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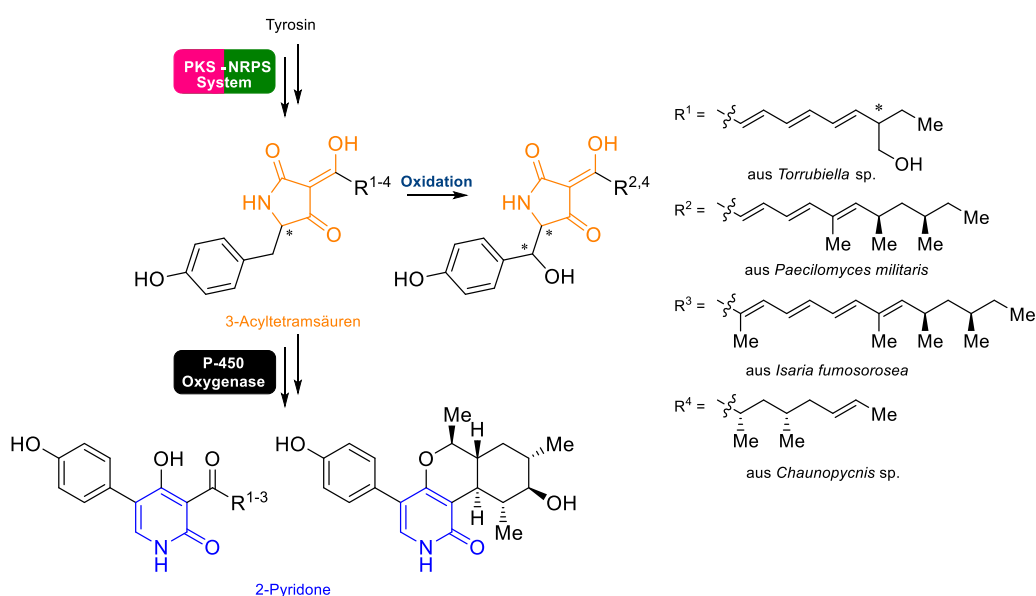
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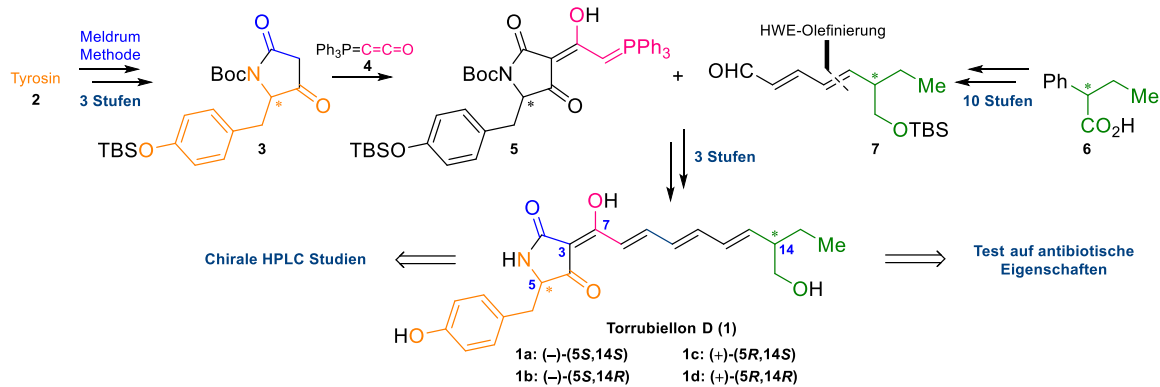
Ziel dieser Dissertation war die Entwicklung flexibler, enantioselektiver Syntheserouten zu Tyrosin-abgeleiteten 3-Acyltetramsäuren. Bei den Zielverbindungen handelte es sich dabei um Zwischenmetaboliten der 2-Pyridonbiosynthese verschiedener Pilzkulturen (vgl. Schema 1). Nach erfolgreicher Etablierung der jeweiligen Syntheseroute wurden dann etwaige, nicht aufgeklärte Konfigurationen asymmetrischer Zentren im jeweiligen Molekül vorläufig definiert.



Schema 1. Die Rolle Tyrosin-abgeleiteter Tetransäuren für die 2-Pyridonbiosynthese.

Das erste Teilprojekt befasste sich mit der Synthese des Spinnenpathogenen Pilzmetaboliten Torrubiellon D (**1**), welcher im Biotest schwach cytotoxische Aktivität gegen KB Zellen (IC₅₀ 44 μM) zeigte (vgl. Schema 2). Jedoch waren zum Zeitpunkt dieser Arbeit die Konfigurationen der Stereozentren an C-5 und C-14 noch nicht aufgeklärt, weswegen die Konfigurationszuordnung des aktiven Stereoisomers bis dato noch nicht erfolgt ist.

Deswegen wurden im Zuge der Totalsynthese alle vier Torrubiellon D Stereoisomere **1a-d** über 13 Stufen in einer Maximalausbeute von 16% (für **1b**) hergestellt. Deren Enantiomerenreinheit wurde anschließend mittels chiraler HPLC-Analyse überprüft und die antibiotischen Eigenschaften der einzelnen Stereoisomere ermittelt.

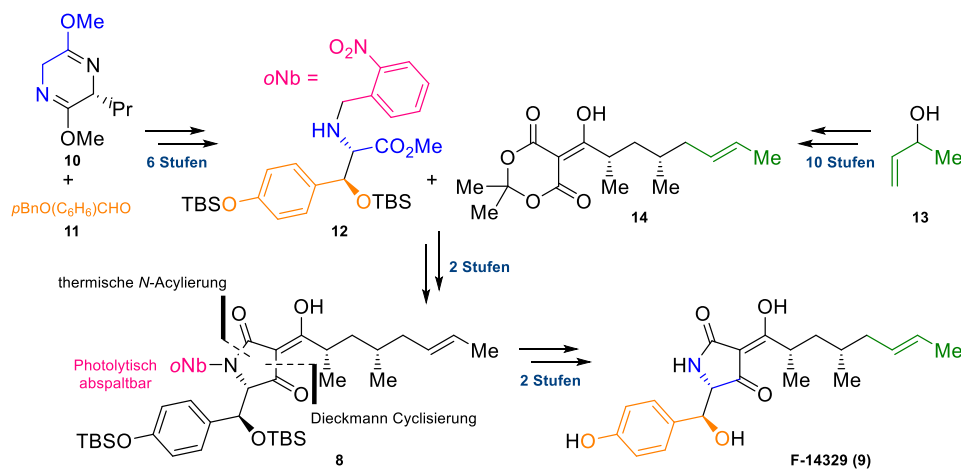


Schema 2. Überblick der Torribiellon D (1) Synthese. Detaillierter in Kapitel 3.1 und 6.1.

Im zweiten Teilprojekt wurde eine Synthesestrategie entwickelt die es ermöglicht β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleitete 3-Acyltetramsäuren darzustellen (vgl. Schema 3). Damit ist es erstmalig möglich diese Stoffklasse totalsynthetisch im Labor herzustellen.

Über eine thermisch induzierte *N*-Acylierungsreaktion wurde β -Ketoamid **8** dargestellt, für dessen Dieckmann-Cyclisierung ein Stickstoffsubstituent essentiell ist. Standardmäßig verwendete, hydrogenolytisch abnehmbare Schutzgruppen kamen dabei im Fall von F-14329 (**9**) auf Grund der im Molekül enthaltenen Doppelbindung nicht in Betracht. Hier war die Einführung der photolytisch abspaltbaren *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl Schutzgruppe entscheidend für den Erfolg der Synthese. Diese wurde dabei erstmalig in der Tetramsäurechemie eingesetzt und stellt somit eine neue Alternative zu den bisher verwendeten Tetramsäure-Amidschutzgruppen dar.

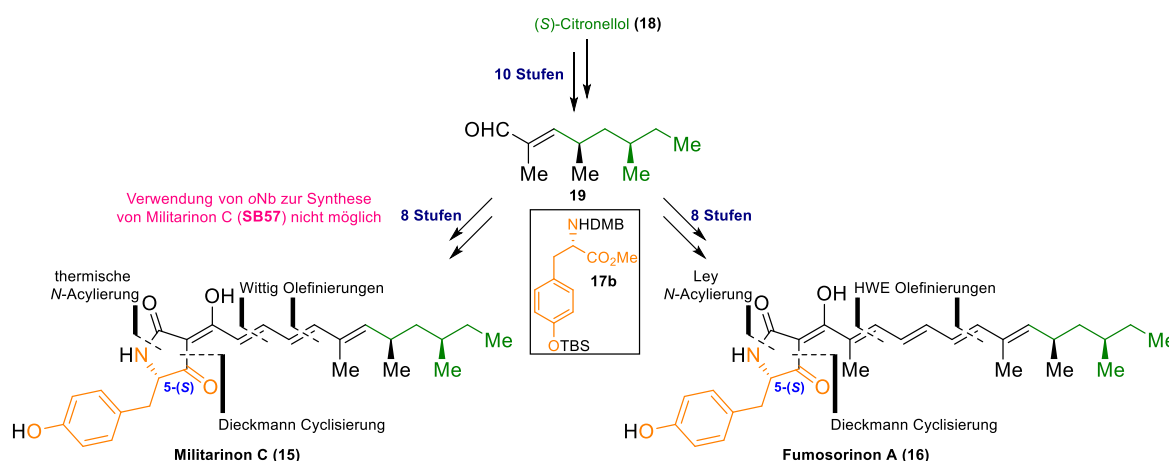
Auf diese Weise gelang es, die β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleitete 3-Acyltetramsäure F-14329 (**9**) über 14 Stufen in einer Gesamtausbeute von 3.9% darzustellen.



Schema 3. Überblick über die Synthese von F-14329 (9). Detaillierter in Kapitel 3.2 und 6.2.

Im dritten Teilprojekt wurde eine Synthese zur Darstellung der entomopathogenen Pilzmetaboliten Militarion C (**15**) und Fumosorinon A (**16**) entwickelt (vgl. Schema 4). Analog zum ersten Teilprojekt war auch hier die Stereokonfiguration an C-5 beider Verbindungen zum Zeitpunkt dieser Arbeit noch nicht geklärt. Mit Blick auf die PTP1B-inhibitorischen Eigenschaften (IC_{50} 3.59 μ M) von Fumosorinon A (**16**), welche das aktive Stereoisomer als potentielle Leitstruktur zur Behandlung von Typ II Diabetes interessant machen, stand die Aufklärung dessen Stereokonfiguration an C-5 mittels Totalsynthese im Fokus dieses Teilprojekts. Zusätzlich wurde am Beispiel von Militarion C (**15**) die Verwendung der in Teilprojekt zwei eingeführten *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl Schutzgruppe an einer Polyenoyltetramsäure untersucht. Dabei zeigte sich jedoch, dass deren Verwendung auf Grund von *cis-trans*-Isomerisierung der Polyenkette nicht zielführend ist.

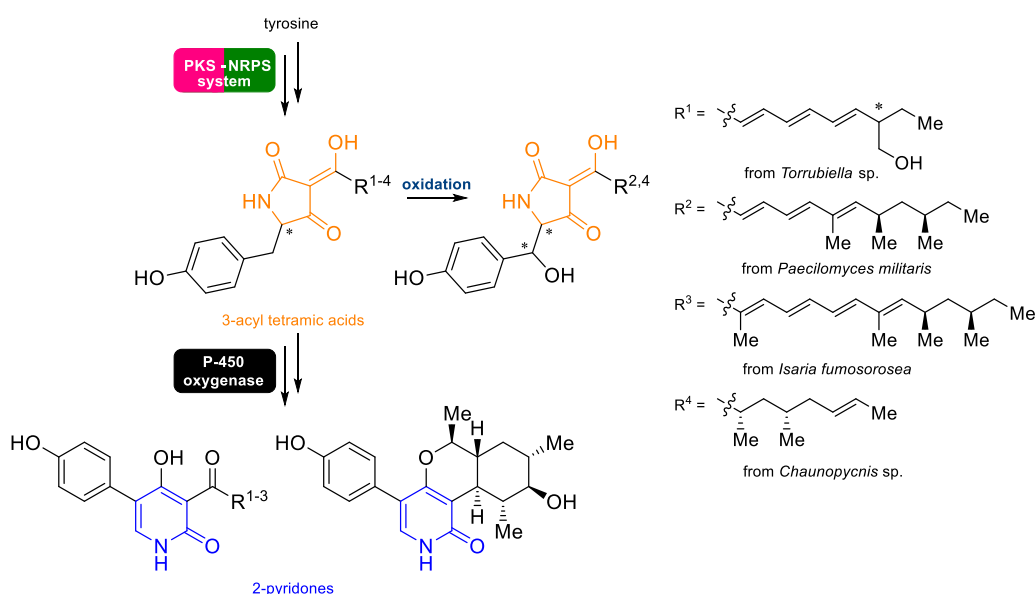
Deshalb wurde in der Synthese der beiden Naturstoffe der 2,4-Dimethoxybenzyl geschützte Tyrosinester **17b** verwendet. Damit war es möglich, sowohl Militarion C (**15**) als auch Fumosorinon A (**16**) über jeweils 18 Stufen in einer Gesamtausbeute von 2.5% bzw. 2.0% darzustellen und die Konfiguration von C-5 für beide Moleküle als (*S*) vorzuschlagen.



Schema 4. Überblick der Synthesen von Militarion C (**15**) und Fumosorinon A (**16**). Detaillierter in Kapitel 3.3 und 6.3.

SUMMARY

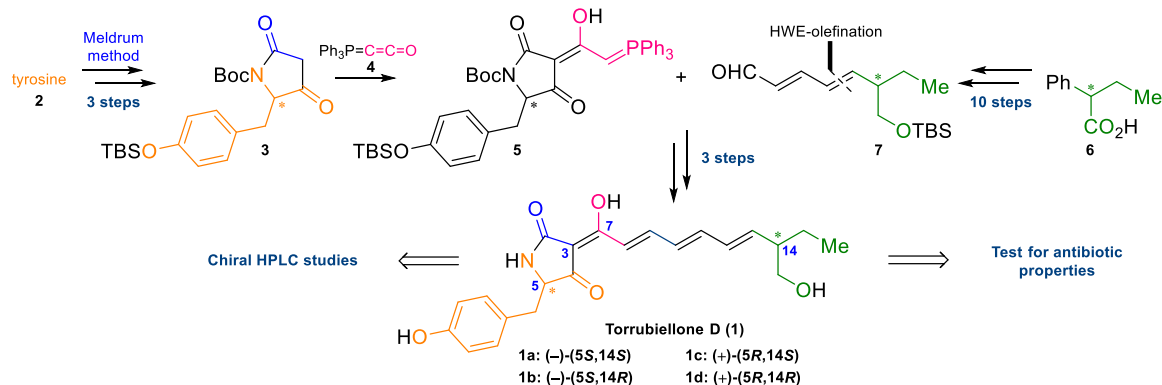
Focus of this thesis was the development of flexible, enantioselective synthetic routes towards tyrosine-derived 3-acyl tetramic acids. All target compounds were intermediary metabolites of the 2-pyridone biosynthesis of different fungal cultures (see scheme 1). After successful establishment of the respective synthetic route, unresolved configurations of asymmetric centres in the respective molecules have been provisionally assigned.



Scheme 1. The role of tyrosine-derived tetramic acids for the 2-pyridone biosynthesis.

The first sub-project dealt with the synthesis of the spider-pathogenic fungus metabolite torrubiellone D (**1**), which showed weak cytotoxic activity against KB cells (IC_{50} 44 μ M). However, at the time of this work the configuration of the stereogenic centres at C-5 and C-14 had yet to be resolved, which is why a configurational assignment of the active stereoisomer could not be accomplished to date.

For this reason, all four torrubiellone D stereoisomers **1a-d** had been synthesised over 13 steps in a maximum yield of 16% (for **1b**). Their enantiopurity was confirmed using chiral HPLC-analysis and the antibiotic properties of each isomer had been determined.

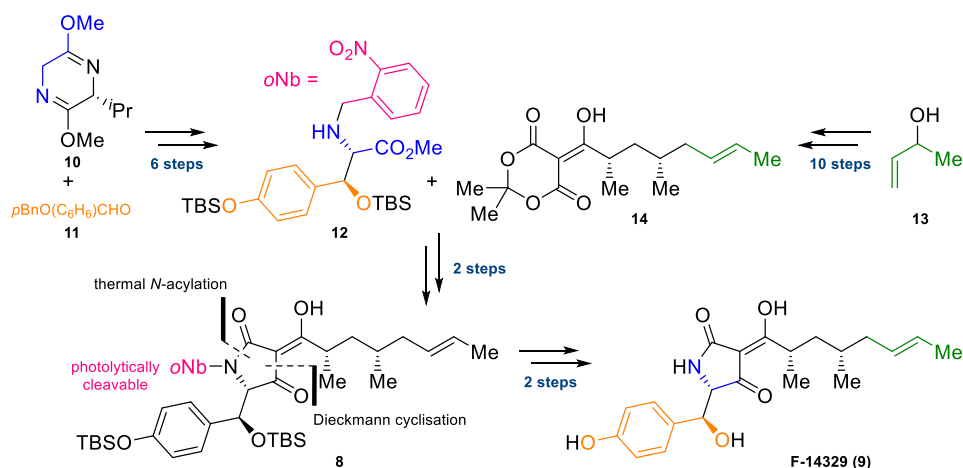


Scheme 2. Overview of the torribiellone D (1) synthesis. For more details see chapters 3.1 and 6.1.

In the second sub-project, a synthetic strategy which enables the synthesis of β -hydroxytyrosine-derived 3-acyl tetramic acids had been developed. With this, it is possible to synthesise this class of compounds in the laboratory for the first time.

The β -keto amide **8** was prepared by a thermally induced *N*-acylation reaction. For the Dieckmann-cyclisation of this amide, a *N*-substituent is essential. Default protection groups, that are removed hydrogenolytically could not be used in the case of F-14329 (**9**) because of the double bond present in the molecule. Therefore, the introduction of the photolytically removable *ortho*-nitrobenzyl protection group was crucial for the success of the synthesis. This group was used for the first time in tetramic acid chemistry and poses a new alternative to the standard tetramic acid amide protection groups.

Hence, it was possible to synthesise the β -hydroxytyrosine-derived 3-acyl tetramic acid F-14329 (**9**) for the first time in 14 steps and an overall yield of 3.9%.

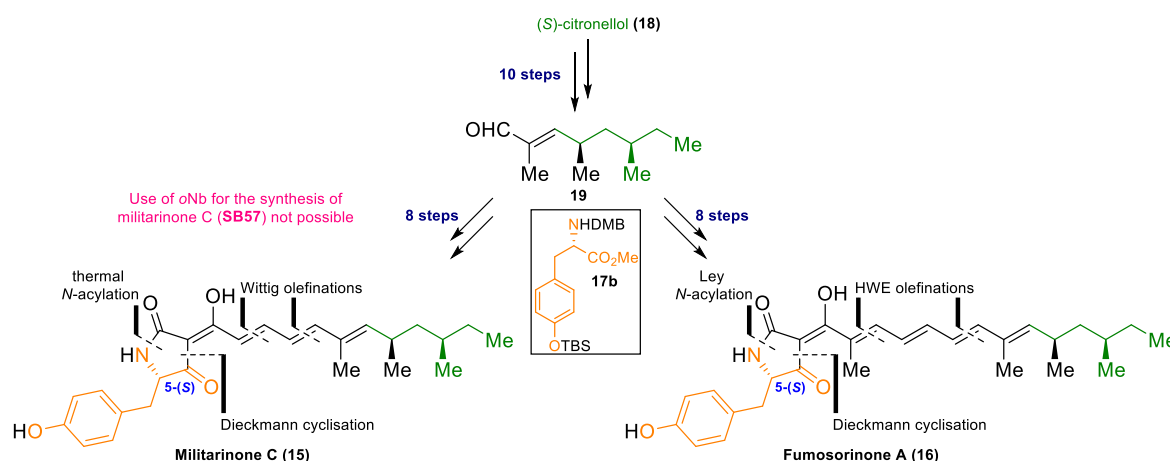


Scheme 3. Overview of the synthesis of F-14329 (9). For more details see chapters 3.2 and 6.2.

The third sub-project dealt with the development of a synthesis for the entomopathogenic fungus metabolites militarinone C (**15**) and fumosorinone A (**16**). Analogously to the first sub-project, the stereochemistry at C-5 for both compounds had not been assigned at the time of this work. In view of the PTP1B-inhibitory properties (IC_{50} 3.59 μ M) of fumosorinone A (**16**), which makes the active stereoisomer a potential lead for the treatment of typ II diabetes the assignment of the stereoconfiguration at C-5 using totalsynthesis was the main focus of this sub-project.

Furthermore, using militarinone C (**15**) as a model system, the usability of the in sub-project two introduced *ortho*-nitrobenzyl protection group for the synthesis of polyenoyl tetramic acids had been evaluated. However, due to *cis-trans* isomerisation of the polyene side chain, its use proved to be not productive.

Hence, 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl protected tyrosine ester **17b** was used for the final syntheses of both natural products. With this it was possible to synthesise both militarinone C (**15**) and fumosorinone A (**16**) in 18 steps and an overall yield of 2.5% and 2.0 respectively and suggest the configuration at C-5 as (*S*) for both molecules.



Scheme 4. Overview of the synthesis of militarinone C (**15**) and fumosorinone A (**16**). For more details see chapters 3.3 and 6.3.

ABKÜRZUNGSVERZEICHNIS

In den Formelbildern und im Text werden folgende Abkürzungen verwendet:

Ac	Acetyl
Acetyl CoA	Acetyl Coenzym A
Bn	Benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -Butyloxycarbonyl
Bu	Butyl
bzw.	beziehungsweise
DCC	Dicyclohexylcarbodiimid
de	Diastereomerenüberschuss
DIBAL-H	Diisobutylaluminiumhydrid
DMAP	4-(Dimethylamino)-pyridin
DMB	2,4-Dimethoxybenzyl
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylformamid
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxid
EDC	1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimid
Et	Ethyl
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
h	Stunden
HMDS	1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexamethyldisilazan
HPLC	Hochleistungsflüssigkeitschromatographie
HWE	Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons
IPCF	Chlorameisensäureisopropylester
kat.	katalytisch
KB Zellen	Orale, menschliche Epidermoidtumor Zellen
LDA	Lithiumdiisopropylamid
LNKS	Lovastatin Nonaketidsynthase
Me	Methyl
min	Minuten
Ms	Methansulfonyl
MS	Molekularsieb

NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NRPS	nichtribosomale Peptidsynthetase
<i>o</i> Nb	<i>ortho</i> -Nitrobenzyl
Piv	Pivaloyl
PKS	Polyketidsynthase
Pr	Propyl
PTP1B	Protein-Tyrosin-Phosphatase 1B
quant.	quantitativ
refl	unter Rückfluss
RT	Raumtemperatur
SAM	<i>S</i> -Adenosylmethionin
TBAF	Tetrabutylammoniumfluorid
TBS	<i>tert</i> -Butyldimethylsilyl
Tf	Trifluormethansulfonyl
TFA	Trifluoressigsäure
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TMS	Trimethylsilyl
vgl.	vergleiche
üNa	über Nacht

1 EINLEITUNG

1.1 Naturstoffsynthese

Die Verwendung von natürlichen Heilmitteln lässt sich bis auf 2900 vor Christus durch die Ägypter zurückdatieren.¹ Neben diesen entwickelten aber auch andere Kulturen traditionell überlieferte Formulierungen natürlicher Wirkstoffe, ohne die dabei wirksamen Bestandteile genauer zu kennen. Erst zu Beginn des 19. Jhd. wurden verschiedene wirksame Naturstoffe (Acetylsalicylsäure, Morphin) bewusst isoliert und gegen diverse Beschwerden verwendet.² Dies war der Beginn einer gezielten Wirkstofffindung auf Basis natürlicher Ressourcen,³ die bis heute andauert. Obwohl kurzzeitig der Trend weg von klassischen auf Naturstoffen basierenden, hin zu rein synthetischen Wirkstoffen bestand, welche unter Einsatz kombinatorischer Chemie erhalten werden sollten,⁴ so führte die geringe Trefferquote dieser Methodik schnell zu einem neuen Ansatz. In diesem wurden durch Modifikation natürlicher Strukturen unter Verwendung kombinatorischer Chemie die Erfolgchancen auf den Erhalt neuer Wirkstoffe signifikant gesteigert.⁵ Die Relevanz natürlich inspirierter Pharmakophore zeigt sich besonders auch dadurch, dass von den zwischen 1981 und 2014 von der FDA zugelassenen niedermolekularen Wirkstoffen 32% direkt von Naturstoffen abgeleitet sind. Diese Zahl erhöht sich weiter auf 64%, sobald die Wirkstoffe addiert werden, die ein natürliches Pharmakophor aufweisen oder kompetitive Inhibitoren natürlicher Substrate sind.⁶ Auch unter Betrachtung der neueren FDA Zulassungen spielen Naturstoffe weiterhin eine wichtige Rolle im Rahmen der Wirkstofffindung⁷ und stellen somit noch immer eine wichtige Quelle zur Entwicklung neuer pharmakologisch aktiver Leitstrukturen dar.

1.2 Tetramsäuren als biologisch aktive Naturstoffe

Eine Stoffklasse, die seit den 1960er Jahren auf Grund ihrer vielfältigen biologischen Eigenschaften besondere Beachtung fand, sind die Tetramsäuren.⁸ Der 1909 von Anschütz⁹ vorgeschlagene Begriff der Tetramsäure beschreibt dabei allgemein Verbindungen, die ein Pyrrolidin-2,4-dion System aufweisen (vgl. Abbildung 1). Diese Verbindungsklasse zeigt ein breites Reaktionsspektrum und liegt in wässriger Lösung, pH-abhängig, vorwiegend in ihrer deprotonierten Enolat-Form **20** vor.⁸ Die Hauptzahl der natürlich vorkommenden Tetramsäuren

sind in Position-3 acyliert, was sich vor allem in einem stark verminderten pKa-Wert (~ 6.4 für **21**, ~ 3.4 für unkomplexierte **22**¹⁰) zeigt. Zusätzlich ergibt sich auf Grund der Acylierung in Position-3 ein komplexes System von Tautomeren. Die interne Tautomerisierung zwischen den *endo*- und *exo*-enol Paaren **23a/23b** und **23c/23d** ist in unpolaren Solventien dabei so schnell, dass eine Beobachtung dieses Prozesses mittels NMR-Spektroskopie nicht möglich ist. Allerdings gelang es Steyn¹¹ und Nolte¹² den langsameren externen Tautomerisierungsprozess per NMR nachzuweisen. Dieser verläuft intermediär über die Triketoform **24** und ist bedingt durch die Bindungsrotation der dabei vorhandenen C-C σ -Bindung an C-3. An Hand dieser Daten konnte für $R^5 = iPr$ das Tautomerenverhältnis **23a:23b:23c:23d** zu 5:15:0:80 bestimmt und damit gezeigt werden, dass *exo*-enol Form **23d** für diese Verbindung das Haupttautomer darstellt. Dies wurde ebenfalls durch Röntgenkristallstrukturen belegt. Spätere Untersuchungen von Moloney et al.¹³ zeigten jedoch, dass diese Tautomerenverhältnisse zusätzlich vom Stickstoffsubstituenten sowie der 3-Acyleinheit abhängig sind.

Durch die im NMR beobachtbaren Tautomeren, deren Verhältnisse molekülspezifisch variieren, ist die Strukturbestimmung neu isolierter 3-Acyltetramsäuren auf Grund von überlappenden Signalen eine Herausforderung.^{14,15} Durch lösemittelspezifische Signalverbreiterung^{13,16} sowie durch die charakteristische Eigenschaft des 3-Acyltetramsäuresystems der Metallkomplexierung wird diese zusätzlich erschwert. Da 3-Acyltetramsäuren unter physiologischen Bedingungen auf Grund des geringen pKa-Wertes in ihrer deprotonierten Form vorliegen, sind sie hervorragende Liganden für Metallkationen.¹⁷ Dies wurde am Beispiel der Tenuazonsäure erschöpfend durch die Synthese diverser Tetramsäure-Metallkomplexe (**22**) gezeigt.^{18,19,20} Tatsächlich wurden einige Tetramsäuren als Metallsalz aus natürlichen Quellen isoliert, da ihre protonierte Form instabil ist.^{21,22} Ein weiterer Effekt, der mit der Metallkomplexierung einhergeht, ist eine erhöhte Lipophilie und eine damit verbundene erhöhte Zellmembrangängigkeit,²³ was teilweise die vielfältigen biologischen Aktivitäten begründen könnte. Bei Harziansäure zum Beispiel geht die biologische Aktivität mit Verlust des Zn^{2+} Kations sogar verloren.²⁴

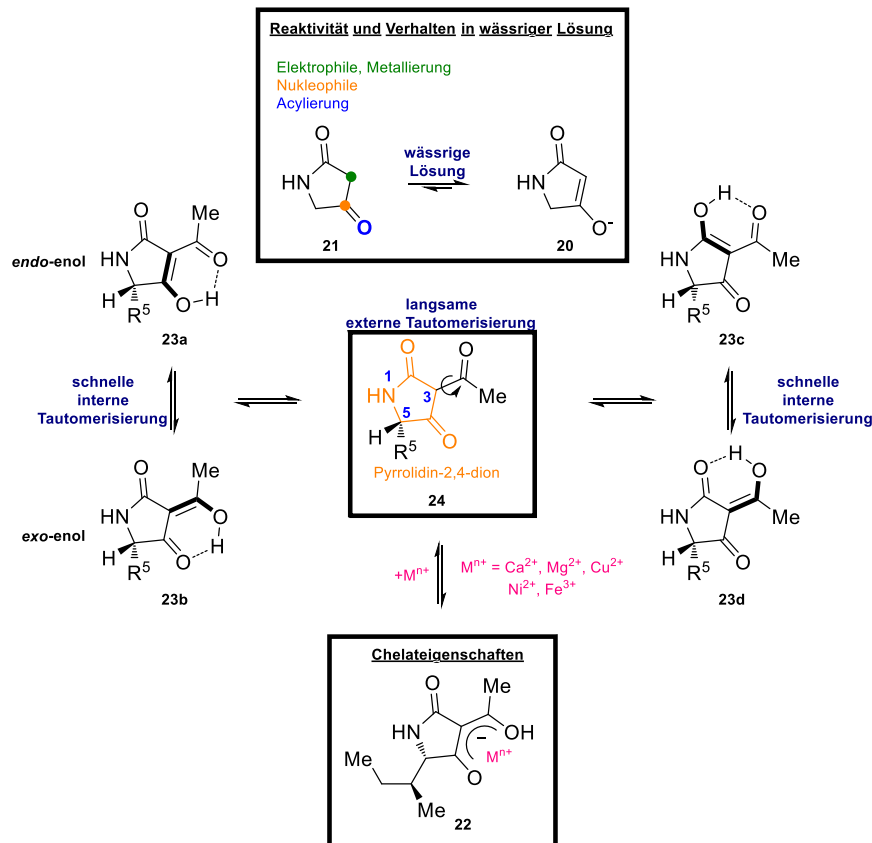


Abbildung 1. Reaktivität und Tautomerie einfacher Tetramsäuren sowie Tautomerie und Chelateigenschaften von 3-Acyltetramsäuren.

In Abbildung 2 sind einige Vertreter natürlicher, biologisch aktiver 3-Acyltetramsäuren dargestellt. Im Folgenden soll eine allgemeine strukturelle Klassifizierung unter Berücksichtigung nur der am häufigsten vorkommenden Tetramsäurevertreter getroffen werden. Eine ausführlichere Auflistung verschiedener biologisch aktiver Tetramsäuren sowie deren struktureller Eigenschaften kann in diversen Literaturzusammenfassungen gefunden werden.^{8,25,26}

Das 2008 aus dem Pilz *Penicillium* sp. GQ-7 isolierte cytotoxisch aktive (IC₅₀ 0.76 μM gegen HL-60 Zellen) Penicillenol A₁ (**25**)²⁷ wird den einfacheren Tetramsäuren zugeordnet. Charakteristisch für diese Untergruppe ist das wie bei allen weiteren auch vorhandene Pyrrolidin-2,4-dion Motiv, an welches in 3-Position eine gesättigte Carbonsäureseitenkette variablen Substitutionsmusters kondensiert ist.

Die nächste häufiger vorkommende Klasse sind die 3-Dienoyltetramsäuren, hier repräsentiert durch das 1956 aus *Streptomyces lydicus* isolierte antibiotisch aktive Streptolydigin (**26**).²⁸ Bei dieser Klasse sind zwei Doppelbindungen in Konjugation mit der *exo*-enol Form des 3-acylierten Pyrrolidin-2,4-dion Systems.

Bei mehrfach ungesättigten Seitenketten an diesem Motiv spricht man von Polyenyltetramsäuren. Diesen zugehörig ist das antibiotisch wirkende Pigment des Pilzes *Penicillium islandicum* L.S.H.T.M. no. BB233, Erythrokyrin (**27**).²⁹

Die nächste Gruppe sind die makrocyclischen 3-Acyltetramsäuren. Diese zeichnen sich dadurch aus, dass das Tetramsäuremotiv in einem größeren Ringsystem integriert ist. Auch deren Vertreter zeigen vielfältige biologische Aktivitäten, wie die hier dargestellten antifungalen und cytotoxischen Verbindungen Lysobacteramid B (**28**) und HSAF (**29**), welche aus dem Bakterium *Lysobacter enzymogenes* C3 isoliert werden können,³⁰ oder das herbizide Macrocidin A (**30**), ein aktiver Metabolit aus *Phoma macrostoma*.³¹

Die letzte hier erwähnte Klasse sind die Decalinoyltetramsäuren, bei denen eine Decalinsäure an das Tetramsäuresystem acyliert ist. Ein Beispiel ist der HIV-1 Integrase Inhibitor Equisetin (**31**), 1997 erstmalig isoliert aus *Fusarium heterosporum*.³²

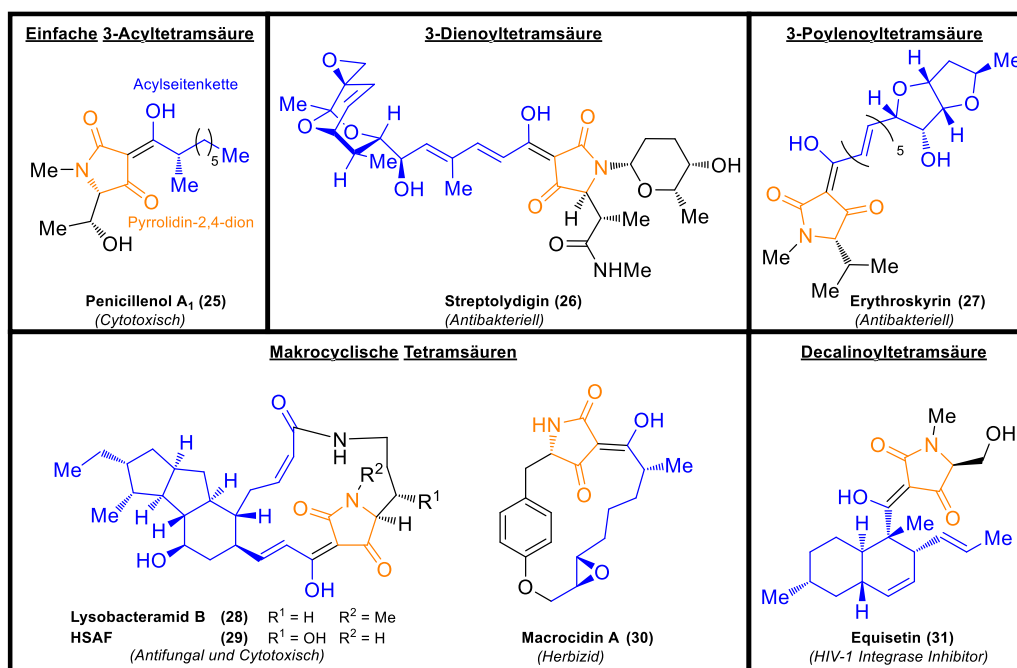


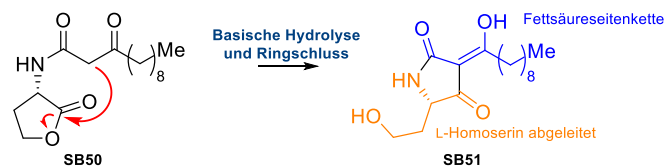
Abbildung 2. Vertreter strukturell unterschiedlicher, biologisch aktiver 3-Acyltetramsäuren.

1.2.1 Biosynthese von 3-Acyltetramsäuren

Das natürliche Auftreten von 3-Acyltetramsäuren wird generell über zwei Biosynthesewege erklärt.

Der erste beschreibt das Auftreten von 3-Acyltetramsäuren in biologischen Systemen als Folge der Quorum-sensing Aktivität von Bakterien.³³ Diese Zell-zu-Zell Kommunikation koordiniert kollektive Aktivitäten von Bakterien, wie z.B. von *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* oder

Staphylococcus aureus unter Verwendung bestimmter Signalmoleküle wie 3-Oxo-Acetylhomoserinlacton **32**.³⁴ Durch Produktion solcher Signalmoleküle werden gezielt bakterielle Signalwege aktiviert bzw. deaktiviert, was diverse biochemische Effekte zur Folge hat.^{34,35} Neben Lacton **32** konnten Kaufmann et al. auch die 3-Acyltetramsäure **33** aus *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolieren. Dabei postulierten sie, dass diese nonenzymatisch in einer Claisen-artigen Kondensationsreaktion unter Lactonöffnung von *Pseudomonas* selbst synthetisiert wird (vgl. Schema 5) und durch ihre schwach antibiotische Wirkung, den Bakterien einen evolutionären Vorteil gegenüber anderen Stämmen liefert.³³ Diese Art der Biosynthese beschränkt sich jedoch ausschließlich auf Homoserin-abgeleitete Tetramsäuren und kann somit nicht auf strukturell anspruchsvollere Vertreter dieser Stoffklasse angewandt werden.



Schema 5. Nonenzymatische 3-Acyltetramsäurebiosynthese in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Der zweite Biosyntheseweg erklärt die Biosynthese von 3-Acyltetramsäuren über Hybride von Polyketidsynthase und nichtribosomalen Peptidsynthetase (PKS-NRPS) Einheiten und wird sowohl in Pilzen als auch Bakterien gefunden.¹⁵ Erste Untersuchungen dazu wurden 2005 von Sims et al.³⁶ am Beispiel von Equisetin (**31**) durchgeführt. Auf Grund der strukturellen Ähnlichkeit zwischen Equisetin und dem anti-hypercholesterinämischen Lovastatin (**34**), welches über eine iterative PKS, die Lovastatin Nonaketidsynthase (LNKS), aufgebaut wird, vermutete Sims, dass dies für Equisetin ebenfalls der Fall sein könnte. Über Genknockoutexperimente und Exprimierungsanalysen an *Fusarium heterosporum* ATCC 74349 postulierte er, dass innerhalb des *eqi* Genklusters *eqiS* für die Equisetin Biosynthese verantwortlich ist. Spätere Untersuchungen von Kakule et al.³⁷ zeigten jedoch, dass dieses Gen die Synthese einer zuvor unbekanntem, zusätzlich in 3-Position methylierten Tetramsäure, Fusaridion A (**35**), kodiert, welche zu spontaner Retro-Dieckmann Kondensation neigt und daher zuvor noch nicht nachgewiesen werden konnte (vgl. Abbildung 3).

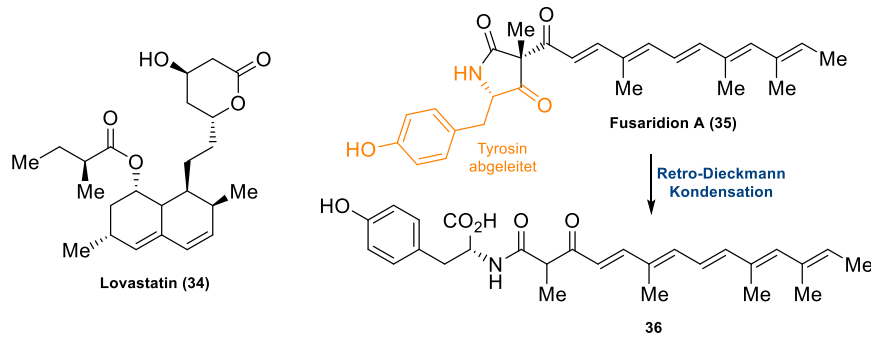
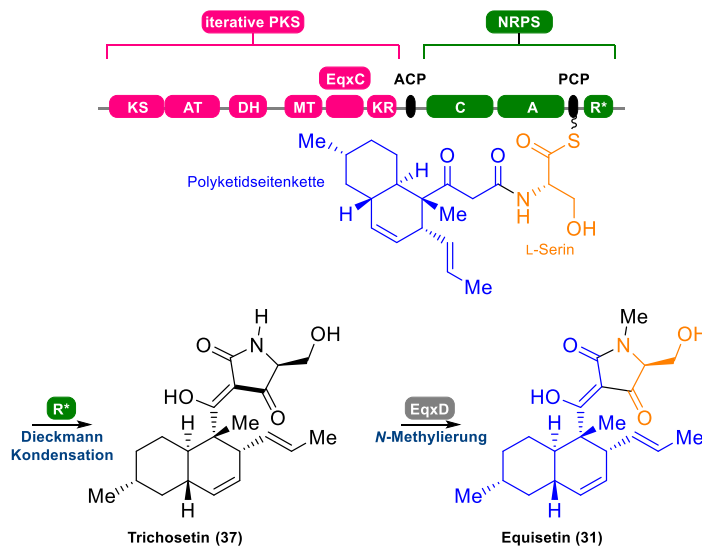


Abbildung 3. Strukturen von Lovastatin (34), Fusaridion A (35) sowie dessen Retro-Dieckmann Produkts 36.

Als den für die Biosynthese von Equisetin verantwortlichen Gencluster konnte Kakule schließlich *eqx* identifizieren. Dabei führt die daraus expremierte PKS Domäne den iterativen Aufbau der Polyketidseitenkette aus. In der NRPS Domäne wird anschließend ligiertes L-Serin an die Acylkette kondensiert und nach Überführung an die Dieckmann-Cyclase Einheit Trichosetin (37) cyclisiert. Anschließende *N*-Methylierung durch EqxD liefert daraufhin Equisetin (31) (vgl. Schema 6). Diese Art der Biosynthese ermöglicht es, die vielfältigen Strukturen der natürlich vorkommenden 3-Acyltetramsäuren zu erklären, und stellt somit vermutlich den Hauptbiosyntheseweg dieser Stoffklasse dar.



Schema 6. Schematisches Modell der Biosynthese von Equisetin (31) nach Kakule et al.³⁷ KS: Beta-ketoacylsynthase; AT: Acyltransferase; DH: Dehydratase; MT: Methyltransferase; EqxC: Enoylreduktasen Domäne; KR: Beta-ketoacylreduktase; ACP: Acylcarrierprotein; C: Kondensation; A: Adenylierung; PCP: Peptidylcarrierprotein; R*: Dieckmann-Cyclase; EqxD: *N*-methylierungsdomäne.

1.2.2 Die Rolle von Tyrosin- und Phenylalanin-abgeleiteten 3-Acyltetramsäuren als essentielle Metaboliten der 2-Pyridonbiosynthese

Im Rahmen der Aufklärung der 2-Pyridonbiosynthese wurden seit 2003 vermehrt verschiedenste 3-Acyltetramsäuren isoliert. Eine kleine Auswahl davon ist in Abbildung 4 dargestellt. Dabei handelt es sich um aus dem jeweils gleichen Pilzisolat gewonnene Vertreter der jeweiligen Substanzklassen. Auf Grund der vielfältigen biologischen Aktivitäten wurden in den letzten Jahrzehnten verstärkte Bemühungen zur Aufklärung dieses Biosyntheseweges unternommen.

Die ersten Untersuchungen bezüglich der Biosynthese von 2-Pyridonen wurden dabei von McInnes et al.³⁸ an Tenellin (**38**) durchgeführt. An Hand von Verfütterungsexperimenten mit ¹³C-markiertem Phenylalanin, Tyrosin, Acetat und Methionin konnten sie zeigen, dass zuerst die Polyketidkette mittels Acetat Einheiten aufgebaut wird und die dabei von der Kette abzweigenden Methylgruppen von *S*-Adenosylmethionin (SAM) übertragen werden (vgl. Schema 7). Außerdem gelang es ihnen, alle Aminosäurekohlenstoffe im finalen Naturstoff nachzuweisen und auf Grund deren Positionen festzustellen, dass auf dem Weg zum 2-Pyridon Ring eine Umlagerungsreaktion stattfinden muss. Einen ersten mechanistischen Vorschlag für diese Umlagerung gab McInnes in Zusammenarbeit mit Wright³⁹ 1977 ab. Dabei postulierten sie, dass intermediär eine 3-Acyltetramsäure, ähnlich zu Pretenellin A (**39**), gebildet werden muss, welche anschließend unter oxidativer Ringerweiterung in das 2-Pyridon Tenellin (**38**) umlagert.

Es dauerte jedoch bis 1991, bevor durch die Gruppe um Cox weitere Nachforschungen auf diesem Gebiet angestellt wurden.⁴⁰ Analog zu Sims et al.³⁶ konnten sie 2007 den für die Synthese von Tenellin (**38**) verantwortlichen Gencluster identifizieren⁴¹ und, basierend auf dieser Arbeit, weitere Erkenntnisse über dessen Biosynthese gewinnen. So zeigten sie später, dass bei fungalen PKS-NRPS Systemen, in der Adenylierungsdomäne, bevorzugt Tyrosin metabolisiert wird, wohingegen bei bakteriellen Adenylierungsdomänen Phenylalanin bevorzugt wird.¹⁵ Zudem wurde von ihnen 2008 ein plausibler Umlagerungsmechanismus, ausgehend von 3-Acyltetramsäuren, postuliert.⁴² Dieser widerlegte die zuvor bestehende Vermutung, dass β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleitete Tetramsäuren, welche ebenfalls in verschiedenen Pilzisolaten gefunden wurden (vgl. Abbildung 4), essentielle Zwischenstufen der 2-Pyridonbiosynthese sind. Deswegen stellten sie die These auf, dass es sich bei diesen Verbindungen um Metaboliten eines alternativen Biosyntheseweges ungeklärter Art handeln

mus. Weitere Untersuchungen zu möglichen biologischen Funktionen dieser Verbindungsklasse wurden von ihnen jedoch nicht durchgeführt.

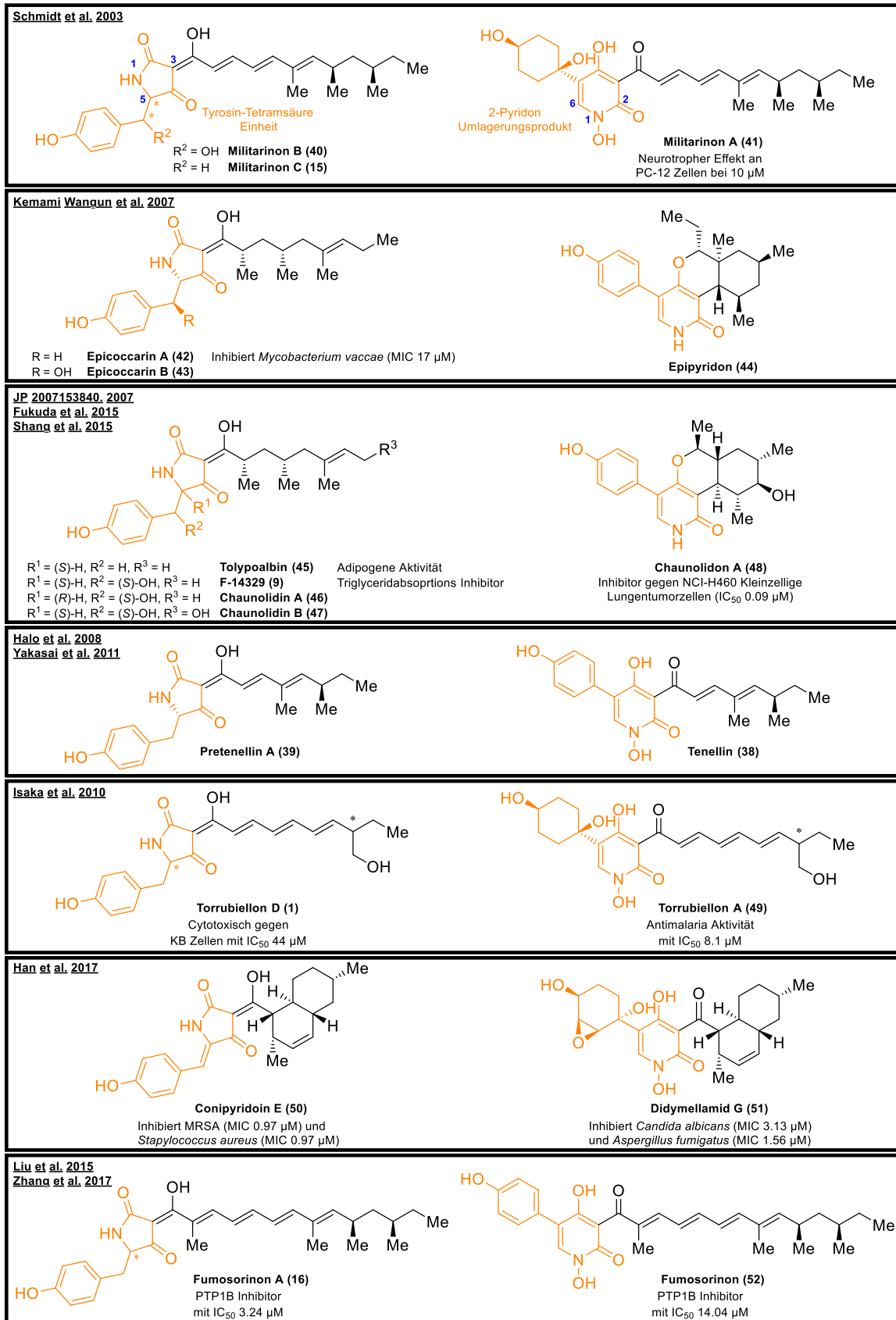
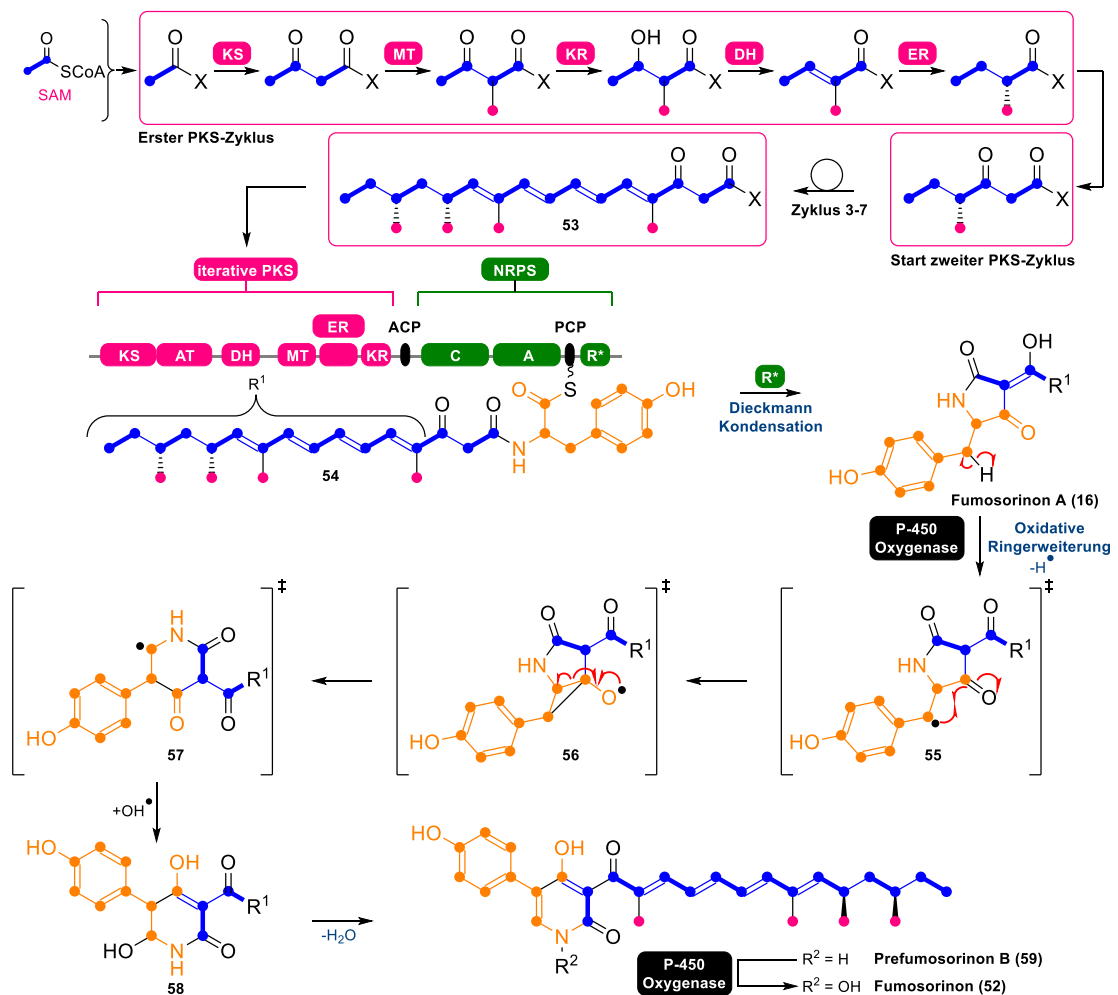


Abbildung 4. Eine Auswahl natürlicher, fungaler 3-Acyltetramsäuren und ihrer gleichzeitig mit isolierten 2-Pyridon-Nachfolgemetaboliten.^{16,43,44,45,46,42,47,48,49,50,51}

Basierend auf diesen Ergebnissen und der Arbeit von Liu et al.⁵⁰ soll nachfolgend ein möglicher Biosyntheseweg für Fumosorinon (**52**) gezeigt werden (vgl. Schema 7). Die Polyketidkette **53** wird dabei, ähnlich zu Equisetin (**31**), iterativ von der PKS-Domäne des Proteins, aus Acetyl CoA und SAM, aufgebaut (vgl. Schema 7). Anschließend wird die Seitenkette an zuvor ligiertes Tyrosin kondensiert und das so gebildete β -Ketoamid **54**, in der Dieckmann-Cyclase Domäne R*, zu Fumosorinon A (**16**) cyclisiert. Cytochrom P-450 vermittelt wird dann das benzyliche Radikal **55** erzeugt, von dem ausgehend das Cyclpropoxyradikals **56** gebildet wird. Dieses initiiert die radikalische Ringerweiterung zu Intermediat **57**, welches durch Rekombination mit einem Hydroxylradikal 6-Hydroxy-2-Pyridon **58** bildet. Durch Dehydratisierung wird anschließend Prefumosorinon B (**59**) erzeugt, welches, nachfolgend Cytochrom P-450 vermittelt, in *N*-hydroxiliertes Fumosorinon (**52**) überführt wird.

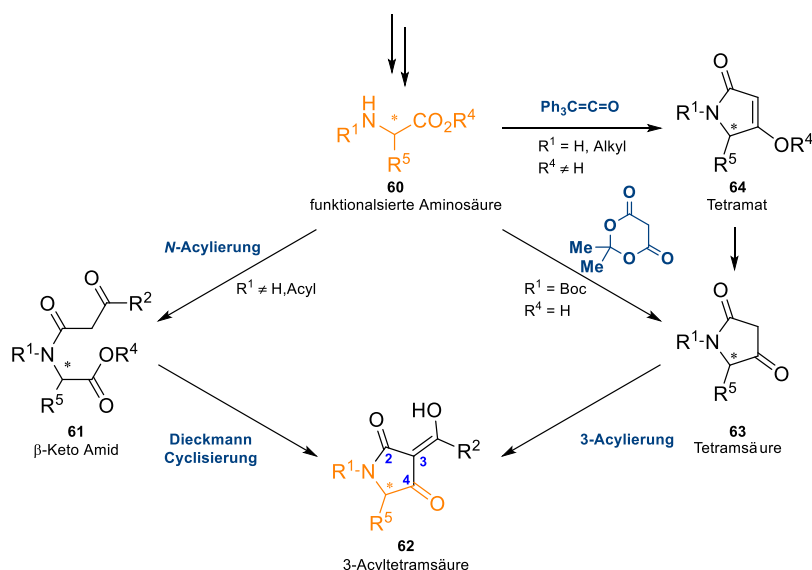


Schema 7. Mögliche Biosynthese von Fumosorinon (**52**) basierend auf den Arbeiten von Halo⁴² und Liu.⁵⁰ KS: Beta-ketoacylsynthase; AT: Acyltransferase; DH: Dehydratase; MT: Methyltransferase; ER: Enoylreduktasen Domäne; KR: Beta-ketoacylreduktase; ACP: Acylcarrierprotein; C: Kondensation; A: Adenylierung; PCP: Peptidylcarrierprotein; R*: Dieckmann-Cyclase.

1.3 Strategien zur Darstellung von 3-Acyltetramsäuren

Um die große Anzahl strukturell diverser Tetramsäuren darstellen zu können, sind im Laufe der Jahre verschiedene Synthesestrategien entwickelt worden. Nachfolgend werden die für diese Arbeit relevanten Methoden vorgestellt. Detailliertere Zusammenstellungen der verschiedenen Strategien können der Literatur entnommen werden.^{8,13,52,53}

Schema 8 gibt einen generellen Überblick über die Synthesestrategien und Methoden, die nachfolgend noch genauer erläutert werden. Allen gemein ist jedoch, dass die stereochemische Information in Form einer funktionalisierten Aminosäure **60** aus dem chiralen Pool bezogen wird. Anschließend wird entweder ein β -Ketoamid **61** generiert das mittels Dieckmann Cyclisierung, angelehnt an die Tetramsäurebiosynthese (vgl. Kapitel 1.2.1), in die gewünschte 3-Acyltetramsäure **62** überführt wird. Oder alternativ kann auch, mittels verschiedener Methoden, zuerst die 3*H*-Tetramsäure **63** aufgebaut werden, welche nachträglich durch direkte 3-Acylierung in die 3-Acyltetramsäure **62** umgewandelt wird.



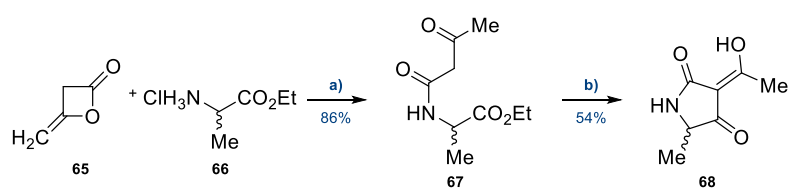
Schema 8. Überblick über verschiedene Zugänge zu 3-Acyltetramsäuren.

1.3.1 3-Acyltetramsäuren über β -Ketoamide

Die Synthese von 3-Acyltetramsäuren über β -Ketoamide ist eine der meist verwendeten Synthesestrategien zur Darstellung dieser Substanzklasse. Zum einen kann ein breites Substitutionsmuster sowohl für den Aminosäureester als auch die β -Ketoacylseitenkette bedient werden, wobei hier die einzige Einschränkung die Stabilität gegenüber den für die

Cyclisierung benötigten basischen Bedingungen ist.⁸ Zum anderen wird durch diese Herangehensweise das 3-Acyltetramsäuremotiv erst in den finalen Schritten der Synthese eingeführt, wodurch bekannte Probleme mit der Aufreinigung der Tetramsäuren, vor allem in Bezug auf die Säulenchromatographie mit Kieselgel,¹³ umgangen werden können.

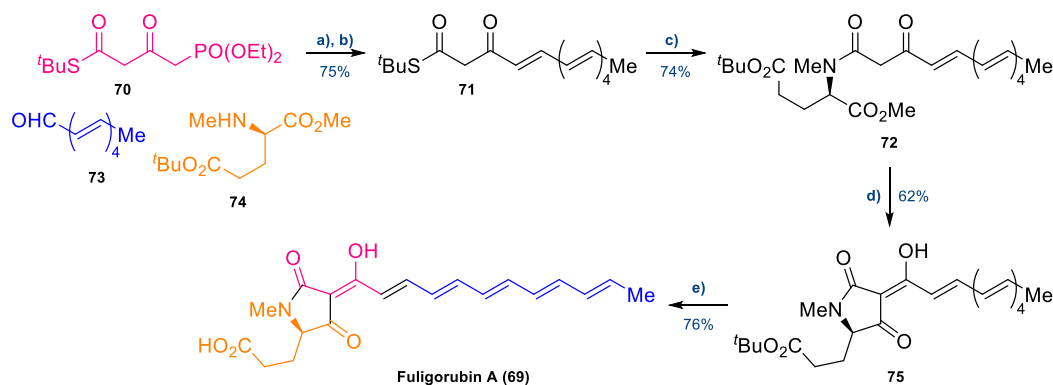
Die Verwendung von β -Ketoamiden als Intermediat zu 3-Acyltetramsäuren geht auf Lacey⁵⁴ zurück. Dieser setzte 1954 Aminoester mit Diketen **65** um. Die dabei generierten β -Ketoamide wurden dann anschließend in einer Dieckmann Kondensation zu den entsprechenden 3-Acyltetramsäuren umgesetzt. In Schema 9 ist dies beispielhaft für die Umsetzung von DL-Alaninhydrochlorid **66** mit Diketen **65** gezeigt.



Schema 9. Von Lacey etablierte Methode zur racemischen Darstellung von 3-Acetyltetramsäuren am Beispiel der Synthese von α -Acetyl- γ -methyltetramsäure **68**.⁵⁴

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) NaOEt, EtOH dann **65** über 1 h bei $< 10^\circ\text{C}$, RT, 1 h; b) NaOEt, Benzol, reflux, üNa .

Die Frage der Racemisierung an C-5, welche in Bezug auf die enantiomerenreine Darstellung von entscheidender Bedeutung ist, wurde erst 1990 ausführlicher behandelt.⁵⁵ Poncet et al. konnten darin am Beispiel der Synthese von Tenuazonensäure zeigen, dass es unter Verwendung der von Lacey beschriebenen Cyclisierungsbedingungen zu Racemisierung an C-5 kommen kann. Jedoch nehmen die Autoren auch Bezug auf eine Veröffentlichung von Ley et al.,⁵⁶ denen die Synthese der Polyenoyltetramsäure Fuligorubin A (**69**) in enantiomerenreiner Form gelang (Schema 10). Durch Verwendung des zuvor von ihnen publizierten⁵⁷ Thiophosphonats **70** konnte über eine *E*-selektive HWE-Reaktion der Thioester **71** aufgebaut und mittels Silber(I)-trifluoroacetat katalysierte Aminolyse in das β -Ketoamid **72** überführt werden. Die anschließende Dieckmann-Kondensation wurde, abweichend von Lacey, bei Raumtemperatur mit der sterisch anspruchsvolleren Base Kalium *tert*-butanolat durchgeführt. Damit konnte Stereoretention an C-5 erreicht und nach saurer Esterhydrolyse mit Ameisensäure der Naturstoff Fuligorubin A (**69**) enantiomerenrein erhalten werden.



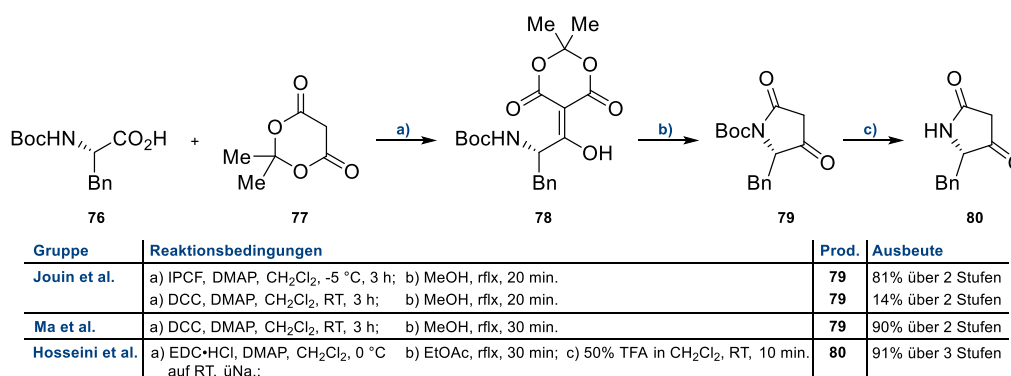
Schema 10. Racemisierungsfreie Synthese von Fuligorubin A (**69**) nach Ley.⁵⁶
 Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) NaH, THF, 0 °C, 25 min; b) **71**, THF, 0 °C; c) AgCO₂CF₃, Na₂HPO₄, **74**, THF, RT, 3 h; d) KO^tBu, ^tBuOH, RT, 30 min; e) HCO₂H, RT, 1 h.

Mit dieser erfolgreichen Synthese als Startpunkt untersuchten Ley et al. weitere β-Ketoamide auf deren Cyclisierungsverhalten. Dabei variierten sie auch die Ringschlussbedingungen bezüglich verwendeter Base, Reaktionszeit und Temperatur. Damit gelang es ihnen zu zeigen, dass *N*-substituierte β-Ketoamide bei Raumtemperatur unter Verwendung von Natriummethanolat ebenfalls racemisierungsfrei cyclisiert werden können,⁵⁸ womit der Grundstein für weitere enantioselective Naturstoffsynthesen gelegt wurde.^{59,60}

1.3.2 3-Acyltetramsäuren über 3-Acylierung freier Tetramsäuren

Eine andere Strategie zur Synthese von 3-Acyltetramsäuren stellt die nachträgliche 3-Acylierung freier Tetramsäuren dar. Eine erste Methode zur enantiomerenreinen Darstellung dieser 3-*H*-Tetramsäuren wurde 1987 von Jouin et al.⁶¹ entwickelt (Schema 11). Dabei werden *N*-geschützte Aminosäure, hier beispielhaft für Boc-Phenylalanin (**76**) gezeigt, mit Meldrumsäure (**77**) zum β-Oxoester **78** umgesetzt. Dabei bemerkten die Autoren, dass schon geringe Änderungen an den Reaktionsäquivalenten bzw. der Reaktionsführung enorme Auswirkungen auf die Anzahl an entstehenden Nebenprodukten haben können. Eine säulenchromatographische Aufreinigung des Meldrumsäurekonjugates **78** ist nur unter massiven Ausbeuteverlusten möglich, weswegen das erhaltene Rohprodukt weiter umgesetzt werden muss. Da beim anschließenden thermische Ringschluss zum Pyrrolidin-2,4-dion-System **79**, unter Aceton und CO₂ Abspaltung, die Anzahl an schwer abtrennbaren Nebenprodukten noch erhöht wird, ist es daher essentiell, dass das erhaltene Meldrumsäurekonjugat **78** möglichst rein eingesetzt werden kann. Von den beiden Aktivierungsreagenzien, die Jouin et al. getestet hatten, konnte die beste Ausbeute mit IPCF

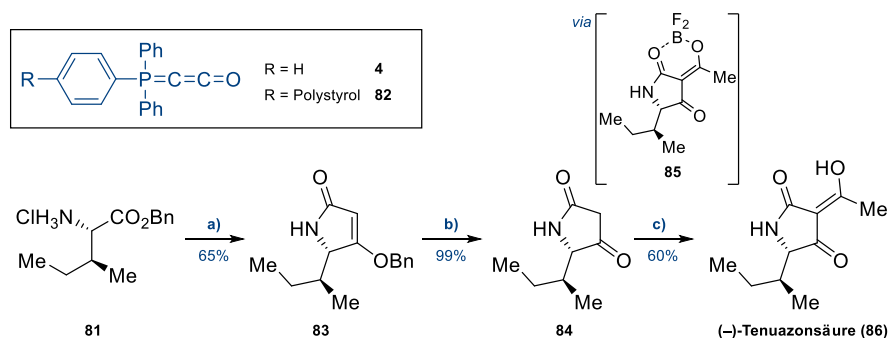
anstelle von DCC erzielt werden. Die Gruppe um Ma⁶² konnte jedoch 1996 zeigen, dass die niedrige Ausbeute, die unter Verwendung von DCC durch Jouin erzielt wurde, lediglich das Ergebnis einer suboptimalen Aufarbeitung des β -Oxoesters **78** war. Bei ansonsten gleichbleibender Reaktionsführung konnten sie durch Anpassung dieser eine beachtliche Ausbeutensteigerung nach thermischer Umsetzung zur Boc-Tetramsäure **79** erreichen. Eine letzte Verbesserung dieser Methodik wurde noch 2006 von Hosseini⁶³ vorgenommen, indem DCC durch das weniger giftige und leichter abzutrennende EDC·HCl, bei gleichbleibend guten Ausbeuten, substituiert werden konnte.



Schema 11. Entwicklung der Synthese von 3-*H*-Tetramsäuren mittels Meldrumsäure (**77**) über Jouin⁶¹ und Ma⁶² bis Hosseini.⁶³

Eine alternative Möglichkeit zur Darstellung von 3-*H*-Tetramsäuren wurde 2004 von Schobert et al.⁶⁴ publiziert. Diese verwendet eine bereits 1996 von Löffler aus der gleichen Gruppe veröffentlichte Dominosynthese zur Darstellung von Tetramaten unter Verwendung von Ketenylidetriphenylphosphoran **4** (vgl. Schema 12).⁶⁵ Basierend auf dieser wurde im ersten Schritt der Synthese *L*-Isoleucinbenzylester Hydrochlorid (**81**) mit einer weiterentwickelten, polymergebundenen Version dieses Phosphorans **82** umgesetzt. Durch Addition des Amins an die C=C Bindung des Phosphorans, gefolgt von einer intramolekularen Wittig Olefinierung, wurde damit das Tetramat **83** gebildet, welches über Palladium katalysierte Hydrogenolyse des Benzylethers in die 3-*H*-Tetramsäure **84** überführt werden konnte. Die nachfolgende 3-Acylierung geschah nach einem 1990 von Jones et al.⁶⁶ veröffentlichten Protokoll. In diesem werden freie Tetramsäuren wie **84** unter Zugabe der Lewisäure BF₃·OEt₂ und in Gegenwart eines Überschusses an Säurechlorid selektiv unter Bildung des BF₂-Komplexes **85** 3-acyliert. Dies ist in Schema 12 dargestellt. Dadurch, dass die 3-Acyltetramsäure hier bereits komplexiert vorliegt, wird außerdem die Aufreinigung der Verbindungen erleichtert. Durch anschließende Methanolyse (vgl. Loscher⁶⁰) oder mittels Säure-Base Extraktion wie bei (-)-Tenuazonsäure

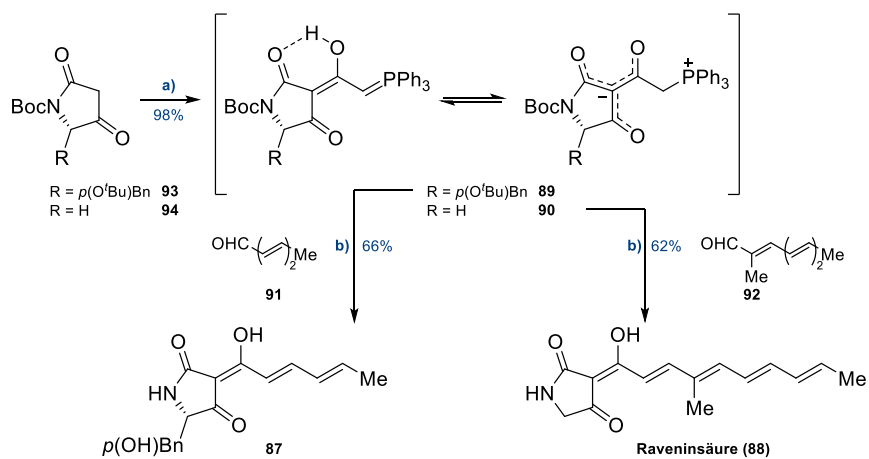
(86) können diese Komplexe dann in die gewünschten, enantiomerenreinen 3-Acyltetramsäuren überführt werden.



Schema 12. Synthese von (-)-Tenuazonensäure (86) nach Schobert,⁶⁴ unter Verwendung von polystyrolgebundenem Ketenylidetriphenylphosphoran 82 und anschließender Jones 3-Acylierung.

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) 82, THF, 60 °C, 14 h; b) H₂, 5% Pd/C, MeOH, RT, 2 h; c) 1. BF₃·OEt₂, AcCl, 80 °C, 8 h; 2. 1% aq. NaOH.

Neben der relativ harschen 3-Acylierungsmethode nach Jones⁶⁶ wurde 2010 von Schlenk⁶⁷ eine alternative Methode vorgestellt, über die ein einfacher Zugang zu 3-Oligoenoyltetramsäuren möglich ist. Vorteil dieser Methodik ist dabei, dass der Seitenkettenaldehyd lediglich äquimolar zugegeben werden muss, was insbesondere bei aufwendiger zu synthetisierenden Seitenketten von großem Vorteil ist. Zudem können über diese Methode auch säurelabile Polyenoyl-Systeme hergestellt werden. In Schema 13 ist die Synthese einer Tyrosin-abgeleiteten 3-Dienoyltetramsäure 87 sowie die Synthese des Naturstoffes Raveninsäure (88) unter Verwendung dieser Strategie gezeigt. Die Boc-geschützten 3-*H*-Tetramsäuren, welche zuvor nach Hamilakis⁶⁸ synthetisiert wurden, konnten durch thermische Umsetzung mit Phosphoran 4 in das stabilisierte Ylid 89 bzw. 90 überführt werden. Dabei sind diese Ylide an sich nicht in der Lage, eine Wittig Olefinierung einzugehen, was durch Studien an Tetronsäureyliden, den Sauerstoffanaloga der Tetramsäuren, gezeigt wurde.⁶⁹ Daher ist es zur Aktivierung dieser Klasse von Yliden nötig, das chelatisierte Proton mittels einer geeigneten Base zu entfernen. Dies konnte durch Umsetzung mit Kalium *tert*-butanolat erreicht werden. Durch nachfolgende Zugabe der jeweiligen Aldehyde 91 bzw. 92 und anschließende saure Entschützung wurden die 3-Oligoenoyltetramsäure 87 sowie Raveninsäure (88) erhalten. Am Beispiel von 87 wurde zudem gezeigt, dass unter den verwendeten Reaktionsbedingungen keine Racemisierung an C-5 auftritt, womit diese Methode zur Synthese komplexerer 3-Acyltetramsäuren geeignet ist.



Schema 13. 3-Acylierung mit Stereoretention nach Schlenk⁶⁷ unter Verwendung von Ketenylidetriphenylphosphoran (**4**).

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) **4**, THF, rflx, 16 h; b) 1. KO^tBu, THF, rflx, 20 min, dann **91**, rflx, 6 h; 2. 13% TFA in CH₂Cl₂, RT; b) analog bis auf **92** als Aldehyd.

2 KENNTNISSTAND UND ZIELSETZUNG

In Abbildung 5 sind vier aus verschiedenen Pilzen isolierte Zwischenmetaboliten der jeweiligen 2-Pyridonbiosynthese gezeigt. Diese Tyrosin-abgeleiteten 3-Acyltetramsäuren weisen dabei teilweise interessante biologische Aktivitäten auf. Auf Grund fehlender totalsynthetischer Zugänge zu den einzelnen Strukturen konnten jedoch bisher noch nicht alle diese Moleküle betreffenden offenen Fragen beantwortet werden. So ist die Stereochemie von Torribiellon D (**1**) sowohl an C-5 als auch an C-14 unbekannt. Dasselbe ist für Militarion C (**15**) und Fumosorinon A (**16**), ebenfalls an C-5, der Fall. Damit kann nicht eindeutig bestimmt werden, welches Stereoisomer die beobachteten biologischen Eigenschaften aufweist. Die Klasse der β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleiteten 3-Acyltetramsäuren, wie z.B. F-14329 (**9**), konnte zudem totalsynthetisch noch nicht erschlossen werden, was die Bestimmung der bisher erst unvollständig bekannten biologischen Funktion zusätzlich erschwert.

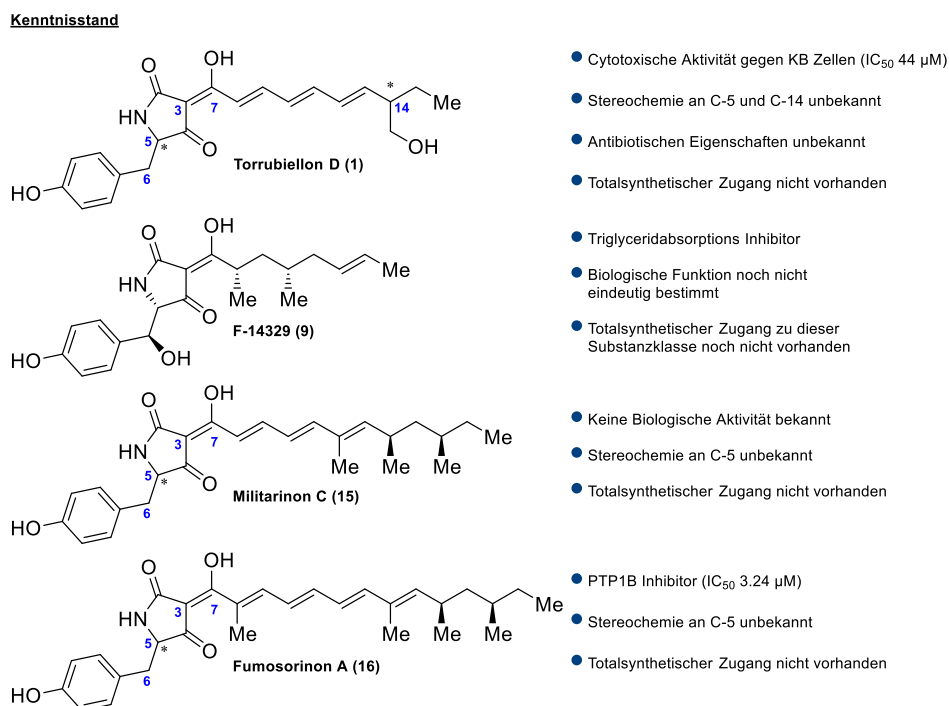


Abbildung 5. Die Zielverbindungen der vorliegenden Arbeit.

Im Rahmen dieser Arbeit sollten erstmalig verschiedene flexible Syntheserouten zu den in Abbildung 5 gezeigten 3-Acyltetramsäuren etabliert werden. Basierend auf diesen sollten anschließend die Strukturen der Naturstoffe durch Vergleich mit den synthetischen

Verbindungen aufgeklärt werden und im Fall von Torrubiellon D (**1**) zudem die antibiotischen Eigenschaften der Verbindung ermittelt werden.

3 SYNOPSIS

Die vorliegende kumulative Dissertation enthält drei Publikationen, welche in Kapitel 6 zu finden sind.

Ziel dieser Arbeiten war die Entwicklung flexibler, enantioselektiver Syntheserouten zur Darstellung der Tyrosin-abgeleiteten Naturstoffe Torribiellon D (**1**), F-14329 (**9**), Militarion C (**15**) und Fumosorinon A (**16**) (vgl. Abbildung 6).

In diesem Rahmen wurde zuerst die Synthese von Torribiellon D (**1**) entwickelt (vgl. Kapitel 6.1). Die dabei gewonnenen Erfahrungen halfen anschließend, die Synthese von F-14329 (**9**) zu verwirklichen, so dass erstmalig eine β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleitete 3-Acyltetramsäure totalsynthetisch hergestellt werden konnte (vgl. Kapitel 6.2). Im Zuge dieser Totalsynthese wurde mit *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl zudem eine in der Tetramsäurechemie zuvor unbekannt photolytisch abspaltbare Schutzgruppe eingeführt. Obgleich Untersuchungen während der Synthese von Militarion C (**15**) zeigten, dass diese Schutzgruppe für Polyenoyltetramsäuren ungeeignet ist (vgl. Kapitel 6.3), stellt die Etablierung von *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl für Tetramsäuren mit gesättigter Seitenkette eine entscheidende Neuerung dar. Des Weiteren konnte nach erfolgreicher Synthese von Militarion C (**15**) und Fumosorinon A (**16**) deren Stereochemie an C-5 als (*S*) vorgeschlagen werden. Dies war durch Abgleich der Literaturdaten mit den experimentell ermittelten Daten möglich (vgl. Kapitel 6.3). Im Fall von Torribiellon D (**1**) war ein solcher Vorschlag nicht möglich, weswegen hier alle vier möglichen Stereoisomere synthetisiert werden mussten, die zudem mittels chiraler HPLC untersucht wurden (vgl. Kapitel 6.1). Die genaue Identität des von Isaka publizierten⁴⁸ cytotoxisch aktiven Torribiellon D Stereoisomers oder dessen Mischung mit einem weiteren konnte auf Grund nicht ausreichender Literaturdaten nicht eindeutig geklärt werden. Alle vier Torribiellon D Stereoisomere wurden auf ihre antibiotischen Eigenschaften hin untersucht, wobei die Konfiguration an C-5 und C-14 entscheidenden Einfluss auf deren jeweilige Aktivität hatte (vgl. Kapitel 6.1).

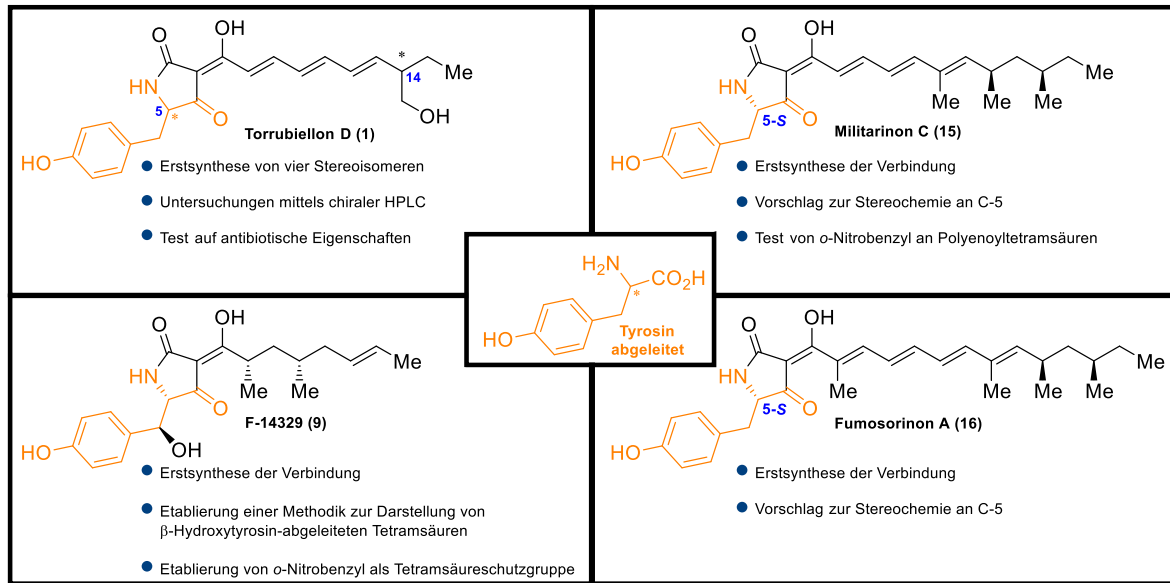


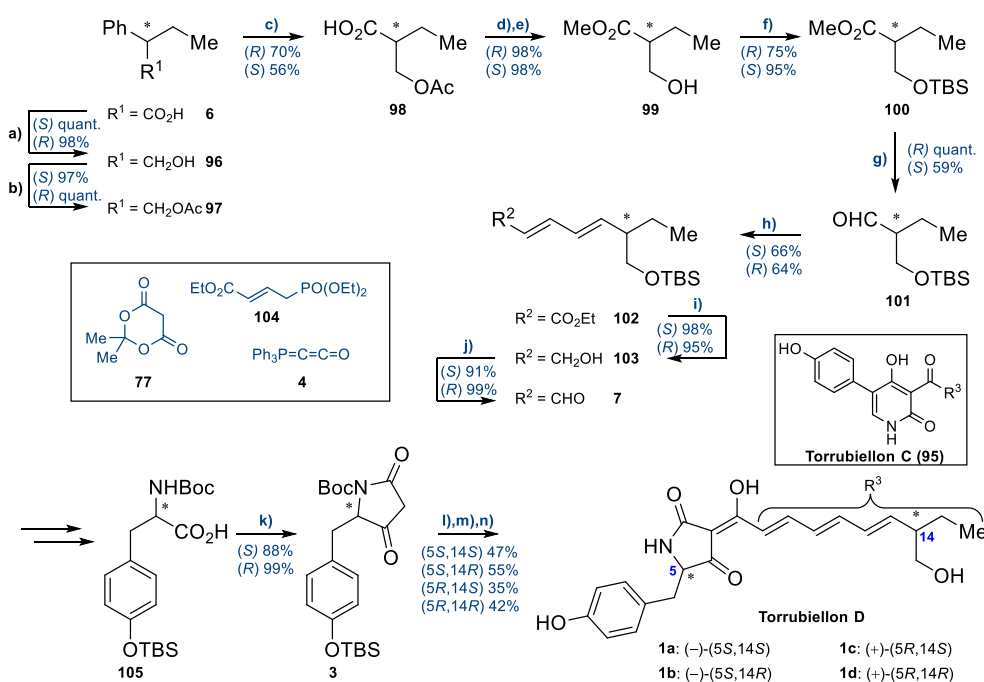
Abbildung 6. Erzielte Ergebnisse der vorliegenden Dissertation.

3.1 Synthese und antibakterielle Aktivität von vier Stereoisomeren des spinnenpathogenen Pilzmetaboliten Torrubiellon D (1)

Zur Darstellung von Torrubiellon D (**1**) sollte die unter Kapitel 1.3.2 vorgestellte Methode zur direkten 3-Acylierung von 3*H*-Tetramsäuren nach Schlenk⁶⁷ verwendet werden. Die dafür benötigte 3*H*-Tetramsäure wäre dabei, ausgehend von L- bzw. R-Tyrosin, nach Hosseini⁶³ unter Verwendung von Meldrumsäure (**77**) zugänglich. Das Stereozentrum an C-14 sollte dem chiralen Pool in Form von (*S*)- bzw. (*R*)-2-Phenylbuttersäure entnommen werden.

Da Jessen et al.⁷⁰ bei ihrer Synthese des 2-Pyridons Torrubiellon C (**95**), welches der biosynthetische Nachfolgemetabolit (vgl. Kapitel 1.2.2) des zu synthetisierenden Torrubiellon D (**1**) ist, das Stereozentrum an C-14 mit (*R*) bestimmen konnten, sollten zunächst die beiden Torrubiellon D C-5-Epimere **1b** und **1d** dargestellt werden. Durch Vergleich mit den von Isaka⁴⁸ ermittelten analytischen Daten hätte es dann möglich sein sollen festzustellen, welches der beiden Epimere das natürliche Isolat darstellt.

Dafür wurde die in Schema 14 dargestellte Syntheseroute entwickelt, so dass beide Epimere über 13 Stufen mit bis zu 16% (für **1b**) dargestellt werden konnten.



Schema 14. Enantioselektive Synthese von vier Torrubiellon D Stereoisomeren **1a–d** über 13 Stufen mit einer Maximalausbeute von 16% (für **1b**).

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) LiAlH_4 , Et_2O , reflux; b) $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ kat., Ac_2O , 0 °C auf RT; c) RuCl_3 kat., NaIO_4 , $\text{MeCN}/\text{CCl}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, RT; d) TMSCHN_2 , $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$, RT; e) K_2CO_3 , MeOH , RT; f) TBSCl , Imidazol , DMF , RT; g) DIBAL-H , CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C; h) **104**, LiHMDS , THF , -78 °C, 10 min dann **101** auf RT; i) DIBAL-H , CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C; j) MnO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , rt; k) i. Meldrumsäure (**77**), EDC_xHCl , DMAP , 0 °C auf RT, ii. EtOAc , reflux; l) **4**, THF , reflux dann **7**, reflux; m) TFA , CH_2Cl_2 , RT; n) TFA , MeOH , H_2O , RT.

Die NMR-spektroskopischen Daten beider dargestellter Epimere **1b** und **1d** deckten sich sowohl untereinander als auch mit den Literaturdaten, weswegen zur endgültigen Bestimmung des natürlichen Isomers lediglich der von Isaka ermittelte Drehwert des natürlichen Isolats zu Rate gezogen werden konnte. Nachdem hier bei beiden C-5 Epimeren keine Übereinstimmung mit dem Literaturdrehwert erzielt werden konnte, wurden zusätzlich die dazugehörigen C-14 Epimere **1a** und **1c** dargestellt. Jedoch konnte auch hier der publizierte Wert nicht nachgewiesen werden (vgl. Tabelle 1).

Tabelle 1. (Spezifische) Drehwerte der Torrubiellon D Stereoisomere **1a–d** (c = 0.12, MeOH).

