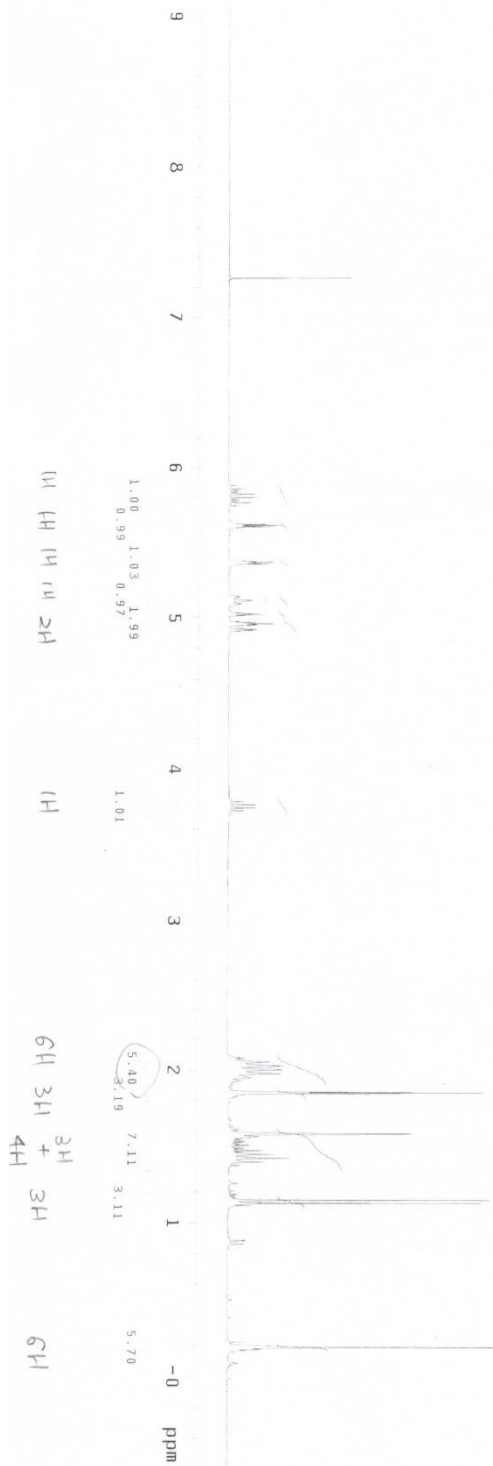
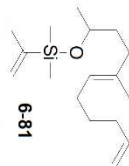
Pulse Sequence: szpu1

Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300DB (gmz300)

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 75.0 degrees
AQ 1.81 sec
Width 18761.7 Hz
1586 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4531862 MHz
DECUPLE H1, 300.0735793 MHz
Power 34 dB
CONTINUOUSLY ON
VARIABLE
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 0 min, 0 sec



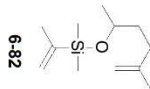
new experiment
 Pulse Sequence: sgpul
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 QNP1H1-300MHz / 300MHz
 Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 7.0 degrees
 Acq: 1.000 sec
 Width: 4500.5 Hz
 64 repetitions
 OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720788 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size: 32768
 Total time: 0 min, 0 sec



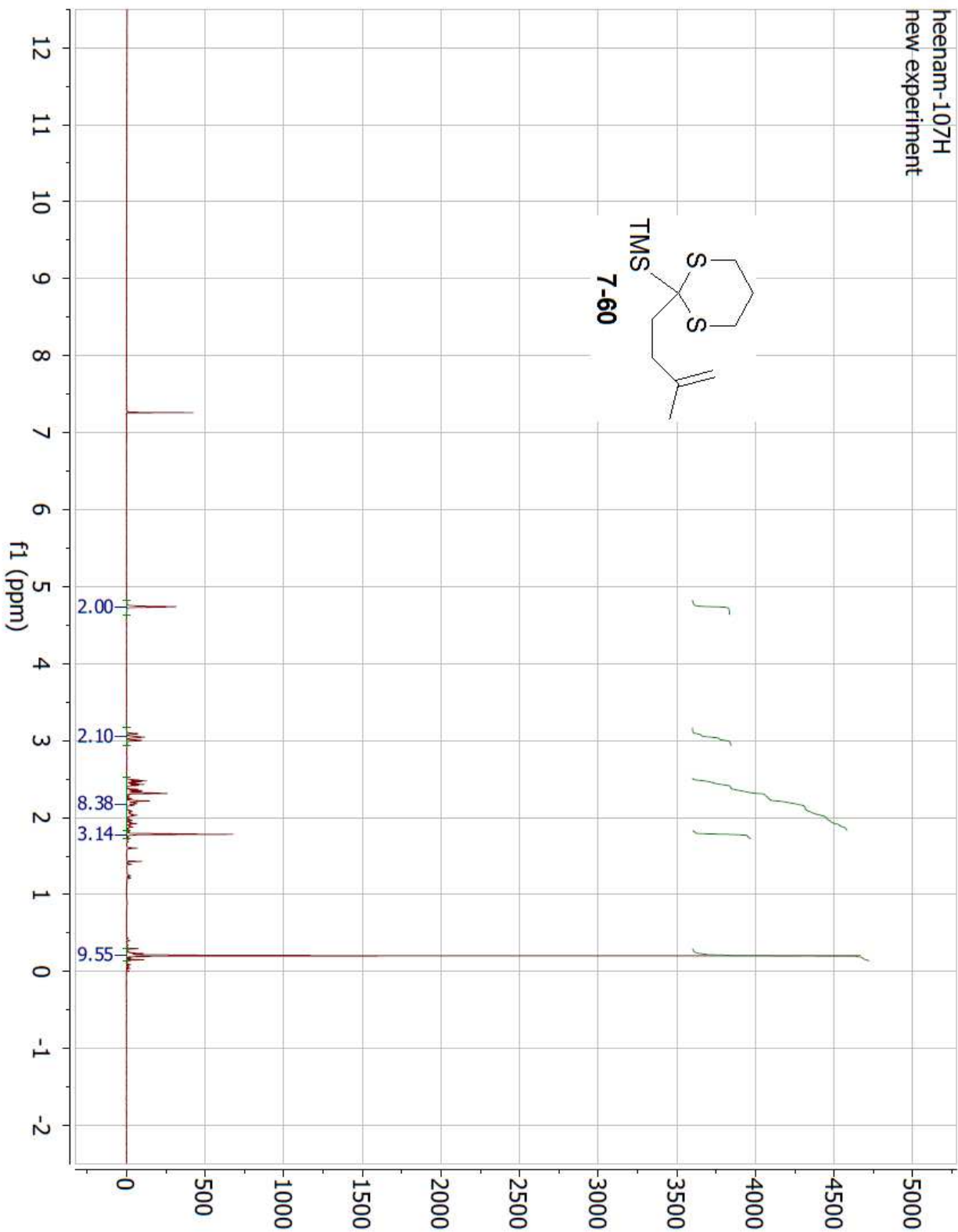
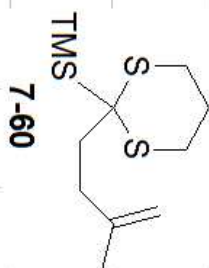
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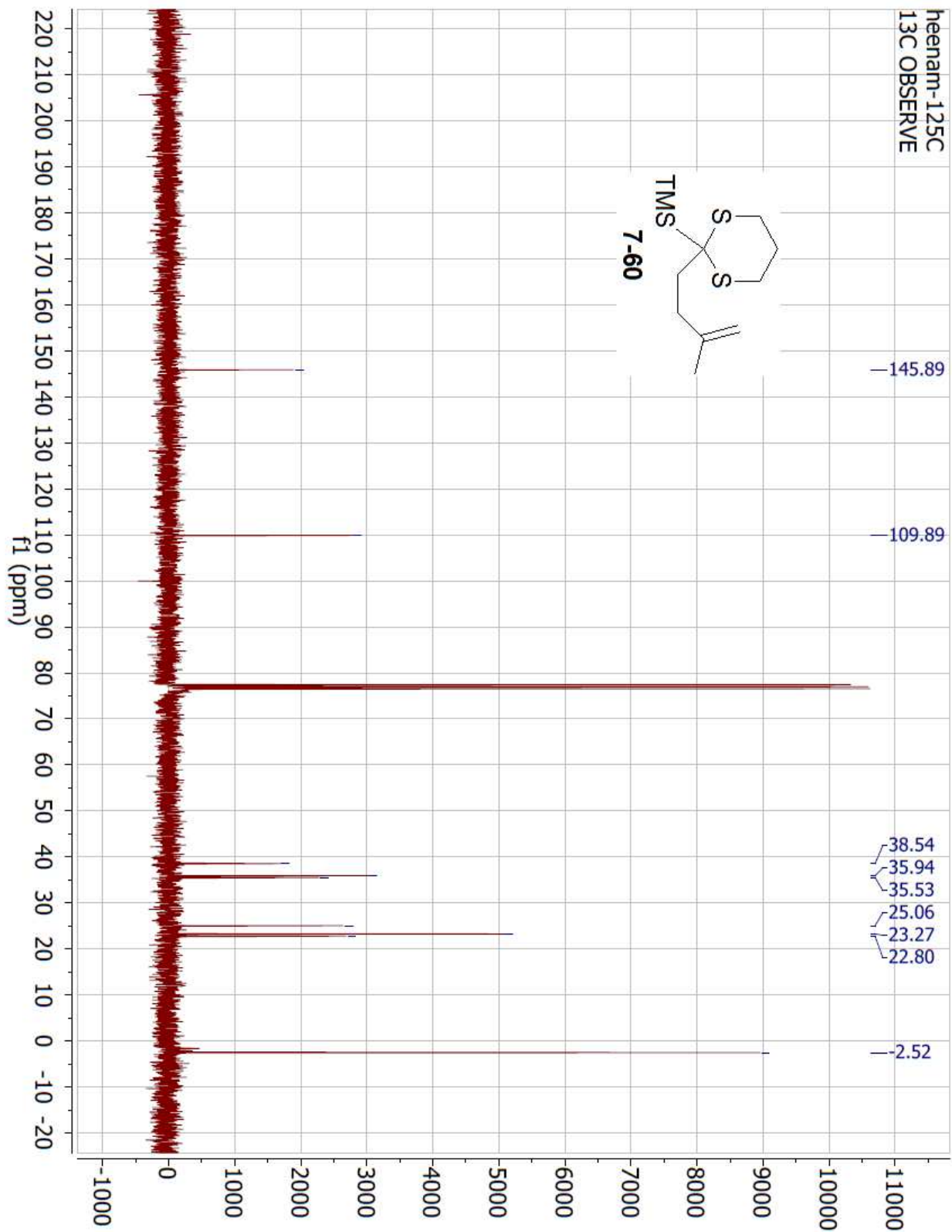
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Pulse Sequence: s2put
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300B6   gem2300*
Relax: delay 1.000 sec
Pulse: 7.8 degrees
Pulse width: 1.574 sec
Width: 4500.5 Hz
32 repetitions
OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720783 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size: 32768
Total time: 1 min, 58 sec

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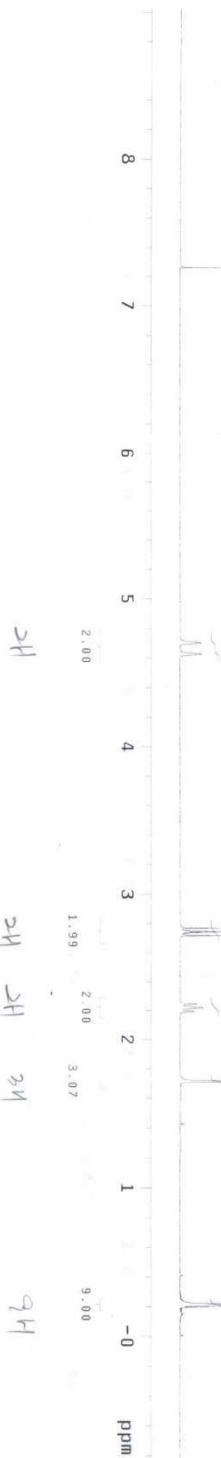
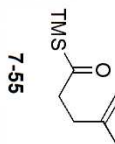