	Isaka ⁴⁸	1a	1b	1c	1d
α		-0.62	-0.63	+0.64	+0.65
$[\alpha]_D^{23}$	-182	-517	-525	+533	+542

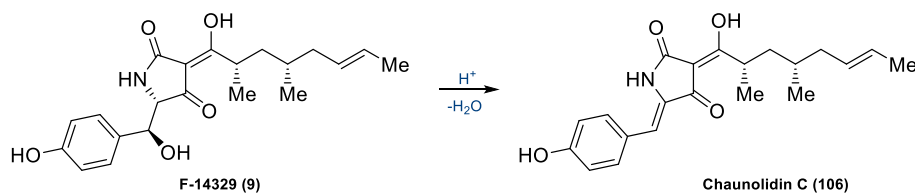
Um eventuelle Racemisierung an C-14 im Verlauf der Synthese auszuschließen, wurden zusätzlich chirale HPLC-Studien (vgl. Kapitel 6.1) durchgeführt. Dadurch war es möglich zu zeigen, dass die verwendete Syntheseroute enantioselektiv abläuft.

Bzgl. des abweichenden Drehwertes des natürlichen Isolats lagen leider keine weiteren Literaturdaten vor, die es ermöglicht hätten, die Identität des natürlichen Isomers eindeutig zu bestimmen bzw. auszuschließen, dass während der Isolation teilweise Racemisierung an C-5 auftrat, was auf Grund der identischen NMR-Spektren der jeweiligen Epimere nicht aufgefallen wäre. Auch wäre es denkbar, dass lediglich eine unterschiedliche Tautomerenzusammensetzung während der Drehwertbestimmung von Isaka vorlag, was ebenfalls Auswirkungen auf die ermittelten Daten haben könnte.^{11,12}

Von allen vier Stereoisomeren wurden am Helmholtz-Zentrum für Infektionsforschung in Braunschweig Tests auf antibiotische Wirkung durchgeführt, die zeigten, dass die unterschiedlich konfigurierten Zentren an C-5 und C-14 einen bedeutenden Einfluss auf die Wirkung der einzelnen Substanzen haben (vgl. Kapitel 6.1).

3.2 Eine Syntheseroute zu β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleiteten Tetramsäuren: Die Totalsynthese des Pilzmetaboliten F-14329 (9)

Synthesen von β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleiteten Tetramsäuren waren vor dieser Arbeit noch nicht bekannt, obwohl bereits diverse Vertreter dieser Stoffklasse isoliert worden sind (vgl. Kapitel 1.2.2, Abbildung 4). Daher war es das Ziel, eine flexible Totalsynthese zu etablieren, welche den Zugang zu und damit die experimentelle Strukturaufklärung von Vertretern dieser Klasse ermöglicht. Im Gegensatz zur unter 3.1 und 6.1 vorgestellten Synthese von Torribiellon D (1) sollte hierbei das 3-Acyltetramsäure-System von F-14329 (9) mittels Dieckmann Cyclisierung aufgebaut werden. Dies geschah aus dem einfachen Grund, dass die bereits für Torribiellon D (1) erfolgreich angewandte Methode nach Schlenk⁶⁷ lediglich für Enoyl-Tetramsäuren verwendet werden kann. Die in Kapitel 1.3.2 vorgestellte Methode nach Jones⁶⁶ konnte nicht verwendet werden, da das β -Hydroxy-System der Zielverbindung im Sauren zu spontaner Dehydratisierung zu Chaunolidin C (106) neigt, wie Shang et al. bereits berichteten (vgl. Schema 15).⁴⁶



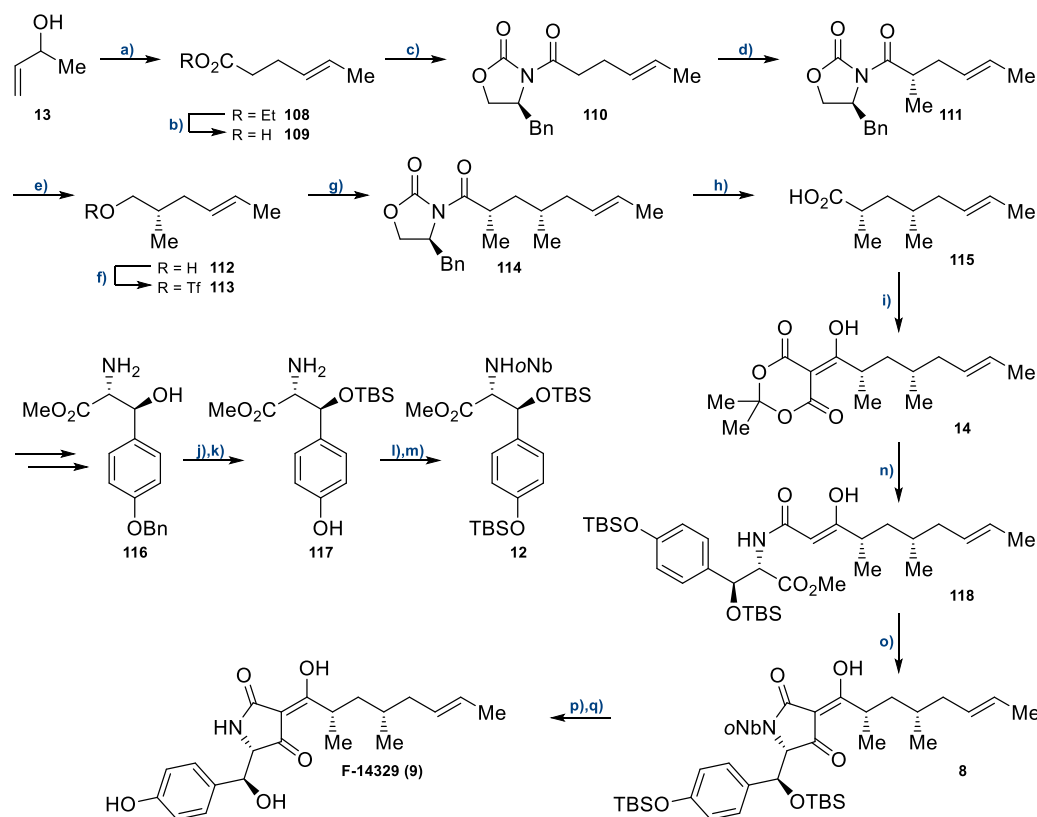
Schema 15. Dehydratisierung von F-14329 (9) zu Chaunolidin C (106).

Der Aufbau der Polyketidseitenkette wurde im Rahmen einer Kooperation mit R. Haase von diesem bis zum Meldrumsäurekonjugat 14 durchgeführt.

Im Laufe der Synthese traten immer wieder Schwierigkeiten auf (vgl. Kapitel 6.2), welche eine Anpassung der Syntheseroute auf die jeweilige Problemstellung bedingten. Nachdem 2,4-Dimethoxybenzyl als Tetramsäureamid Schutzgruppe nicht verwendet konnte, wurde die aus der Peptidchemie bekannte, photolytisch abspaltbare *ortho*-Nitrobenzylschutzgruppe verwendet. Auf Grund der elektronenziehenden Eigenschaft dieser Gruppe war der Nucleophilitätsverlust am sekundären Amin 12 so groß, dass die unter Kapitel 1.3.1 vorgestellte Silber(I)-vermittelte Acylierungsmethode nach Ley⁵⁸ nicht mehr verwendet werden konnte. Deswegen wurde auf eine Meldrumsäure basierte, thermisch induzierte Stickstoffacylierung zurückgegriffen, die auch in der Literatur bereits erfolgreich verwendet wurde.^{71,72}

Dadurch war es möglich, β -Ketoamid 107 aufzubauen und zu komplett geschütztem F-14329 8 zu cyclisieren. Nach photolytisch induzierter *ortho*-Nitrobenzylabspaltung und Desilylierung

konnte damit erstmalig eine β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleitete Tetramsäure F-14329 (**9**) enantiomerenrein über 14 Stufen in einer Gesamtausbeute von 3.9% dargestellt werden (vgl. Schema 16).



Schema 16. Erstsynthese einer β -Hydroxytyrosin-abgeleiteten Tetramsäure F-14329 (**9**) über 14 Stufen und 3.9% Gesamtausbeute in Kooperation mit R. Haase

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) $\text{MeC}(\text{OEt})_3$, EtCO_2H , reflux, 1 h, 73%; b) KOH , EtOH , H_2O , RT, 20 min, 72%; c) PivCl , NEt_3 , THF , 0°C , 1 h, dann (S) -Benzyloxazolidinon, LiCl , RT, 1 h, 89%; d) NaHMDS , MeI , THF , -78°C , 1 h, 84%; e) LiBH_4 , Et_2O , MeOH , 0°C , 35 min, 84%; f) Tf_2O , Pyridin , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C , 90 min; g) (R) -4-Benzyl-3-propionyl-2-oxazolidinon, LDA , THF , -78°C , 30 min, dann **113**, 4 h, 49% über 2 Stufen; h) BnOLi , THF , 0°C , 2.5 h, dann KOH , MeOH , H_2O , RT, 3 d, 76% über 2 Stufen; i) $\text{EDC}\cdot\text{HCl}$, DMAP , CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 30 min, dann Meldrumsäure (**77**), 24 h, 99%; j) TBSOTf , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -10°C auf 4°C , 16 h, 82%; k) 10% Pd/C , H_2 , MeOH , RT, 15 h, 99%; l) TBSOTf , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -10°C auf 4°C , 22 h, 82%; m) *ortho*-Nitrobenzaldehyd, MgSO_4 , MeOH , AcOH , RT, 30 min, dann NaBH_3CN , 3 h, 76%; n) **14**, $\text{MS } 3\text{\AA}$, Dioxan , reflux, 2.5 h; o) NaOMe , MeOH , RT, 10 min, 50% über 2 Stufen; p) hv , 366 nm 4 W, $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, RT, 1 d, 72%; q) TBAF , AcOH , THF , 0°C auf RT, 38 h, 81%.

3.3 Synthese der entomopathogenen Pilzmetaboliten Militarion C (15) und Fumosorion A (16)

Im Rahmen der Totalsynthesen der beiden Polyenoiltetramsäuren Militarion C (15) und Fumosorion A (16) sollten die Stereokonfiguration der Stereozentren an C-5 experimentell geklärt und am Beispiel von Militarion C (15) zusätzlich die Anwendbarkeit der bei der Synthese von F-14329 (9) vorgestellten *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl Schutzgruppe an Polyenoyl-Systemen untersucht werden.

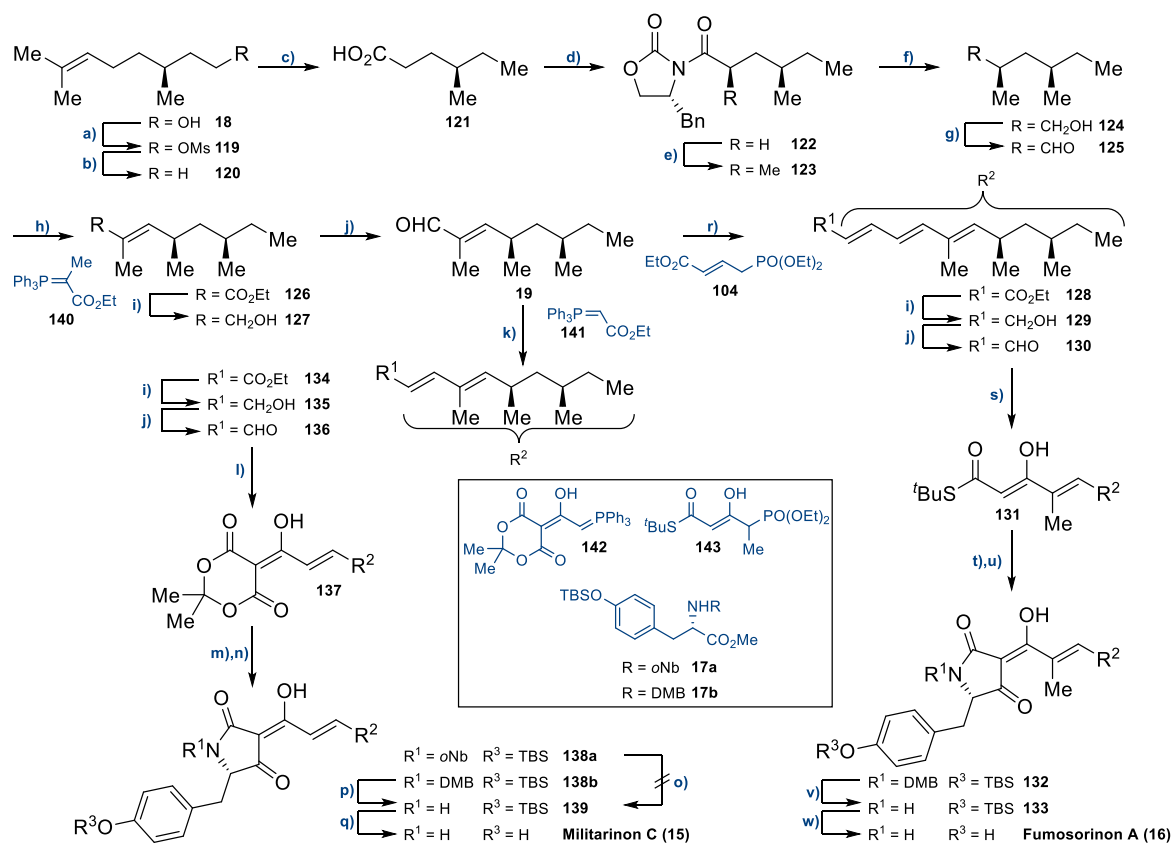
Dabei sollten beide Pyrrolidin-2,4-dion-Systeme, analog zur Synthese von F-14329 (9), mittels Dieckmann Cyclisierung geschlossen werden. Die Polyenoyl-Seitenketten 130 und 136 sollten, analog zur Synthese von Torribiellon D (1) und der Literatur,^{73,74} iterativ über HWE bzw. Wittig Olefinierungen, ausgehend von Intermediat 19, aufgebaut werden. Intermediat 19 selbst sollte ausgehend von (*S*)-Citronellol (18) synthetisiert werden.

Die Synthese von (*S*)-Citronellol (18) bis zu Aldehyd 125 wurde von M. Weise im Rahmen ihrer Masterarbeit selbstständig geplant, durchgeführt und ausgewertet.

Die Darstellung der konjugierten Aldehyde 130 und 136 gelang ohne nennenswerte Schwierigkeiten. Die weitere Umsetzung von 136 geschah anschließend, im Gegensatz zu der des längeren Aldehyds 130, nicht nach der bekannten Methode von Ley,⁵⁸ sondern nach einer von Lovmo et al.⁷⁵ entwickelten Vorschrift. Durch Umsetzung eines Aldehyds mit Meldrumsäureylid 142 können dabei konjugierte Meldrumsäurekonjugate der Art 137 erhalten und mittels Säure-Base-Extraktion aufgereinigt werden, was für die Synthese von 137 jedoch nicht ohne weiteres möglich war. Zum einen zeigte die Wittig-Olefinierung des Meldrumsäureylids 142 mit Aldehyd 136 keinen vollständigen Umsatz, was vermutlich der thermischen Instabilität des konjugierten Aldehyds 136 geschuldet ist. Ähnliches konnte bereits Schlessinger bei der Synthese von Tirandamycin A beobachten.⁷⁶ Zum anderen erwies sich auch die Aufreinigung der erhaltenen Mischung als schwierig, da auf Grund des amphiphilen Charakters des dargestellten Meldrumsäurekonjugats 137 eine Aufreinigung mittels Säure-Base-Extraktion, analog zu Lovmo,⁷⁵ nicht möglich war. Auch eine Aufreinigung mittels Säulenchromatographie konnte nicht durchgeführt werden, da Meldrumsäurekonjugate, wie bereits von Jouin⁶¹ berichtet, an Kieselgel zur Zersetzung neigen. Somit musste die erhaltene Mischung aus Meldrumsäureylid 142, Triphenylphosphinoxid und Meldrumsäurekonjugat 137 für die weiteren Umsetzungen verwendet werden. Damit war es möglich, sowohl die *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl als auch die 2,4-Dimethoxybenzyl geschützten 3-Acyltetramsäuren 138a und 138b herzustellen, was unter Verwendung der Methode von Ley⁵⁸ aus den bereits unter 3.2 bei der

Synthese von F-14329 (**9**) genannten Gründen nicht möglich gewesen wäre. Somit war es möglich, die photolytische Entschützung am Polyenoyl-System zu untersuchen, wobei sich jedoch zeigte, dass *ortho*-Nitrobenzyl hierfür nicht geeignet ist (vgl. Kapitel 6.3).

Zusammenfassend konnten sowohl Militarion C (**15**) als auch Fumosorinon A (**16**) totalsynthetisch hergestellt werden und über den Vergleich der erhaltenen experimentellen Daten, mit denen die aus der Literatur verfügbar sind, die zuvor nicht bekannten Konfigurationen an C-5 als (*S*) vorgeschlagen werden (vgl. Kapitel 6.3).



Schema 17. Etablierung eines enantioselektiven, totalsynthetischen Zugangs zu den Polyenoyltetransäuren Militarion C (**15**) (18 Stufen, 2.5% Gesamtausbeute) und Fumosorinon A (**16**) (18 Stufen, 2.0% Gesamtausbeute) über das gemeinsame Intermediat **19** in Kooperation mit M. Weise.

Reagenzien und Bedingungen: a) MsCl , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C auf RT, 3.75 h, quant.; b) LiAlH_4 , THF, 0°C auf RT, 16 h, quant.; c) RuCl_3 kat., NaIO_4 , $\text{MeCN}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, RT, 18 h, 64%; d) PivCl , NEt_3 , THF, 0°C , 25 min, dann (*R*)-Benzyloxazolidinon, LiCl , RT, 30 min, 88%; e) NaHMDS , THF, -78°C , 15 min, dann MeI , -78°C auf RT, 2.5 h, 90%, de 84%; f) LiBH_4 , MeOH , Et_2O , 0°C auf RT, 5 h, 95%; g) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C , 3 h; h) **140**, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 19 h, 70% über 2 Stufen, de 96%; i) DIBAL-H , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C , 1 h, **126/128/134** 90%/85%/98%; j) MnO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 18 h, **19/130/136** 83%/92%/96%; k) **141**, Toluol, rflx, 22 h, 68%, de 82%; l) **137**, Toluol, rflx, 22 h; m) **17a/17b**, MeCN , rflx, 1 h; n) NaOMe , MeOH , RT, 15 min, **138a/138b** 30%/25% über 3 Stufen; o) hv, 366 nm 4 W, $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, RT, 4 d; p) 10% TFA in CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C auf RT, 1 h; q) KF , MeOH , RT, 1 h, 62% über 2 Stufen; r) **104**, NaH , THF, 0°C , 30 min, dann **19**, RT, 1 h, 67%, de 95%; s) **143**, *n*- BuLi , THF, -78°C , 15 min, dann **130**, -78°C auf RT, 1.75 h, 95%; t) **17b**, NEt_3 , AgCF_3CO_2 , MS 4Å, THF, 0°C , Lichtausschluss, 2.5 h, 89%; u) NaOMe , MeOH , RT, 20 min, quant.; v) 10% TFA in CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C auf RT, 0.5 h, 30%; w) KF , MeOH , RT, 0.5 h, 60%.

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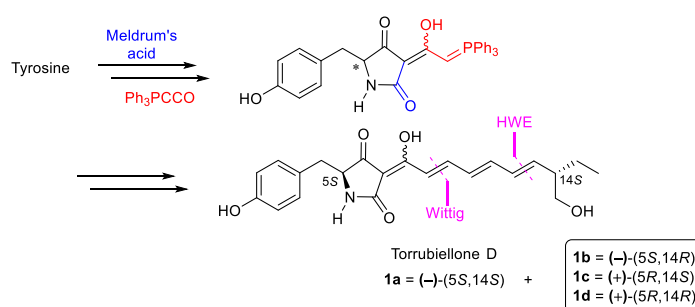
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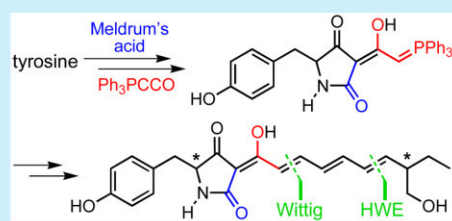
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ABSTRACT: Four stereoisomers of the spider-pathogenic fungus metabolite torribiellone D were synthesized for the first time in 10% overall yield starting from L-tyrosine or D-tyrosine. The 3-decatrienoyl side chain was assembled and attached via (*E*)-selective HWE and Wittig olefinations. Their antibiotic activities against drug-susceptible *Escherichia coli* strains differed considerably.



Many fungi of the order Hypocreales are pathogenic to insects and feed on them.¹ They are also a rich source of structurally diverse metabolites that may contribute to the infestation of the host and to the defense of its resources against competitors.^{1,2} These metabolites are therefore of particular interest as potential leads for new drugs and insecticides. As part of a screening program in Thailand,³ Isaka et al.⁴ assessed the metabolite profiles of 16 *Torribiella* species,⁵ the most prolific of which, *Torribiella* sp. BCC 2165, was found to produce four hitherto unknown alkaloids, three 2-pyridones and a tetramic acid, torribiellone D (1).

Their structures were elucidated except for the configuration of the stereocenters. A total synthesis of the pyridone (+)-torribiellone C (2) by Gademann et al. proved that the natural (–)-enantiomer, the presumed metabolic product of the tetramic acid torribiellone D (1), has an (*R*)-configured stereocenter in the side chain.⁶ cursory tests of compounds 1 and 2 on *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, and three cancer cell lines were negative.⁴ We have now synthesized the four diastereomers 1a–d in order to assign the stereochemistry of the natural product and also to evaluate their antibacterial activities (Figure 1).

First, the *N,O*-bisprotected tetramic acids (*S*)-5 and (*R*)-5 were prepared via a previously published general route⁷ starting from enantiopure tyrosine as shown exemplarily for (*S*)-5 in Scheme 1. L-Tyrosine was Boc-protected to give carbamate (S)-3 which, in turn, was silylated to afford amino acid derivative (S)-4. This was cyclized to (S)-5 with Meldrum's acid using a modification of Hosseini's protocol.⁸

The 3-decatrienoyl side chain of 1 was then attached to the tetramic acid 5 by first acylating the latter with the cumulated phosphorus ylide $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{O}$ to give a 3-acyl ylide which would be used to olefinate a suitably protected octadienal. By a similar approach, we previously synthesized ravenic acid.⁹ The required octadienal 16 was prepared in both enantiomeric forms from purchasable enantiopure 2-phenylbutyric acids 6 as

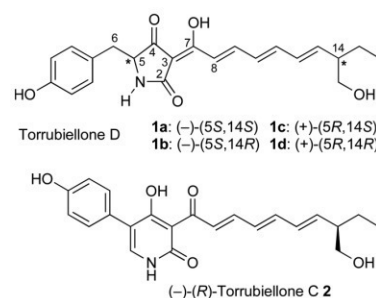


Figure 1. Structures of diastereoisomers of torribiellone D (1) and of natural (–)-torribiellone C (2).

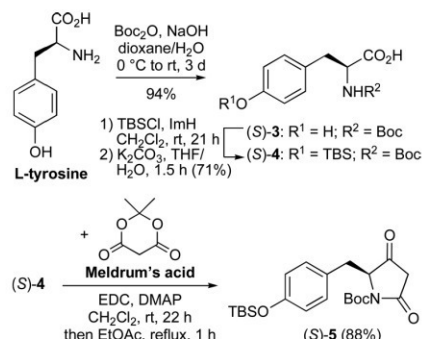
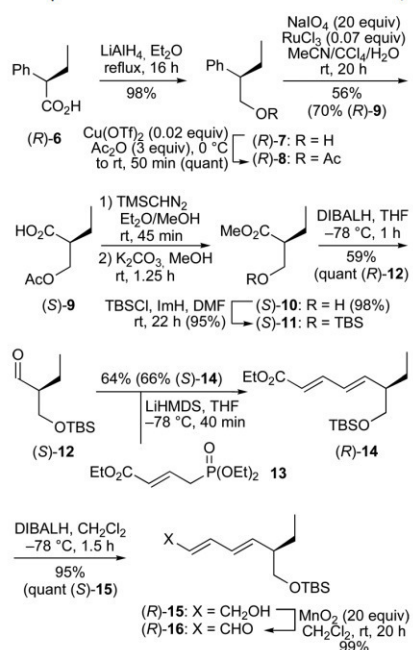
outlined exemplarily for (*R*)-16 in Scheme 2. Acid (*R*)-6 was reduced with LiAlH_4 to give alcohol (*R*)-7, which was converted to the acetate (*R*)-8 with acetic anhydride in the presence of catalytic copper(II) triflate according to a method by Firouzabadi.¹⁰ Oxidative cleavage of the phenyl ring with $\text{NaIO}_4/\text{RuCl}_3$ gave the carboxylic acid (*S*)-9 in 56% yield. The latter was treated with (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane and the resulting diester was selectively saponificated without prior purification to afford 2-(hydroxymethyl)butyrate (*S*)-10 in 98% over the last two steps.¹¹ Silylation of the hydroxy group furnished TBS-ether (*S*)-11, the methoxycarbonyl residue of which was reduced with DIBAL-H in THF at -78°C to give the aldehyde (*S*)-12 in 59% yield. This aldehyde was then olefinated with the anion of phosphonate 13, generated with LiHMDS in THF. The product ethyl dienoate (*R*)-14, obtained in 64% yield, was reduced in 95% yield to the alcohol (*R*)-15

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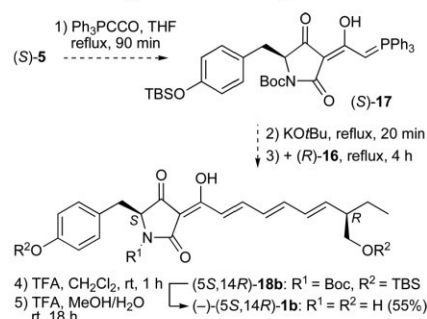
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Scheme 1. Synthesis of *N,O*-Bisprotected Tetramic Acid (*S*)-5Scheme 2. Synthesis of the Side-Chain Precursor (*R*)-16

with DIBAL-H in dichloromethane. (*R*)-15 was oxidized with MnO₂ to the dienal (*R*)-16 almost quantitatively.

Finally, in a sequence of three consecutive reactions in one pot, this aldehyde was converted to the bisprotected tetramic acid (*SS*,14*R*)-18b which gave the torrubellone D isomer (–)-(*SS*,14*R*)-1b in 55% overall yield after deprotection (Scheme 3). First, tetramic acid (*S*)-5 was 3-acylated with Ph₃PCCO to afford the acyl ylide (*S*)-17 which was deprotonated right away with potassium *tert*-butoxide to give a Wittig-active species of hitherto unknown structure. This, in turn, was treated with aldehyde (*R*)-16.⁹ The resulting mixture was heated at reflux to afford compound (*SS*,14*R*)-18b as the product of an (*E*)-selective Wittig alkenation. It was deprotected stepwise, first with trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane and then with the same reagent in a methanol/water mixture to afford the target compound (–)-(*SS*,14*R*)-1b. The other three stereoisomers 1a, 1c, and 1d were prepared analogously (cf. the Supporting Information).

Scheme 3. Attachment of the Side Chain via a 3-Acylation–Wittig Olefination Sequence



Since all four synthetic stereoisomers of torrubellone D showed specific optical rotations which deviated from that reported by Isaka et al.⁴ for their natural isolate (Table 1), we

Table 1. (Specific) Optical Rotations ($c = 0.12$, MeOH)

	Isaka ⁴	1a	1b	1c	1d
α		–0.62	–0.63	+0.64	+0.65
$[\alpha]_D^{23}$	–182	–517	–525	+533	+542

confirmed their stereochemical identity and purity by analytical HPLC on a chiral Phenomenex Lux Amylose-1 column, in comparison to authentic diastereomeric mixtures. Figure 2 shows this for the (*SS*)-torrubellones D 1a and 1b and a mixture of these synthesized from racemic aldehyde 16.

As the topmost chromatogram, recorded of the diastereomeric mixture of (*SS*)-torrubellones D, turned out to be an overlay of the chromatograms recorded of the pure synthetic (*SS*)-diastereomers 1a and 1b, we can rule out a side-chain racemization during the synthesis of the four stereoisomers. The additional peaks at earlier retention times in the chromatograms of 1a and 1b are additive in the chromatogram of the diastereomeric mixture and thus are very likely not impurities but tautomers or rotamers with respect to the C3–C7 bond of the 3-acyltetramic acid moiety. This assumption is also supported by the fact that all peaks showed the same characteristic UV absorption.

The optical rotation of Isaka's natural isolate deviates significantly from those of our pure synthetic stereoisomers. Optical rotations of 3-acyltetramic acids depend decisively on the solvent^{12–14} and on the age of the sample solutions since these parameters govern the ratio of tautomers and rotamers whose individual specific optical rotations may vary considerably. Hence, it is hard to tell whether Isaka's natural isolate contained impurities, artifacts, several stereoisomers, or merely a different combination of tautomers or rotamers of one particular of the four possible stereoisomers. It is also worth noting that the configuration of the stereogenic center in the side chain has virtually no influence on the magnitude of the specific optical rotations of the four stereoisomers. Moreover, they all gave rise to virtually identical NMR spectra which are also congruent to the NMR data published by Isaka. The optical rotation of –182 quoted for his natural product isolate would best agree with a mixture of (*SS*)- and (*SR*)-stereoisomers since racemization at C5 is a well-known aspect of tetramic acid chemistry.

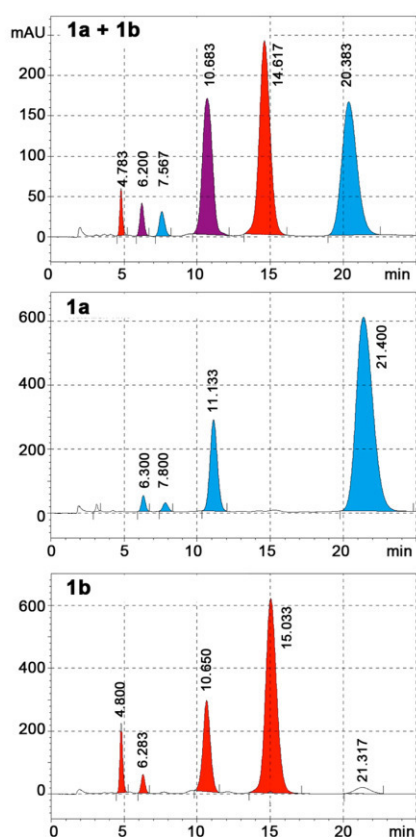


Figure 2. HPLC chromatograms for (5*S*)-torrubiellones D. (Top) Diastereomeric mixture of **1a** and **1b**; (middle) pure **1a**; (bottom) pure **1b** (Phenomenex Lux Amylose-1 100 × 4.6 mm chiral column, mobile phase 40% *n*-hexane, 60% ethanol with 0.1% TFA, flow rate 1 mL/min).

The four synthetic stereoisomers **1a–d** of torrubiellone D were finally tested for antibacterial activity against five different bacteria: the Gram-positive strains *Staphylococcus aureus* (DSM346) and *Enterococcus faecium* (DSM20477) and the Gram-negative strains *Escherichia coli* K12 wild-type, *Escherichia coli* Δ TolC mutant (JW5503), which lacks the ArcAB–TolC efflux system, and *Escherichia coli* D21f2 with truncated lipopolysaccharide (LPS) core (cf. the Supporting Information for experimental details). The four isomers displayed only weak activity against the Gram-positive bacteria with little variance between the compounds and the two strains. The *S. aureus* was slightly more susceptible to the (1*S*)-isomers **1a** and **1c** (Table 2). A more nuanced picture emerged from the tests with the Gram-negative *E. coli* strains. Wild-type *E. coli* K12 was not susceptible to any of the compounds, which was obviously due to insufficient penetration through the outer LPS layer and to efficient drug efflux pumps of the ArcAB–TolC type. The *E. coli* mutants which had a truncated LPS layer (D21f2) or lacked the TolC efflux pump (Δ TolC) were more susceptible than the K12 wild-type. The (5*R*)-isomers **1c** and **1d** gained most strongly from the absence of efflux pumps and reached IC₅₀ values of ca. 13 μ g/mL (i.e., ca. 35 μ M) against *E. coli* Δ TolC.

Table 2. IC₅₀ Values (μ g/mL) of **1a–d** for Various Bacteria^a

	1a	1b	1c	1d
<i>S. aureus</i>	37	53	44	55
<i>E. faecium</i>	40	38	49	39
<i>E. coli</i> K12	>100	>100	>100	>100
<i>E. coli</i> Δ TolC	83	30	13	14
<i>E. coli</i> D21f2	62	41	37	39

^a*S. aureus*: Gram-positive. *E. faecium*: Gram-positive. *E. coli* K12: wild-type, Gram-negative. *E. coli* Δ TolC: mutant lacking the ArcAB–TolC efflux system. *E. coli* D21f2: supersusceptible mutant with truncated lipopolysaccharide core.¹⁵

The (5*S*)-isomer **1a** was least efficacious against both *E. coli* mutants.

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General

IR spectra were recorded with an FT-IR spectrophotometer equipped with an ATR unit. $^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ spectra were obtained using a Bruker DRX 500 and/or DRX 300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million using the residual solvent peak as an internal standard acc. to Gottlieb, 7.26 ppm (proton) and 77.16 ppm (carbon) for CDCl_3 and 2.05 ppm (proton) and 206.26 and 29.84 ppm (carbon) for acetone- d_6 .¹ Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. Multiplicity abbreviation used: s singlet, d doublet, t triplet, q quartet and m multiplet. Mass spectra were obtained under EI (70 eV) conditions on a Thermo Finnigan MAT 8500 spectrometer using a MAT SS 300 data system. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a UPLC/Orbitrap MS system in ESI mode. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm (Na-D line) on a PerkinElmer 241 Polarimeter using solutions in chloroform and methanol. For chromatography silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) was used. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. All anhydrous solvents were used as supplied, except tetrahydrofuran and dichloromethane which were freshly distilled according to standard procedures. Reactions were routinely carried out under an argon atmosphere unless stated otherwise. All glassware was flame-dried before use.

Chromatography: Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60GF₂₅₄ pre-coated aluminium-backed plates and/or Merck 60 RP-18 F_{254s} foil plates. The compounds were visualised with UV light (254 nm and/or 360 nm) and/or ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) and/or potassium permanganate.

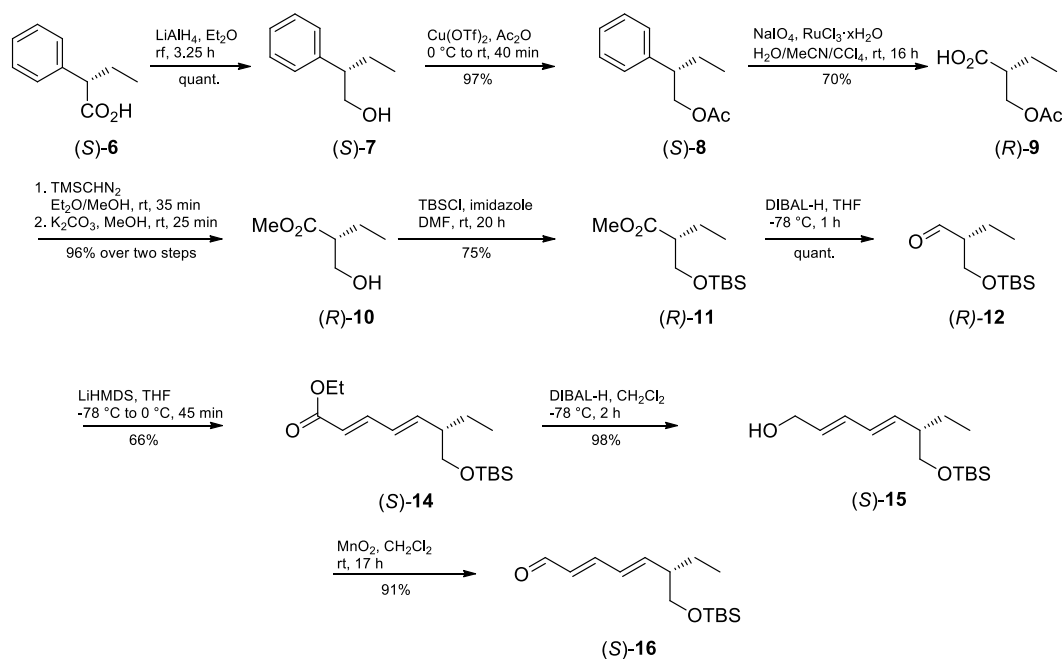
Flash chromatography was performed at medium pressure using dry packed Marchery-Nagel silica gel 60, pore size 40 – 63 μm with the eluent specified.

Analytical HPLC measurements were performed on a Beckman System Gold Programmable Solvent Module 126 using a Phenomenex Kinetex® C-18-HPLC column, length 250 x 4.6 mm, pore size 100 Å, particle size 5 μm . Detection by a Beckman Instruments Diode Array Detection Module 168. Chiral HPLC measurements were performed on a Beckman System Gold Programmable Solvent Module 125 using a Phenomenex Lux® Amylose-1-HPLC column, length 100 x 4.6 mm, pore size 100 Å, particle size 5 μm . Detection by a Beckman Instruments Diode Array Detection Module 168.

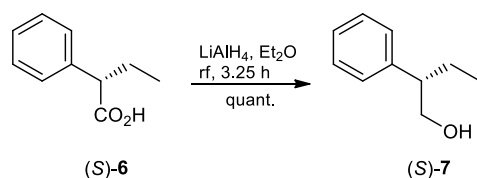
Preparative HPLC was carried out with a Knauer WellChrom K-1800 apparatus equipped with a Phenomenex Kinetex® C-18-HPLC-column, length 200 x 21.1 mm, pore size 100 Å, particle size 5 μm . Detection was carried out using a Knauer WellChrom UV-detector K-2600. Program used for torrubellone D purification: flow rate 14.95 mL/min, mobile phase 65% methanol 35% water with 0.1% formic acid for 7.5 min then to 95% methanol 5% water with 0.1% formic acid in 12.5 min for 40 min.

Procedures

Overview: Synthesis of (*S*,2*E*,4*E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienal (*S*)-16



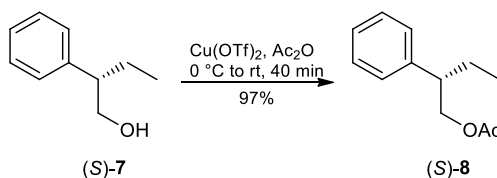
(*S*)-2-Phenylbutan-1-ol (*S*)-7



To a solution of (*S*)-(+)-2-phenylbutyric acid (*S*)-**6** (980 mg, 5.97 mmol, 1.00 eq) in absolute diethyl ether (50 mL) at 0 °C was added lithium aluminium hydride (569 mg, 15.00 mmol, 2.51 eq) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 3.25 h. Then aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 90 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with aqueous citric acid (5% wt., 100 mL), saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a colourless oil (895 mg, quant.); $R_f = 0.5$ (33% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +18.4$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.81 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m,

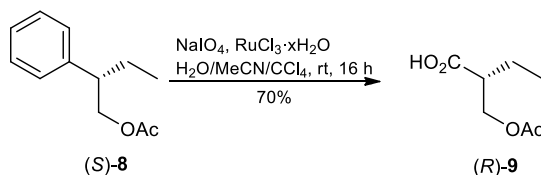
1H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.29 (br. s, 1H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 142.4, 28.8, 128.3, 126.9, 67.5, 50.6, 25.1, 12.1; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3356, 2962, 2926, 2875, 1494, 1451, 1378, 1098, 1036, 759, 697; m/z (EI) 150 ([M], 13%), 119 ([M-CH₃O], 42%), 91 ([M⁺-C₃H₈O], 100%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.²

(S)-2-Phenylbutyl acetate (S)-8



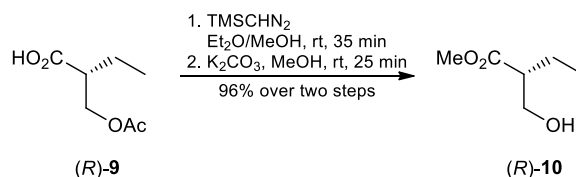
To a mixture of (S)-2-phenylbutan-1-ol (S)-7 (888 mg, 5.91 mmol, 1.00 eq) and acetic anhydride (1.68 mL, 17.73 mmol, 3.00 eq) at 0 °C was added copper (II) triflate (43 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.02 eq) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 40 min. Then diethyl ether (20 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (20 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous hydrogen carbonate (3 x 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (1.106 g, 97%); $R_f = 0.7$ (33% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +16.0$ ($c = 0.65$ CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dddd, $J = 9.3, 6.9, 6.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.80 (dq, $J = 14.8, 7.3, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.61 (ddq, $J = 14.8, 9.3, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 171.2, 141.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 68.4, 46.8, 25.5, 11.9; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2963, 1738, 1496, 1454, 1365, 1225, 1034, 759, 700; m/z (EI) 132 ([M-C₂H₃O₂], 100%), 91 ([M⁺-C₃H₈O], 100%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.³

(R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)butanoic acid (R)-9



A mixture of (*S*)-2-phenylbutyl acetate (*S*)-**8** (1.100 g, 5.75 mmol, 1.00 eq), water (21.5 mL), acetonitrile (14.3 mL) and tetrachloromethane (14.3 mL) was treated with sodium periodate (24.597 g, 115 mmol, 20.00 eq) and ruthenium (III) chloride hydrate (84 mg, 0.40 mmol, 0.07 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. Dichloromethane (200 mL) and water (150 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (5 x 200 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (80 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a dark pink oil, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 2% methanol in dichloromethane to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (640 mg, 70%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% methanol in dichloromethane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -16.5$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 11.37 (br. s, 1H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dddd, $J = 7.8, 7.6, 6.2, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.72 (ddq, $J = 14.0, 7.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 179.5, 171.0, 64.1, 46.2, 22.0, 21.0, 11.5; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2968, 1740, 1707, 1463, 1367, 1224, 1040, 928, 824, 776; m/z (EI) 130 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5]$, 7%), 117 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}]$, 9%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4^-$ 159.0652, found 159.0655. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁴

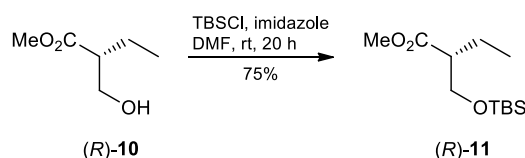
(*R*)-Methyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)butanoate (*R*)-10



A solution of (*R*)-2-(acetoxymethyl)butanoic acid (*R*)-**9** (640 mg, 4.00 mmol, 1.00 eq) in diethyl ether (7.8 mL) and methanol (2.6 mL) was treated dropwise with a solution of TMSCH_2N_2 in diethyl ether (2M, 2.6 mL, 5.2 mmol, 1.30 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 35 min. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residual methyl ester was used in the next step without further purification. It was taken up in methanol (6 mL), potassium carbonate (553 mg, 4.00 mmol, 1.00 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 25 min. Then water (30 mL) and diethyl ether (60 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4), silica gel (1.000 g) was added and the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 25% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexanes to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (505 mg, 96% over two steps); $R_f = 0.3$ (33% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +4.6$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.78 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, $J = 11.0, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.52 (dddd, $J = 7.8, 7.6, 6.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (br. s, 1H), 1.67 (ddq, $J = 14.5, 7.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (dq, $J =$

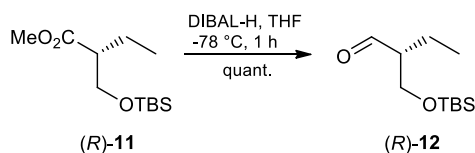
14.5, 7.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 62.9, 51.8, 49.1, 21.8, 11.8; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3443, 2935, 2880, 1717, 1436, 1379, 1264, 1196, 1170, 1047, 992, 798, 750; m/z (EI) 131 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 1%), 102 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5]$, 47%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁴

(*R*)-Methyl 2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanoate (*R*)-11



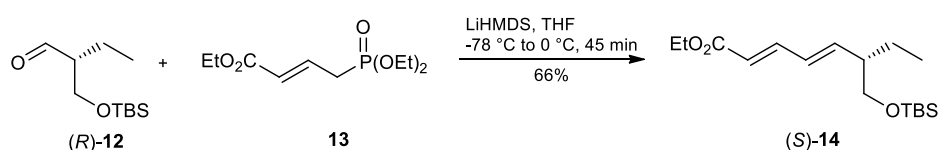
To a solution of (*R*)-methyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)butanoate (*R*)-10 (500 mg, 3.78 mmol, 1.00 eq) in DMF (20 mL) were added TBSCl (627 mg, 4.16 mmol, 1.10 eq) and imidazole (566 mg, 8.32 mmol, 2.20 eq) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. Then brine (20 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with *n*-hexane (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residual oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with *n*-hexane \rightarrow 1% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane \rightarrow 2% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (698 mg, 75%); $R_f = 0.6$ (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -10.5$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.76 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 9.8, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.50 (dddd, $J = 8.1, 7.9, 6.2, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (ddq, $J = 14.2, 8.1, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dq, $J = 14.2, 7.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.2, 64.0, 51.4, 50.3, 25.9, 21.7, 11.8, -5.4, -5.4; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2956, 2928, 2858, 1739, 1463, 1435, 1388, 1256, 1196, 1174, 1095, 1006, 836, 776, 666; m/z (EI) 189 ($[\text{M}-t\text{Bu}]$, 70%), 131 ($[\text{M}-\text{SiMe}_2t\text{Bu}]$, 7%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{Si}^+$ 247.1724, found 247.1727. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁵

(*R*)-2-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanal (*R*)-12



A solution of (*R*)-methyl 2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanoate (*R*)-**11** (616 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was treated dropwise at -78 °C with a solution of DIBAL-H in *n*-hexane (1M, 2.5 mL, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 20 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.25 h. Then diethyl ether (50 mL) and aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 20 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the organic phase was washed with brine (50 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a turbid oil (539 mg, quant.); *R_f* = 0.4 (6% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]^{23_D} = -21.7 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.70 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dddd, *J* = 7.3, 6.6, 6.4, 5.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dq, *J* = 14.0, 7.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dq, *J* = 14.0, 7.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 205.1, 61.7, 55.9, 25.9, 18.7, 18.3, 11.6, -5.4; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2958, 2929, 2858, 1728, 1463, 1389, 1362, 1253, 1098, 1054, 1006, 939, 834, 775, 667; *m/z* (EI) 159 ([*M*-*t*Bu], 79%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁶

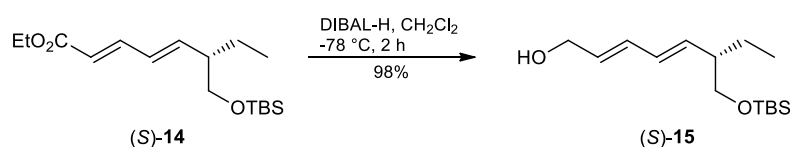
(*S*,2*E*,4*E*)-Ethyl 6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienoate (*S*)-**14**



To a solution of triethyl 4-phosphonocrotonate (1.854 g, 7.41 mmol, 3.00 eq) in THF (26 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of LiHMDS in THF (1M, 7.41 mL, 7.41 mmol, 3.00 eq) and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. Then a solution of the aldehyde (*R*)-**12** (536 mg, 2.47 mmol, 1.00 eq) in THF (34 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min. After that saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (90 mL) and water (40 mL) were added as a quench and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated *in vacuo* and the residual orange oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 1.5% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (513 mg, 66%); *R_f* = 0.3 (6% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. UV₂₅₄); [α]^{23.5_D} = +24.8 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.26 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, 15.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.6, 6.0, 5.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dq, *J* = 13.1, 7.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (ddq, *J* = 13.1, 8.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 167.5, 146.0, 145.1, 129.5, 119.7, 66.0, 60.3, 47.7, 26.0, 23.9, 18.4, 14.5, 11.8, -5.2; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2957, 2931, 2858, 1715, 1644, 1618, 1464, 1368, 1302, 1257, 1220, 1182, 1140, 1097, 1046, 1000, 835,

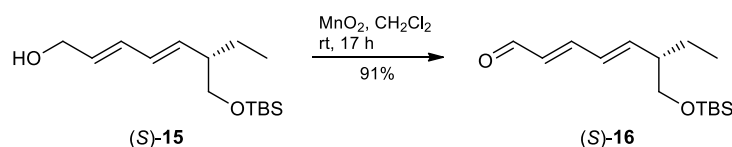
775, 667; m/z (EI) 296 ([M-Me], 3%) 282 ([M-Et], 12%), 254 ([M-tBu], 98%); HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₃₃O₃Si⁺ 313.2193, found 313.2199.

(S,2E,4E)-6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dien-1-ol (S)-15

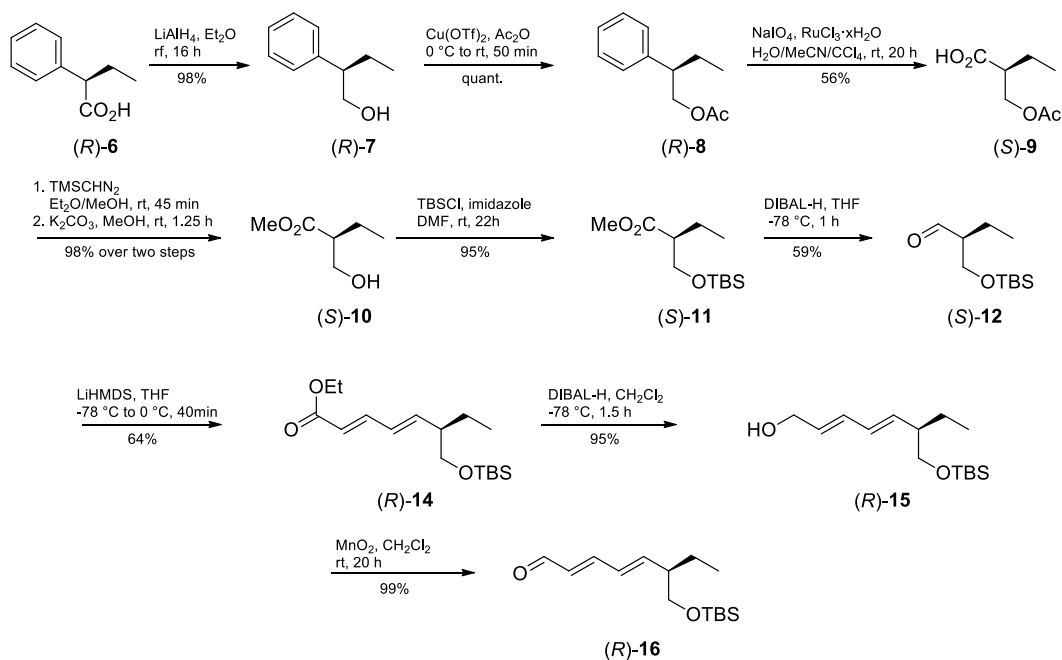
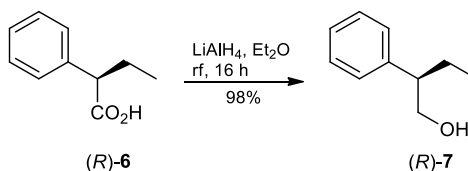


To a solution of (*S,2E,4E*)-ethyl 6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienoate (**S**)-**14** (144 mg, 461 μmol , 1.00 eq) in dichloromethane (6.6 mL) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added a solution of DIBAL-H in hexane (1M, 0.97 mL, 970 μmol , 2.10 eq) and the mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 h. Then aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 10mL) was added as a quench and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 25 min. Diethyl ether (20 mL) was added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (122 mg, 98%); R_f = 0.1 (10% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); $[\alpha]^{24}_D = +30.5$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.23 (dd, $J = 15.1, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, $J = 15.1, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, $J = 15.3, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.15 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 137.0, 132.3, 130.6, 129.9, 66.5, 63.7, 47.3, 26.1, 24.1, 18.5, 11.8, -5.2; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 3317, 2957, 2929, 2857, 1729, 1463, 1361, 1252, 1086, 987, 939, 834, 774, 667; m/z (EI) 213 ([M-tBu], 36%); HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₃₁O₂Si⁺ 271.2088, found 271.1149.

(S,2E,4E)-6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienal (S)-16



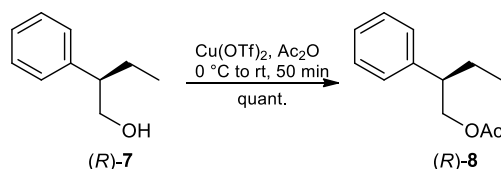
To a solution of (*S,2E,4E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dien-1-ol (**S-15**) (120 mg, 444 μ mol, 1.00 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added manganese dioxide (771 mg, 8.87 mmol, 20.00 eq) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 17 h. Then the reaction mixture was filtered over a plug of celite and the plug was rinsed with dichloromethane (60 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a light yellow oil (109 mg, 91%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]^{23.5}_{\text{D}} = +36.3$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 9.55 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 15.4, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 15.4, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 15.3, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 9.9, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 9.9, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 194.1, 152.8, 148.8, 130.5, 129.7, 65.7, 47.9, 26.0, 23.8, 18.4, 11.8, -5.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2958, 2929, 2857, 1686, 1642, 1463, 1254, 1165, 1098, 1009, 988, 836, 776, 666; m/z (EI) 211 ($[\text{M}-t\text{Bu}]$, 42%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{Si}^+$ 269.1931, found 269.1928.

Overview: Synthesis of (*R*,2*E*,4*E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienal (*R*)-16**(*R*)-2-Phenylbutan-1-ol (*R*)-7**

To a solution of (*R*)-(-)-2-phenylbutyric acid (*R*)-6 (917 mg, 5.58 mmol, 1.00 eq) in absolute diethyl ether (50 mL) at 0 °C was added lithium aluminium hydride (531 mg, 14.02 mmol, 2.51 eq) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 16 h. Then aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 90 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with aqueous citric acid (5% wt., 100 mL), saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a colourless oil (825 mg, 98%); *R_f* = 0.5 (33% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]²⁵_D = -17.0 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.81 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.31 (br. s, 1H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 142.4, 128.8, 128.3, 126.8, 67.5, 50.6, 25.1, 12.1; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 3348, 2960, 2930, 2875, 1494, 1453, 1378, 1099,

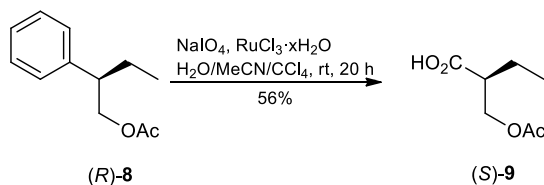
1035, 759, 698; m/z (EI) 150 ([M], 13%), 119 ([M-CH₃O], 42%), 91 ([M⁺-C₃H₈O], 100%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁷

(*R*)-2-Phenylbutyl acetate (*R*)-8



To a mixture of (*R*)-2-phenylbutan-1-ol (*R*)-7 (823 mg, 5.48 mmol, 1.00 eq) and acetic anhydride (1.55 mL, 16.44 mmol, 3.00 eq) at 0 °C was added copper (II) triflate (40 mg, 0.11 mmol, 0.02 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 50 min. Then diethyl ether (20 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (20 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous hydrogen carbonate (3 x 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (1.052 g, quant.); R_f = 0.7 (33% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); $[\alpha]^{23.5}_D = -14.5$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.34 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dddd, $J = 9.3, 6.9, 6.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.80 (dq, $J = 14.8, 7.3, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.61 (ddq, $J = 14.8, 9.3, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 171.2, 141.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 68.4, 46.8, 25.5, 11.9; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2966, 1739, 1496, 1454, 1365, 1228, 1036, 760, 701; m/z (EI) 132 ([M-C₂H₃O₂], 100%), 91 ([M⁺-C₃H₈O], 100%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁸

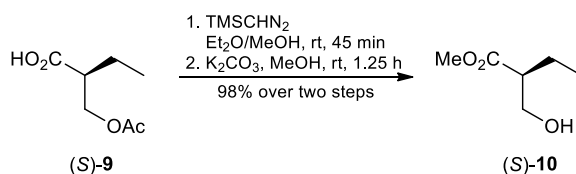
(*S*)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)butanoic acid (*S*)-9



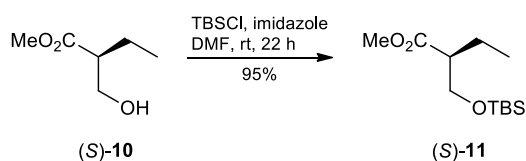
To a solution of (*R*)-2-phenylbutyl acetate (*R*)-8 (1.050 g, 5.46 mmol, 1.00 eq) in water (21.5 mL), acetonitrile (14.3 mL) and tetrachloromethane (14.3 mL) were added sodium periodate (23.314 g, 109 mmol, 20.00 eq) and ruthenium (III) chloride hydrate (79 mg, 0.38 mmol, 0.07 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. Then dichloromethane (200 mL) and water (150 mL)

were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (200 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (80 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a dark pink oil, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 1.5% methanol in dichloromethane to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (490 mg, 56%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% methanol in dichloromethane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]^{24}_{\text{D}} = +15.3$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 11.18 (br. s, 1H), 4.25 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dddd, $J = 7.8, 7.6, 6.2, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.72 (ddq, $J = 14.0, 7.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 179.6, 171.0, 64.1, 46.2, 22.0, 21.0, 11.5; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2972, 1740, 1709, 1463, 1367, 1225, 1041, 825, 776; m/z (EI) 130 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5]$, 7%), 117 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}]$, 9%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4^-$ 159.0663, found 159.0653.

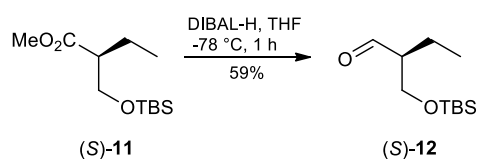
(S)-Methyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)butanoate (S)-10



A solution of (S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)butanoic acid (S)-9 (480 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.00 eq) in diethyl ether (6.2 mL) and methanol (1.6 mL) was treated dropwise with a solution of TMSCH_2N_2 in diethyl ether (2M, 1.75 mL, 3.5 mmol, 1.17 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 45 min. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residual methyl ester was used in the next step without further purification. It was taken up in methanol (4.5 mL), potassium carbonate (415 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.00 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.25 h. Then water (30 mL) and diethyl ether (60 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4), silica gel (1.000 g) was added and the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 25% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexanes to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (389 mg, 98% over two steps); $R_f = 0.3$ (2% methanol in dichloromethane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]^{26}_{\text{D}} = -3.3$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.81 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.52 (dddd, $J = 7.8, 7.6, 6.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 (br. s, 1H), 1.67 (ddq, $J = 14.5, 7.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (dq, $J = 14.5, 7.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 62.9, 51.8, 49.0, 21.8, 11.8; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3456, 2966, 1717, 1436, 1380, 1264, 1197, 1171, 1048, 992, 798, 750; m/z (EI) 102 ($[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5]$, 47%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$ 133.0859, found 133.0860.

(S)-Methyl 2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanoate (S)-11

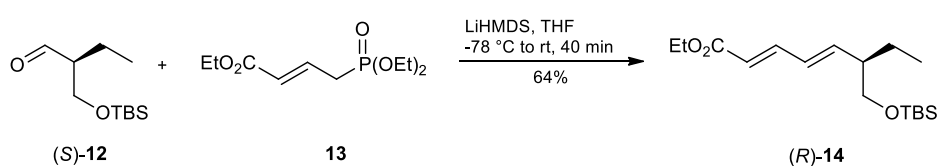
To a solution of (S)-methyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)butanoate (S)-10 (385 mg, 2.91 mmol, 1.00 eq) in DMF (15 mL) were added TBSCl (482 mg, 3.20 mmol, 1.10 eq) and imidazole (436 mg, 6.40 mmol, 2.20 eq) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 22 h. Then brine (15 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with *n*-hexane (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residual oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with *n*-hexane → 1% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane → 2% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (681 mg, 95%); *R_f* = 0.6 (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]²⁷_D = +10.1 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 3.77 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.9, 6.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (ddq, *J* = 14.2, 8.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (dq, *J* = 14.2, 7.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 175.3, 64.0, 51.5, 50.4, 25.9, 21.7, 11.8, -5.4; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2954, 2858, 1739, 1463, 1435, 1388, 1255, 1196, 1174, 1094, 1005, 836, 776, 664; *m/z* (EI) 189 ([M-*t*Bu], 70%), 131 ([M-SiMe₂*t*Bu], 7%); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₇O₃Si⁺ 247.1724, found 247.1721. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁵

(S)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanal (S)-12

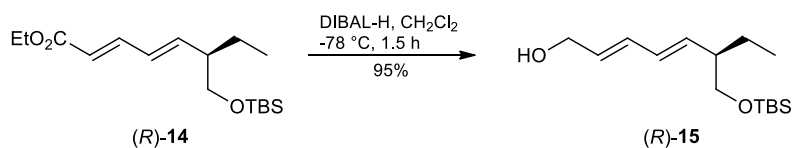
A solution of (S)-methyl 2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)butanoate (S)-11 (561 mg, 2.28 mmol, 1.00 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (23 mL) at -78 °C was treated dropwise with a solution of DIBAL-H in *n*-hexane (1M, 2.25 mL, 2.25 mmol, 0.98 eq) and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 20 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.25 h. Diethyl ether (50 mL) and aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 20 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a light cloudy oil which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 3% diethyl ether in

n-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (292 mg, 59%); $R_f = 0.4$ (6% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = +21.4$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 9.70 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, $J = 10.2, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, $J = 10.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dddd, $J = 7.3, 6.6, 6.4, 5.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.5, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.5, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 205.1, 61.7, 55.9, 25.9, 18.7, 18.4, 11.6, -5.4; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2956, 2930, 2861, 1729, 1463, 1387, 1359, 1253, 1102, 1052, 1006, 940, 836, 776; m/z (EI) 217 ($[\text{M}^+]$, 3%), 159 ($[\text{M}-t\text{Bu}]$, 4%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁹

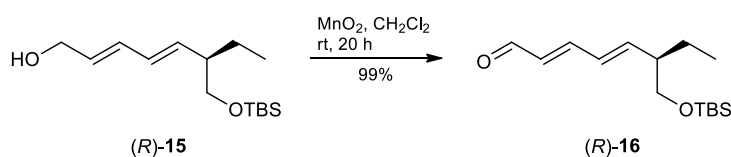
(*R*,*2E*,*4E*)-Ethyl 6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienoate (*R*)-14



To a solution of triethyl 4-phosphonocrotonate (1.006 g, 4.02 mmol, 3.00 eq) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of LiHMDS in THF (1M, 4.00 mL, 4.00 mmol, 3.00 eq) and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. Then a solution of the aldehyde (*S*)-12 (290 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.00 eq) in THF (18 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 40 min. After that saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (90 mL) and water (40 mL) were added as a quench and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4), concentrated *in vacuo* and the residual orange oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 1% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane \rightarrow 3% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (269 mg, 64%); $R_f = 0.3$ (6% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. UV_{254}); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = -25.4$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.26 (dd, $J = 15.4, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, $J = 15.3, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, 15.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 9.8, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dddd, $J = 8.7, 7.6, 6.0, 5.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dq, $J = 13.1, 7.6, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.30 (ddq, $J = 13.1, 8.7, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 167.5, 146.0, 145.1, 129.5, 119.7, 66.0, 60.3, 47.7, 26.0, 23.9, 18.4, 14.5, 11.8, -5.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2957, 2931, 2858, 1715, 1644, 1618, 1464, 1368, 1302, 1257, 1220, 1182, 1140, 1097, 1046, 1000, 835, 775, 667; m/z (EI) 297 ($[\text{M}-\text{Me}]$, 3%), 282 ($[\text{M}-\text{Et}]$, 8%), 255 ($[\text{M}-t\text{Bu}]$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_3\text{Si}^+$ 313.2193, found 313.2189. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁹

(*R,2E,4E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dien-1-ol (*R*)-15

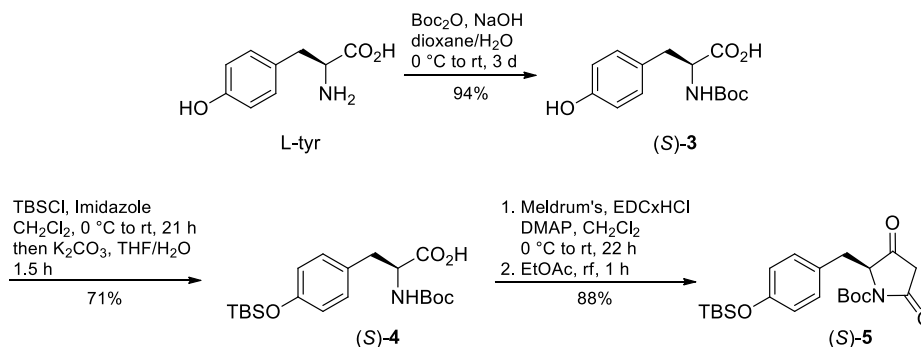
To a solution of (*R,2E,4E*)-ethyl 6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienoate (*R*)-14 (134 mg, 430 μmol , 1.00 eq) in dichloromethane (6.2 mL) at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ was added a solution of DIBAL-H in hexane (1M, 0.90 mL, 900 μmol , 2.09 eq) and the mixture was stirred at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 h. Then aqueous citric acid (33% wt., 10mL) was added as a quench and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 10 min. Diethyl ether (20 mL) was added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with aqueous citric acid (5% wt. 20 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (110 mg, 95%); $R_f = 0.1$ (10% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]^{24}_{\text{D}} = -28.8$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.22 (dd, $J = 15.1, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, $J = 15.1, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, $J = 15.3, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.43 (br. s, 1H), 1.30 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 136.9, 132.2, 130.6, 129.9, 66.5, 63.7, 47.3, 26.1, 24.1, 18.5, 11.8, -5.2, -5.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3338, 2957, 2929, 2857, 1463, 1381, 1252, 1085, 987, 939, 834, 774, 667; m/z (EI) 213 ($[\text{M}-\text{tBu}]$, 28%). Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁹

(*R,2E,4E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dienal (*R*)-16

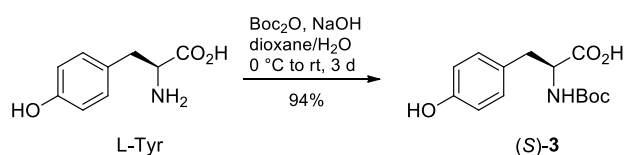
To a solution of (*R,2E,4E*)-6-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)octa-2,4-dien-1-ol (*R*)-15 (107 mg, 396 μmol , 1.00 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added manganese dioxide (688 mg, 7.91 mmol, 20.00 eq) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. Then the reaction mixture was filtered over a plug of celite and the plug was washed with dichloromethane (60 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a light yellow oil (109 mg, 91%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% diethyl ether in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]^{23.5}_{\text{D}} = -36.1$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 9.54 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz,

1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 15.4, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J = 15.4, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 15.3, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 9.9, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 9.9, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 194.1, 152.8, 148.8, 130.5, 129.7, 65.7, 47.8, 26.0, 23.8, 18.4, 11.8, -5.3; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 2957, 2930, 2859, 1686, 1642, 1464, 1255, 1165, 1099, 1009, 988, 837, 776; m/z (EI) 211 ([M-*t*Bu], 25%); HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{Si}^+$ 269.1931, found 269.1929. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.⁹

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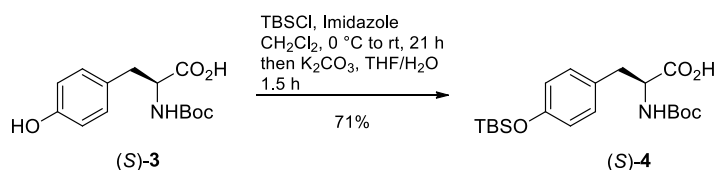


(S)-2-((tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid (S)-3



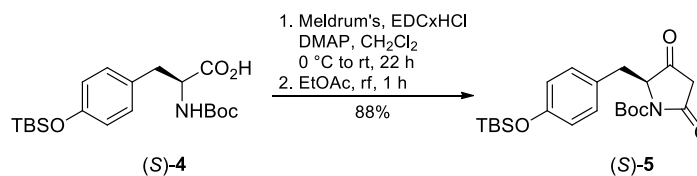
To a suspension of L-tyrosine (3 g, 16.56 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 33% water in dioxane (120 mL) at 0 °C were added NaOH (1M, 16.6 mL, 16.6 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (3.614 g, 16.56 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and the mixture was stirred for 3 d at ambient temperature. The dioxane was removed *in vacuo*, the aqueous phase was cooled to 0 °C and ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added. The pH was adjusted to 2 using aqueous potassium bisulfate (2M, 10 mL) and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil which was coevaporated with dichloromethane to give the *title compound* as a colorless ropy foam (4.400 g, 94%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.20 (br, s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.10 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.1, 155.0, 130.7, 127.6, 115.8, 54.6, 37.2, 28.5, 14.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 3333, 2979, 1681, 11615, 1515, 1446, 1394, 1368, 1224, 1157, 1052, 827, 778. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.¹⁰

(S)-2-((tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-3-(4-((tert-butylidimethylsilyloxy)phenyl)propanoic acid (S)-4



To a solution of L-Boc-tyrosine (**S**)-**3** (9.308 g, 33.09 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dichloromethane (250 mL) at 0 °C were added imidazole (6.758 g, 99.27 mmol, 3.00 eq.) and TBSCl (10.972 g, 72.80 mmol, 2.20 eq.) and the mixture was stirred for 21 h at ambient temperature. Dichloromethane was removed *in vacuo* before water (200 mL), THF (100 mL) and potassium carbonate (2.3 g, 16.50 mmol, 0.50 eq.) were added and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at ambient temperature. Then the mixture was neutralized with HCl (0.5M, 66 mL) and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residual yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 10% ethyl acetate and 1% formic acid in *n*-hexane → 20% ethyl acetate and 1% formic acid in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* after coevaporation with toluene as a colourless oily solid foam (9.257 g, 71%); $R_f = 0.5$ (80% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); $[\alpha]^{24}_D = +15.4$ (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.45 (br. s, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.05 – 4.83 (m, 1H), 4.69 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.8, 155.6, 154.9, 130.5, 128.6, 120.3, 80.4, 54.5, 37.1, 28.4, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2931, 2859, 1714, 1611, 1509, 1473, 1393, 1367, 1251, 1162, 1103, 1054, 1025, 912, 837, 779, 686, 631, 572; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₂₀H₃₂NO₅Si⁻ 394.2055, found 394.2051. Data are consistent with those reported in literature.¹¹

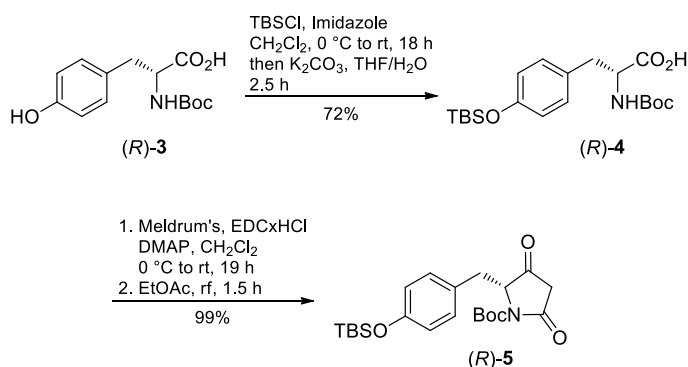
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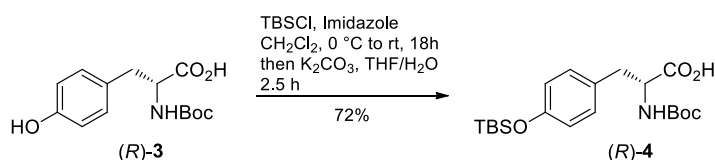
A solution of bisprotected tyrosine (**S**)-**4** (1 g, 2.53 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dichloromethane (10 mL) at 0 °C was treated with Meldrum's acid (382 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.05 eq.) and DMAP (464 mg, 3.80 mmol, 1.50 eq.). Then a suspension of EDCxHCl (583 mg, 3.04 mmol, 1.20 eq.) in dichloromethane (7 mL) was added drop-wise and the resulting mixture was stirred for 22 h at ambient temperature. Ethyl acetate (25 mL) and diethyl ether (20 mL) were added and the mixture was washed with water (20 mL), aqueous potassium bisulfate (5% wt., 2 x 30 mL), water (25 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was then dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. This oil was taken up in ethyl acetate (150 mL) and the solution was heated at reflux for 1 h before the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a colorless solid foam (930 mg, 88%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% methanol in dichloromethane, det. UV, CAM); $[\alpha]^{24}_D = +63.9$ (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.64 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 14.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, $J = 14.2, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125

MHz) δ 204.6, 167.5, 155.4, 149.2, 131.1, 126.5, 120.7, 84.4, 68.6, 43.5, 35.9, 28.2, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2932, 1756, 1712, 1607, 1510, 1472, 1362, 1250, 1150, 1075, 912, 837, 809, 778, 686; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+Na] calcd for C₂₂H₃₃NNaO₅Si 442.2020, found 442.2014.

Overview: Synthesis of *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-(5*R*)-5-((4-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)benzyl)-pyrrolidin-2,4-dione (*R*)-5



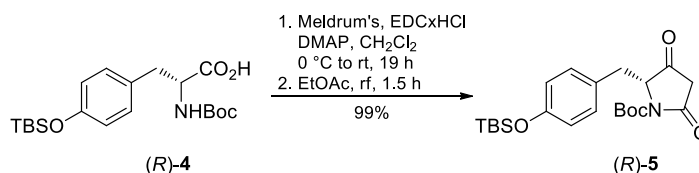
(*R*)-2-((*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)propanoic acid (*R*)-4



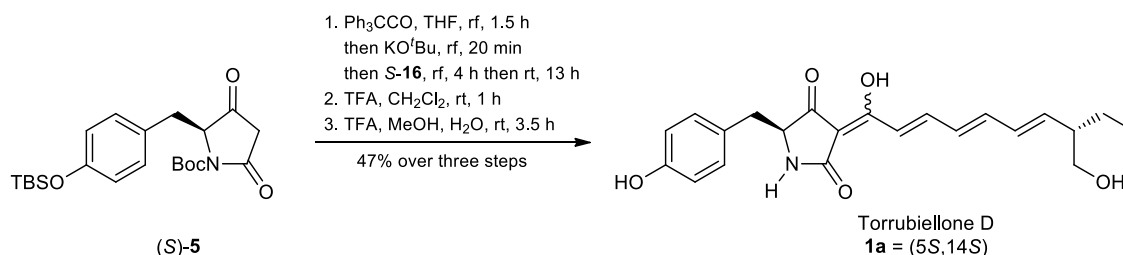
To a solution of *R*-Boc-tyrosine (*R*)-3 (1 g, 3.55 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dichloromethane (36 mL) at 0 °C were added imidazole (725 mg, 10.65 mmol, 3.00 eq.) and TBSCl (1.070 g, 7.10 mmol, 2.20 eq.) and the mixture was stirred for 18 h at ambient temperature. A colorless solid formed which was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. The oil was taken up in THF (12 mL) and water (24 mL) before potassium carbonate (246 mg, 1.78 mmol, 0.50 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.5 h. Then saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (150 mL) and ethyl acetate (200 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a colourless oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 5% ethyl acetate and 0.1% formic acid in *n*-hexane → 10% ethyl acetate and 0.1% formic acid in *n*-hexane → 20% ethyl acetate and 0.1% formic acid in *n*-hexane → 25% ethyl acetate and 0.1% formic acid in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* after coevaporation with toluene as a colorless ropy foam (1.006 g, 72%); *R_f* = 0.5 (80% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]²⁴_D = -16.2 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.11 (br. s, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.98 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.6, 155.6, 154.9, 130.5, 128.4, 120.3, 80.4, 54.5, 37.1, 28.4, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2931, 2859, 1714, 1610, 1509, 1473, 1393, 1368, 1251, 1163, 1103, 1054, 1026, 912,

837, 779, 687; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₂₀H₃₂NO₅Si⁻ 394.2055, found 394.2051. Data were consistent with those reported in literature.¹²

***N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-(5*R*)-5-((4-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)benzyl)-pyrrolidin-2,4-dione (*R*)-5**



To a solution of bisprotected tyrosine (*R*)-4 (966 mg, 2.44 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dichloromethane (17 mL) at 0 °C were added Meldrum's acid (369 mg, 2.56 mmol, 1.05 eq.) and DMAP (447 mg, 3.66 mmol, 1.50 eq.). Then a suspension of EDCxHCl (562 mg, 2.93 mmol, 1.20 eq.) in dichloromethane (7 mL) was added drop-wise and the mixture was stirred for 19 h while being allowed to reach ambient temperature. Ethyl acetate (25 mL) and diethyl ether (25 mL) were added and the mixture was washed with water (20 mL), saturated aqueous ammonium carbonate (2 x 50 mL), aqueous potassium bisulfate (5% wt. 2 x 30 mL), aqueous citric acid (5% wt., 20 mL), water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic phase was then dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. This oil was taken up in ethyl acetate (150 mL) and the resulting solution was heated at reflux for 1 h before the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a colorless solid foam (1.012 g, 99%); $R_f = 0.4$ (10% methanol in dichloromethane, det. UV, CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -72.0$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (ddd, $J = 5.0, 2.8, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 14.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, $J = 14.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, $J = 22.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, $J = 22.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 204.6, 167.5, 155.4, 149.2, 131.0, 126.5, 120.7, 84.4, 68.6, 43.5, 35.9, 28.2, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 2931, 1756, 1714, 1608, 1510, 1473, 1363, 1252, 1151, 1077, 912, 837, 809, 778, 686; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₃₃NNaO₅Si 442.2020, found 442.2014.

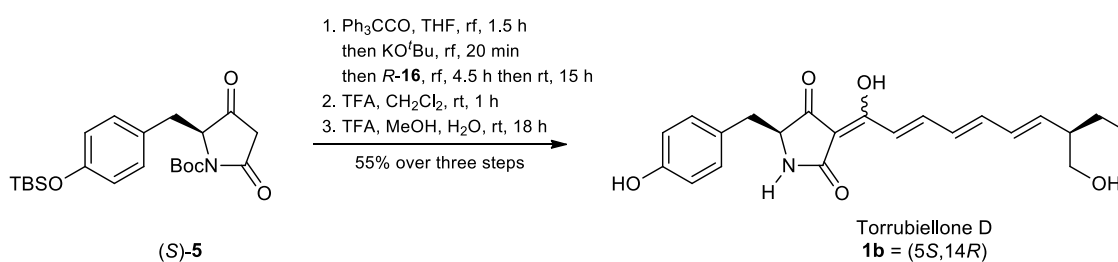
Syntheses of torrubiellones D 1a-d and of (-)-(5*S*,14*R/S*)-torrubiellone D 19(5*S*,14*S*)-Torrubiellone D 1a

A solution of tetramic acid (*S*)-**5** (185 mg, 442 μmol , 1.10 eq) in THF (25 mL) at reflux was treated dropwise with a solution of ketylidetriphenylphosphorane (134 mg, 442 μmol , 1.10 eq) in THF (10 mL) over 10 min and the resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for a further 1.5 h. Potassium *tert*-butanolate (50 mg, 442 μmol , 1.10 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 20 min. After that, a solution of aldehyde (*S*)-**16** (108 mg, 402 μmol , 1.00 eq) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise over 5 min and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. It was then cooled to ambient temperature and stirred for 13 h before the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to leave an orange oil which was taken up in dichloromethane (20 mL). The resulting solution was washed with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (30 mL), the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 30 mL), and the combined organic phases were concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange oil which was purified by flash chromatography on RP-18 silica gel, eluting with 20% water in methanol \rightarrow methanol. The product containing fractions were pooled and concentrated *in vacuo*. The remaining aqueous phase was repeatedly extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 15 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) to give bisprotected (5*S*,14*S*)-torrubiellone D **18a** which was used in the next step without further purification.

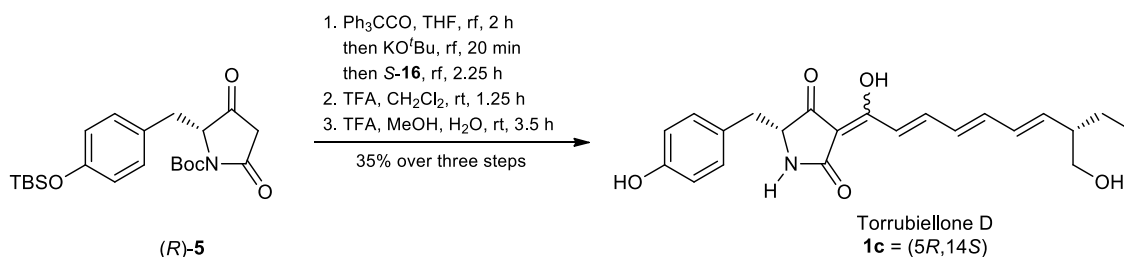
The crude **18a** was taken up in 15% trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane (20 mL) and stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h, methanol was added, and the mixture was reduced to half its volume. Then trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL) and water (2 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3.5 h. Toluene (20 mL) was added and the solvent was removed to leave half of the initial volume. Two phases had formed which were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were concentrated *in vacuo* to give an oily yellow solid which was taken up in 35% water in methanol (40 mL) and purified by preparative HPLC. The product containing fractions were pooled, stripped of their methanol, and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. This was taken up in methanol and filtered over Sephadex LH-20. The solvent was coevaporated with acetone to give the *title compound* as an amorphous orange-yellow solid (73 mg, 47% over three steps); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -516$ ($c = 0.12$ MeOH); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (acetone- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 8.13 (br. s, 1H), 7.71 (br. s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 15.2, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03

(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 14.6, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 14.6, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, $J = 15.2, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, $J = 15.2, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 14.1, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, 14.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 195.2, 176.4, 173.9, 157.0, 145.0, 144.7, 144.6, 132.2, 131.6, 130.1, 127.9, 121.3, 116.0, 101.1, 65.7, 64.0, 48.9, 37.4, 24.6, 12.0; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3279, 2919, 1652, 1588, 1550, 1515, 1425, 1367, 1225, 1170, 1007, 895, 869, 813; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5^+$ 384.1806, found 384.1795.

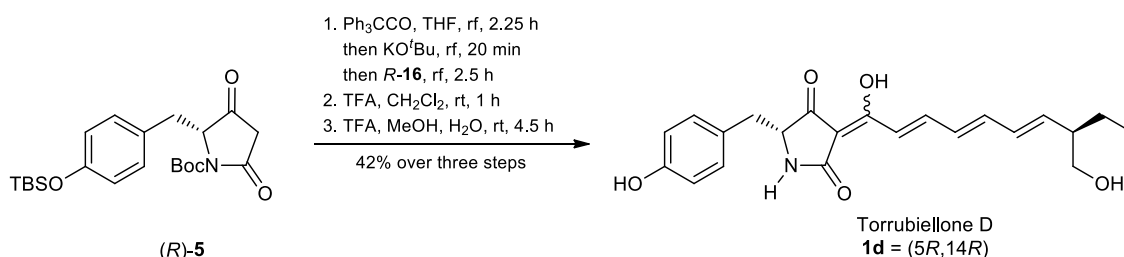
(5*S*,14*R*)-Torrubiellone D **1b**



Analogously to **1a**, isomer **1b** (81 mg, 55% over three steps) was obtained as an amorphous orange-yellow solid from tetramic acid (*S*)-**5** (185 mg, 442 μmol , 1.15 eq), ketylenetriphenylphosphorane (134 mg, 442 μmol , 1.15 eq), potassium *tert*-butanolate (50 mg, 442 μmol , 1.15 eq), and aldehyde (*R*)-**16** (103 mg, 384 μmol , 1.00 eq); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -525$ ($c = 0.12$ MeOH); ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 8.13 (br. s, 1H), 7.71 (br. s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 15.2, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 14.6, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 14.6, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, $J = 15.2, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, $J = 15.2, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (br. s, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 14.0, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, 14.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 195.2, 176.3, 173.9, 157.0, 145.0, 144.7, 144.6, 132.2, 131.6, 130.1, 127.9, 121.3, 116.0, 101.1, 65.7, 64.0, 48.9, 37.4, 24.6, 12.0; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3236, 2921, 1643, 1586, 1543, 1515, 1424, 1368, 1224, 1169, 1006, 893, 867, 813; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5^+$ 384.1806, found 384.1806.

(5*R*,14*S*)-Torrubiellone D 1c

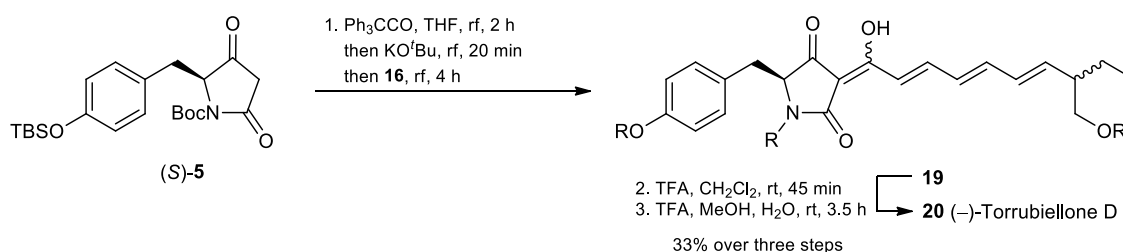
Analogously to **1a**, isomer **1c** (52 mg, 35% over three steps) was obtained as an amorphous orange-yellow solid from tetramic acid (*R*)-**5** (189 mg, 450 μmol, 1.15 eq), ketenylidetriphenylphosphorane (136 mg, 450 μmol, 1.15 eq), potassium *tert*-butanolate (51 mg, 450 μmol, 1.15 eq), and aldehyde (*S*)-**16** (105 mg, 391 μmol, 1.00 eq); [α]²³_D = +533 (c = 0.12 MeOH); ¹H NMR (acetone-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 8.13 (br. s, 1H), 7.71 (br. s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, 14.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (acetone-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 195.2, 176.4, 174.0, 157.0, 145.0, 144.7, 144.6, 132.2, 131.6, 130.1, 127.9, 121.3, 116.0, 101.1, 65.7, 64.0, 48.9, 37.4, 24.6, 12.0; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν 3236, 2922, 1643, 1586, 1542, 1514, 1424, 1368, 1222, 1169, 1005, 893, 867, 810; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₅⁺ 384.1806, found 384.1805.

(5*R*,14*R*)-Torrubiellone D 1d

Analogously to **1a**, isomer **1d** (46 mg, 42% over three steps) was obtained as an amorphous orange-yellow solid from tetramic acid (*R*)-**5** (136 mg, 325 μmol, 1.15 eq), ketenylidetriphenylphosphorane (98 mg, 325 μmol, 1.15 eq), potassium *tert*-butanolate (36 mg, 325 μmol, 1.15 eq), and aldehyde (*R*)-**16** (76 mg, 283 μmol, 1.00 eq); [α]²³_D = +542 (c = 0.12 MeOH); ¹H NMR (acetone-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 8.14 (br. s, 1H), 7.69 (br. s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (br. s, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 14.1,

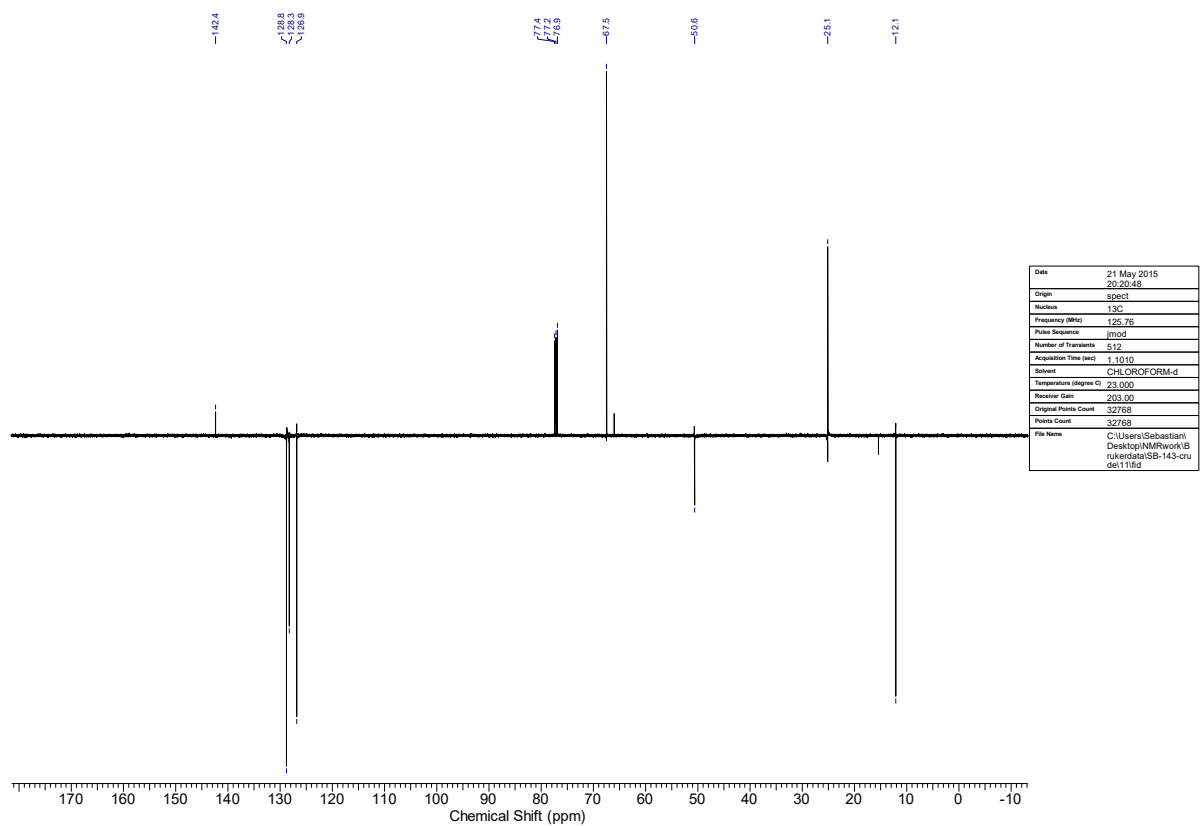
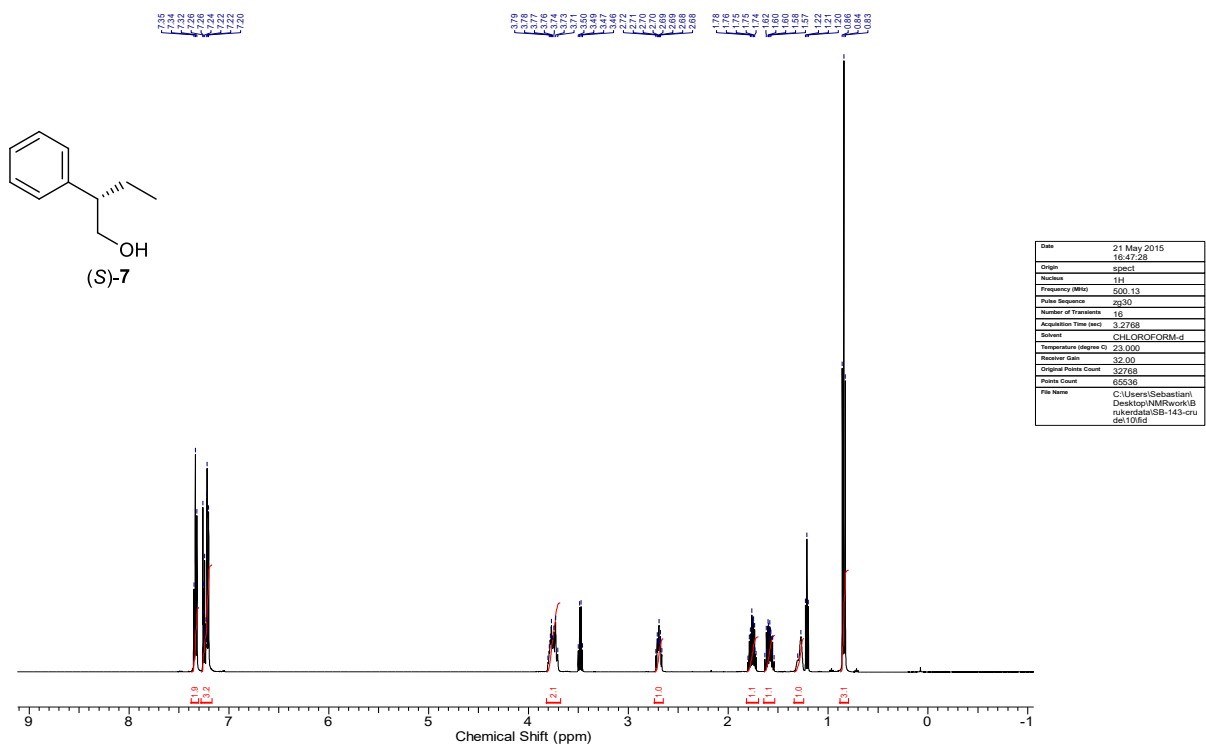
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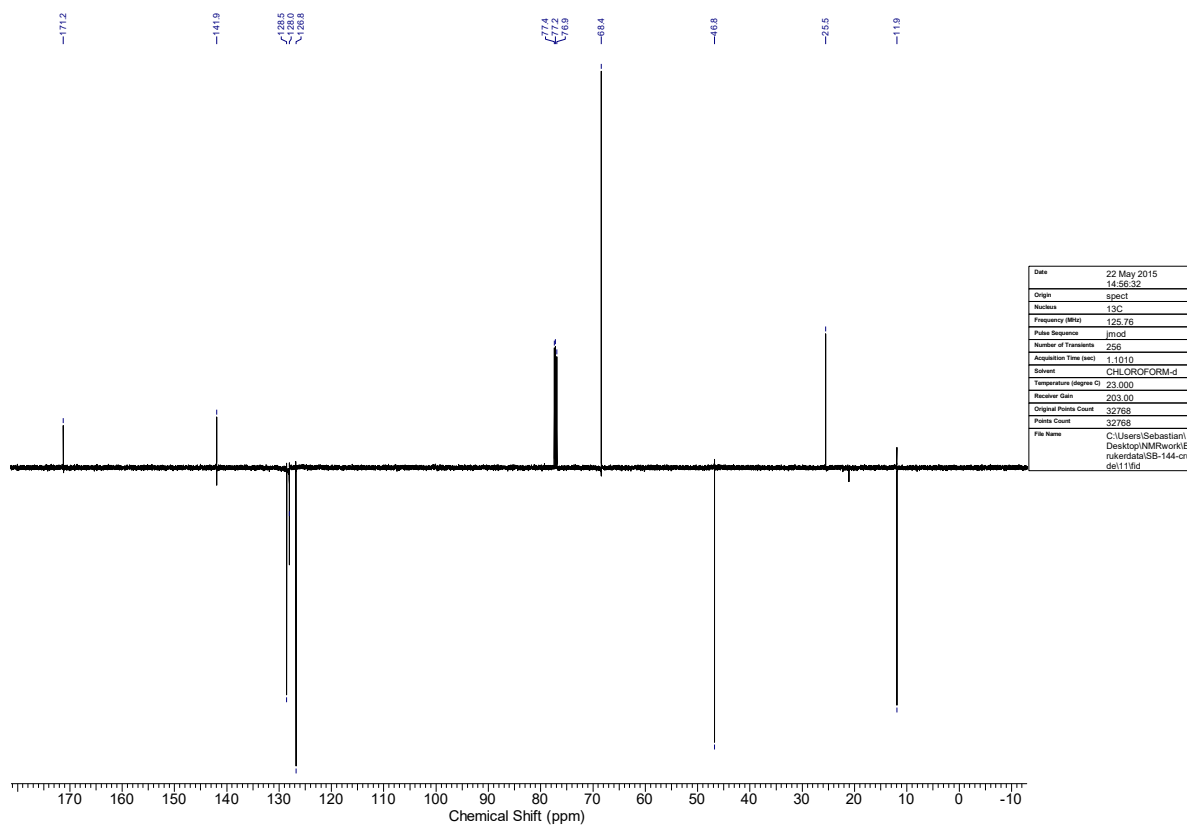
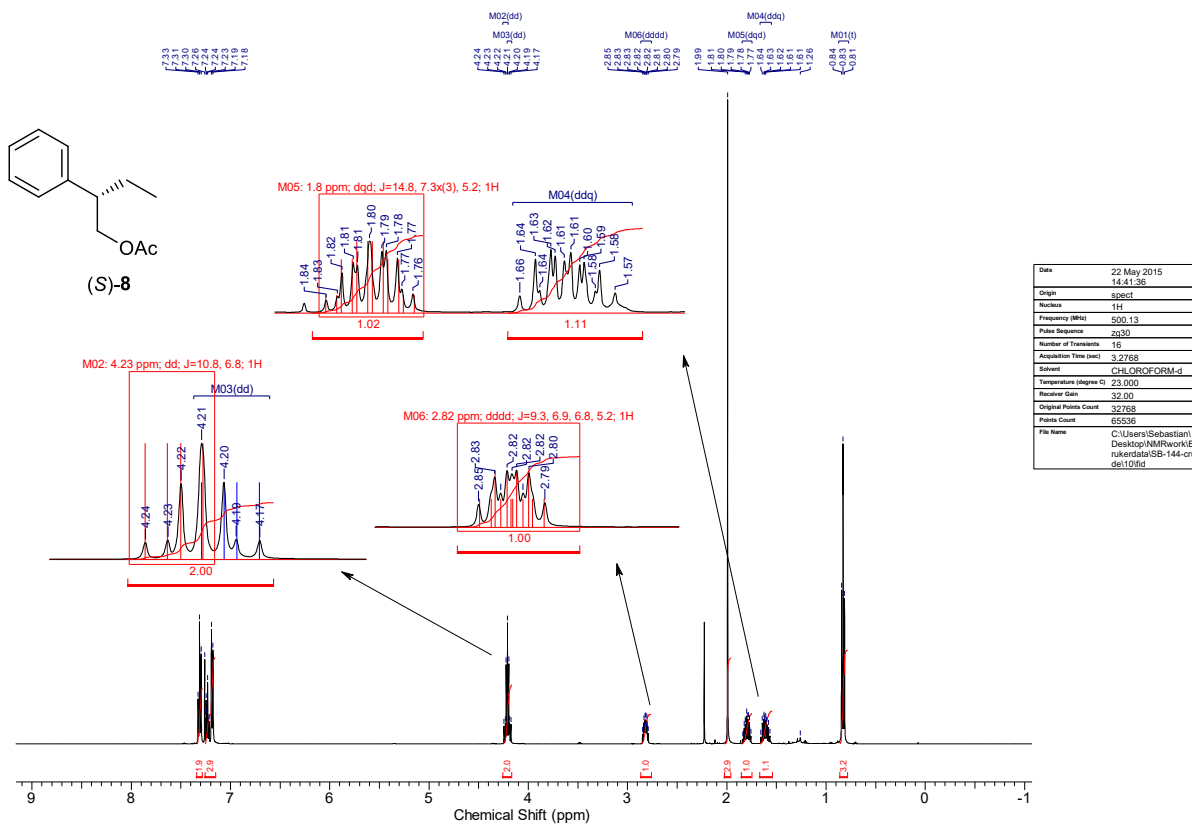
(–)-(5*S*,14*R/S*)-Torrubiellone D **19**

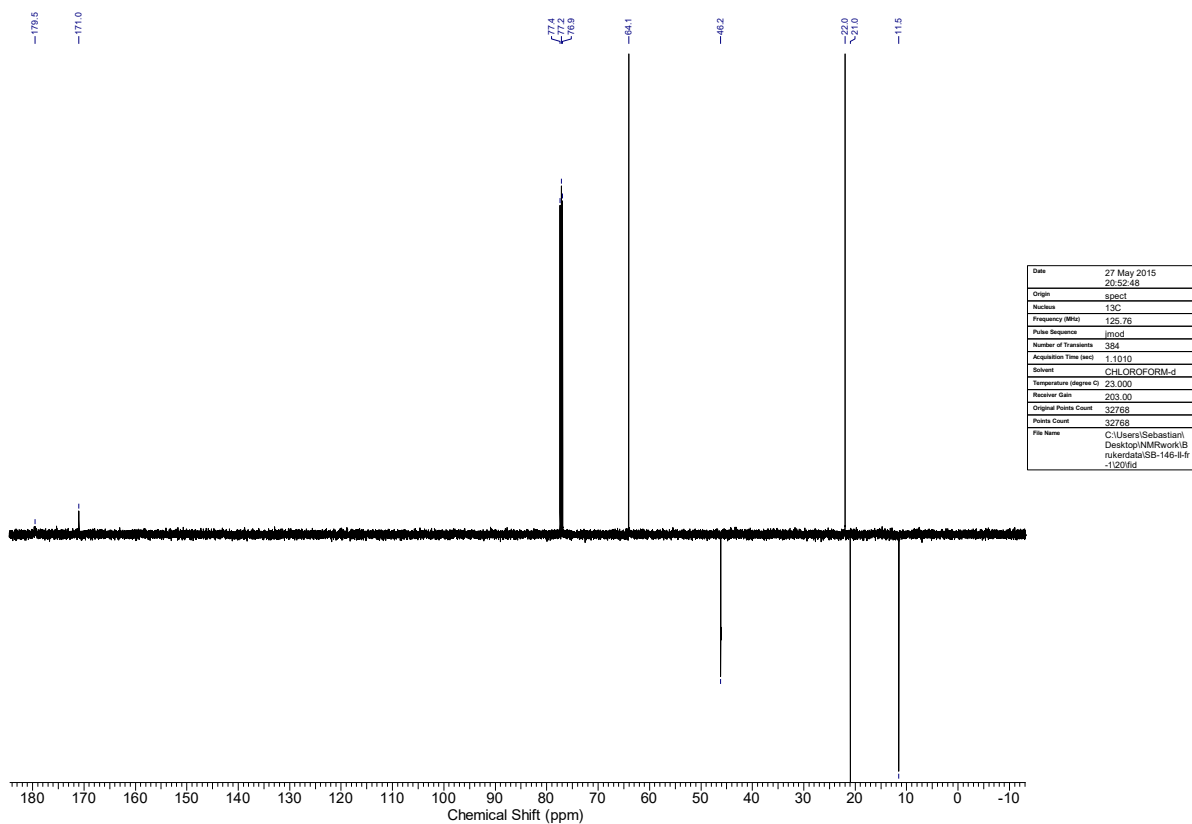
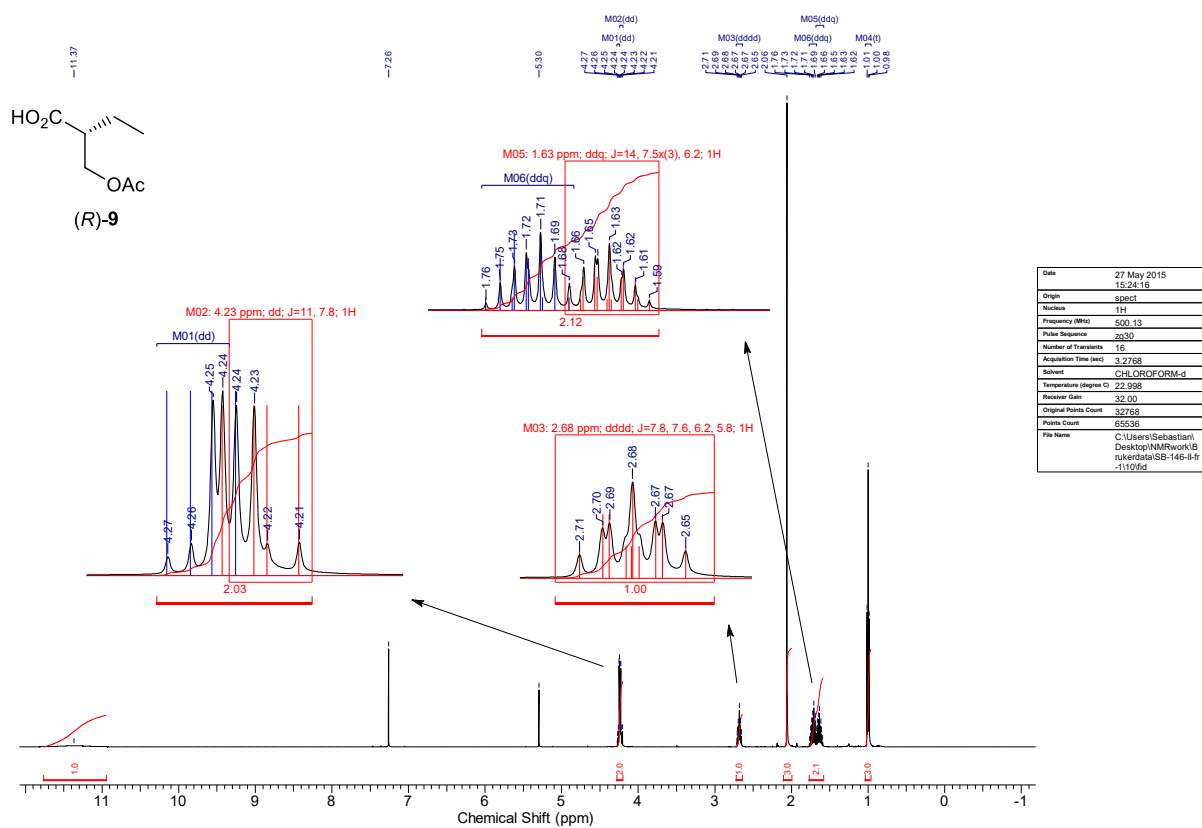


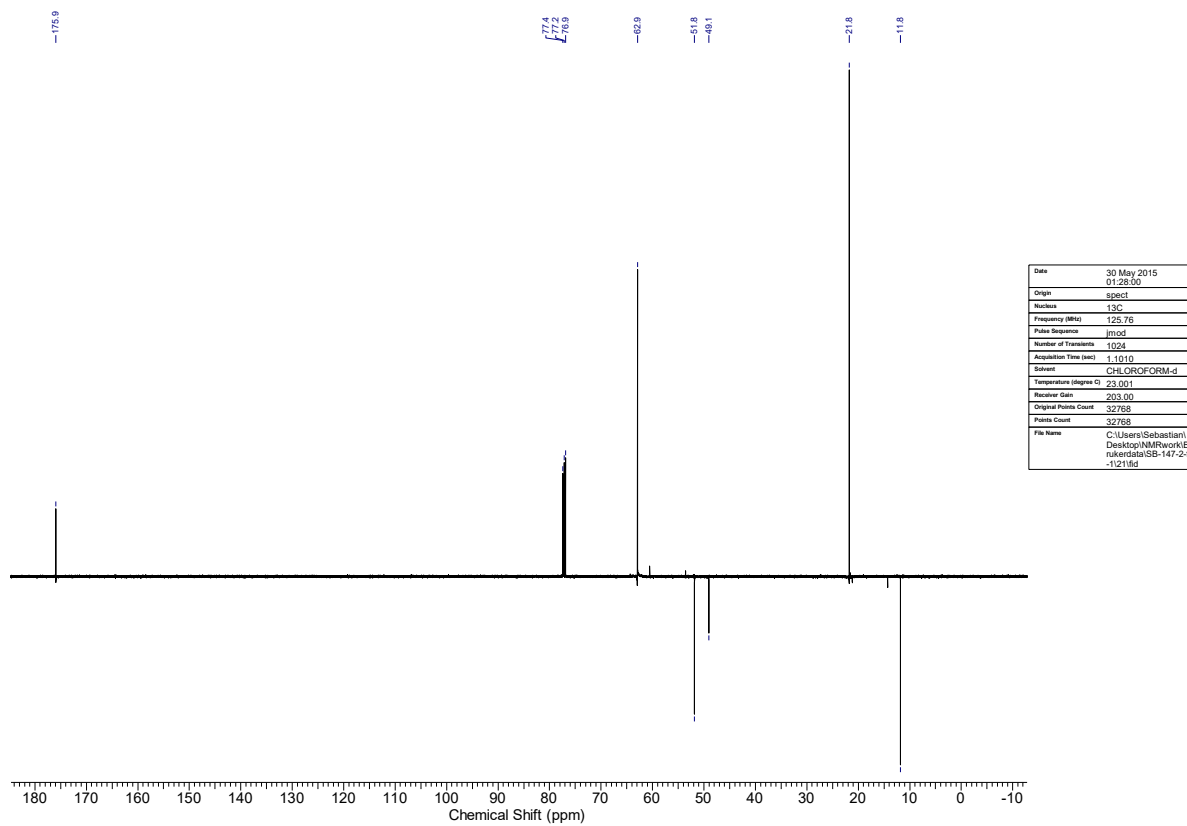
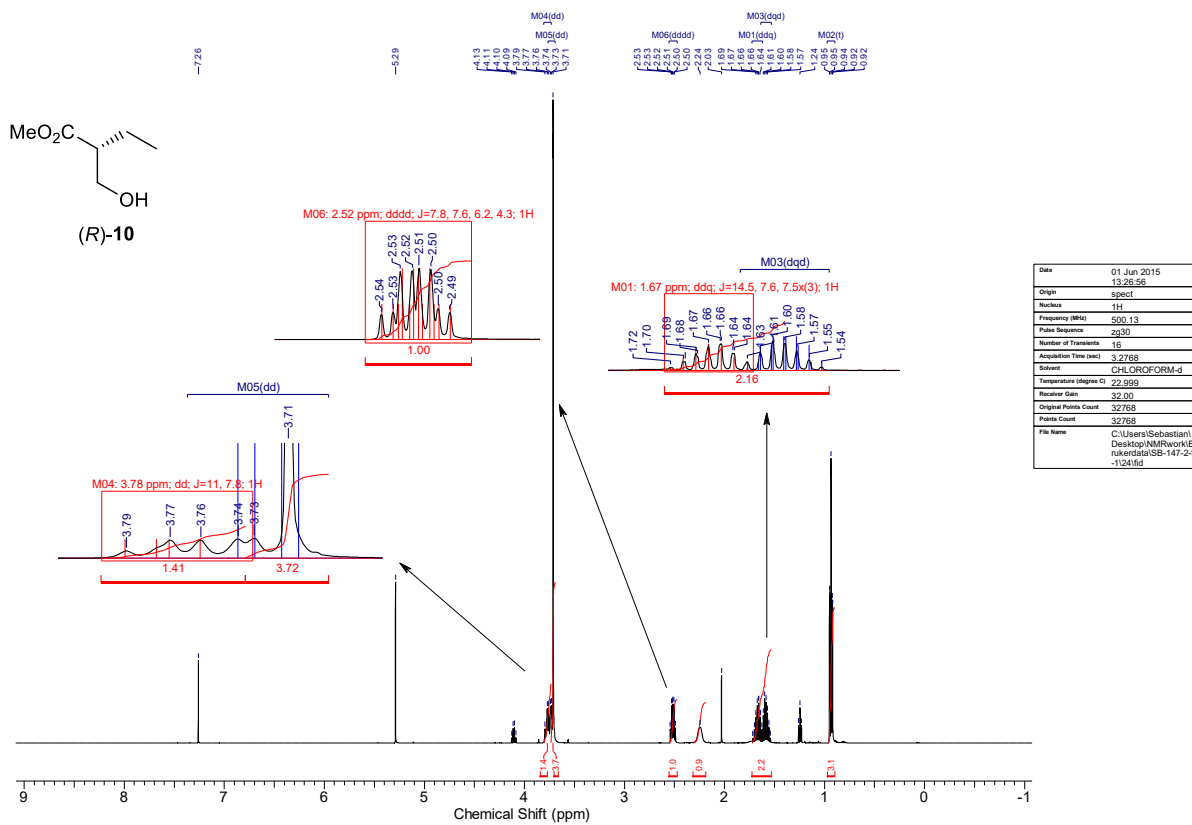
Analogously to **1a**, a 1:1-mixture of diastereoisomers **1a** and **1b** (61 mg, 33% over three steps) was obtained as an amorphous orange-yellow solid from tetramic acid (*S*)-**5** (200 mg, 477 μmol , 1.00 eq), ketenylidetriphenylphosphorane (146 mg, 482 μmol , 1.01 eq), potassium *tert*-butanolate (54 mg, 477 μmol , 1.00 eq), and racemic aldehyde (*R/S*)-**16** (128 mg, 477 μmol , 1.00 eq); ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 8.17 (br. s, 1H), 7.73 (br. s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 15.3, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 14.5, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, $J = 15.2, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, $J = 15.2, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (br. s, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 14.0, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 195.3, 176.3, 173.9, 157.0, 145.0, 144.7, 144.6, 132.2, 131.6, 130.1, 127.8, 121.3, 115.9, 101.1, 65.7, 64.0, 48.8, 37.4, 24.6, 12.0; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) ν 3212, 2929, 1645, 1587, 1545, 1515, 1427, 1369, 1226, 1170, 1007, 893, 868, 813.

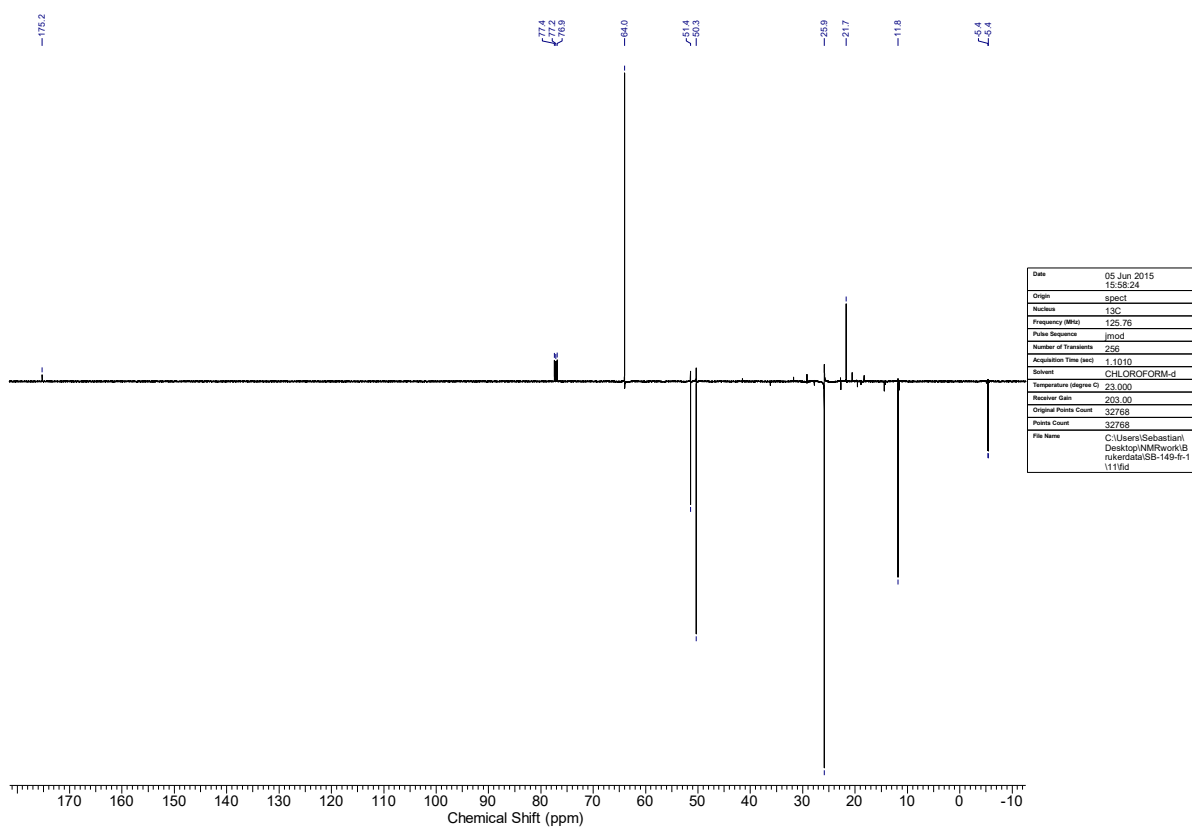
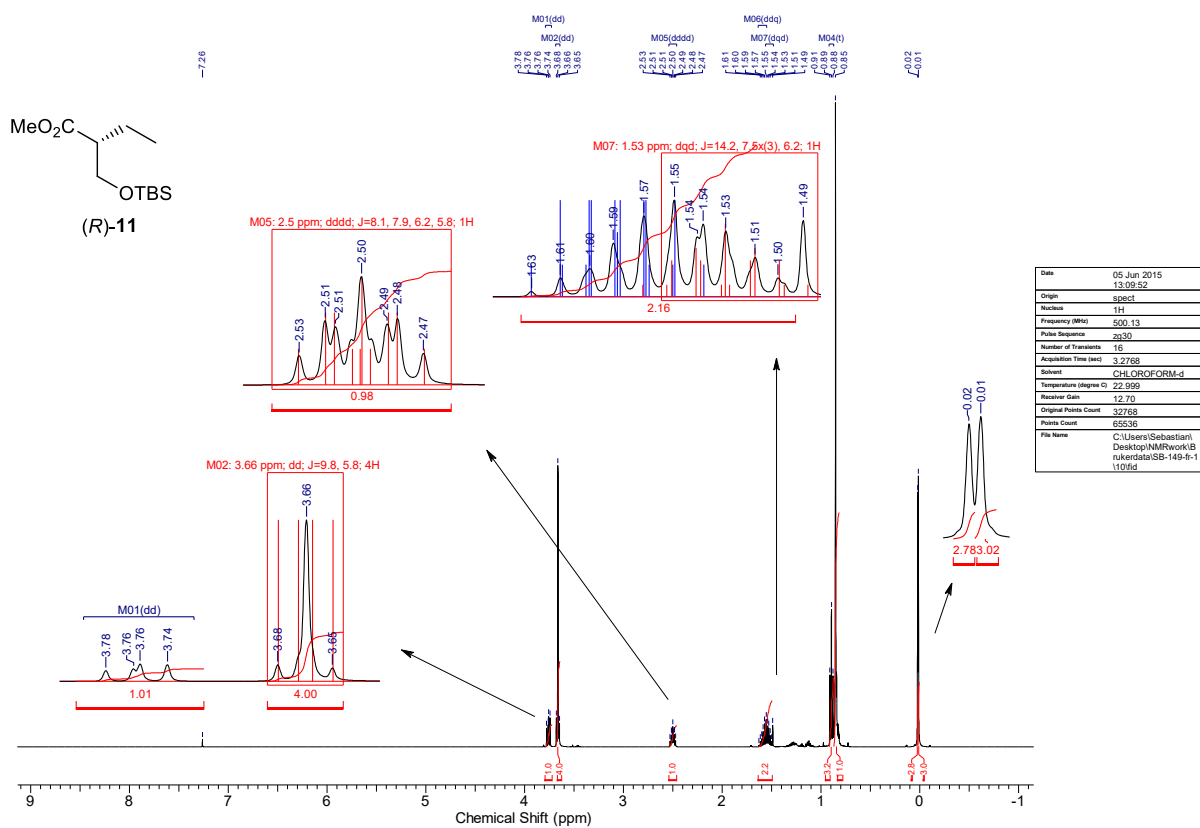
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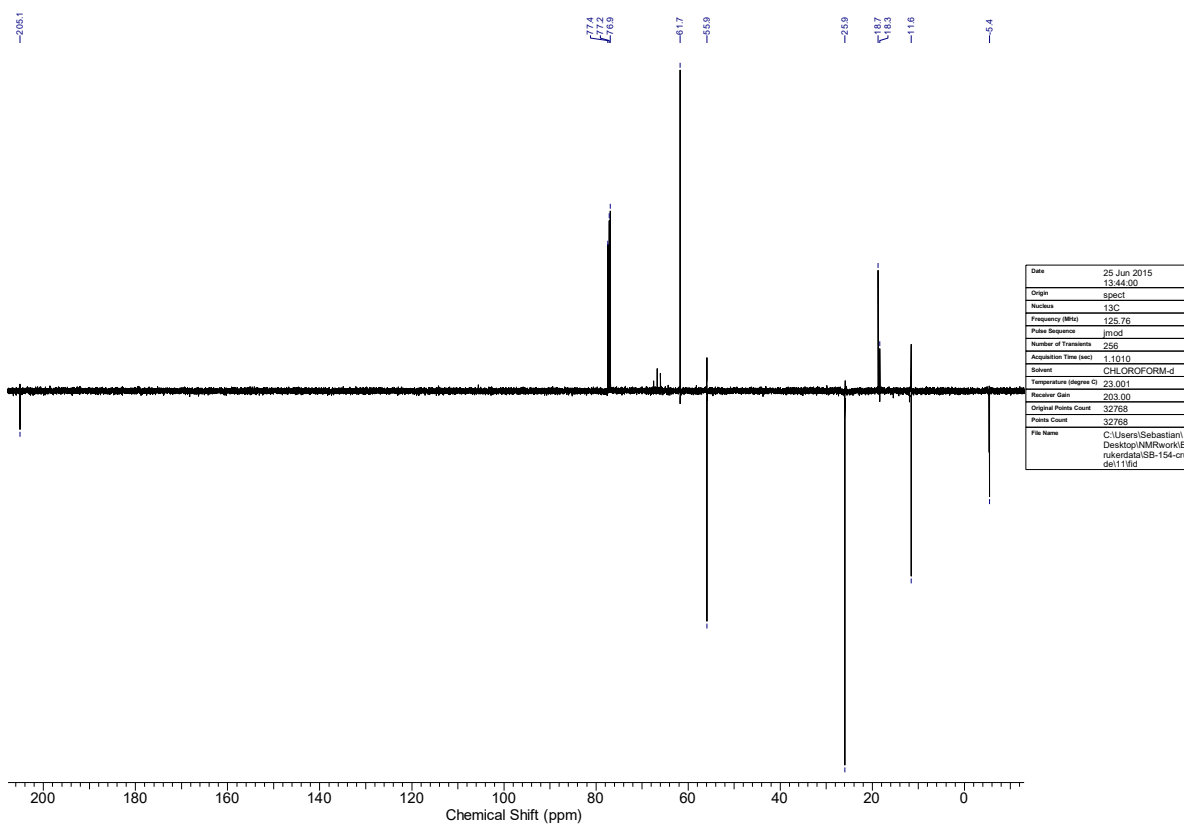
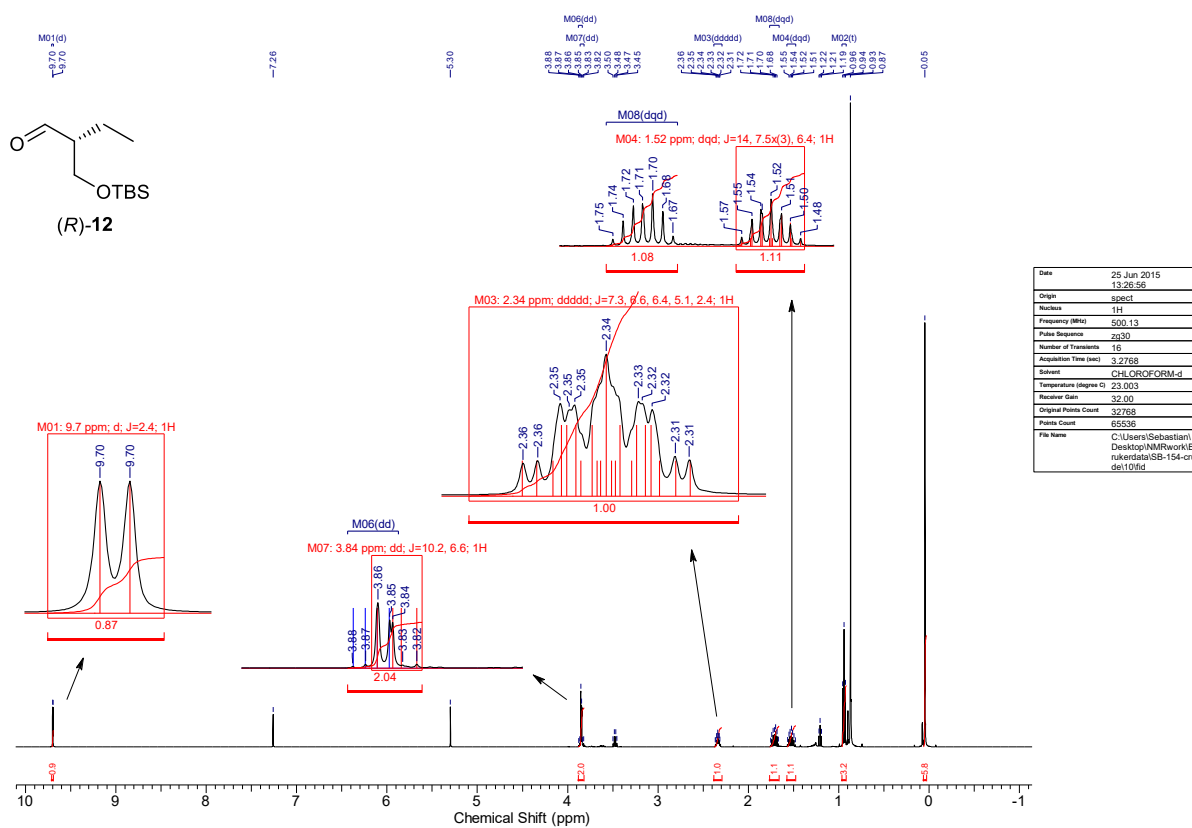


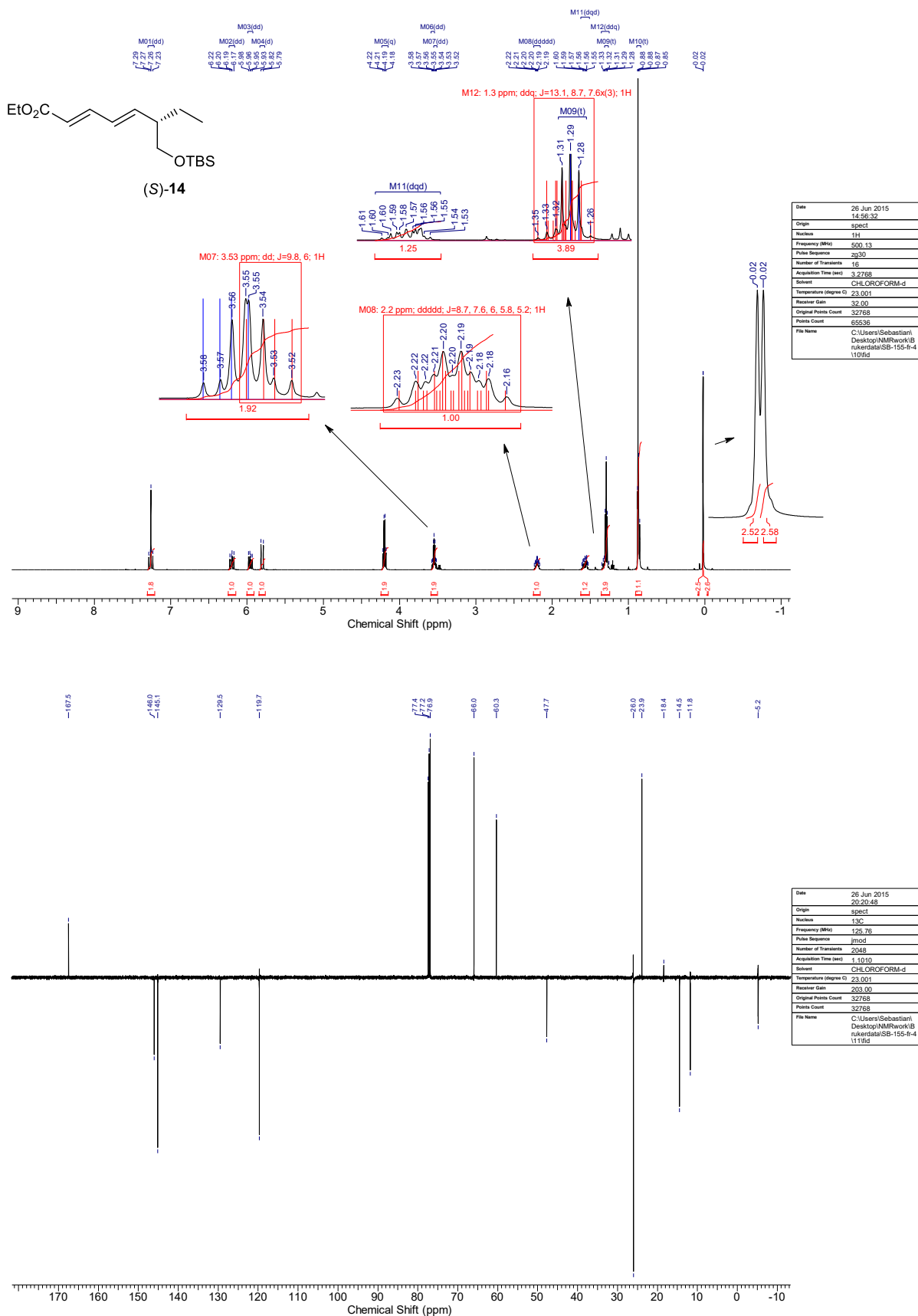


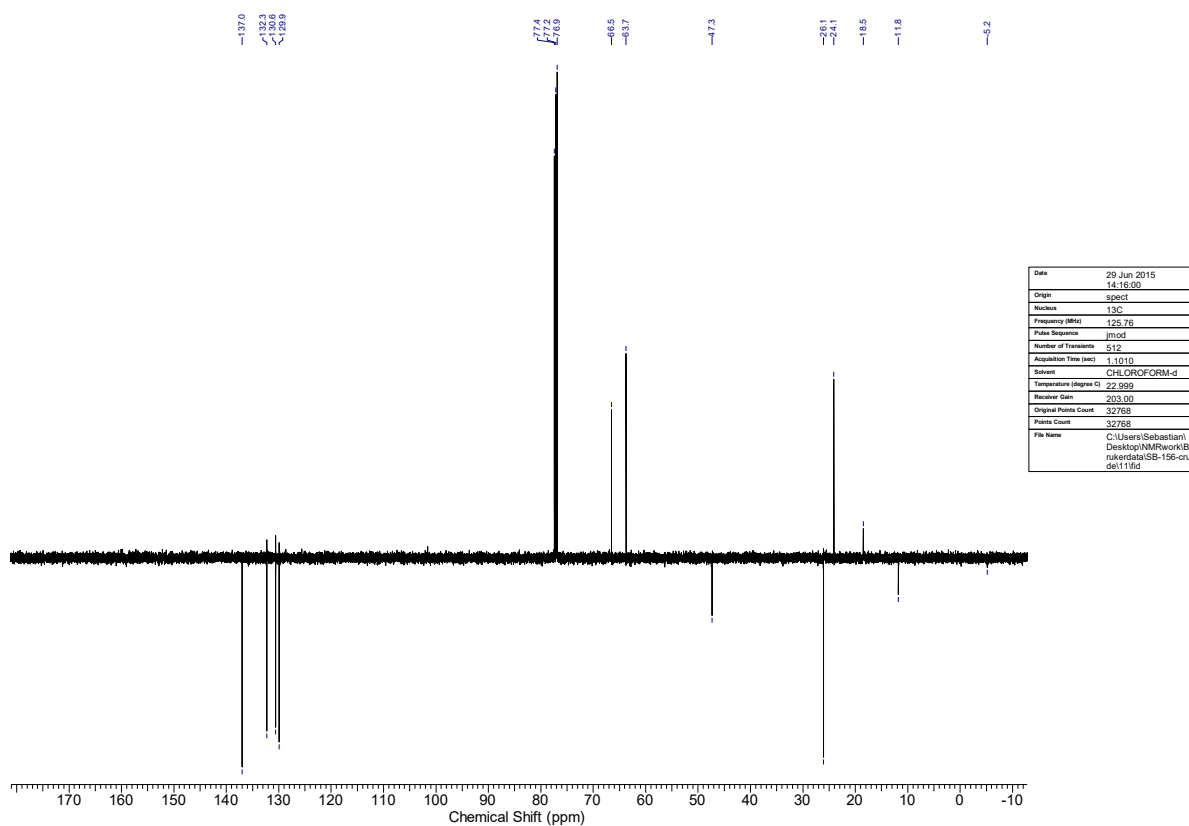
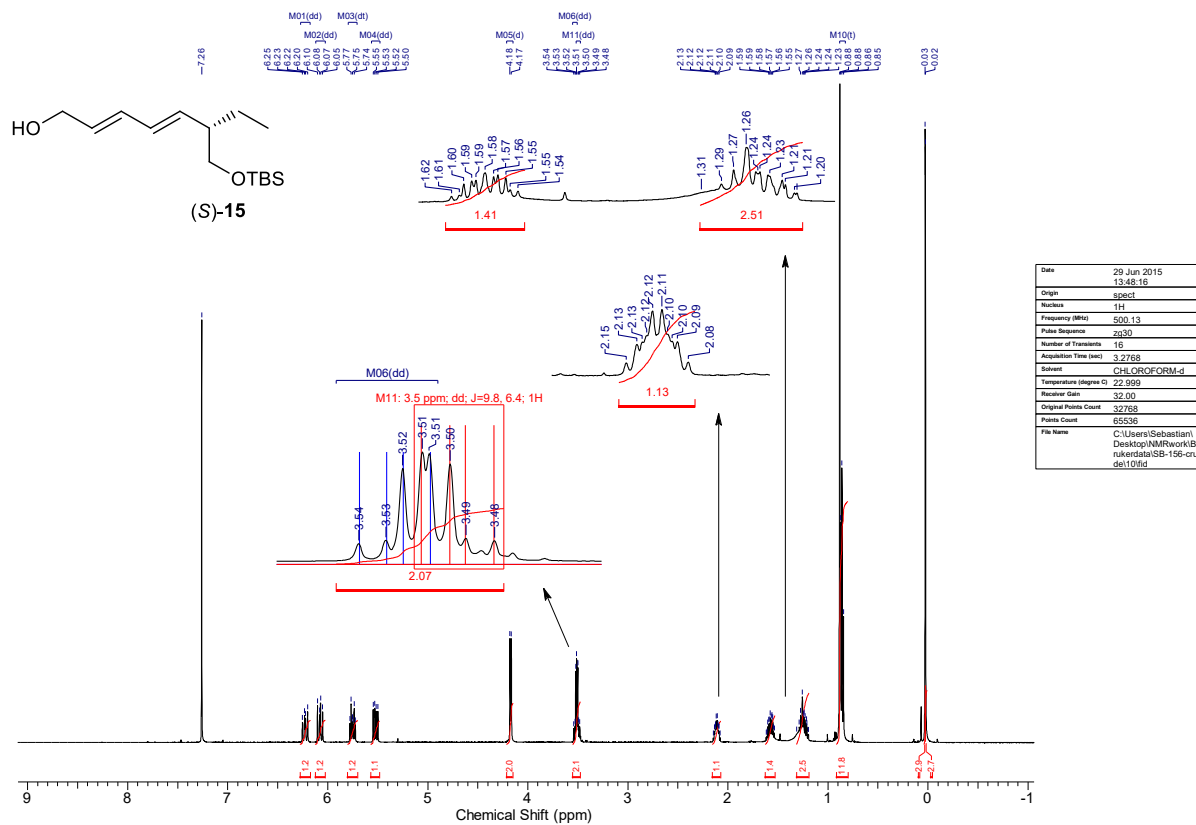


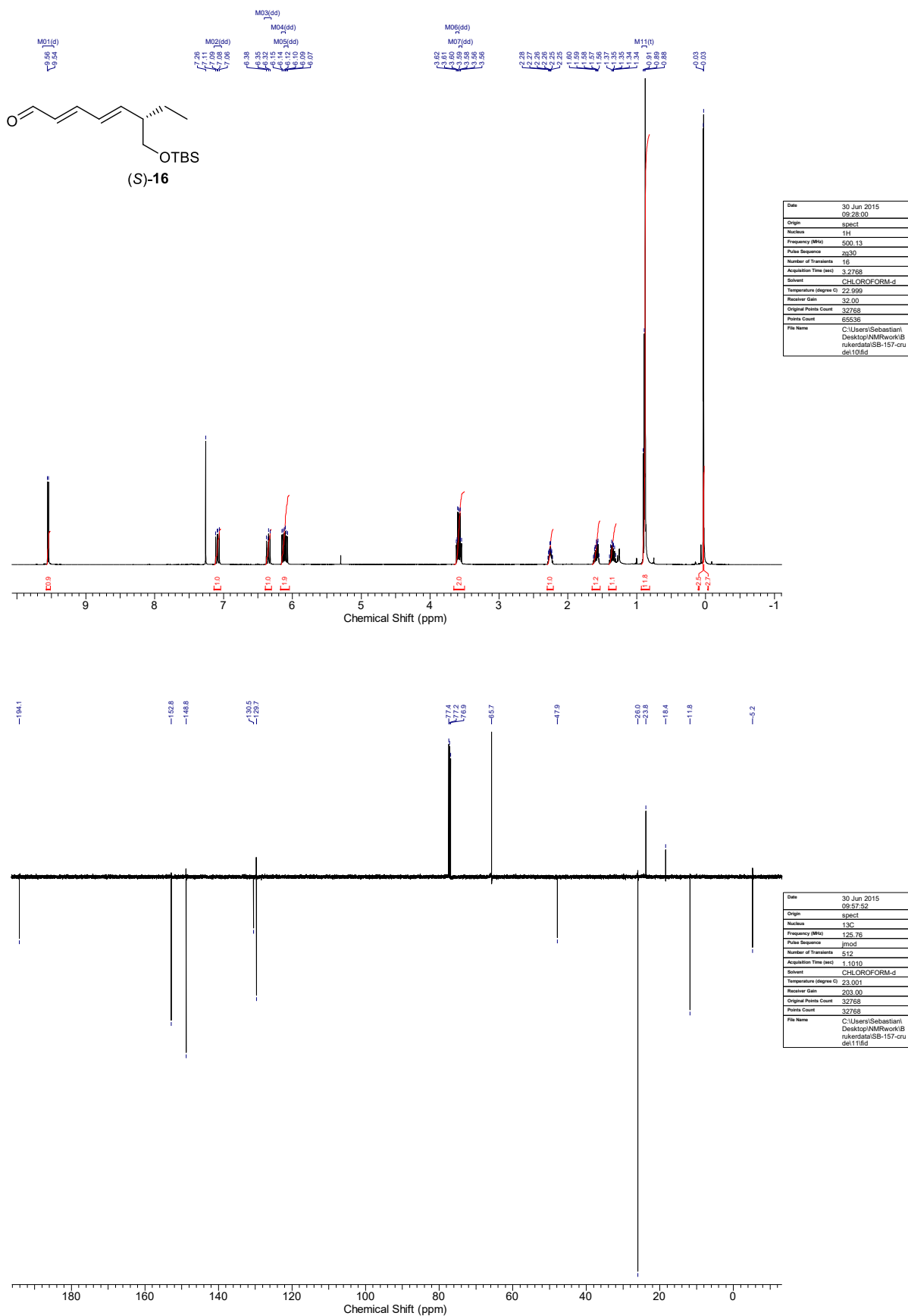


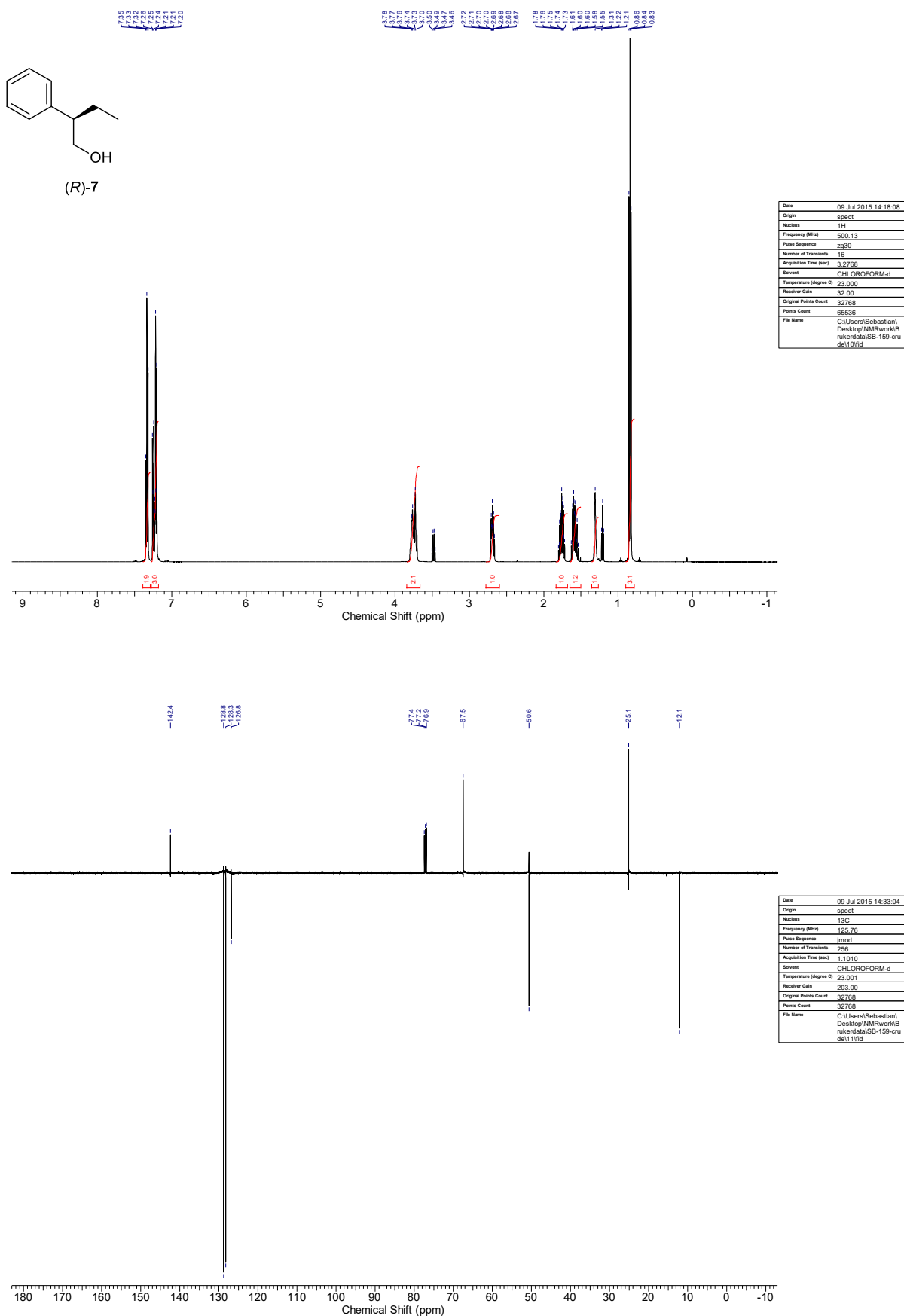


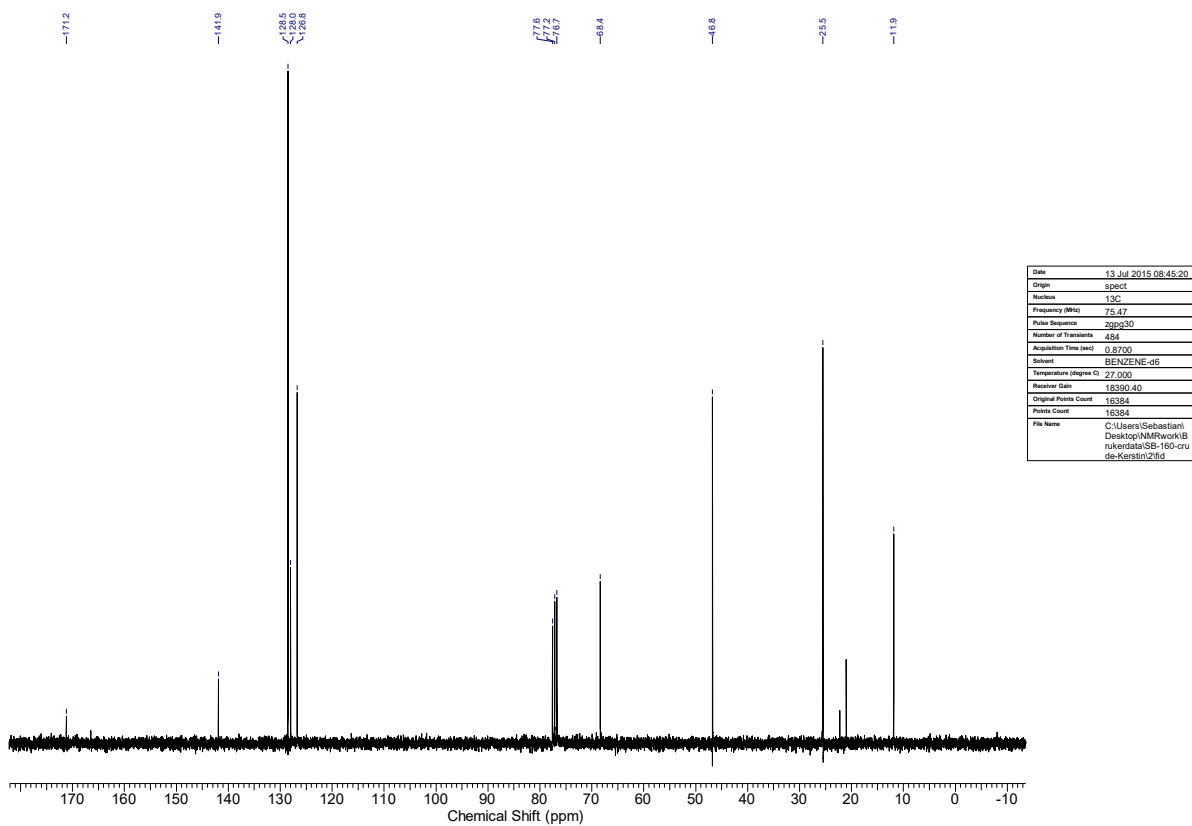
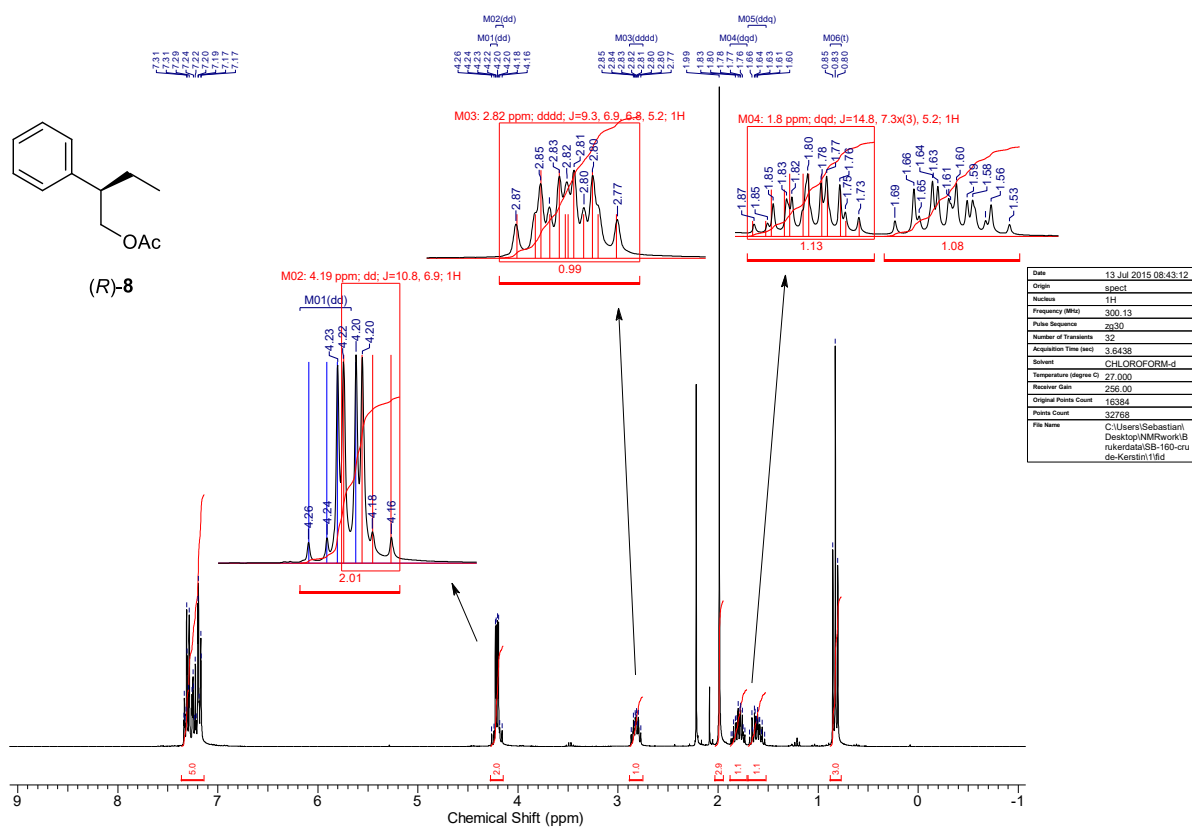


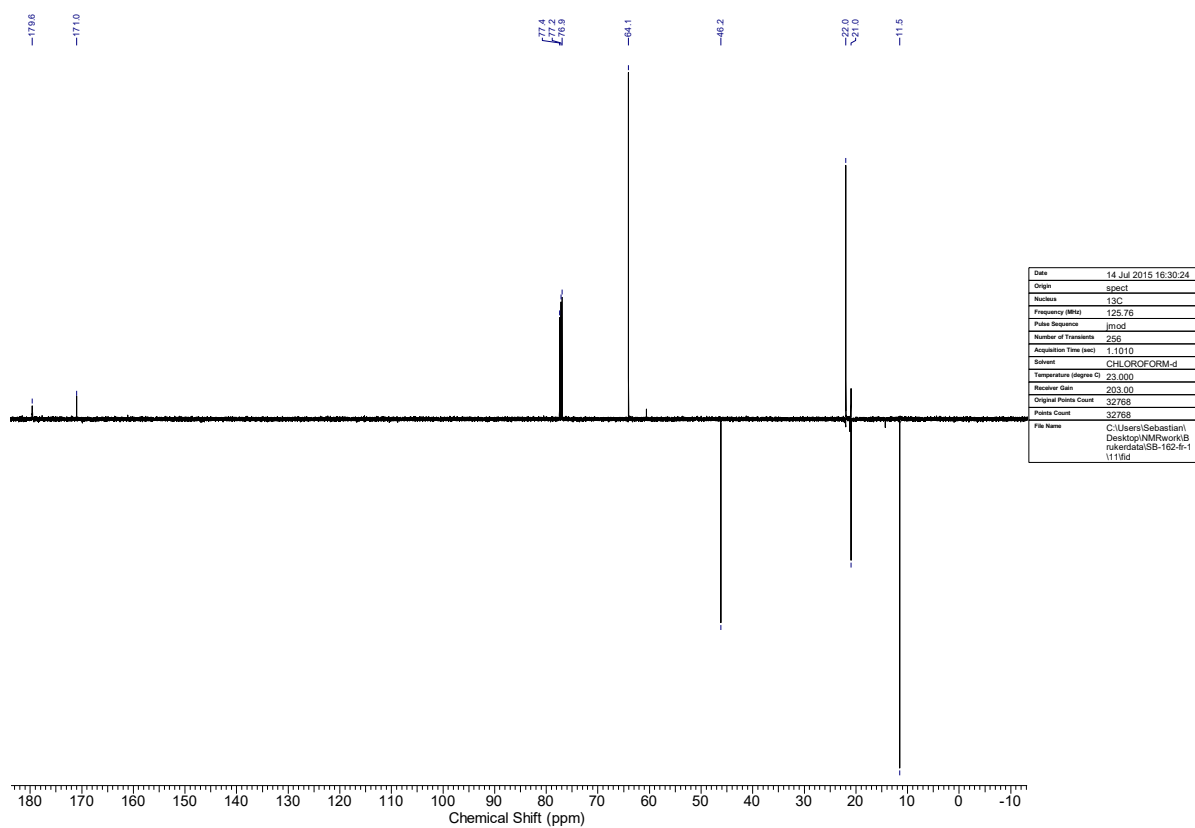
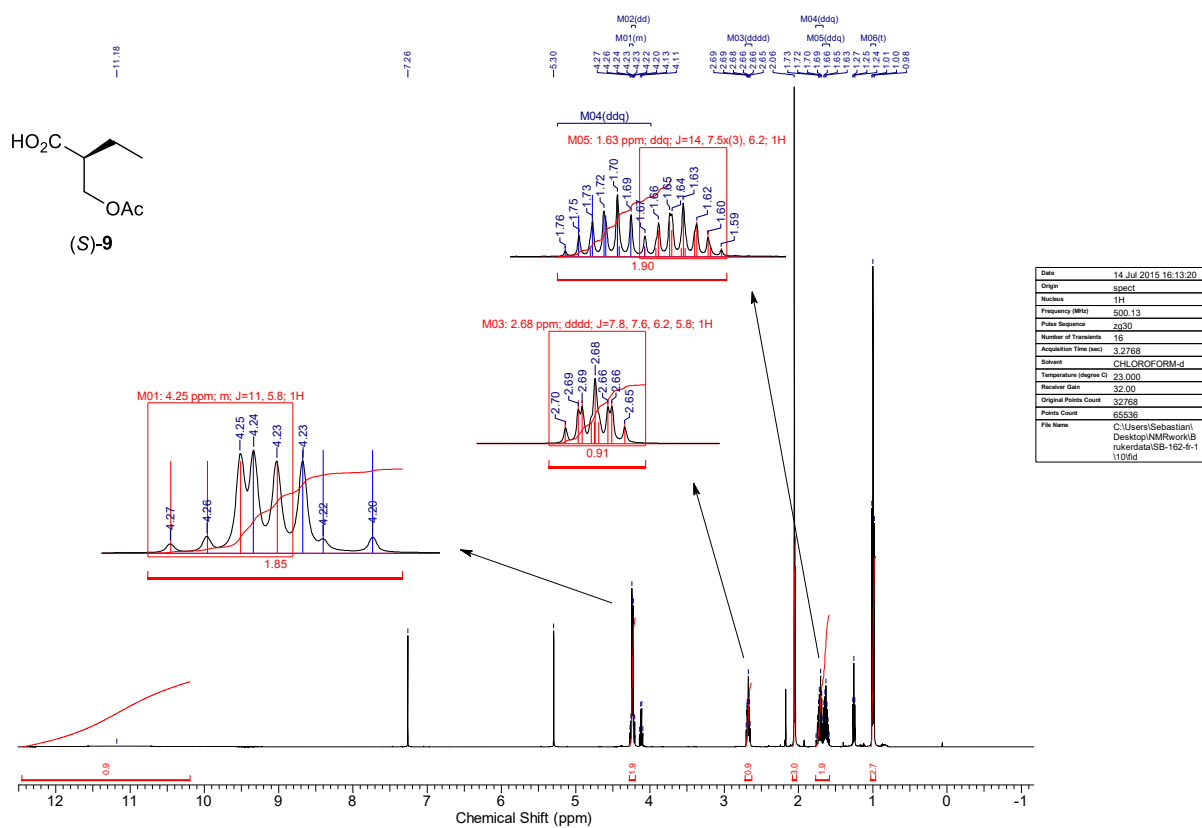


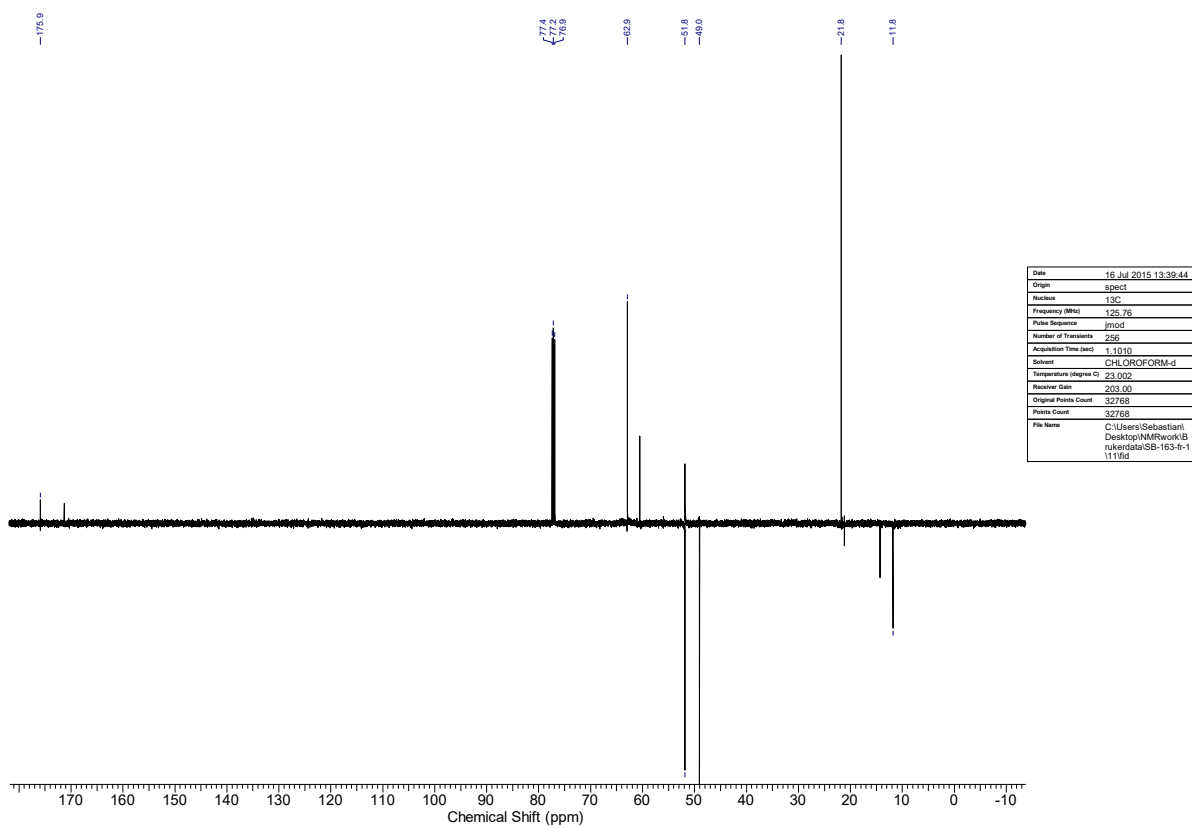
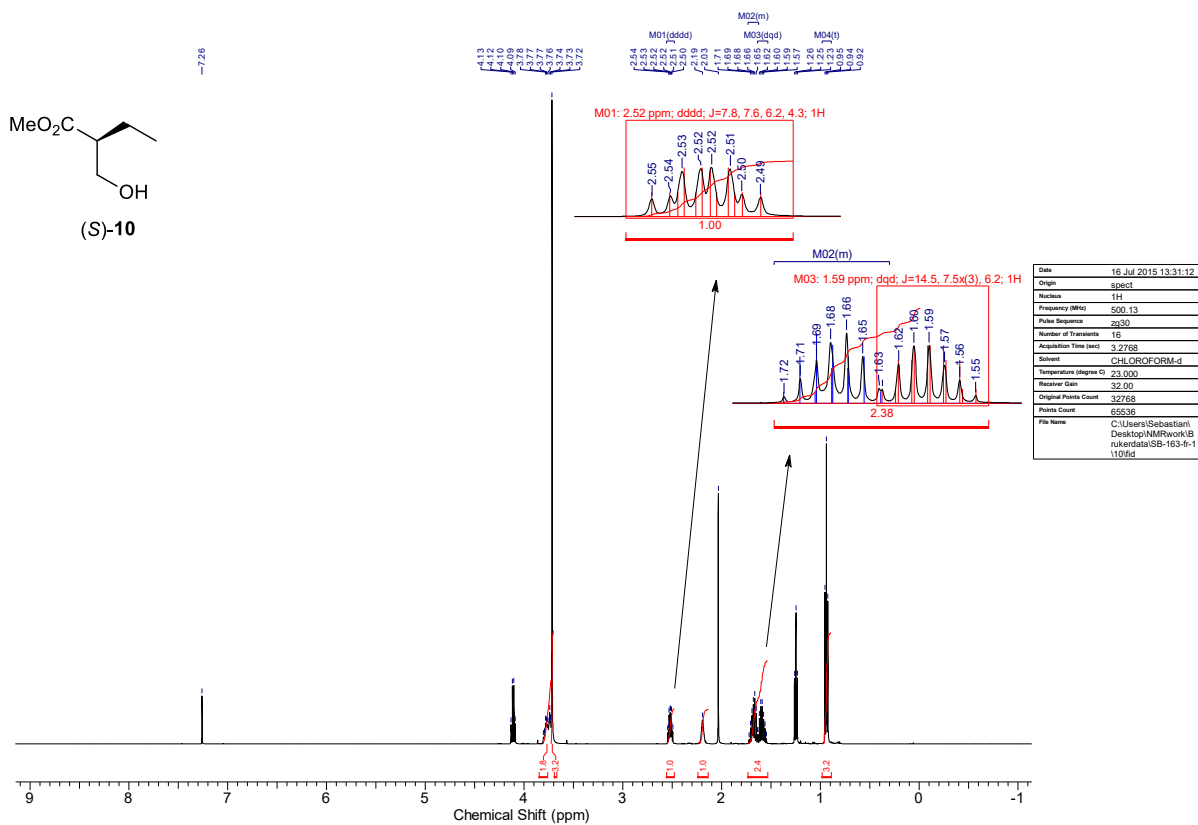


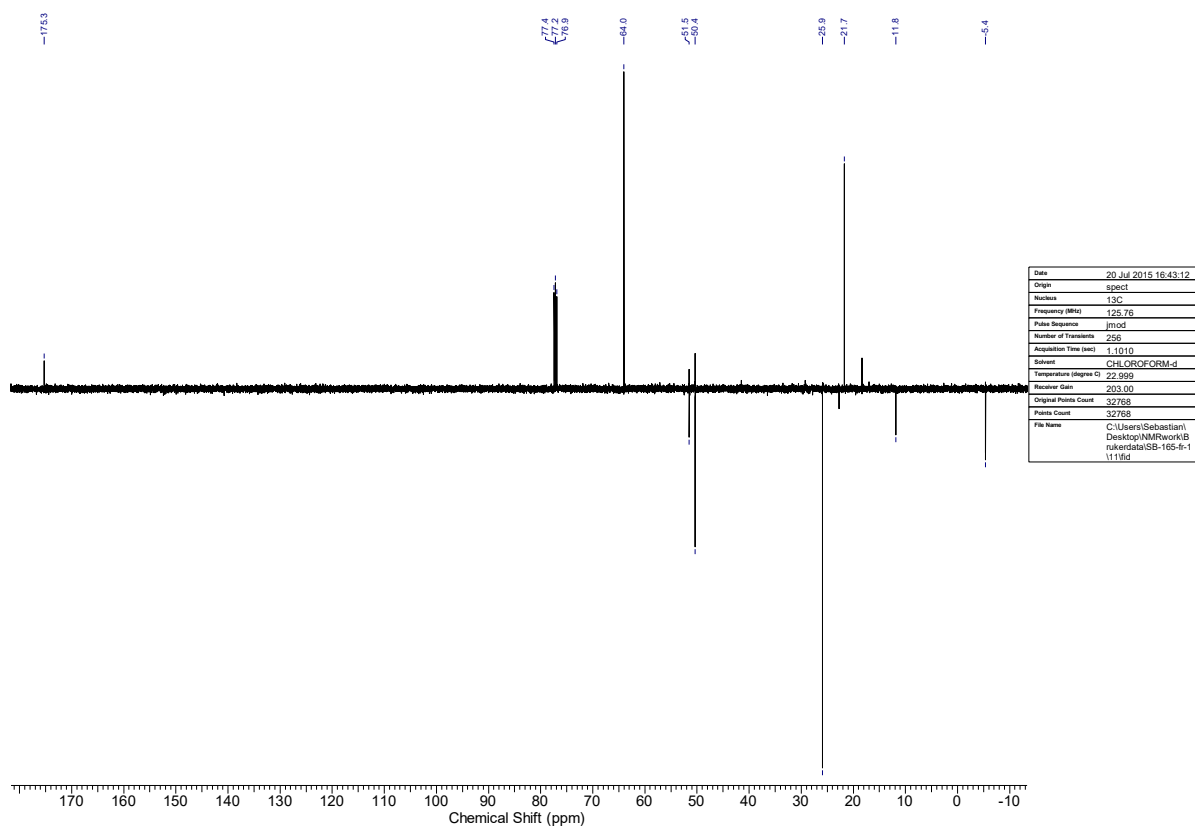
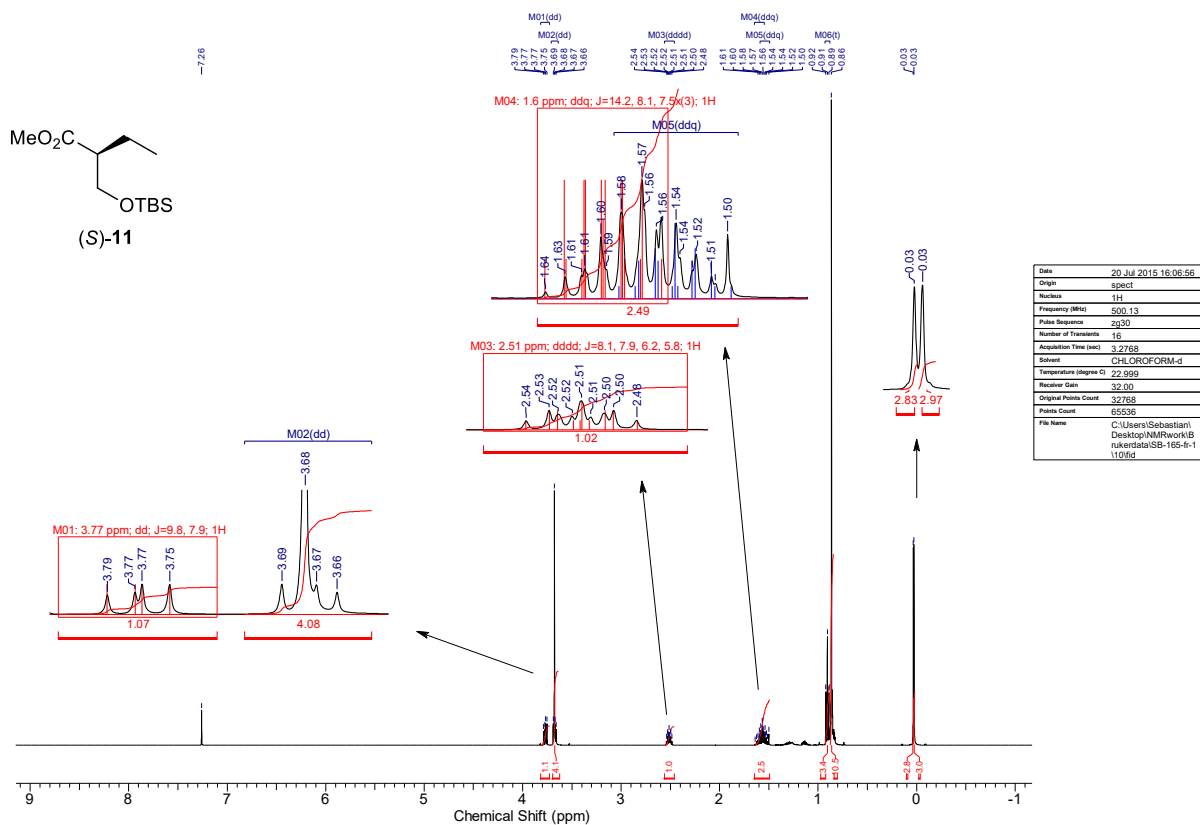


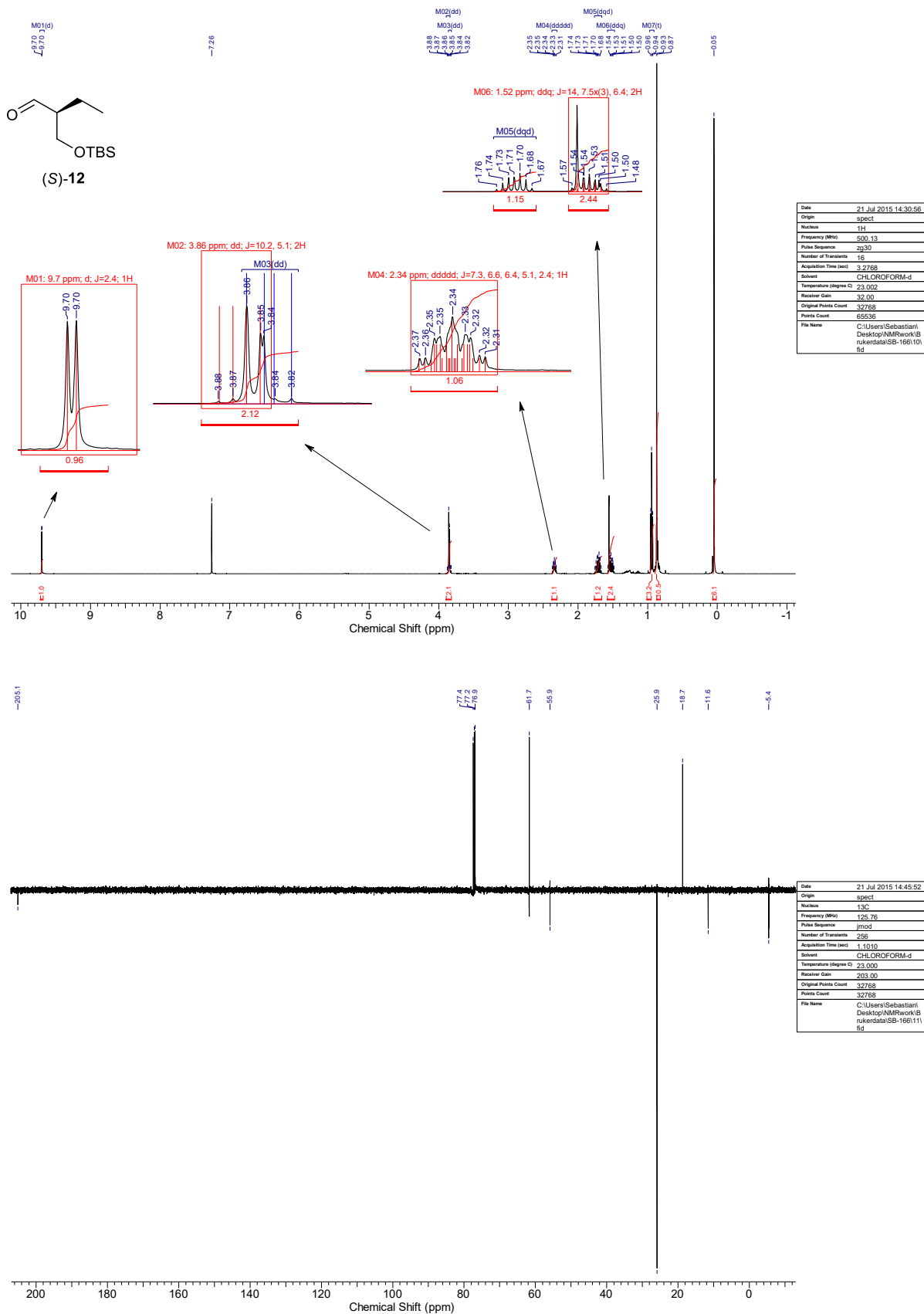


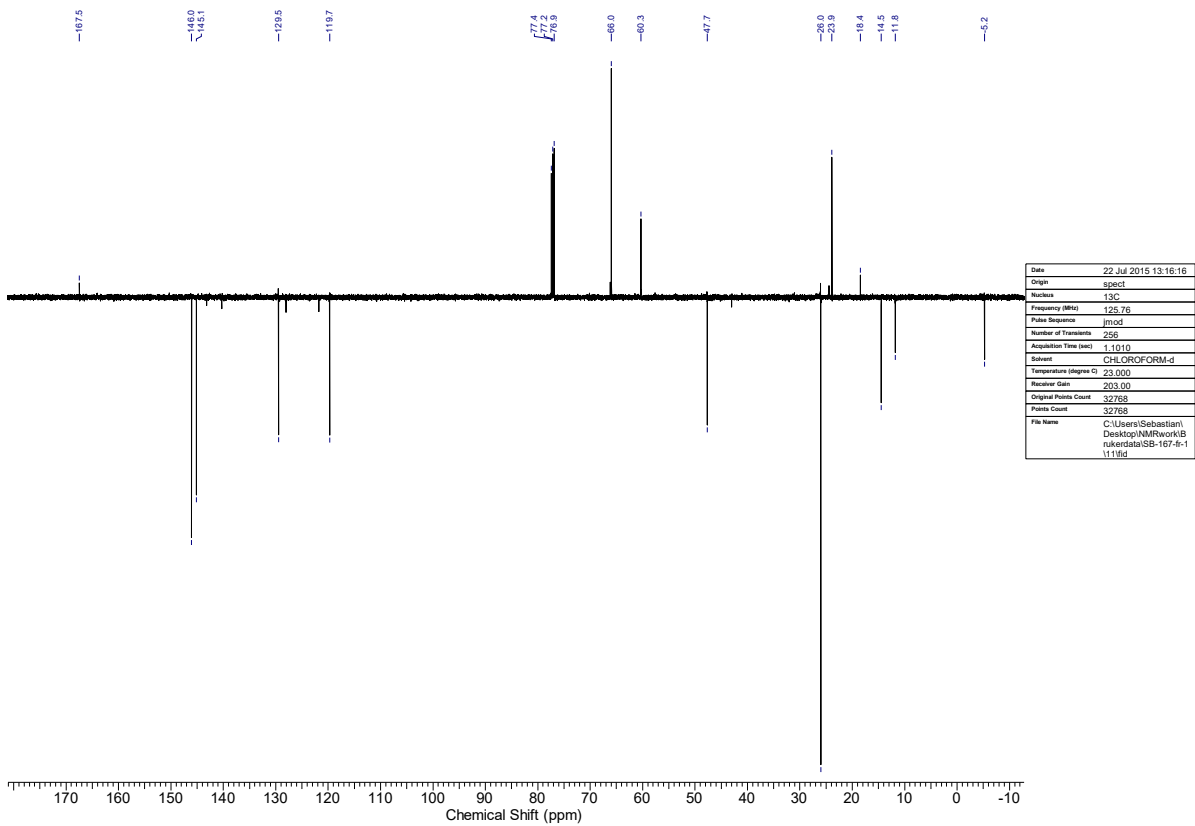
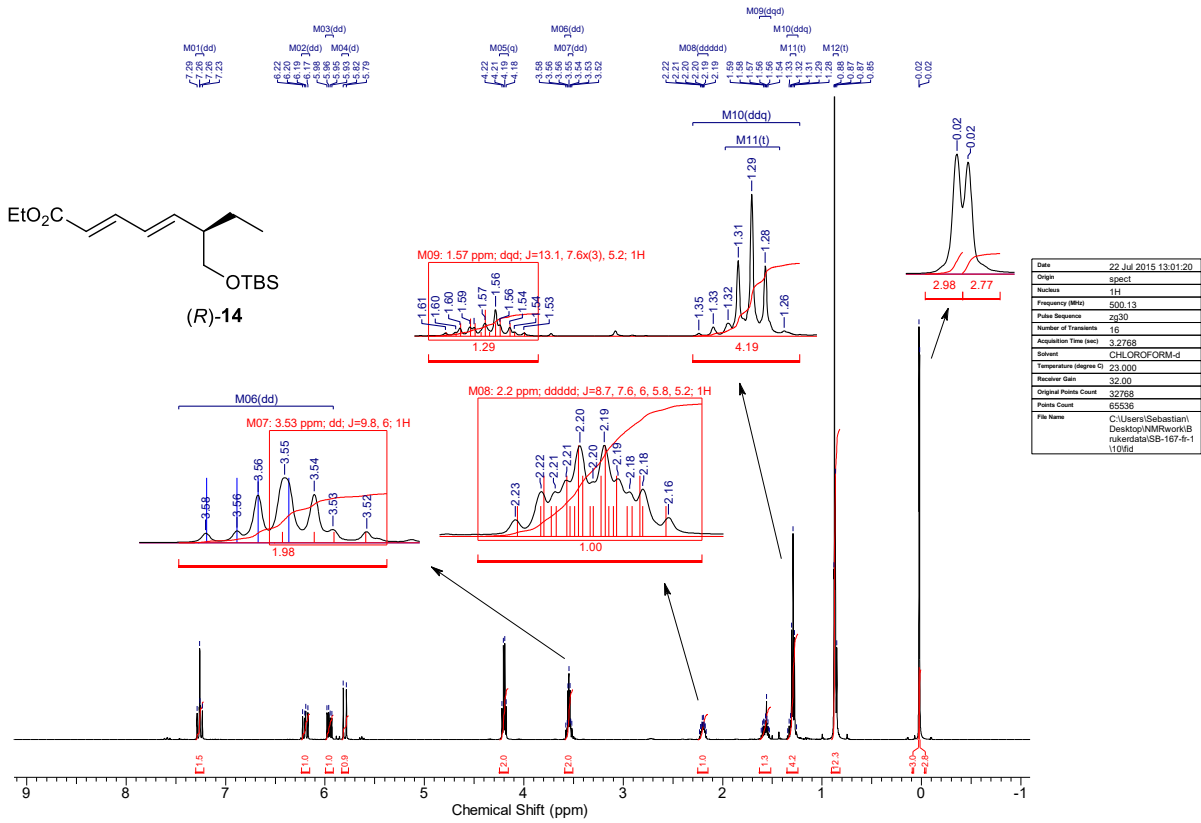