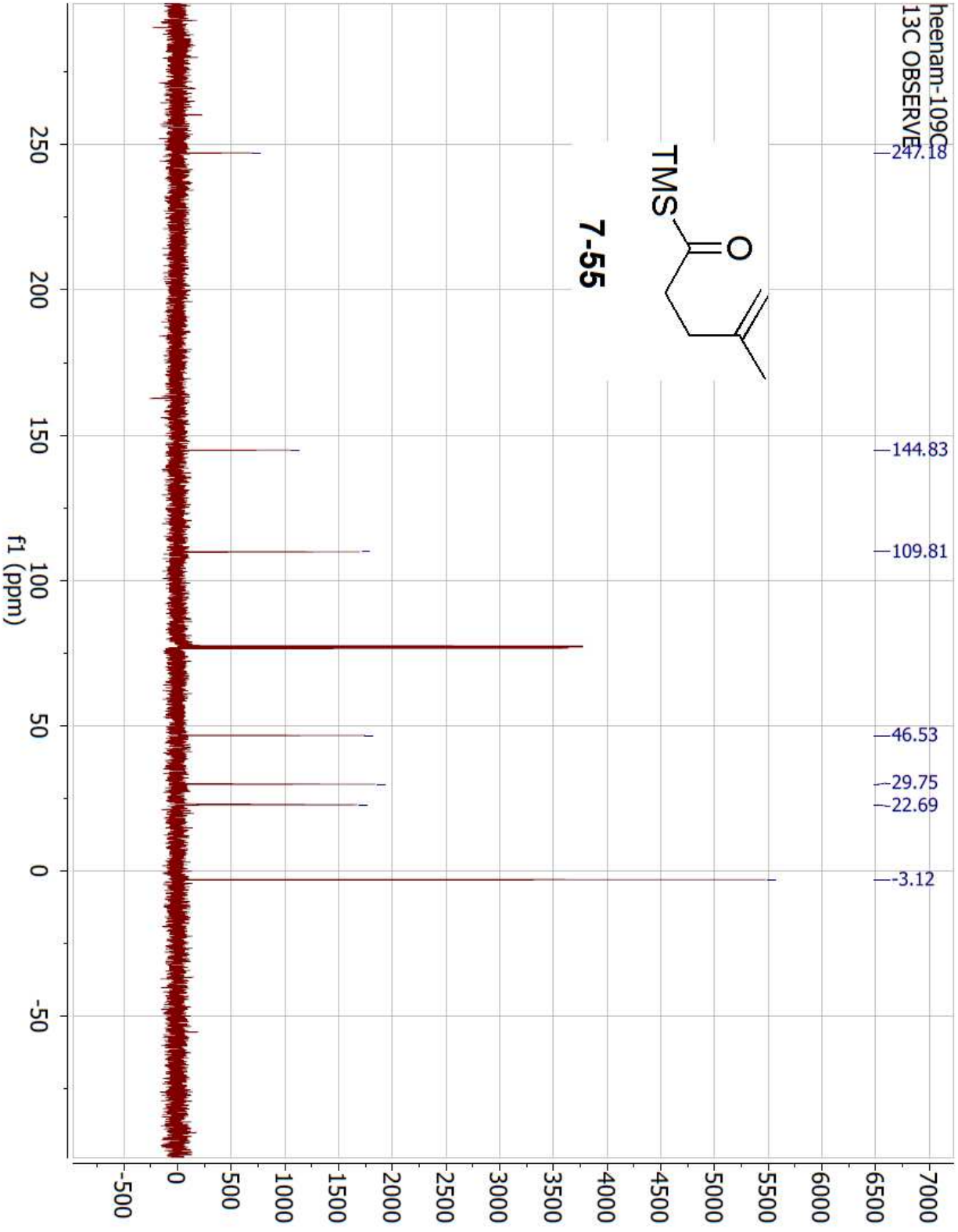
heenam-107H
new experiment



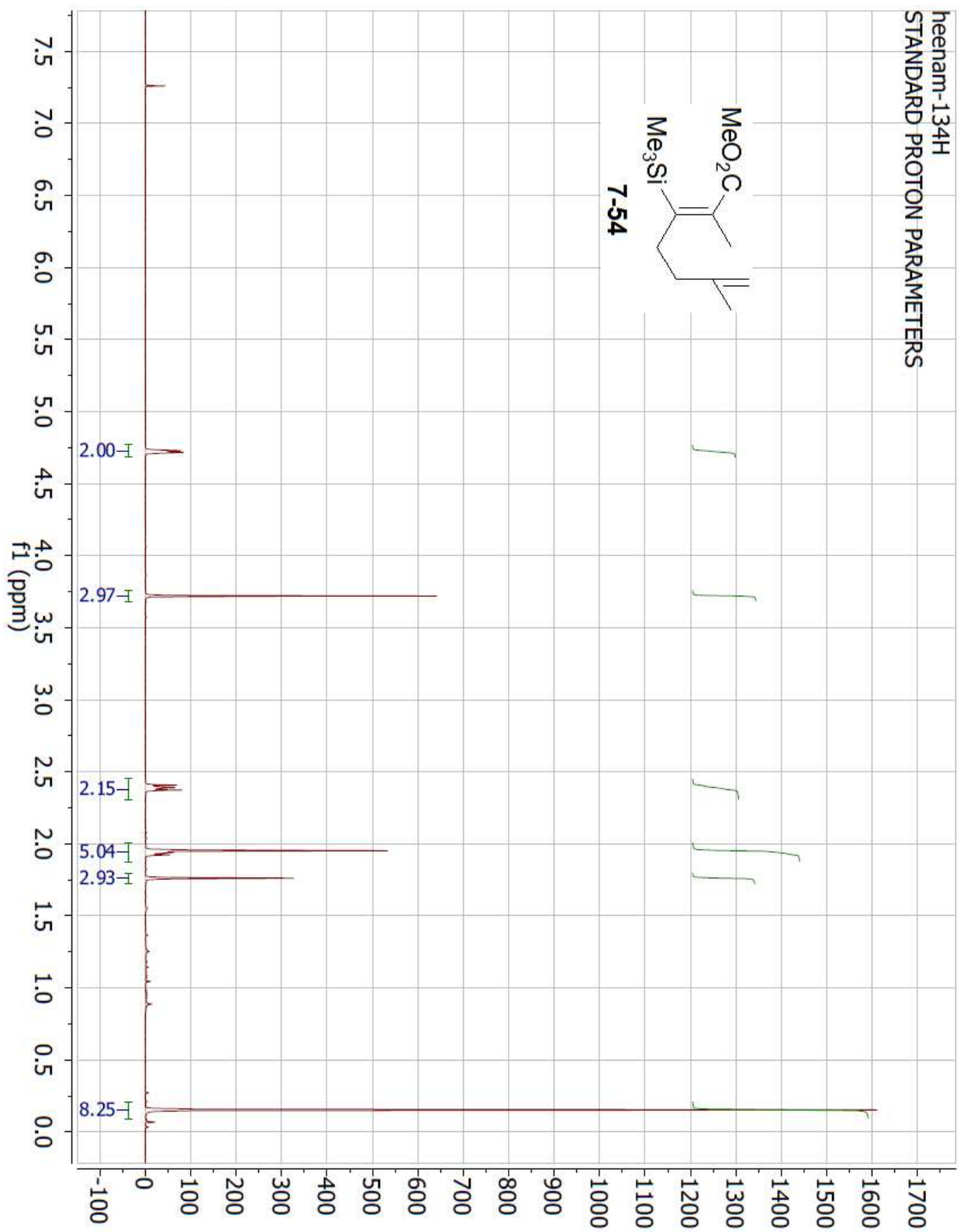


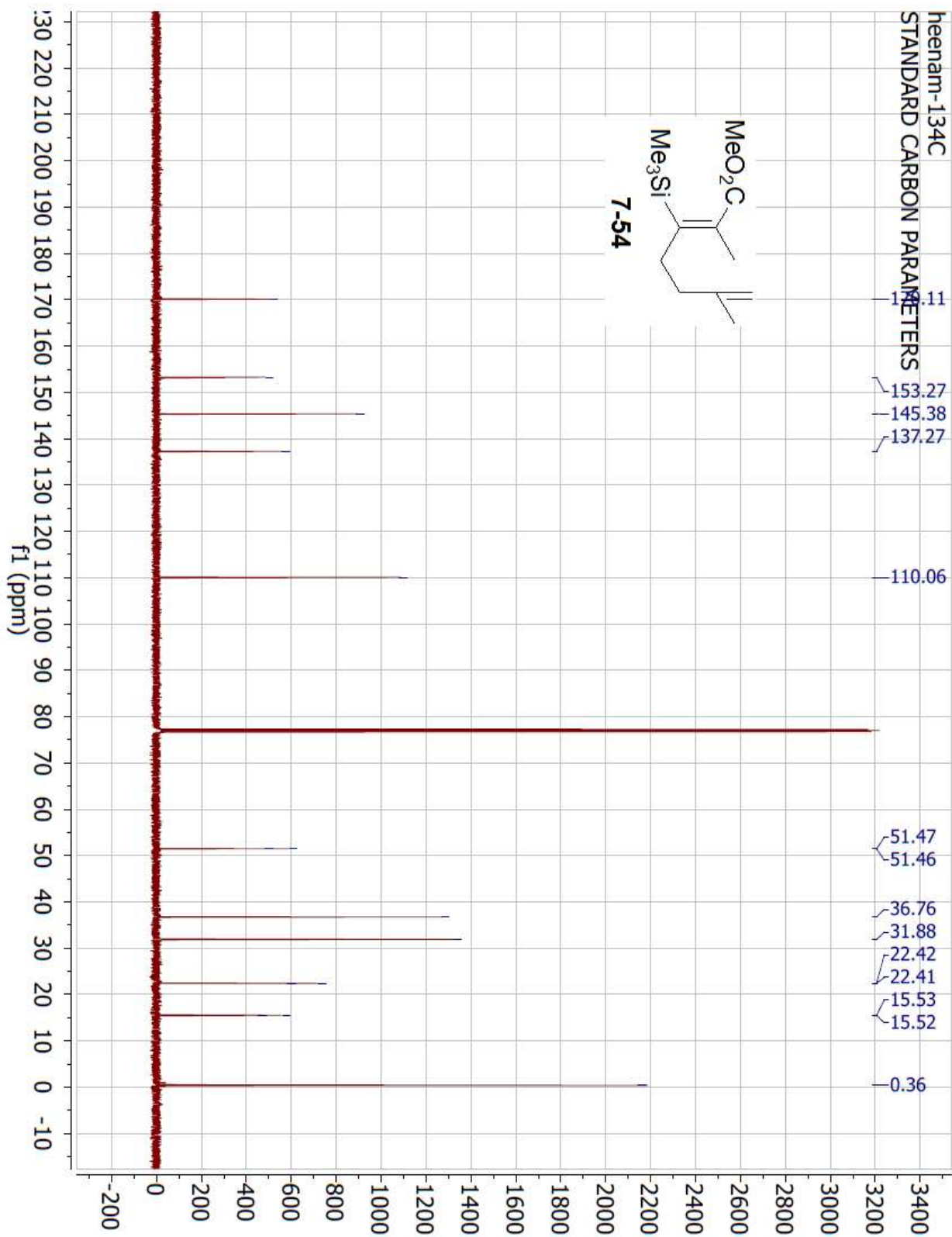
new experiment
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300088 "gemz3000"
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse prog zgpg30
Acq time 1.000 sec
Width 4500.5 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 300.0720783 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 0 min, 0 sec



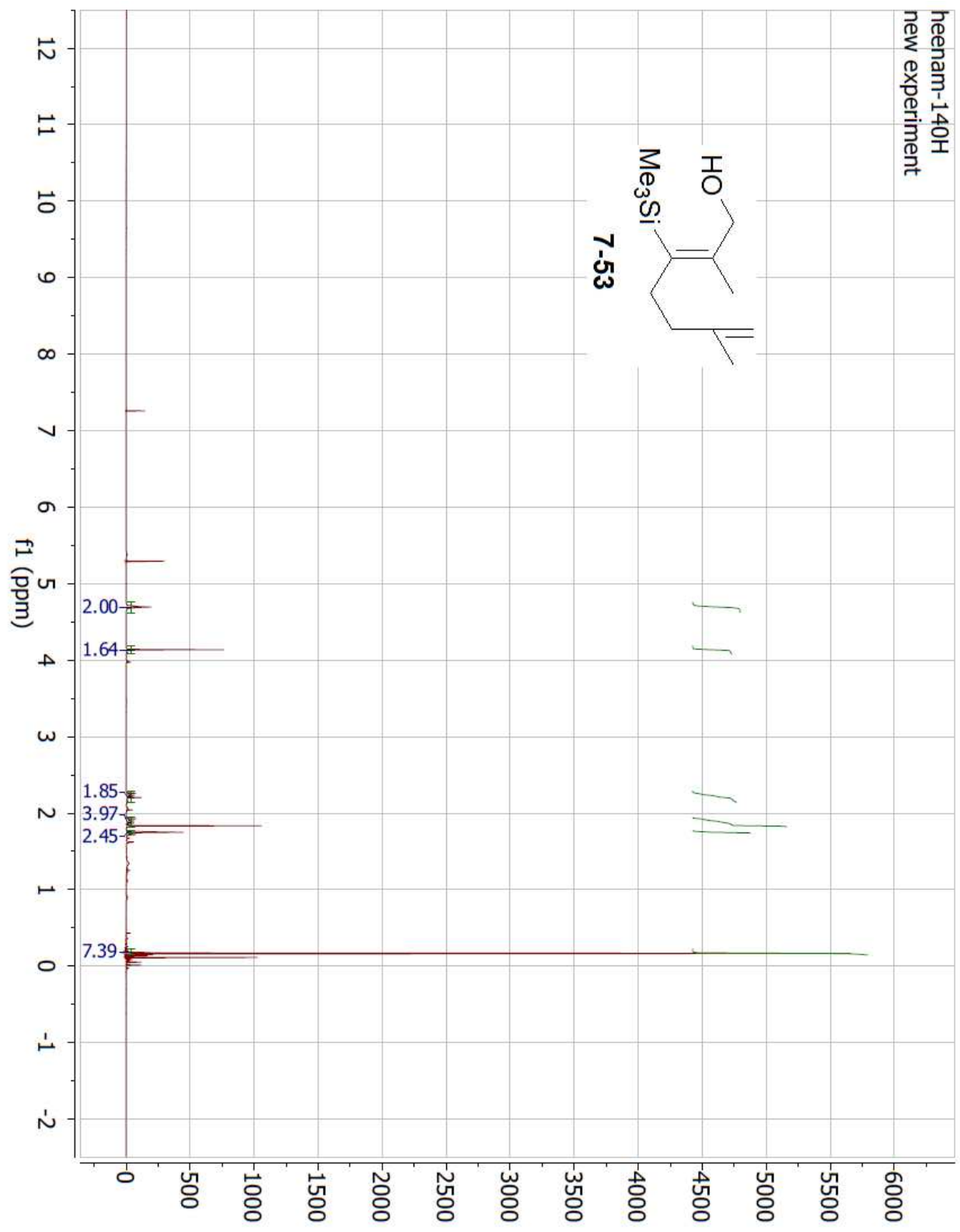
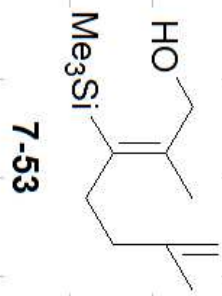


heenam-134H
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

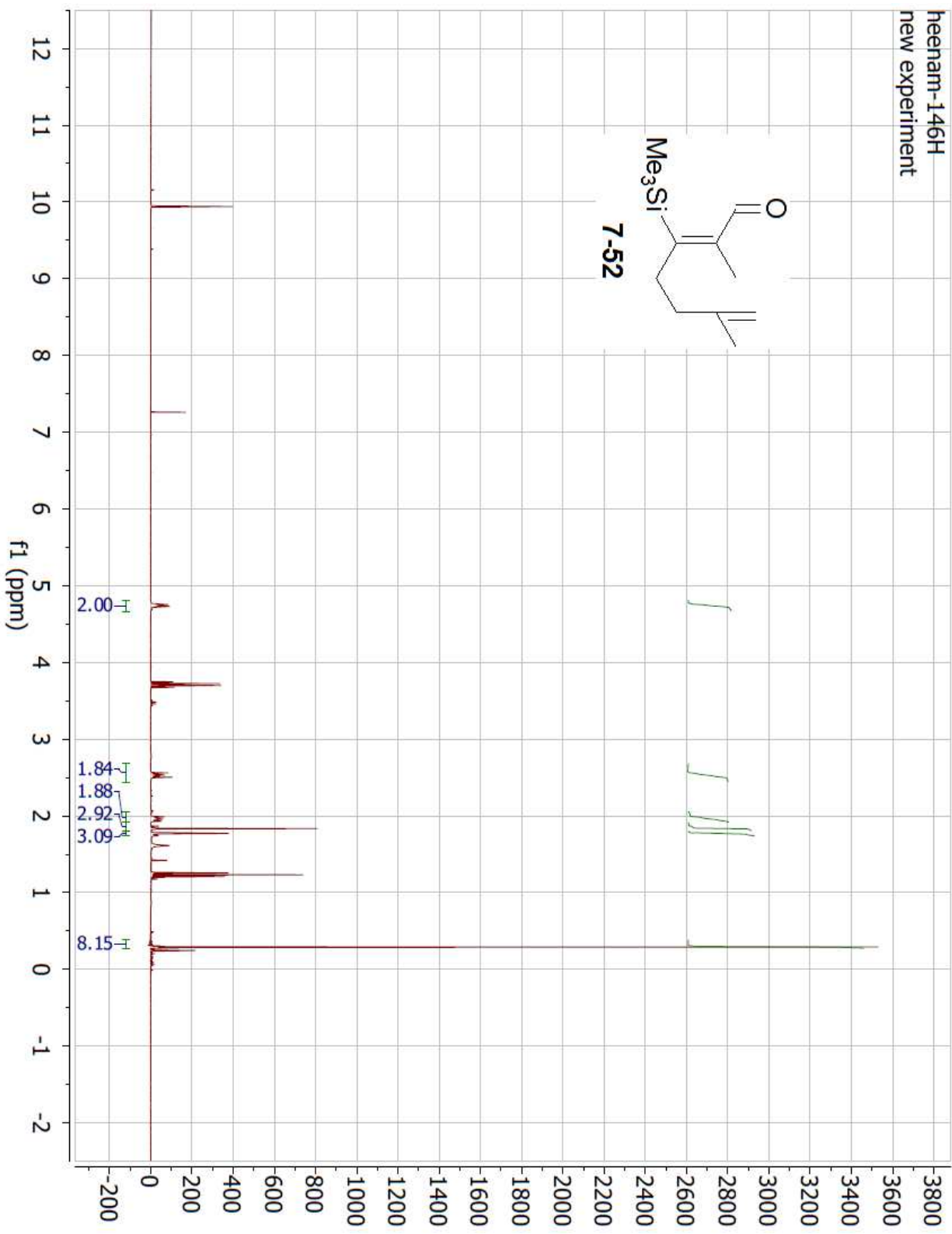
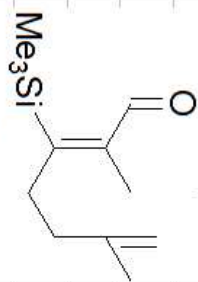




heenam-140H
new experiment



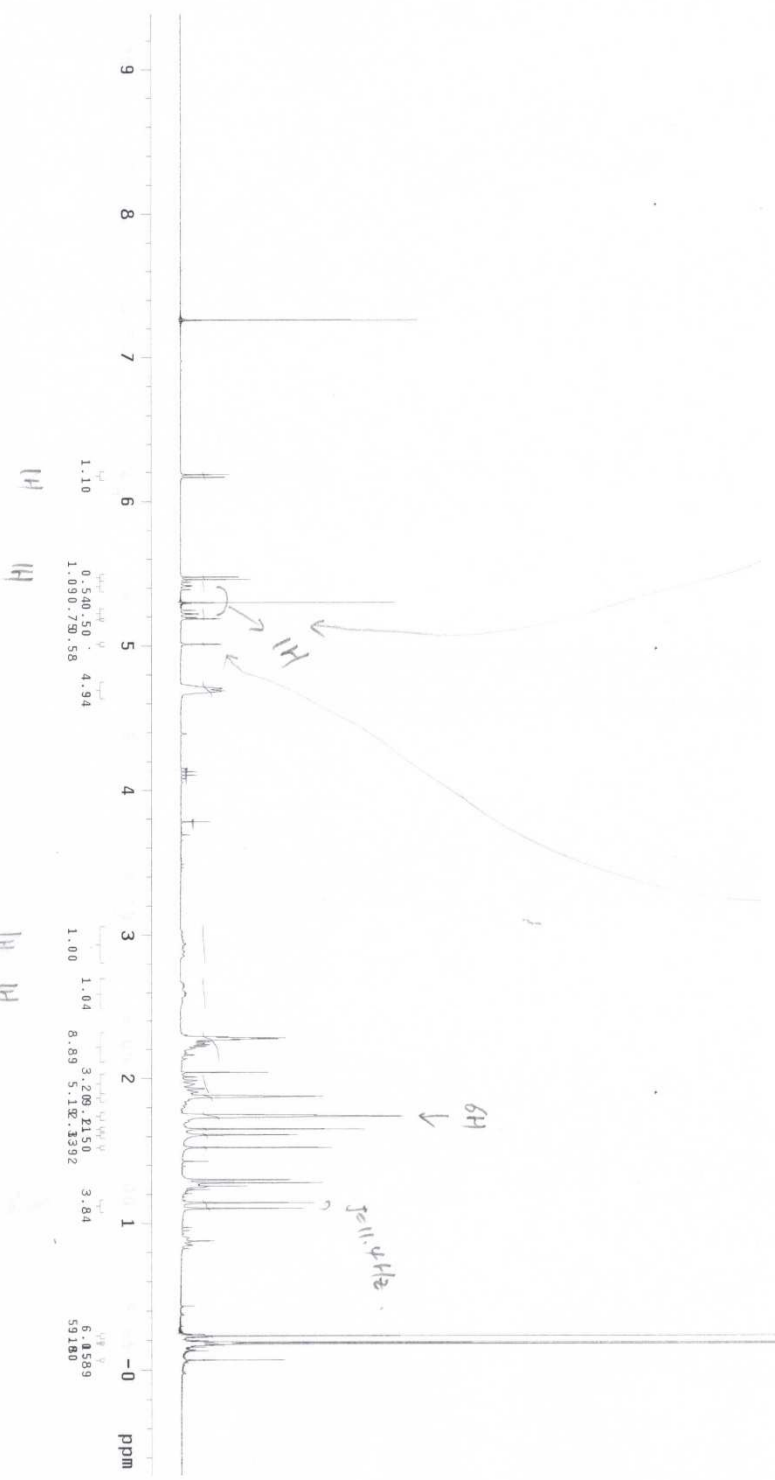
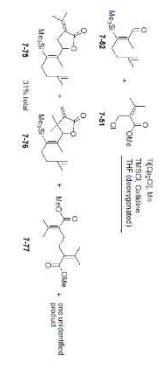
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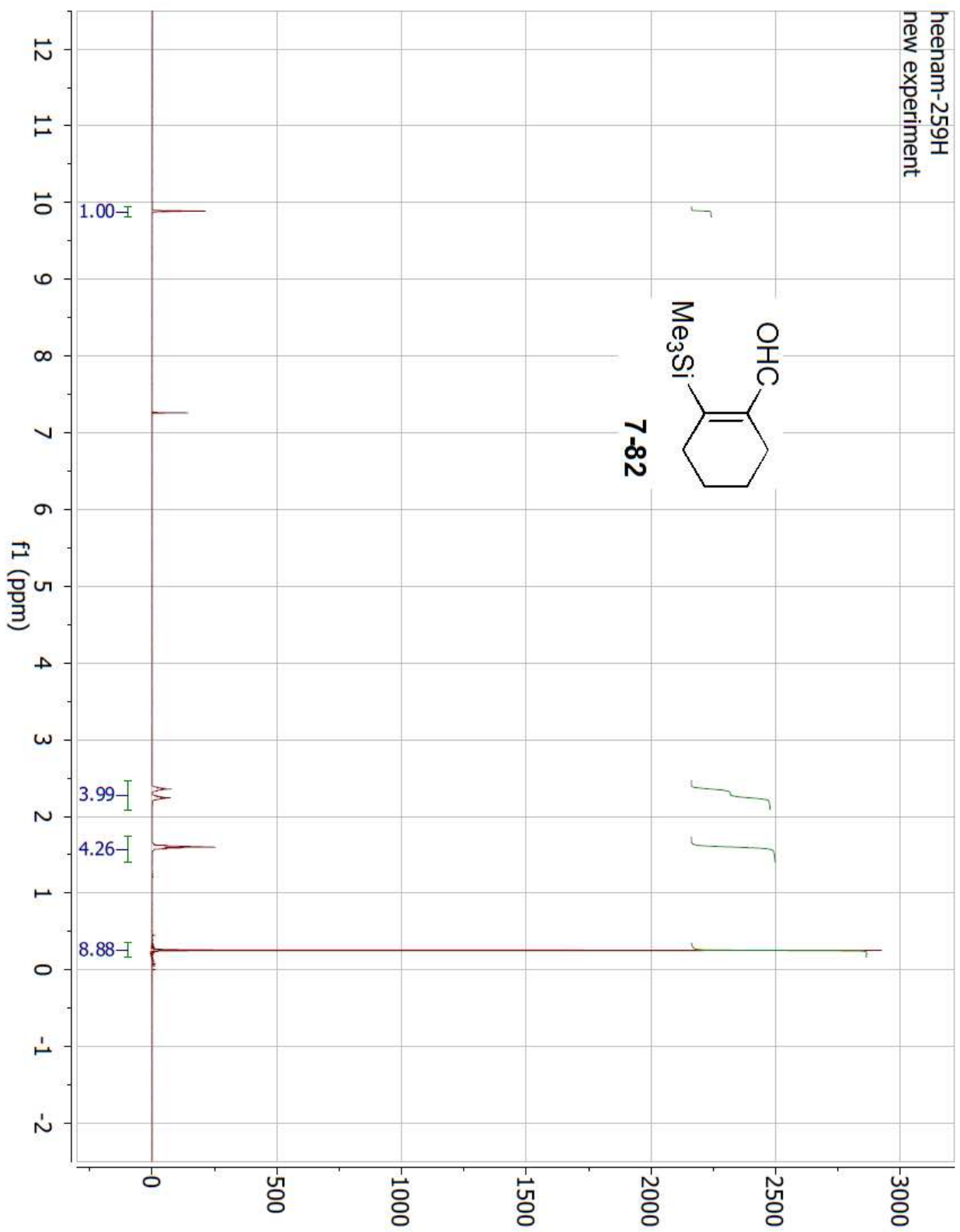

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new_experiment
Pulse Sequence: szpu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
GEMINI-300B8 / gem2300
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
pulse 7.8 degrees
Acq. time 1.395 sec
Add. time 5.584
56 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 300.0720783 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
F1 size 32768
Total time 3 min, 56 sec

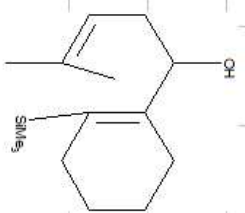
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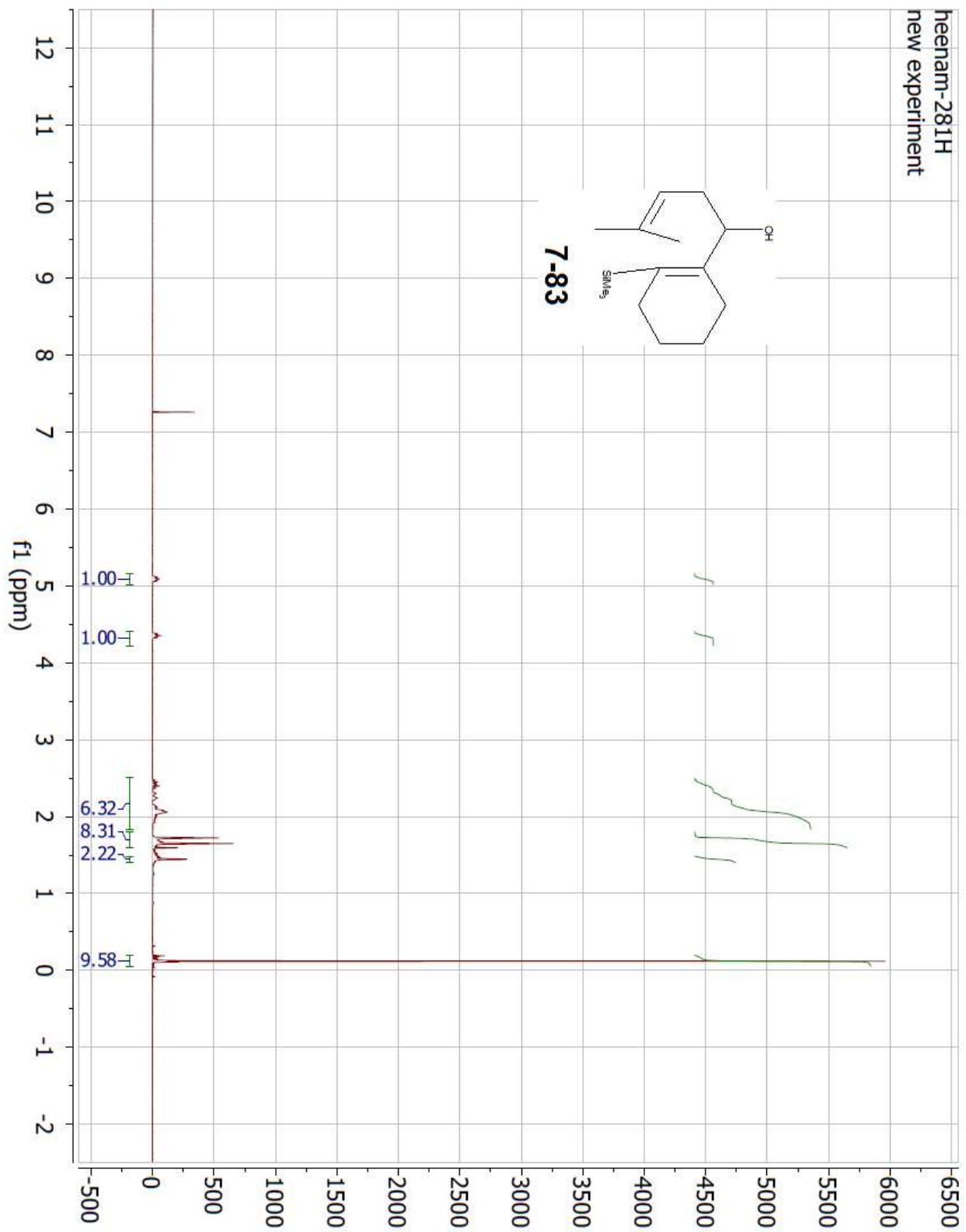
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new experiment



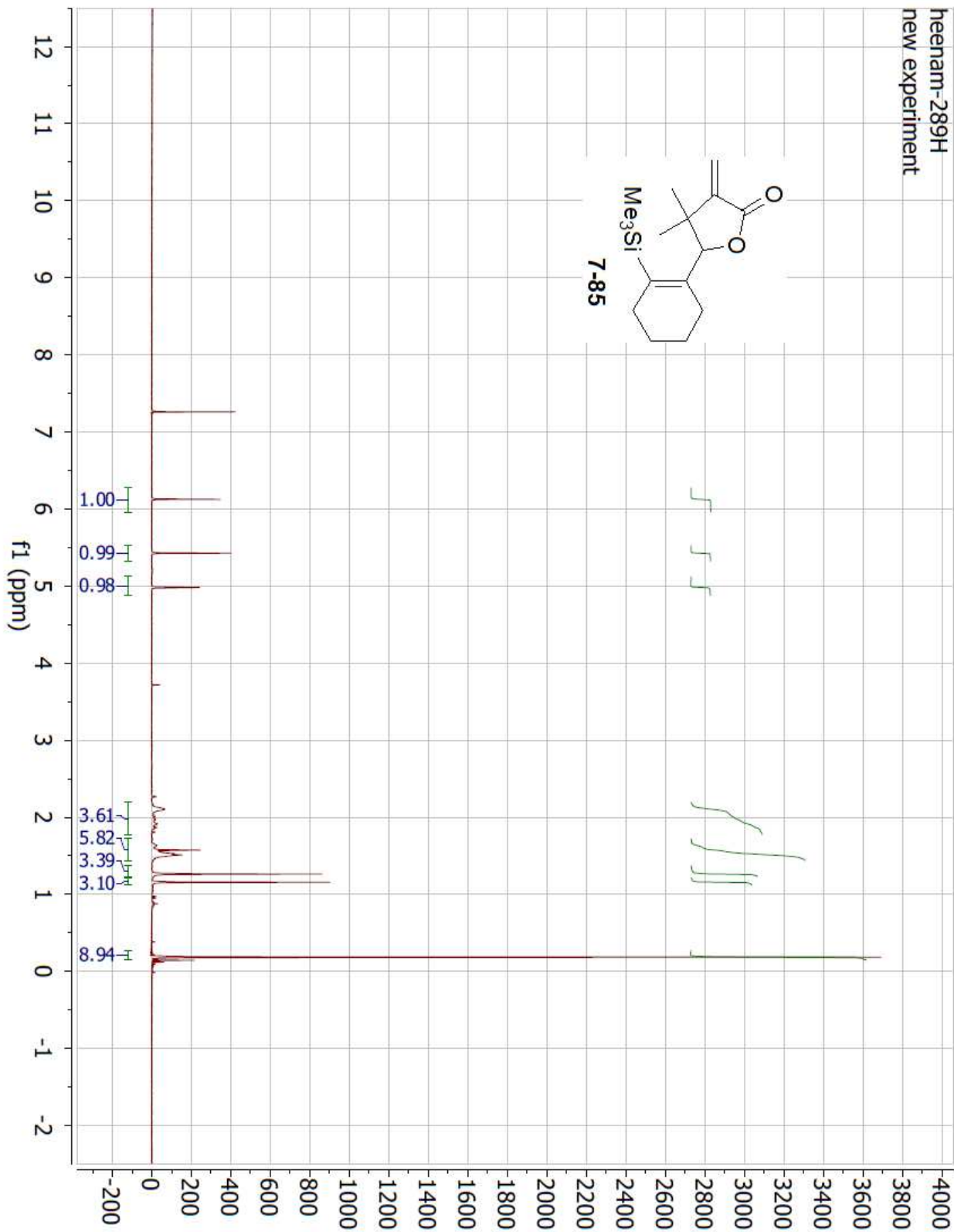
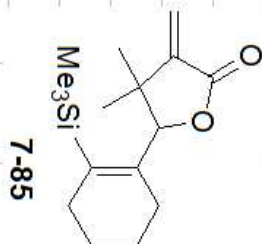
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new experiment