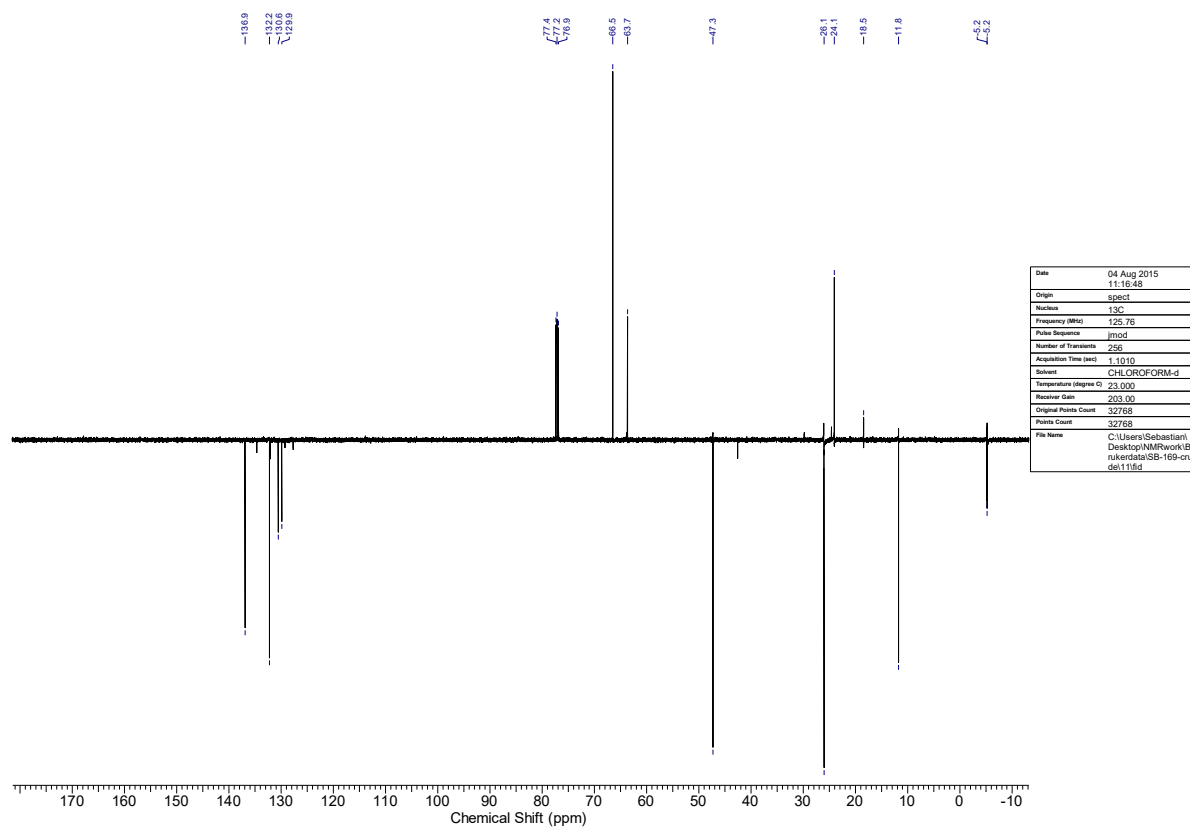
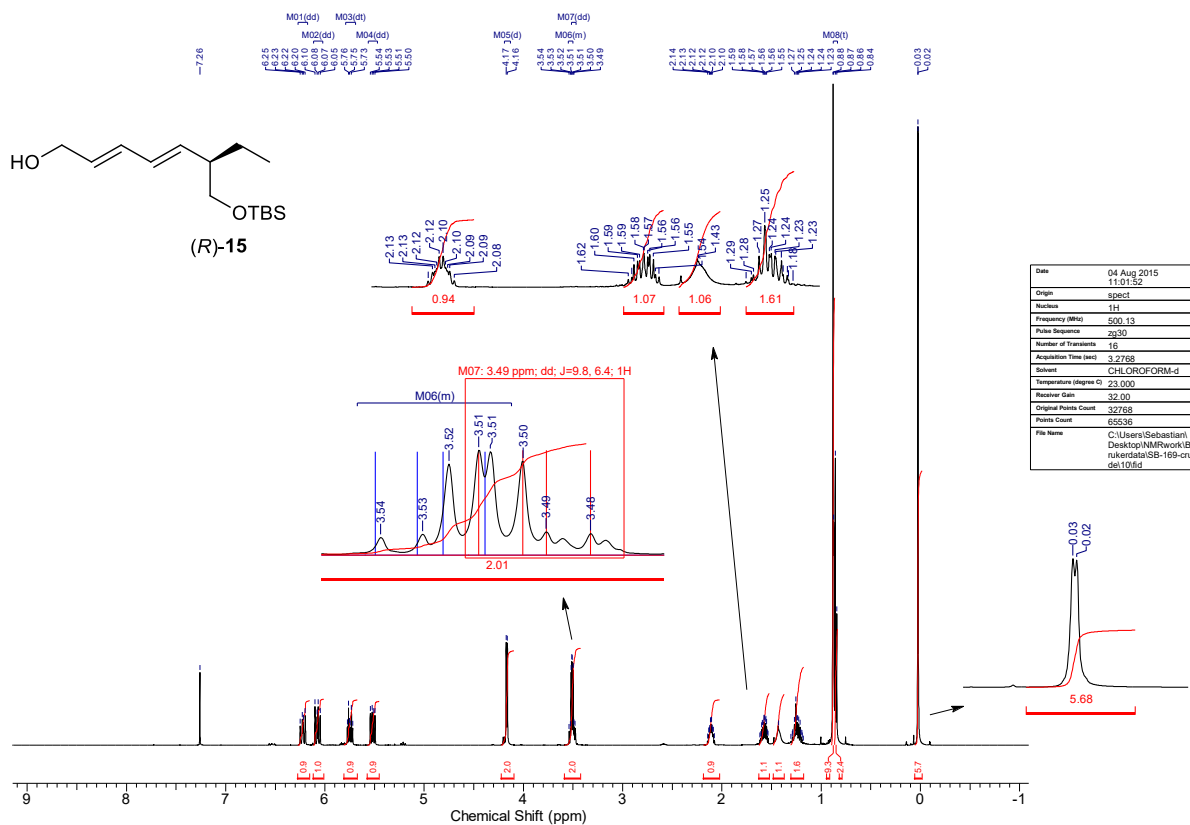


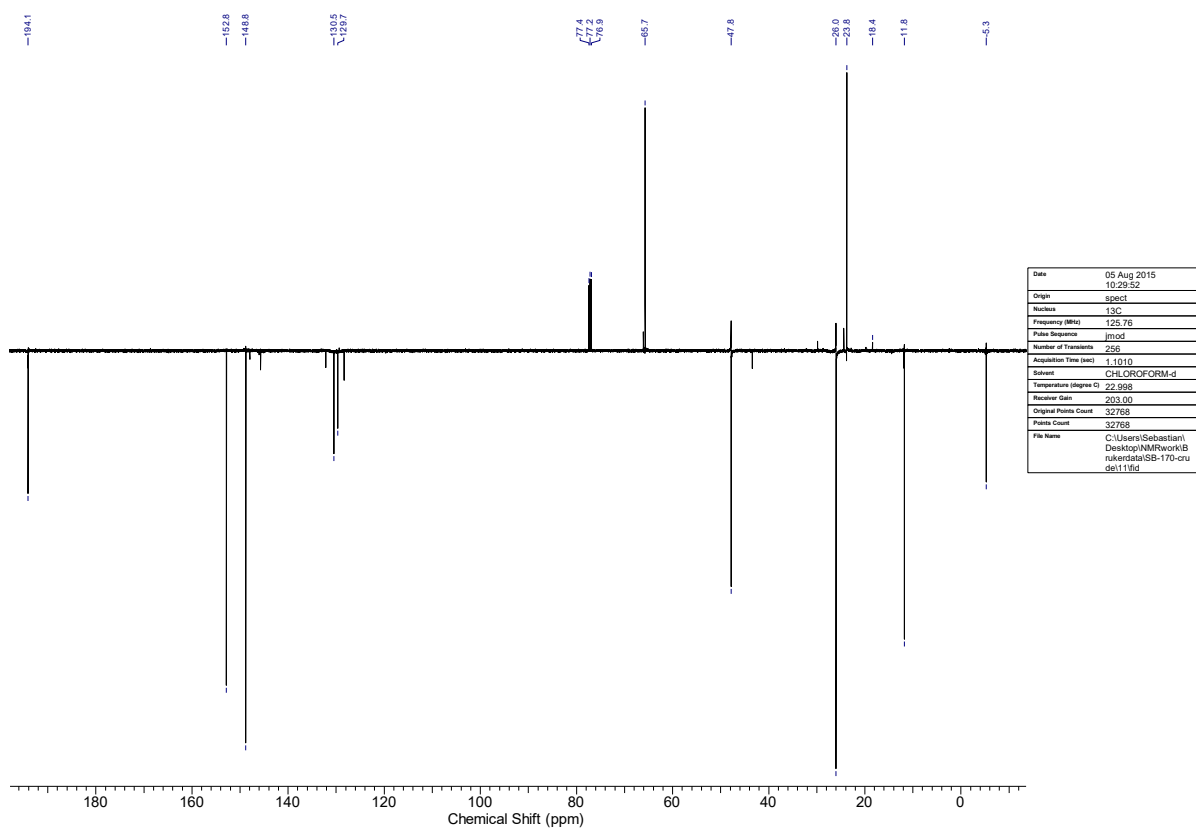
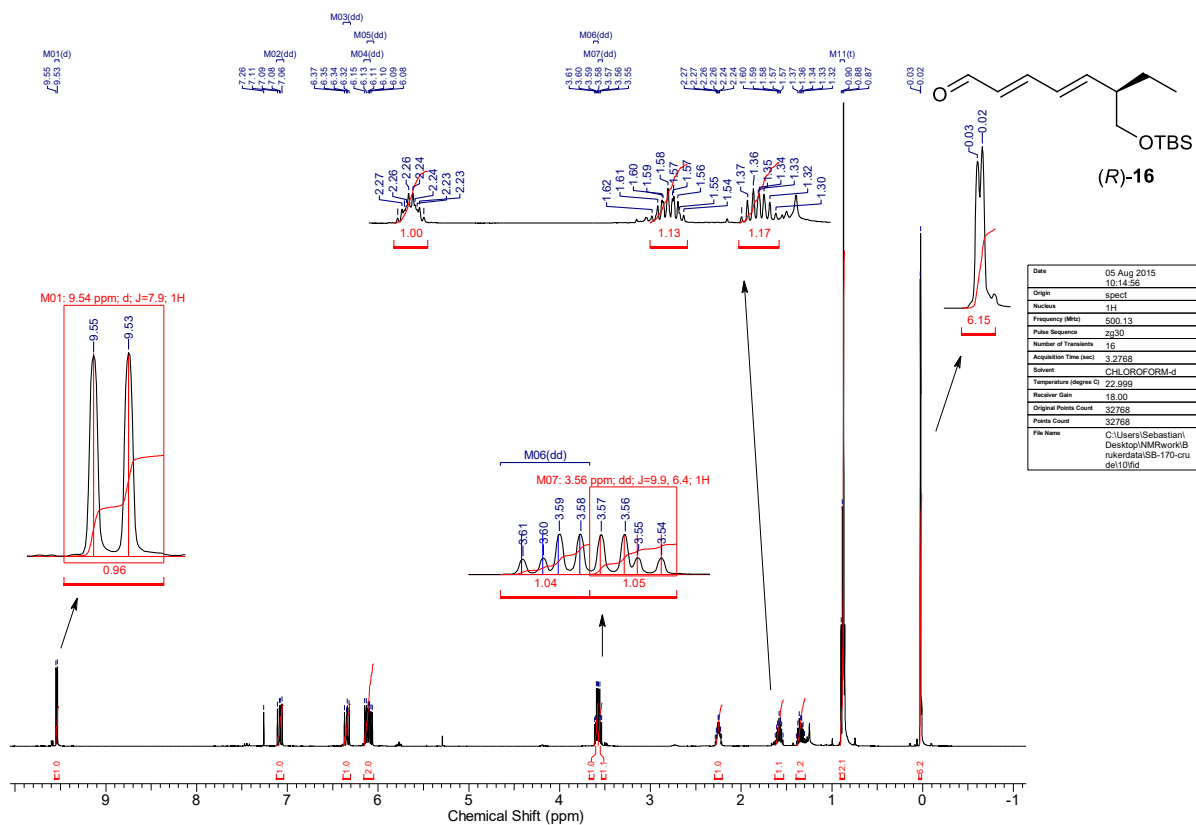


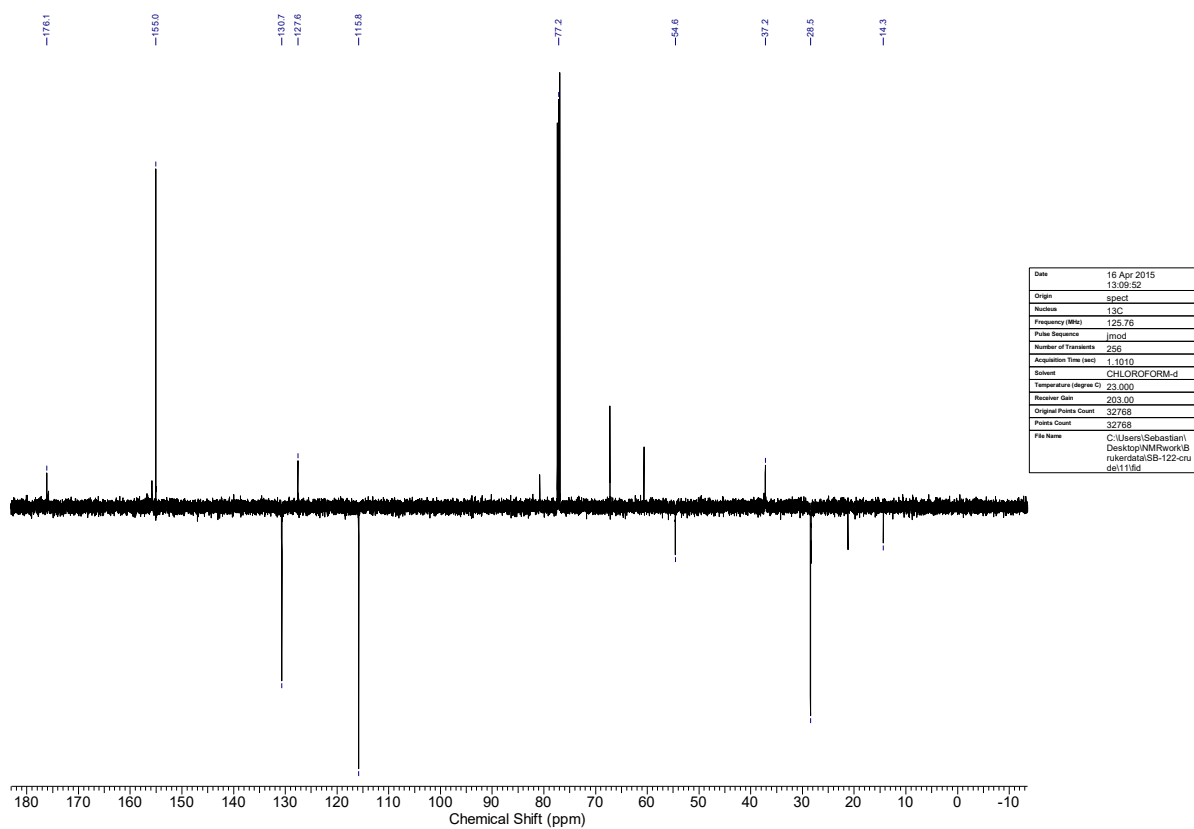
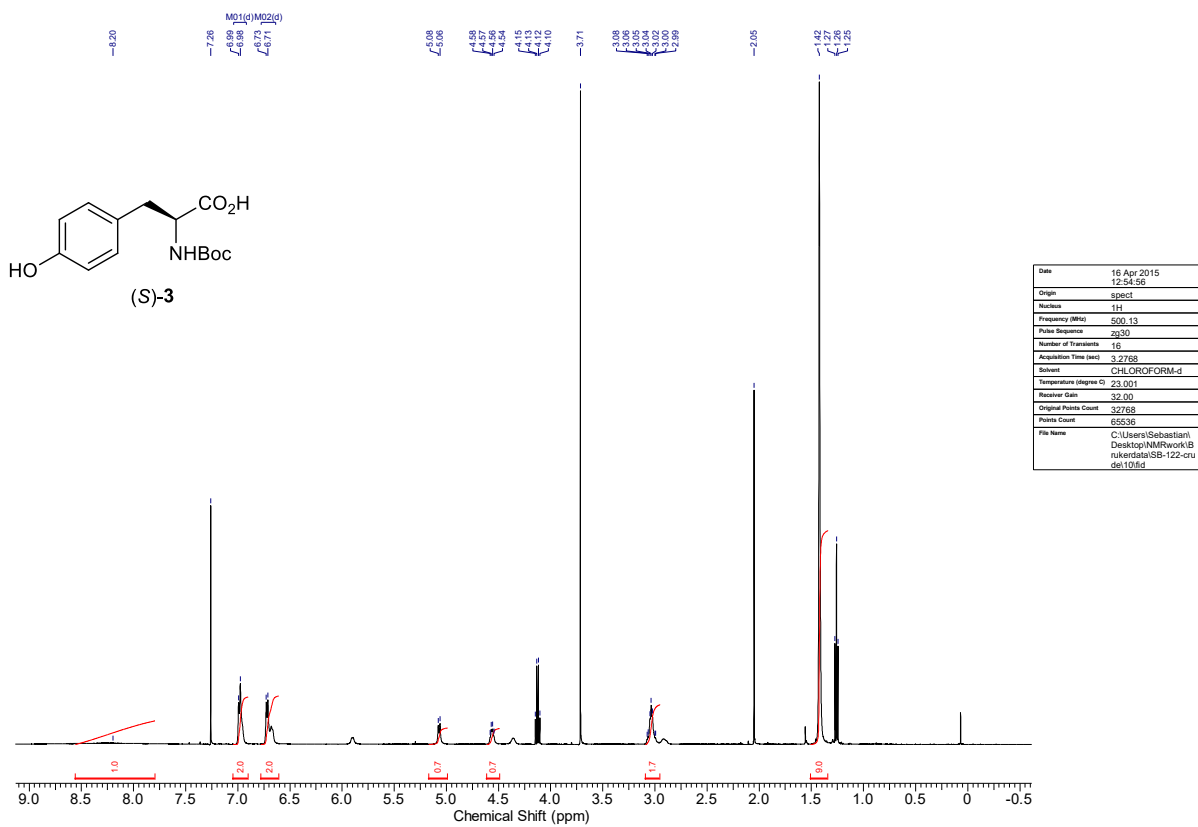


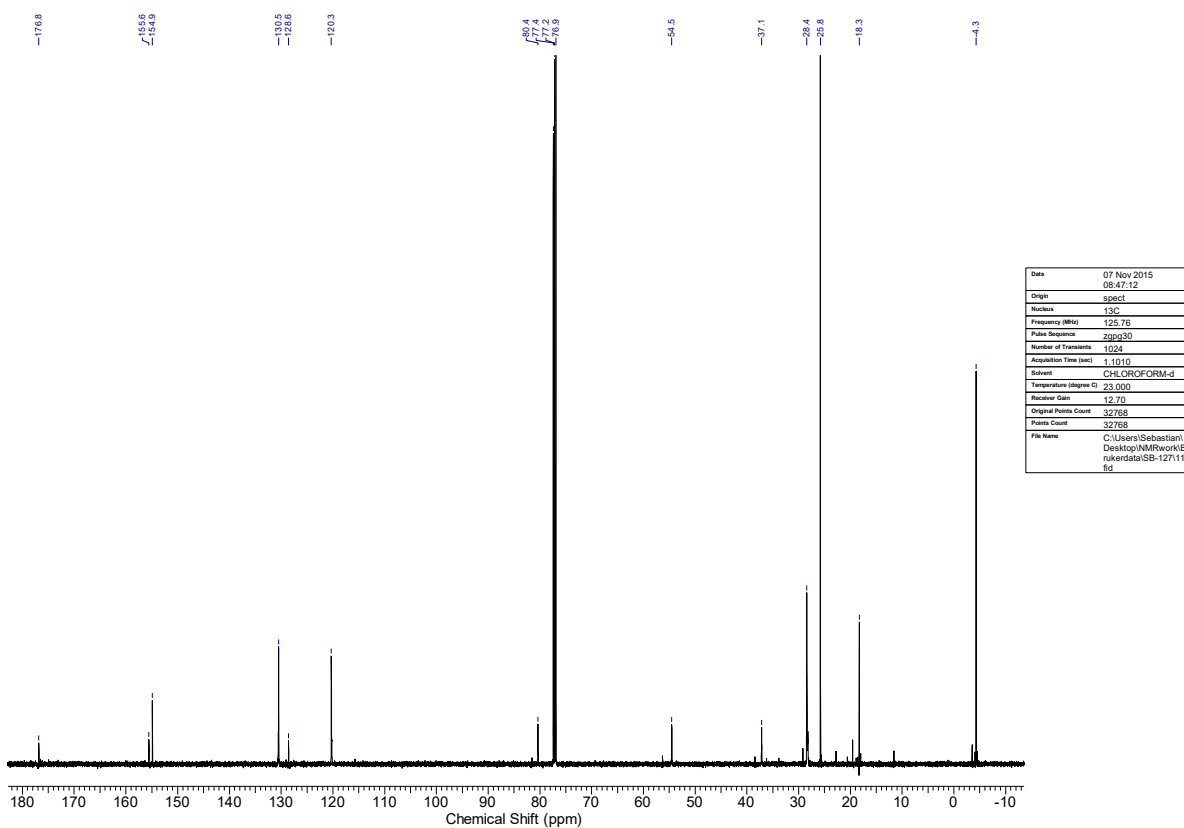
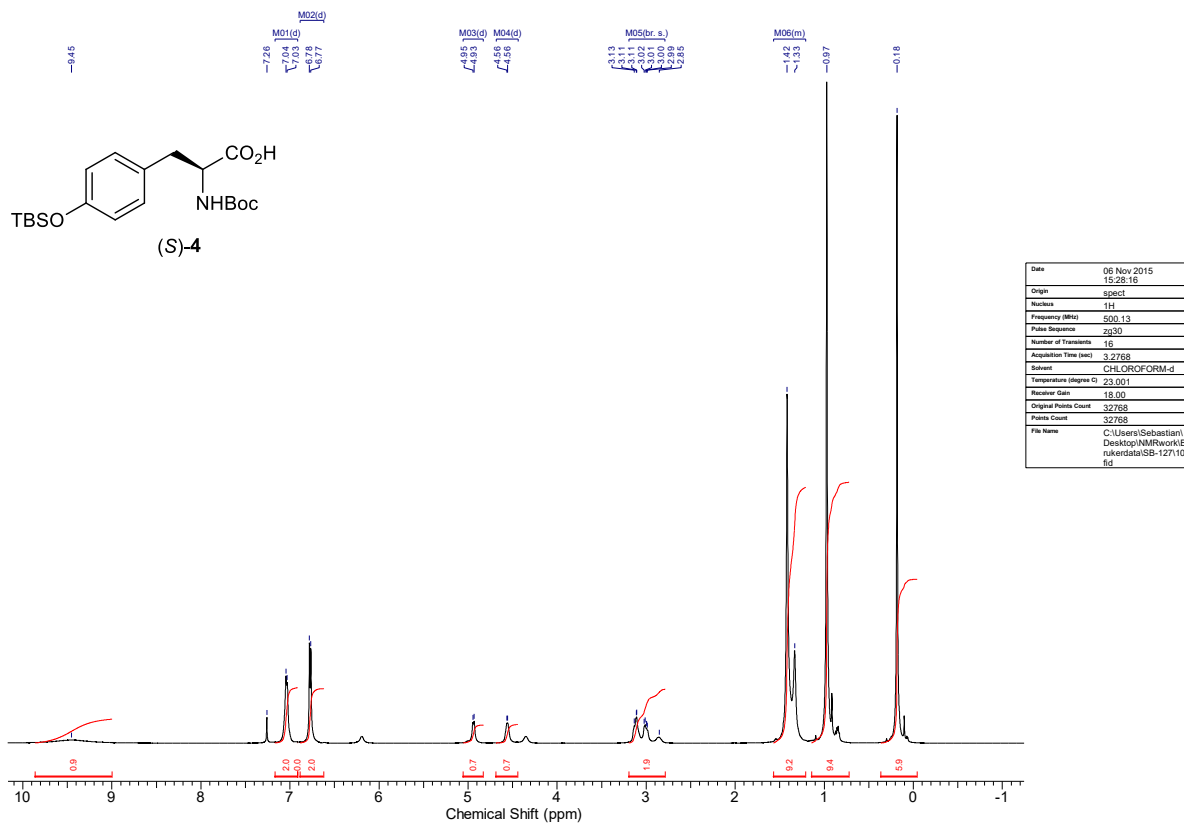


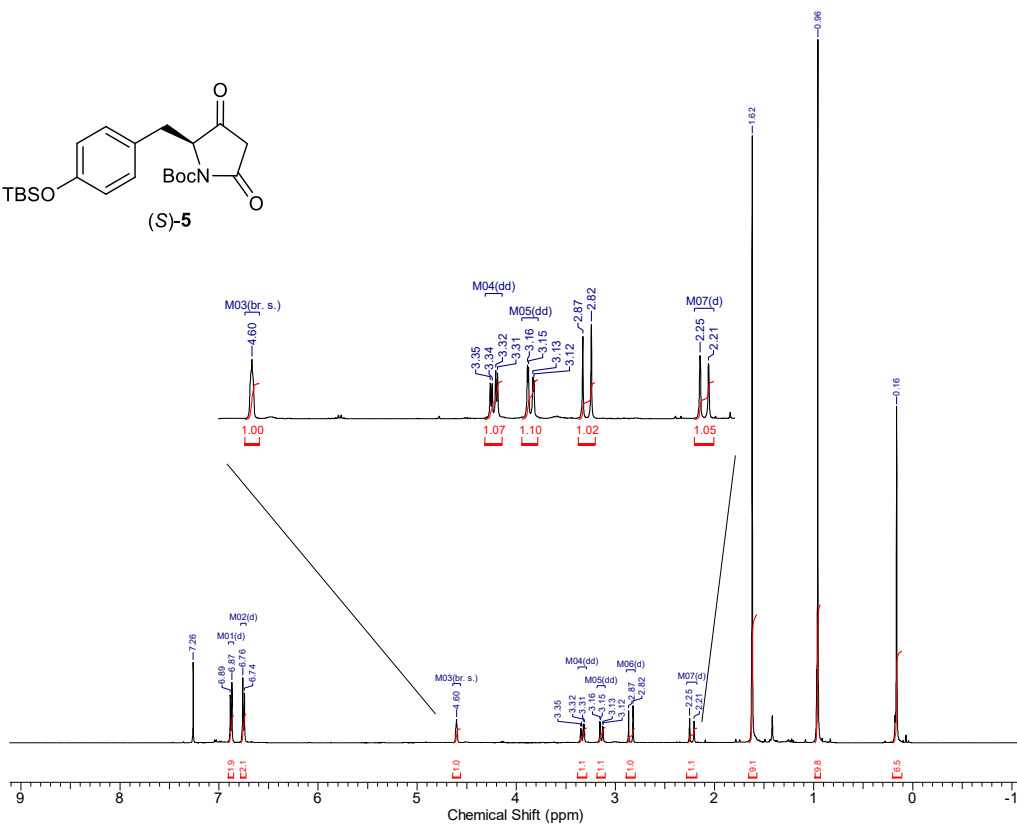
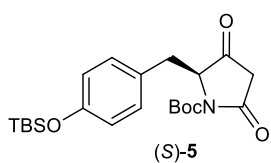




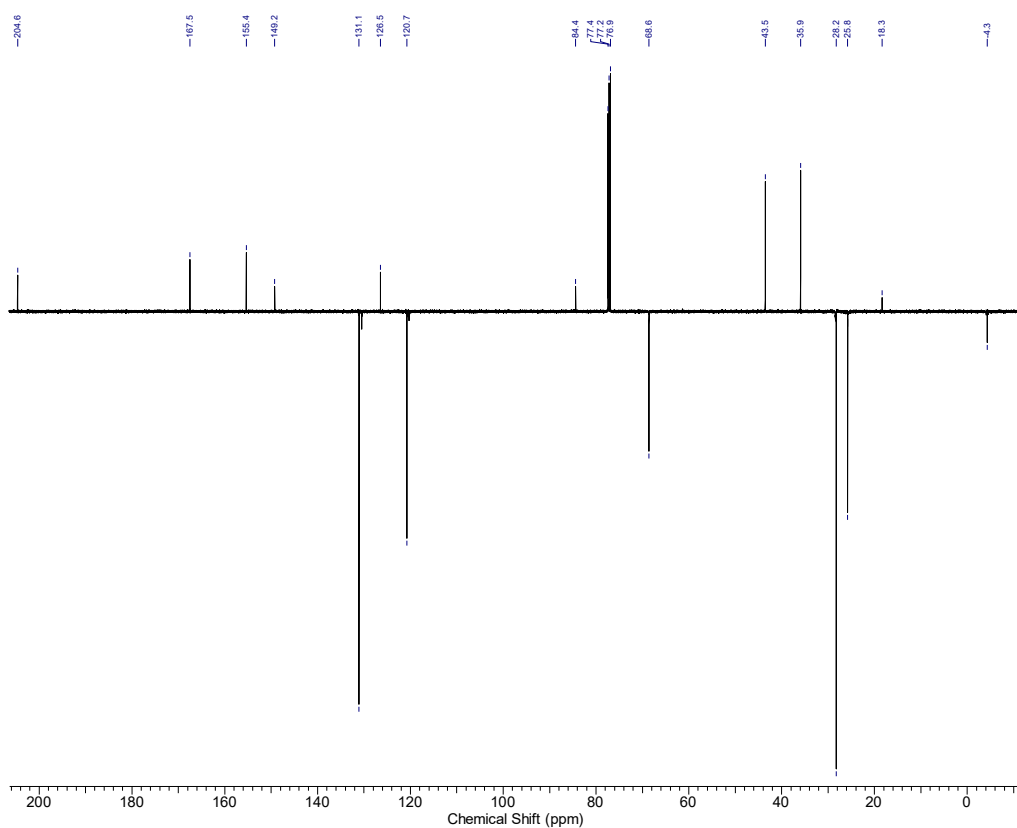




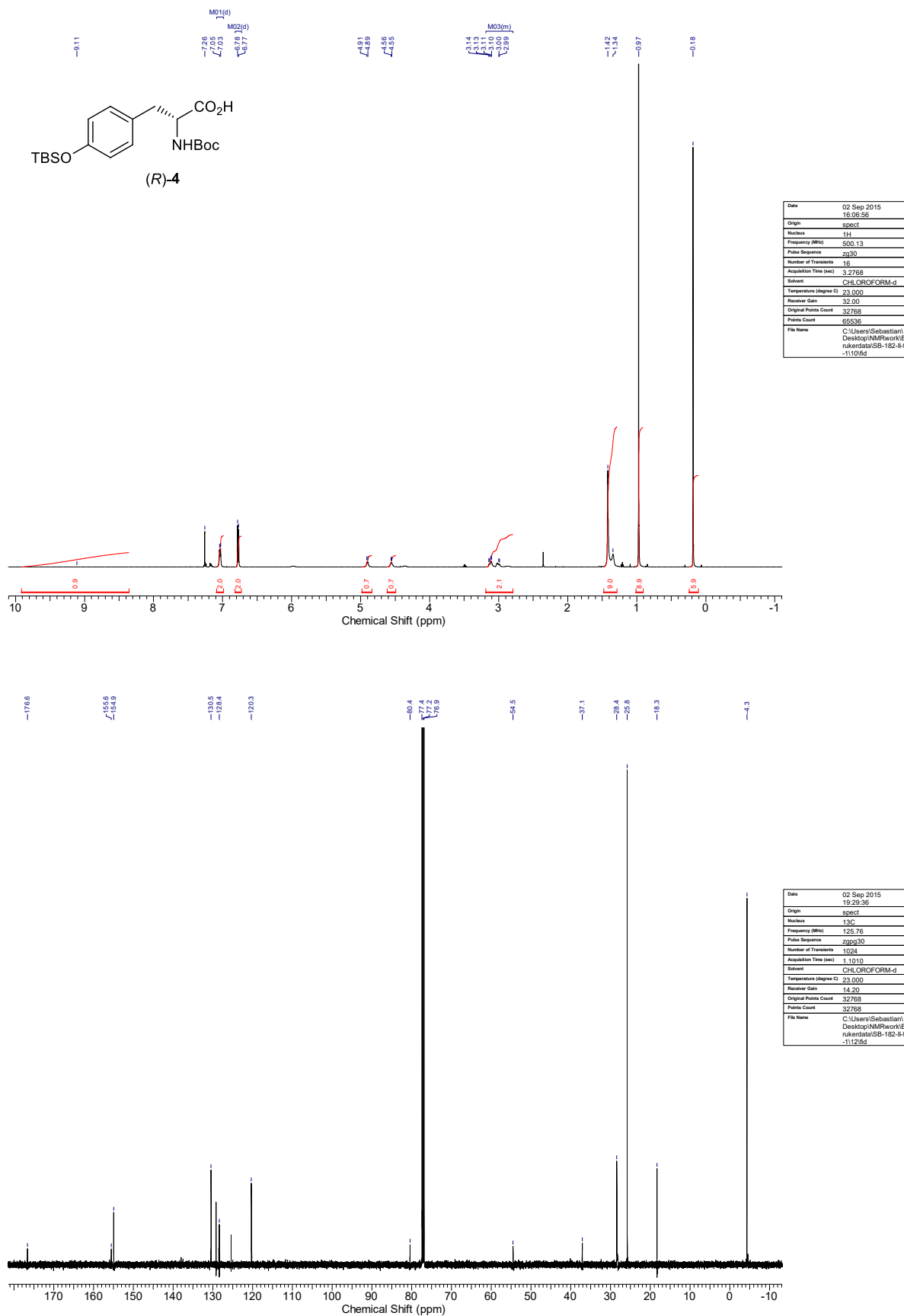


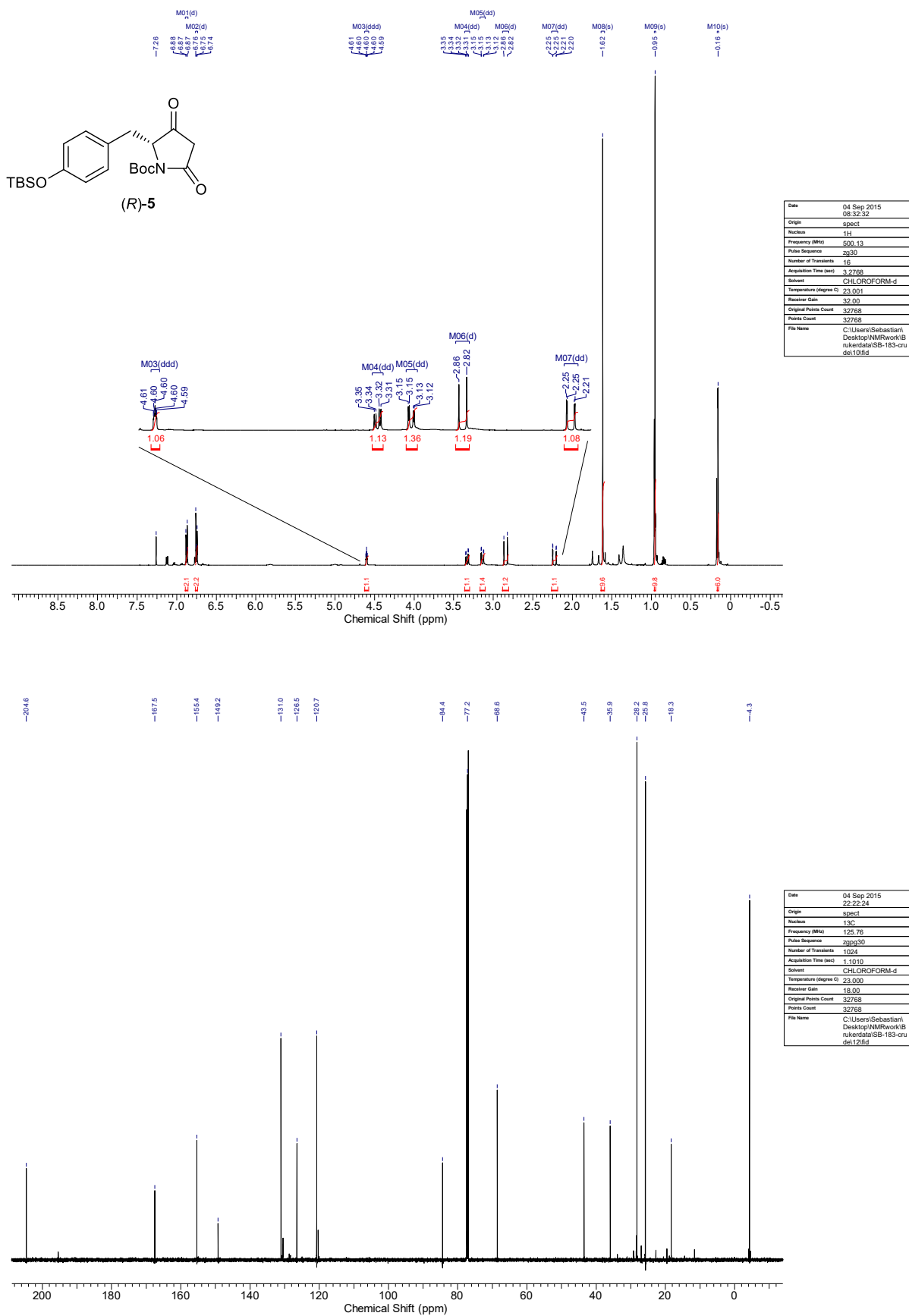


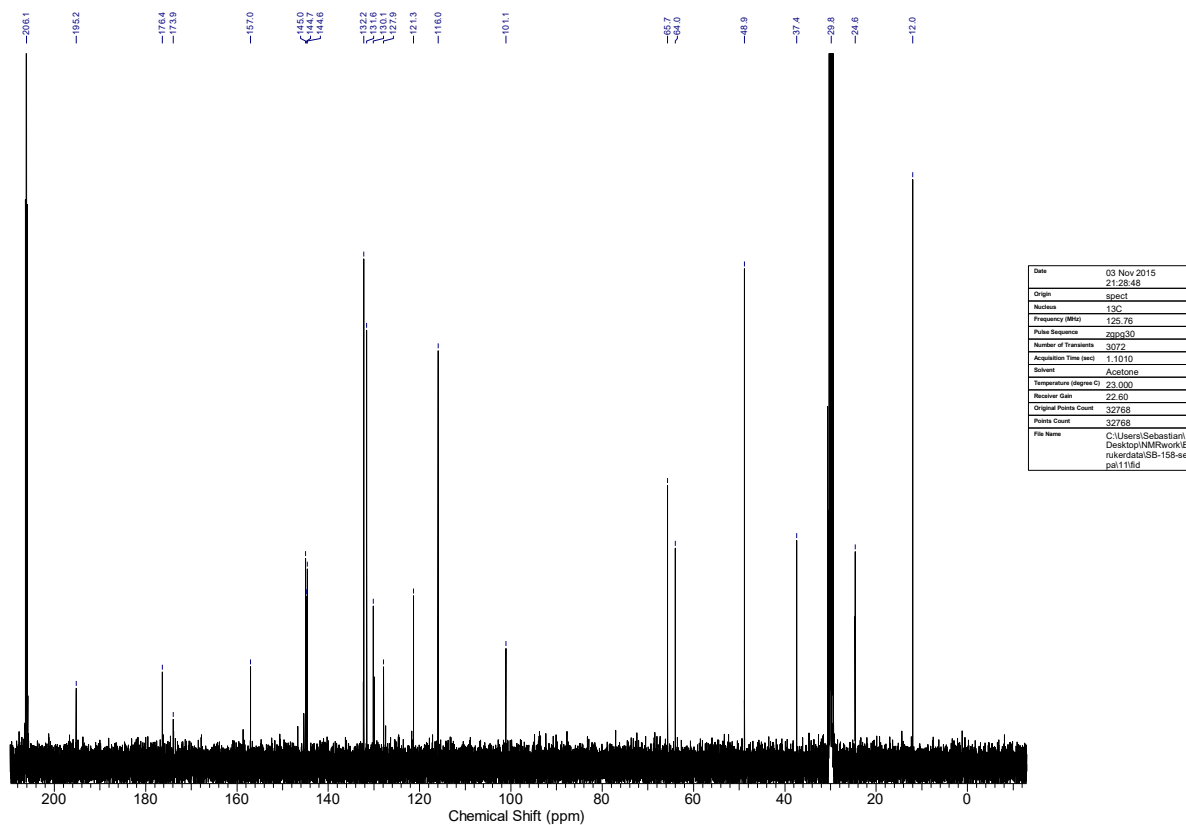
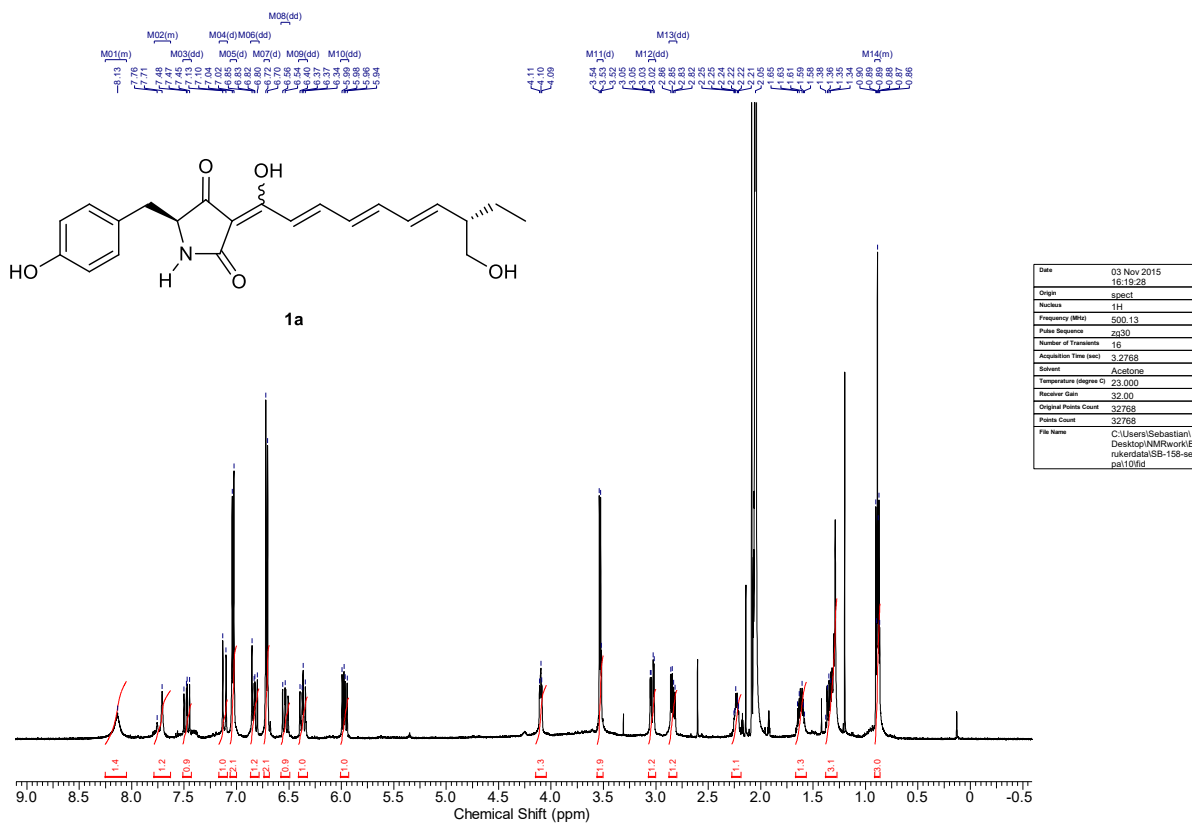
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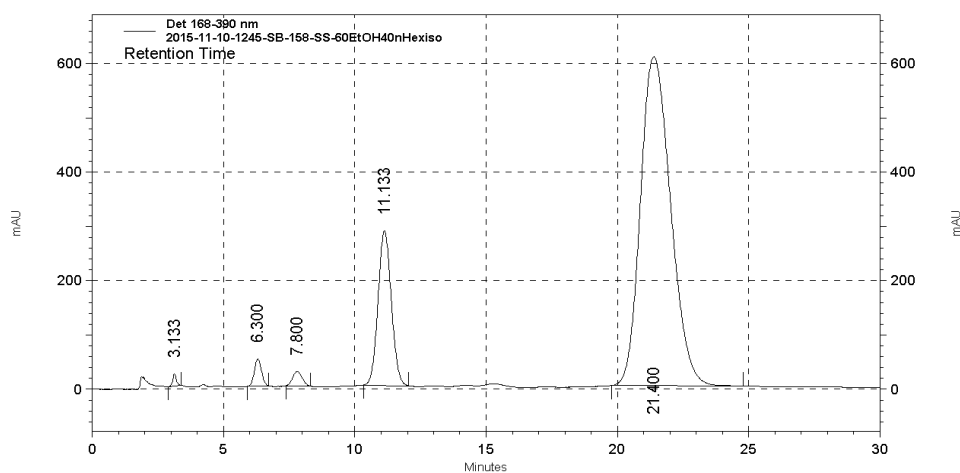


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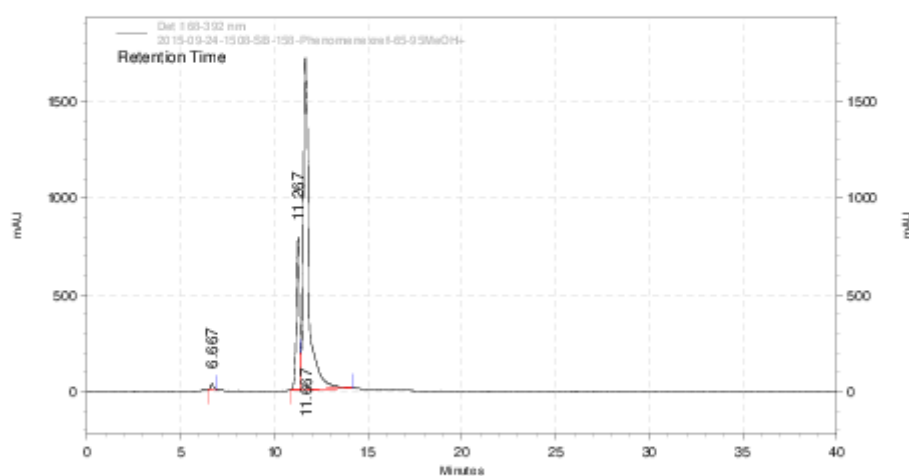
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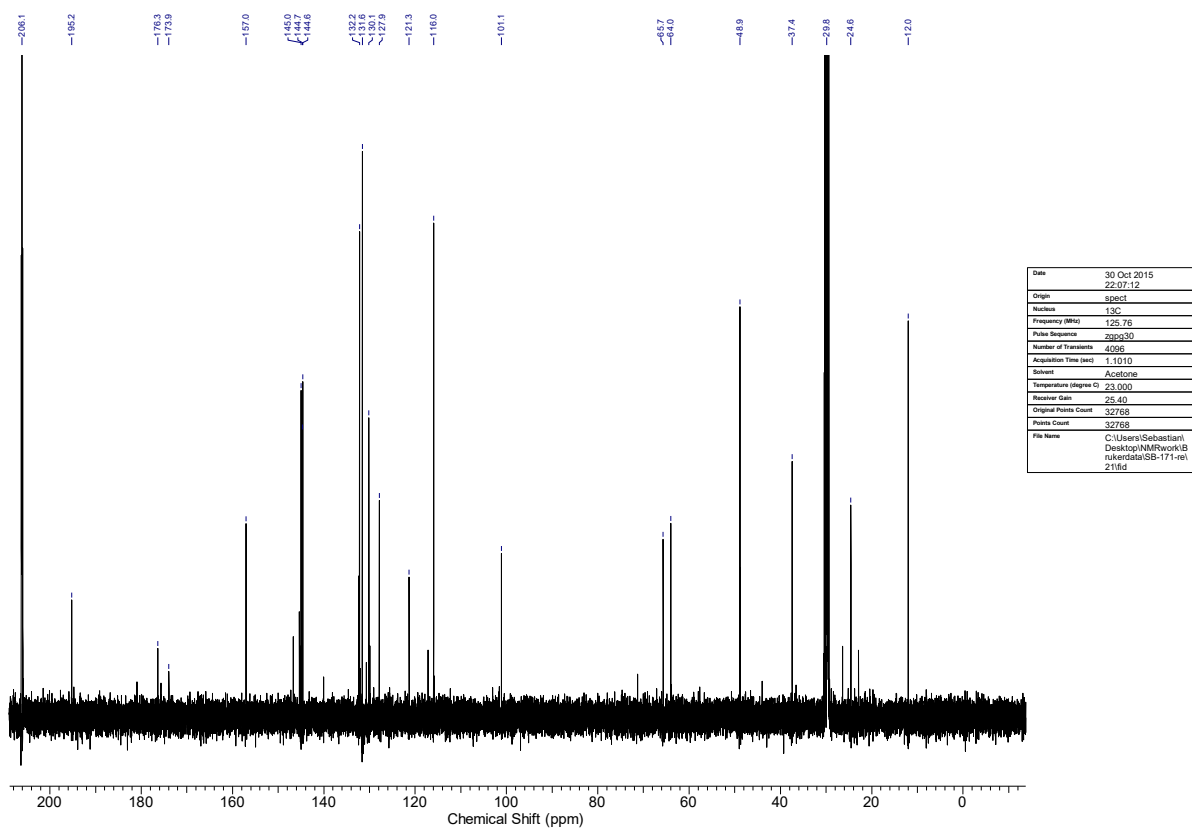
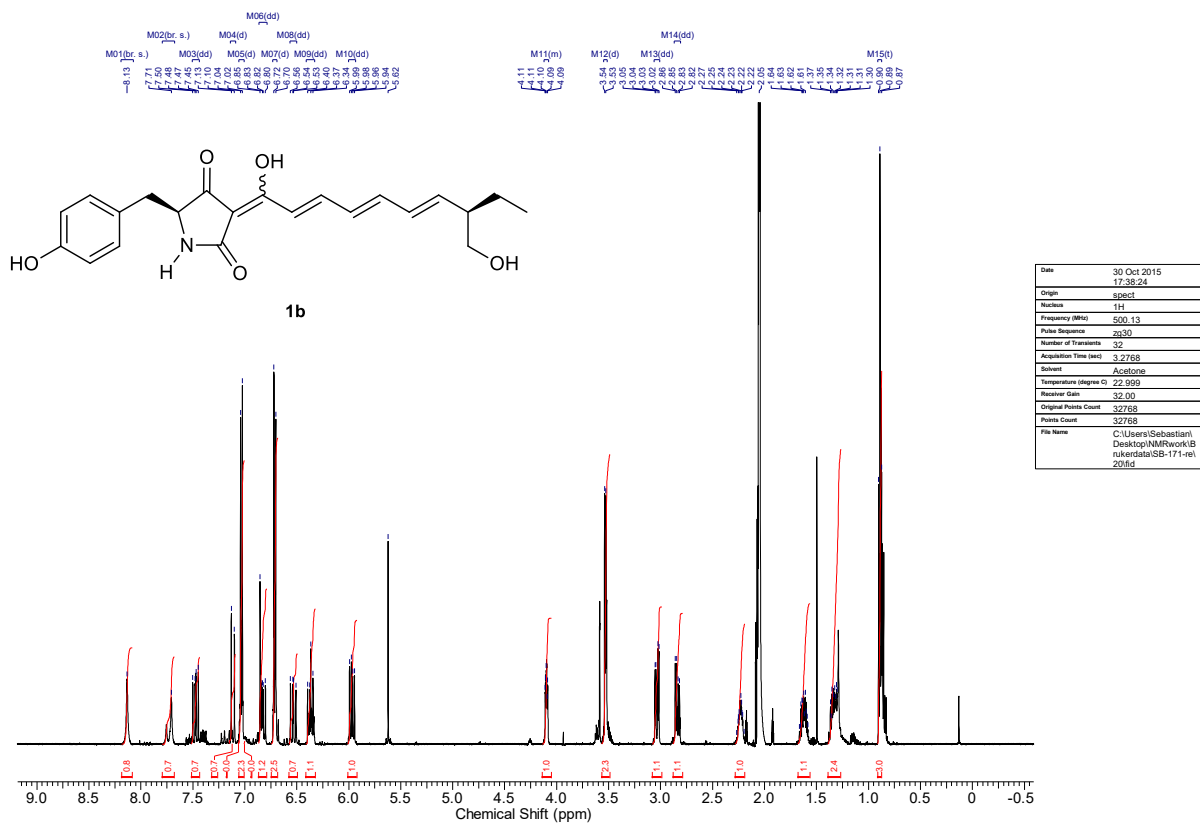
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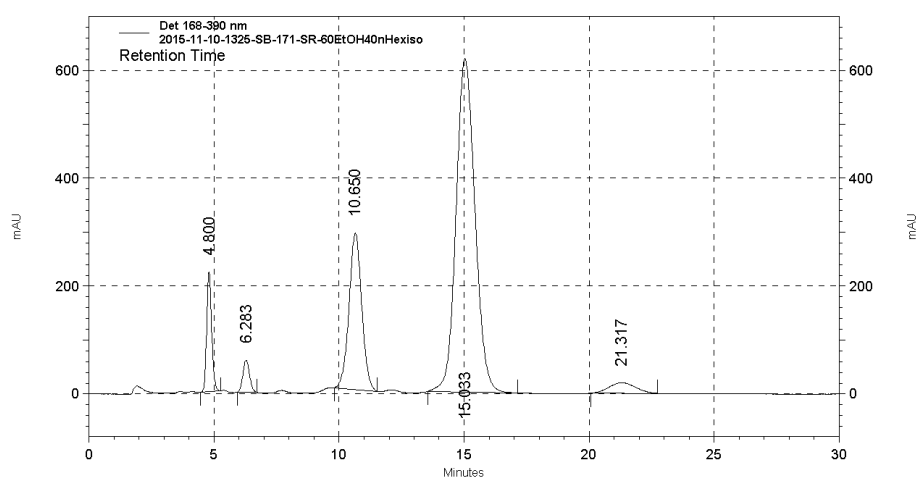
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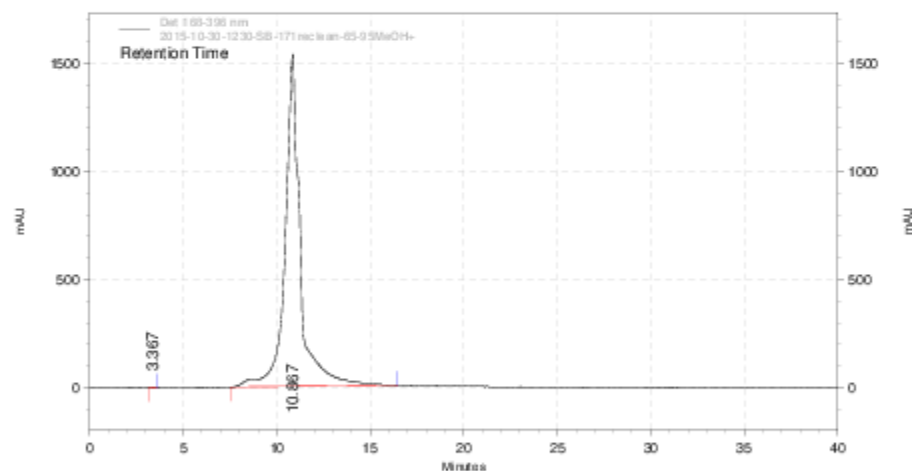
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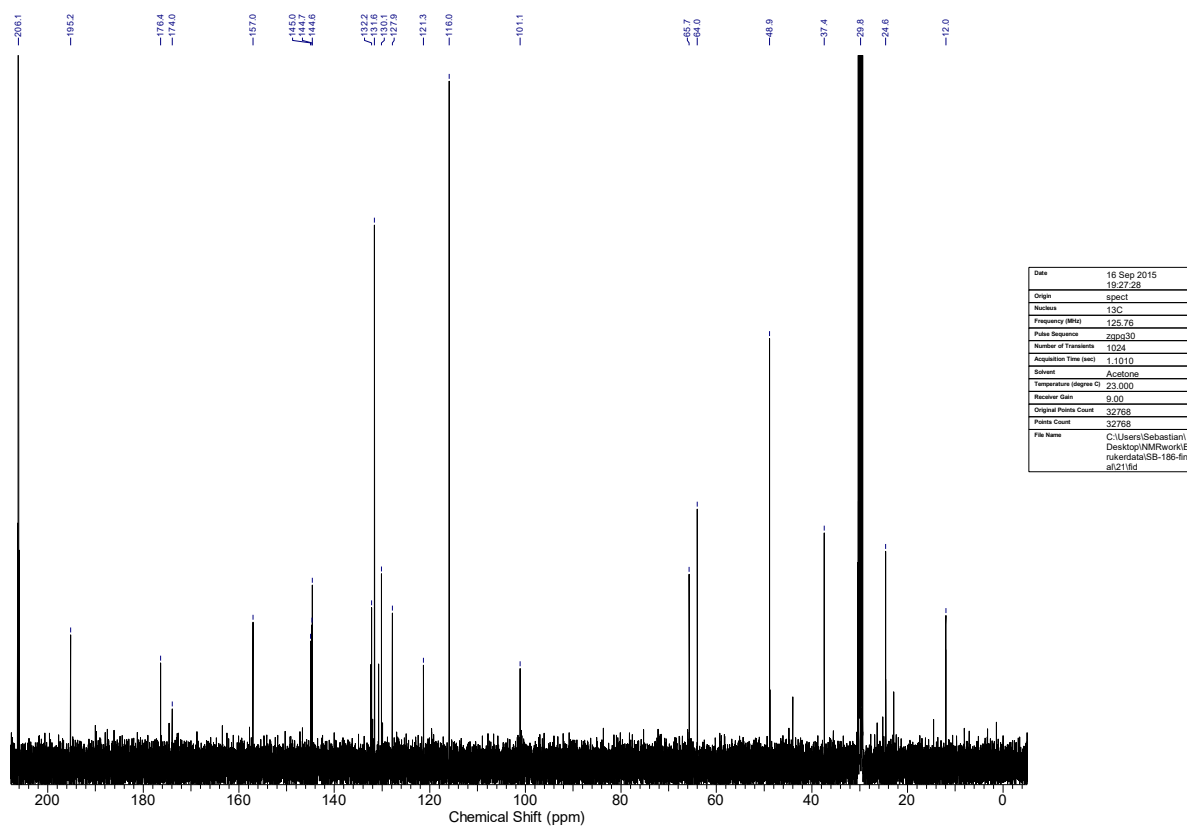
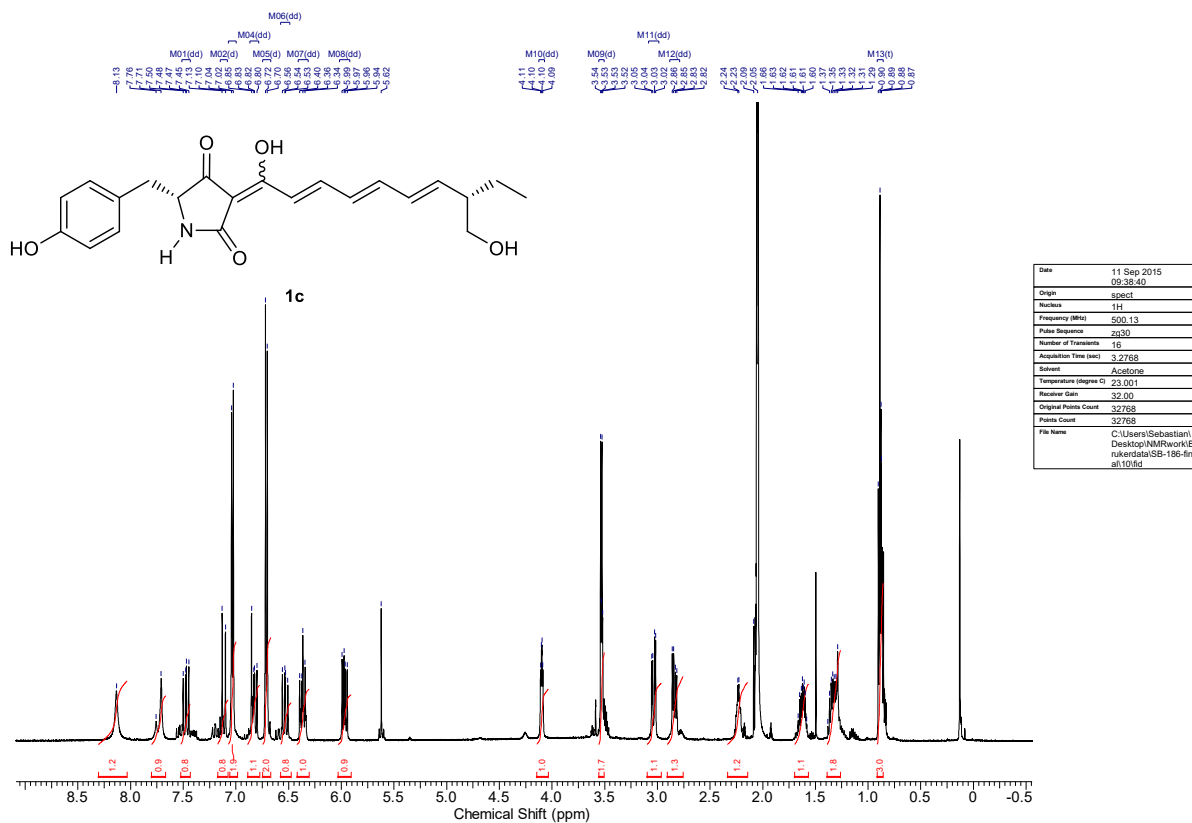
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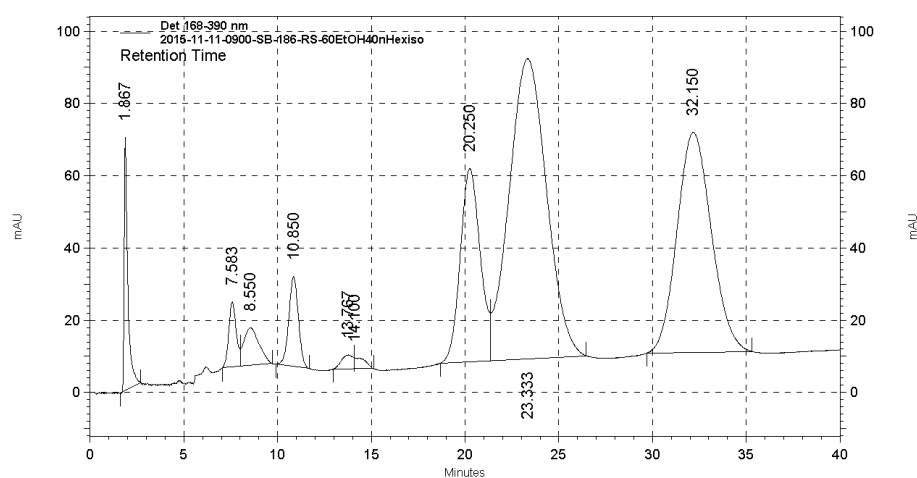


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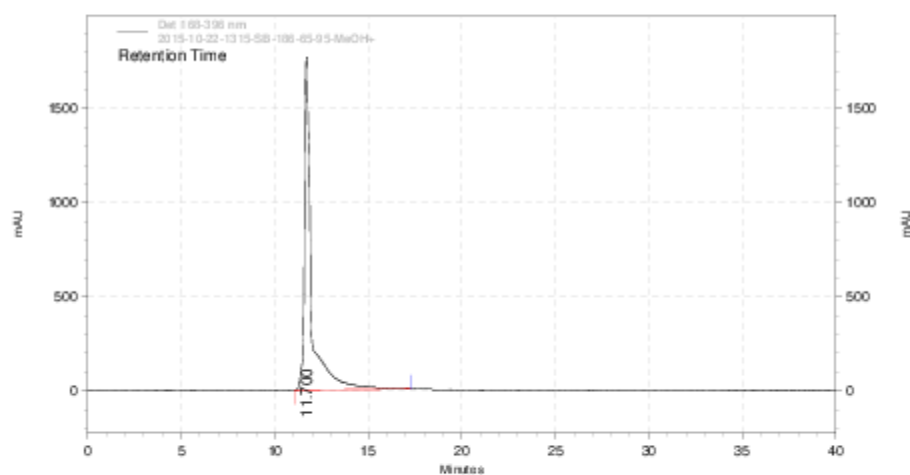
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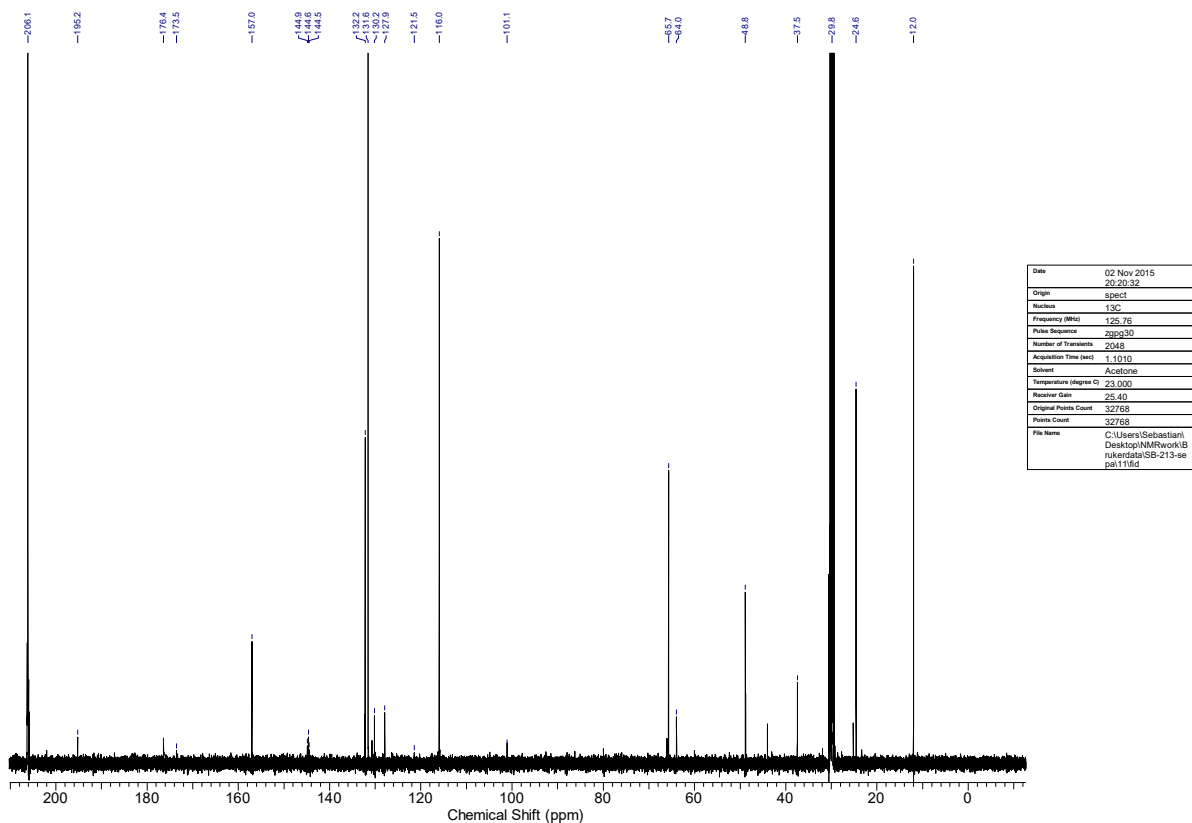
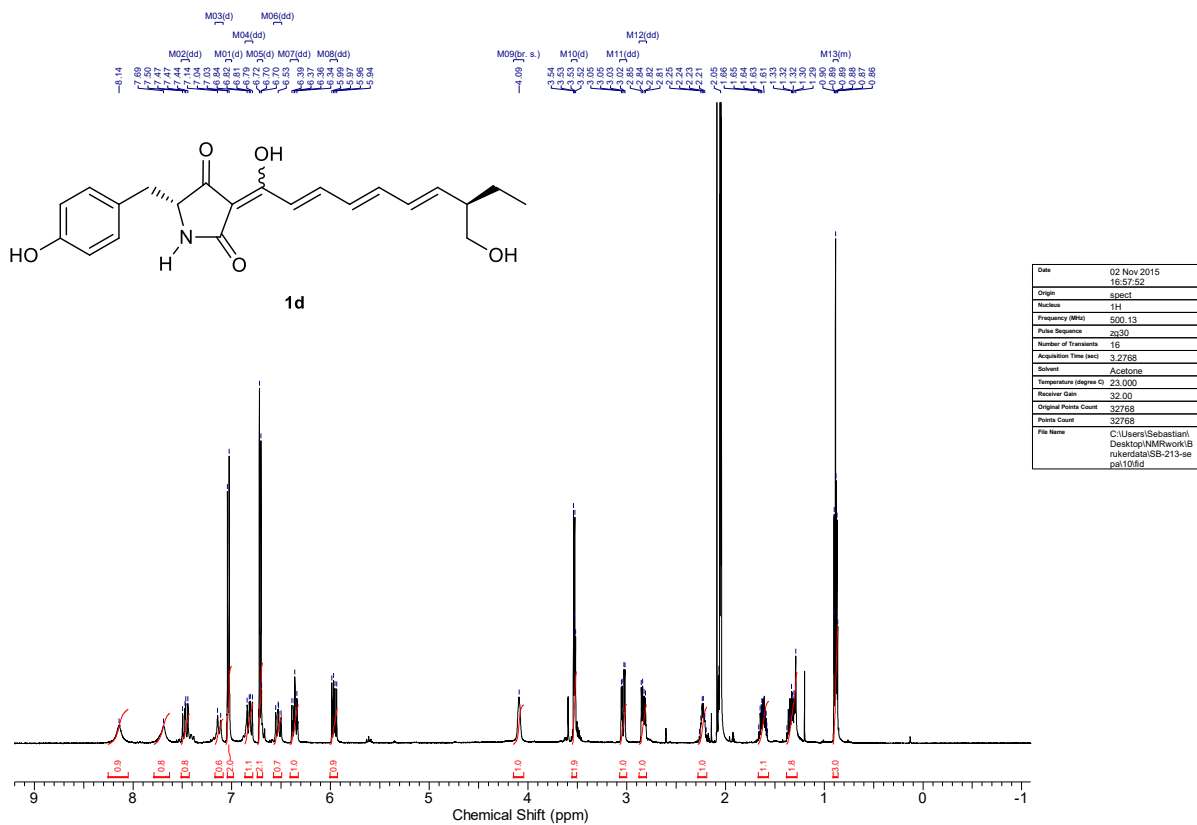
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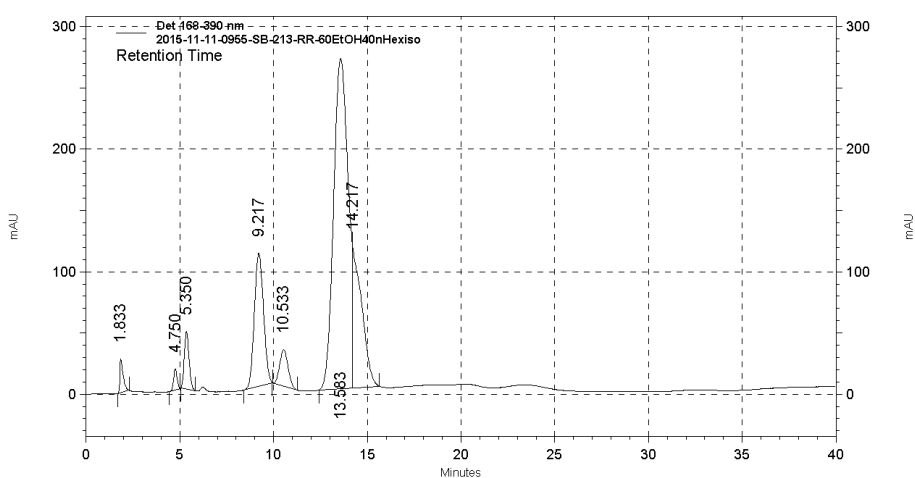
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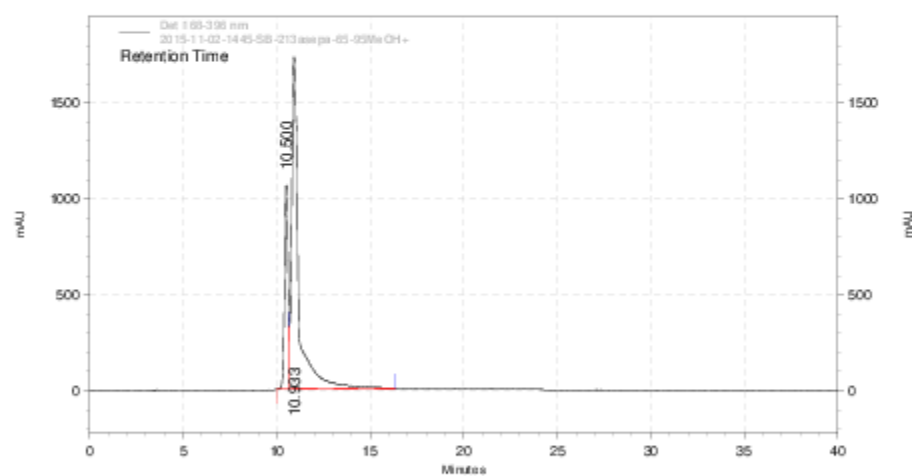
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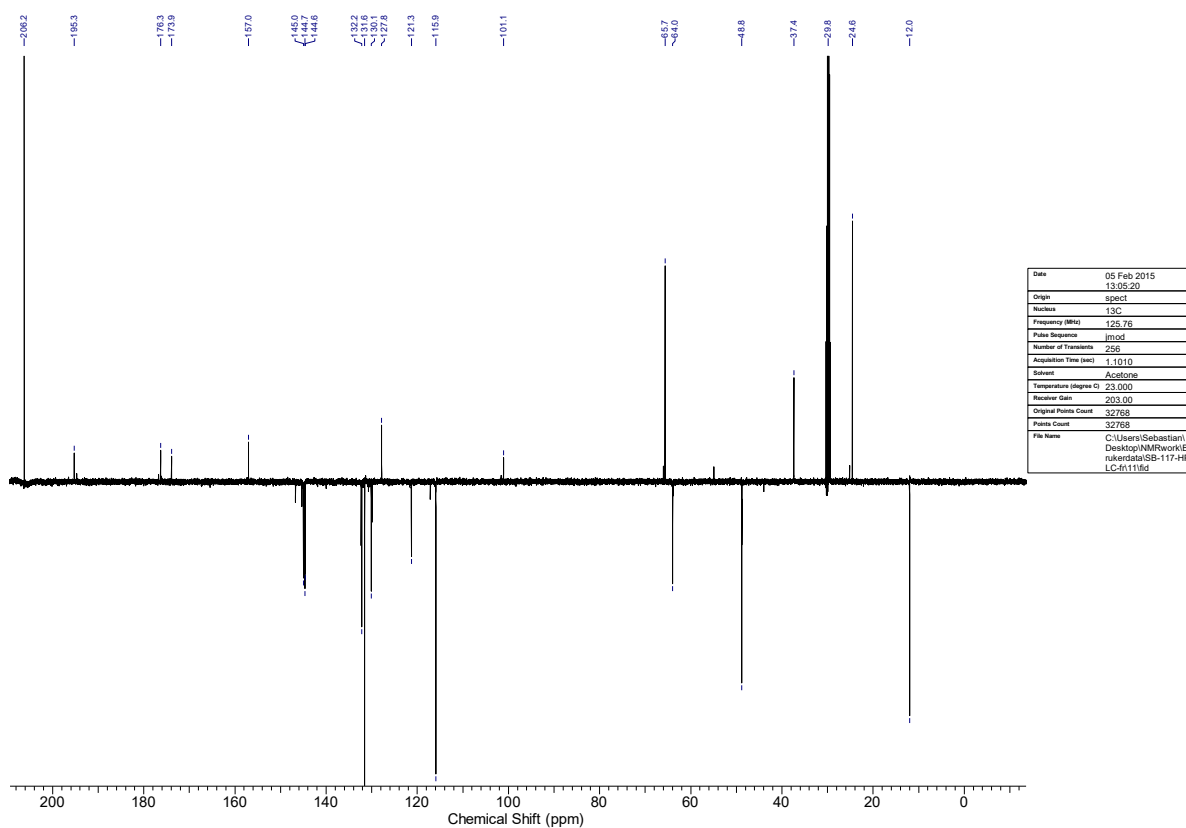
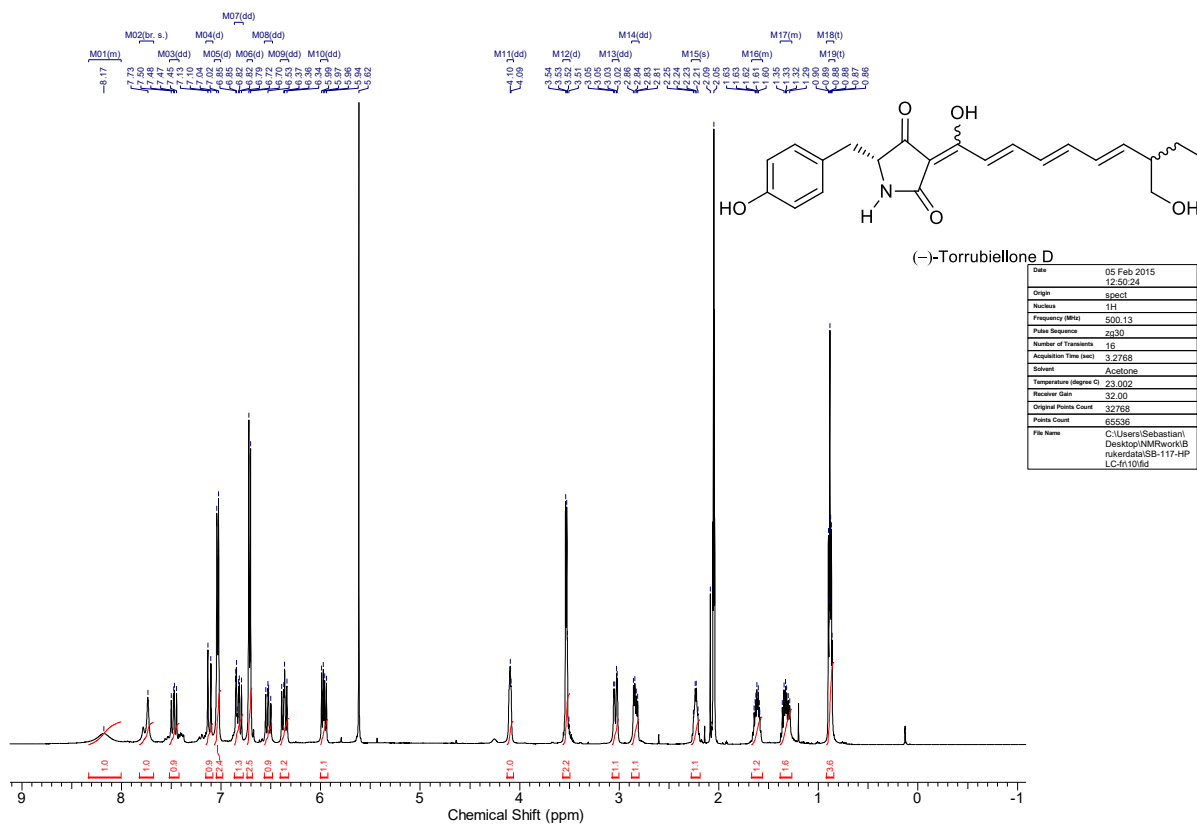
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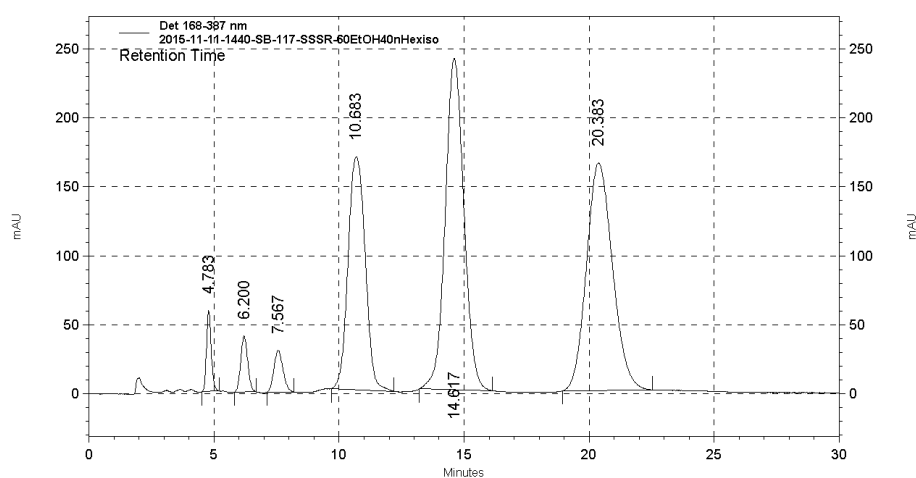


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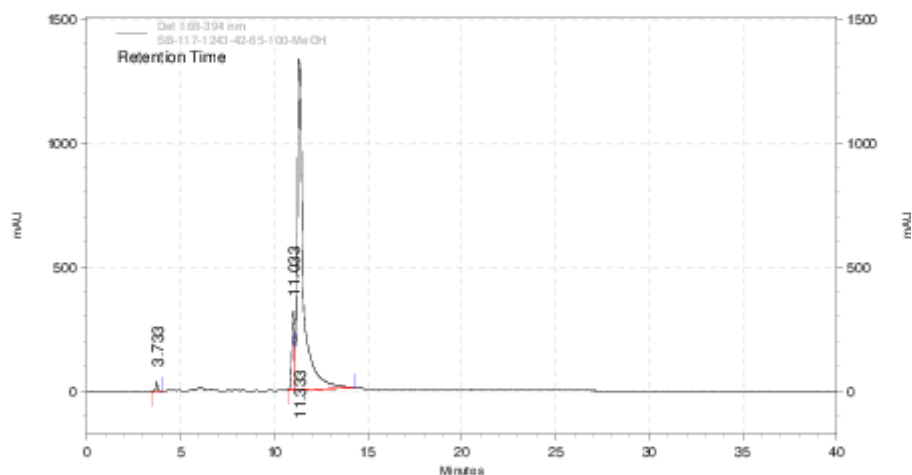
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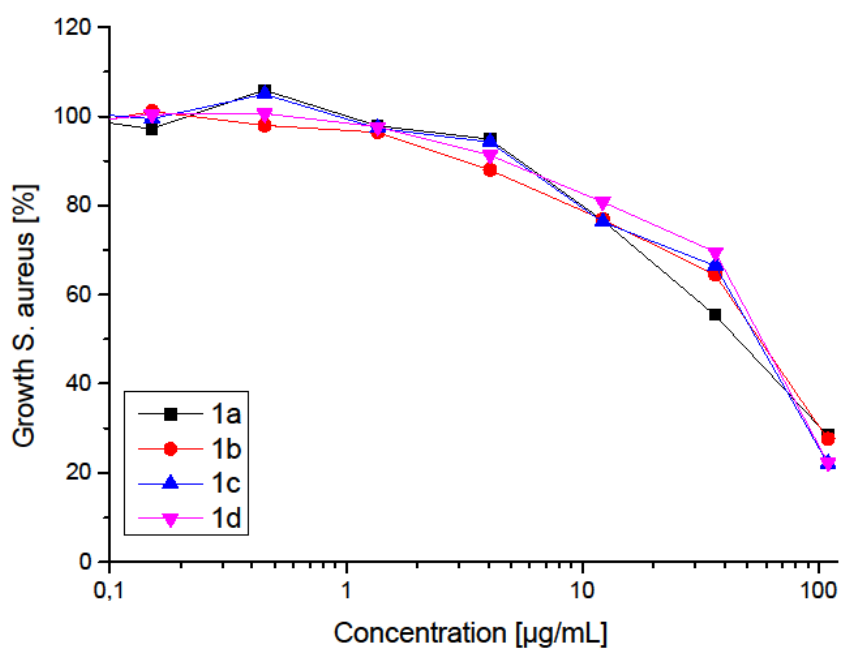
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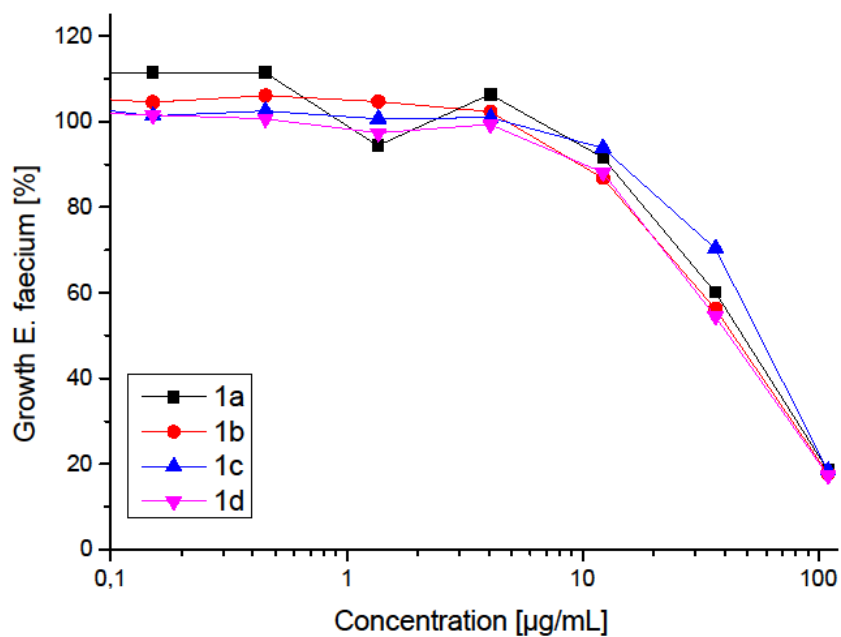
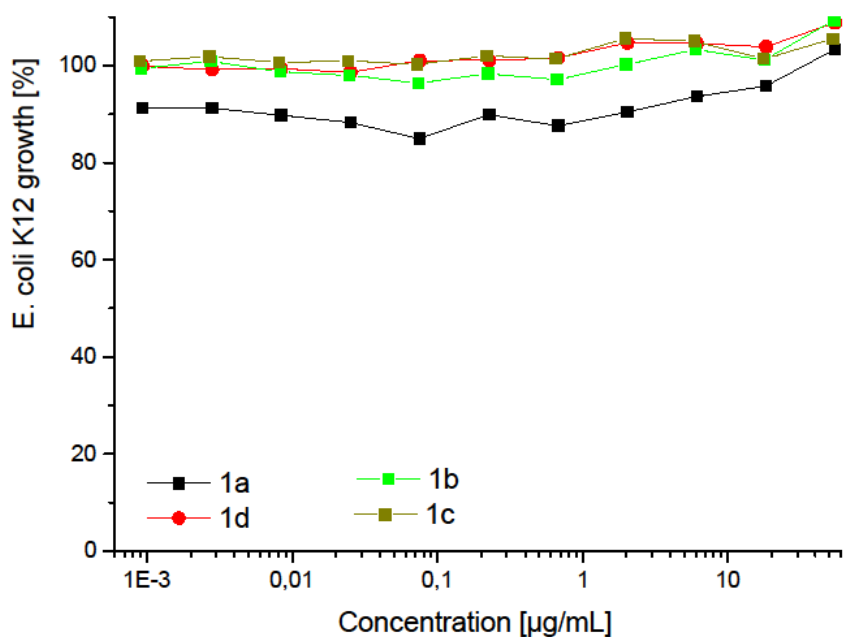
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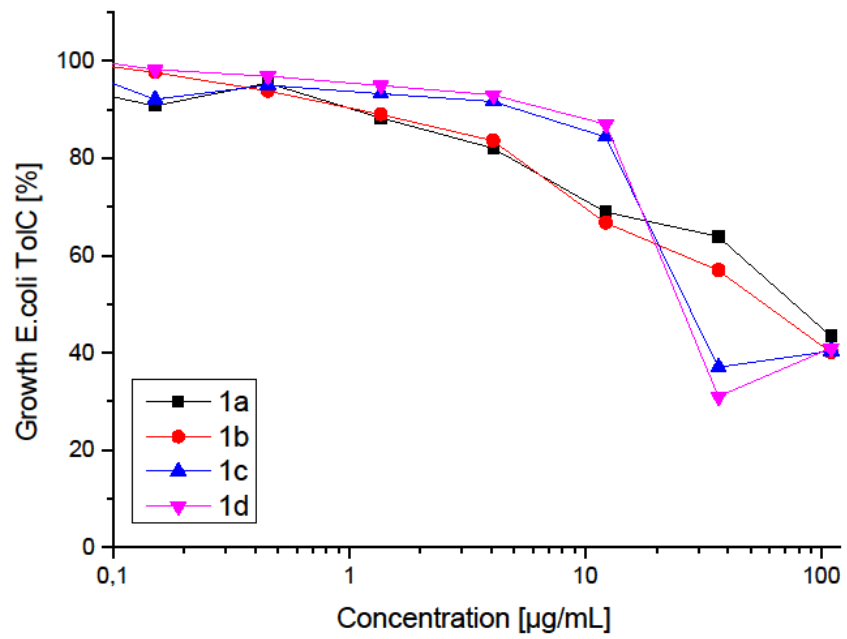
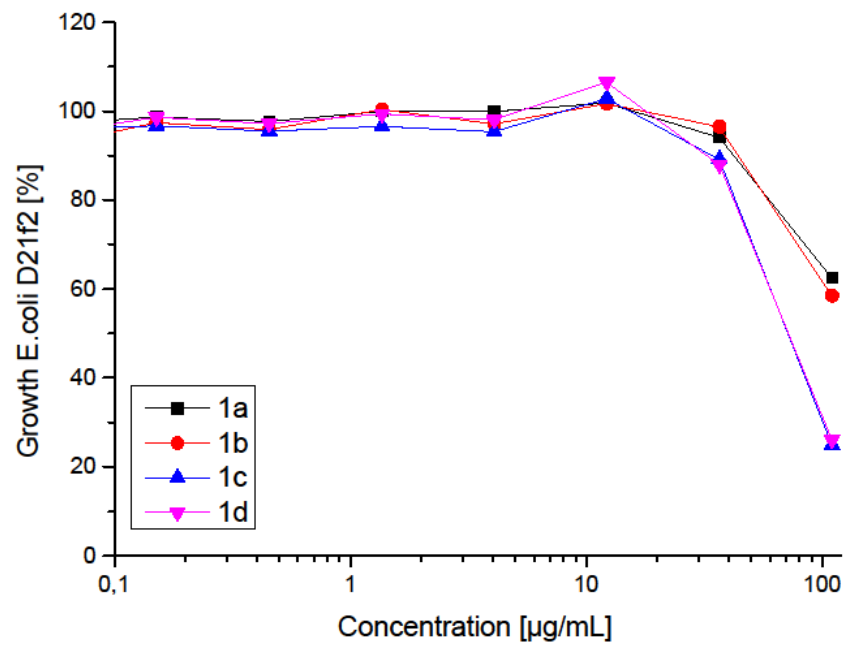
Antibiotic Tests

Staphylococcus aureus (DSM346), *Enterococcus faecium* (DSM20477), *Escherichia coli* K12, *Escherichia coli* Δ ToIC (JW5503) and *Escherichia coli* D21f2 were cultivated in glucose-enriched T-medium (30g/l tryptic soy broth, 3g/l yeast extract and 10 % glucose). For all strains the same general procedure was followed to determine IC₅₀-values for each of the compounds: 200 mL medium were inoculated with a colony of the respective strain and incubated at 37 °C with shaking overnight. An aliquot of the overnight culture was diluted with fresh medium to obtain 50 mL with a start OD₆₀₀ of 0.1. This culture was allowed to grow for another 1-2 h at 37 °C. The resulting culture was diluted with fresh medium so that 45 μ l in the wells of a transparent 384 well microtiter plate resulted in an OD₆₀₀ of approximately 0.1. 0.45 μ l of the compound solutions were added from a compound master plate with the Selma96 semi-automated pipetting system, resulting in a maximum DMSO concentration of 1%. The compound master plate contained diluted DMSO solutions of the torrubellones in triplicates. The maximum final concentration of the torrubellones in the microbial cultures was 0.1 mg/mL. The bacterial suspensions were incubated with the compounds at 37 °C for 21 h. Bacterial growth was followed via determination of the optical density (OD) at 600 nm (turbidity) each hour using the microtiter plate reader μ Quant™ from BioTek®. Blank and solvent controls were included on the microtiter plate. To compensate any solvent effects growth data were normalized to the growth data of the respective DMSO-containing cultures. From the dependence of growth from the compound concentrations IC₅₀ values were determined as the concentration causing 50% growth inhibition by fitting the curves with the 4 parameter logistic nonlinear regression model.