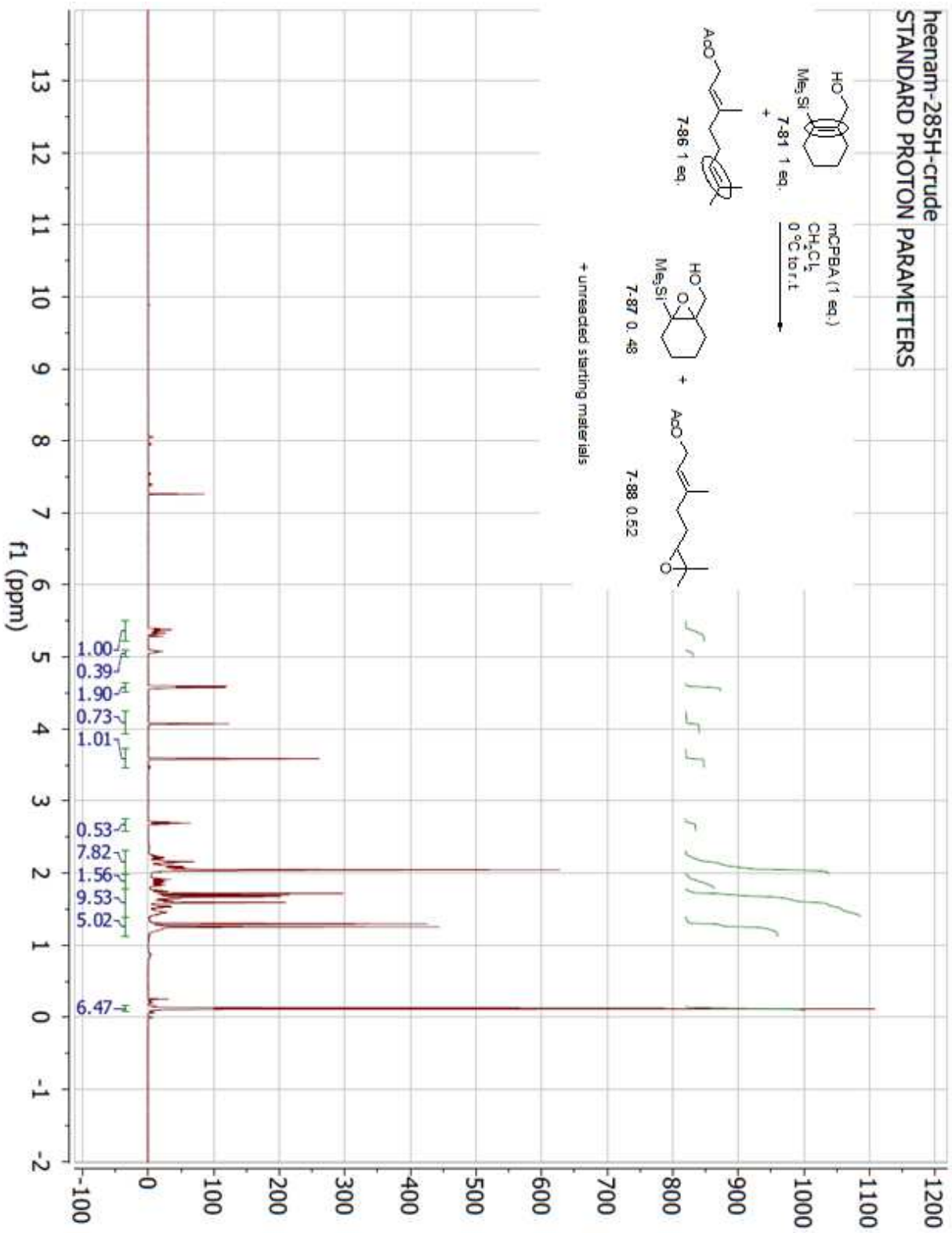
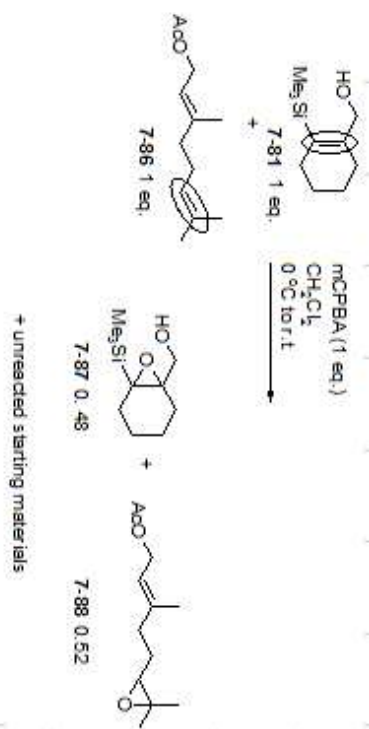
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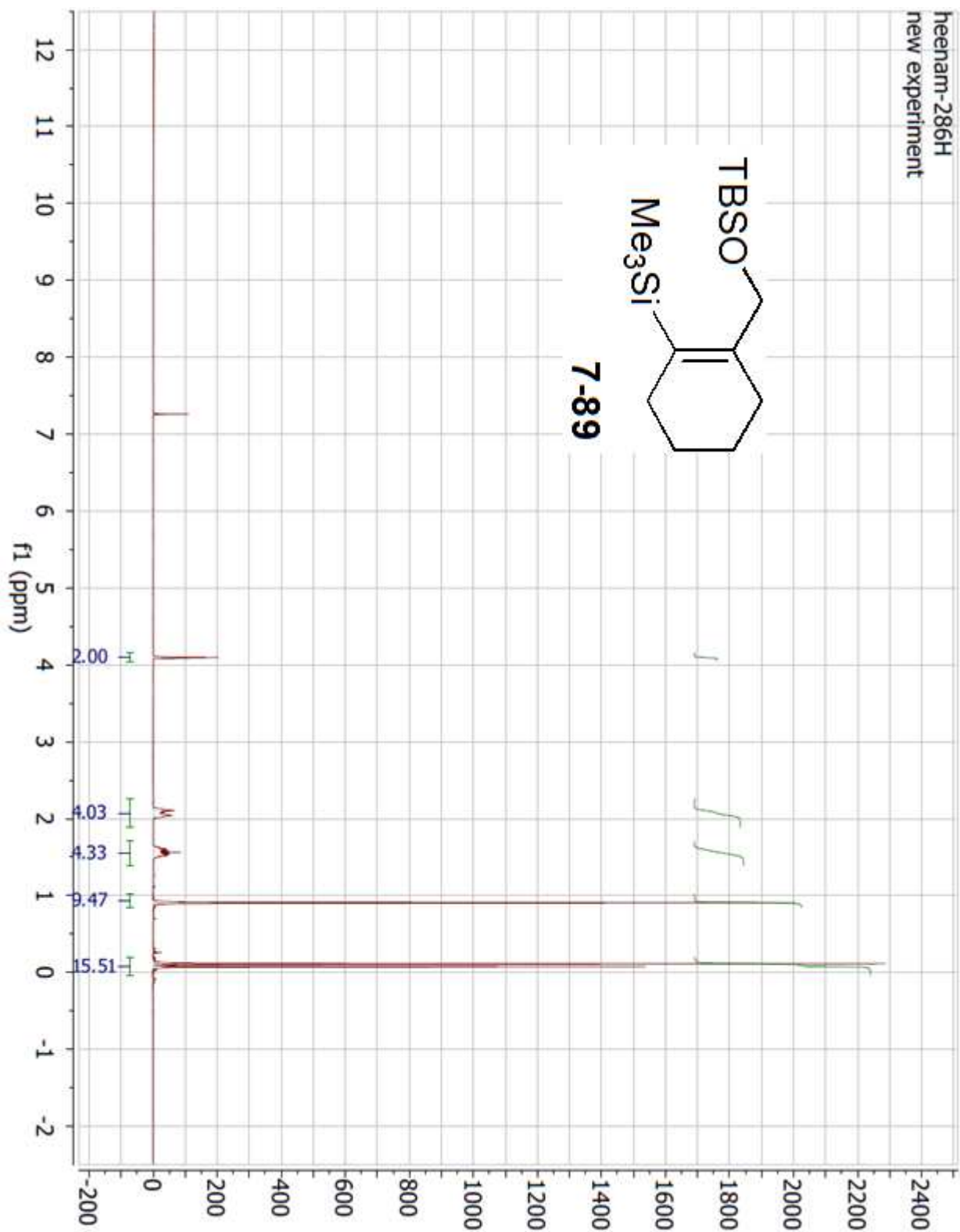
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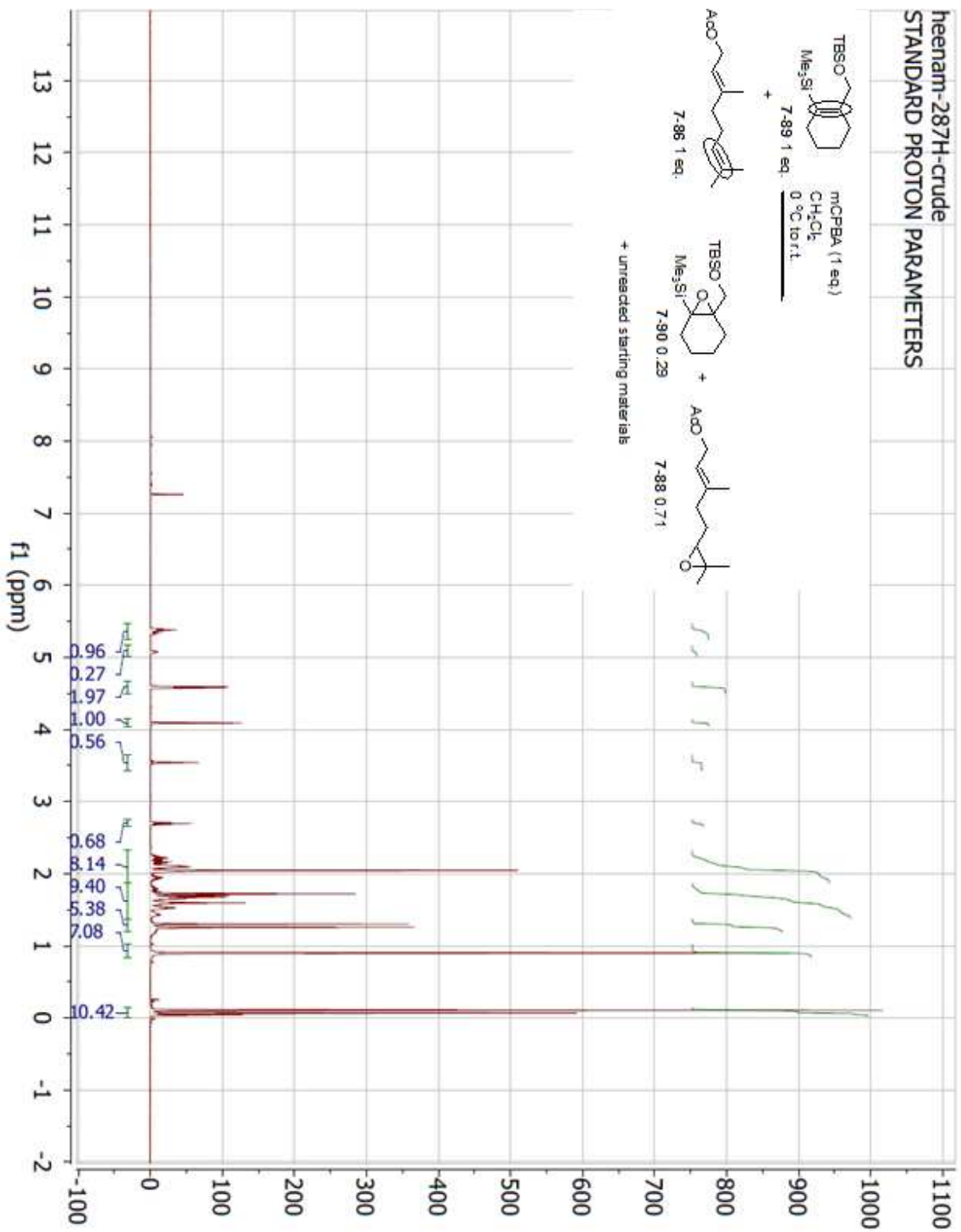
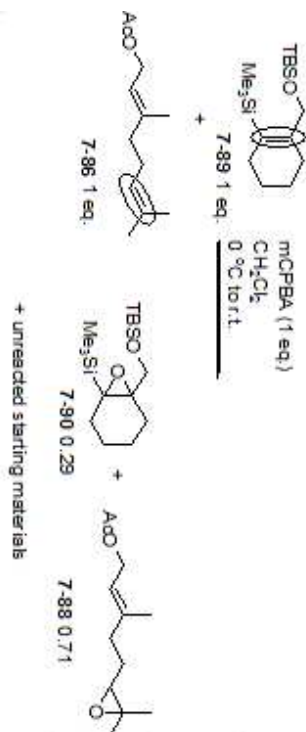
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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



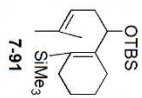
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new experiment