Staphylococcus aureus (DSM 346)



Enterococcus faecium* (DSM 20477)**Escherichia coli* K12**

Escherichia coli* Δ ToIC**Escherichia coli* D21f2**

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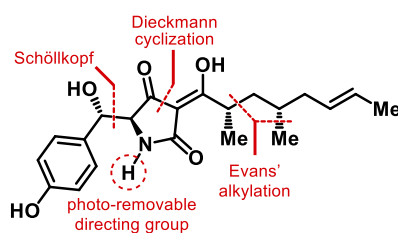
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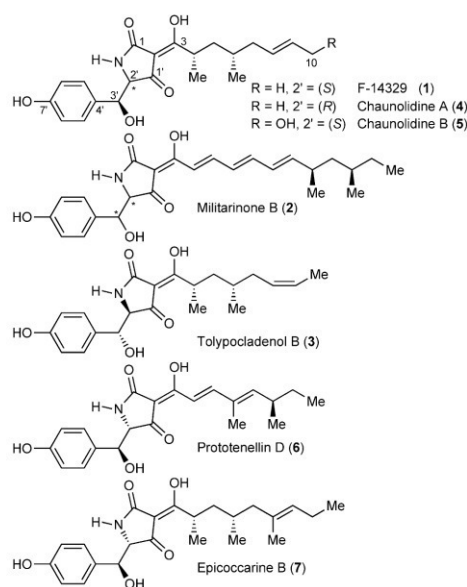
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Total Synthesis
A Synthetic Route to β -Hydroxytyrosine-Derived Tetramic Acids: Total Synthesis of the Fungal Metabolite F-14329

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Abstract: 3-Acyltetramic acids derived from β -hydroxytyrosine are synthetically challenging. The first route to this structural motif, based upon a condensation between a Meldrum's acid conjugate bearing the acyl side chain, and a β -hydroxytyrosinate, N-protected by an *ortho*-nitrobenzyl group is presented. This group enables the Dieckmann cyclization of the resulting *N*-(β -ketoacyl)amino ester, after which it can be removed photolytically without compromising the delicate 3'-hydroxy group. This strategy was applied to the first total synthesis of the fungal metabolite F-14329 (1).

Tetramic acids are distinguished by a range of structural varieties, biological sources, and types of bioactivity. Numerous total syntheses and biosynthetic variations were reported.^[1–3] 3-Acyltetramic acids derived from β -hydroxytyrosine are typically produced by fungi. The first derivative to be isolated by Hamburger et al. in 2003 was militarinone B (2), a metabolite of the fungus *Paecilomyces militaris* (Figure 1).^[4] Four years later, Sankyo Co. Ltd. patented a biotechnological method for the production of F-14329 (1), a metabolite of a fungus *Chaunopycnis* sp., and they recommended its use “for the prophylactic and therapeutic treatment of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and ischemic heart disease”.^[5] In the years to follow, more compounds of this class were found, most of them while studying the biosynthesis of pyridone alkaloids.^[6–8] For instance, tolypocladenol B (3) was isolated from the fungus *Tolypocladium cylindrosporium* by Lou et al.^[9] Capon et al. re-discovered F-14329 (1) together with closely related chaunolidines A (4) and B (5) in extracts of *Chaunopycnis* sp., found in the inner tissue of a pilmonate false limpet *Siphonaria* sp.^[10] Prototenellin D (6) was identified as an intermediate in the biosynthesis of the 2-pyridone tenellin by the insect pathogenic fungus *Beauveria bassiana*.^[7] Epicoccarine B (7) was isolated from a fungus *Epicoccum* sp. dwelling on the fruiting body of the tree fungus *Pholiota squarrosa*.^[6] The structures and configurations of these compounds were determined by spectroscopy,


 Figure 1. Structures of β -hydroxytyrosine derived tetramic acids.

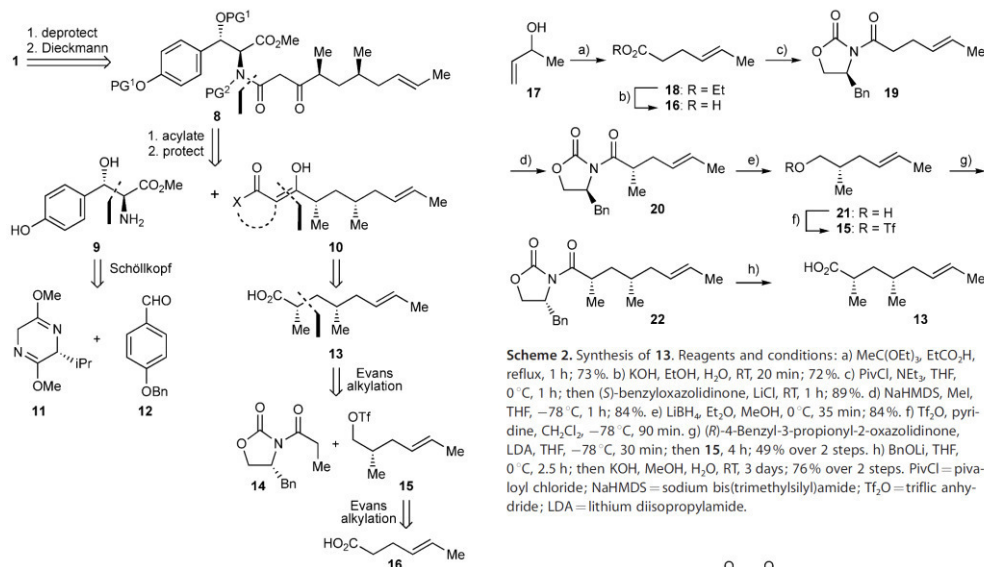
X-ray crystallography, and circular dichroism. Despite their broad spectrum of bioactivities, no synthetic route to β -hydroxytyrosine-derived 3-acyltetramic acids has been reported, so far, probably owing to the incompatibility of their benzylic hydroxy group with the usual protocols of tetramic acid cyclization and acylation. We now developed a synthesis of F-14329 (1), which is flexible enough to open access to this important class of compounds.

Scheme 1 delineates the retrosynthetic approach. A late stage Dieckmann cyclization of an aptly protected *N*- β -ketoamide **8**, followed by mild deprotection, was used to afford target compound **1**. Precursor **8** should be accessible by *N*-acylation of a protected β -hydroxytyrosine **9** with a suitable β -ketoacyl derivative **10** of the required side chain, which could be a thioester, or a Meldrum's acid derivative. Amino acid **9** was to be built up, according to Schöllkopf, from bislactim ether **11** and *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde **12**. The side chain precursor **10** should be available from an α,γ -dimethyloctenoic acid **13**, the stereogenic centers of which could be established

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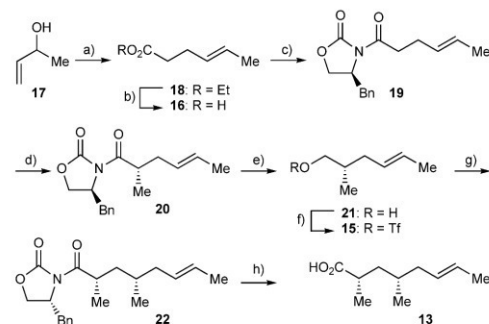
Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic approach to F-14329 (1).

by two consecutive Evans alkylation steps starting from hexanoic acid **16** and proceeding via chiral imide **14** and triflate **15**.

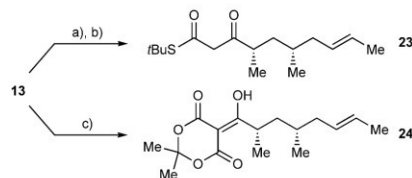
For the synthesis of the 3-acyl side chain precursor **13**, but-3-en-2-ol (**17**) was reacted with triethyl orthoacetate in an *E*-selective Johnson–Claisen rearrangement to afford ethyl hex-4-enoate (**18**) (Scheme 2). Its saponification gave carboxylic acid **16**, which was converted first into a mixed anhydride with pivalic acid, and then into an Evans imide **19**. Its deprotonation with NaHMDS at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and quenching of the resulting enolate with iodomethane left a separable mixture of two product diastereoisomers.

The major isomer **20** was cleaved with LiBH_4 at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to afford (2*S*,4*E*)-2-methylhex-4-enol (**21**), which was treated with triflic anhydride at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to afford the unstable triflate **15**. (*R*)-4-Benzyl-3-propionyl-2-oxazolidinone (**14**) was deprotonated with a small excess of LDA and the lithium enolate was quenched with freshly prepared triflate **15** to give imide **22**. Its cleavage with lithium benzylate followed by saponification of the resulting ester left (2*S*,4*S*,6*E*)-2,4-dimethyloct-6-enoic acid (**13**).

Considering that we intended to generate the 3-acyltetramic acid moiety of **1** by a Dieckmann cyclization, we converted acid **13** into two different β -ketoacyl derivatives, **23** and **24**, suitable for an *N*-acylation of an aptly substituted β -hydroxytyrosinate (Scheme 3). β -Ketothioester **23** was obtained by reacting acid **13** with 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole according to Moody et al.^[11] to give the corresponding imidazolylacyl derivative, which was treated with the lithium salt of *tert*-butyl thio-



Scheme 2. Synthesis of **13**. Reagents and conditions: a) $\text{MeC}(\text{OEt})_3$, EtCO_2H , reflux, 1 h; 73%. b) KOH , EtOH , H_2O , RT, 20 min; 72%. c) PivCl , NEt_3 , THF, $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 h; then (5*S*)-benzyloxazolidinone, LiCl , RT, 1 h; 89%. d) NaHMDS , MeI , THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 h; 84%. e) LiBH_4 , Et_2O , MeOH , $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 35 min; 84%. f) TiF_3O , pyridine, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 90 min. g) (*R*)-4-Benzyl-3-propionyl-2-oxazolidinone, LDA, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 30 min; then **15**, 4 h; 49% over 2 steps. h) BnOLi , THF, $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 2.5 h; then KOH , MeOH , H_2O , RT, 3 days; 76% over 2 steps. PivCl = pivaloyl chloride; NaHMDS = sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide; TiF_3O = triflic anhydride; LDA = lithium diisopropylamide.

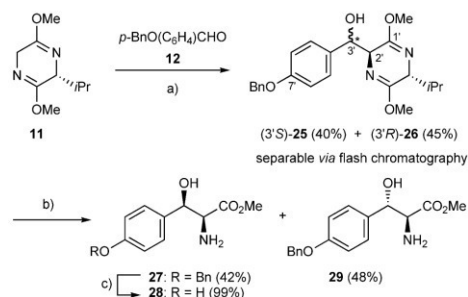


Scheme 3. Syntheses of **23** and **24**. Reagents and conditions: a) CDI , THF, RT, 16 h. b) *tert*-Butylthioacetate, LDA, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 h; 46% over 2 steps. c) EDC-HCl , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 30 min; then Meldrum's acid, 24 h; 99%. CDI = carbonyldiimidazole; EDC-HCl = *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride; DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

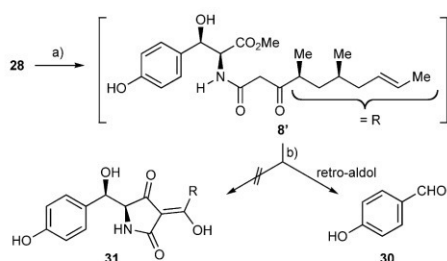
acetate. For the synthesis of derivative **24**, acid **13** was activated with EDC-HCl and then reacted with Meldrum's acid.

The stereogenic centers in the β -hydroxytyrosinate were introduced as described by Boger et al.^[12] (Scheme 4). Aldehyde **12** was reacted with the (*R*)-configured Schöllkopf bislactim ether **11** to furnish the separable diastereomers **25** and **26** which were hydrolyzed to the optically pure β -hydroxytyrosinates **27** and **29**.^[13]

The feasibility of an *N*-(β -keto)acylation of unprotected β -hydroxytyrosinates by a silver mediated aminolysis of thioester **23** according to the general protocol by Ley et al.^[14] was explored with methyl β -hydroxytyrosinate (**28**), prepared by debenzoylation of the waste diastereomer **27** (Scheme 3, Scheme 4). β -Ketoamide **8'** was obtained as a crude product not amenable to further purification. An attempted cyclization of **8'** under conditions described in the literature for simple unprotected *N*-acyl tyrosinates^[15] failed to give **31**, a diastereomer of F-14329 and chaunolidine A, but afforded the retro-aldol product **30** instead (Scheme 5).



Scheme 4. Synthesis of β -hydroxytyrosinates **27** and **29**. Reagents and conditions: a) *n*BuLi, THF, -78°C , 15 min; then **12**, 1.5 h. b) 0.25 M HCl, THF, MeCN, RT, 22 h. c) 10% Pd/C, H_2 , MeOH, RT, 1 h.



Scheme 5. Failed cyclization of unprotected *N*-(β -ketoacyl)hydroxytyrosinate **8'**. Reagents and conditions: a) AgCO_2CF_3 , MS 4 Å, NEt_3 , **23**, THF, 0°C , 1.5 h, light exclusion; 31% crude. b) K $\text{O}t\text{Bu}$, THF, RT, 5 min (MS = molecular sieve).

To favor Dieckmann cyclization over retro-aldol fragmentation, we introduced an *N*-2,4-dimethoxybenzyl (DMB) group, previously shown by Schlessinger et al. to render β -ketoamide anions more nucleophilic.^[17] Moreover, nitrogen substituents larger than hydrogen are thought to promote the Dieckmann cyclization by changing the amide conformation from *trans* to *cis*, thus allowing for a sterically more favorable nucleophilic attack at the ester carbonyl (Figure 2). This assumption was first stated by Suzuki et al.^[18] in their synthesis of the macrolactam macrocicin A, in which they noticed a conformational change in X-ray structures of acyclic precursors.

The introduction of an *N*-DMB group was possible only after protection of the β -hydroxy group. O-silylation and debenzyla-

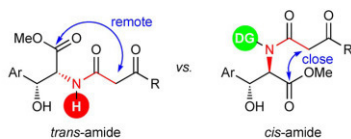
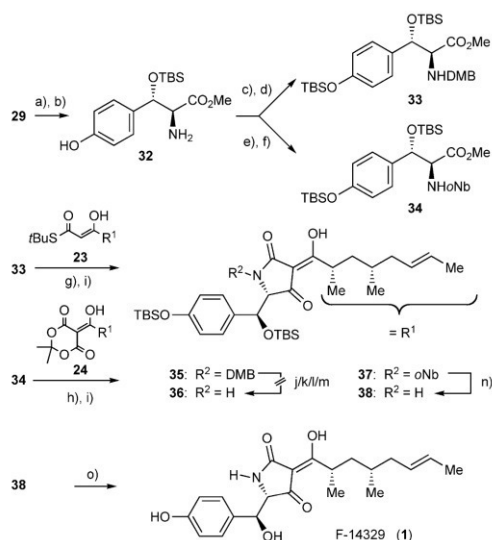


Figure 2. Predominant conformations of *N*-(β -ketoacyl)hydroxytyrosinates with and without directing group (DG).

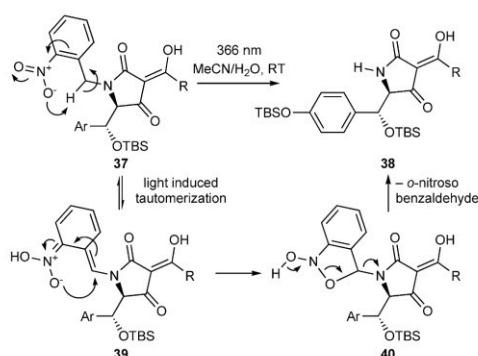


Scheme 6. Synthesis of protected F-14329 **35**, failed deprotection, and synthesis of F-14329 (**1**). Reagents and conditions: a) TBSOTf, NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -10°C \rightarrow 4°C , 16 h; 82%. b) 10% Pd/C, H_2 , MeOH, RT, 15 h; 99%. c) 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde, MeOH, AcOH, RT, 30 min; then NaBH_3CN , 3 h; 51%. d) TBSCl, imidazole, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 19 h, 68%. e) TBSOTf, NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -10°C \rightarrow 4°C , 22 h; 82%. f) *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde, MgSO_4 , MeOH, AcOH, RT, 30 min; then NaBH_3CN , 3 h; 76%. g) AgCO_2CF_3 , MS 4 Å, NEt_3 , **23**, THF, 0°C , 1.5 h, light exclusion, 51% crude. h) **24**, MS 3 Å, dioxane, reflux, 2.5 h, 57% crude. i) NaOMe, MeOH, RT, 10 min; 50% (**35**)/54% (**37**) over 2 steps. j) 10% TFA in CH_2Cl_2 , RT. k) $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$, NH_4HCO_2 , MeOH, reflux. l) CAN, MeCN, H_2O , RT. m) DDQ, CHCl_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , H_2O , RT. n) *h\nu* 366 nm 4 W, MeCN, H_2O , RT, 1 d; 72%. o) TBAF, AcOH, THF, 0°C \rightarrow RT, 38 h; 81%. TBSOTf = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl triflate; TBSCl = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride; TFA = trifluoroacetic acid; CAN = ceric ammonium nitrate; DDQ = 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone; TBAF = *tetra-n*-butylammonium fluoride.

tion and subsequent *N*- β -ketoacylation with thioester **23** gave a β -ketoamide (not shown) that decomposed like **8'** when treated with NaOMe. Apparently, in the presence of a β -hydroxy or β -silyloxy group, the phenolic OH group of tyrosine-derived *N*- β -ketoamides needs to be protected too, prior to the Dieckmann cyclization, in contrast to tyrosinates lacking the β -hydroxy function.^[16] Hence, phenol **32** was first *N*-protected with 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde/ NaBH_3CN and then O-silylated with TBSCl to give the fully protected aminoester **33**. Its Ley acylation with β -keto thioester **23** and subsequent basic cyclization of the crude intermediate β -ketamide **8** ($\text{PG}^1 = \text{TBS}$, $\text{PG}^2 = \text{DMB}$; PG = protecting group) afforded the protected F-14329 **35**. However, the DMB group of **35** could not be removed to give **36** without decomposition, neither under acidic, nor hydrogenolytic, nor oxidative conditions. This finding is in accordance with previously reported problems to deprotect the nitrogen of a tetramic acid bearing a saturated 3-acyl side chain,^[18] whereas *N*-DMB residues of tetramic acids with unsaturated 3-acyl side chains were successfully removed

by trifluoroacetic acid.^[17] So, in a new approach, the *ortho*-nitrobenzyl (oNb) group was chosen for N-protection. Like the DMB group, it should favor a *cis* amide, yet may eventually be removed under neutral conditions. It was employed by Tatsu et al. as a photocleavable amide backbone protecting group.^[19] Aminoester **32** was O-silylated with TBSOTf and N-protected with *ortho*-nitrobenzaldehyde/NaBH₃CN to give fully protected aminoester **34** in 51% yield over four steps (Scheme 6). Although its silver-mediated acylation with thioester **23** failed, the reaction with Meldrum's acid conjugate **24** under conditions as described in a patented general protocol^[20] for the acylation of secondary amines afforded β -ketoamide **8** (PG¹ = TBS, PG² = oNb). Its Dieckmann cyclization without prior purification gave the triply protected F-14329 derivative **37** in 54% over two steps.

The oNb group was removed by irradiating a solution of compound **37** in acetonitrile/water (9:1) with a 4 W lamp emitting light of wavelength 366 nm for 1 day. The resulting bis silyl ether **38** was desilylated using TBAF in THF, with acetic acid as a buffer, to yield F-14329 (**1**) in 81% after purification by MPLC, identical to the natural product as to NMR spectra and specific optical rotation.^[21] A conceivable mechanism for the photolysis of the oNb group, based on the studies of Il'ichev et al.^[22] is shown in Scheme 7. Light-induced tautomerization of **37** could generate an activated intermediate **39** that undergoes cyclization with re-aromatization to intermediate **40**, which fragments to tetramic acid **38** and *o*-nitrosobenzaldehyde.



Scheme 7. Conceivable mechanism of the photolytic deprotection of **37**.

In summary, a synthetic route to β -hydroxytyrosine derived 3-acyltetramic acids was devised. It features the use of *ortho*-nitrobenzyl as an N-protecting and directing group, readily and selectively removable at a late stage without compromis-

ing the delicate β -hydroxy group and the configurational integrity of stereocenters. The fungal metabolite F-14329 (**1**) was prepared by this approach in 14 steps and 3.9% overall yield.

Conflict of interest

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A Synthetic Route to β -Hydroxytyrosine-Derived Tetramic Acids: Total Synthesis of the Fungal Metabolite F-14329

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General

IR spectra were recorded with an FT-IR spectrophotometer equipped with an ATR unit. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DRX 500 and/or DRX 300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million using the residual solvent peak as an internal standard 7.26 ppm (proton) and 77.16 ppm (carbon) for CDCl₃, 3.31 ppm (proton) and 49.15 ppm (carbon) for CD₃OD and 2.50 ppm (proton) and 39.51 ppm (carbon) for DMSO-d₆. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hz. Multiplicity abbreviation used: s singlet, d doublet, t triplet, q quartet and m multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a UPLC/Orbitrap MS system in ESI mode. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm (Na-D line) on a PerkinElmer 241 Polarimeter. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. All anhydrous solvents were used as supplied, except tetrahydrofuran and dichloromethane which were freshly distilled according to standard procedures. Reactions were routinely carried out under an argon atmosphere unless stated otherwise. All glassware was flame-dried before use. Photolysis was performed using a Pro Collect UV tester with 366 nm and 4 W.

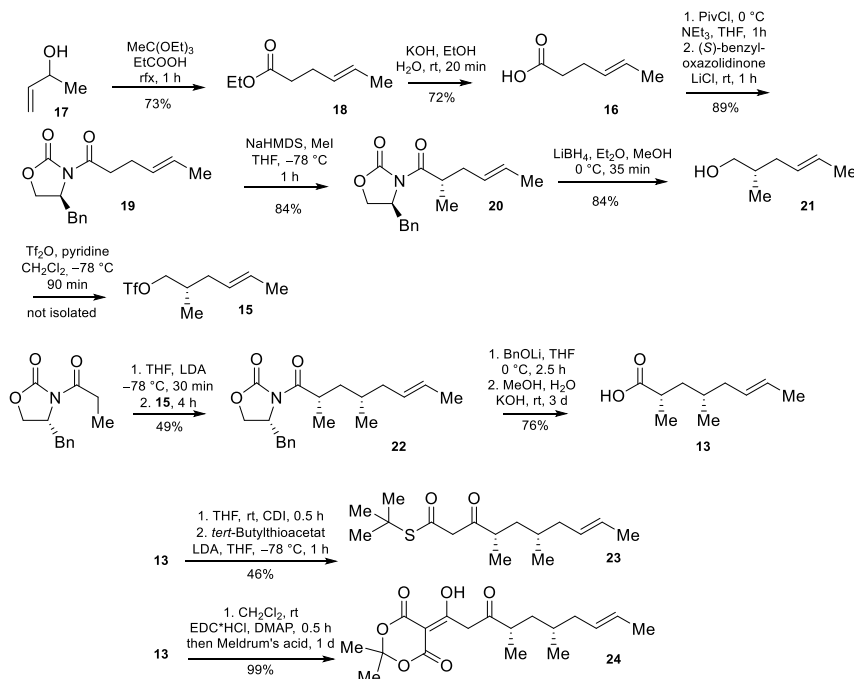
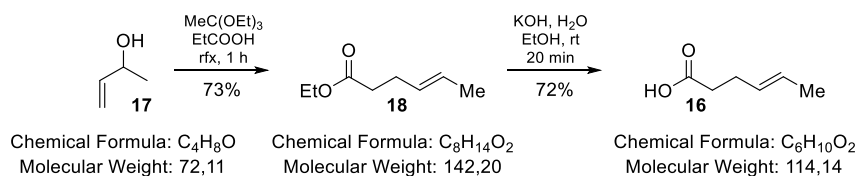
Chromatography: Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60GF₂₅₄ pre-coated aluminium-backed plates and/or Merck 60 RP-18 F_{254S} foil plates. The compounds were visualised with UV light (254 nm and/or 360 nm) and/or ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) and/or potassium permanganate.

Flash chromatography was performed at medium pressure using dry packed Marchery-Nagel silica gel 60, pore size 40 – 63 μm with the eluent specified.

Analytical HPLC measurements were performed on a Beckman System Gold Programmable Solvent Module 126 using a Phenomenex Kinetex® C-18-HPLC column, length 250 x 4.6 mm, pore size 100 Å, particle size 5 μm. Detection by a Beckman Instruments Diode Array Detection Module 168. Detection by a Beckman Instruments Diode Array Detection Module 168.

MPLC reversed phase chromatography was performed using a Büchi MPLC system with a "MN Polygo-prep® 100-50 C 18 endcapped" column, length 460 mm, diameter 49 mm. Detection by BÜCHI UV Photo-meter C-635.

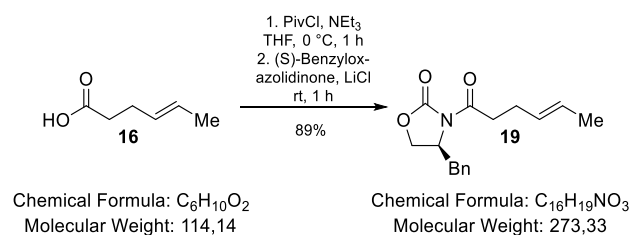
Procedures

Overview: Synthesis of β -Keto thio ester **23** and Meldrum's acid adduct **24**Synthesis of (E)-hex-4-enoic acid **16**

(±)-But-3-en-2-ol (**17**, 8.30 mL, 115 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was treated with triethyl orthoacetate (31.8 mL, 173 mmol, 1.50 eq.) and propionic acid (431 μL , 5.76 mmol, 0.05 eq.). After refluxing for 1 hour the generated ethanol was distilled off and the remaining mixture was treated with hydrochloric acid (200 mL, 0.50 M). After 1 hour the aqueous phase was extracted thrice with pentanes (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic layer washed with a K_2CO_3 -solution (100 mL, saturated), dried with MgSO_4 and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The product was obtained as a colorless oil (11.9 g, 73%) and was used without further purification in the next step. Ethyl (E)-hex-4-enoate (**18**, 11.9 g, 84.0 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in ethanol (70 mL) and treated with potassium hydroxide (7.07 g, 126 mmol, 1.50 eq.). After 20 minutes water (200 mL) was added, the aqueous layer was extracted twice with diethylether (2 x 50 mL) and the combined organic phases were disposed. Then the aqueous phase was set to $\text{pH}=0$ with sulfuric acid (2 M in H_2O , 40 mL) and extracted thrice with diethylether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with MgSO_4 and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The product **16** was obtained as a pale yellowish oil was used without further purification (6.90 g, 72%). $R_f = 0.20$ (50% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.59 - 11.99 (bs, 1 H), 5.38 - 5.56 (m, 2 H), 2.38 - 2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.27 - 2.35 (m, 2 H), 1.65 (dd, $J=6.10$, 0.92 Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.7, 128.9, 126.6, 34.2, 27.7, 18.0.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ data agree with those reported.¹

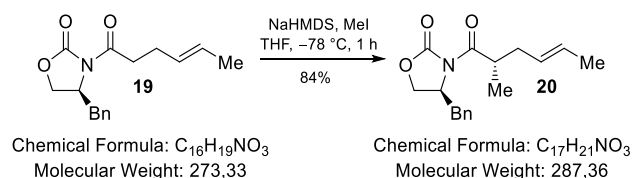
Synthesis of (S,E)-4-benzyl-3-(hex-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one **19**



A solution of (E)-hex-4-enoic acid (**16**, 6.45 g, 56.5 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dry THF (200 mL) at 0 °C was treated with triethylamine (15.7 mL, 113 mmol, 2.00 eq.) and pivaloylchloride (6.95 mL, 56.5 mmol, 1.00 eq.). After one hour (S)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (10.0 g, 56.5 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and LiCl (2.40 g, 56.5 mmol, 1.00 eq.) were added and the suspension was warmed to room temperature for one hour. Water (200 mL) was added and the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The aqueous phase was extracted thrice with MTBE (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic phases washed with saturated KHCO₃ solution (100 mL), dried with MgSO₄ and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained yellowish oil was recrystallized with *n*-hexane/MTBE. The product **19** was then obtained as colorless needles and used without further purification (13.7 g, 89%). *R_f* = 0.46 (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]_D²⁰ = +82.0 ° (c = 1.00 EtOH), Lit.² -80.6 (c=1.06 in CH₂Cl₂, enantiomer); mp = 70 °C, Lit.² = 69,0-69,5 °C (enantiomer); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 - 7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 5.41 - 5.61 (m, 2 H), 4.64 - 4.71 (m, 1 H), 4.14 - 4.22 (m, 2 H), 3.30 (dd, *J*=13.4, 3.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 - 3.09 (m, 1 H), 2.92 - 3.01 (m, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, *J*=13.4, 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 - 2.42 (m, 2 H), 1.64 - 1.68 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 153.6, 135.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 127.5, 126.6, 66.3, 55.3, 38.0, 35.7, 27.3, 18.1; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 3032, 2956, 2915, 1784, 1701, 1458, 1438, 1390, 1374, 1353, 1324, 1300, 1275, 1243, 1200, 1117, 1048, 1014, 966, 905, 768, 747, 700, 635, 577, 561; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O₃N⁺ 274.14377, found 274.14386.

Analytical data agree with those reported.²

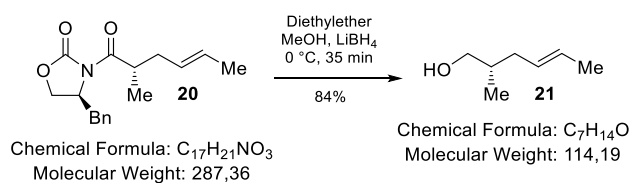
Synthesis of (S)-4-benzyl-3-((S,E)-2-methylhex-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one **20**



A solution of the oxazolidinone **19** (5.00 g, 18.3 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dry THF (70 mL) at -78 °C was treated with sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (2 M in THF, 10.4 mL, 20.8 mmol, 1.14 eq.). After 10 minutes iodomethane (6.29 mL, 101 mmol, 5.50 eq.) was added and the solution was stirred for 1 hour. Then ammonia (25% in water, 50 mL) and brine (50 mL) were added and the solution was warmed to room temperature. The aqueous phase was extracted thrice with *n*-pentane (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic phases dried with MgSO₄ and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained yellowish oil was purified via column chromatography (600 mL SiO₂, *hexanes*:ethylacetat 9:1) to yield the product **20** as a single diastereomer and a colorless oil (4.40 g, 84%). *R_f* = 0.55 (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]_D²⁰ = +106.3 ° (c = 1.00 EtOH), Lit.² -104 ° (c= 1.07 in CH₂Cl₂, enantiomer); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 - 7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.26 - 7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.19 - 7.24 (m, 2 H), 5.32 - 5.56 (m, 2 H), 4.66 (m, 1 H), 4.12 - 4.24 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (m, 1 H), 3.27 (dd, *J*=13.3, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.77 (dd, *J*=13.3, 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.39 (m, 1 H), 2.12 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (dd, *J*=6.1, 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.21 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 153.2, 135.5, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 66.2, 55.5, 38.1, 38.0, 36.6, 18.1, 17.1; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 3028, 2935, 2971, 2855, 1774, 1695, 1498, 1455, 1382, 1349, 1288, 1236, 1195, 1100, 1075, 1049, 1015, 967, 924, 838, 762, 746, 701, 623, 592; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O₃N⁺ 288.15942, found 288.15894.

Analytical data agree with those reported.²

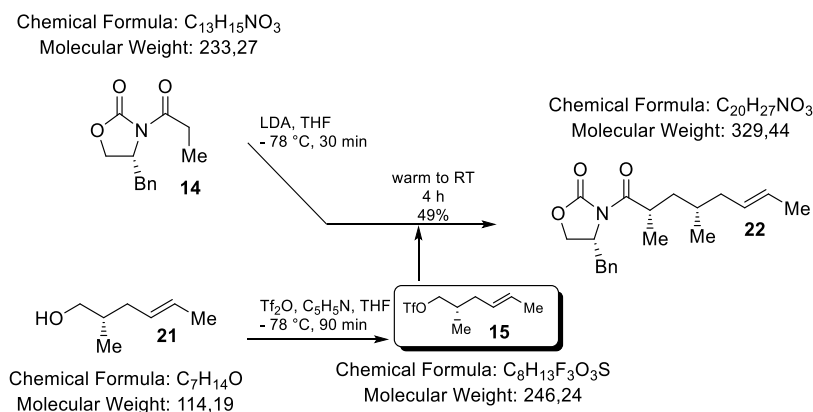
Synthesis of (S,E)-2-methylhex-4-en-1-ol **21**



A solution of the oxazolidinone **20** (10.6 g, 37.0 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in diethylether (111 mL) and methanol (3.30 mL) at 0 °C was treated dropwise with lithium borohydride (4 M in THF, 7.90 mL, 0.85 eq.) over a period of 15 minutes. After additional 20 minutes reaction time sodium hydroxide (1 M, 10 mL) was added slowly and subsequently water (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted thrice with methylene chloride (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic phases dried with $MgSO_4$ and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained oil was purified via column chromatography (600 mL SiO_2 , hexanes:ethylacetat 5:1) to yield the product **21** as a colorless oil (3.53 g, 84%). $R_f = 0.50$ (25% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. $KMnO_4$); $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -3.8^\circ$ ($c = 1.00$ EtOH), $lit^2 + 2.5^\circ$ ($c = 1.08$ CH_2Cl_2 , enantiomer); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 5.35 - 5.54 (m, 2 H), 3.37 - 3.57 (m, 2 H), 2.04 - 2.13 (m, 1 H), 1.83 - 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.61 - 1.74 (m, 4 H), 1.39 (bs, 1H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 129.4, 126.7, 66.2, 36.7, 36.1, 18.1, 16.6; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 3328, 2964, 2919, 1454, 1377, 1030, 964, 613, 562$. We were not able to measure the HRMS due to too low molecular weight.

Analytical data agree with those reported.²

Synthesis of (4R)-4-Benzyl-3-[(2S,4S,6E)-2,4-dimethyloct-6-enoyl]-oxazolidin-2-one **22**

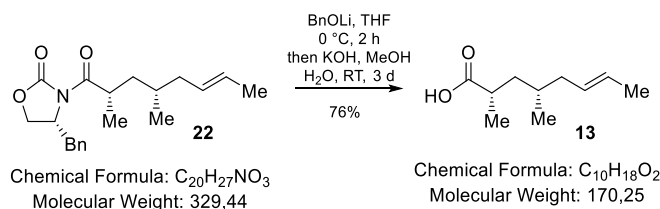


A solution of alcohol **21** (3.53 mg, 30.9 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dry methylene chloride (111 mL) at $-78^\circ C$ was treated with pyridine (2.90 mL, 35.7 mmol, 1.15 eq.) and dropwise with trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (5.45 mL, 32.4 mmol, 1.05 eq.). After 90 minutes water (50 mL) and brine (20 mL) were added. The aqueous phase was extracted with *n*-pentane (200 mL), the organic phase dried with $MgSO_4$ and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained trifluoromethanesulfonic ester **15** was immediately used in the following reaction without further purification.

A solution of diisopropylamine (4.80 mL, 34.1 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in dry THF (50 mL) at $-78^\circ C$ was treated with a *n*-butyllithium solution (2.2 M, 15.5 mL, 34.1 mmol, 1.10 eq.). After 30 minutes (4R)-4-Benzyl-3-propionyloxazolidin-2-one (**14**, 7.2 g, 31.0 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added. After additional 30 minutes at $-78^\circ C$ the trifluoromethanesulfonic ester **15** (6.40 g, 26.0 mmol, 0.84 eq.) was added and the mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature for 4 hours. After adding brine (100 mL) and water (20 mL) the aqueous phase was extracted twice with MTBE (2 x 200 mL) and once with methylene chloride (100 mL). The combined organic phases dried with $MgSO_4$ and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained oil was purified via column chromatography (800 mL SiO_2 , hexanes:ethylacetat 11:1) to yield the product **22** as a colorless oil, which can be precipitated (MTBE/*n*hexanes) to yield a single diastereomer and colorless solid (4.20 g, 49%). $R_f = 0.50$ (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. $KMnO_4$); $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -65.2^\circ$

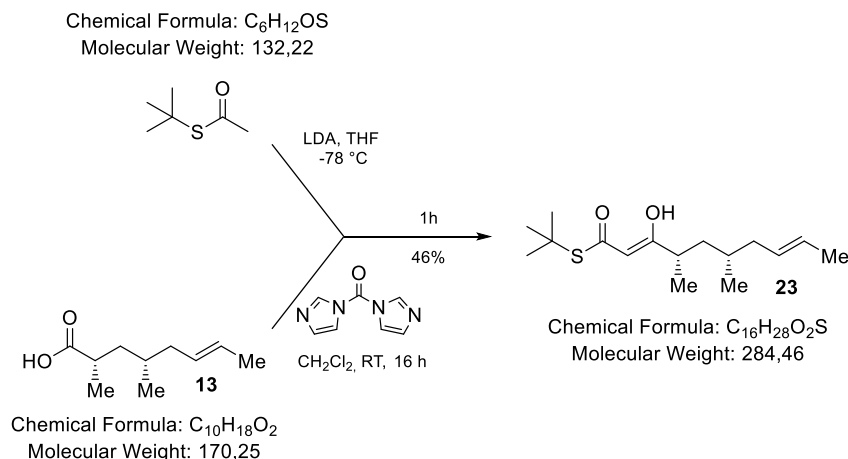
(c = 1.00 EtOH); mp = 54 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 7.30 - 7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.19 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 5.34 - 5.50 (m, 2 H), 4.69 (m, 1 H), 4.11 - 4.25 (m, 2 H), 3.87 - 4.01 (m, 1 H), 3.30 (dd, $J=13.4, 3.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (dd, $J=13.4, 9.77$ Hz, 1 H), 1.99 - 2.12 (m, 1 H), 1.75 - 1.93 (m, 2 H), 1.64 - 1.67 (m, 3 H), 1.46 - 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.12 - 1.26 (m, 3 H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 153.1, 135.4, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 127.3, 126.4, 65.9, 55.4, 40.9, 39.9, 38.1, 35.2, 31.1, 19.7, 18.03, 18.00; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2971, 2949, 2909, 2885, 2847, 1777, 1703, 1490, 1453, 1391, 1347, 1286, 1228, 1195, 1110, 1074, 1051, 1018, 966, 828, 763, 763, 740, 725, 697, 639, 572$; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M +H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{N}^+$ 330.20637, found 330.20578.

Synthesis of (2S,4S,E)-2,4-dimethyloct-6-enoic acid 13



A solution of benzyl alcohol (208 μL , 2.00 mmol, 2.00 eq.) in dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was treated with *n*-butyllithium (2.2 M in Hexan, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 eq.). Subsequently the oxazolidinone **22** (329 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added. After 2 hours methanol (2 mL), water (2 mL) and KOH (2 M in water, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 mL, 4.00 eq.) were added and the solution was warmed to room temperature. After 3 days an ammonia chloride solution (50 mL, saturated) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (50 mL) and methylene chloride (50 mL). The combined organic phases dried with MgSO_4 and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained oil was purified via column chromatography (200 mL SiO_2 , hexanes:ethylacetat 9:1) to yield the product **13** as a colorless oil (130 mg, 76%). $R_f = 0.30$ (10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +22.8^\circ$ (c = 1.00 EtOH); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.25 - 12.33 (bs, 1 H), 5.31 - 5.49 (m, 2 H), 2.49 - 2.63 (m, 1 H), 1.91 - 2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.78 - 1.88 (m, 1 H), 1.68 - 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.59 - 1.68 (m, 3 H), 1.44 - 1.59 (m, 1 H), 1.09 - 1.23 (m, 4 H), 0.89 (d, $J=6.4$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.0, 129.3, 126.6, 40.8, 40.2, 37.4, 31.1, 19.4, 18.1, 17.9; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 3025, 2965, 2920, 1703, 1464, 1416, 1379, 1281, 1225, 1150, 1093, 965, 812, 642$; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M +H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ 171.13796, found 171.13796.

Synthesis of S-(tert-butyl) (4S,6S,E)-4,6-dimethyl-3-oxodec-8-enethioate 23



Solution 1:

A solution of (2S,4S,E)-2,4-dimethyloct-6-enoic acid (**13**, 550 mg, 3.23 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C was treated with carbonyldiimidazole (550 mg, 3.39 mmol, 1.05 eq.) and then stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. Then water (20 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted twice with CH_2Cl_2 (2x 20 mL). The combined organic phase were dried with MgSO_4 and volatiles were removed under

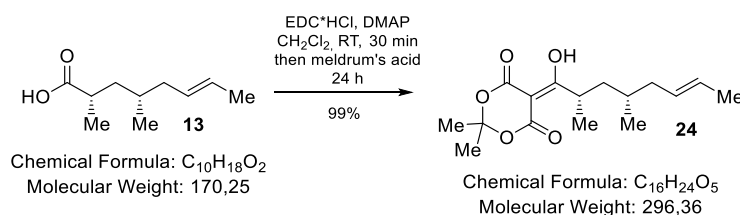
reduced pressure. The obtained acyl imidazole was immediately used in the following reaction without further purification (585 mg, 82%, 2.65 mmol).

Solution 2:

A solution of diisopropylamine (1.10 mL, 7.95 mmol, 3.00 eq.) in dry THF (10 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was treated with a *n*-butyllithium (3.60 mL, 2.2 M in Hexan, 7.95 mmol, 3.00 eq.). After 20 minutes *S*-tert-butylthioacetate (1.05 g, 7.95 mmol, 3.00 eq.) was added and after additional 15 minutes the acquired acyl imidazole from solution 1 (585 mg, 2.66 mmol, 1.00 eq) was added. After 1 hour reaction time water (50 mL) and hydrochloric acid (1 M, 15 mL) were added and the aqueous phase is extracted twice with MTBE (2x 150 mL). The combined organic phases dried with MgSO_4 and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The obtained oil was purified via column chromatography (200 mL SiO_2 , hexanes: CH_2Cl_2 7:3) to yield the product **23** as a reddish oil (420 mg, 46% over 2 steps). $R_f = 0.60$ (30% CH_2Cl_2 in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO_4); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -4.1\text{ }^{\circ}$ ($c=1.00$ in CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.82 (s, 0.3 H), 5.26 - 5.40 (m, 2 H), 5.24 (s, 0.3 H), 3.45 - 3.60 (m, 1.4 H), 2.68 - 2.79 (m, 0.7 H), 2.17 (m, 0.3 H), 1.83 - 1.99 (m, 1 H), 1.73 (m, 1 H), 1.61 - 1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.59 (d, $J=4.9$ Hz, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H), 1.35 - 1.42 (m, 7 H), 1.00 - 1.07 (m, 3 H), 0.93 - 1.00 (m, 1 H), 0.71 - 0.85 (m, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.0/196.3, 192.5/180.2, 129.3/129.1, 126.6/126.4, 98.6, 56.7, 49.0/48.1, 44.3, 41.0/39.8, 40.2/39.5, 37.2, 30.72/30.69, 30.2/29.6, 19.7/19.4, 18.0, 19.0/16.8, written as keto-enol-pairs; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2964, 2927, 1721, 1675, 1610, 1456, 1402, 1364, 1327, 1177, 1074, 966, 904, 846, 772, 716, 643, 588$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ 285.18828, found 285.18790.

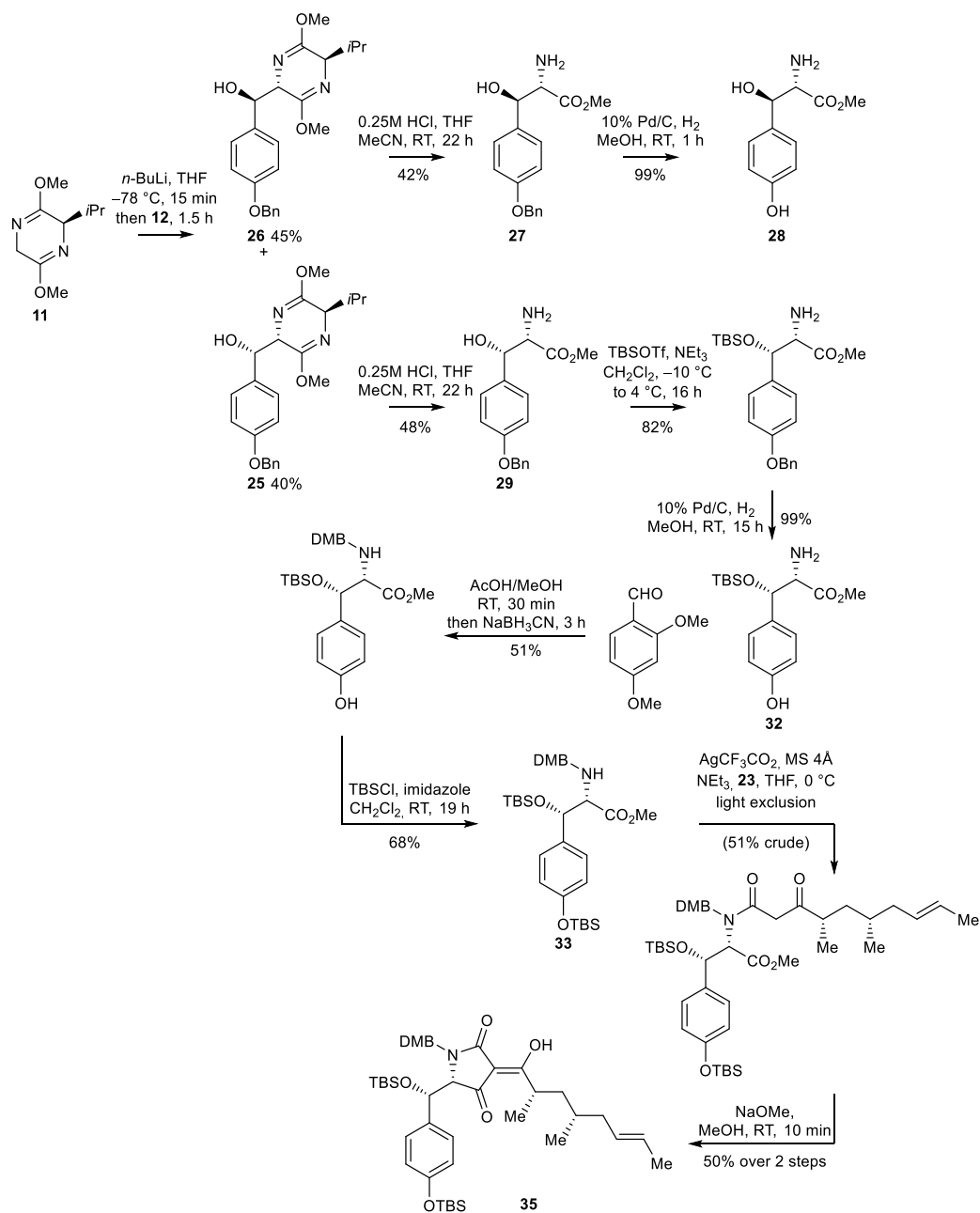
Keto-enol tautomers were detected.

Synthesis of 5-((2*S*,4*S*,*E*)-1-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyloct-6-en-1-ylidene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione **24**

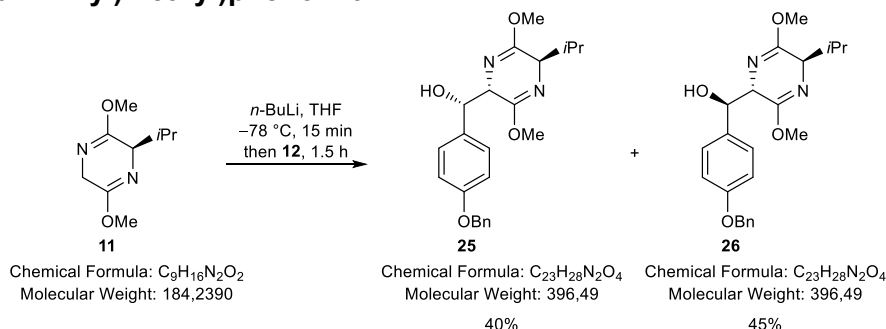


To a solution of carbonic acid **13** (290 mg, 1.70 mmol, 1.00 eq) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) EDC·HCl (391 mg, 2.04 mmol, 1.20 eq) and DMAP (290 mg, 1.70 mmol, 1.00 eq) were added. After 30 minutes Meldrum's acid (270 mg, 1.87 mmol, 1.10 eq) was added and the solution was stirred for one day. Then the solution was diluted with MTBE (200 mL) and extracted twice with sulfuric acid (2x 100 mL, 0.5 M) and once with brine (100 mL). The organic phase was dried with MgSO_4 , volatiles were evaporated and the product **24** was obtained as a colorless oil which was used without further purification (500 mg, 99%); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.1\text{ }^{\circ}$ ($c=1.00$ in CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500MHz) δ 15.42 (s, 1 H), 5.28 - 5.55 (m, 2 H), 4.09 - 4.34 (m, 1 H), 1.92 - 2.05 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.92 (m, 2 H), 1.73 (d, $J=3.1$ Hz, 6 H), 1.65 (dd, $J=6.0, 1.1$ Hz, 3 H), 1.34 - 1.47 (m, 1 H), 1.15 - 1.29 (m, 4 H), 0.86 (d, $J=6.4$ Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.1, 170.9, 160.3, 129.3, 126.7, 104.8, 91.4, 40.8, 40.3, 35.8, 31.5, 27.1, 26.7, 19.7, 18.9, 18.1; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2927, 1742, 1656, 1575, 1412, 1294, 1204, 1157, 1022, 966$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_5^+$ 297.16965, found 297.17080.

Overview: Synthesis of β -hydroxy tyrosine amino ester
and failed sequences towards F-14329 (1)



Synthesis of 4-((S)-hydroxy((2S,5R)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazin-2-yl)methyl)phenol **25** and 4-((R)-hydroxy((2S,5R)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazin-2-yl)methyl)phenol **26**



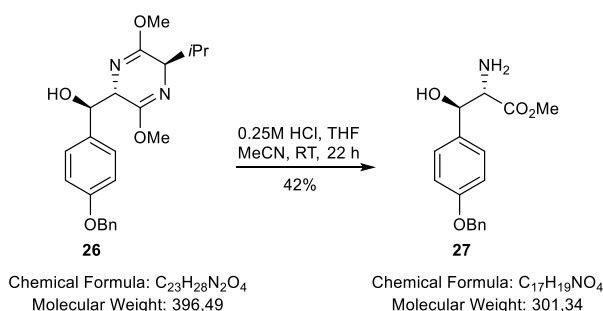
Lactim ethers **25** and **26** were prepared according to literature procedure.³

Yield for **25**: 1.579 g, 40%; Data for **25**: $R_f = 0.45$ (2% Acetone in CH_2Cl_2 , det. CAM); mp 84.8 °C; $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +68.4$ ($c = 0.70$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30 - 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.15 (dd, $J = 4.1, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 3.8, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.40 (dd, $J = 3.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dq, $J = 3.5, 6.7, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.63 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.2, 160.5, 158.2, 137.0, 132.3, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 114.1, 73.1, 69.9, 60.6, 60.5, 52.7, 52.1, 31.5, 19.0, 16.5; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2945, 1694, 1610, 1510, 1456, 1435, 1383, 1305, 1238, 1194, 1173, 1142, 1113, 1011, 837, 736, 696, 639, 581$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{29}N_2O_4^+$ 397.2122, found 397.2117.

Yield for **26**: 1.783 g, 45%; Data for **26**: $R_f = 0.22$ (2% Acetone in CH_2Cl_2 , det. CAM); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -10.3$ ($c = 0.70$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.32 - 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 5.05 (dd, $J = 3.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, $J = 3.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.93 - 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.22 (dq, $J = 3.5, 7.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.01 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.67 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.9, 161.4, 158.2, 137.1, 134.0, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 114.3, 74.1, 70.0, 61.1, 60.9, 52.7, 52.7, 31.7, 19.1, 16.8; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2957, 1696, 1611, 1510, 1456, 1435, 1382, 1303, 1235, 1194, 1173, 1141, 1113, 1011, 862, 833, 793, 736, 697, 646$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{29}N_2O_4^+$ 397.2122, found 397.2117.

Analytical data agree with those reported.³

Synthesis of methyl (2S,3R)-2-amino-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-hydroxypropanoate **27**

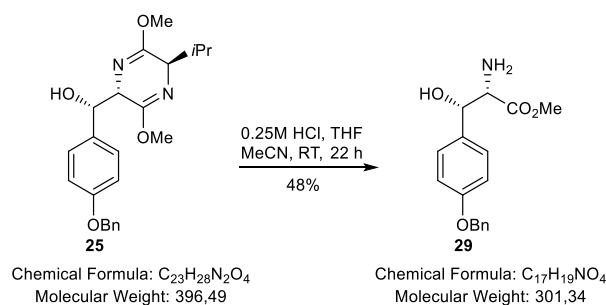


β -hydroxytyrosine methylester **27** was synthesized according to literature procedure.³

Yield for **27**: 578 mg, 42%; Data for **27**: $R_f = 0.29$ (6% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 , det. CAM); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +20.0$ ($c = 1.90$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30 - 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.83 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (br. s., 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 173.8, 158.4, 136.9, 133.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 114.8, 73.9, 70.0, 60.7, 52.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 3365, 2954, 1733, 1610, 1585, 1509, 1455, 1437, 1383, 1231, 1172, 1111, 1012, 915, 828, 737, 697$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{20}NO_4^+$ 302.1387, found 302.1377.

Analytical data agree with those reported.³

Synthesis of methyl (2S,3S)-2-amino-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-hydroxypropanoate **29**

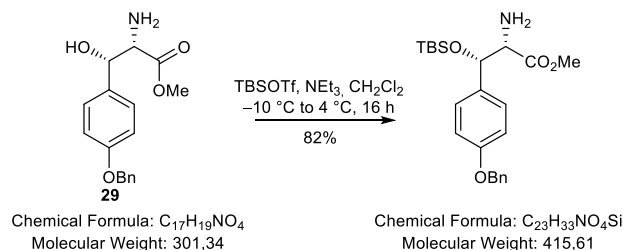


β -hydroxytyrosine methylester **29** was synthesized according to literature procedure.³

Yield for **29**: 341 mg, 48%; Data for **29**: $R_f = 0.15$ (6% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 , det. CAM); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +15.7$ ($c = 2.70$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30 - 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.90 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.59 (br. s., 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 173.7, 158.7, 136.9, 132.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 114.8, 74.0, 70.0, 59.9, 52.1; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 3364, 2955, 1735, 1610, 1584, 1509, 1455, 1382, 1237, 1172, 1113, 1011, 835, 736, 696$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}NO_3^+$ 284.1281, found 284.1271.

Analytical data agree with those reported.³

Synthesis of methyl (2S,3S)-2-amino-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyloxy)propanoate

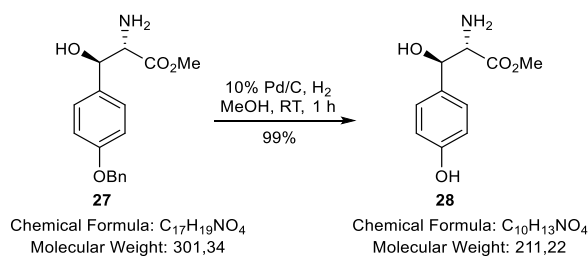


TBS protected β -hydroxytyrosine methylester was synthesized according to literature procedure.³

Yield for X: 612 mg, 82%; Data for X: $R_f = 0.59$ (50% ethyl acetate in n -hexane, det. $KMnO_4$); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +53.4$ ($c = 0.30$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30 - 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.76 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 3H), -0.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 173.7, 158.7, 137.0, 132.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 114.6, 77.0, 70.0, 62.3, 51.9, 25.8, 18.2, -4.5, -5.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2953, 2858, 1739, 1611, 1510, 1456, 1387, 1249, 1170, 1081, 1007, 837, 778, 737, 697$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{34}NO_4Si^+$ 416.2252, found 416.2243.

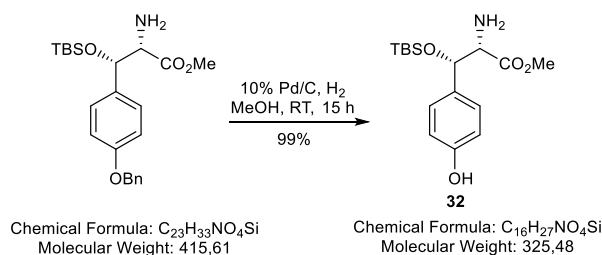
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Synthesis of methyl (2*S*,3*R*)-2-amino-3-hydroxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate **28**



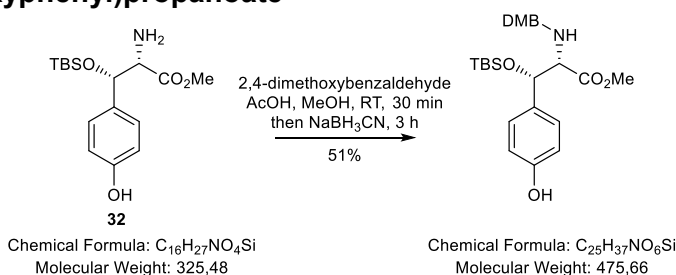
To a solution of benzyl ether **27** (120 mg, 398 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in methanol (5 mL) was added Pd/C (10%, 12 mg, 10% wt.) and the mixture was stirred under hydrogen atmosphere (1 atm) at ambient temperature for 1 h. Then the mixture was filtered over celite® and the celite® washed after with dichloromethane (50 mL). The resulting filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as pale-orange oil (84 mg, 99%); $R_f = 0.25$ (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, det. CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +9.1$ ($c = 1.00$ MeOH); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.18 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 174.8, 158.3, 133.3, 128.6, 116.2, 75.9, 62.3, 52.5; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) $\nu = 3357, 2955, 1732, 1613, 1596, 1515, 1439, 1383, 1228, 1169, 1107, 1012, 911, 834, 777, 688, 642, 582$; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₄NO₄⁺ 212.0917, found 212.0914.

Synthesis of (2*S*,3*S*)-methyl 2-amino-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-propanoate **32**



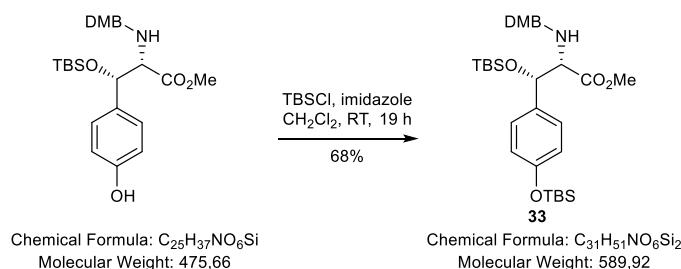
To a solution of (2*S*,3*S*)-methyl 2-amino-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propanoate (356 mg, 856 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in MeOH p.a. (15 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (36 mg, 10%wt.) and the mixture was stirred under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) for 15 h. Then the mixture was filtered over celite® and the celite® washed after with dichloromethane (50 mL). The resulting filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as an off white solid foam (277 mg, 99%); $R_f = 0.13$ (50% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +37.6$ ($c = 0.25$ MeOH); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.17 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), -0.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 171.4, 159.2, 130.5, 129.4, 116.5, 76.2, 61.6, 53.0, 26.1, 19.0, -4.6, -5.2; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) $\nu = 3263, 2930, 2857, 1741, 1614, 1516, 1440, 1362, 1252, 1169, 1082, 1006, 837, 778, 672$; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₈NO₄Si⁺ 326.1782, found 326.1776.

Synthesis of methyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-((2,4-dimethoxybenzyl)amino)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate



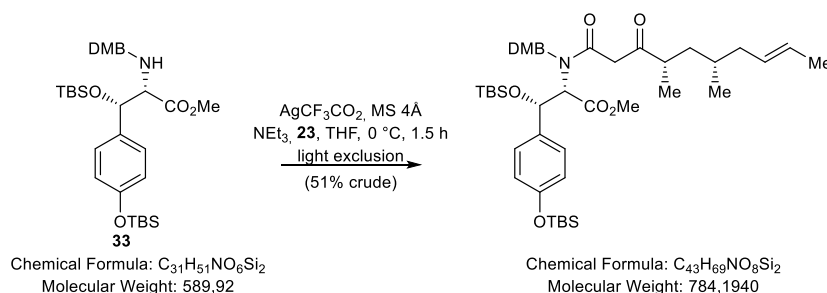
To a solution of amine **32** (301 mg, 925 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in 3% acetic acid in methanol (60 mL) was added 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (184 mg, 1.11 mmol, 1.20 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 min. Then NaBH_3CN (87 mg, 1.39 mmol, 1.50 eq.) was added and stirring was continued for 3 h. After that sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (120 mL) and diethyl ether (200 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (125 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil that was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 6% acetone in dichloromethane to give the *title compound* as a colourless solid foam (223 mg, 51%); $R_f = 0.29$ (12% Acetone in CH_2Cl_2 , det. CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +21.8$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.09 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.64 - 3.70 (m, 3H), 3.67 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 0.77 (s, 9H), -0.07 (s, 3H), -0.30 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.9, 160.3, 158.7, 155.9, 133.2, 130.8, 128.5, 119.5, 115.3, 103.5, 98.4, 76.1, 68.1, 55.5, 55.1, 51.8, 47.7, 25.7, 18.1, -4.5, -5.3; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 3318, 2956, 2857, 1743, 1614, 1590, 1508, 1463, 1362, 1290, 1259, 1208, 1157, 1135, 1082, 1036, 938, 836, 778$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}_6\text{Si}^+$ 476.2463, found 476.2455.

Synthesis of methyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)-2-((2,4-dimethoxybenzyl)amino)propanoate **33**

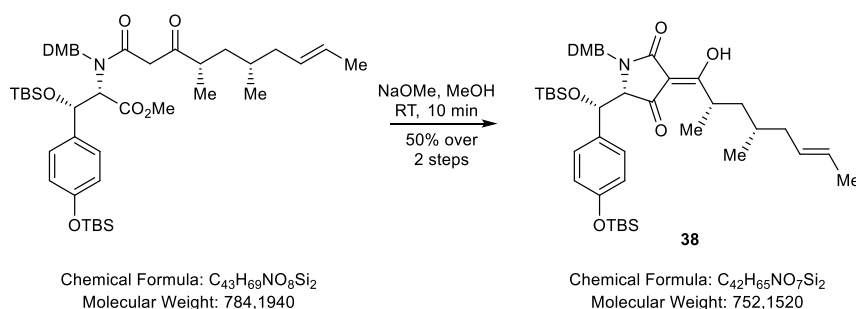


To a solution of phenol (130 mg, 273 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) were added TBSCl (45 mg, 300 μmol , 1.10 eq.) and imidazole (28 mg, 410 μmol , 1.50 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 19 h. Then, ethyl acetate (25 mL) and sat. aq. NH_4Cl (30 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a pale-yellow oil that was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 15% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a clear oil (109 mg, 68%); $R_f = 0.76$ (40% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +30.0$ ($c = 1.00$ CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 2.4, 7.90$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (br. s., 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.77 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 6H), -0.07 (s, 3H), -0.31 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.1, 160.2, 158.7, 155.5, 134.5, 130.5, 128.5, 120.0, 119.8, 103.5, 98.4, 76.4, 68.2, 55.4, 55.1, 51.7, 47.5, 25.8, 25.7, 18.4, 18.1, -4.3, -4.6, -5.2; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2931, 2859, 1739, 1610, 1508, 1464, 1253, 1208, 1158, 1080, 1039, 913, 837, 779$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{52}\text{NO}_6\text{Si}_2^+$ 590.3328, found 590.3315.

Synthesis of (S,Z)-5-((S)-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl)-1-(2,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-3-((2S,4S,E)-1-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyloct-6-en-1-ylidene)pyrrolidine-2,4-dione **35**



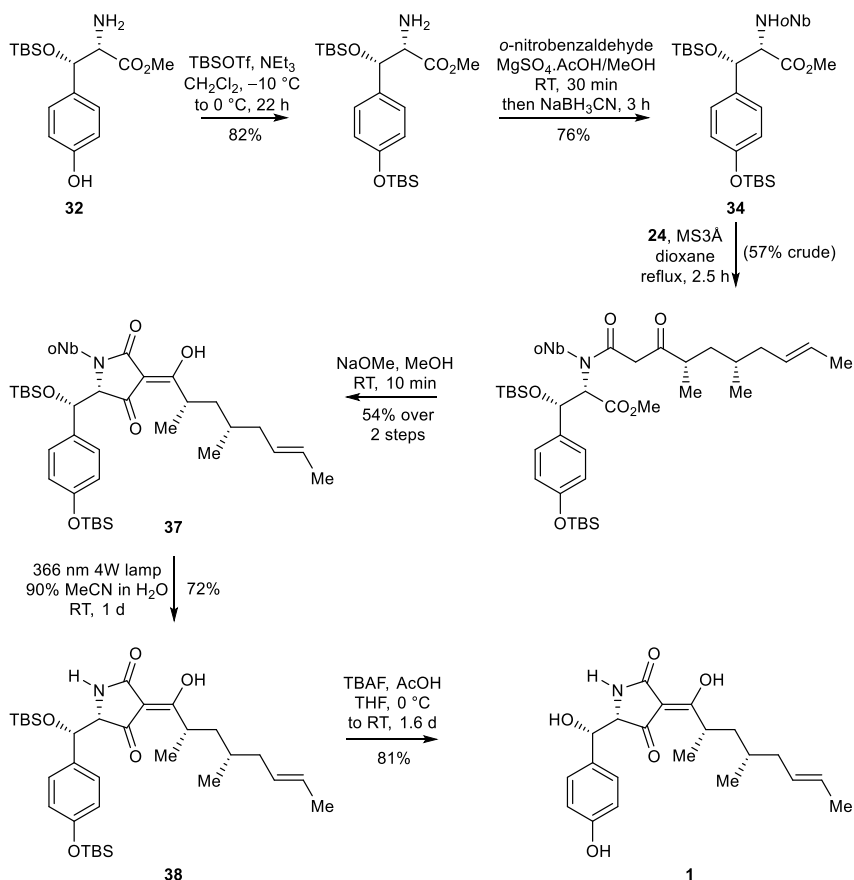
To a solution of thioester **23** (47 mg, 166 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in THF (2.5 mL) were added MS 4Å, NEt₃ (0.09 mL, 664 μ mol, 4.00 eq.) and a solution of amine **33** (108 mg, 183 μ mol, 1.10 eq.) in THF (2.5 mL). The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C before AgCF₃CO₂ (55 mg, 249 μ mol, 1.50 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C under light exclusion for 1.5 h. Then diethyl ether (5 mL) was added and the mixture was filtered over celite ®. The celite ® was washed with diethyl ether (50 mL) and the combined filtrates were washed with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (30 mL), H₂O (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was then dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange oil that was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 10% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane to give crude β -keto amide as a clear oil (67 mg, 51%); R_f = 0.39 (14% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM). This was used in the next steps without further purification.



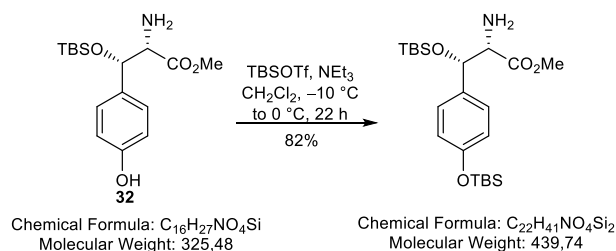
To a solution of β -keto amide (67 mg, 85 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in methanol (8.5 mL) was added sodium methoxide (14 mg, 255 μ mol, 3.00 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 10 min. Then

aq. HCl (1M, 10 mL) and ethyl acetate (15 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a pale-red oil (63 mg, 50% over 2 steps); R_f = 0.66 (25% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -95.6$ (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.42 - 6.48 (m, 2H), 5.28 - 5.42 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 - 3.81 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.59 - 3.69 (m, 1H), 1.88 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.68 - 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.03 - 1.09 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), -0.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 190.9, 174.4, 160.8, 158.6, 155.4, 131.7, 131.1, 129.6, 128.1, 126.4, 119.6, 116.8, 104.0, 101.8, 98.6, 76.0, 70.7, 55.5, 55.3, 40.6, 40.4, 40.2, 33.7, 31.4, 25.8, 25.8, 19.5, 18.6, 18.4, 18.2, 18.1, -4.3, -4.6, -5.1; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 3630, 2930, 2856, 1707, 1610, 1508, 1463, 1254, 1209, 1158, 1109, 1081, 1037, 1005, 966, 911, 868, 836, 778, 682; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₆₆NO₇Si₂⁺ 752.4372, found 752.4355.

Overview: Synthesis of F-14329 (1)



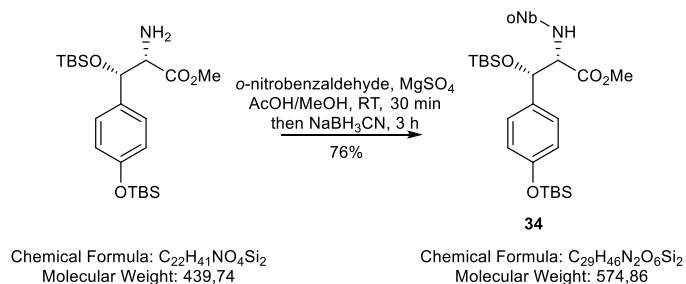
Synthesis of (2S,3S)-methyl 2-amino-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)propanoate



To a suspension of the phenol **32** (277 mg, 851 μmol, 1.00 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at -10 °C were added TBSOTf (1.36 mL, 4.255 mmol, 5.00 eq.) and NEt₃ (0.71 mL, 5.106 mmol, 6.00 eq.) and the brown solution was stirred at 0 °C for 22 h. Then sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (40 mL) and ethyl acetate (100 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange brown oil that was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 25% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (307 mg, 82%); *R*_f = 0.47 (50% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. KMnO₄); [α]_D²³ = +43.6 (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (br. s., 2H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H), 0.00 (s, 3H), -0.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 173.6, 155.5, 133.2, 128.1, 119.8, 77.1, 62.1, 51.8, 25.7, 25.6, 18.2, 18.0, -4.4, -4.7, -5.3; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 2954, 2936, 2887, 2859, 1742, 1609, 1510, 1473, 1438, 1390, 1362, 1254, 1198, 1167, 1083, 1006, 913, 838, 805, 779, 684, 580, 564; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₄₂NO₄Si₂⁺ 440.2647, found 440.2641.

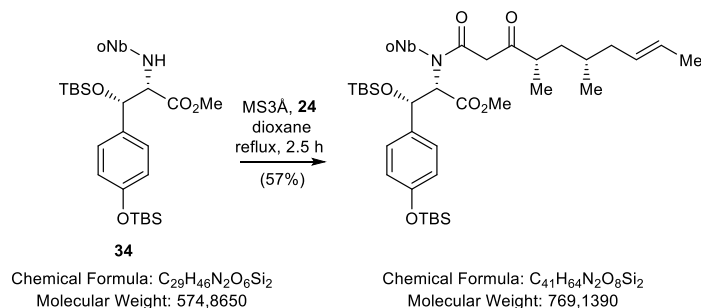
Synthesis of (2*S*,3*S*)-methyl 3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)-2-((2-nitrobenzyl)amino)propanoate **34**



To a solution of amine (307 mg, 698 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 3% acetic acid in methanol (35 mL) were added *ortho*-nitrobenzaldehyde (211 mg, 1.396 mmol, 2.00 eq.) and MgSO₄ (380 mg) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 min.

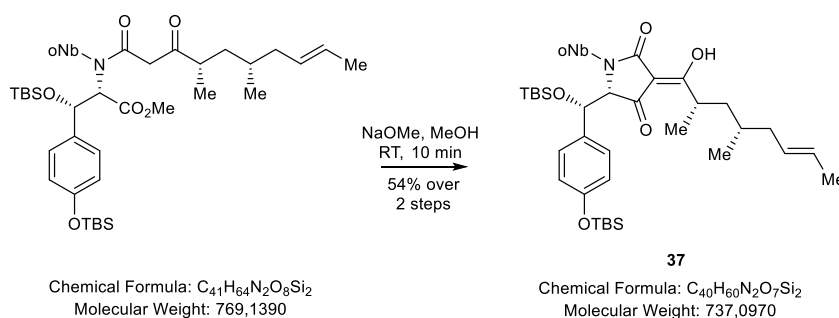
Then NaBH₃CN (109 mg, 1.745 mmol, 2.50 eq.) was added and stirring continued for 3 h. After that sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (40 mL) and ethyl acetate (75 mL) were added and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL). After drying (Na₂SO₄) the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resulting yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography, eluting with 12% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (289 mg, 76%); R_f = 0.54 (18% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +53.3$ (c = 1.00 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (dd, J = 1.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (br. s, 1H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.79 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 6H), -0.04 (s, 3H), -0.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 155.6, 148.9, 135.3, 134.4, 133.2, 131.0, 128.3, 127.9, 124.8, 119.9, 76.3, 68.5, 51.8, 48.9, 25.8, 25.7, 18.4, 18.1, -4.3, -4.3, -4.6, -5.2; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 2954, 2930, 2887, 2859, 1737, 1609, 1527, 1509, 1472, 1463, 1435, 1390, 1345, 1252, 1200, 1167, 1083, 1006, 911, 856, 836, 804, 778, 728, 703, 666, 634, 562; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₄₇N₂O₆Si₂⁺ 575.2967, found 575.2956.

Synthesis of (S,Z)-5-((S)-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl)-3-((2*S*,4*S*,*E*)-1-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyloct-6-en-1-ylidene)-1-(2-nitrobenzyl)pyrrolidine-2,4-dione **37**



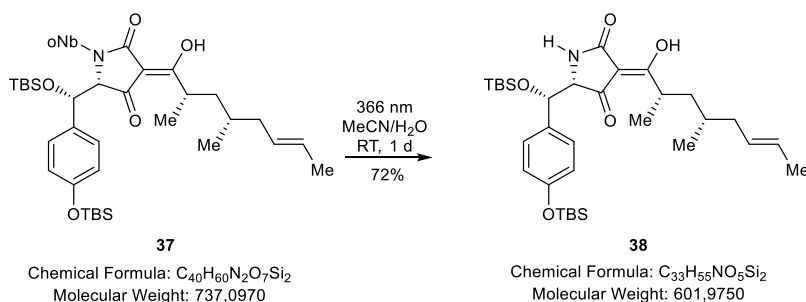
To a solution of amino ester **34** (289 mg, 503 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in dioxane (3 mL) with freshly activated mol sieves 3 Å at 50 °C was added a solution of Meldrum conjugate **24** (178 mg, 601 μ mol, 1.19 eq.) in dioxane (3 mL) and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2.5 h. After that the mol sieves were filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting orange oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 7% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane to give crude β -keto amide as a pale-yellow oil (219 mg, 57%); R_f

= 0.17 (8% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM). This was used in the next reaction without further purification.



To a solution of β -keto amide (219 mg, 285 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in methanol (20 mL) was added sodium methoxide (77 mg, 1.425 mmol, 5.00 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 10 min. Then aq. citric acid (5%wt. 100 mL) and diethyl ether (50 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (150 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a pale yellow oil (198 mg, 54% over 2 steps); R_f = 0.35 (30% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane, det. CAM); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -117.4$ ($c = 0.50$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.12 (dd, $J = 1.2, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, $J = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, $J = 0.9, 7.6, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 0.9, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.48 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.36 - 5.44 (m, 2H), 5.34 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 - 3.74 (m, 1H), 1.94 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.72 - 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.64 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.33 - 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.11 - 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 4H), 0.74 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), -0.08 (s, 3H), -0.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 192.2, 191.6, 174.7, 155.7, 148.2, 133.9, 132.5, 130.7, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 125.7, 119.9, 101.0, 76.5, 70.9, 42.5, 40.4, 40.0, 33.9, 31.4, 25.8, 25.6, 19.6, 18.5, 18.4, 18.1, 18.0, -4.3, -4.8, -5.4; IR (cm^{-1} , neat) $\nu = 2956, 2931, 2859, 1710, 1651, 1609, 1530, 1509, 1463, 1340, 1257, 1208, 1168, 1109, 1082, 1006, 966, 912, 838, 807, 780, 728, 573$; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{40}H_{60}N_2NaO_7Si_2^+$ 759.3831, found 759.3820.

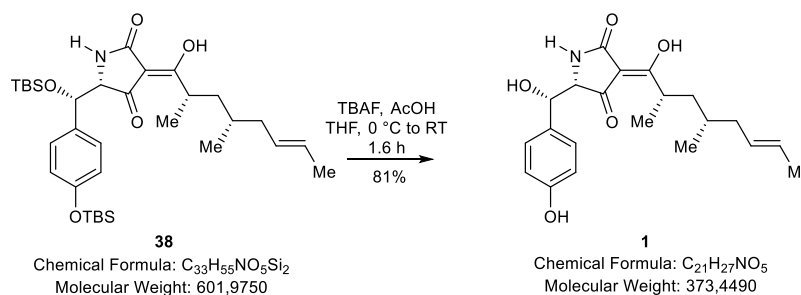
Synthesis of (S,Z)-5-((S)-((tert-butyl dimethylsilyl)oxy)4-((tert-butyl dimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl)-3-((2S,4S,E)-1-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyloct-6-en-1-ylidene)pyrrolidine-2,4-dione 38



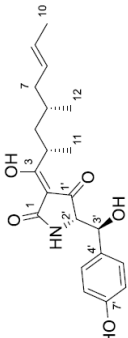
A solution of fully protected F-14329 **37** (198 mg, 269 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 90% acetonitrile in water was irradiated with a 4W blacklight lamp (366 nm) for 1 d. After that the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give a brown oil that was purified by flash chromatography on RP-18 silica gel, eluting with 85% acetonitrile in water \rightarrow 90% \rightarrow 95% to give the *title compound* as an orange oil (117 mg, 72%); R_f = 0.35 (acetonitrile, det. UV₂₅₄); $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -62.6$ ($c = 0.50$ $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.09 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.41 (br. s, 1H), 5.30 - 5.42 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 - 3.63 (m, 1H), 1.87 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.67 - 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 - 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.04 - 1.09 (m, 1H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.82 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.12 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 3H), -0.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 192.6, 192.5, 176.0, 155.6, 130.6, 129.4, 128.4, 126.4,

119.5, 101.5, 74.2, 68.5, 40.5, 40.0, 33.7, 31.4, 25.8, 25.8, 19.5, 18.6, 18.3, 18.2, 18.1, -4.3, -4.6, -5.0; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 2931, 2859, 1660, 1609, 1509, 1472, 1255, 1088, 915, 870, 838, 779, 662, 581, 556; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M -H]⁻ calcd for C₃₃H₅₄NO₅Si₂⁺ 600.3546, found 600.3551.

Synthesis of F-14329 (1)

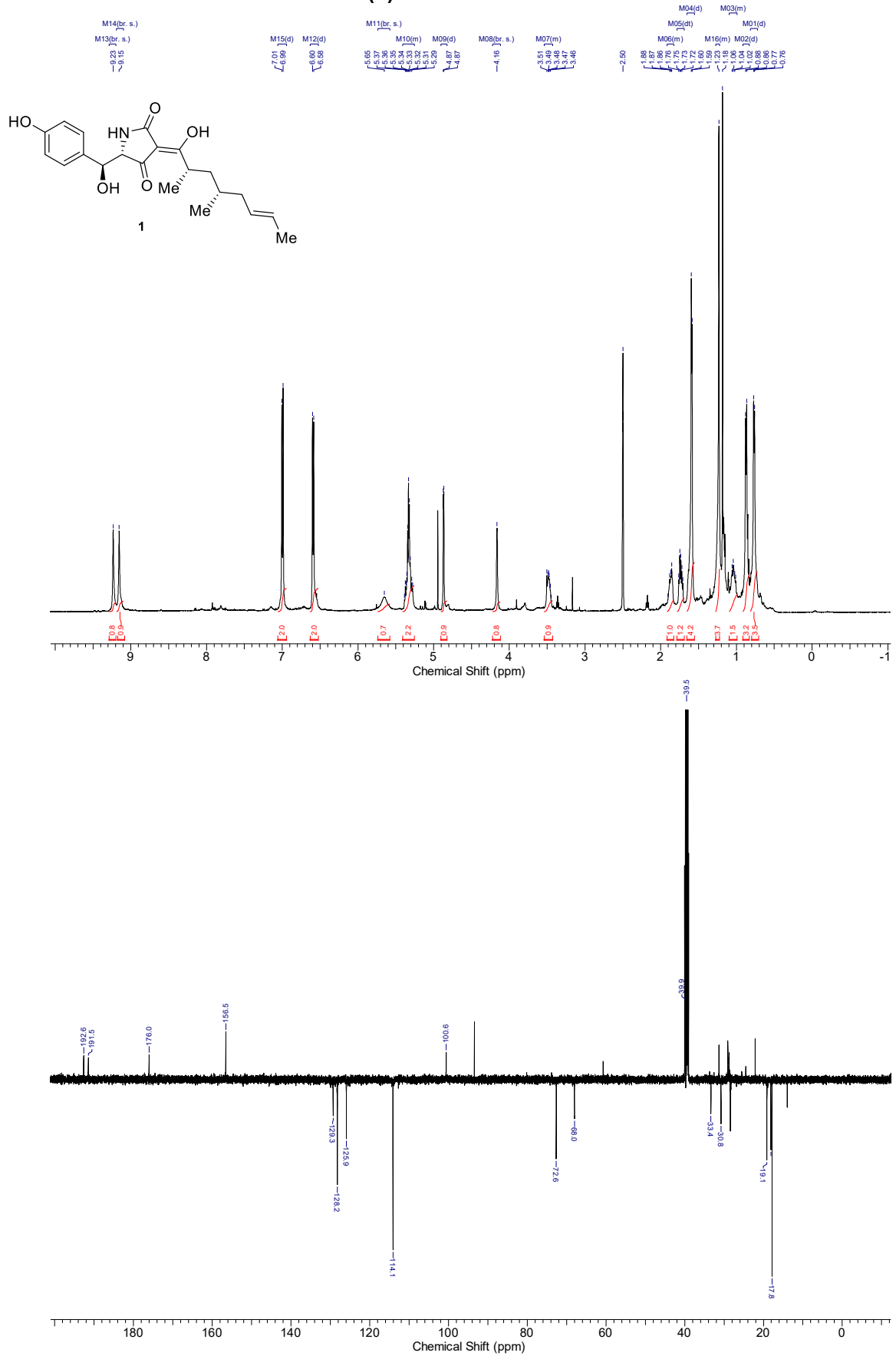


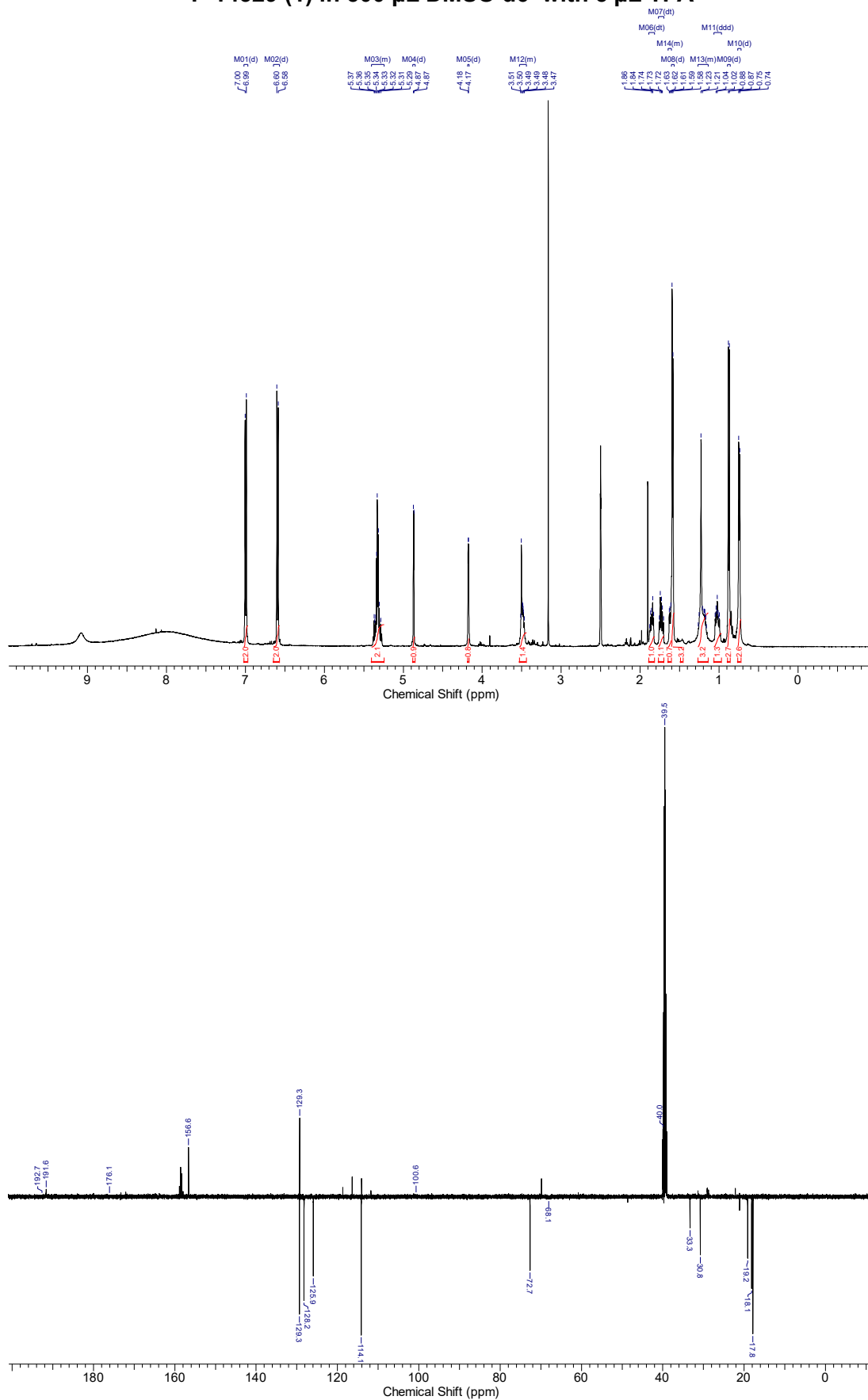
To a solution of TBS-protected F-14329 **38** (117 mg, 194 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C were added acetic acid (0.89 mL, 3.104 mmol, 16.00 eq.) and a solution of TBAF in THF (1M, 2.33 mL, 2.330 mmol, 12.00 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.6 d. After that, aq. citric acid (5%wt, 25 mL) and ethyl acetate (25 mL) were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (25 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated from toluene and then from diethyl ether to give an orange oil that was purified by MPLC, eluting with 50% acetonitrile in water \rightarrow 55% \rightarrow 65% \rightarrow 75% \rightarrow acetonitrile. The product containing fractions were collected, acetonitrile was removed *in vacuo* and aq. citric acid (5%wt, 100 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (3 x 250 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the *title compound* as a yellow oil (59 mg, 81%); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -139.4$ (c = 0.50 MeOH) {lit.⁵ $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -140$ (c = 0.05 MeOH)}; for NMR shifts see table 1, S13; IR (cm⁻¹, neat) ν = 3308, 2923, 2852, 1649, 1601, 1517, 1454, 1378, 1237, 1047, 967, 622; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M +H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₈NO₅⁺ 374.1962, found 374.1954.