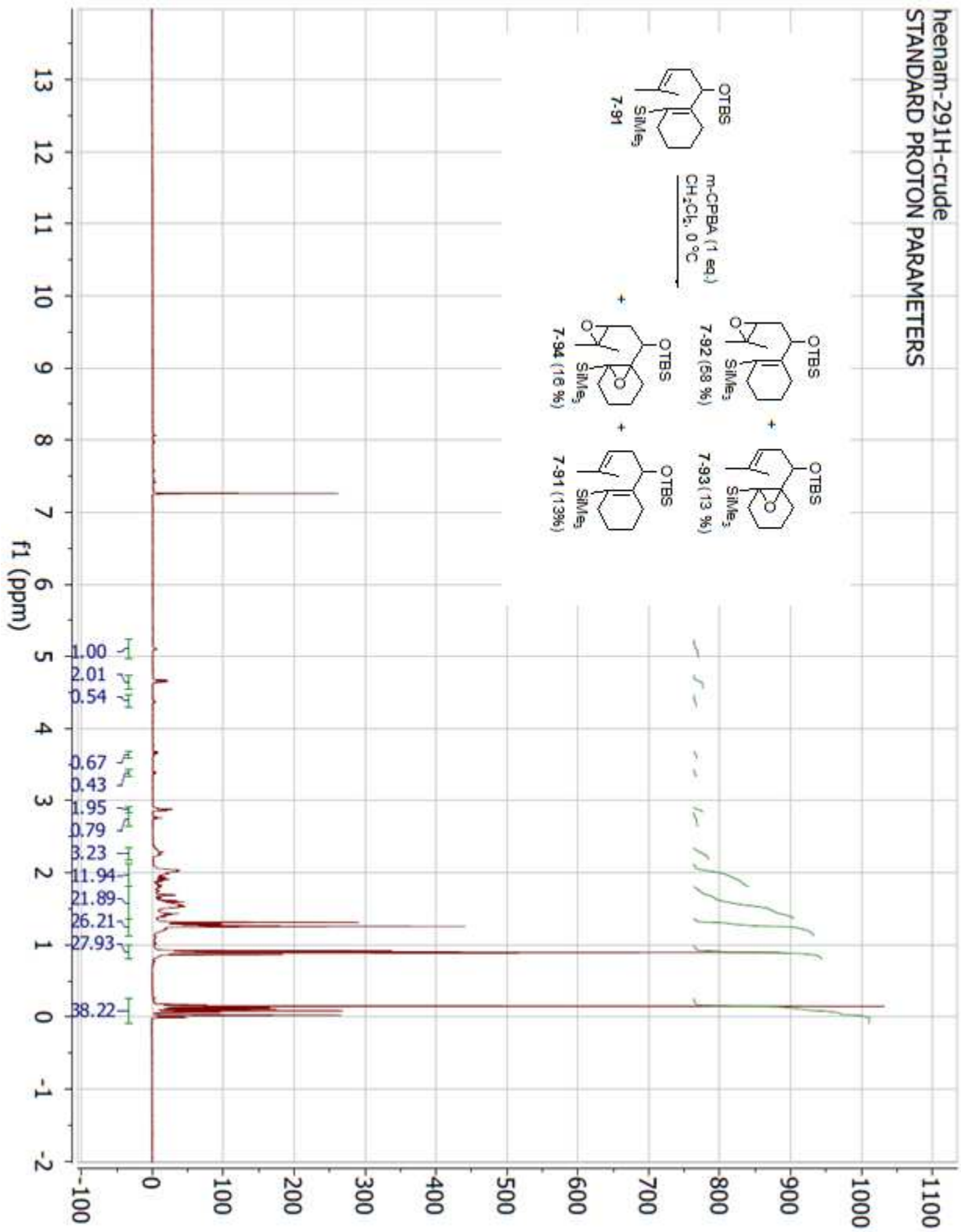
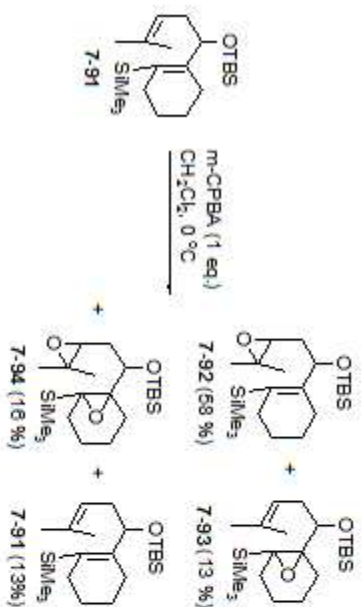
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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



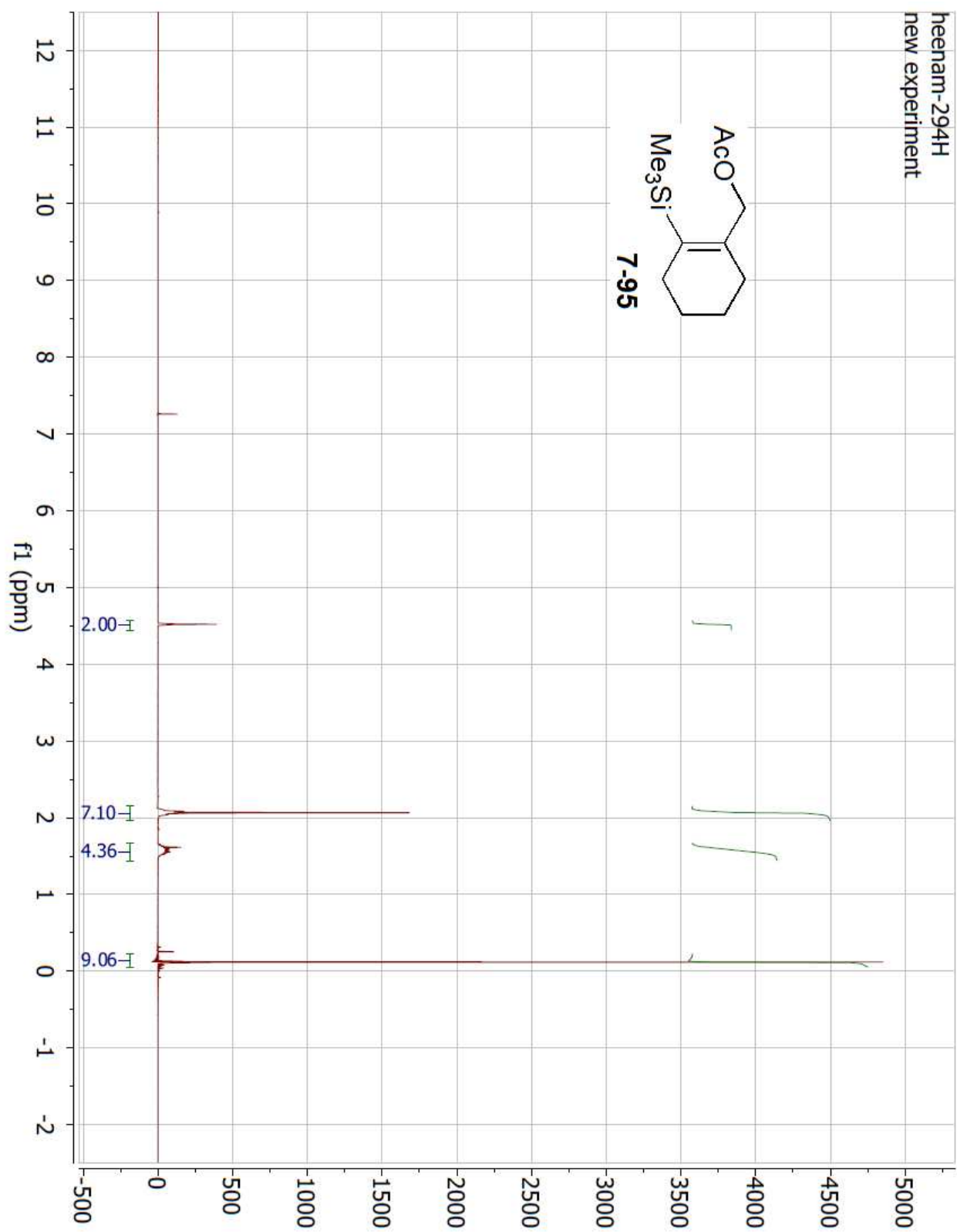
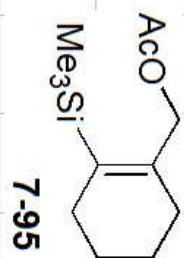
new experiment
 Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 29.9 C / 298.1 K
 QNP1: 50008 9cmz300
 Relax. delay: 1.000 sec
 Pulse delay: 0.000 sec
 Acq. time: 0.998 sec
 Width: 4500.5 Hz
 15 repetitions
 OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720788 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size: 32768
 Total time: 0 min, 0 sec



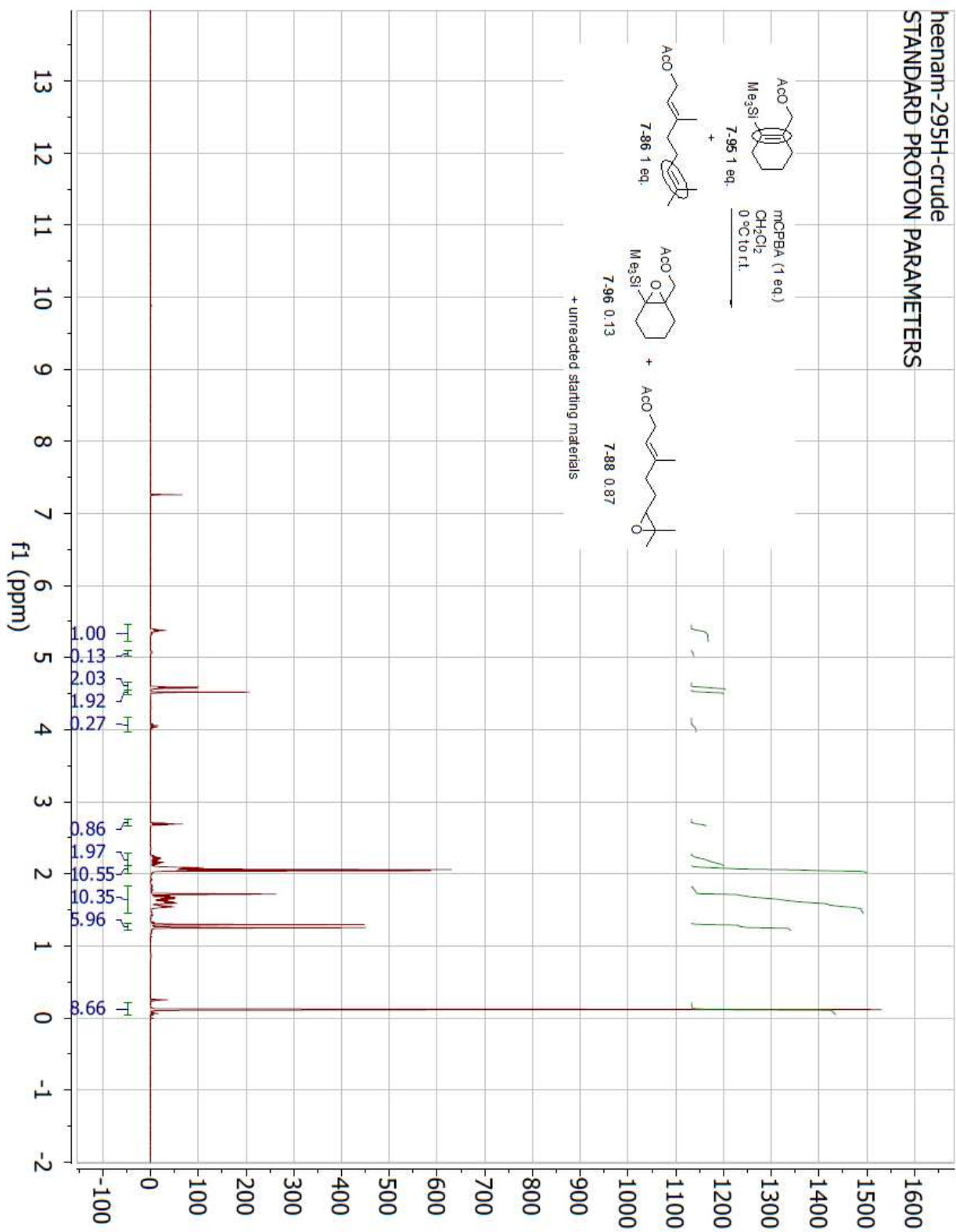
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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



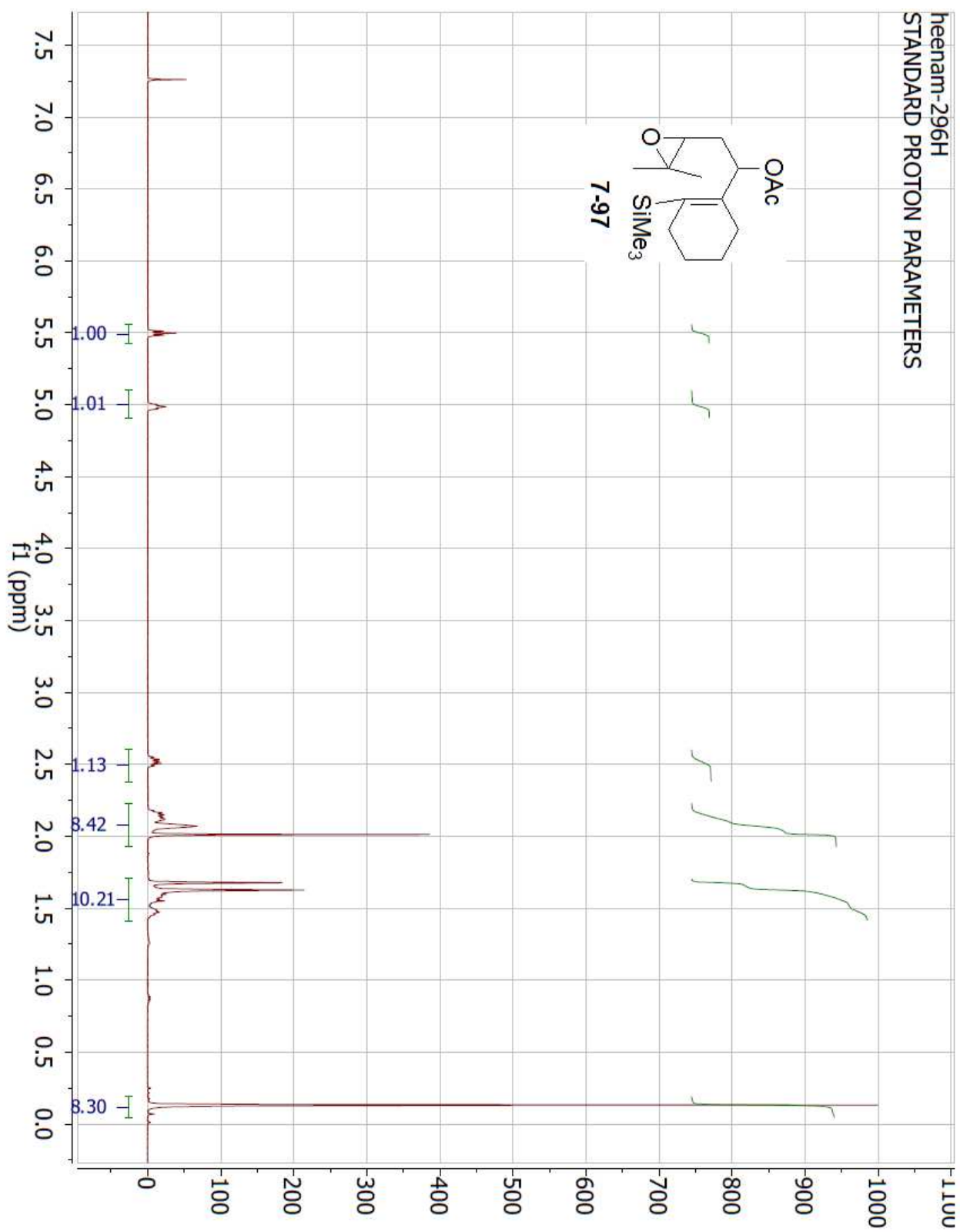
heenam-294H
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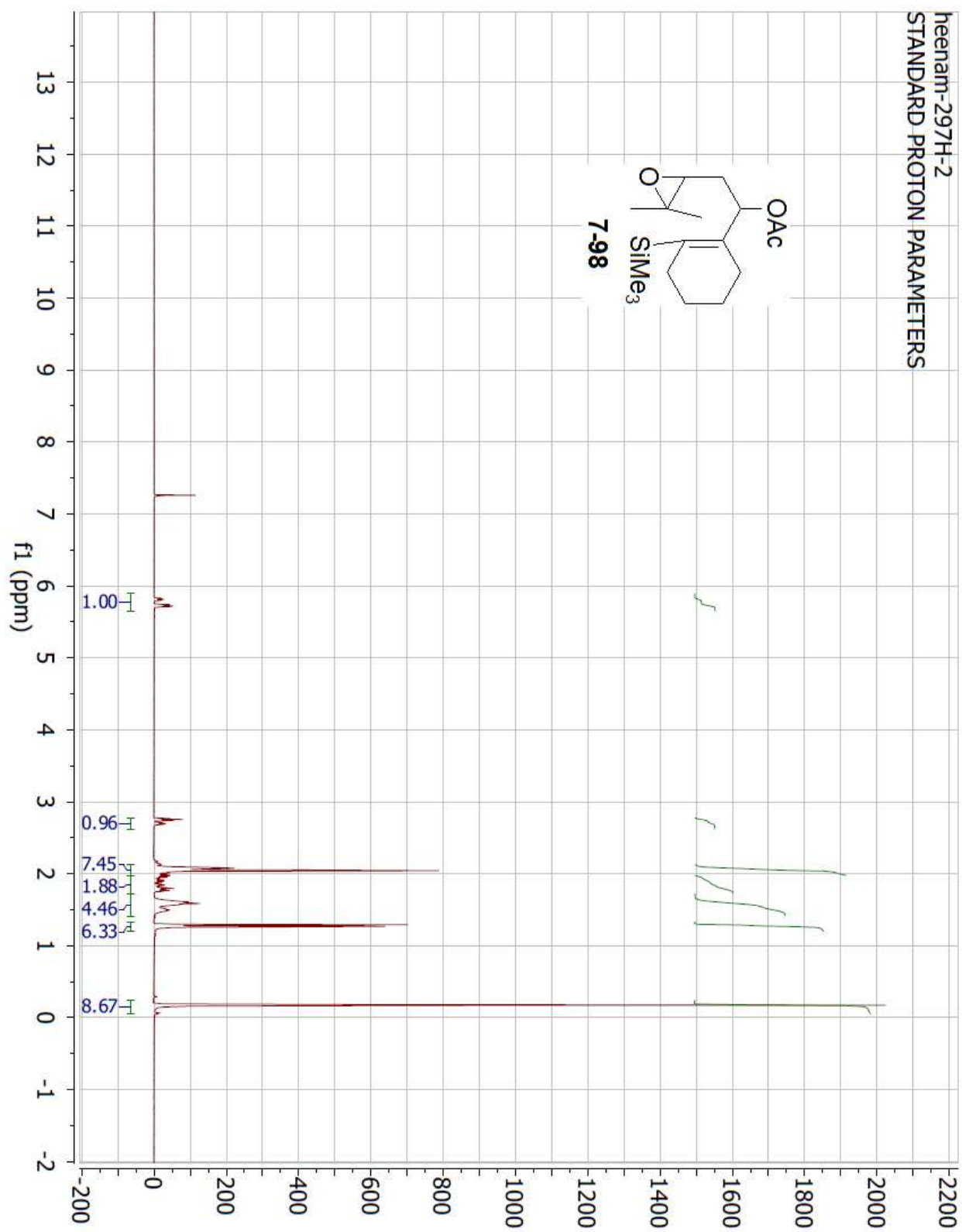
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STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



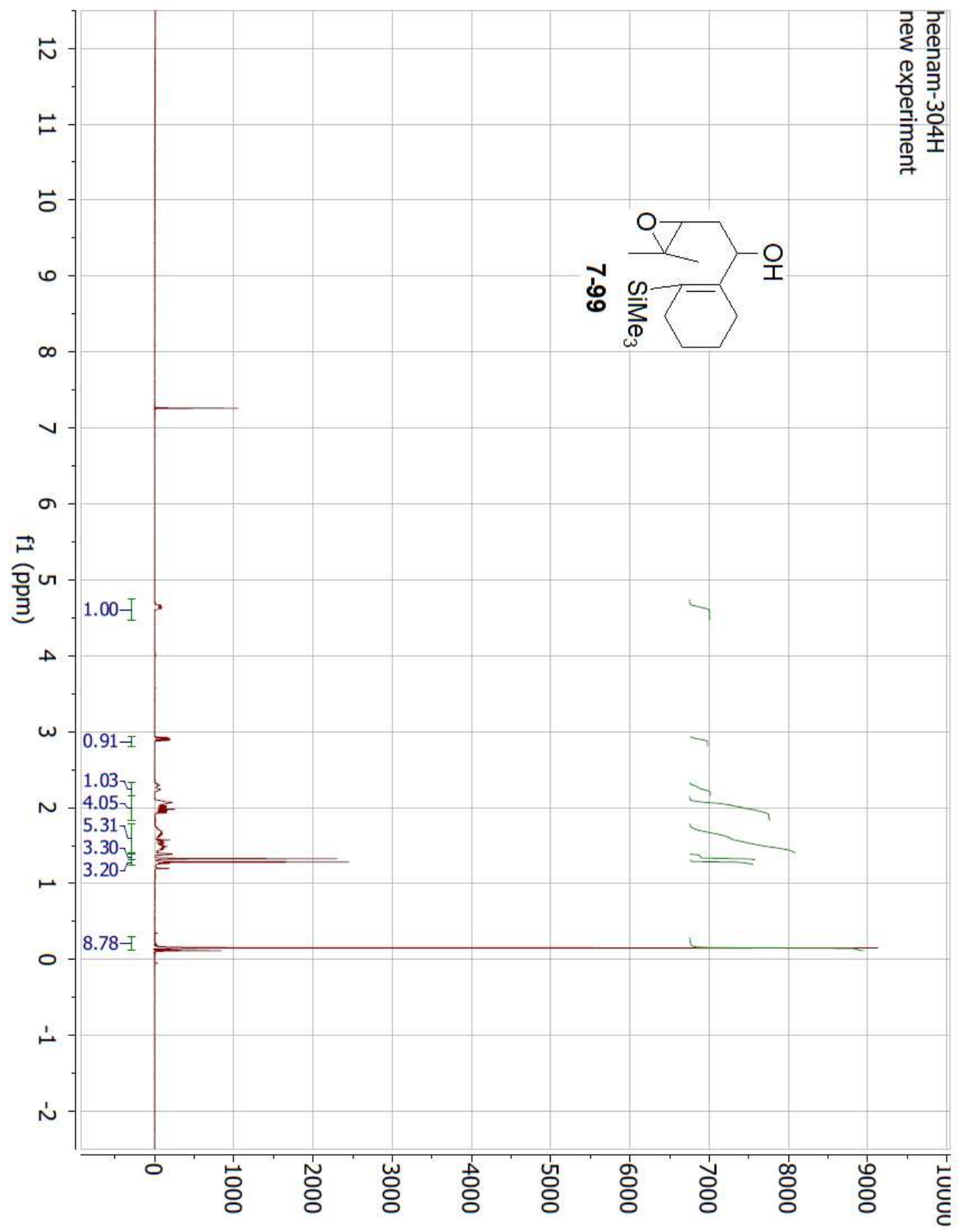
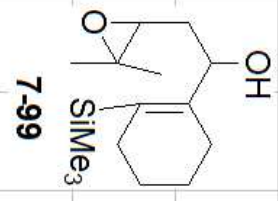
heenam-296H
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



heenam-297H-2
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

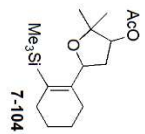


heenam-304H
new experiment

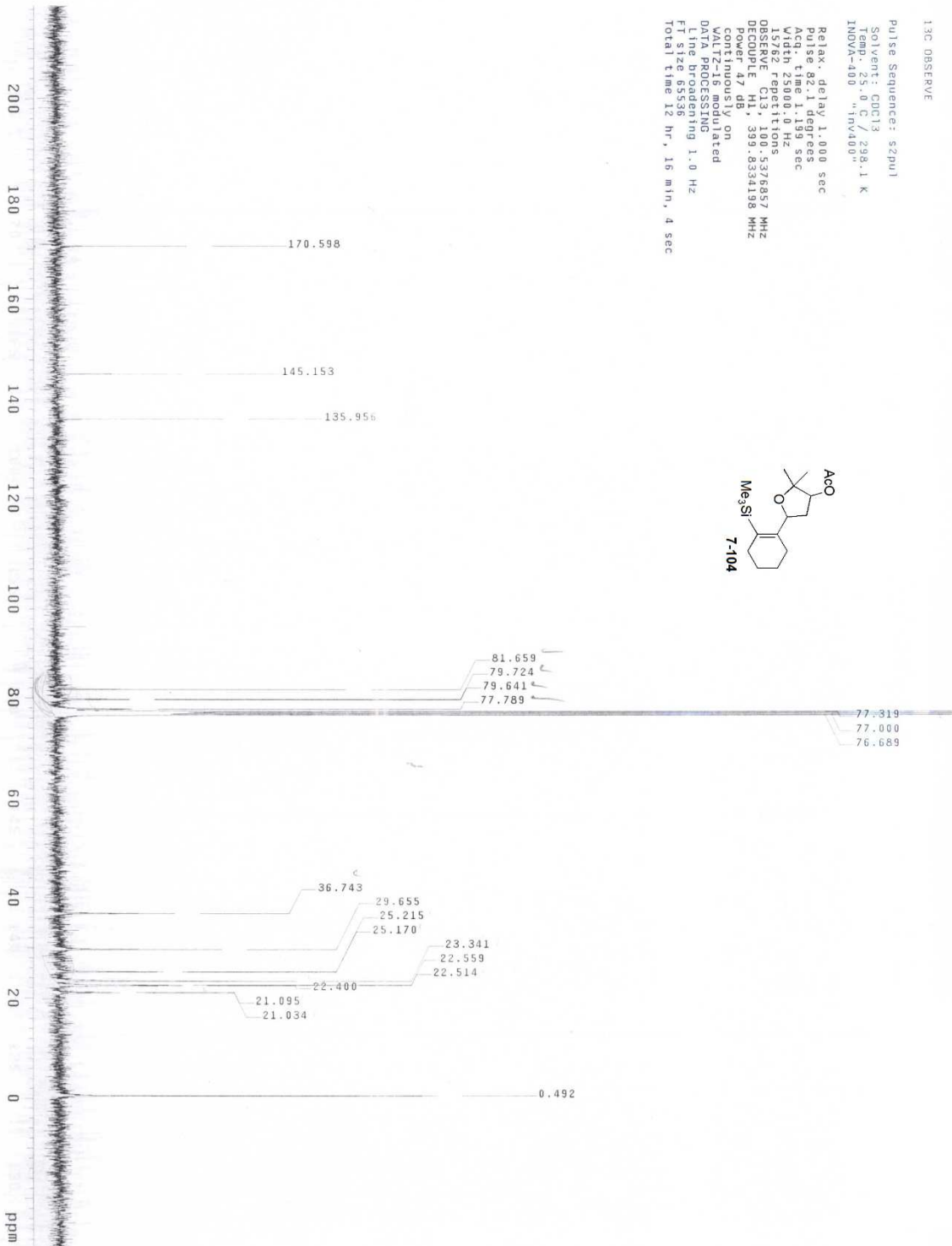
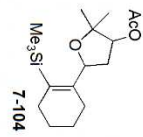


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 Pulse Sequence: szpul
 Solvent: CDCl3 298.1 K
 T1: 0.0
 INOVA-800 "1h/601"

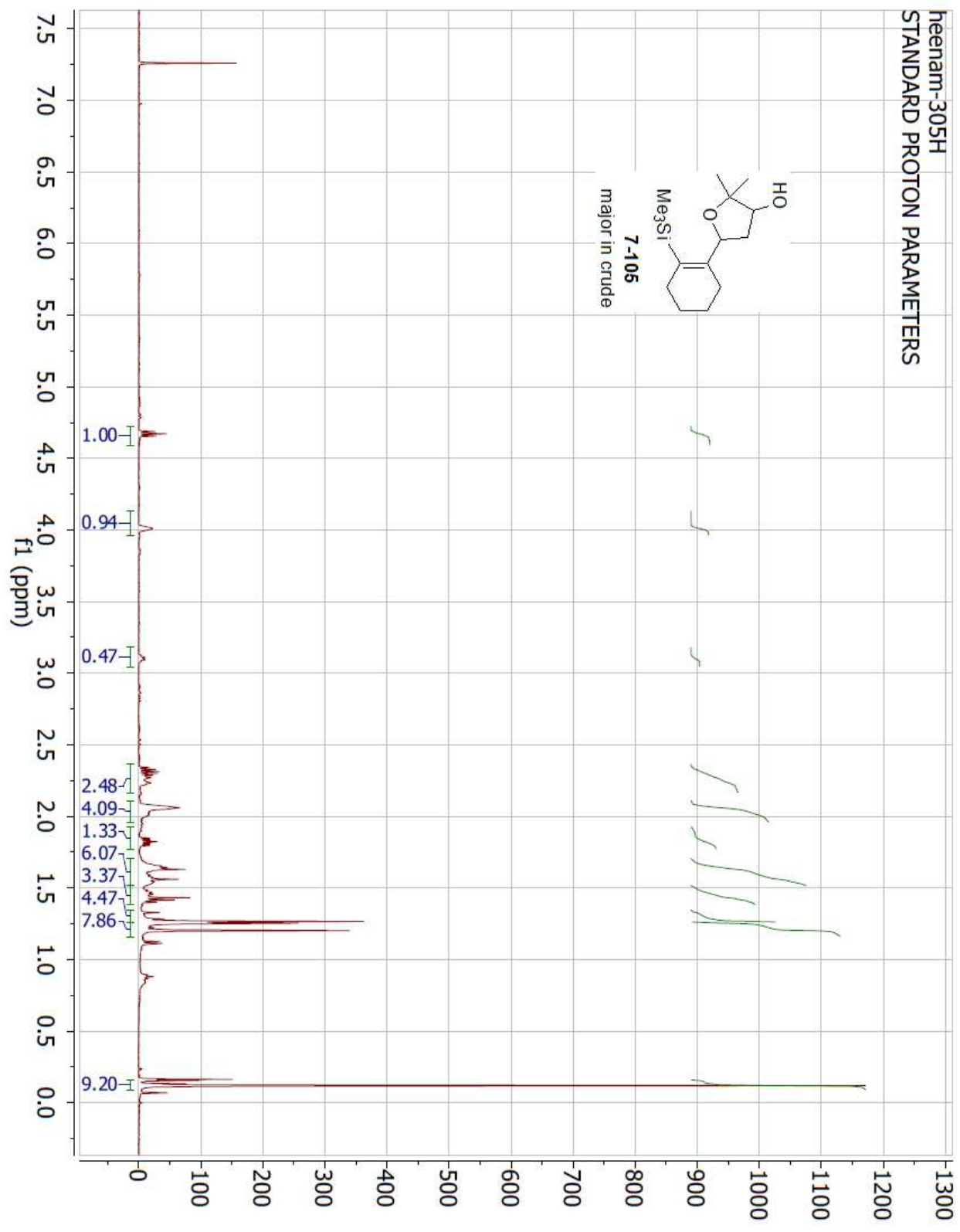
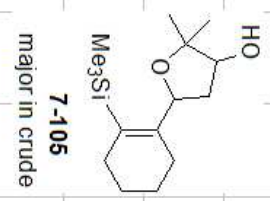
Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 61.5 deg, 1.000 sec
 Acq: time 1.892 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 24 Repetitions
 OBSERVE: H1, 599.7178132 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size: 32768
 Total time 6 min, 11 sec