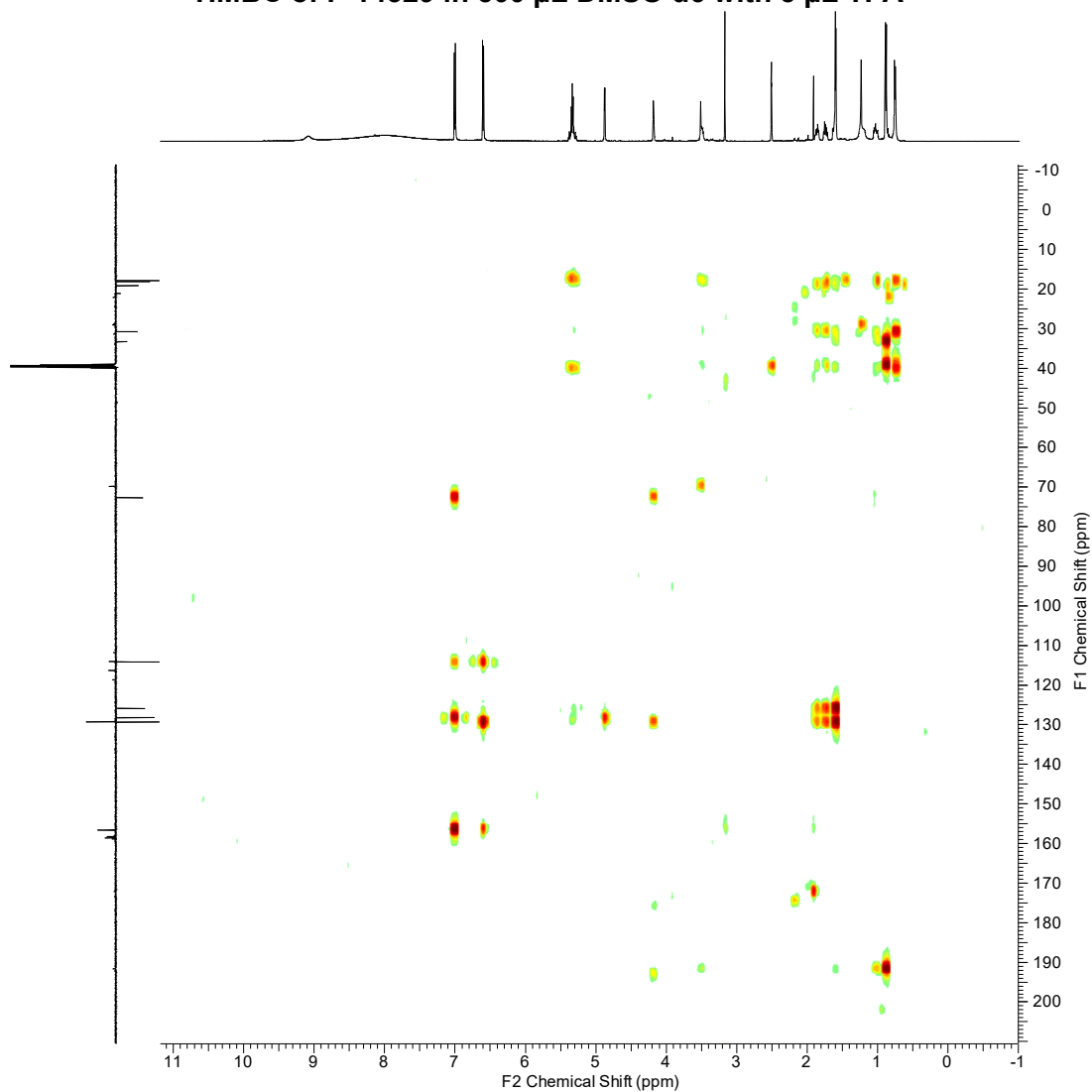
Table 1. Comparison of isolated⁴ and synthetic F-14329 ¹³C NMR shifts and ¹H NMR shifts and multiplet analysis.


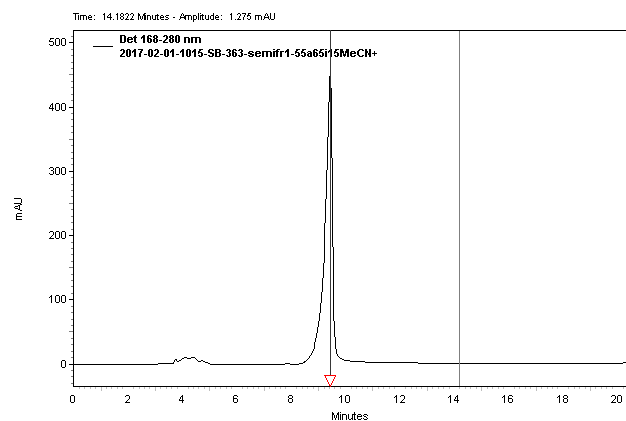
Pos.	natural F-14329 in DMSO d ₆ Lit ⁴		synthetic F-14329 in DMSO d ₆	
	δ _c	δ _H (mult. J[Hz])	δ _c	δ _H (mult. J[Hz]) ± TFA
1	176.0	-	176.0	-
2	100.6	-	100.6	-
3	191.5	-	191.5	-
4	33.4	3.49 (br m)	33.4	3.49 (br m)
5	39.8	1.62 (m)	39.9	1.59 (d, 5.2)
5b	-	1.04 (m)	-	1.02 (ddd, 13.5, 9.1, 4.6)
6	30.8	1.24 (m)	30.8	1.24 (m)
7	39.9	1.86 (m)	39.9	1.86 (dt, 13.1, 6.0)
7b	-	1.74 (m)	-	1.73 (dt, 13.1, 6.6)
8	129.3	5.33 (m)	129.3	5.33 (m)
9	125.9	5.34 (m)	125.9	5.33 (m)
10	17.8	1.59 (d, 5.2)	17.8	1.59 (d, 5.2)
11	18.1	0.88 (d, 6.3)	18.1	0.88 (d, 6.7)
12	19.1	0.77 (d, 6.3)	19.1	0.75 (d, 6.7)
1'	192.6	-	192.66	-
2'	68.0	4.16 (br. s)	68.0	4.18 (d, 3.0)
3'	72.6	4.87 (br. s)	72.6	4.87 (d, 3.0)
4'	129.3	-	129.3	-
'9'	128.2	7.00 (d, 8.5)	128.2	7.00 (d, 8.5)
6'/8'	114.1	6.59 (d, 8.5)	114.1	6.59 (d, 8.5)
7'	156.5	-	156.57	-
3'-OH	-	5.65 (br. s)	-	not detected
7'-NH	-	9.23 (br. s)	-	not detected
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F-14329 (1) in DMSO d6 without TFA

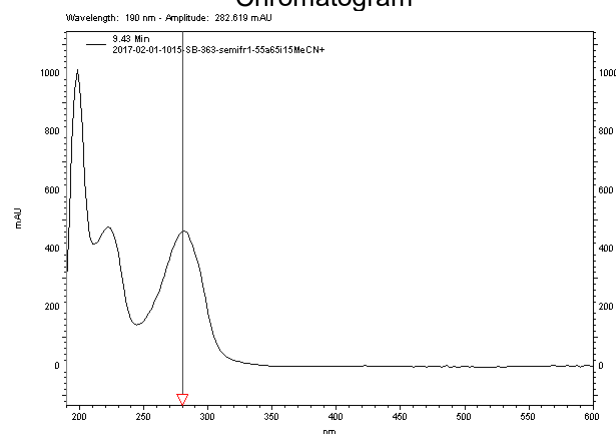


F-14329 (1) in 500 μ L DMSO d6 with 5 μ L TFA

HMBC of F-14329 in 500 μ L DMSO d6 with 5 μ L TFA

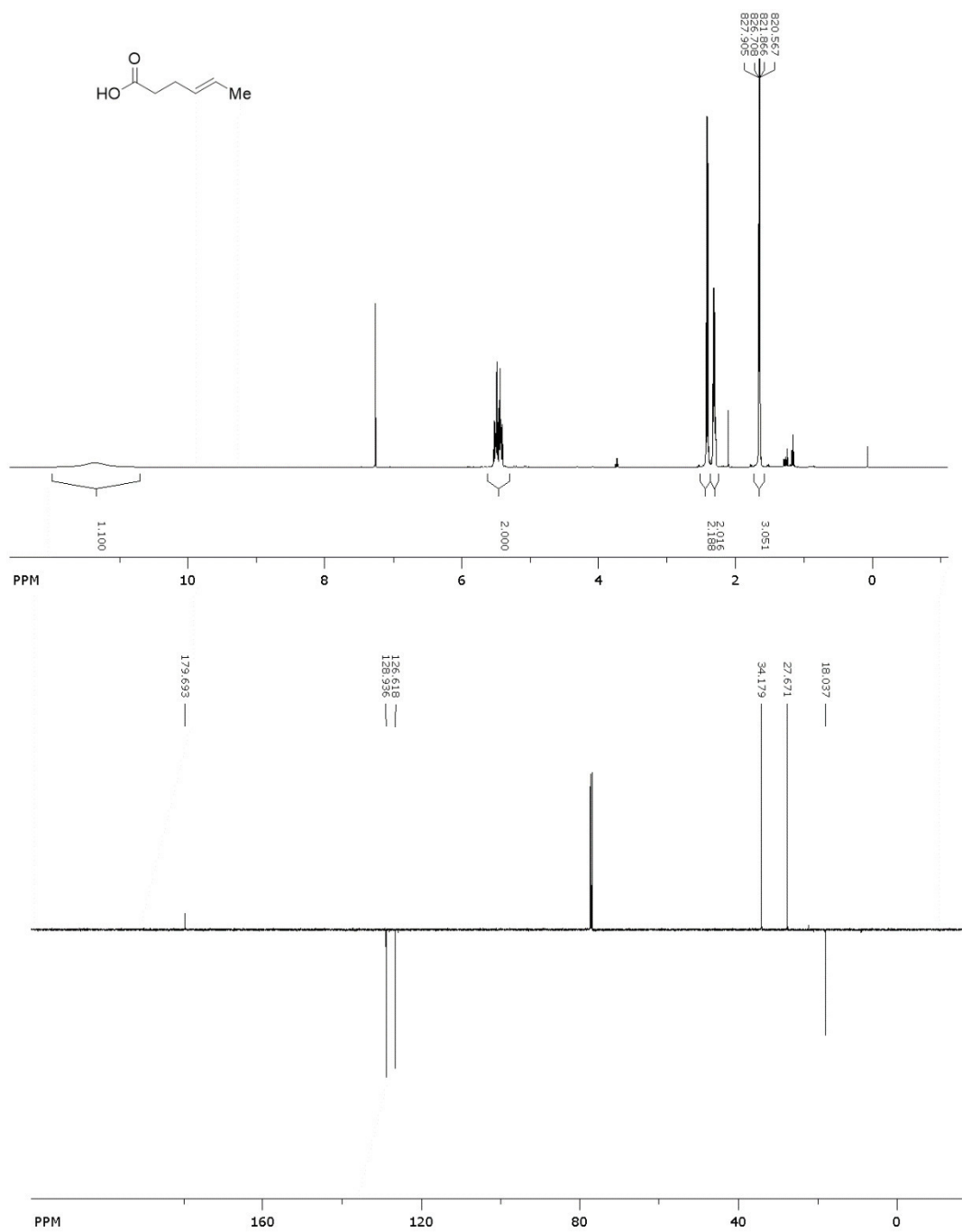


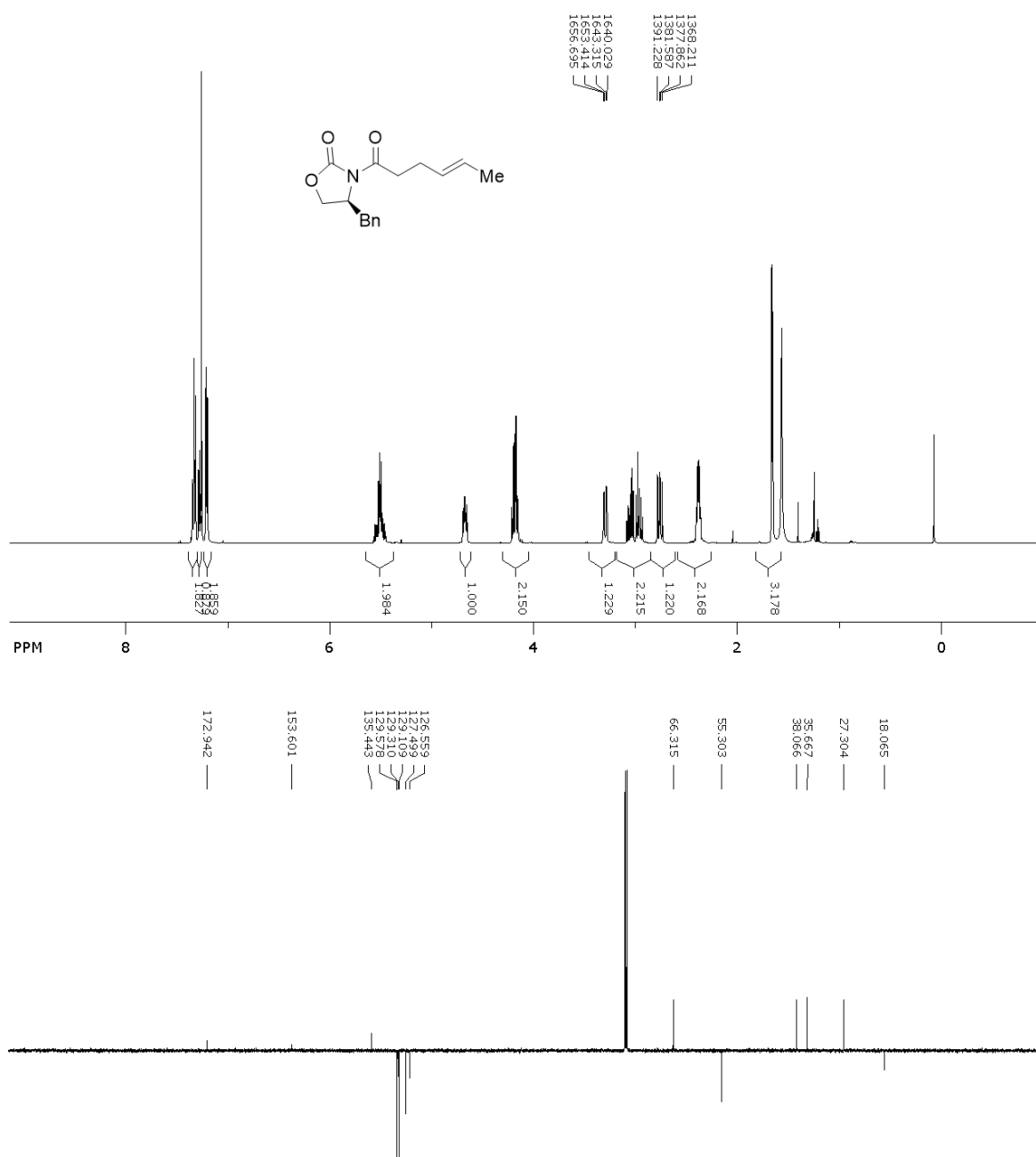
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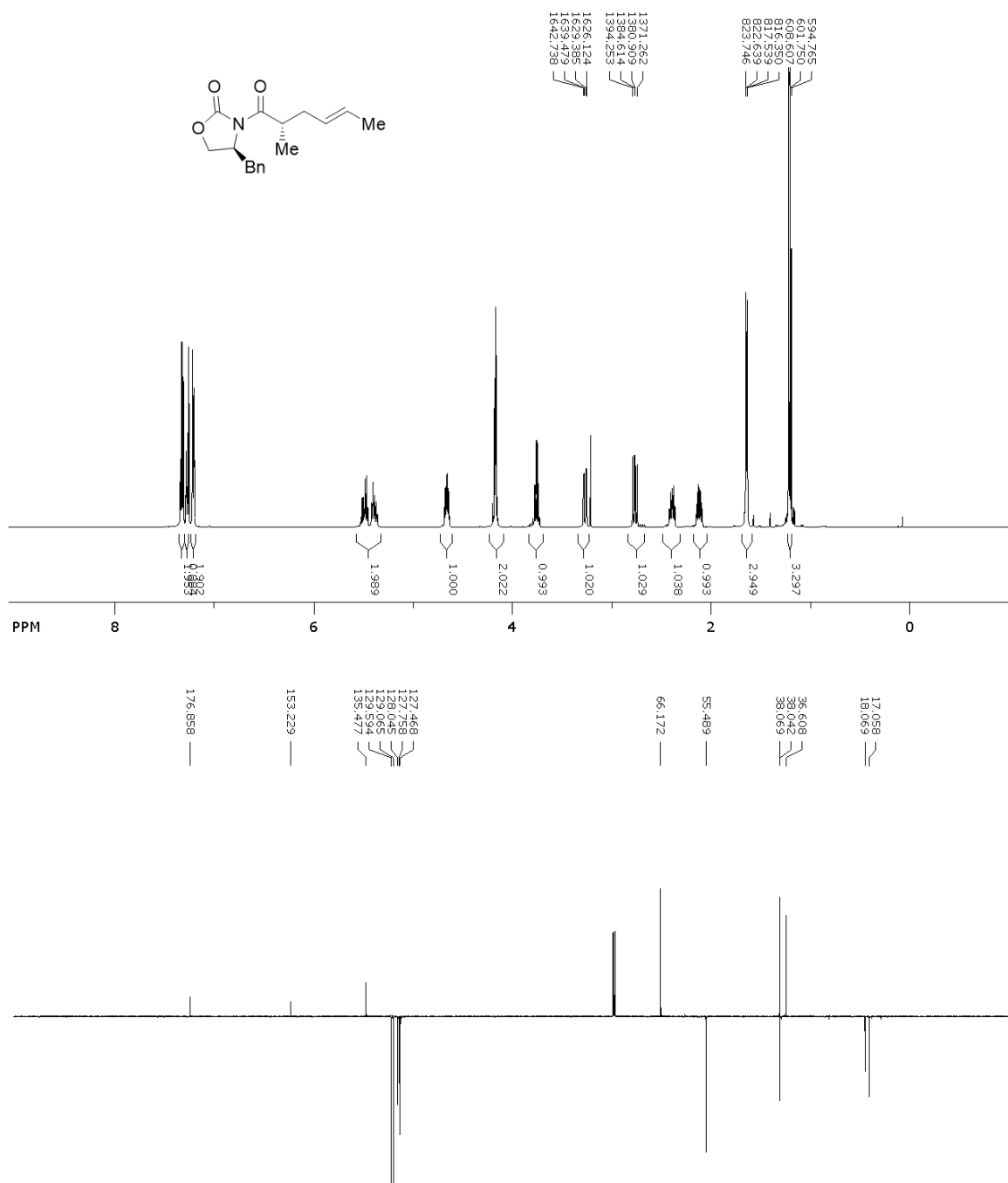


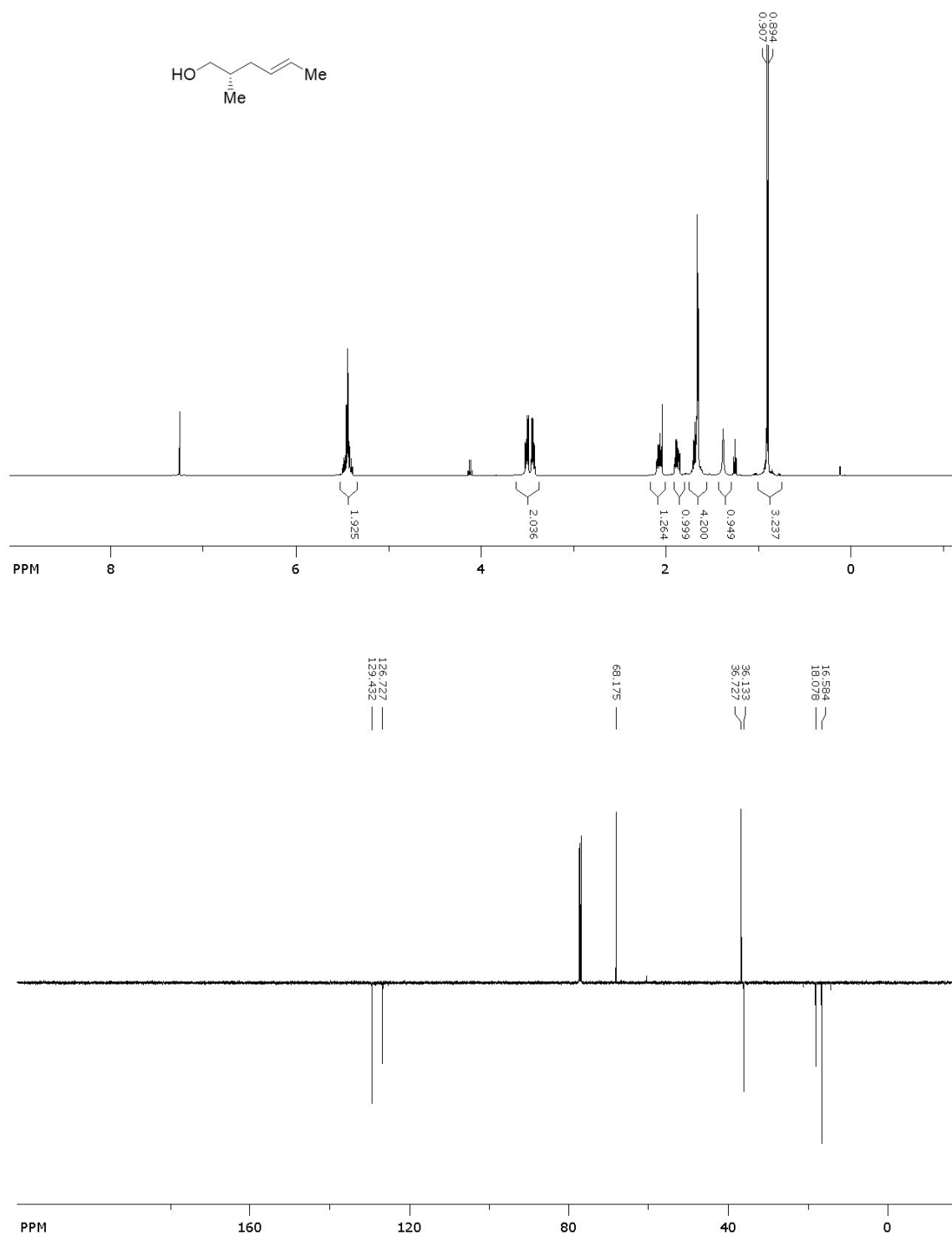
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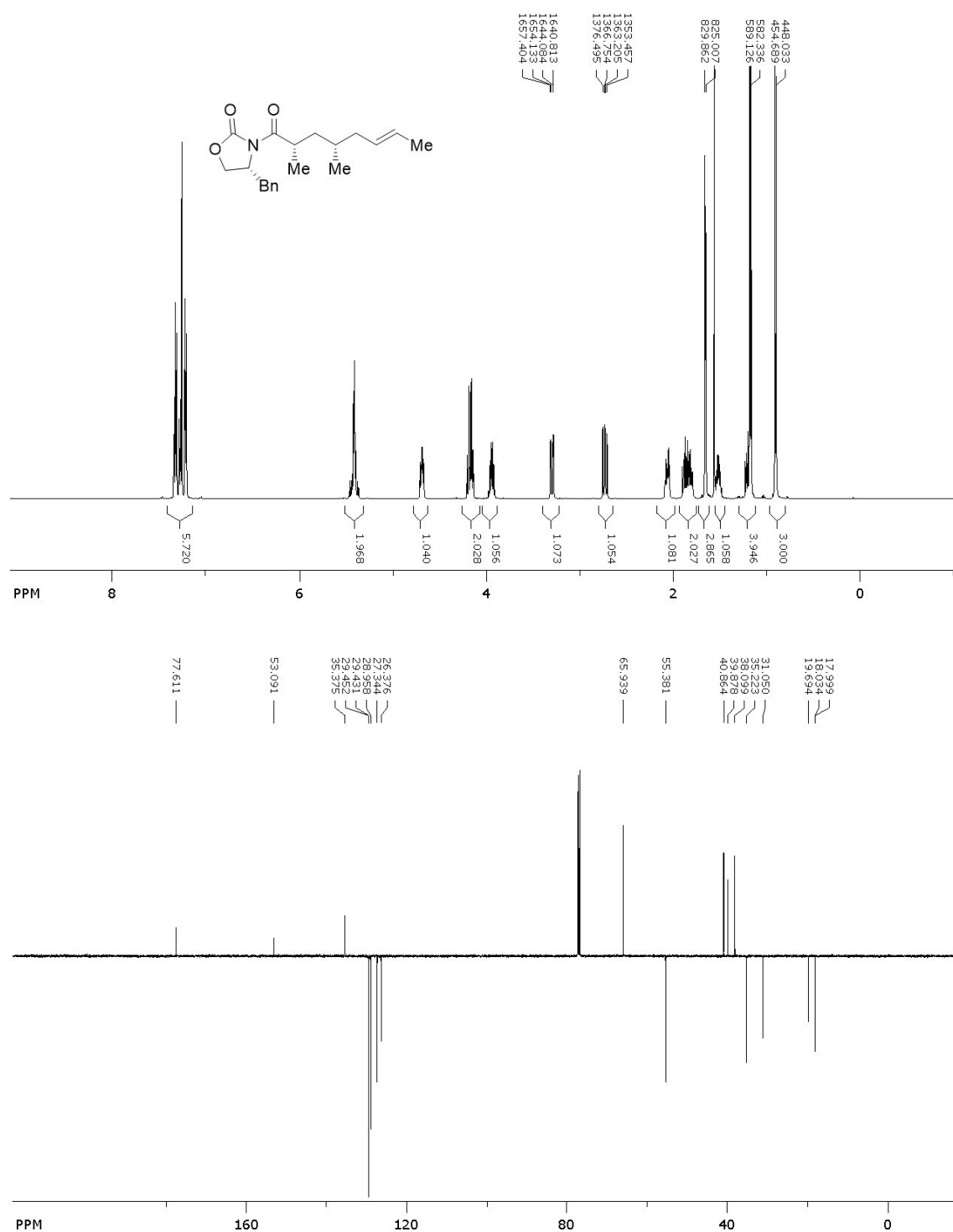
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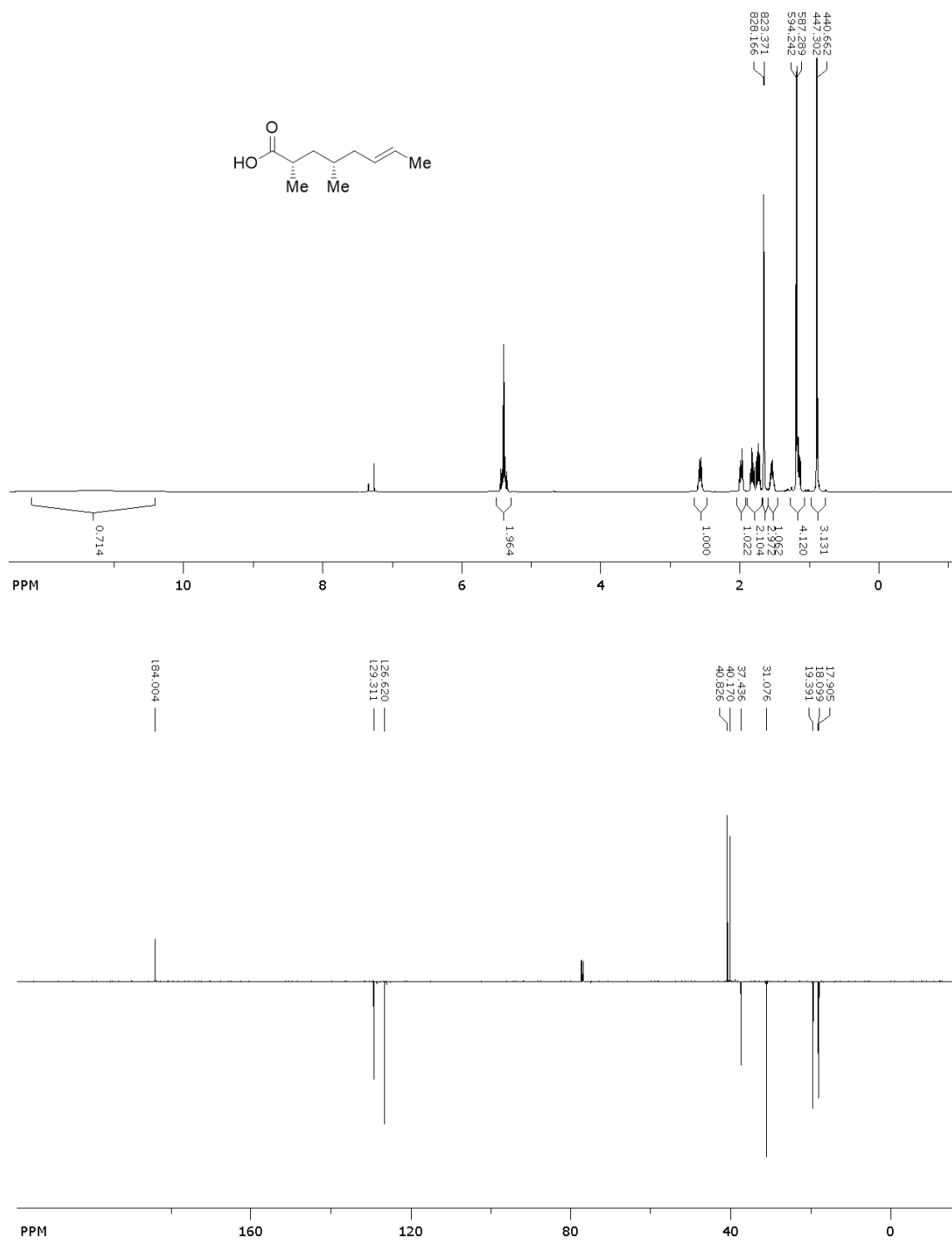


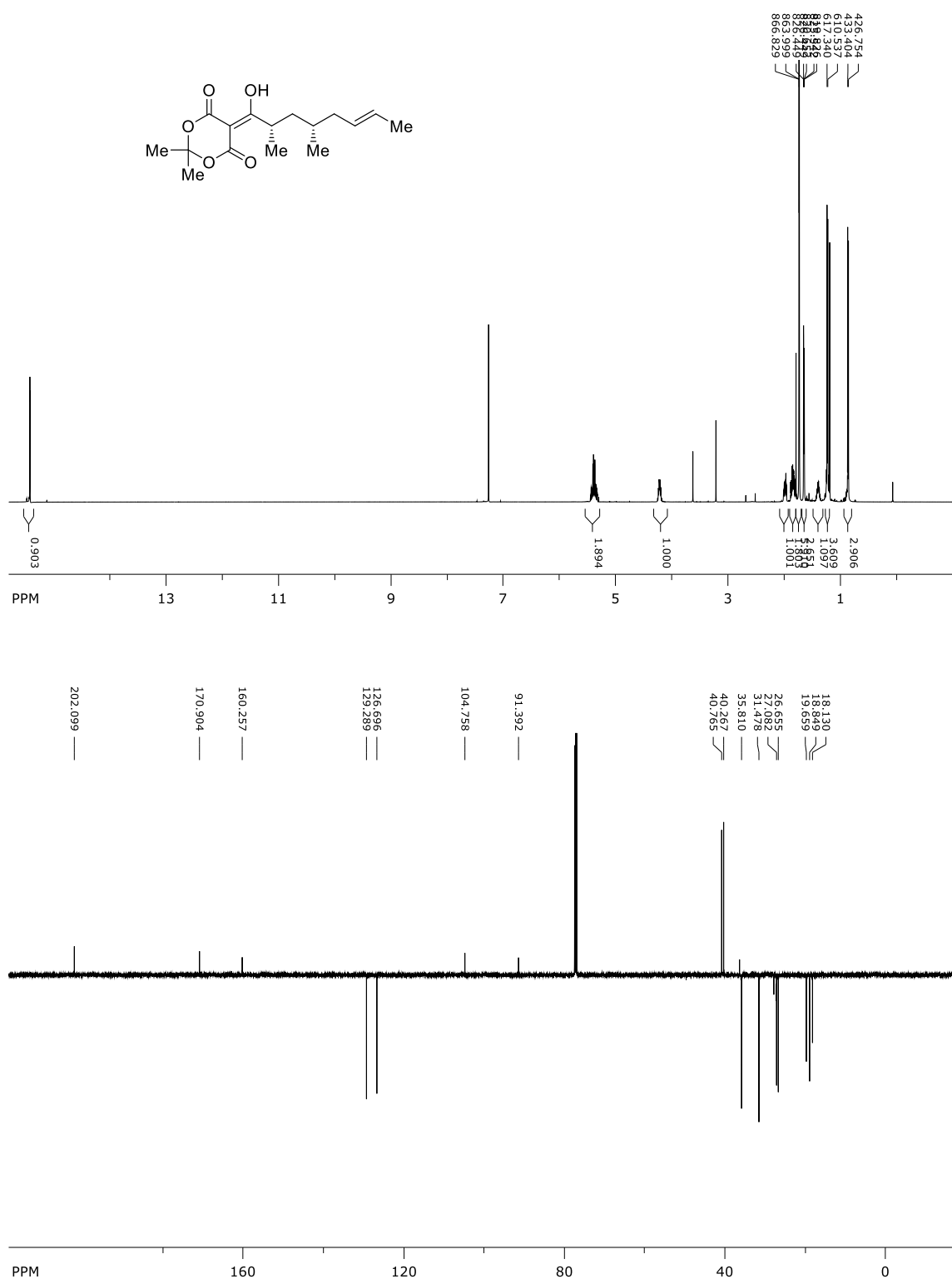


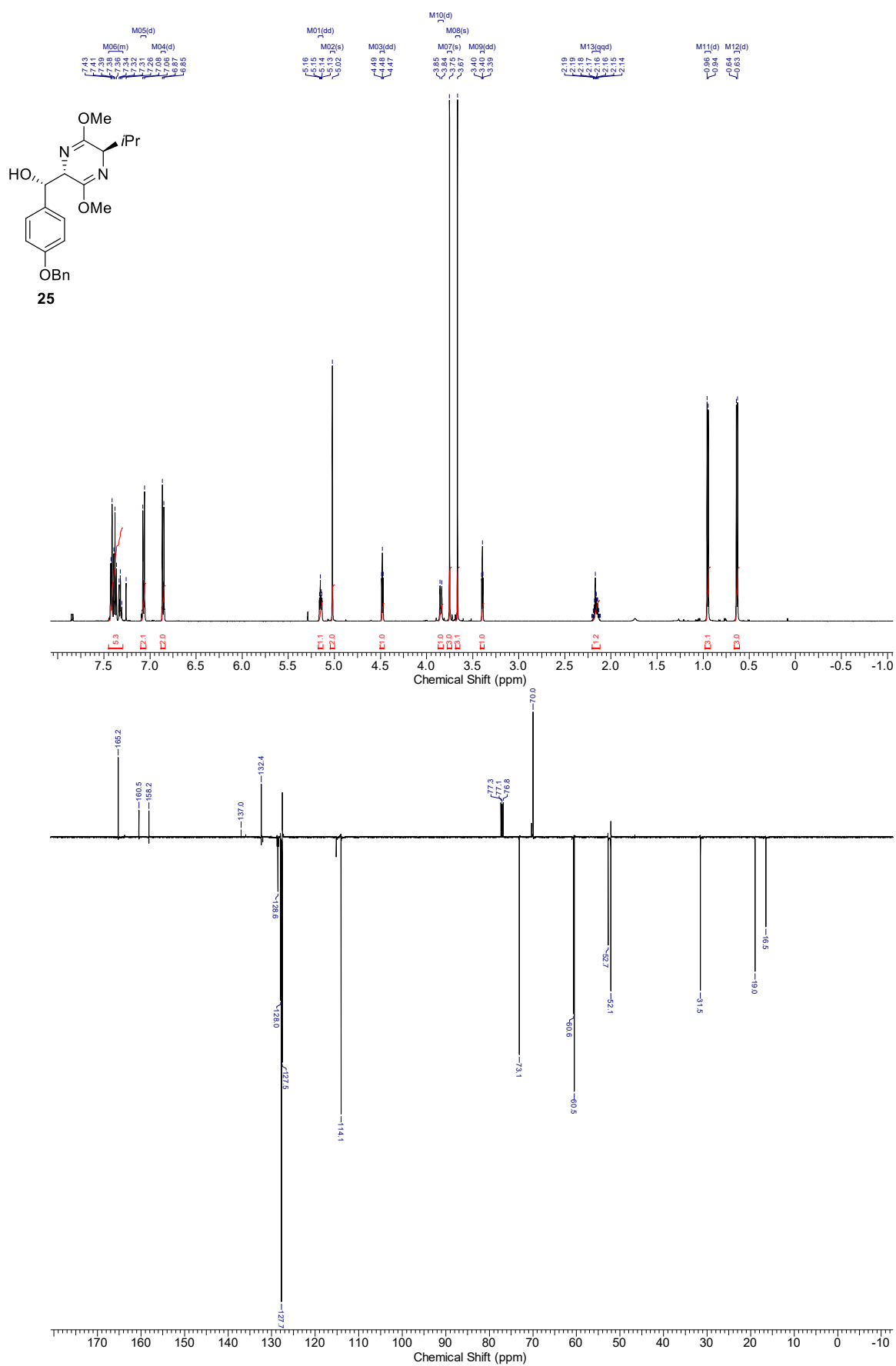


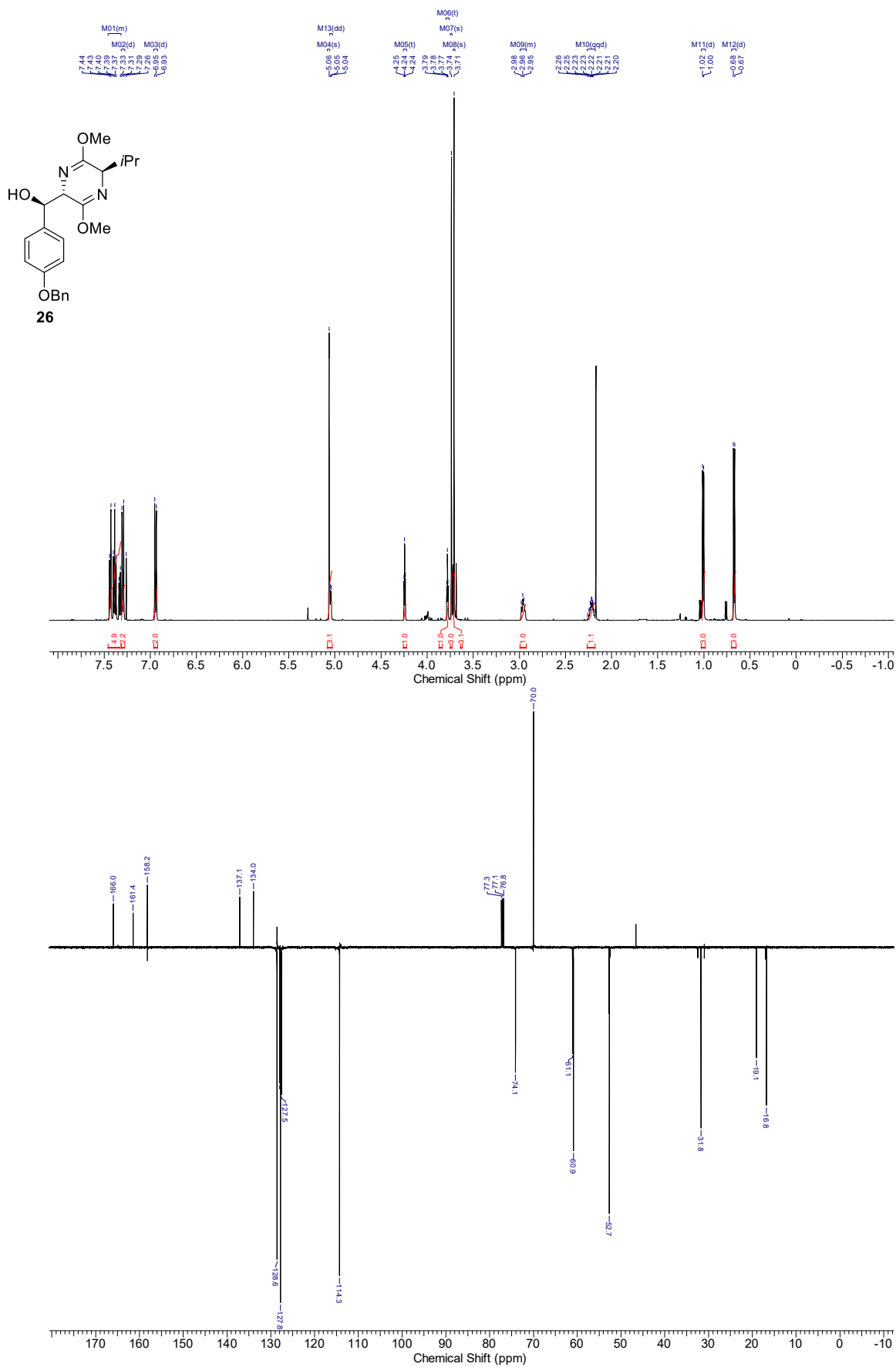


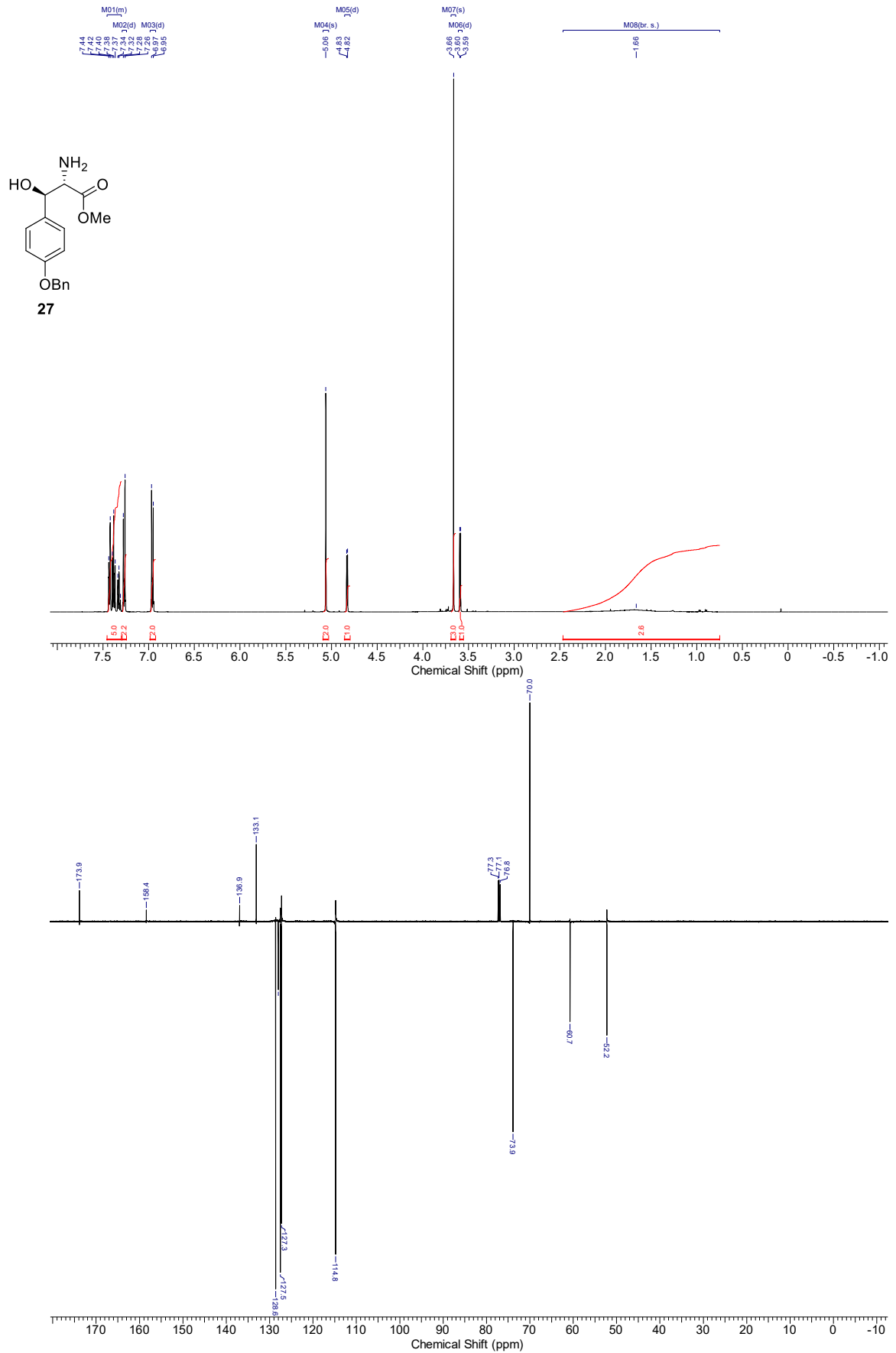


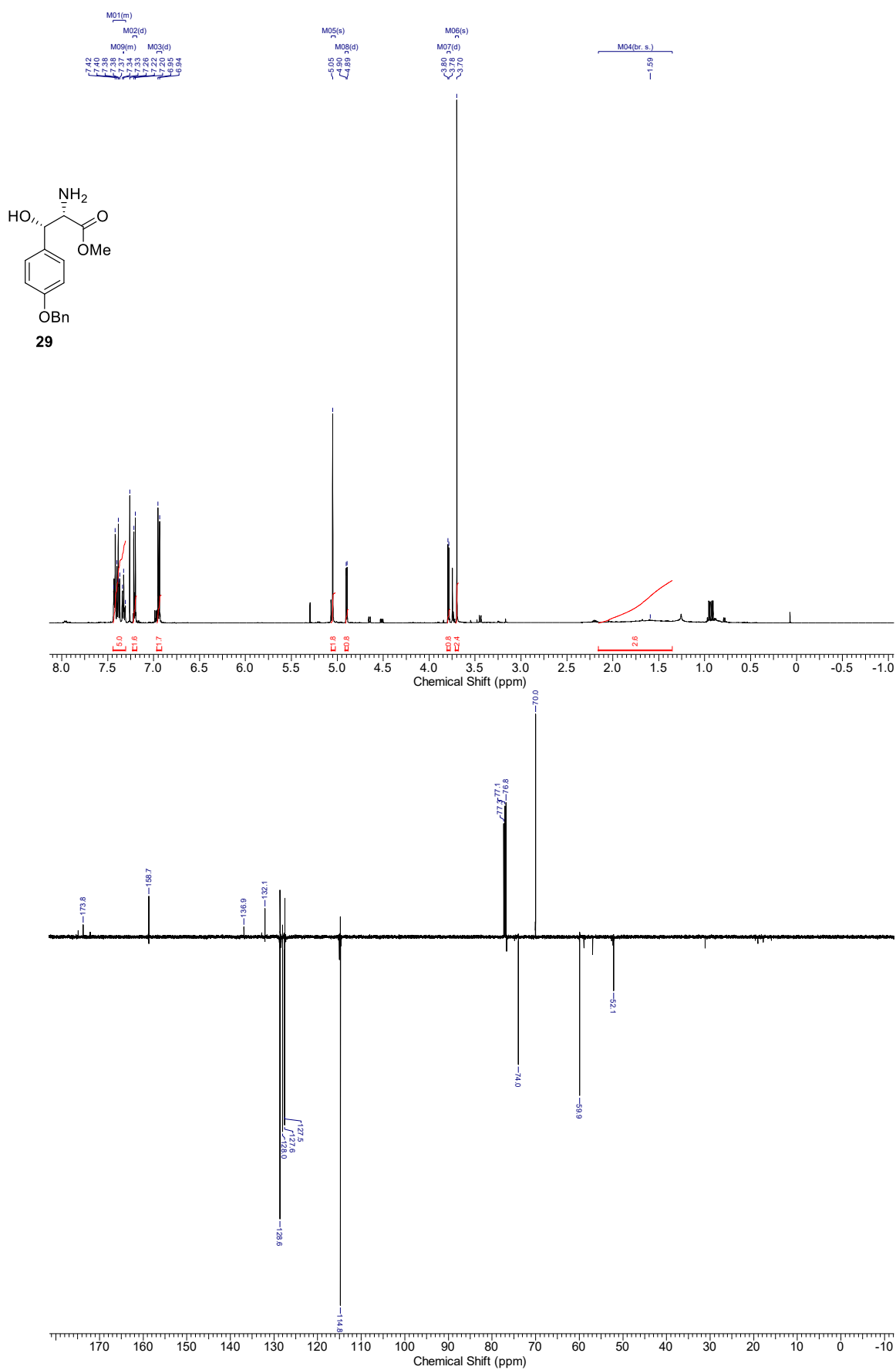


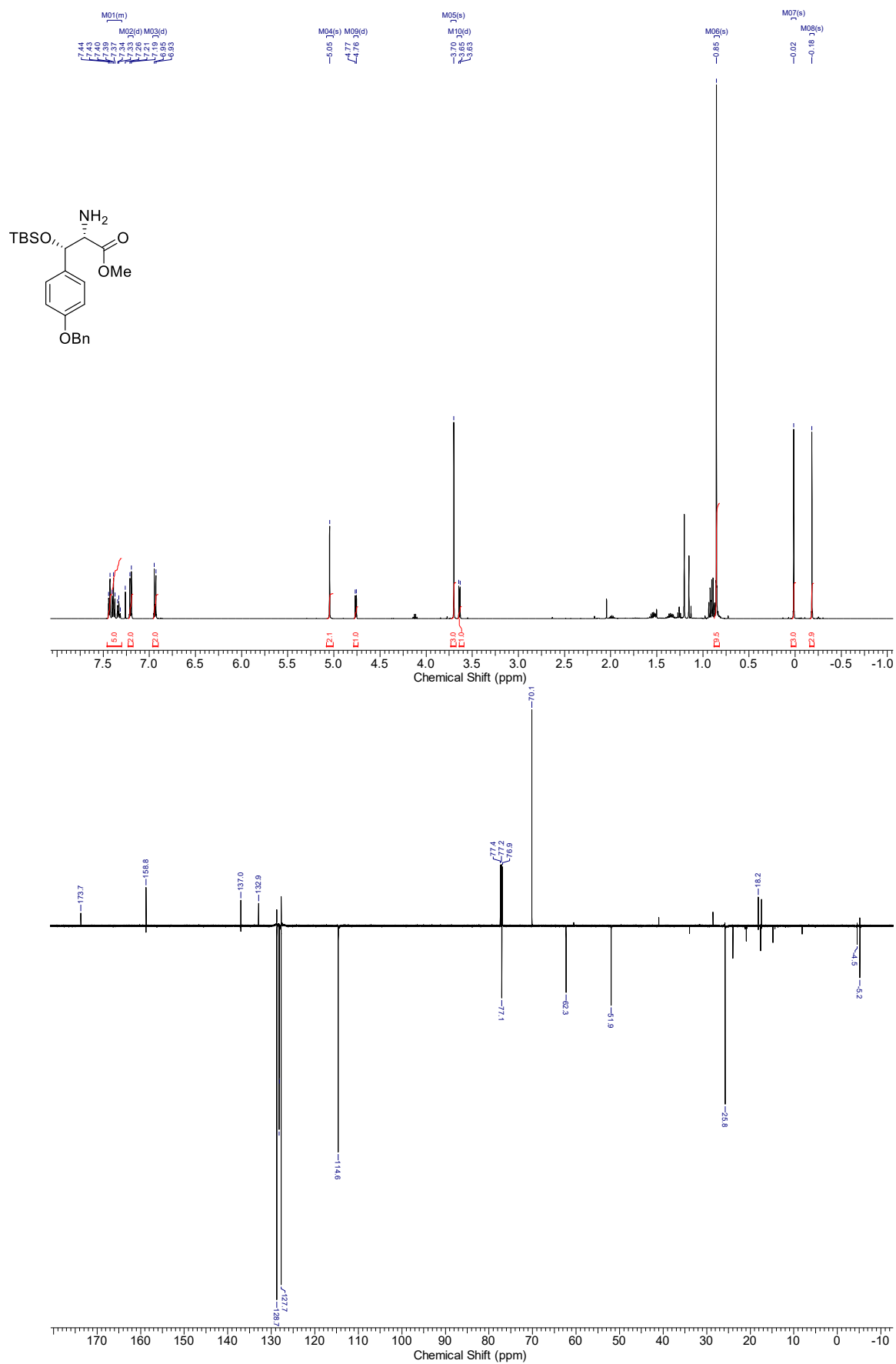


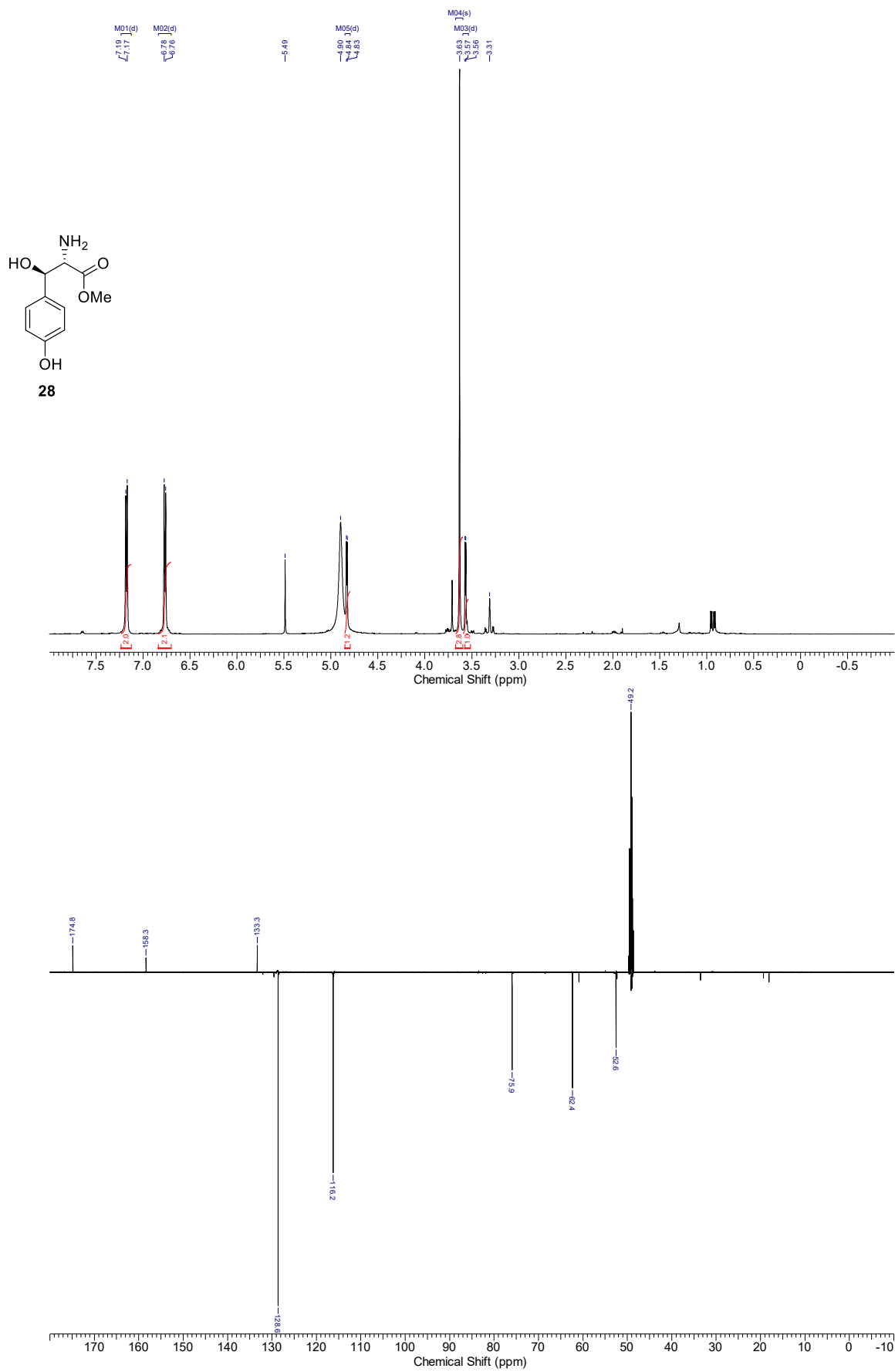


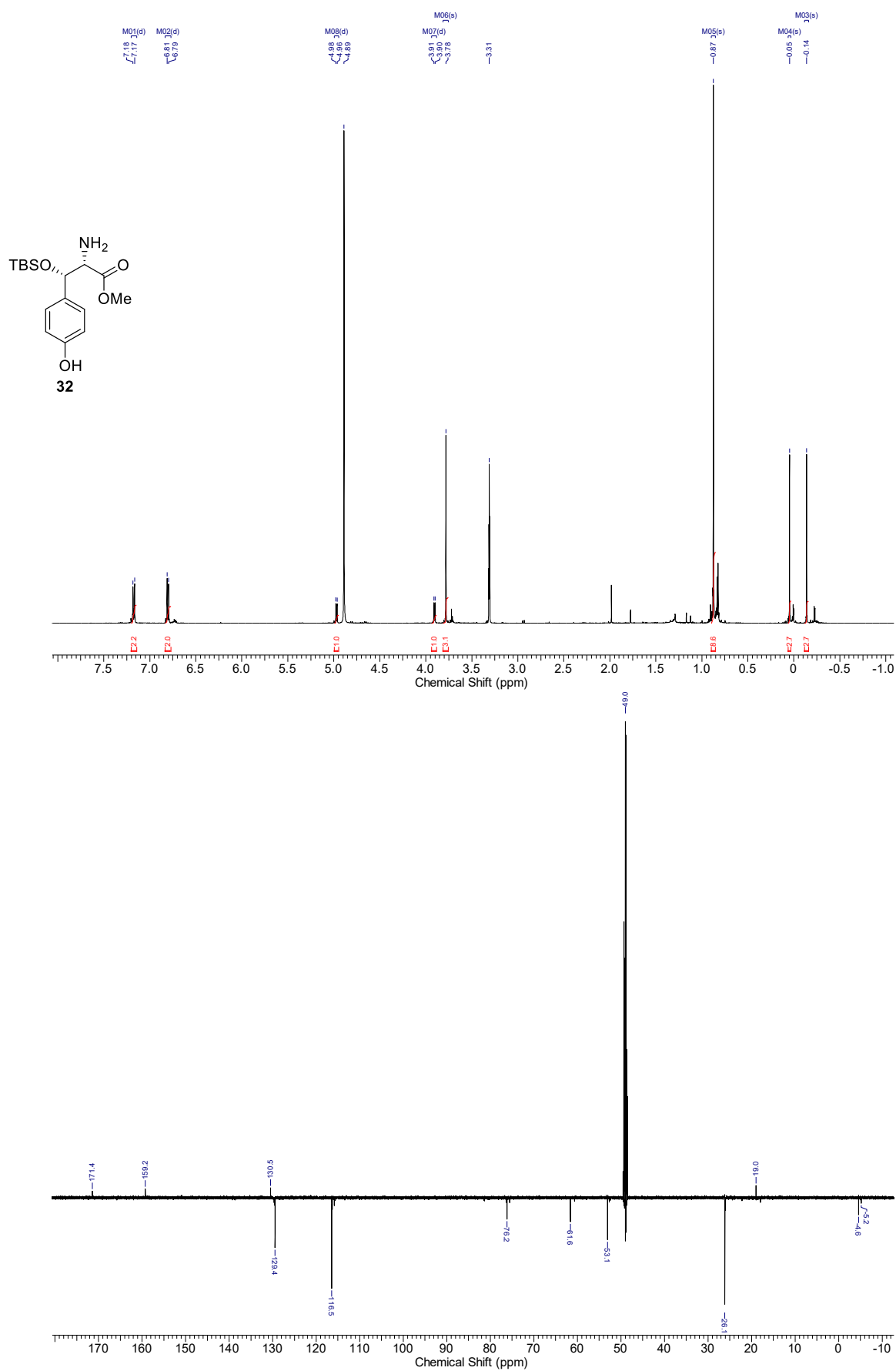


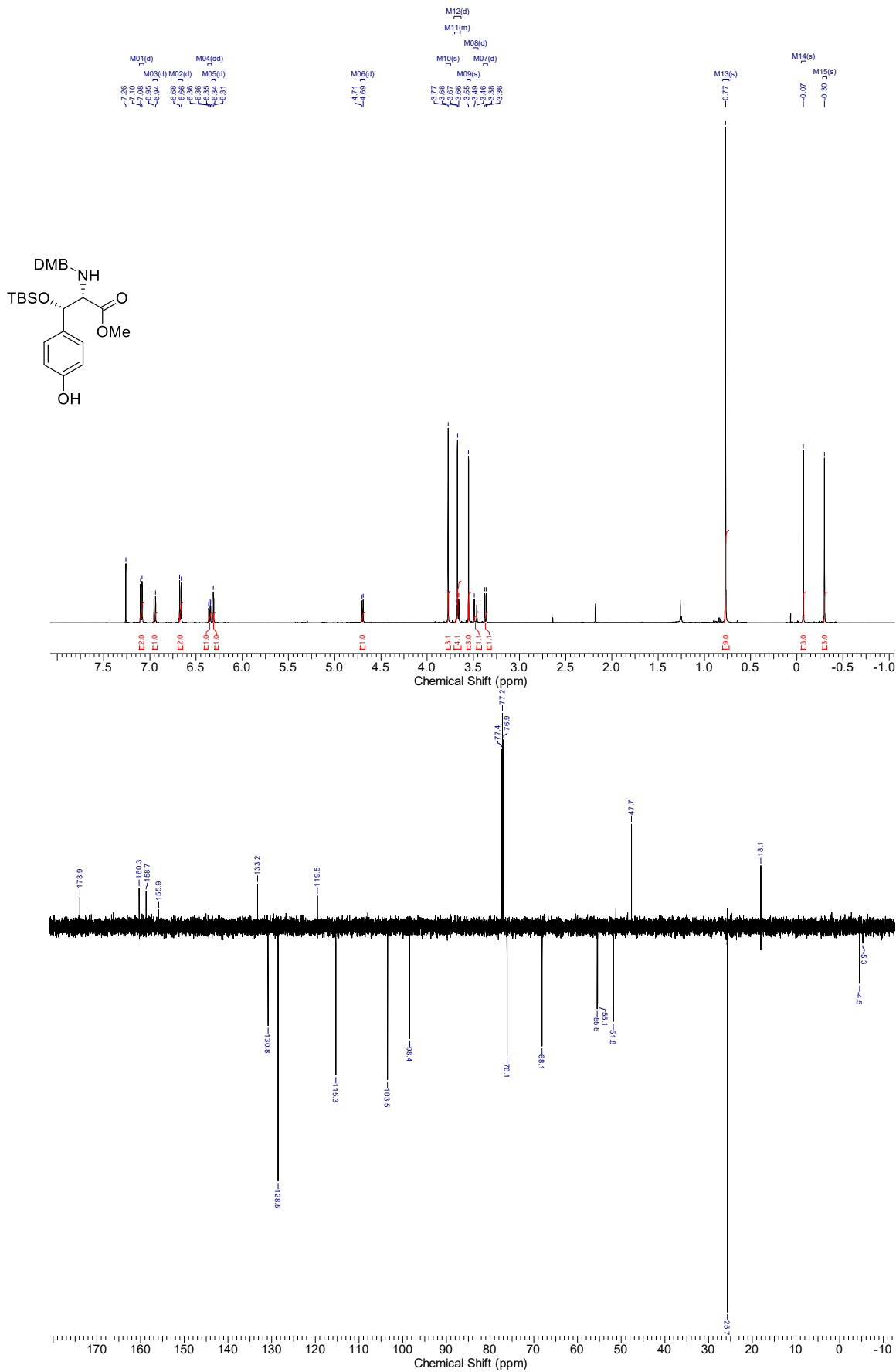


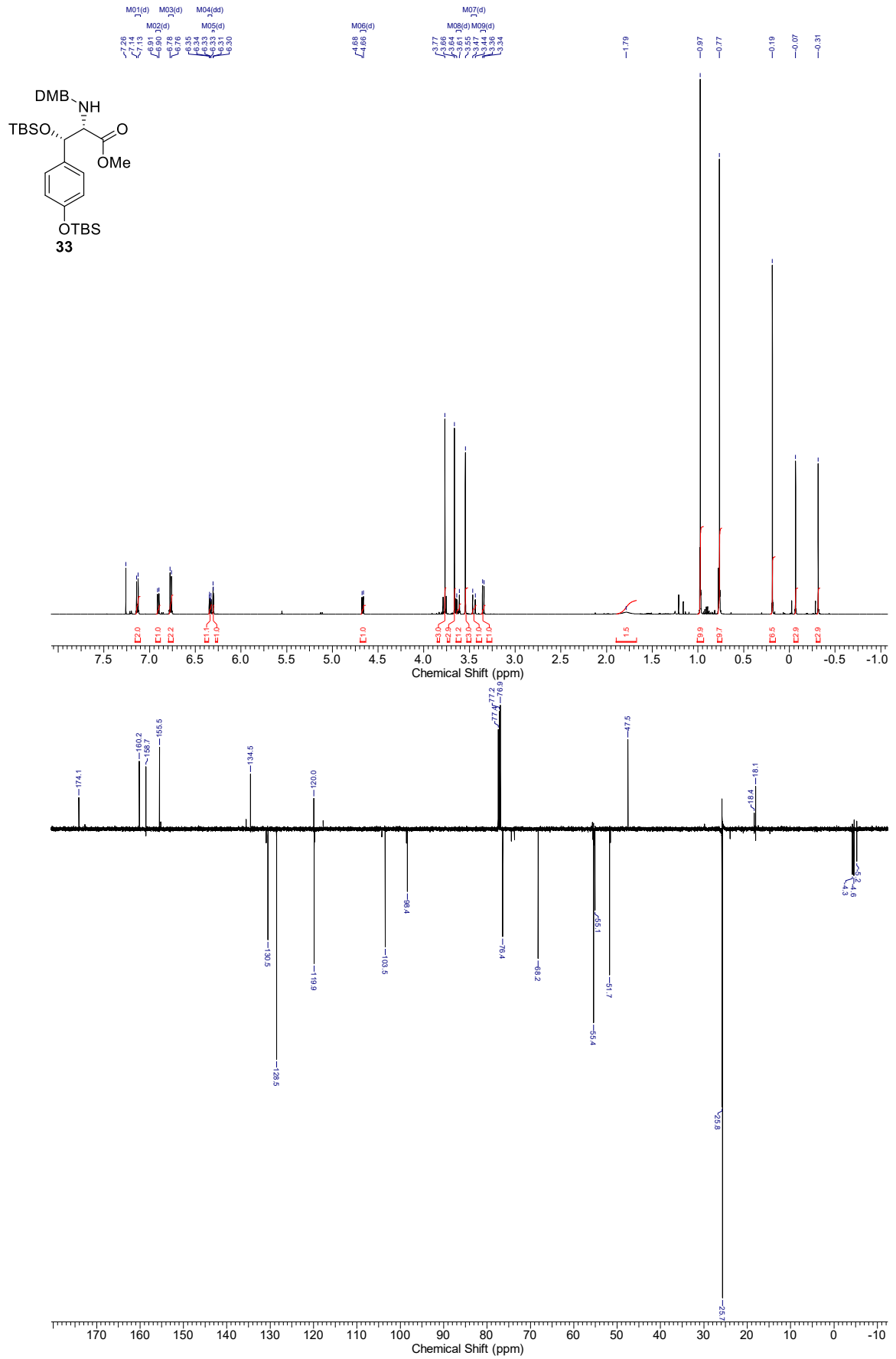


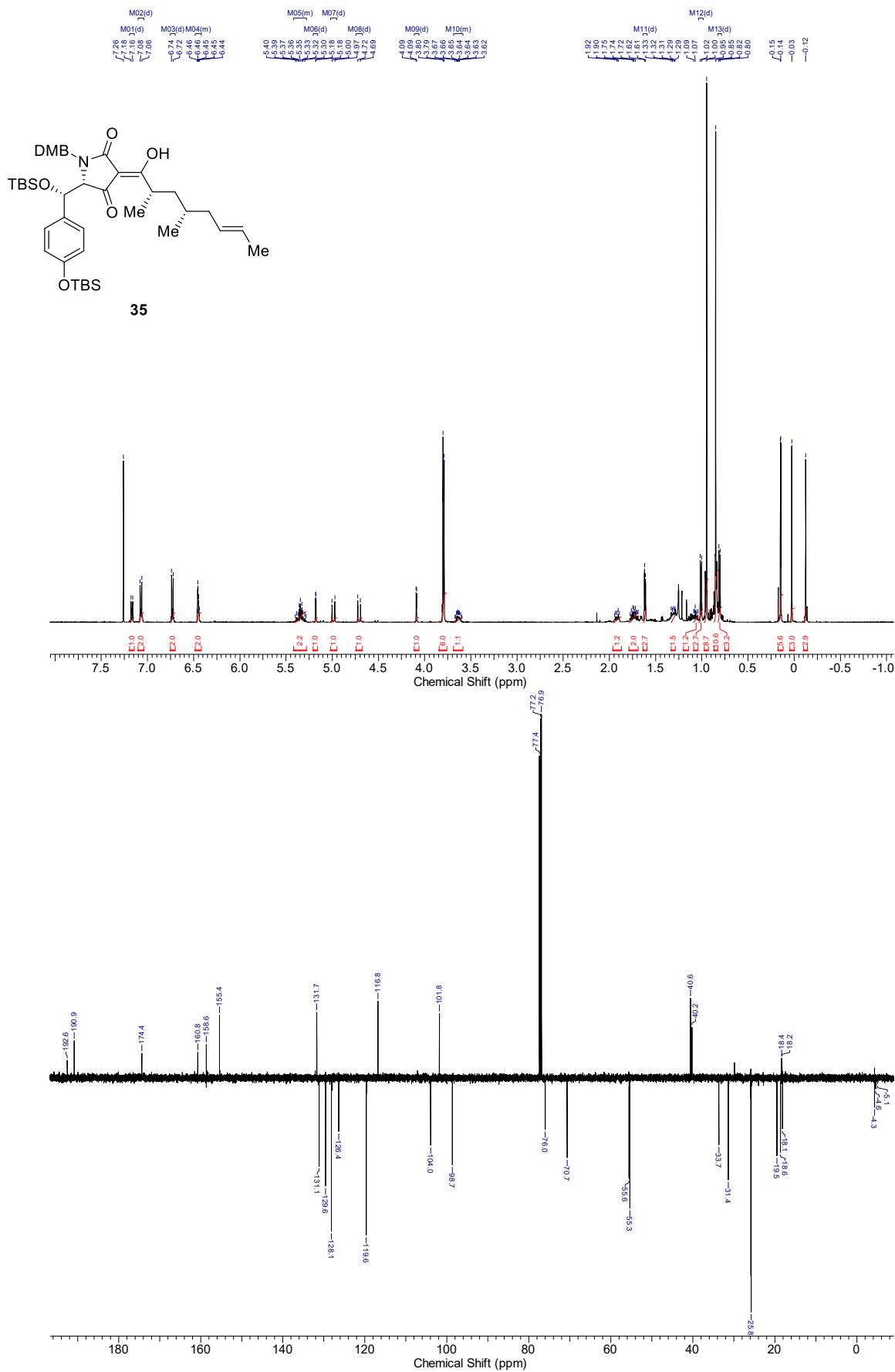


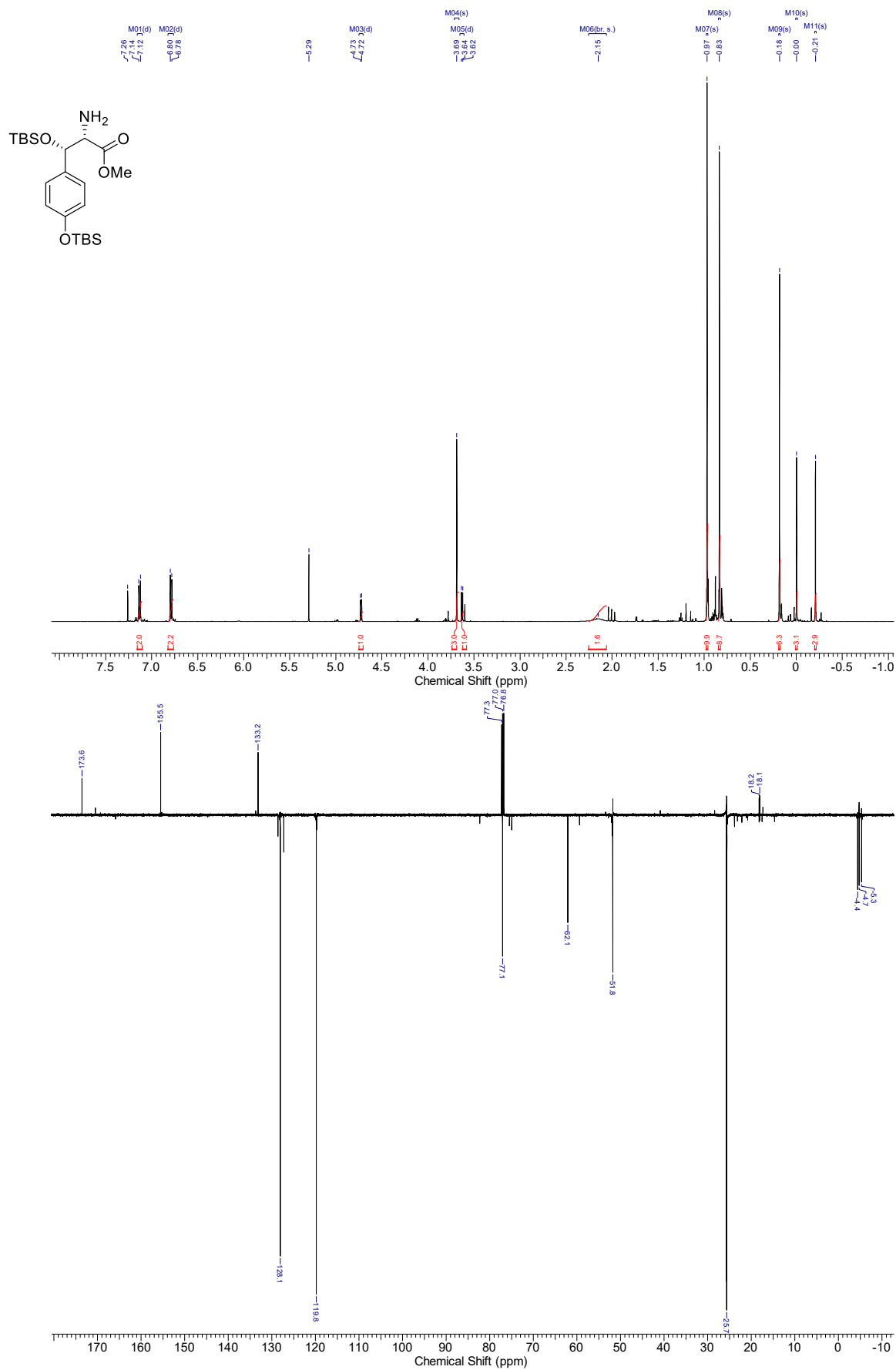


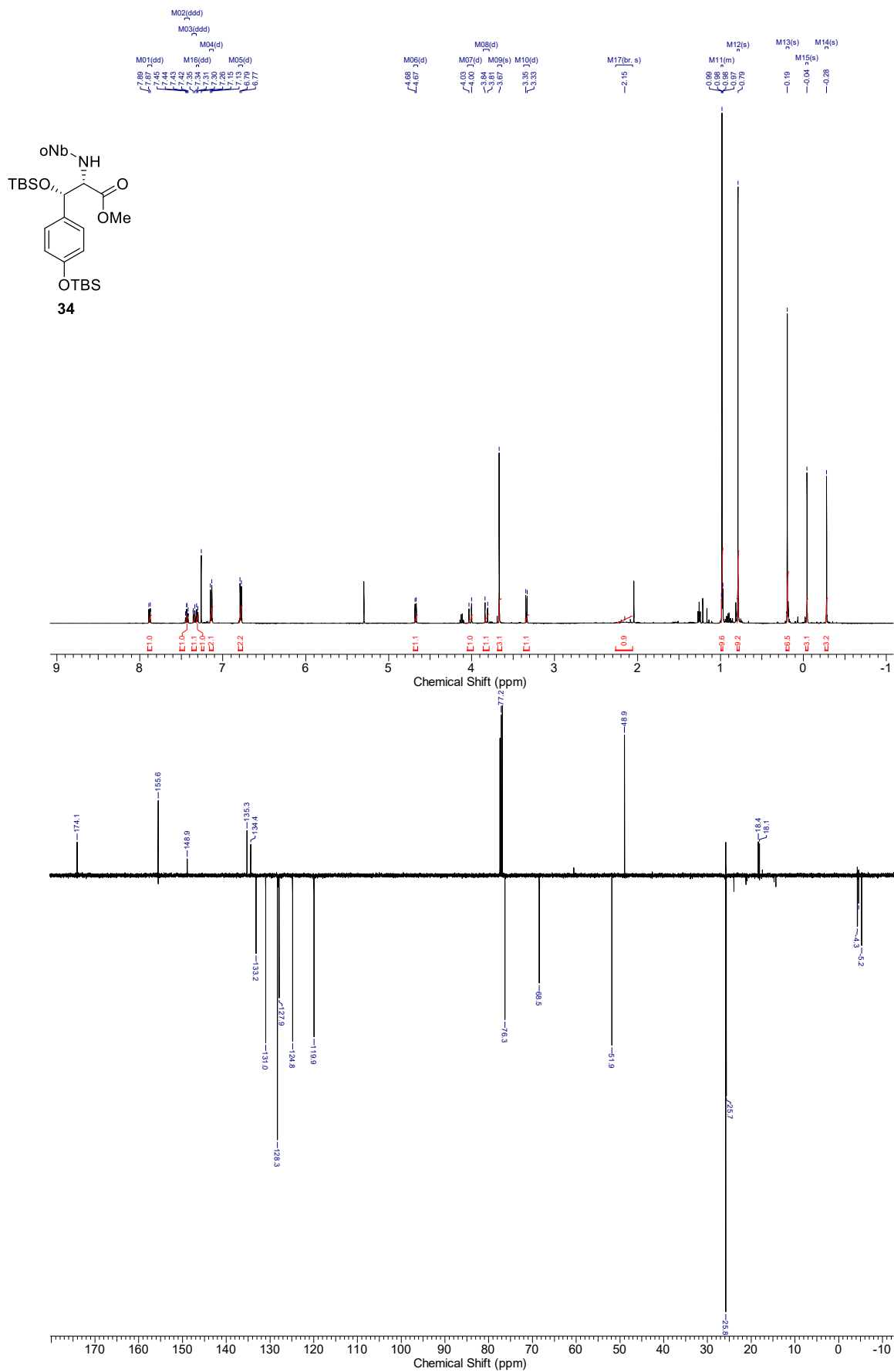


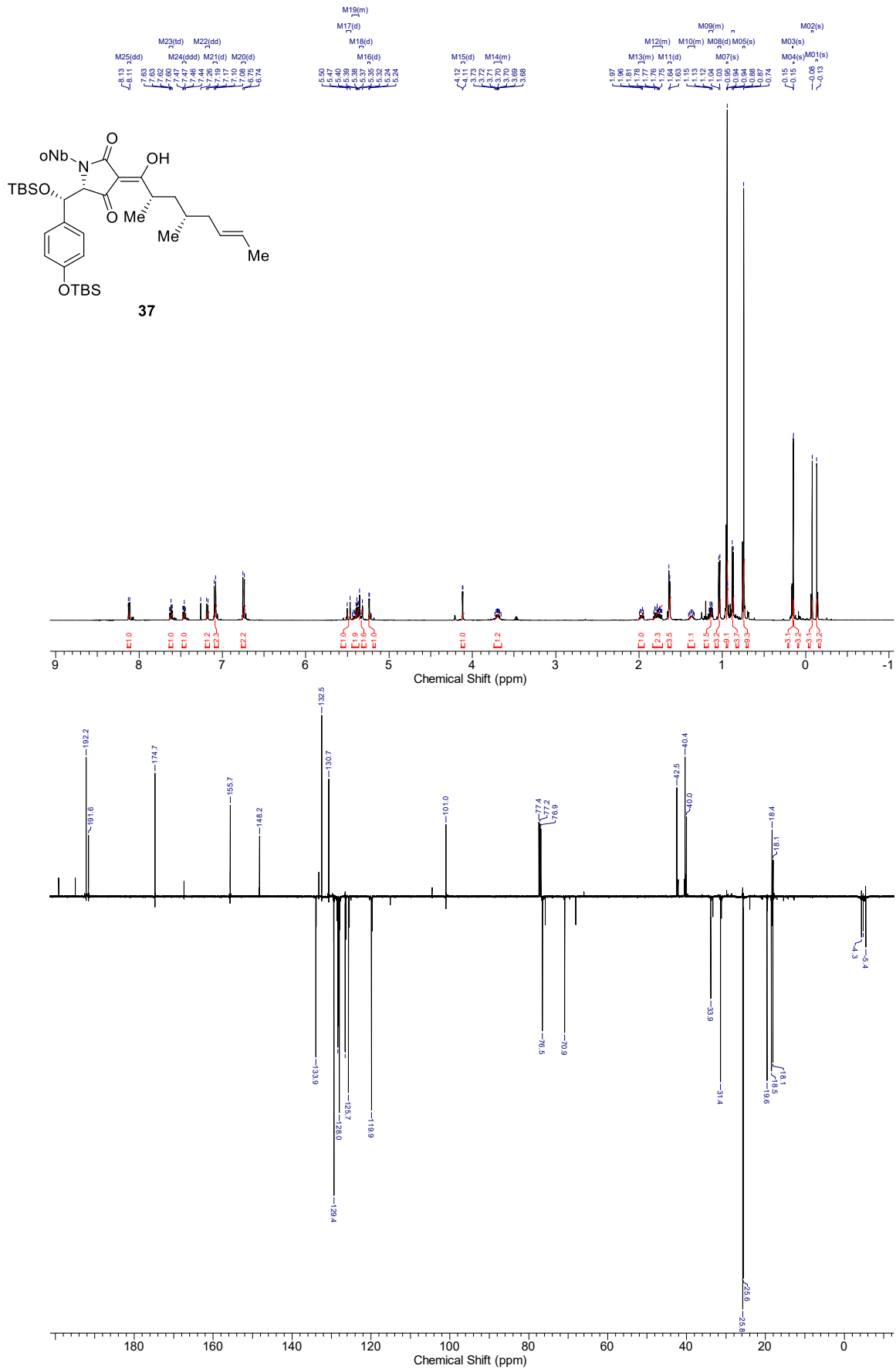


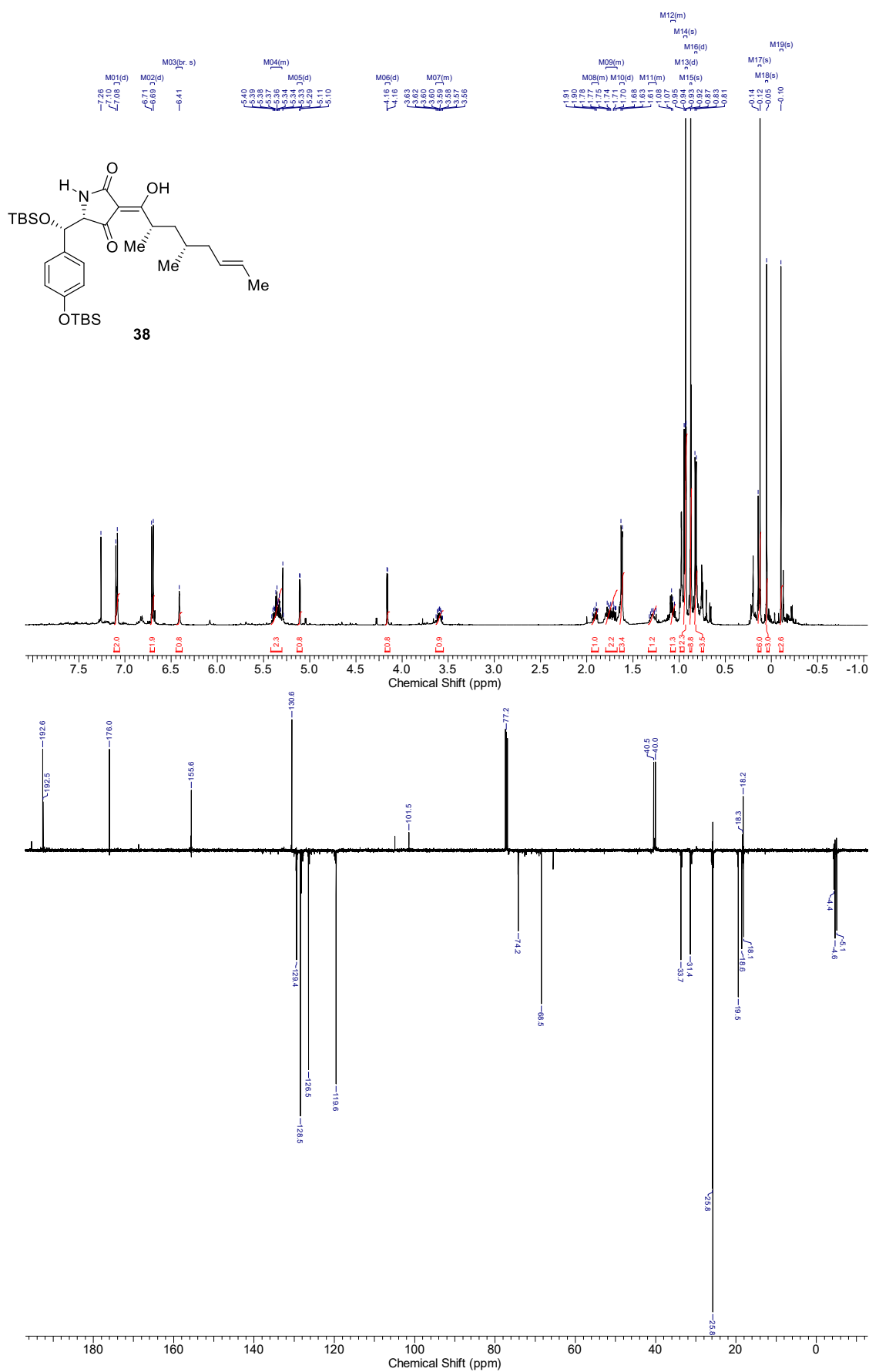












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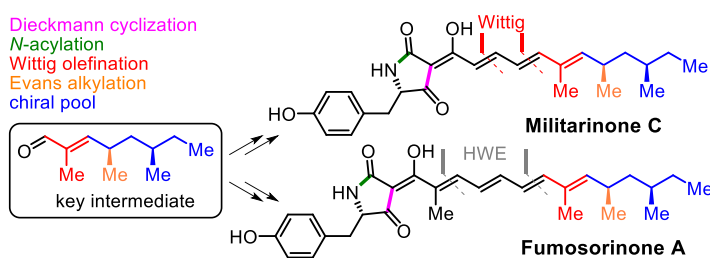
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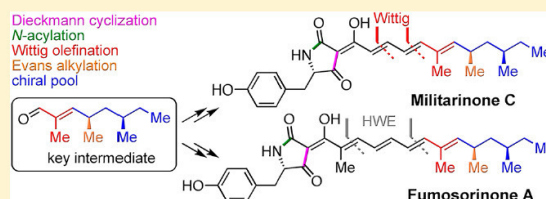
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Militarinone C and fumosorinone A, 3-oligoenoyltetramic acids produced by insect pathogenic fungi, were synthesized for the first time. The pyrrolidine-2,4-dione ring was closed through a late-stage Dieckmann condensation of *N*-(β -ketoacyl) derivatives of tyrosine, obtained by its acylation with either thioesters or Meldrum's acid derivatives bearing the *all-trans*-polyene side chain. The latter was built up from (*S*)-citronellol via an Evans methylation and Wittig or HWE olefinations.