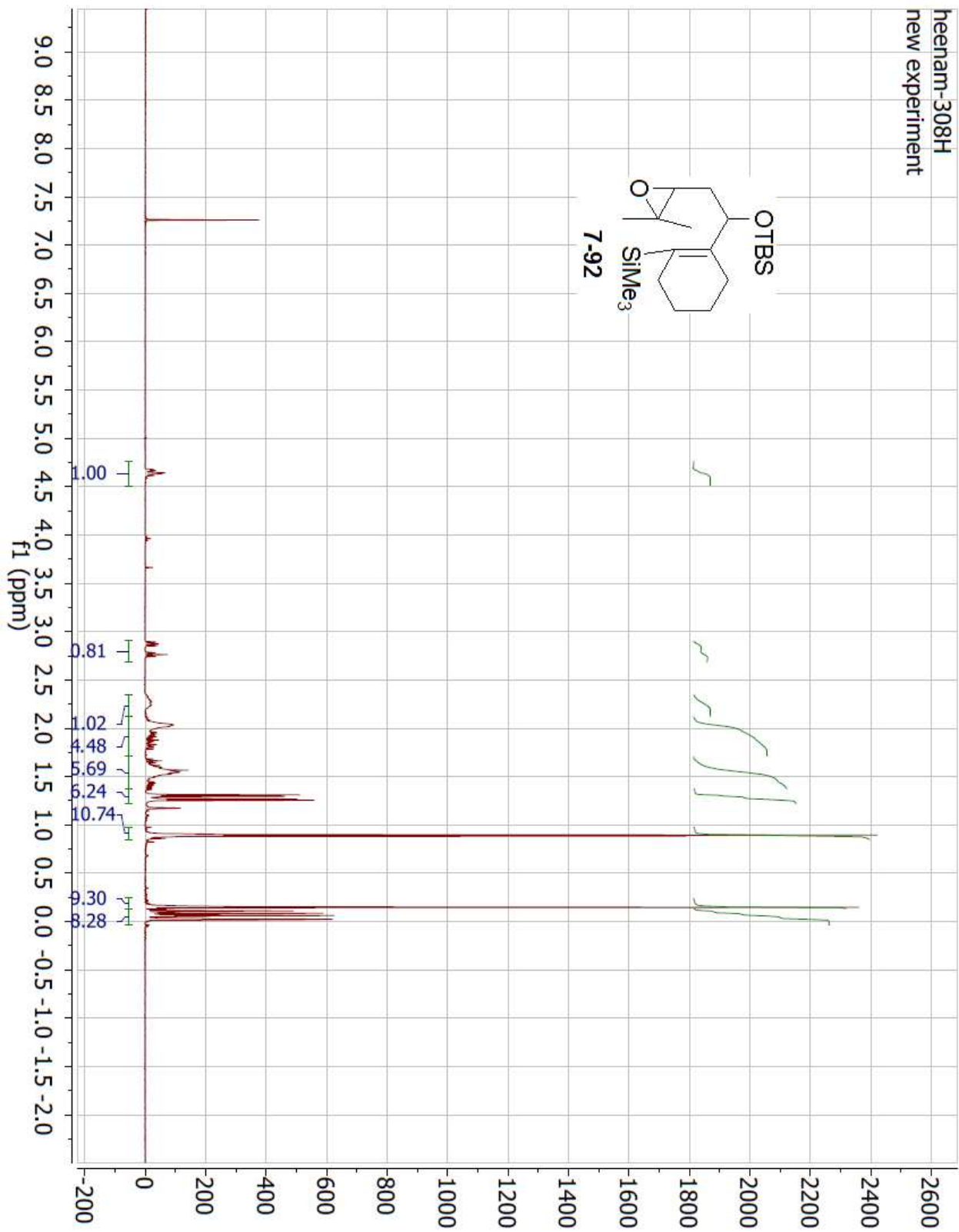
13C OBSERVE
 Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 30.0 C / 298.1 K
 INOVA-100 1H/400
 Relax delay 1.000 sec
 Relax delay 1.000 sec
 Acq time 1.199 sec
 Width 25000.0 Hz
 15762 Repetitions
 OBSERVE C13, 100.5376857 MHz
 DECOUPLE H1, 399.8334198 MHz
 Power 47 db
 Continuously on
 Continuously on
 DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 1.0 Hz
 FT size 65538
 Total time 12 hr, 16 min, 4 sec



heenam-305H
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



heenam-308H
new experiment



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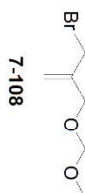
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INV500-INNOVATION
ARCHIVE: /home/benham/nmr/sys/data
Sample directory:

File: PROTON

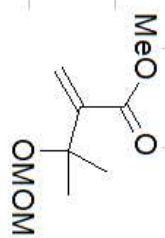
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Solvent: CDCl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

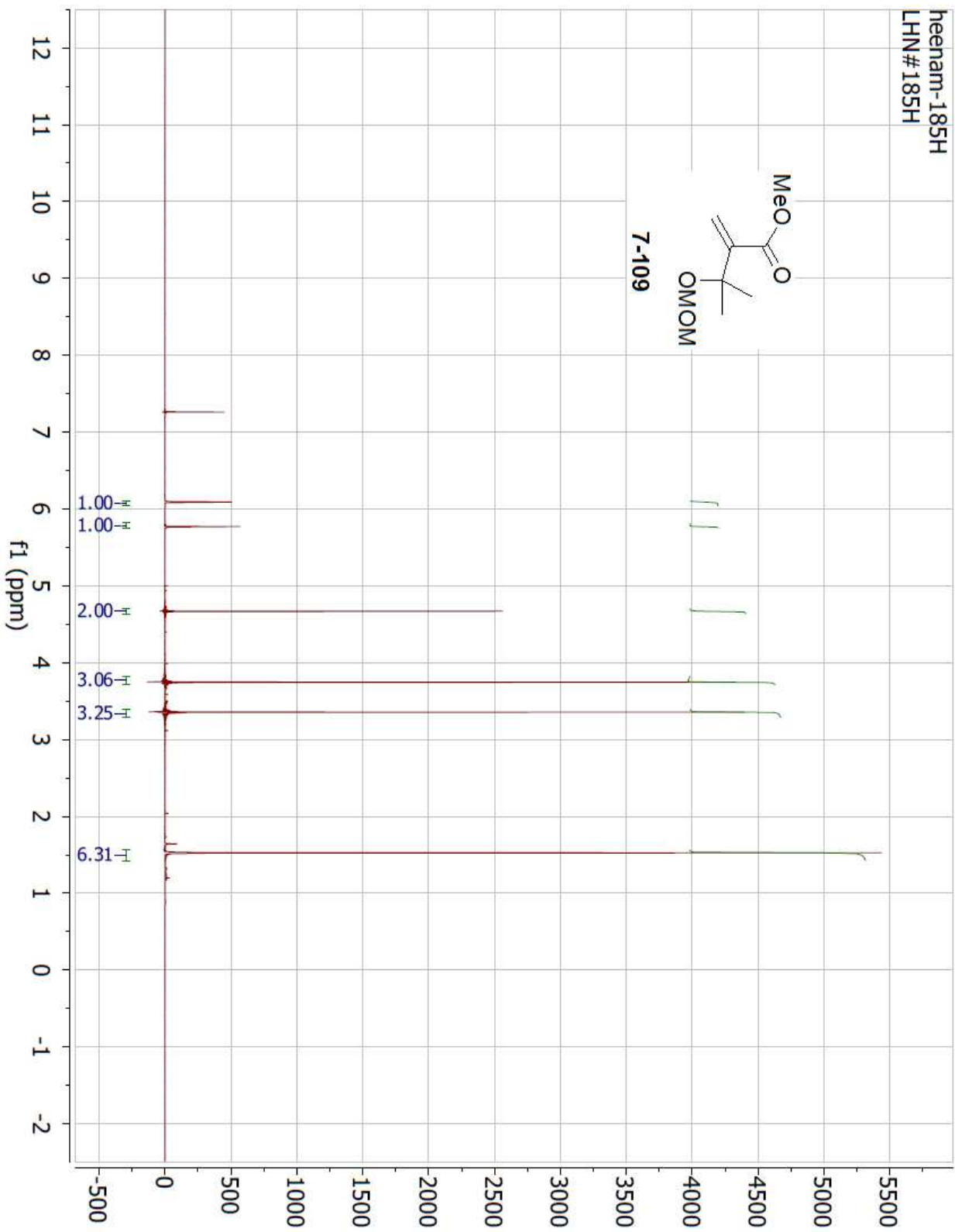
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 4.000 sec
Width 7998.4 Hz
44 repetitions
OBSERVE H1 499.8948175 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 6 min



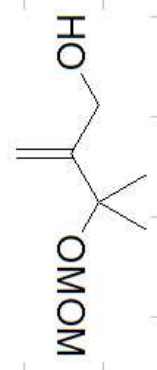
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LHN#185H



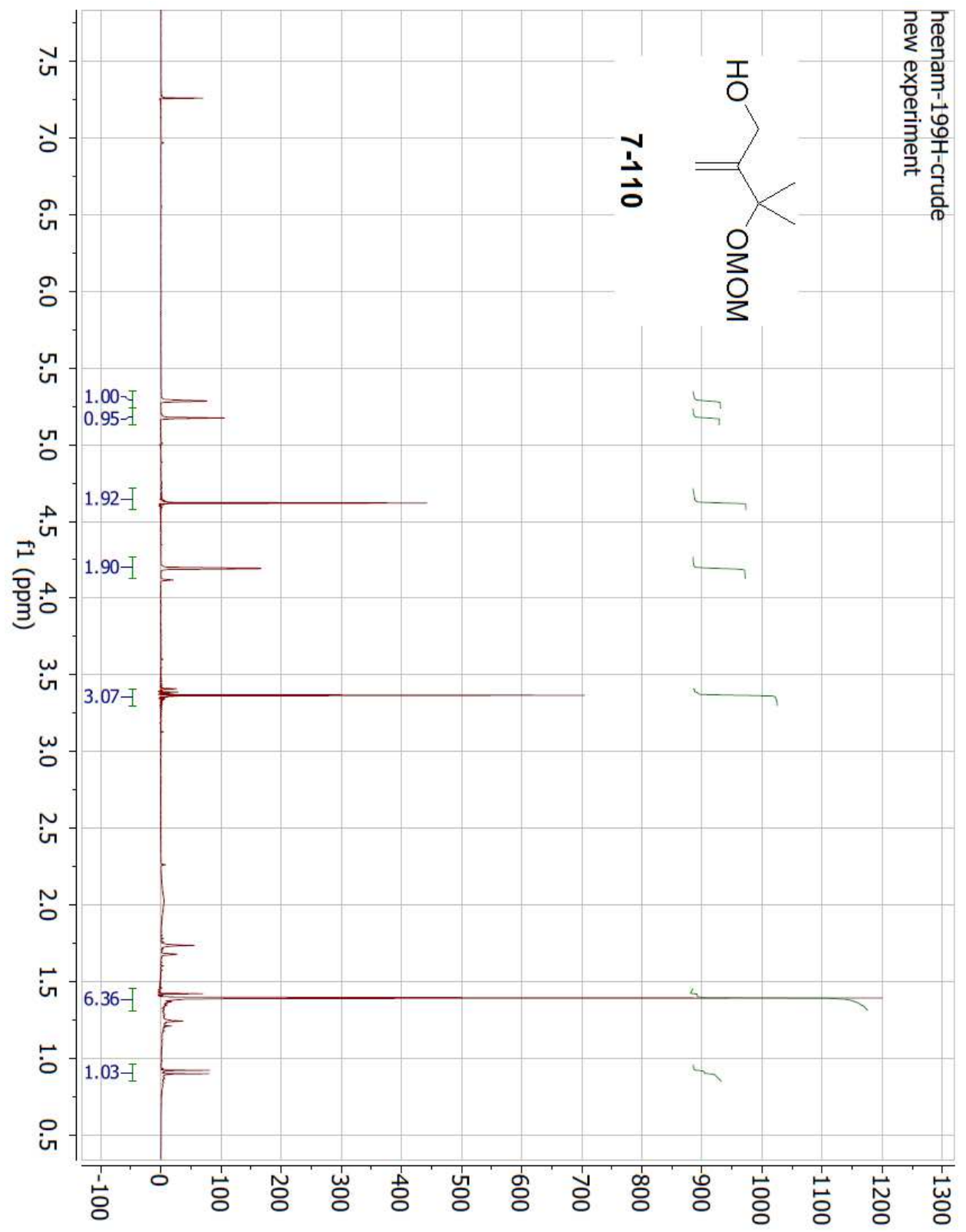
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heenam-199H-crude
new experiment

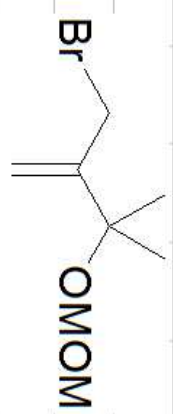


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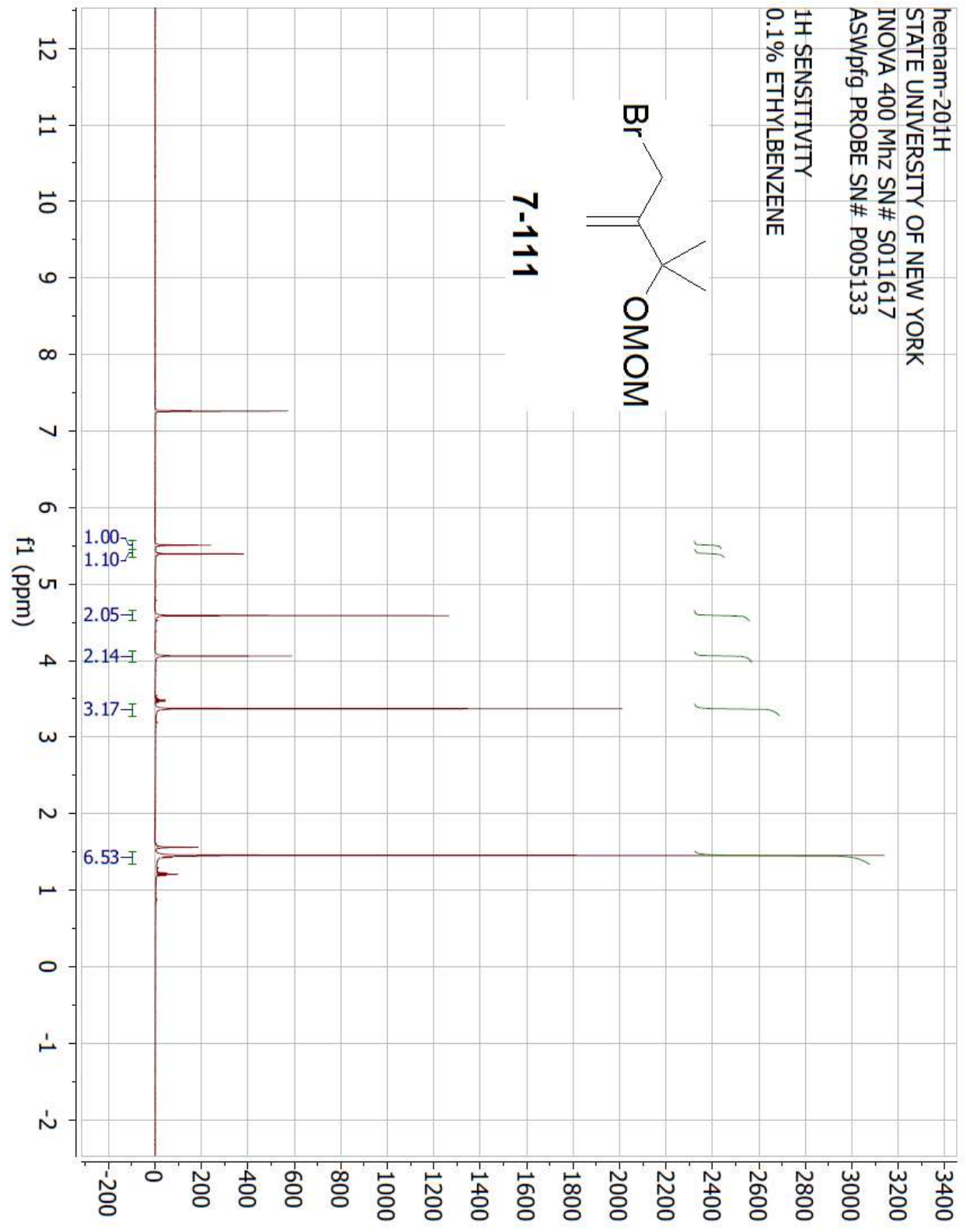