INTRODUCTION

In 2002 Hamburger et al. reported the isolation of militarinone A (1), a neurotrophic 2-pyridone alkaloid, from the entomogenous fungus *Paecilomyces militaris*.¹ Shortly after, they also identified two yellow tetramic acids, militarinone B (2) and militarinone C (3), as cometabolites (Figure 1).² It is

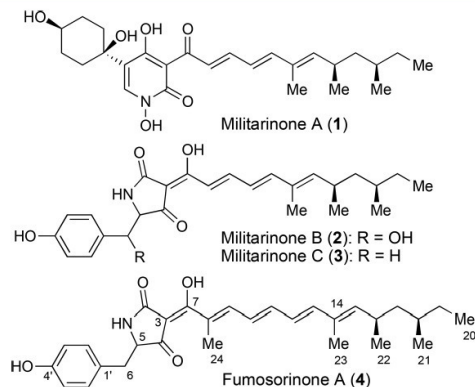


Figure 1. Structures of militarinones A–C (1–3) and fumosorinone A (4).

not uncommon that fungi produce mixtures of tyrosine-derived tetramic acids and 2-pyridones, e.g., the family of torrubielones, metabolites of the fungus *Torrubiella* sp. BCC 2165,³ or the (proto)tenellins, produced by the insect pathogenic fungus *Beauveria bassiana*. For the latter, Cox et al. established a radical oxidation–rearrangement conversion of the tetramic acid prototenellin D to the 2-pyridone tenellin.⁴ In 2017, Zhang et al.⁵ isolated fumosorinone A (4) from the entomogenous fungus *Isaria fumosorosea* and found it to inhibit (IC₅₀ 3.24 μ M) protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B

(PTP1B), a major negative regulator⁶ of the insulin signaling pathway. Such inhibitors are of interest as potential type II diabetes drugs since Klamn et al. had confirmed a higher sensitivity to insulin for mice deficient in PTP1B.⁷ Herein we report short syntheses that procure both compounds in quantities sufficient to study their conversion to 2-pyridones.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

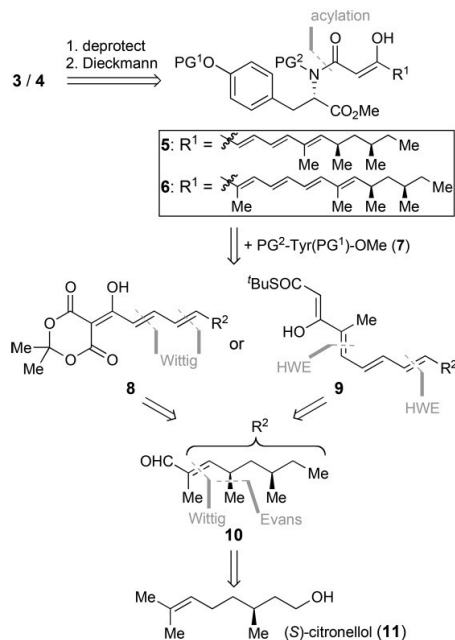
The retrosynthetic approach is outlined in Scheme 1. Both target compounds 3 and 4 were finished by a Dieckmann cyclization⁸ of the respective functionalized β -ketoamide 5 or 6 followed by N,O-deprotection. These β -ketoamides were obtained by reaction of N,O-bisprotected methyl tyrosinates 7 with either Meldrum's acid derivative 8 or thioester 9 as *N*-acylating agents carrying the respective unsaturated side chain. The β -ketoesters 8 and 9 were accessible through consecutive Wittig or HWE olefinations of key aldehyde 10 which was built up from (*S*)-citronellol (11) using an Evans alkylation⁹ to introduce the second methyl group and an *E*-selective Wittig olefination to establish the trisubstituted double bond.

(*S*)-Citronellol (11) was first converted to imide 15 following a modified route by Nishida et al.¹⁰ (Scheme 2). It was quantitatively deoxygenated to alkene 13 in two steps via mesylation to give 12 which was reduced with LiAlH₄. Olefin 13 was subjected to a ruthenium-catalyzed oxidative cleavage according to a general procedure by Sharpless et al.¹¹ which afforded carboxylic acid 14. This was converted to a mixed anhydride with pivaloyl chloride which was reacted with (*R*)-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one to yield imide 15. Its methylation at -78 °C gave the desired (*R,R*)-product 16 as a separable mixture of two diastereomers. Removal of the Evans auxiliary with LiBH₄/MeOH at 0 °C left enantiopure alcohol 17. This was Swern oxidized to aldehyde 18 which was Wittig olefinated

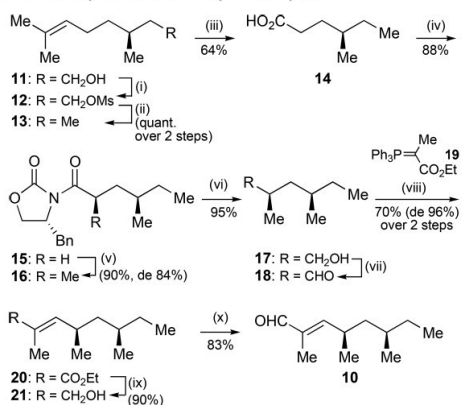
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Scheme 1. Retrosynthesis of Militarinone C (3) and Fumosorinone A (4)



Scheme 2. "Synthesis of Key Aldehyde 10"



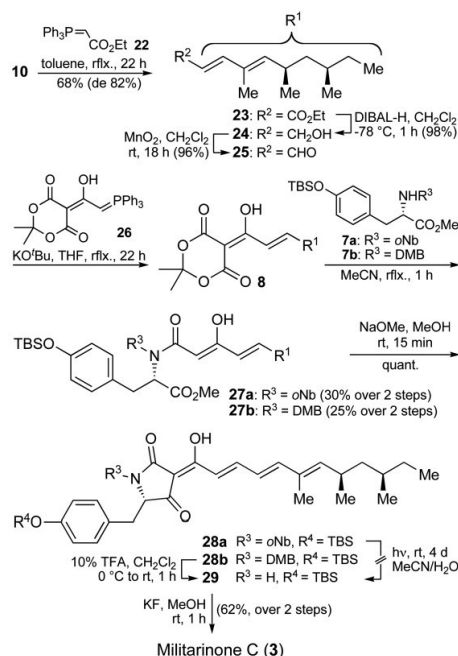
^aReagents and conditions: (i) MsCl, NEt₃, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt, 3.75 h; (ii) LiAlH₄, THF, 0 °C to rt, 16 h; (iii) NaIO₄ (4 equiv), RuCl₃ (2 mol %), MeCN/CH₂Cl₂/H₂O, rt, 18 h; (iv) PivCl, NEt₃, THF, 0 °C, 25 min, then LiCl, (R)-Evans oxazolidinone, rt, 30 min; (v) NaHMDS, THF, -78 °C, 15 min, then MeI, -78 °C to rt, 2.5 h; (vi) LiBH₄, MeOH, Et₂O, 0 °C to rt, 5 h; (vii) (COCl)₂, DMSO, NEt₃, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 3 h; (viii) + 19, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 19 h; (ix) DIBAL-H, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 1 h; (x) MnO₂, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 18 h.

without purification to furnish ester 20 in 70% yield over two steps, following a protocol by Ding et al.¹² DIBAL-H reduction to alcohol 21 and its oxidation with MnO₂ afforded aldehyde 10 (10 steps, 25% relative to 11).

For the synthesis of militarinone C (3), aldehyde 10 was elongated, analogously to aldehyde 18, by a sequence of Wittig olefination with stabilized ylide 22 to give ester 23, followed by

its DIBAL-H reduction to alcohol 24, and MnO₂ oxidation of the latter to aldehyde 25 (Scheme 3). This aldehyde was

Scheme 3. Synthesis of Militarinone C (3)

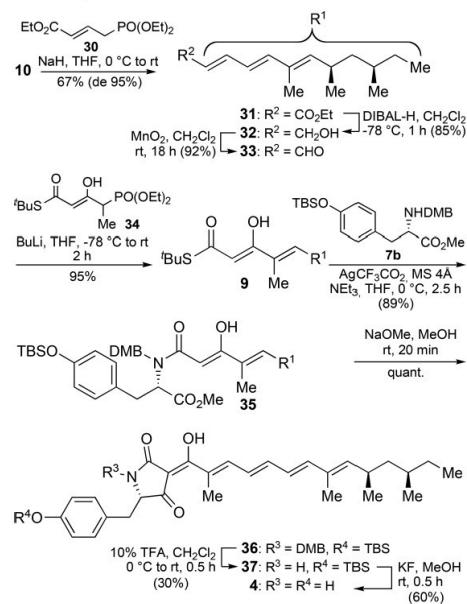


reacted with a Meldrum's acid-derived ylide 26, applying a recent protocol by us,¹³ to give β-ketoester 8. Due to its decomposition on silica gel, the crude mixture of 8, Ph₃PO, and some residual starting material was immediately reacted with either bisprotected methyl L-tyrosinate 7a (R³ = o-nitrobenzyl) or 7b (R³ = 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl). The resulting β-ketoamides 27 were treated with NaOMe in methanol to initiate a Dieckmann cyclization affording the respective bisprotected militarinone C 28 in quantitative yield. Unfortunately, irradiation of 28a, which was previously successfully employed for the cleavage of an oNb group on the nonoligoenoyl tetramic acid F-14329,⁸ failed to give N-unprotected tetramic acid 29. Besides requiring a longer reaction time (4 d vs 1 d), the photolytic deprotection of 28a also led to cis–trans isomerizations of the 3-oligoenoyl side chain. Gratifyingly, deprotection of 28b was readily achieved with 10% TFA in dichloromethane, leaving 29, followed by desilylation to give militarinone C (3) in 62% over two steps after purification by MPLC. Its NMR data are in line with those reported² for the natural product (cf. Supporting Information Table S1), including the visibility of a second, minor tautomer in the NMR spectra. The specific optical rotation of our synthetic sample, [α]_D²⁴ -310 (c 0.30, CH₃OH), differed distinctly from that of the natural isolate with [α]_D²⁵ -430 (c 0.17, CH₃OH). However, because optical rotations of 3-acyltetramic acids are notorious for their volatility depending on many factors including the concentration and even age of the sample solution, they are not suited as proof of purity or identity. Although deviations between optical rotations of otherwise identical compounds have repeatedly been reported in the literature, e.g., lately for

penicillinol A₂¹⁴ and (–)-hymenoseetin,¹⁵ our synthesis of militarinone C supports, yet does not prove, the absolute configuration proposed in the literature for the natural product. An unambiguous proof would, for instance, require a comparison of circular dichroism spectra¹⁵ of natural and synthetic samples (for an ECD spectrum of synthetic militarinone C (3) cf. Supporting Information).

For the synthesis of fumosorinone A (4), aldehyde 10 was submitted to a HWE olefination with phosphonate 30, followed by a DIBAL-H reduction of product ester 31 to alcohol 32 and its oxidation with MnO₂ to aldehyde 33, analogously to Dash et al.¹⁶ (Scheme 4). Another HWE

Scheme 4. Synthesis of Fumosorinone A (4)



olefination with phosphonate 34, according to Loscher et al.,¹⁷ afforded thioester 9 in excellent 95% yield as a 2:3 keto/enol mixture. It was used to acylate aminoester 7b in a surprisingly good yield of 89% according to Ley's silver(I)-mediated aminolysis protocol.¹⁸ The resulting β -ketoamide 35 was cyclized quantitatively under mild conditions to give doubly protected fumosorinone A 36. Due to its acid sensitivity, it had to be deprotected in two steps. Treatment with 10% TFA for only 30 min allowed the isolation of 30% TBS-protected fumosorinone A 37 aside of 30% recovered 36. Desilylation of all accumulated 37 with KF in methanol finally yielded fumosorinone A (4) in 60% after semipreparative HPLC. It proved identical to the natural isolate in terms of NMR spectra (cf. Supporting Information Table S2) and also specific optical rotations ($[\alpha]_D^{24}$ –229 (c 0.20, CH₃OH) for synthetic and $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –207 (c 0.1, CH₃OH) as reported for natural 4).

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, fumosorinone A (4) and militarinone C (3) were each prepared in 18 steps and ca. 2% yield by N-acylating *L*-tyrosine esters with thioesters or 5-enoyl Meldrum's acids carrying the polyene side chains, followed by Dieckmann cyclization of the resulting β -ketoamides. The side chains were

built up from (*S*)-citronellol via an Evans methylation and consecutive Wittig or HWE olefinations. The agreement (good in the case of 4, reasonable for 3) between NMR spectra and optical rotations of our synthetic products and those reported for the natural isolates at least does not rule out the origin of the latter from *L*-tyrosine. Studies of the conversion of compounds 3 and 4 to the respective 2-pyridones by means of radical oxidants are already underway.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Remarks. IR spectra were recorded with an FT-IR spectrophotometer equipped with an ATR unit. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained using a 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million using the residual solvent peak as an internal standard 7.26 ppm (proton) and 77.16 ppm (carbon) for CDCl₃, 3.31 ppm (proton), and 47.60 ppm (carbon) for CD₃OD and 2.50 ppm (proton) and 39.51 ppm (carbon) for DMSO-*d*₆. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in hertz (Hz). Multiplicity abbreviation used: s singlet, d doublet, t triplet, q quartet, m multiplet, br broad. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a UPLC/Orbitrap MS system in ESI mode. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm (Na-D line). Photolysis was performed using a Pro Collect UV tester with 366 nm and 4 W.

Chemicals. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. All anhydrous solvents were used as supplied, except tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, and dichloromethane which were freshly distilled according to standard procedures. Reactions were routinely carried out under an argon atmosphere unless stated otherwise. All glassware was flame-dried before use.

Chromatography. Analytical thin layer chromatography was carried out using Merck silica gel 60GF₂₅₄ precoated aluminum-backed plates and/or Merck 60 RP-18 F_{254S} foil plates. The compounds were visualized with UV light (254 nm and/or 360 nm) and/or ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) and/or potassium permanganate and/or iodine on silica. Flash chromatography was performed at medium pressure using dry-packed Marchery-Nagel silica gel 60, pore size 40–63 μ m, with the eluent specified. Analytical HPLC measurements were performed on a Beckman System Gold Programmable Solvent Module 126 using a Phenomenex Kinetex C-18-HPLC column, length 250 \times 4.6 mm, pore size 100 \AA , particle size 5 μ m. Detection was by a Beckman Instruments Diode Array Detection Module 168. MPLC reversed phase chromatography was performed using a Büchi MPLC system with a "MN Polyproprep 100–50 C 18 end-capped" column, length 460 mm, diameter 49 mm. Detection was by a Büchi UV Photometer C-635. Semipreparative reversed phase HPLC was performed using an Amersham Biosciences ÄKTAbasic10 system with a Phenomenex Gemini-NX Su C18 110A, 250 \times 10.00 mm column. Detection was by an Amersham Biosciences ÄKTA UV-900 module.

Militarinone C (3). A solution of protected tetramic acid 28b (107 mg, 156 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated dropwise with 20% trifluoroacetic acid in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h, sat. aqueous phosphate buffer (pH 7, 50 mL) was added, and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with the same buffer (2 \times 50 mL) and aqueous KHSO₄ (5% wt, 50 mL) and then dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give a mixture of *O*-TBS-protected tetramic acid 29 and militarinone C (3) as a yellow oil (93 mg) that was used in the next step without further purification.

The crude mixture of 29 and 3 was taken up in methanol p.a. (6 mL), a 10 M suspension of KF in methanol p.a. (624 μ L, 6.24 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. A 1 M aqueous HCl (20 mL) solution and brine (50 mL) were added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 \times 125 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow oil which was purified by MPLC on an RP-18 column, eluting with 75% methanol in H₂O (with 0.1% formic acid) to 95% methanol in 10 min with a flow rate of 240 mL/min. The

product-containing fractions were collected, the methanol was removed in vacuo, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2×100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with 1 M aqueous HCl (20 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give militarinone C (3) as an orange-yellow solid foam (40.9 mg, 62% over two steps); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -310 (c 0.30, MeOH) (lit.² $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -430.2 (c 0.17, MeOH)); IR ν_{max} 3284, 2959, 2923, 1587, 1551, 1515, 1463, 1429, 1373, 1226, 1172, 1105, 1031, 1000, 895, 868, 822, 733, 626 cm^{-1} ; for NMR data cf. Supporting Information Table S1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_4^+$ 424.2482, found 424.2477.

Fumosorinone A (4). A solution of tetramic acid 36 (72 mg, 99 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (36 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated dropwise with 20% trifluoroacetic acid in CH_2Cl_2 (36 mL), and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 min. Saturated aqueous phosphate buffer (pH 7, 100 mL) was added at 0°C , the phases were separated, and the organic phase was washed with the same buffer (2×100 mL) and 1 M aqueous HCl (50 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to afford an orange-yellow oil. It was purified by flash chromatography on RP-18 silica gel, eluting with 95% acetonitrile in H_2O to give *O*-TBS-protected tetramic acid 37 (16 mg, 30%) and residual starting material 36 (22 mg, 30%); $R_f = 0.36$ (8% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2). A solution of 37 (16 mg, 28 μmol) in MeOH (1.8 mL) was treated with a 10 M suspension of potassium fluoride in MeOH (199 μL , 1.99 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 min. Saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (20 mL) and 1 M aqueous HCl (10 mL) were added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2×50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in vacuo to leave an orange-red oil which was filtered over Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) to afford an orange-red oil upon evaporation. The oil was further purified by semipreparative HPLC (AKTA system, flow rate: 5 mL/min on a Phenomenex Gemini-NX Su C18 110A, 250×10.00 mm column, one column volume (CV) at 70% MeCN in H_2O (with 0.1% formic acid), then three CV at 90% MeCN, $t_{\text{ret}} = 11.7$ – 12.6 min, $\text{UV}_{\text{det}} = 414$ nm) to give fumosorinone A (4) as a bright orange-yellow oil (7.7 mg, 60%); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -229 (c 0.20, MeOH) (lit.⁵ $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -207 (c 0.1, MeOH)); IR ν_{max} 3310, 2960, 2925, 1650, 1591, 1516, 1442, 1261, 1171, 988, 812, 620 cm^{-1} ; for NMR data cf. Supporting Information Table S2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}_4^+$ 464.2795, found 464.2785.

Methyl (S)-3-(4-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)phenyl)-2-((2-nitrobenzyl)amino)propanoate (7a). A solution of *L*-tyrosine methyl ester hydrochloride (1.16 g, 5.00 mmol) in 3% acetic acid in methanol (100 mL) was treated with *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde (1.51 g, 10.00 mmol) and MS 3 Å (100 mg), and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. NaBH_3CN (781 mg, 12.50 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued for 2 h. The molecular sieves were filtered off, and the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO_3 (300 mL). Ethyl acetate (300 mL) was added, the phases were separated, and the organic phase was washed with brine (200 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellowish oil that was adsorbed on silica gel (wt ratio oil/silica 1:10) and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 1% MeOH in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \Rightarrow 1.5\%$ MeOH $\Rightarrow 2\%$ MeOH) to give *o*Nb-*L*-Tyr-OMe as a yellow oil (1.145 g, 69%); $R_f = 0.30$ (4% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ $+33.6$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 3324, 2953, 1732, 1613, 1596, 1578, 1516, 1444, 1344, 1206, 1173, 1107, 991, 829, 789, 731, 702, 666, 556 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.90 (dd, $J = 1.1, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, $J = 1.1, 7.2, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 1.5, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, $J = 1.5, 7.2, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 6.1, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 6.1, 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 7.3, 13.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.0, 155.0, 149.0, 134.9, 133.3, 131.2, 130.4, 128.5, 128.2, 124.9, 115.5, 62.6, 52.0, 49.2, 38.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5^+$ 331.1288, found 331.1284.

A solution of *o*Nb-*L*-Tyr-OMe (610 mg, 1.85 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 p.a. (19 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with imidazole (378 mg, 5.55 mmol) and TBSCl (613 mg, 4.07 mmol). The resulting mixture was

stirred for 19 h while reaching room temperature. The mixture was filtered, the filtrate was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), the organic phase was washed with sat. aqueous NH_4Cl (100 mL), and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (150 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow oil that was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 12% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford 7a as a yellow oil (746 mg, 91%); $R_f = 0.74$ (hexane/EtOAc 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ $+26.8$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2954, 2931, 2858, 1737, 1609, 1580, 1527, 1510, 1471, 1444, 1346, 1255, 1200, 1170, 1131, 1105, 1007, 914, 840, 782, 729, 691, 668 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 6.4, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 6.4, 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 7.3, 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (br. s, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 174.9, 154.6, 149.1, 135.3, 133.2, 130.9, 130.3, 129.8, 128.0, 124.8, 120.1, 62.7, 51.9, 49.1, 39.1, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3 ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Si}^+$ 445.2153, found 445.2137.

Methyl (S)-3-(4-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)phenyl)-2-((2,4-dimethoxybenzyl)amino)propanoate (7b). According to a modified literature procedure,¹⁹ a suspension of *L*-tyrosine methyl ester hydrochloride (580 mg, 2.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL) was treated with imidazole (510 mg, 15.00 mmol) and TBSCl (452 mg, 6.00 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 19 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (50 mL) was added, and the jellylike mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×75 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H_2O (50 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give an oil that was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 90% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford *L*-Tyr(OTBS)-OMe as a clear oil (479 mg, 77%); $R_f = 0.24$ (hexane/EtOAc 1:4); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ $+10.0$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2954, 2931, 2893, 2858, 1739, 1609, 1509, 1475, 1464, 1438, 1252, 1195, 1169, 1109, 1102, 1008, 911, 837, 802, 779, 688 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 5.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 5.2, 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J = 7.6, 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.45 (br. s., 2H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.7, 154.7, 130.3, 129.9, 120.3, 56.1, 52.1, 40.5, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3 .

A solution of *L*-Tyr(OTBS)-OMe (881 mg, 2.85 mmol) in 3% acetic acid in methanol (10 mL) was treated with 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (450 mg, 2.71 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ (804 mg, 3.79 mmol) was added, stirring continued for 1.5 h, and the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO_3 (50 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×75 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with brine (75 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give an oil that was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 15% EtOAc with 0.5% NEt_3 in hexane \Rightarrow 30% EtOAc with 0.5% NEt_3) to leave 7b as a clear oil (870 mg, 71%); $R_f = 0.68$ (hexane/EtOAc 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ $+1.98$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2952, 2931, 2858, 1735, 1611, 1589, 1508, 1463, 1438, 1418, 1278, 1250, 1207, 1156, 1132, 1104, 1036, 911, 835, 797, 779, 688, 634 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.02 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.36–6.40 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 6.7, 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, $J = 7.6, 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.87–2.05 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 175.2, 160.2, 158.7, 154.5, 130.5, 130.21, 130.17, 120.2, 120.1, 103.7, 98.5, 62.4, 55.5, 55.3, 51.7, 47.3, 39.1, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3 .

(S)-tert-Butyl (2Z,4E,6E,8E,10E,12R,14R)-3-Hydroxy-4,10,12,14-tetramethylhexadeca-2,4,6,8,10-pentaenethioate (9). Following a general literature protocol,¹⁷ thioester 9 (236 mg, 95%) was prepared from phosphonate 34 (289 mg, 889 μmol) and aldehyde 33 (140 mg, 635 μmol) as an orange-yellow oil and as a 2:3 keto/enol mixture; $R_f = 0.86$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -43.2 (c 0.50, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2960, 2923, 2871, 1688, 1651, 1614, 1586, 1456, 1376, 1364, 1311, 1250, 1163, 1100, 1062, 986, 907, 859, 797, 769, 652 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 12.96 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H),

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Supporting Information
Synthesis of the Entomopathogenic Fungus Metabolites
Militarinone C and Fumosorinone A

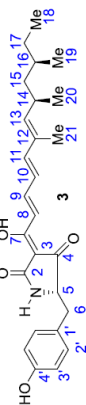
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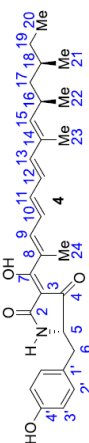
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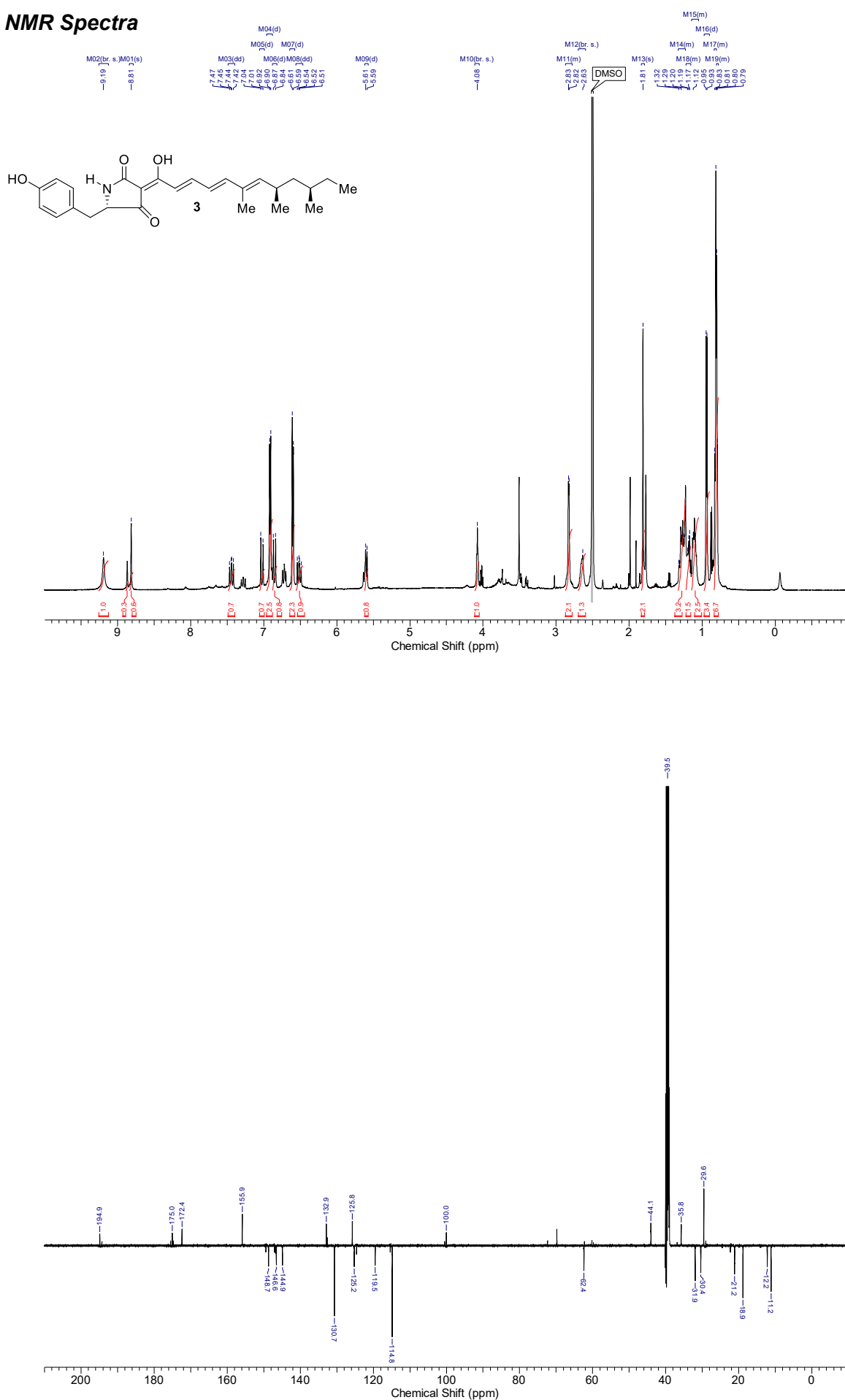
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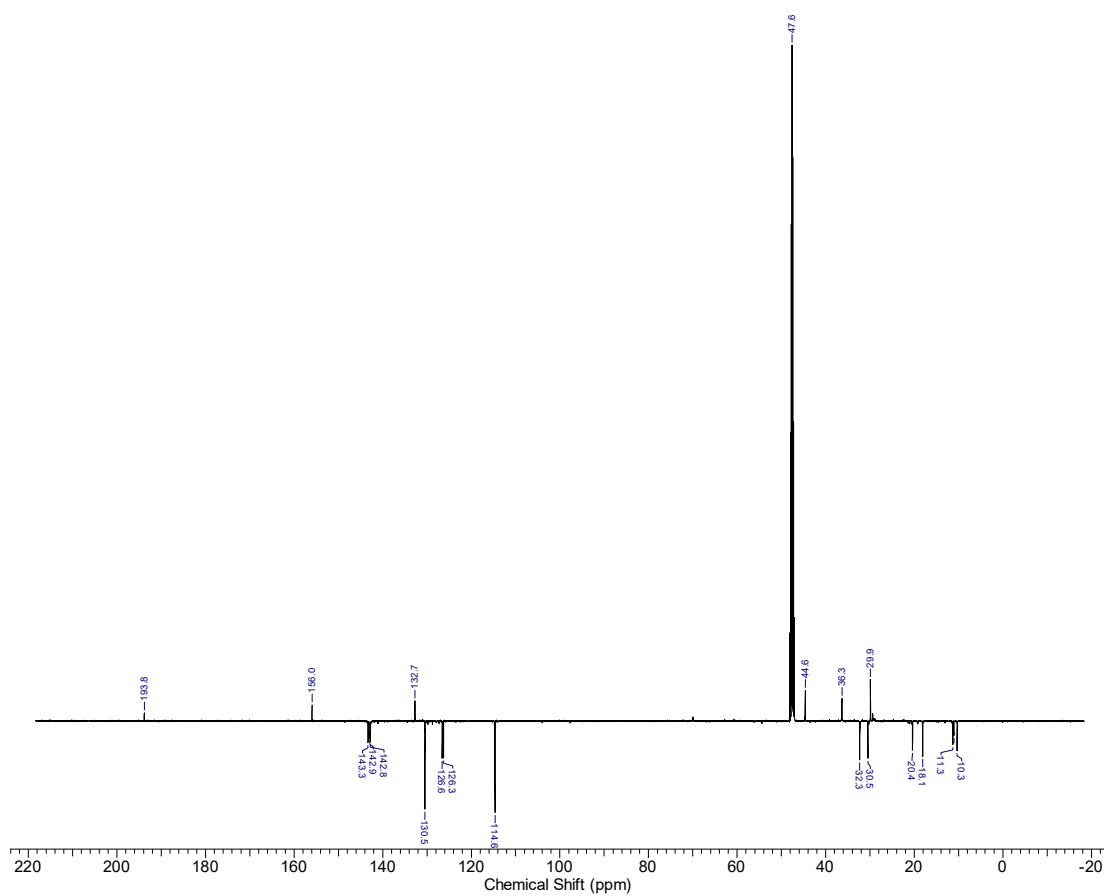
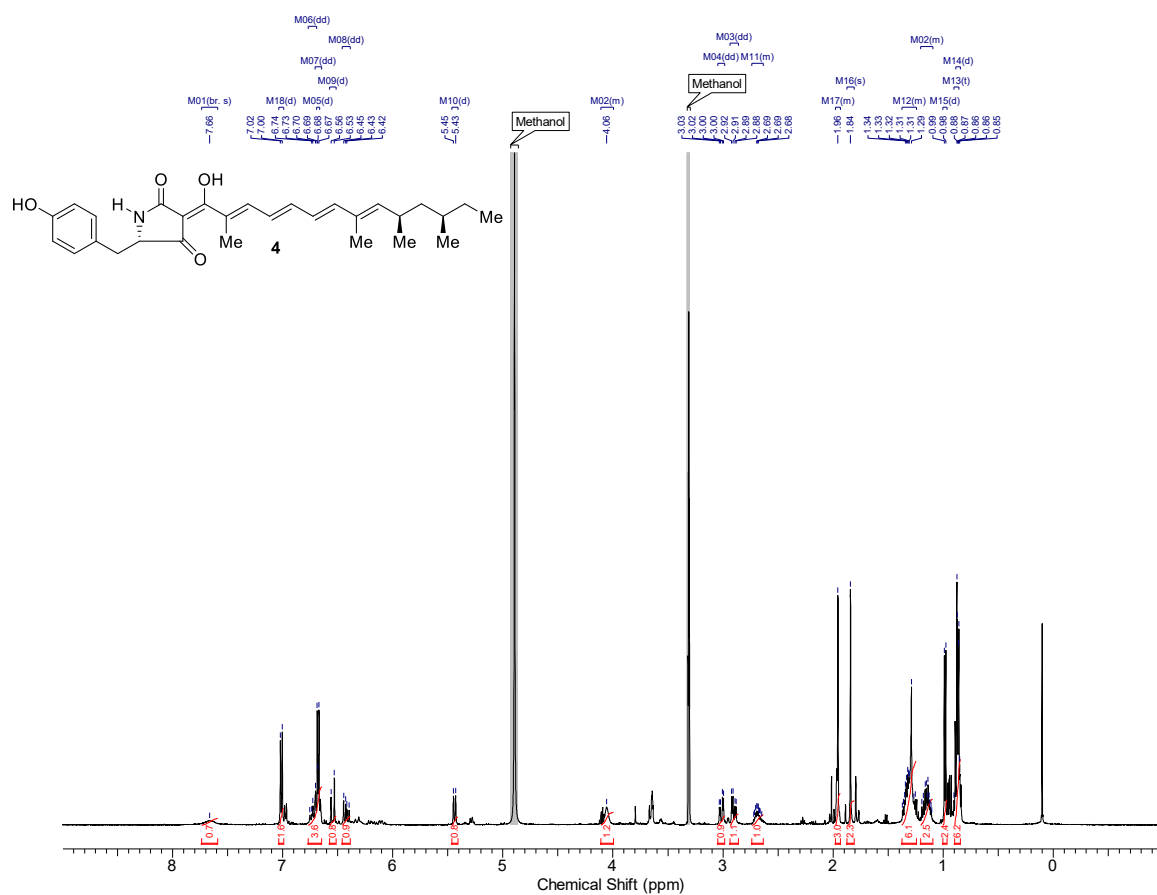
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1-NH		8.75 (br. s)		8.81 (br. s)
2	175.0		175.0	
3	~100		100.0	
4	194.7		194.8	
5	62.2	4.05 (br. s)	62.3	4.08 (br. s)
6	35.8	2.82 (m)	35.8	2.83 (m)
7	172.5		172.4	
8	119.5	7.05 (br. s)	119.5	7.02 (d, 15.0)
9	144.5	7.42 (dd, 15.0, 11.4)	144.9	7.44 (dd, 15.0, 11.4)
10	125.1	6.48 (dd, 15.1, 11.4)	125.2	6.52 (dd, 15.1, 11.4)
11	148.4	6.82 (d, 15.1)	148.7	6.85 (d, 15.1)
12	132.7		132.9	
13	146.3	5.58 (d, 9.7)	146.6	5.60 (d, 9.7)
14	30.3	2.63 (m)	30.4	2.63 (m)
15a	44.0	1.11 (m)	44.1	1.11 (m)
15b		1.27 (m)		1.29 (m)
16	31.9	1.20 (m)	31.9	1.19 (m)
17a	29.5	1.11 (m)	29.6	1.11 (m)
17b		1.27 (m)		1.29 (m)
18	11.1	0.81 (m)	11.2	0.82 (m)
19	18.8	0.79 (m)	18.9	0.80 (m)
20	21.1	0.94 (d, 6.5)	21.1	0.94 (d, 6.5)
21	12.1	1.80 (br. s)	12.2	1.81 (br. s)
1'	125.9		125.8	
2'	130.5	6.91 (d, 8.4)	130.7	6.91 (d, 8.4)
3'	114.8	6.60 (d, 8.4)	114.8	6.60 (d, 8.4)
4'	155.8		155.9	
4'-OH		9.15 (s)		9.19 (br. s)

Table S2. Comparison of isolated² and synthetic fumosorinone A (**4**). ¹³C NMR shifts and ¹H NMR shifts and multiplet analysis.

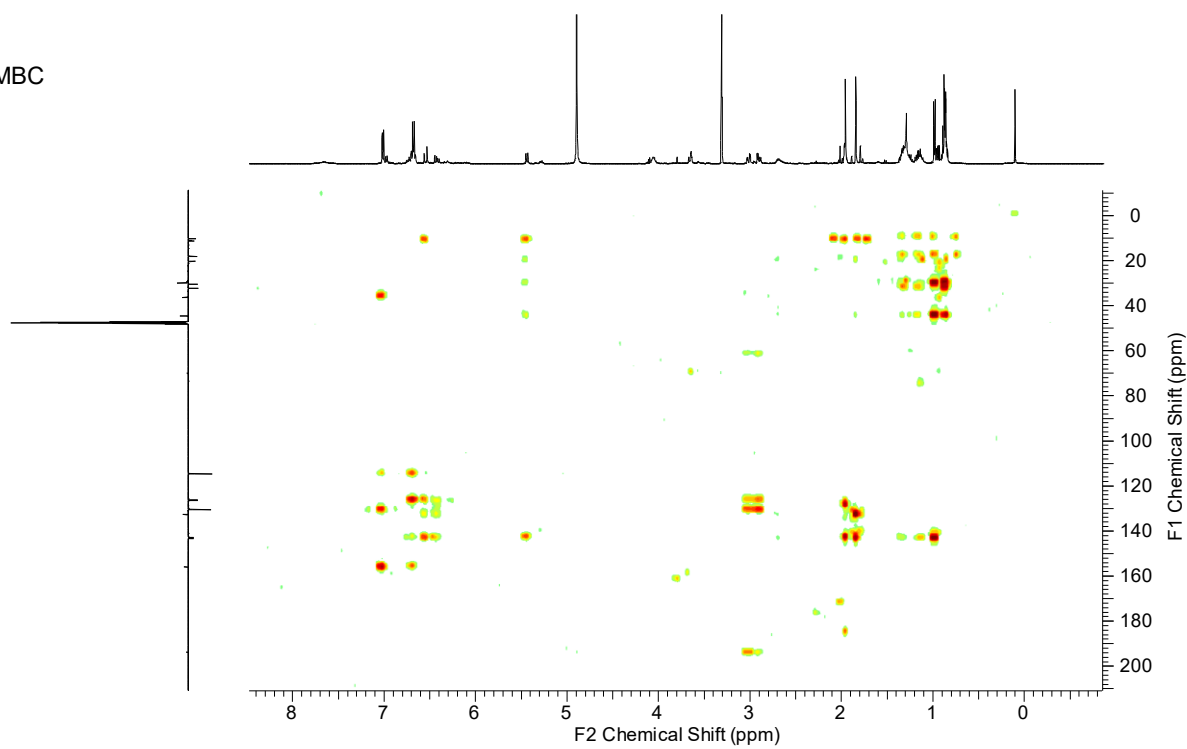
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2	174.8		not detected	
3	99.7		not detected	
4	194.1		193.8 (Jmod)	
5	61.6	4.05 (t, 4.8)	61.6 (HSQC)	4.06 (m)
6a	36.5	2.89 (dd, 14.1, 6.1)	36.3 (Jmod)	2.90 (dd, 14.1, 6.1)
6b		3.03 (dd, 14.1, 4.1)		3.01 (dd, 14.1, 4.1)
7	185.0		184.4 (HMBC)	
8	128.5		128.1 (HMBC)	
9	142.7	7.67 (d, 9.5)	142.8 (Jmod)	7.66 (br. s)
10	126.4	6.70 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)	126.6 (Jmod)	6.68 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)
11	142.8	6.70 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)	142.9 (Jmod)	6.73 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)
12	126.2	6.42 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)	126.2 (Jmod)	6.42 (dd, 15.2, 9.5)
13	142.8	6.54 (d, 15.2)	142.9 (Jmod)	6.55 (d, 15.2)
14	132.7		132.7 (Jmod)	
15	143.3	5.45 (d, 9.8)	143.3 (Jmod)	5.44 (d, 9.8)
16	30.5	2.68 (m)	30.5 (Jmod)	2.69 (m)
17a	44.6	1.16 (m)	44.6 (Jmod)	1.14 (m)
17b		1.34 (m)		1.32 (m)
18	32.3	1.34 (m)	32.3 (Jmod)	1.32 (m)
19a	29.8	1.16 (m)	29.9 (Jmod)	1.14 (m)
19b		1.34 (m)		1.32 (m)
20	10.3	0.88 (t, 7.4)	10.3 (Jmod)	0.88 (t, 7.4)
21	18.2	0.88 (d, 6.9)	18.1 (Jmod)	0.88 (d, 6.7)
22	20.4	0.98 (d, 6.6)	20.4 (Jmod)	0.98 (d, 6.6)
23	11.4	1.84 (s)	11.3 (Jmod)	1.84 (s)
24	11.2	1.95 (s)	11.1 (Jmod)	1.96 (s)
1'	126.4		126.1 (HMBC)	
2'	130.4	7.03 (d, 8.2)	130.5 (Jmod)	7.01 (d, 8.2)
3'	114.7	6.71 (d, 8.2)	114.6 (Jmod)	6.68 (d, 8.2)
4'	155.9		156.0 (Jmod)	

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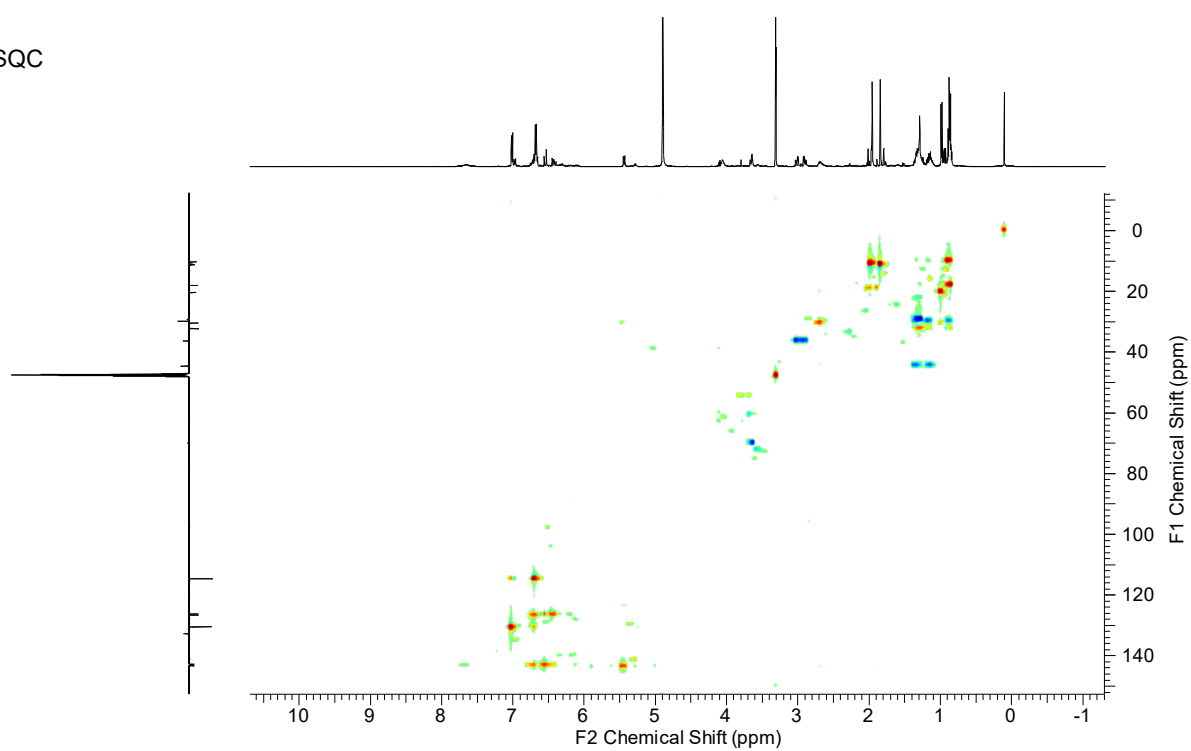


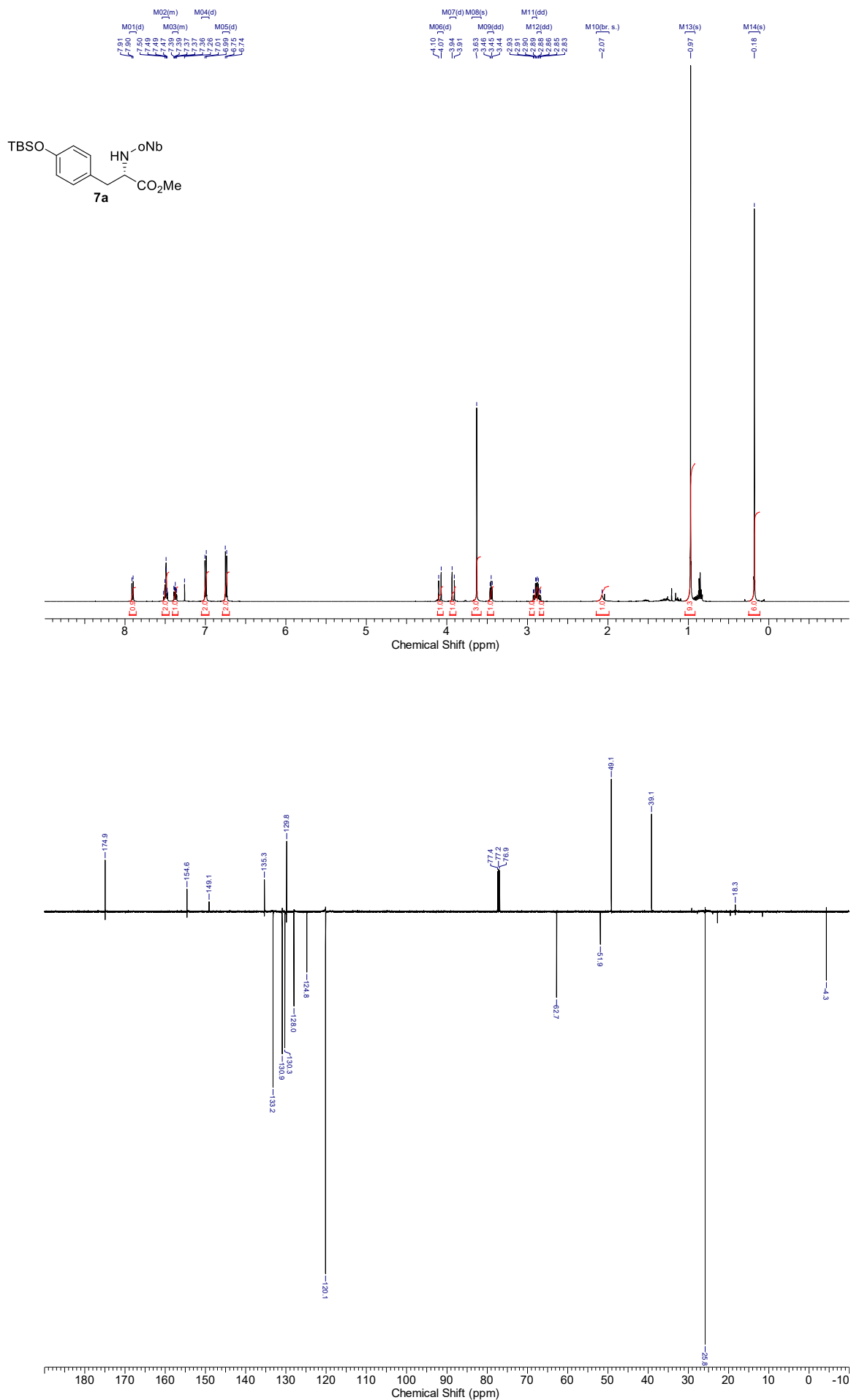


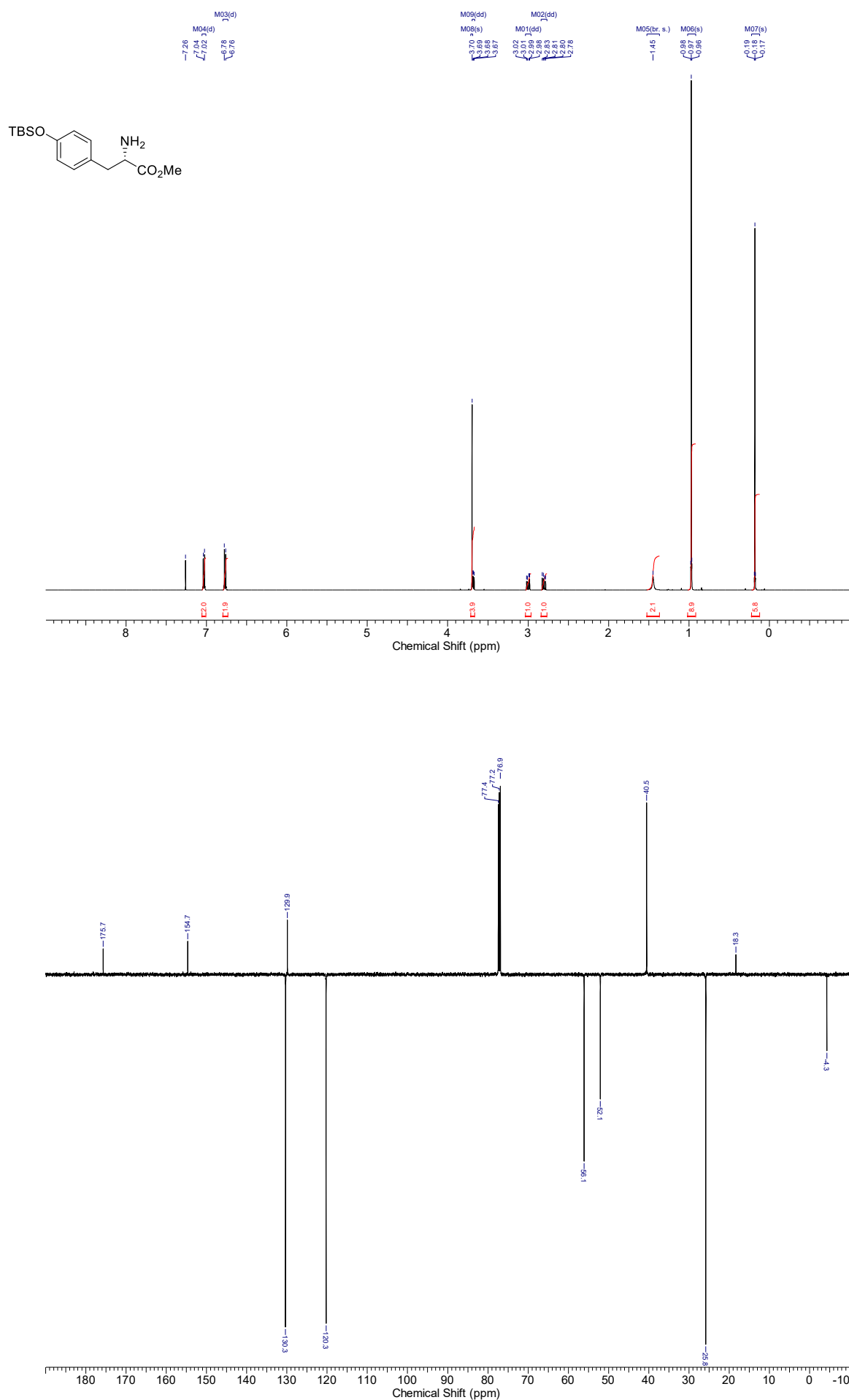
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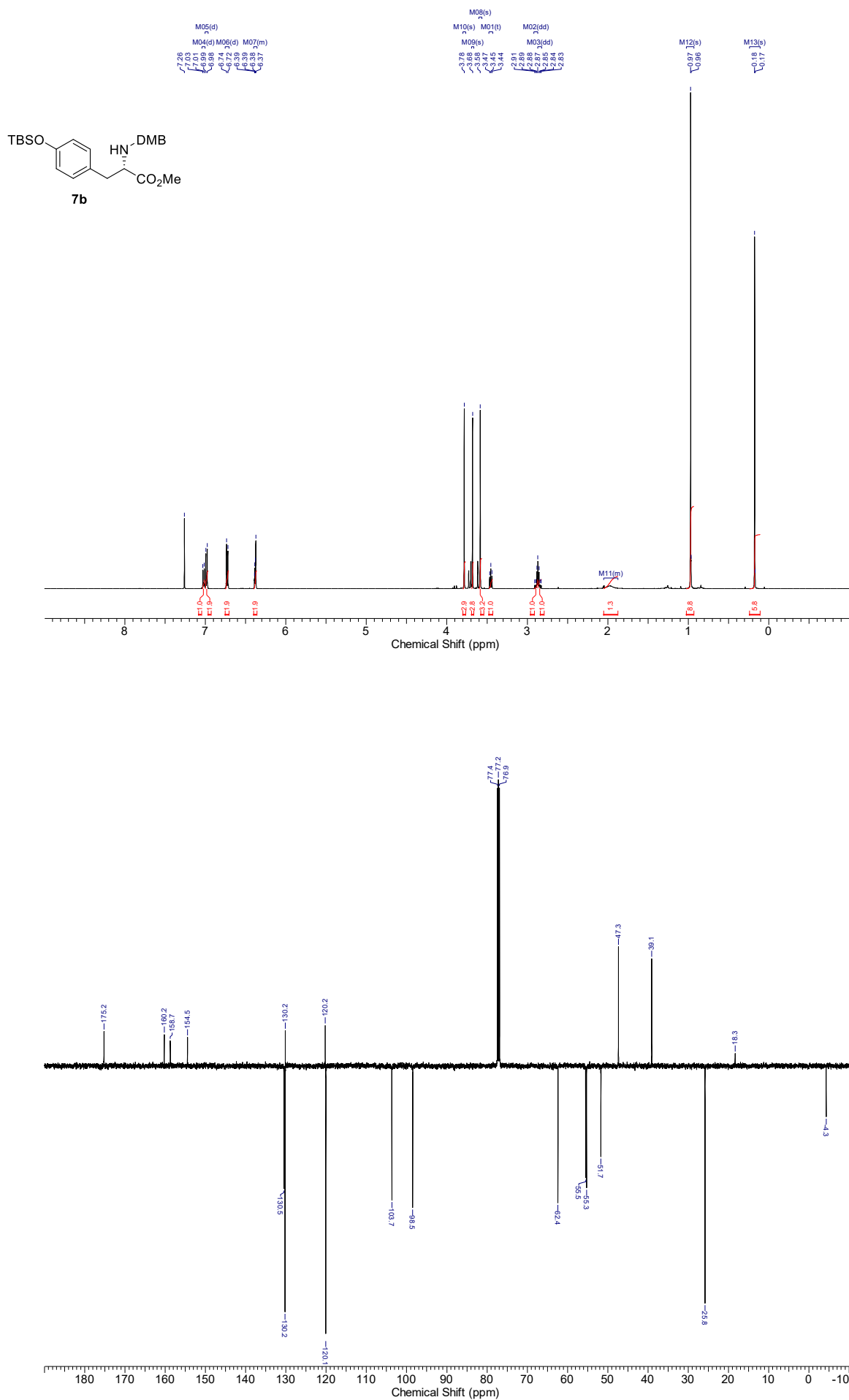


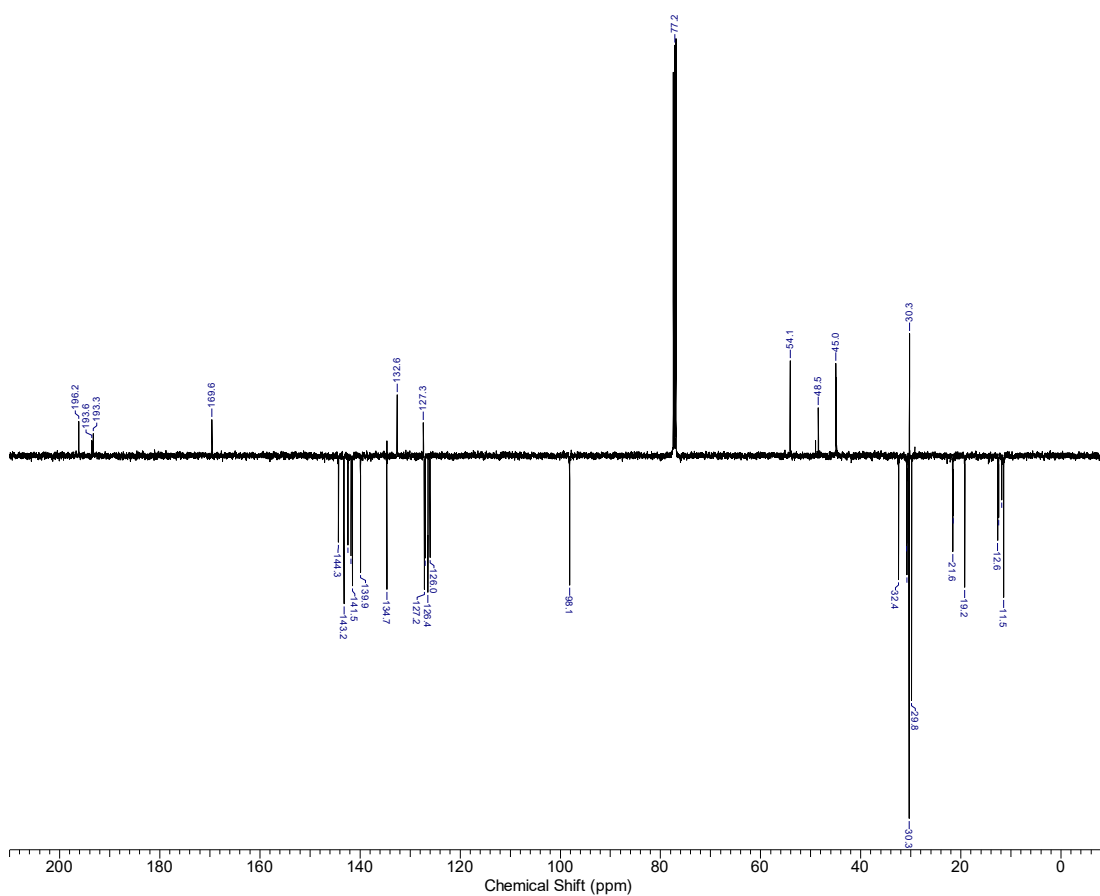
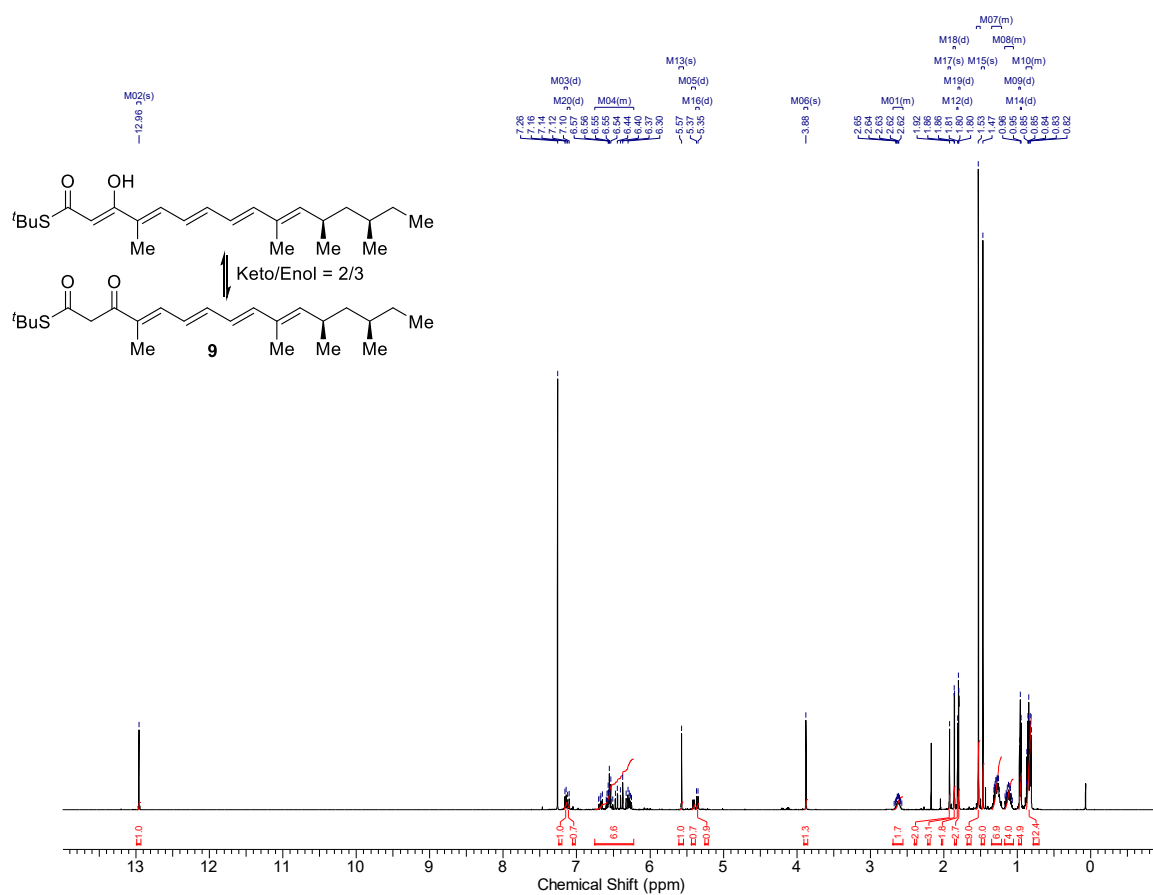
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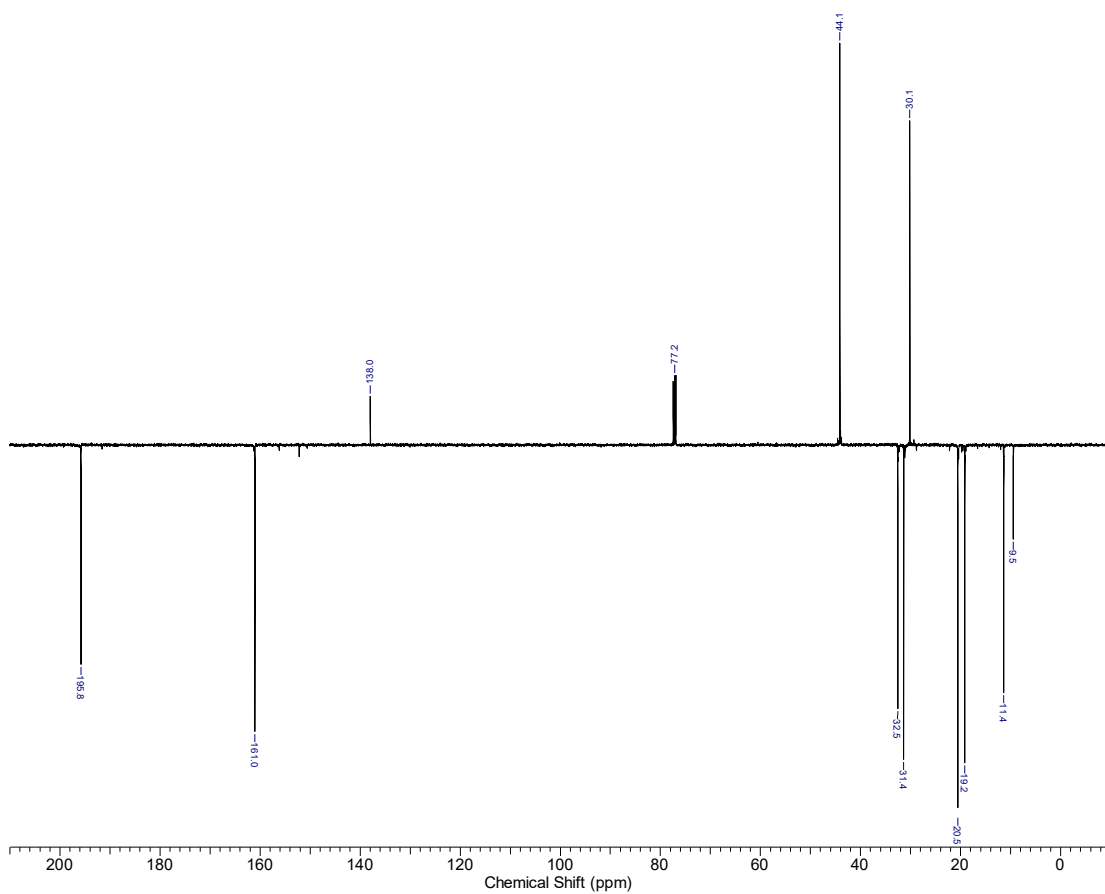
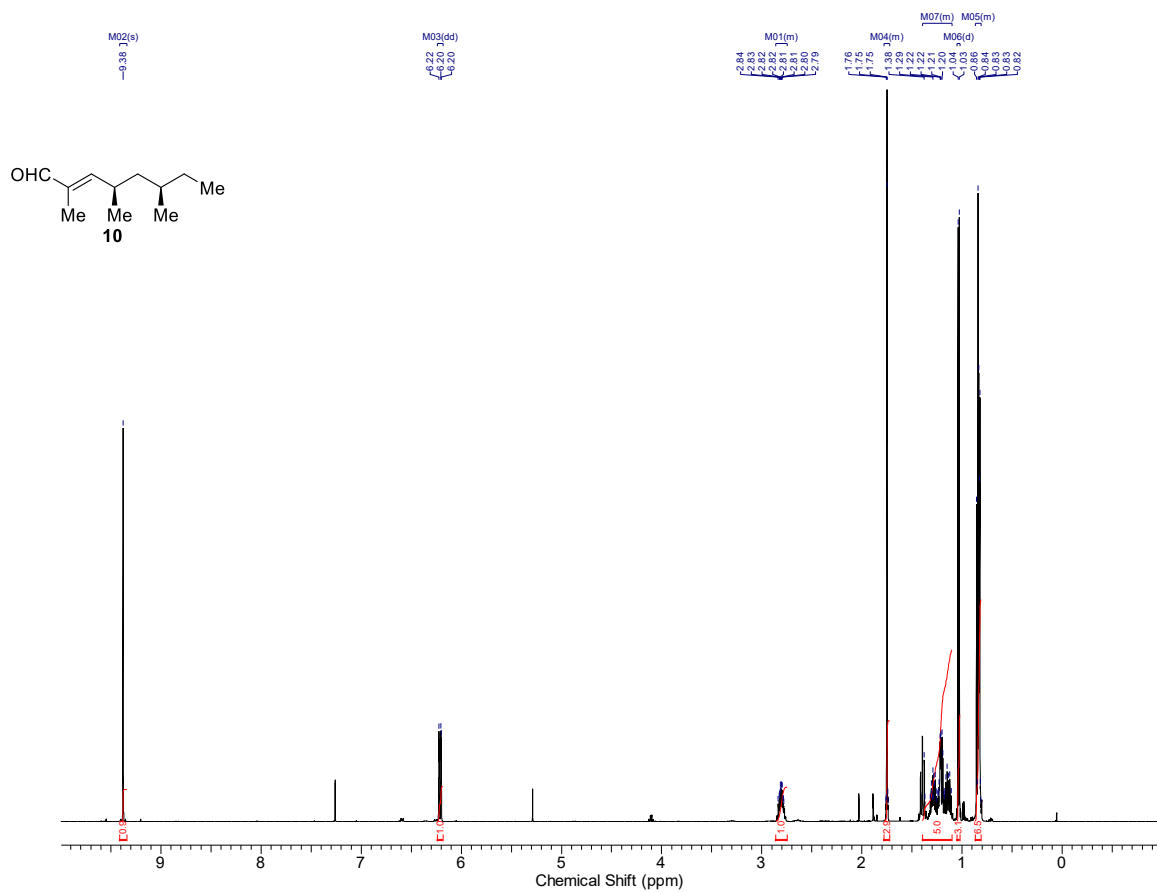


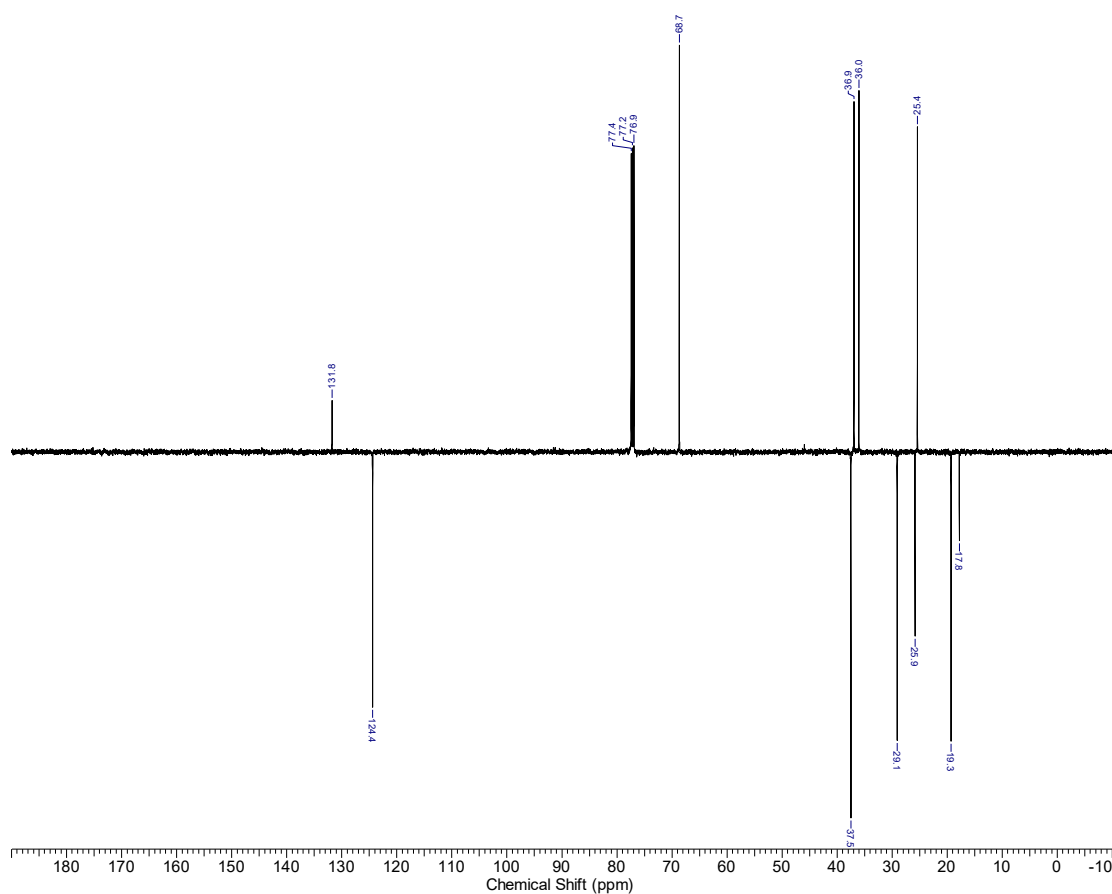
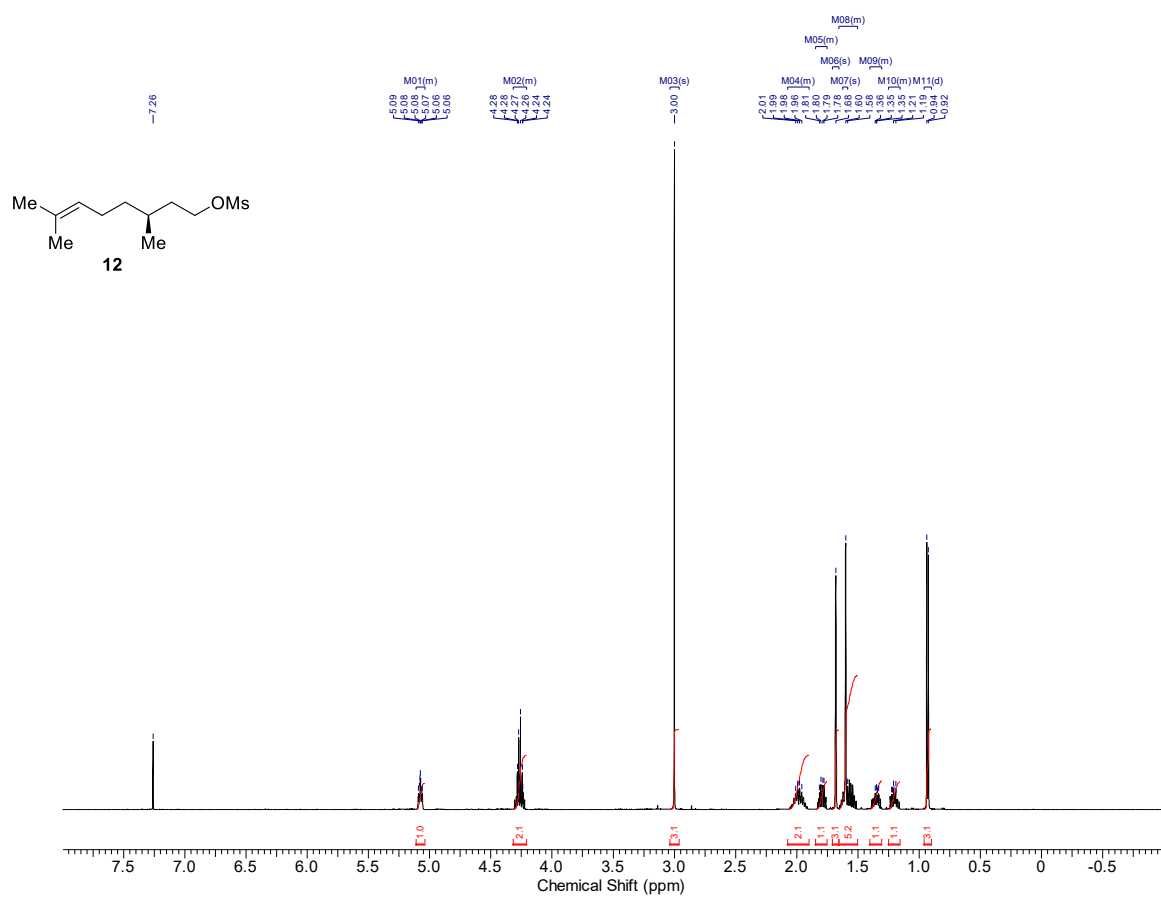


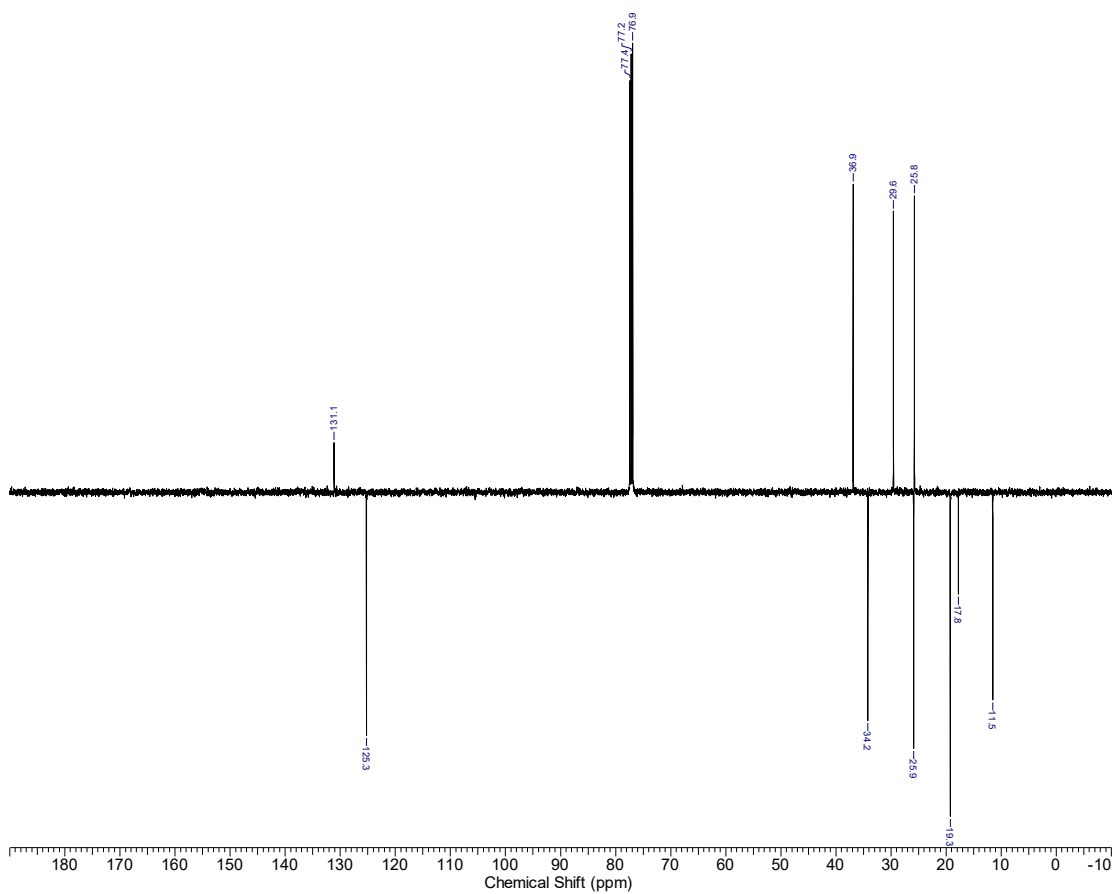
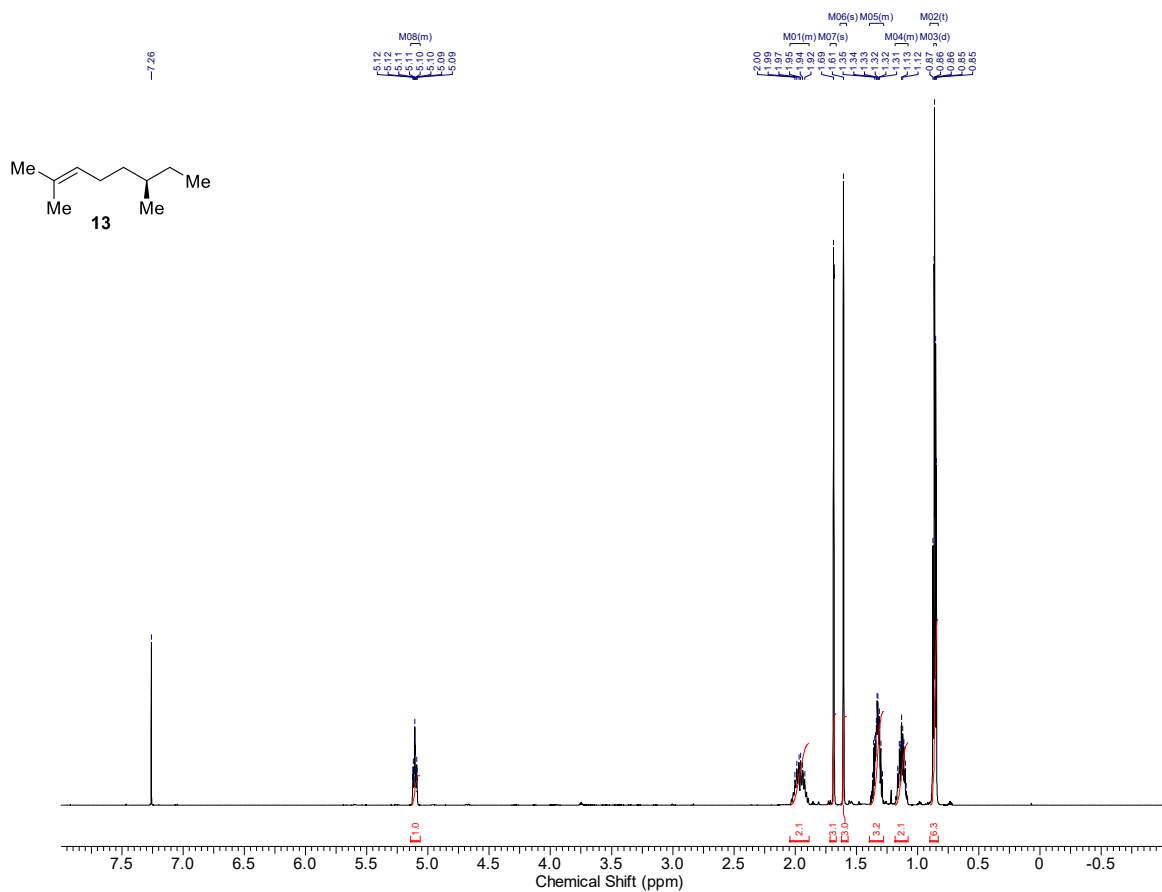


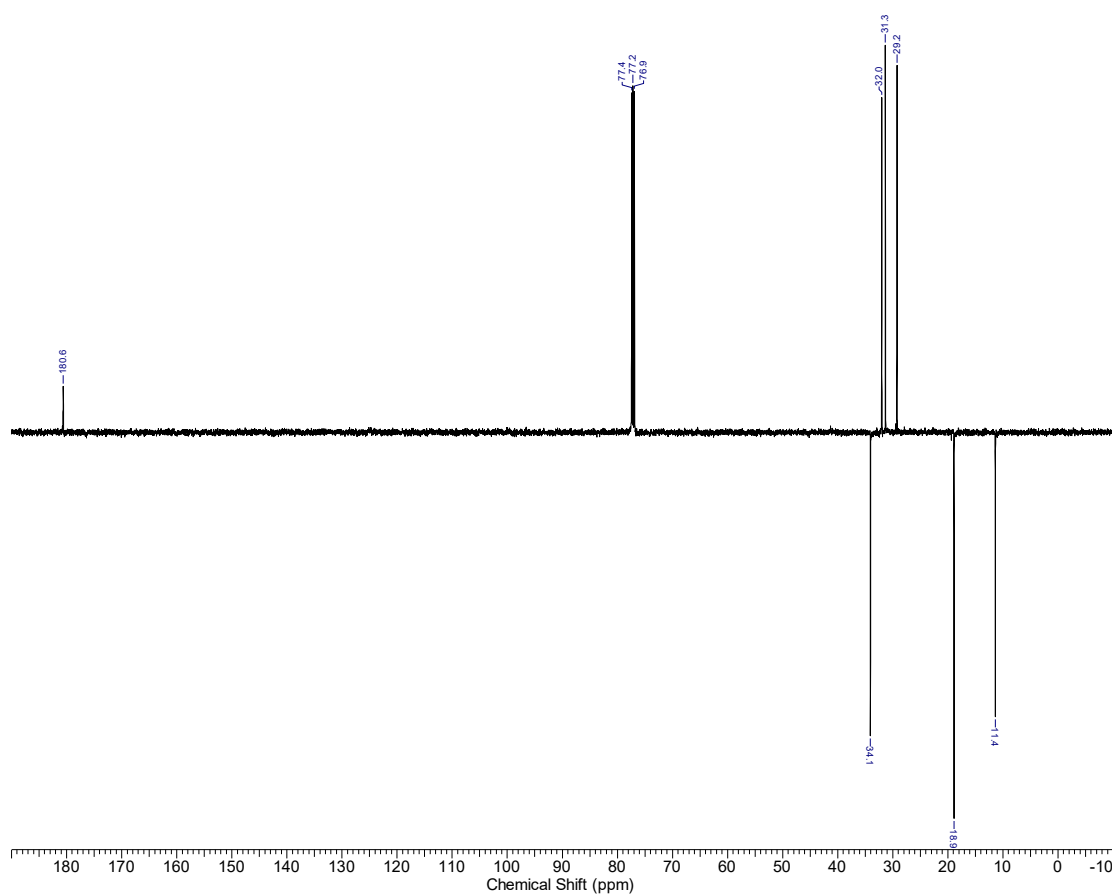
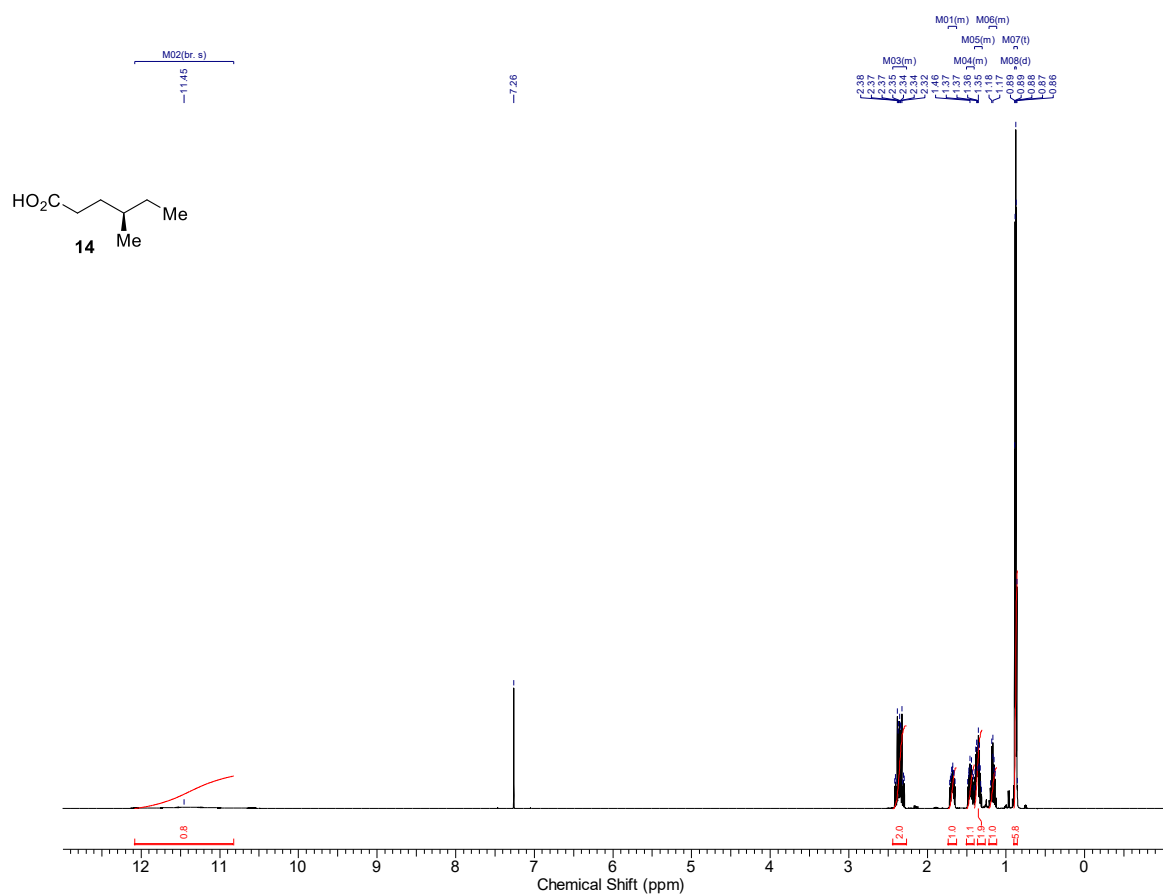