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ASWpfg PROBE SN# P005133

1H SENSITIVITY
0.1% ETHYLBENZENE



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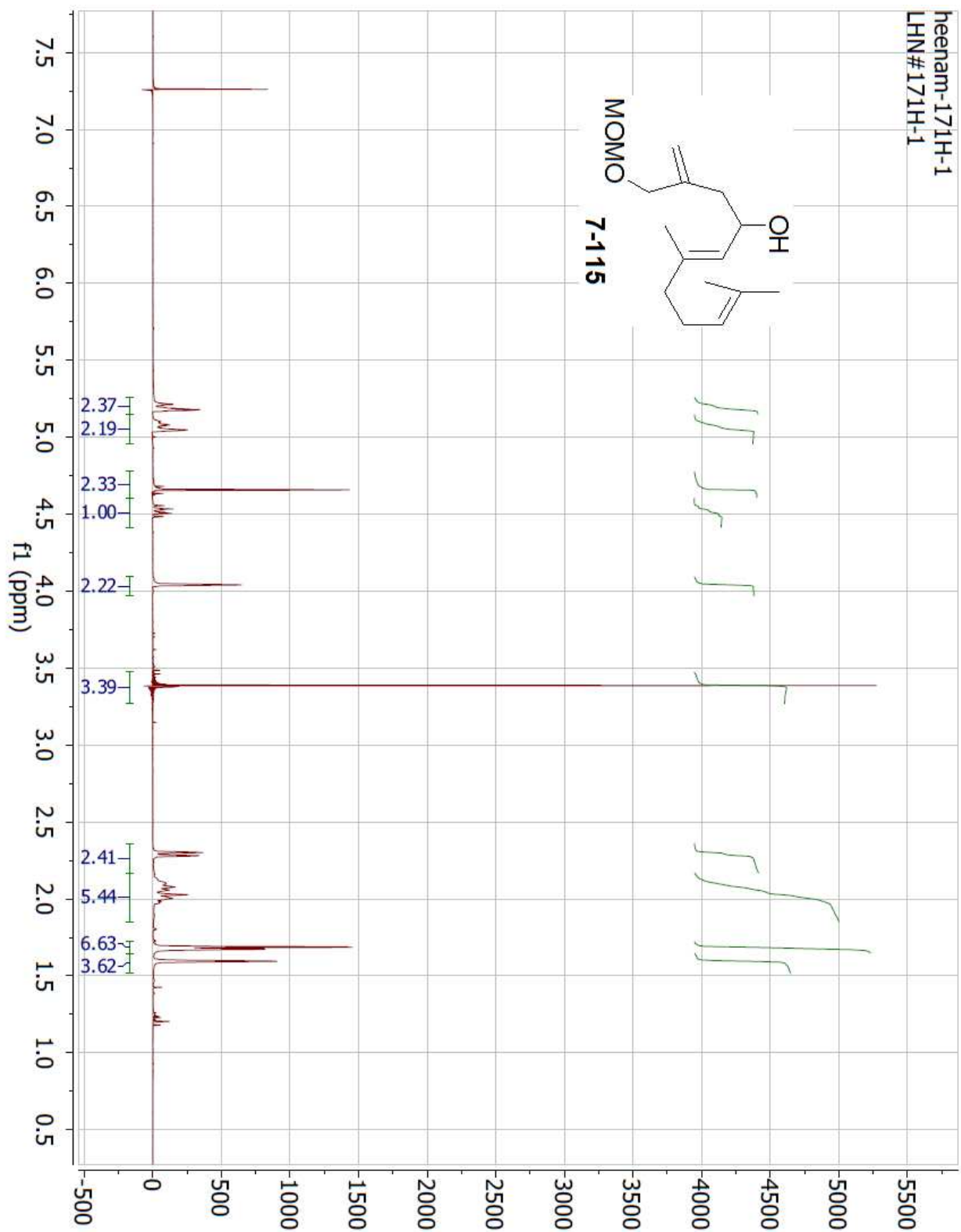
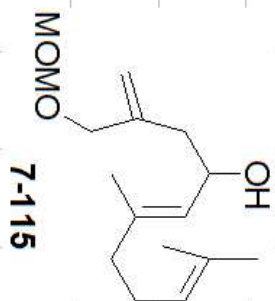
1H-13C NMR
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 7.7981 K
GEMINI-300RB, 90cm2300"
Relax: delay 1.000 sec
pulse 7.8 degrees
Acq: time 1.999 sec
F2: 125.761 MHz
F1: 101.625 MHz
OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720783 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 1 min, 9 sec



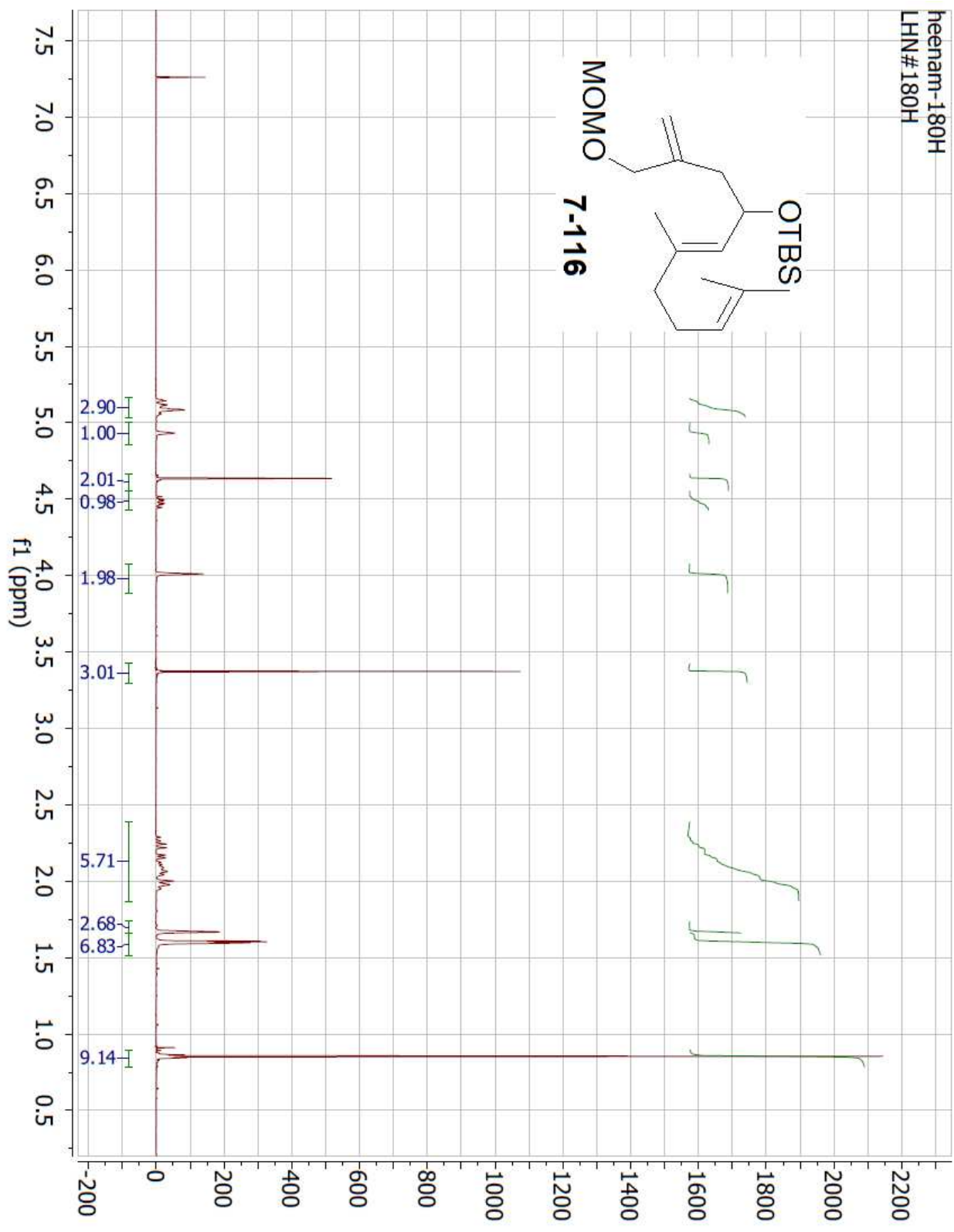
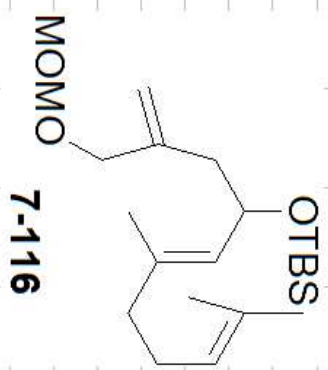
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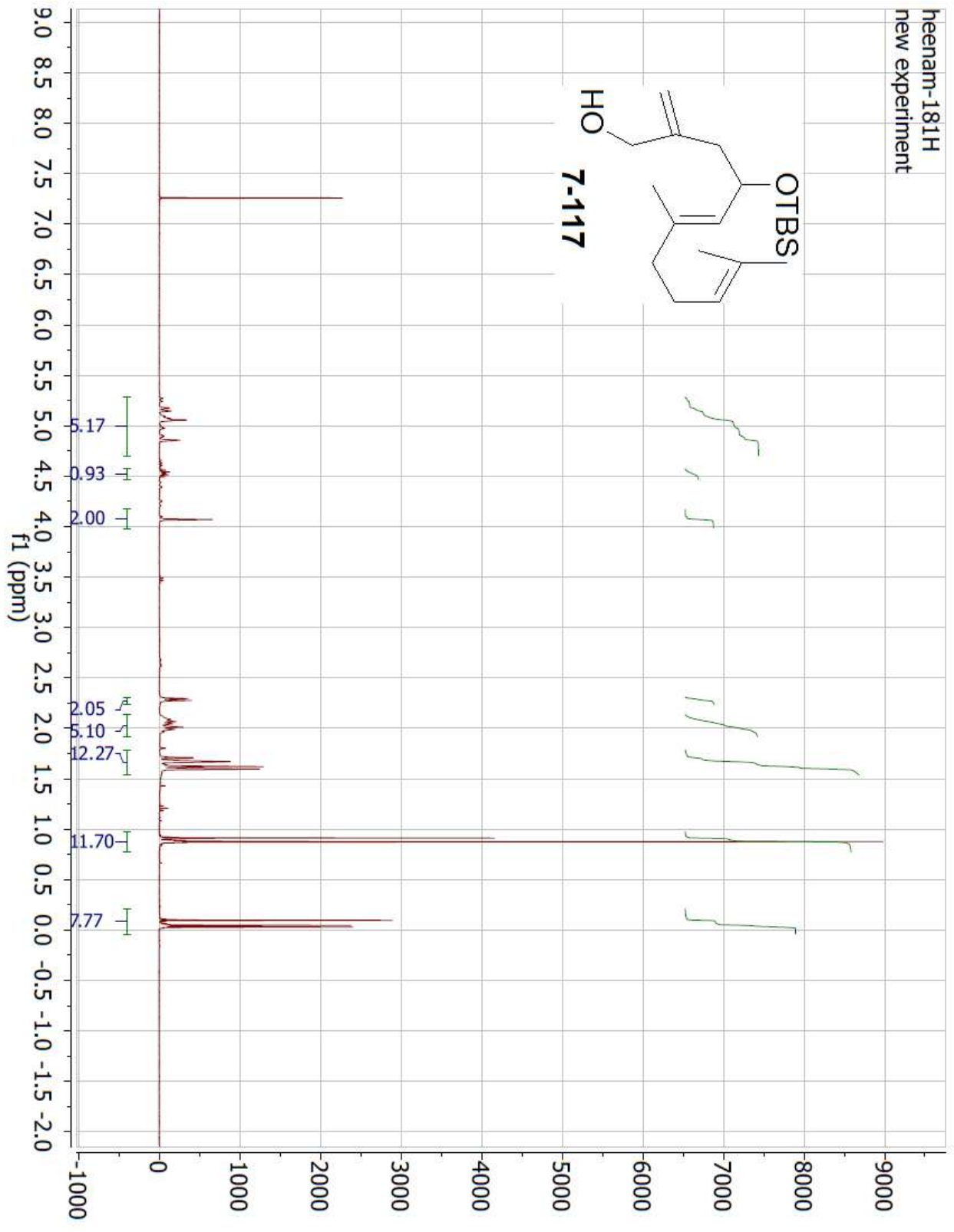
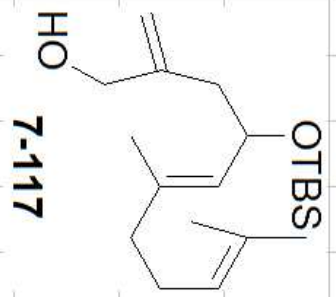
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LHN#171H-1



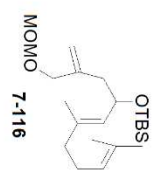
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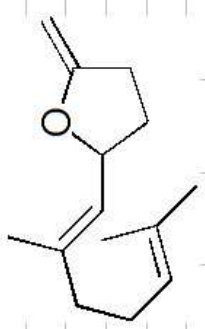
heenam-181H
new experiment



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 Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
 Solvent: CDCl3
 Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 GEMINI-500R6 / gnm2300
 Relax: delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse: 8 degrees
 Acq: 1.000 sec
 Width: 4500.5 Hz
 10 repetitions
 OBSERVE: H1, 300.0720786 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 FT size 32768
 Total time 9 min, 16 sec



heenam-212H
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



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