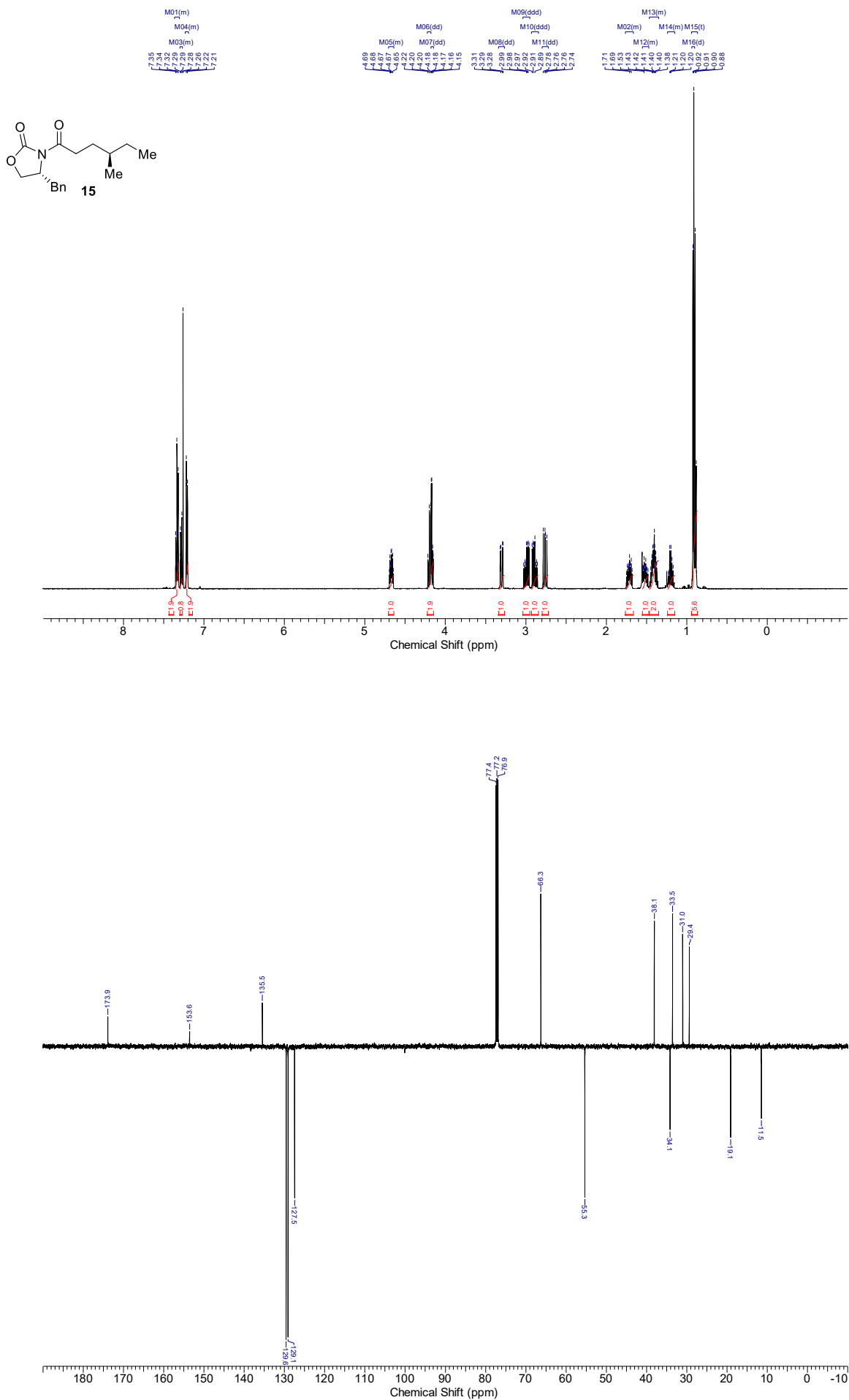


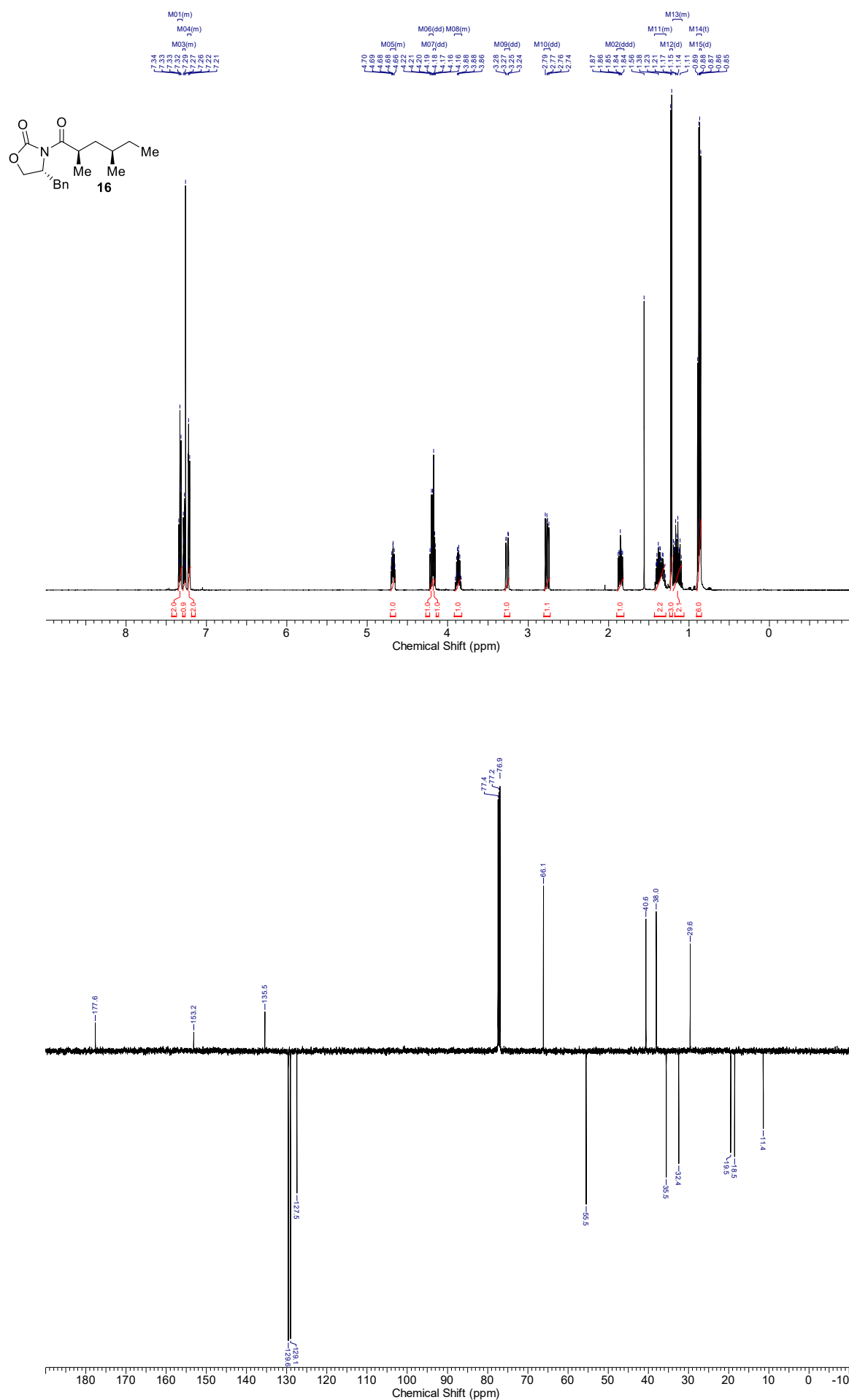


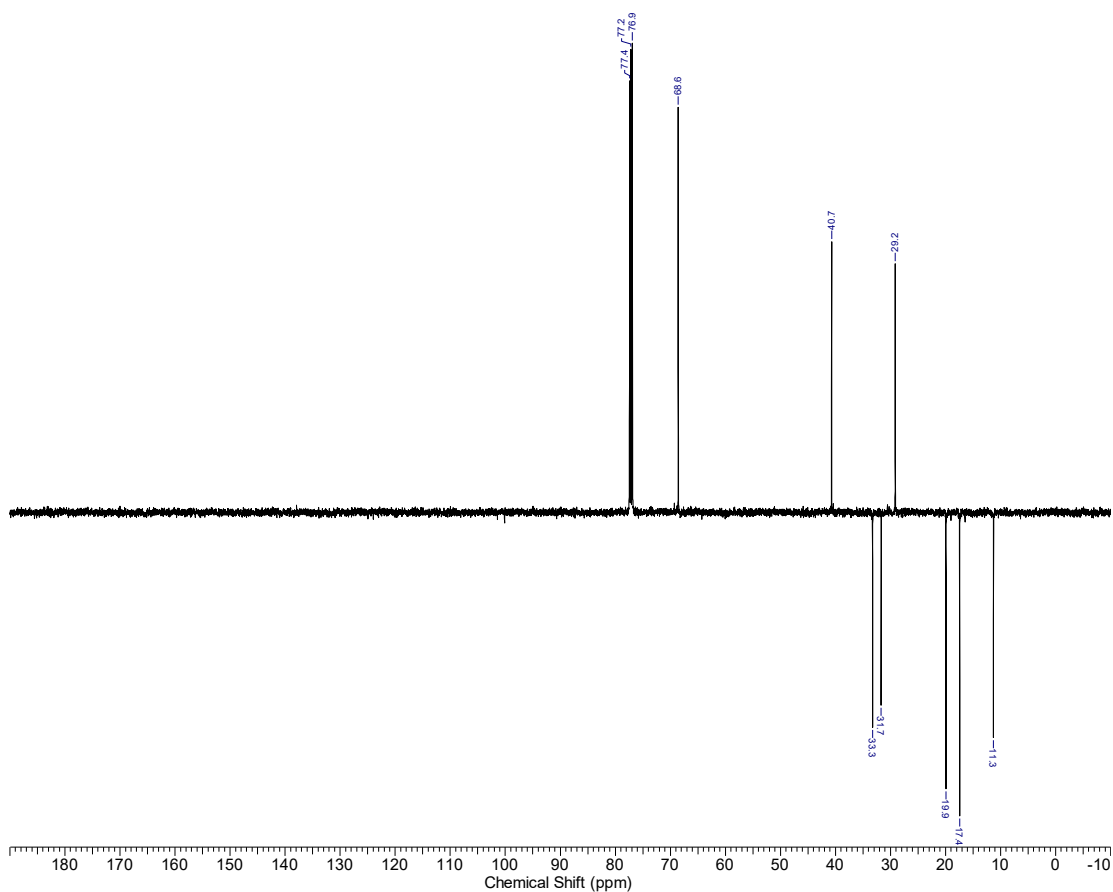
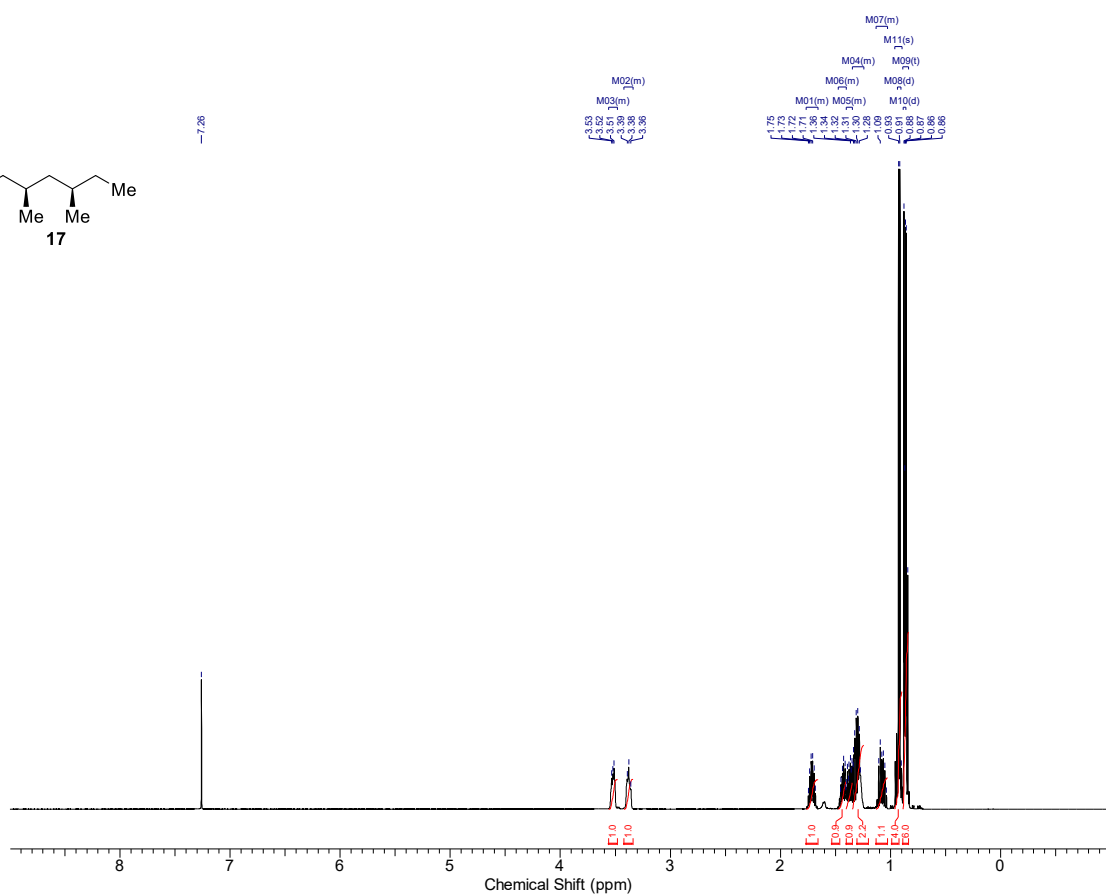
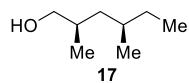


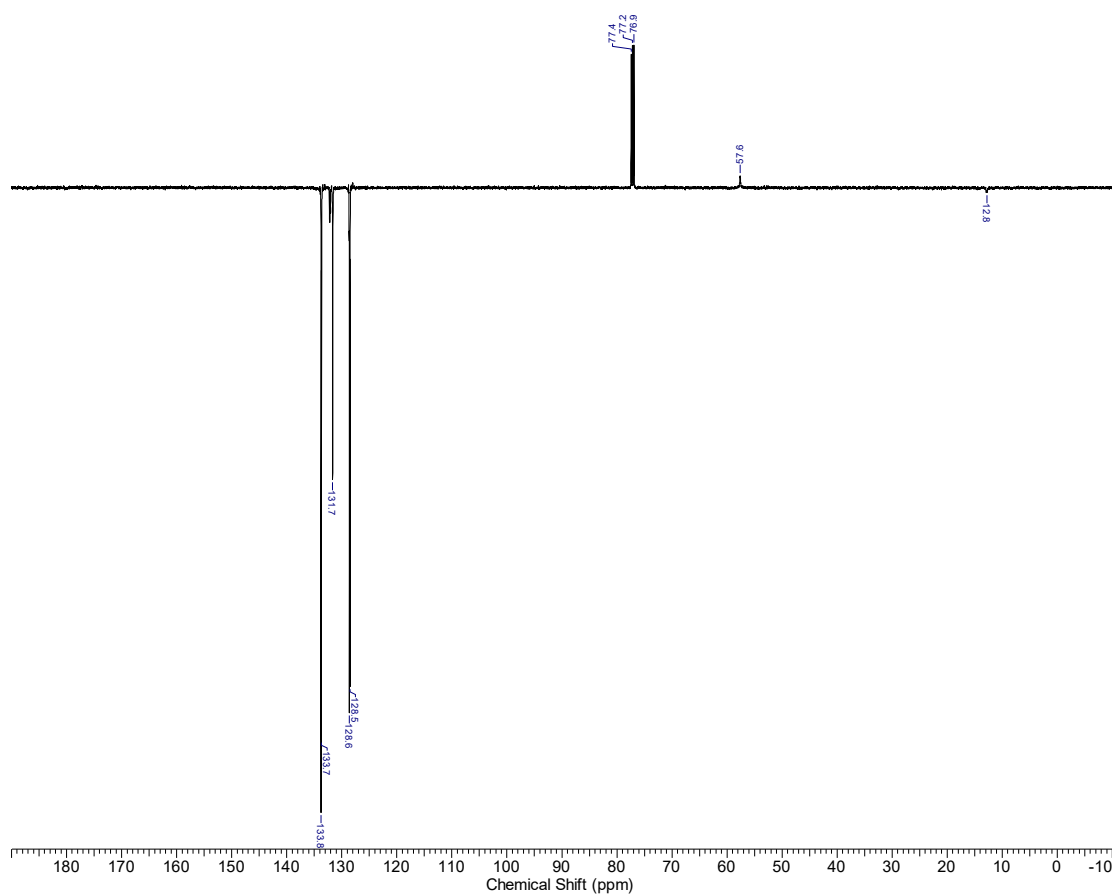
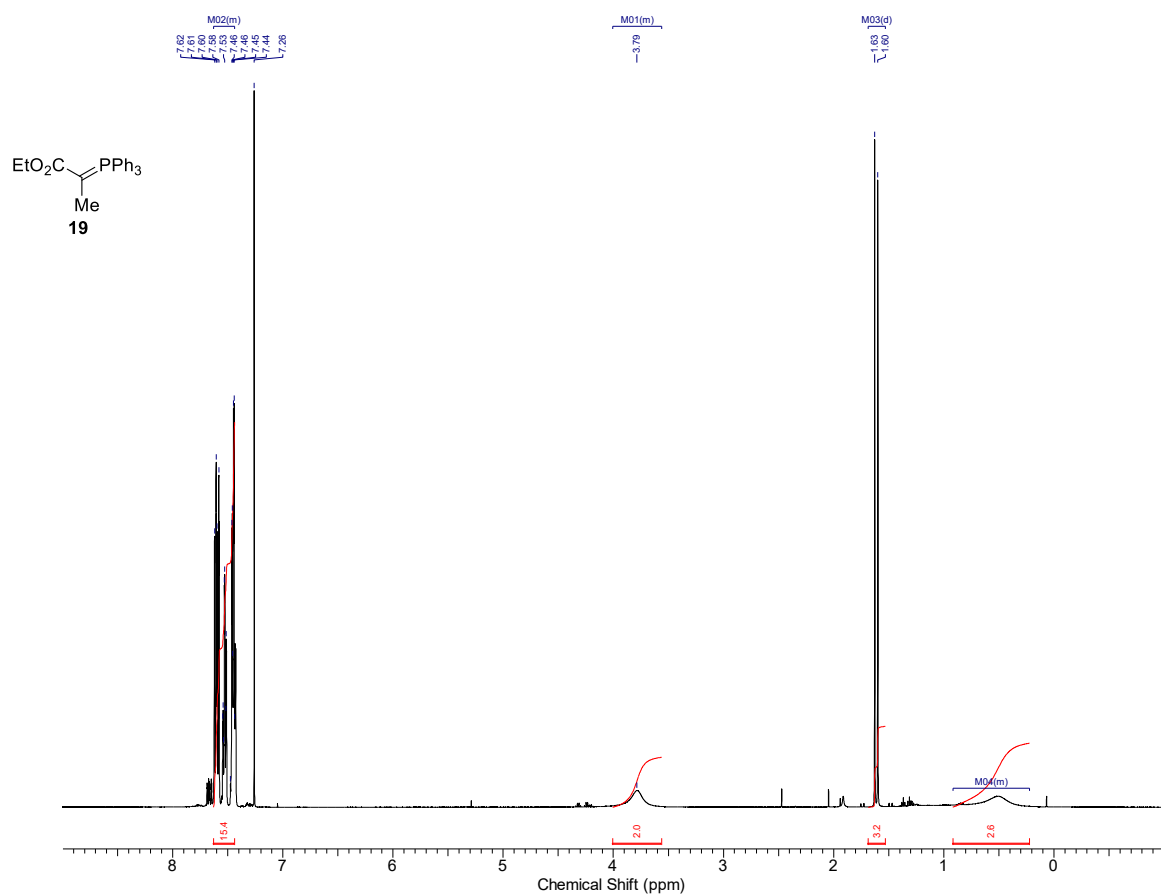


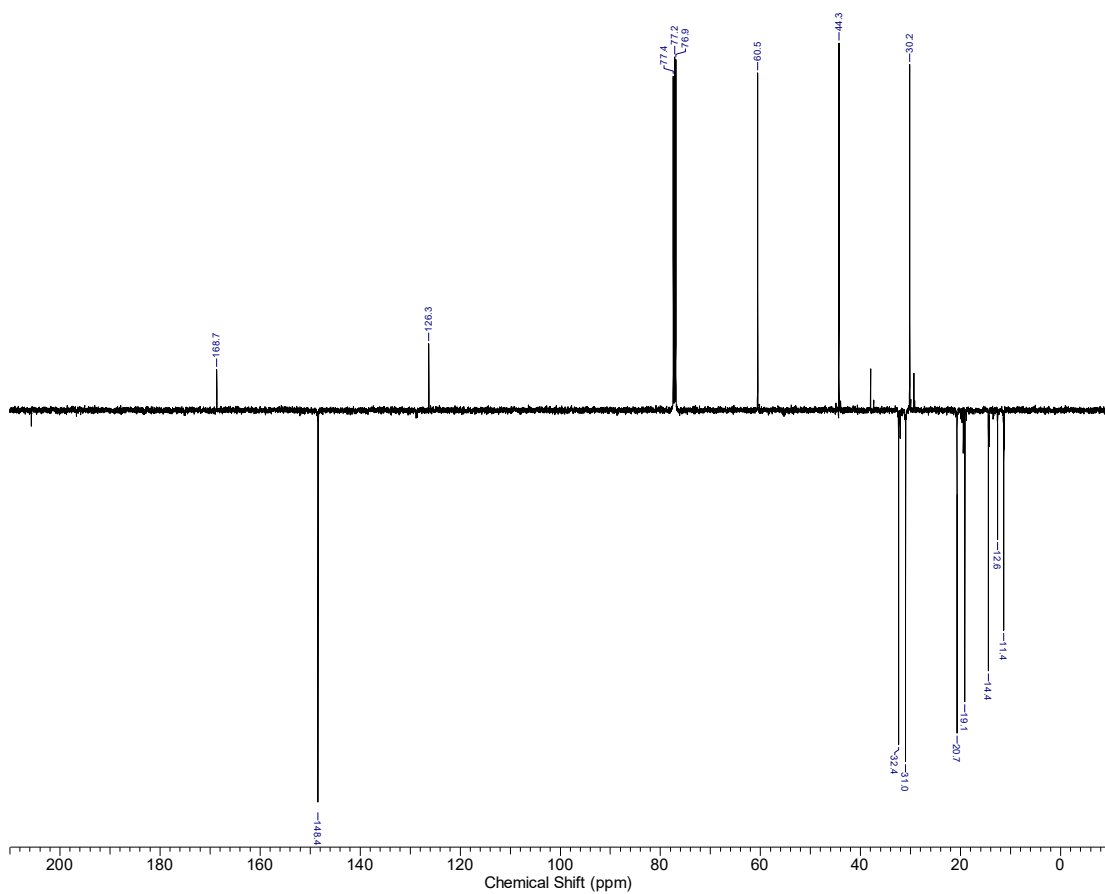
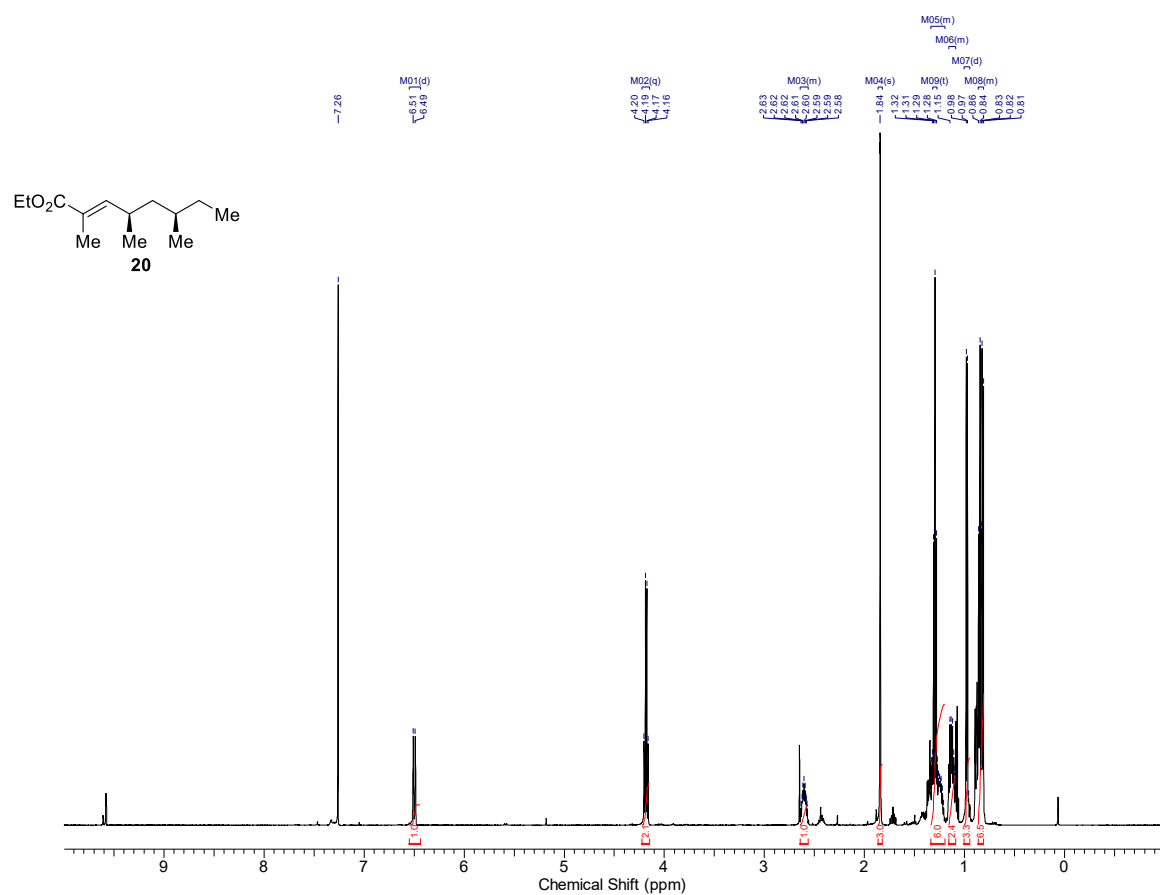


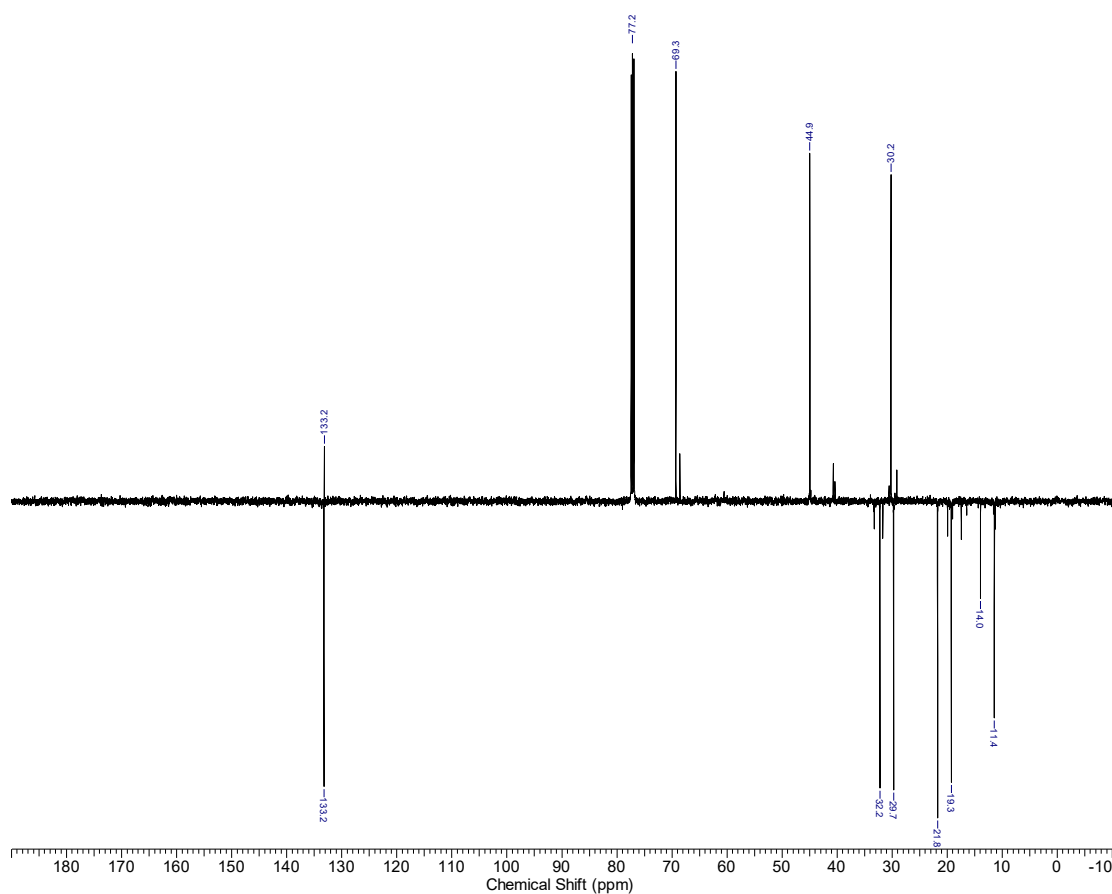
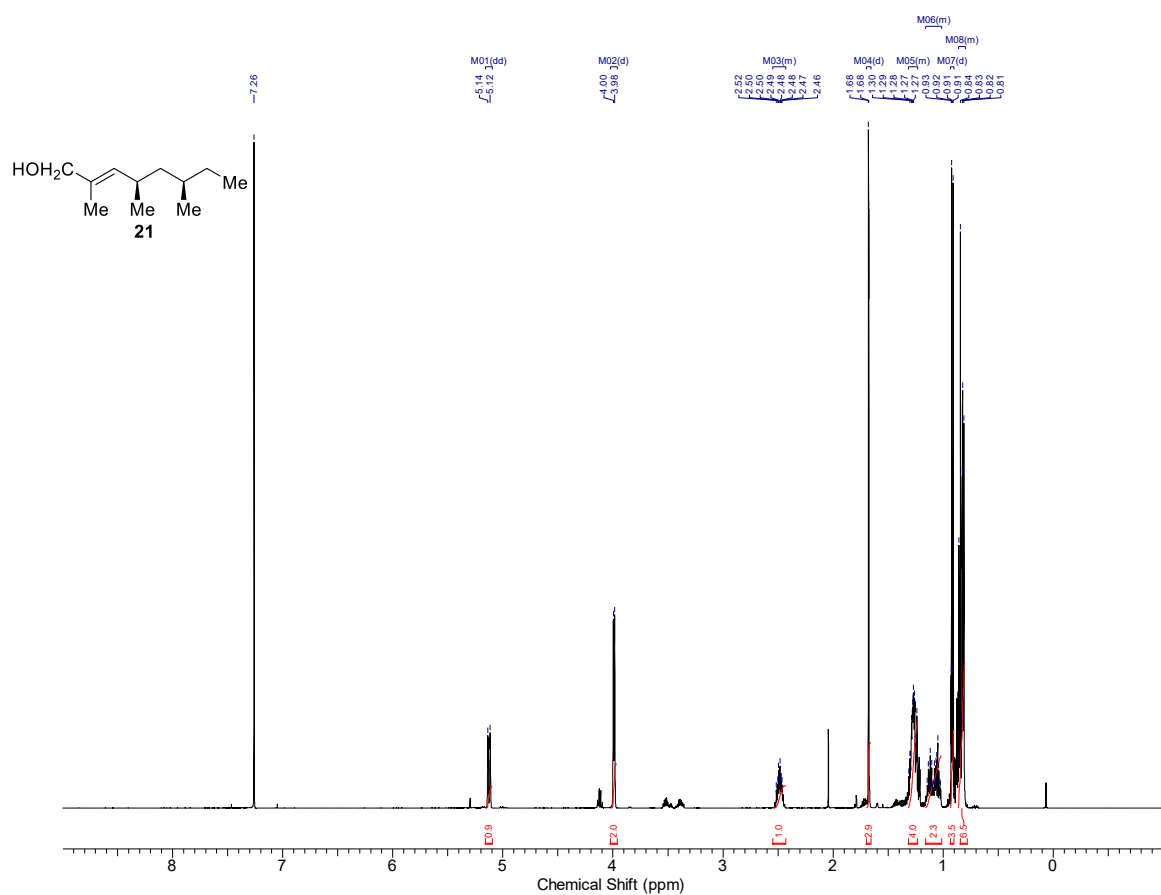


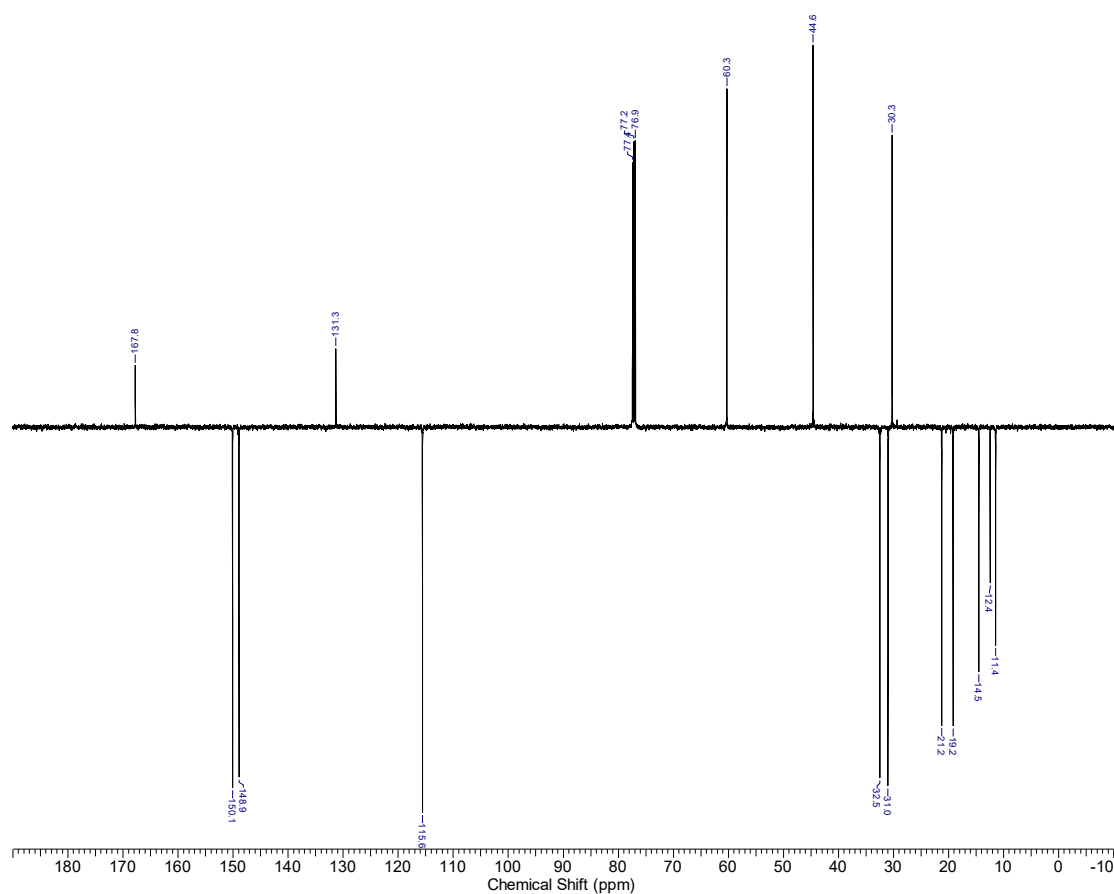
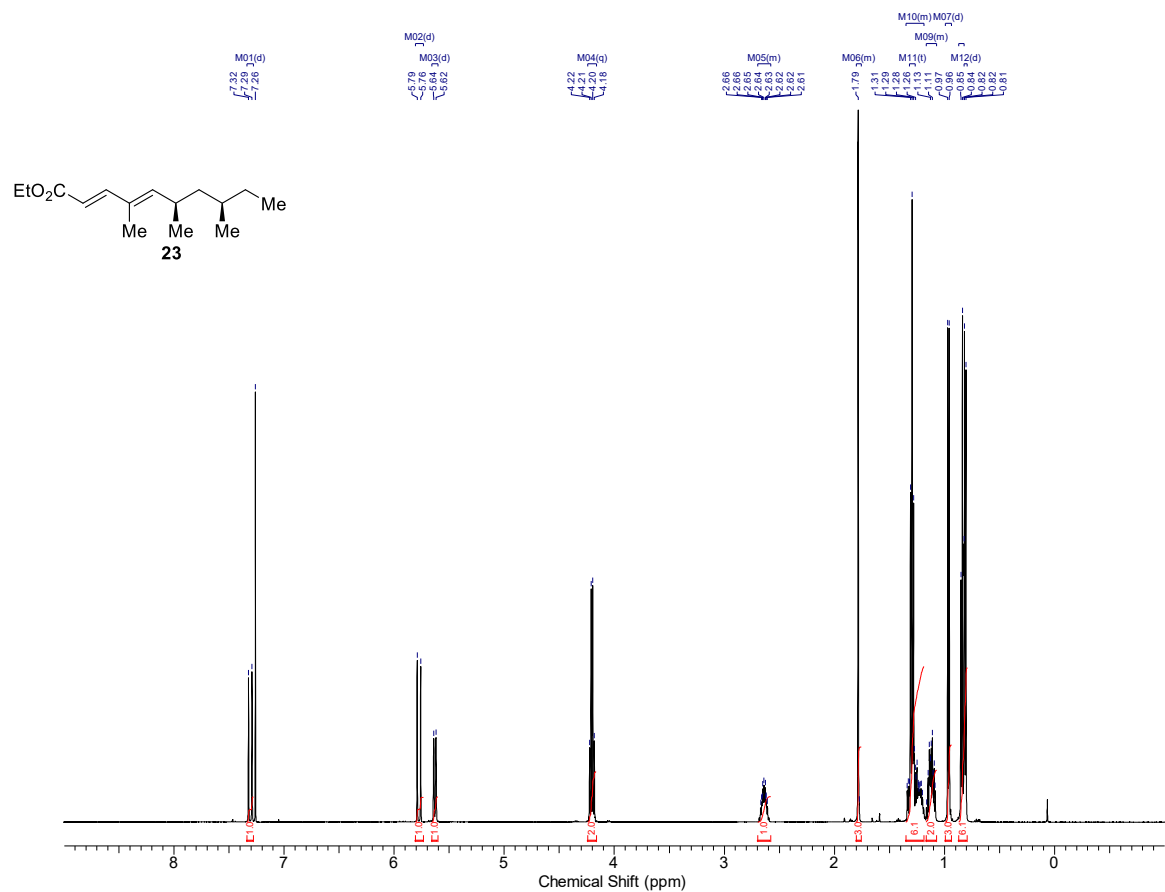


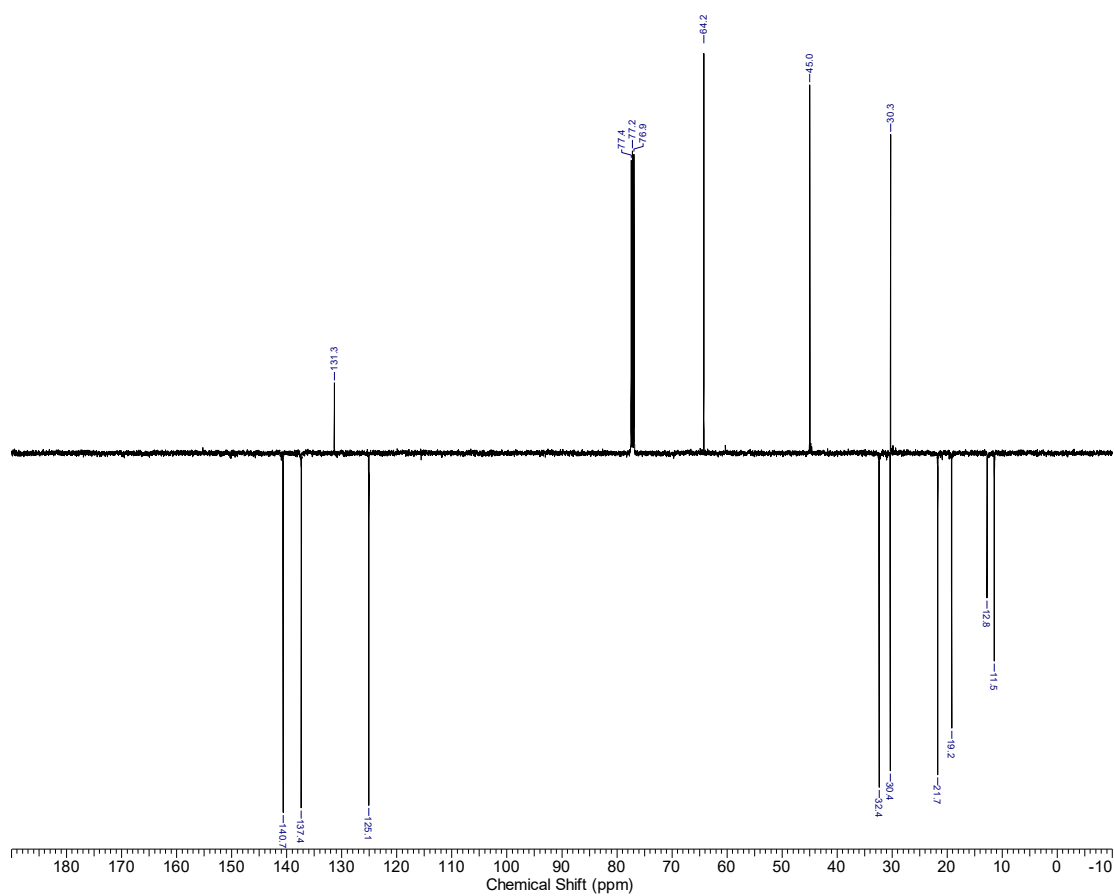
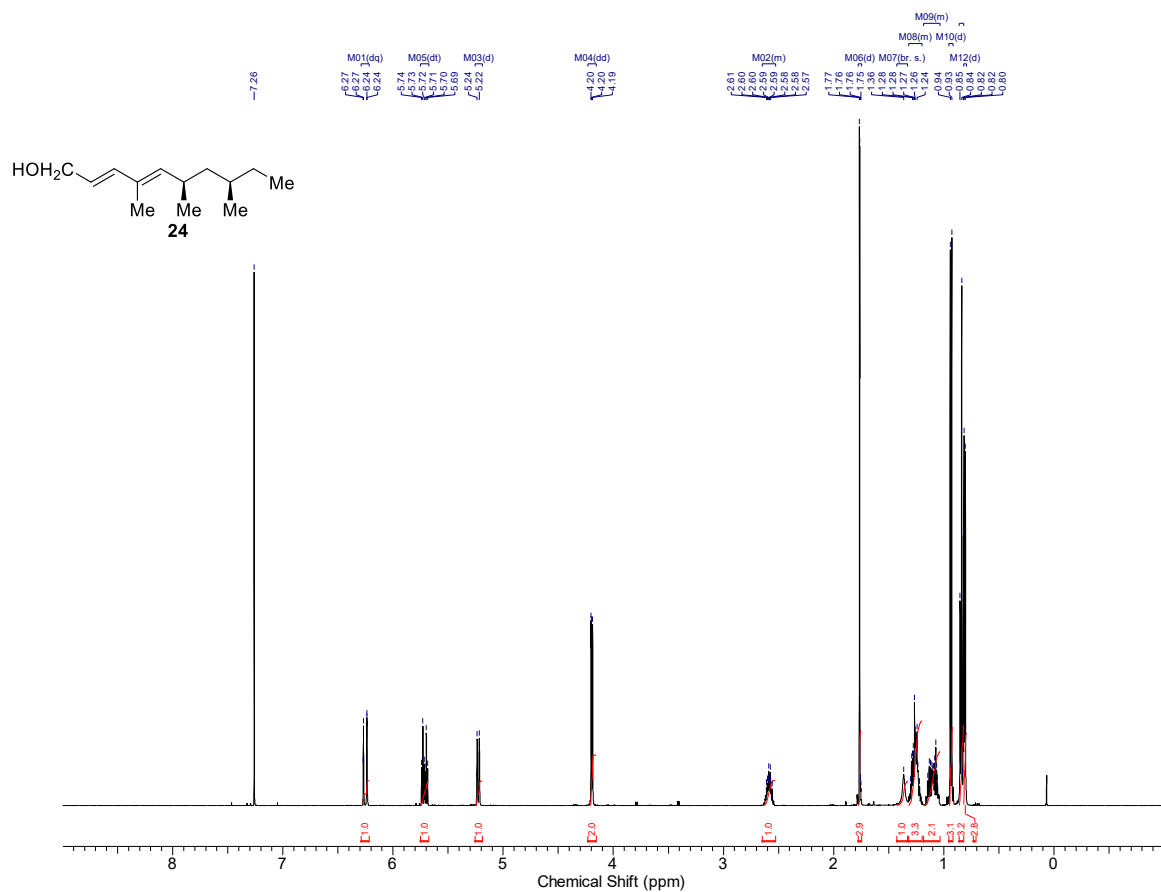


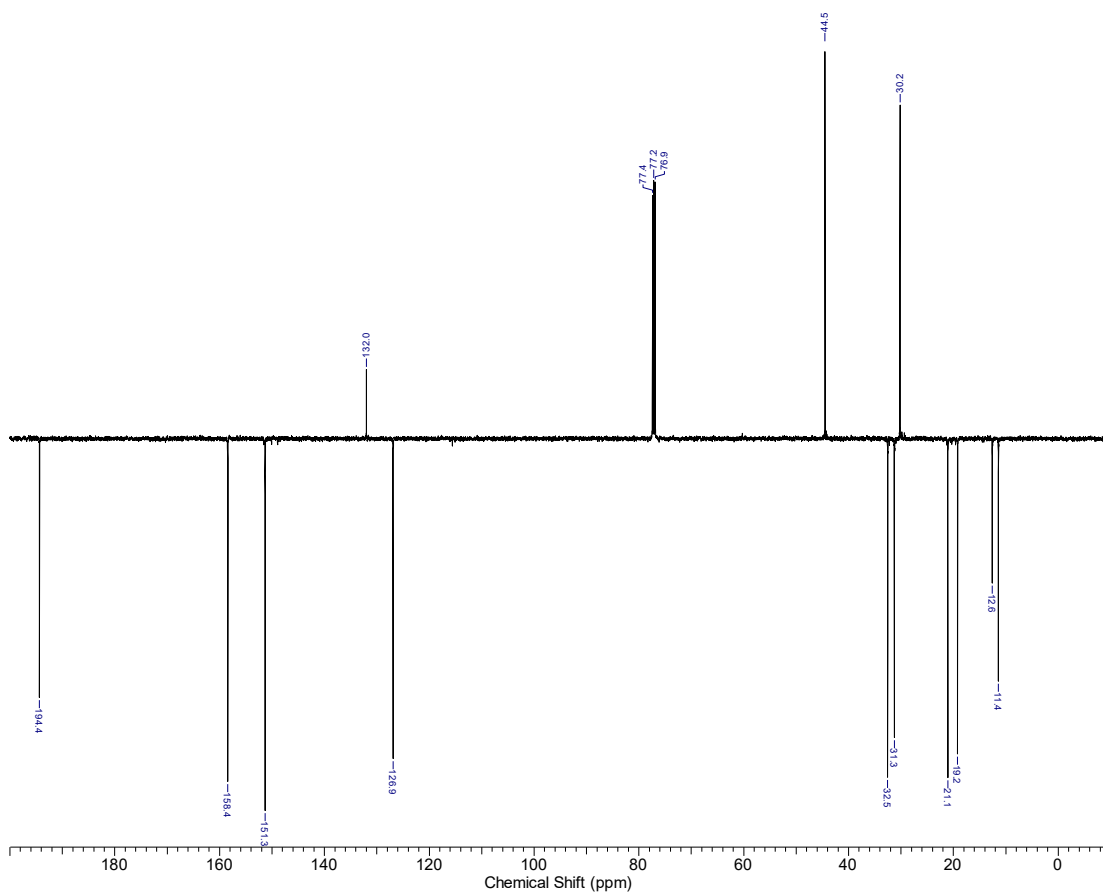
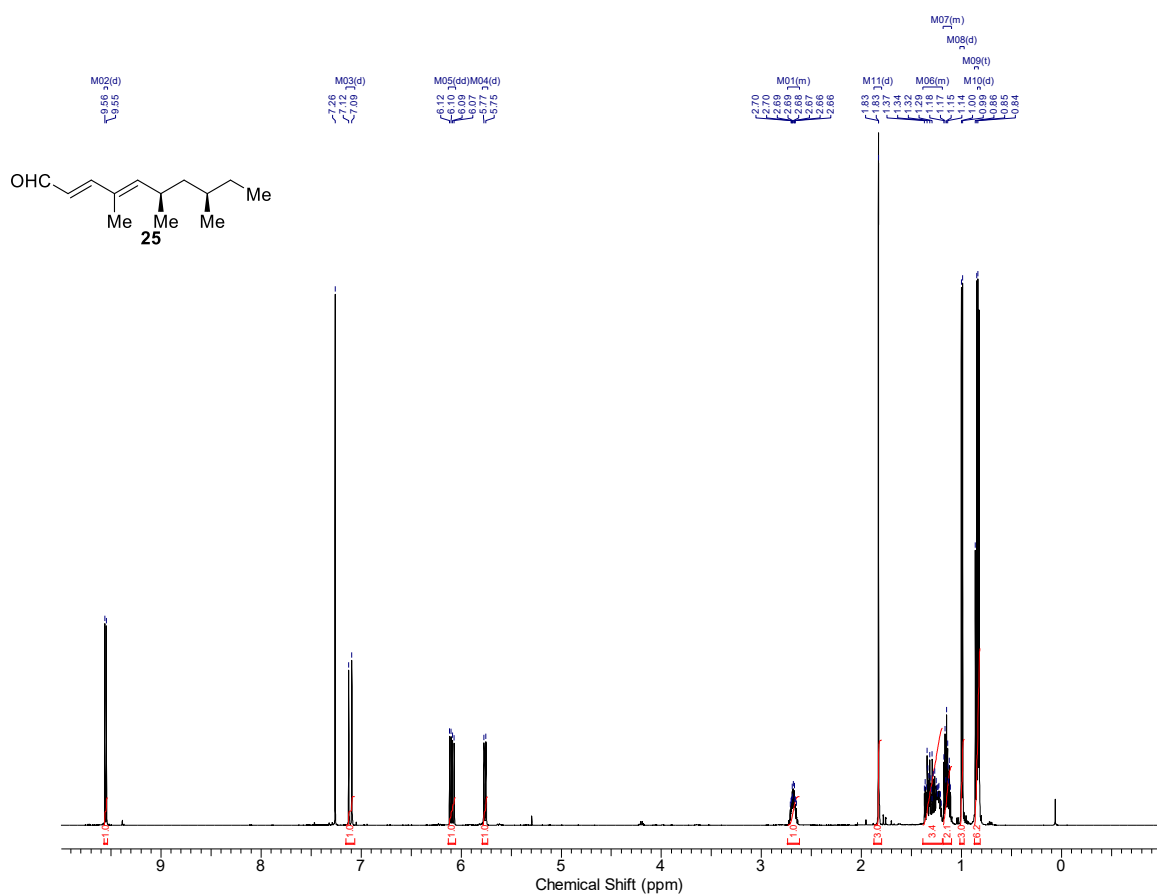


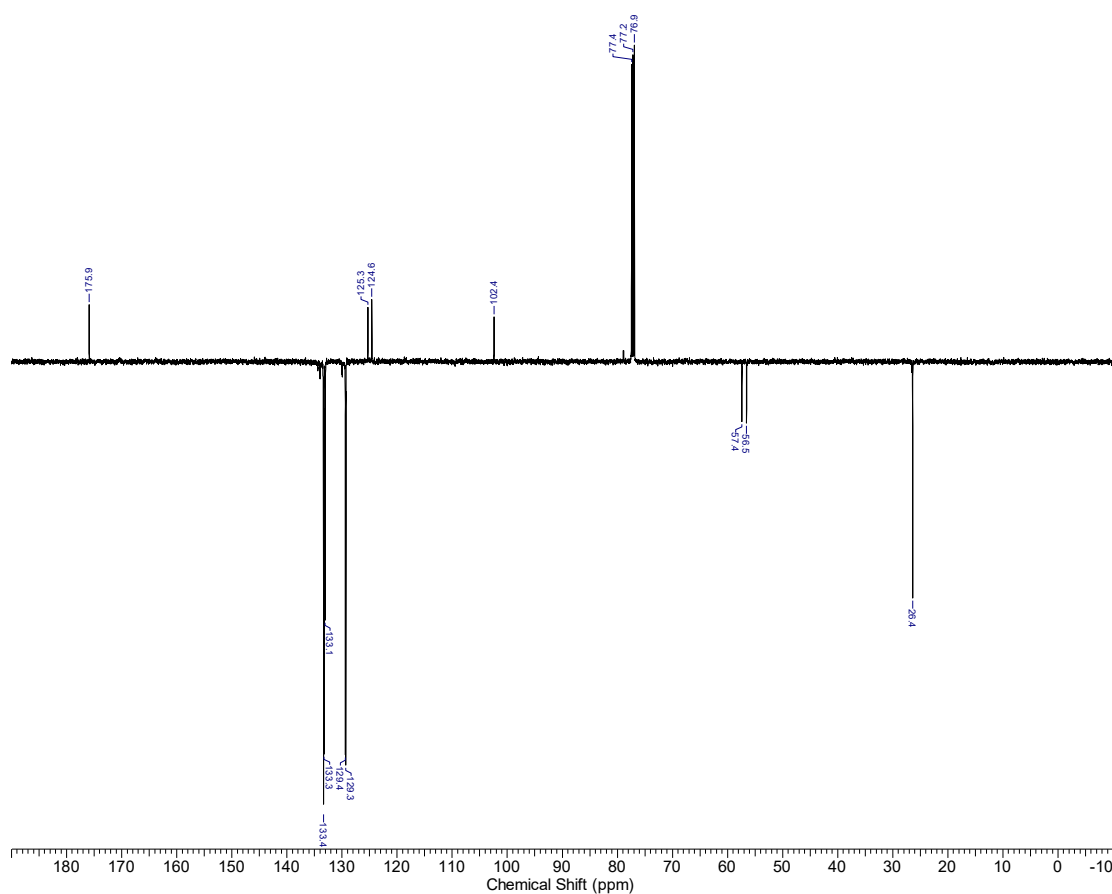
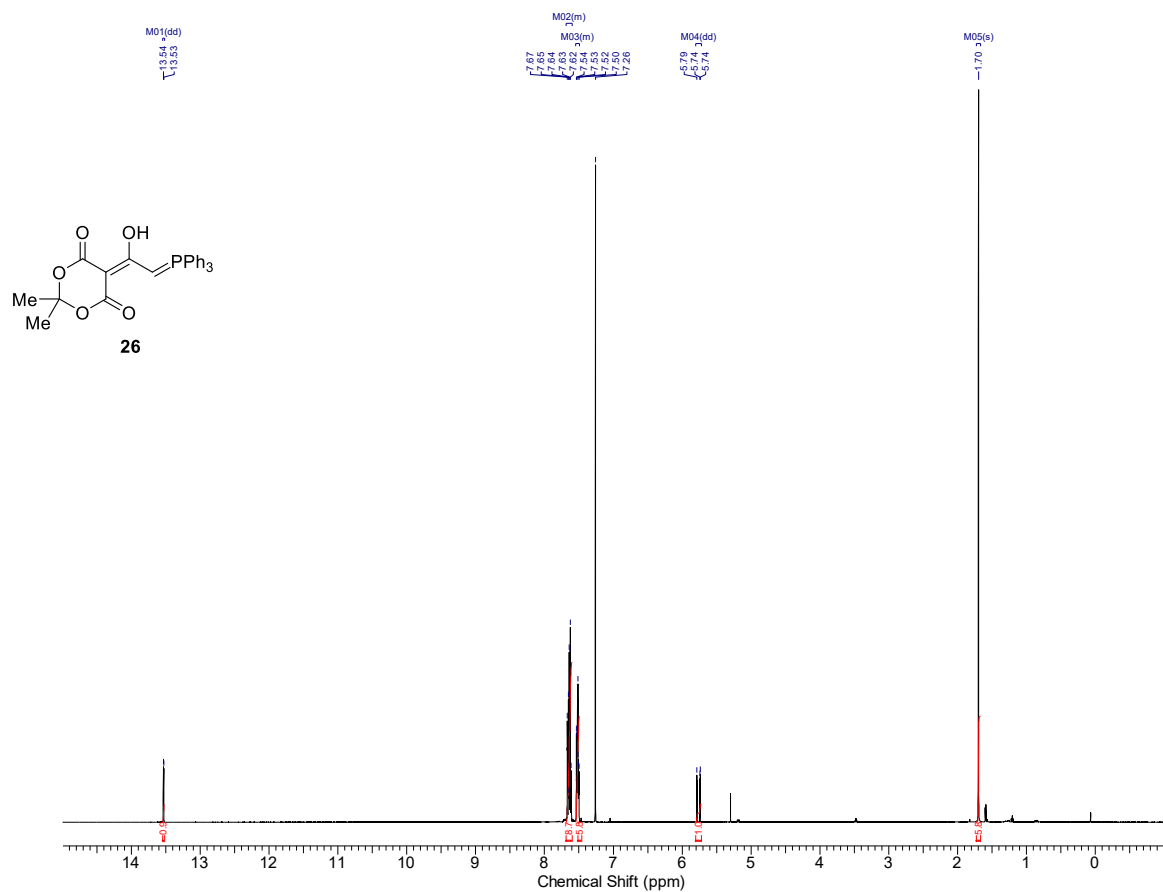


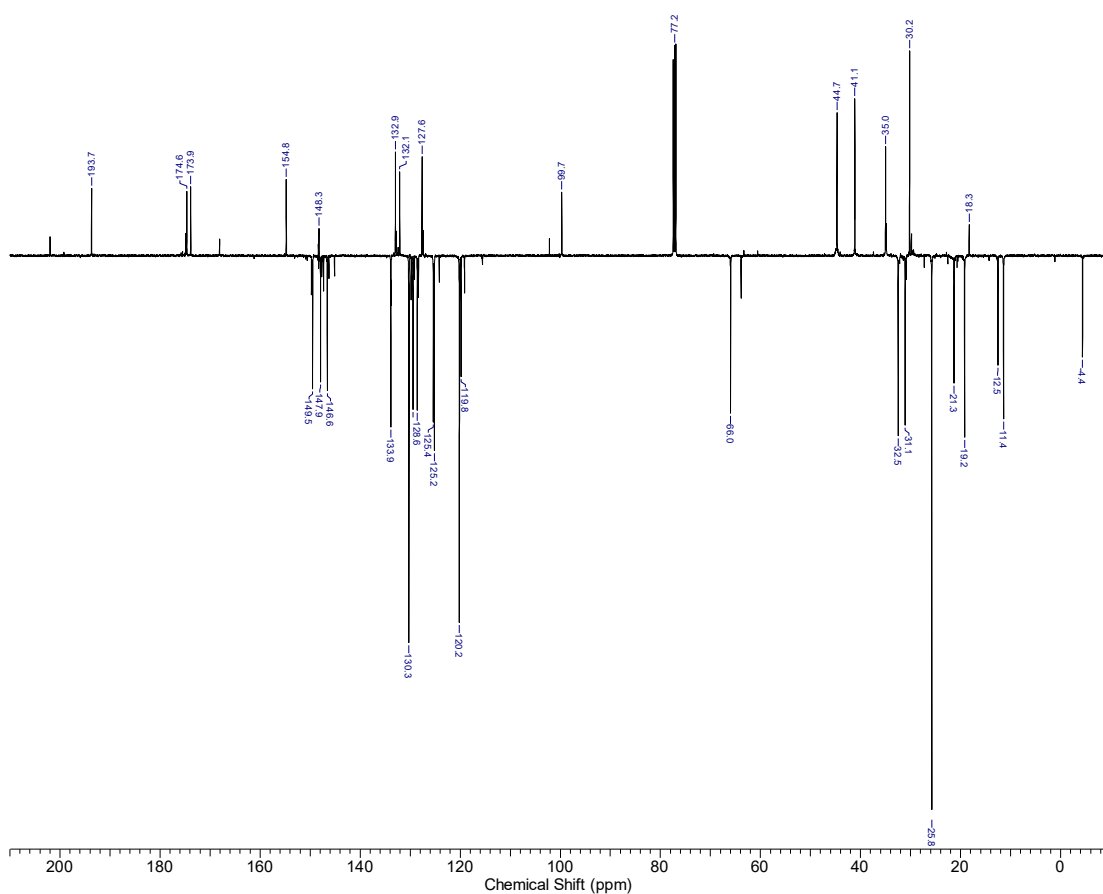
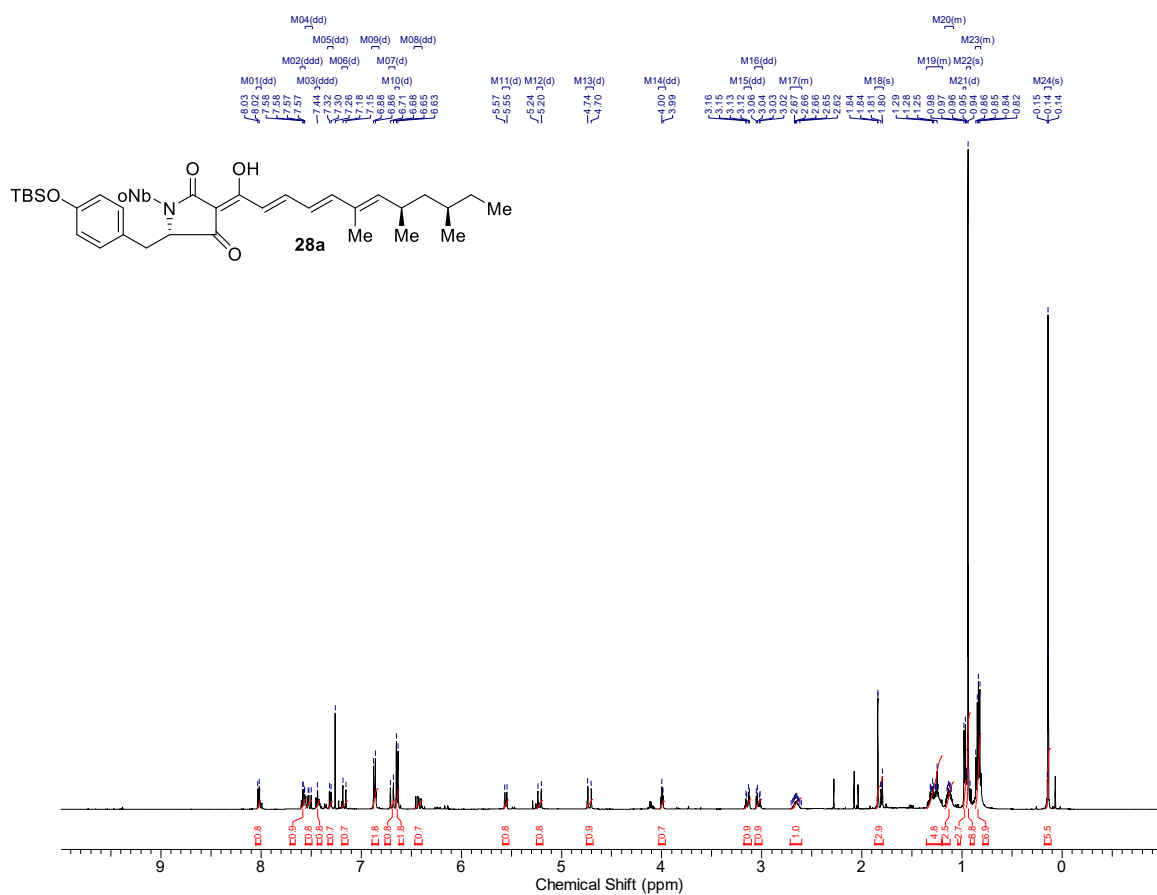


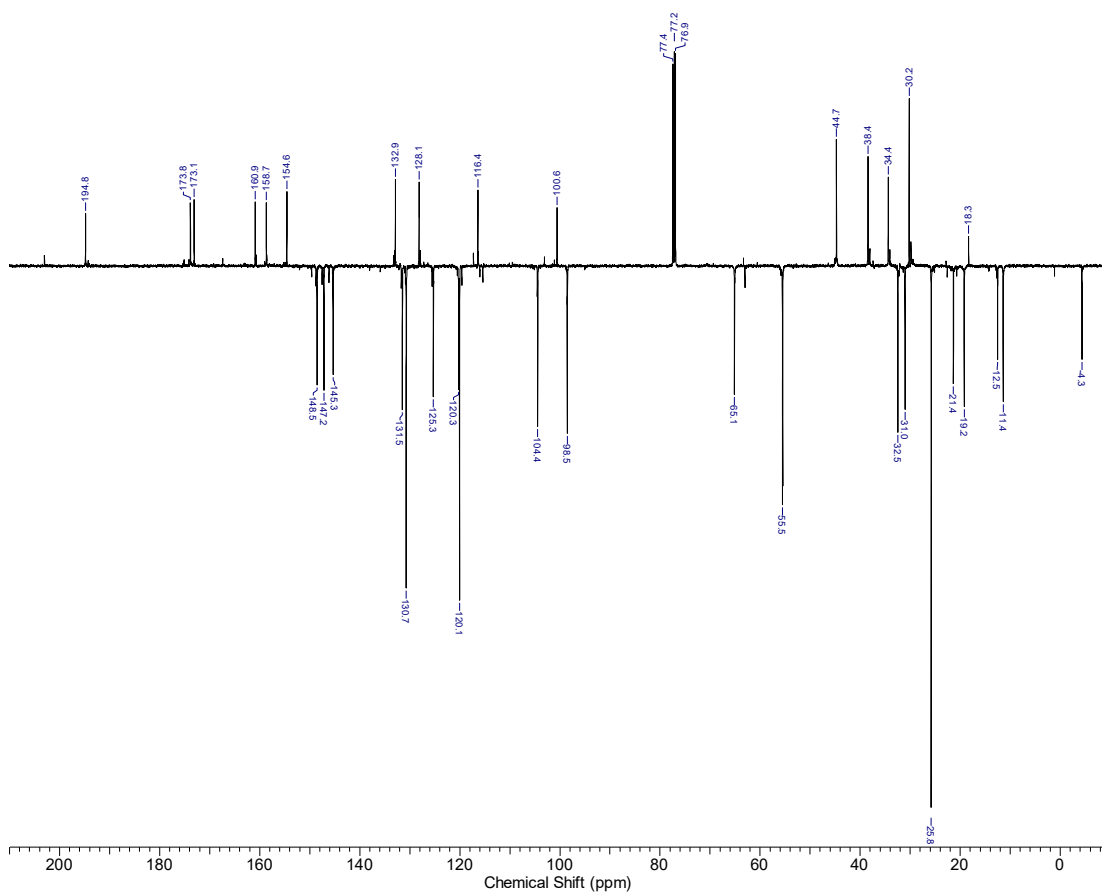
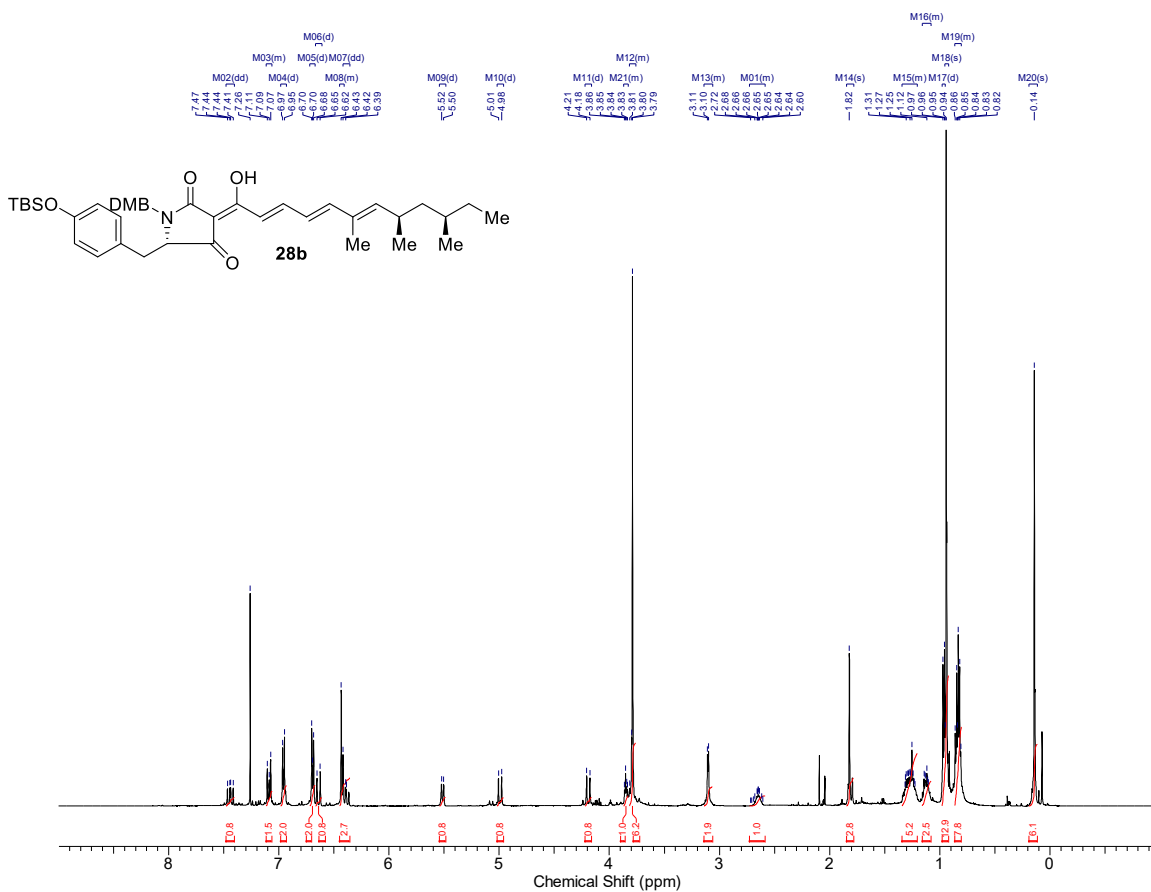


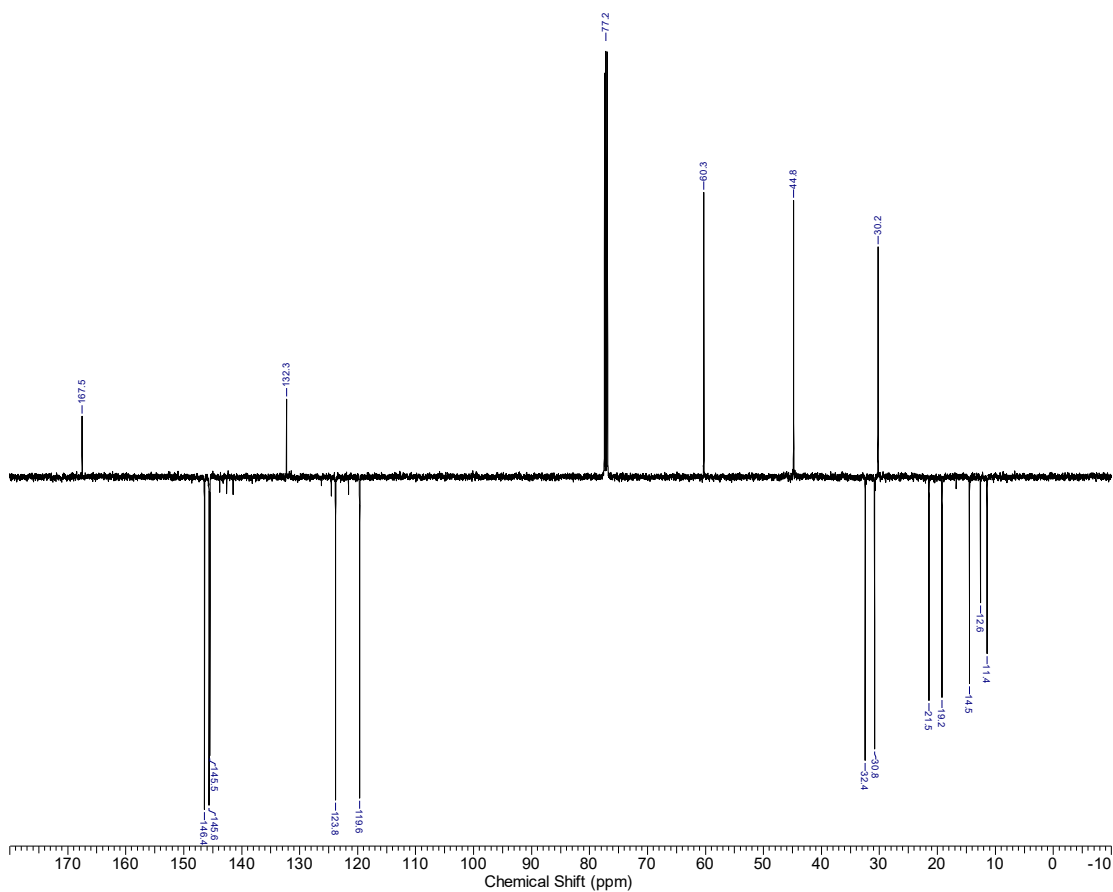
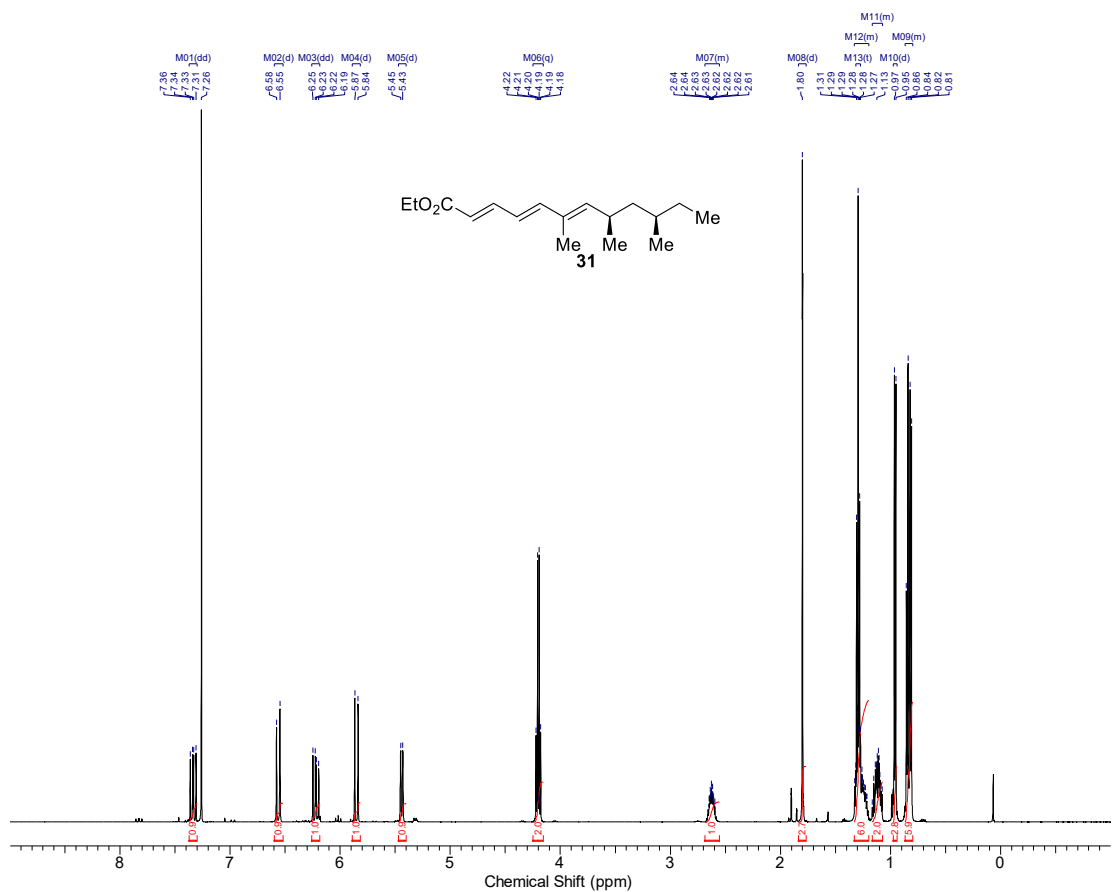


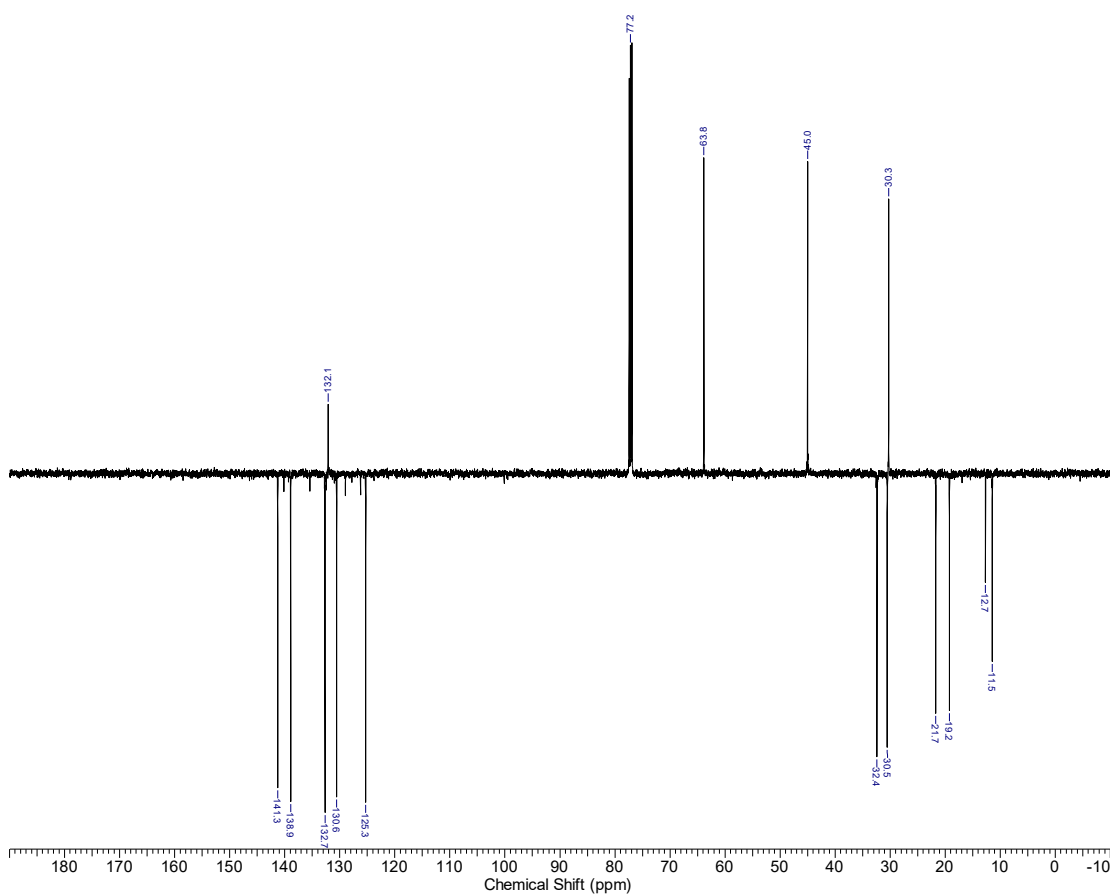
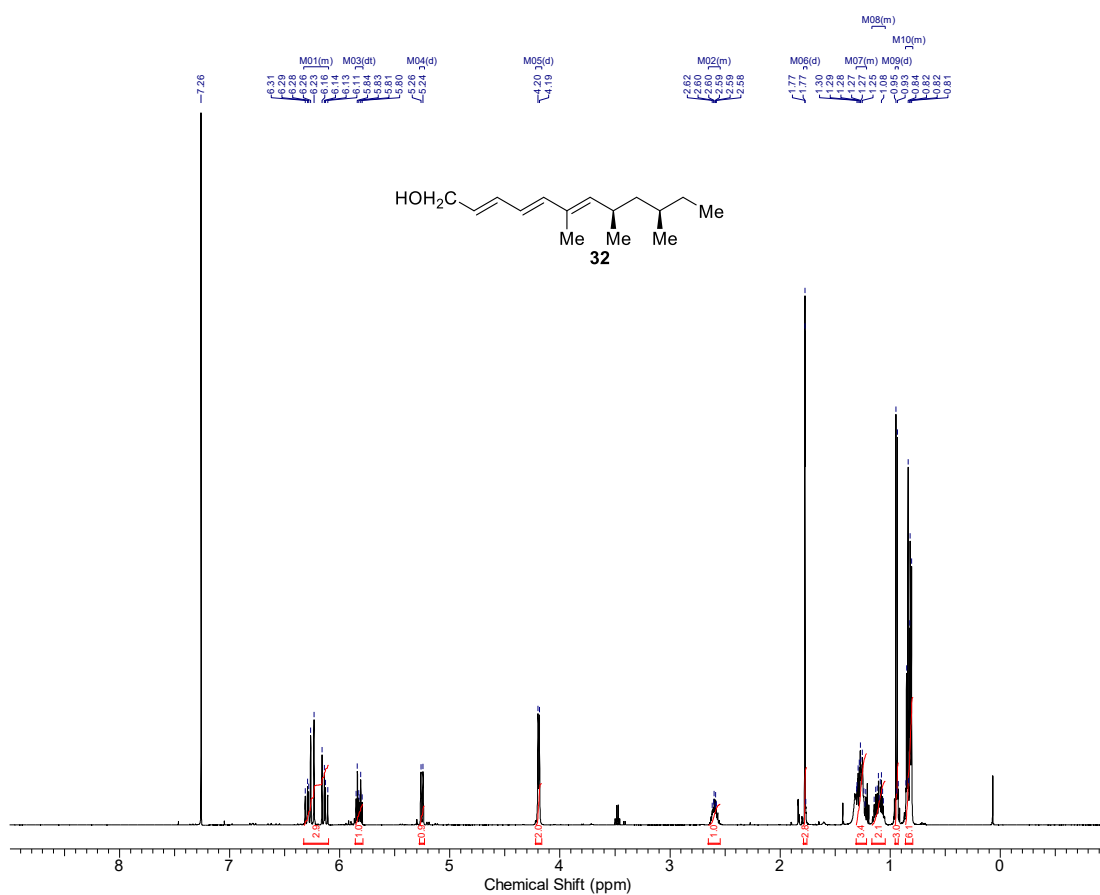


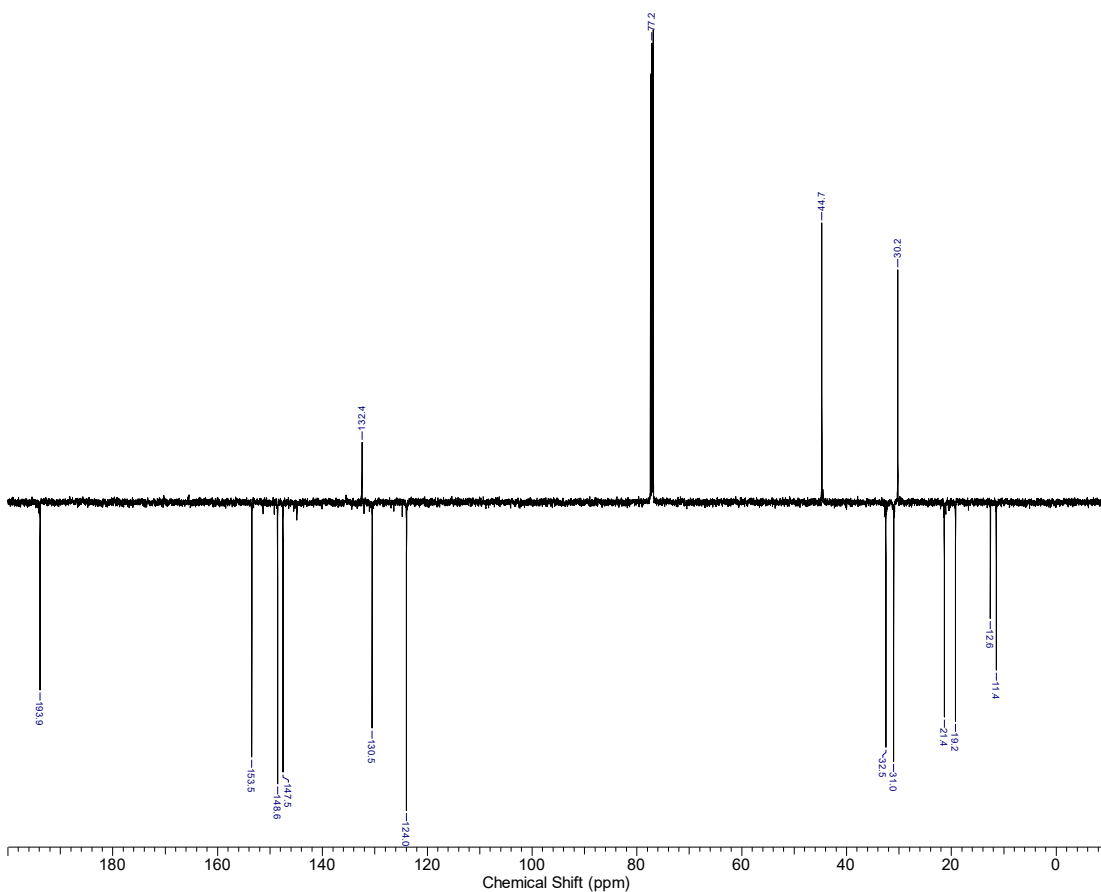
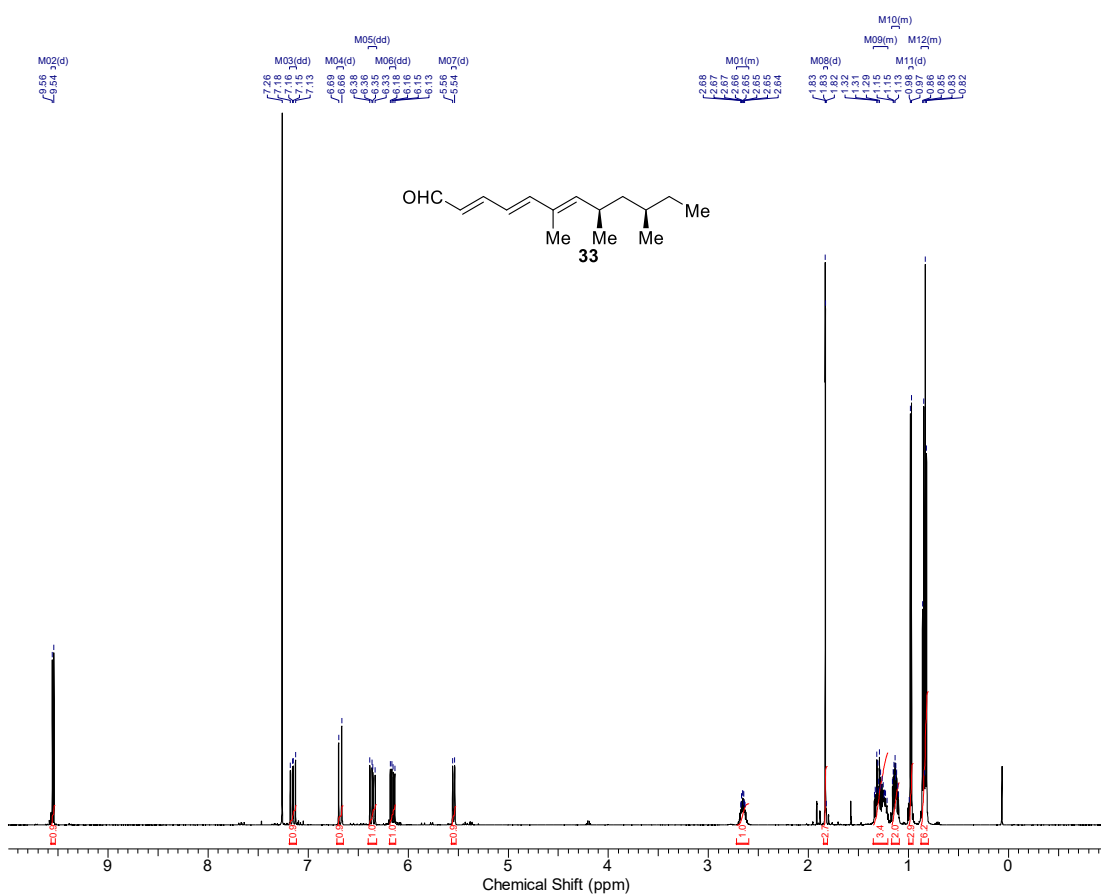


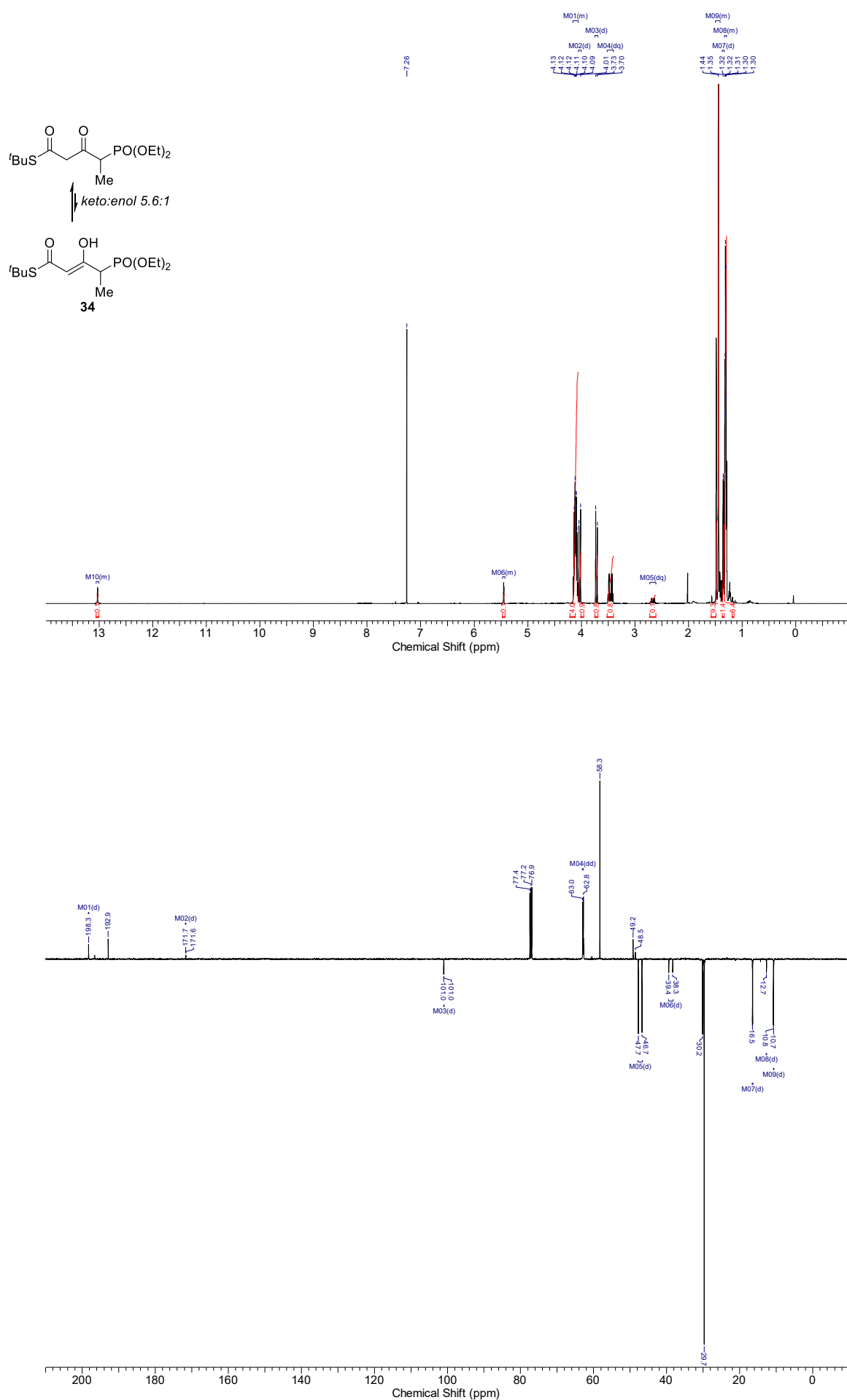


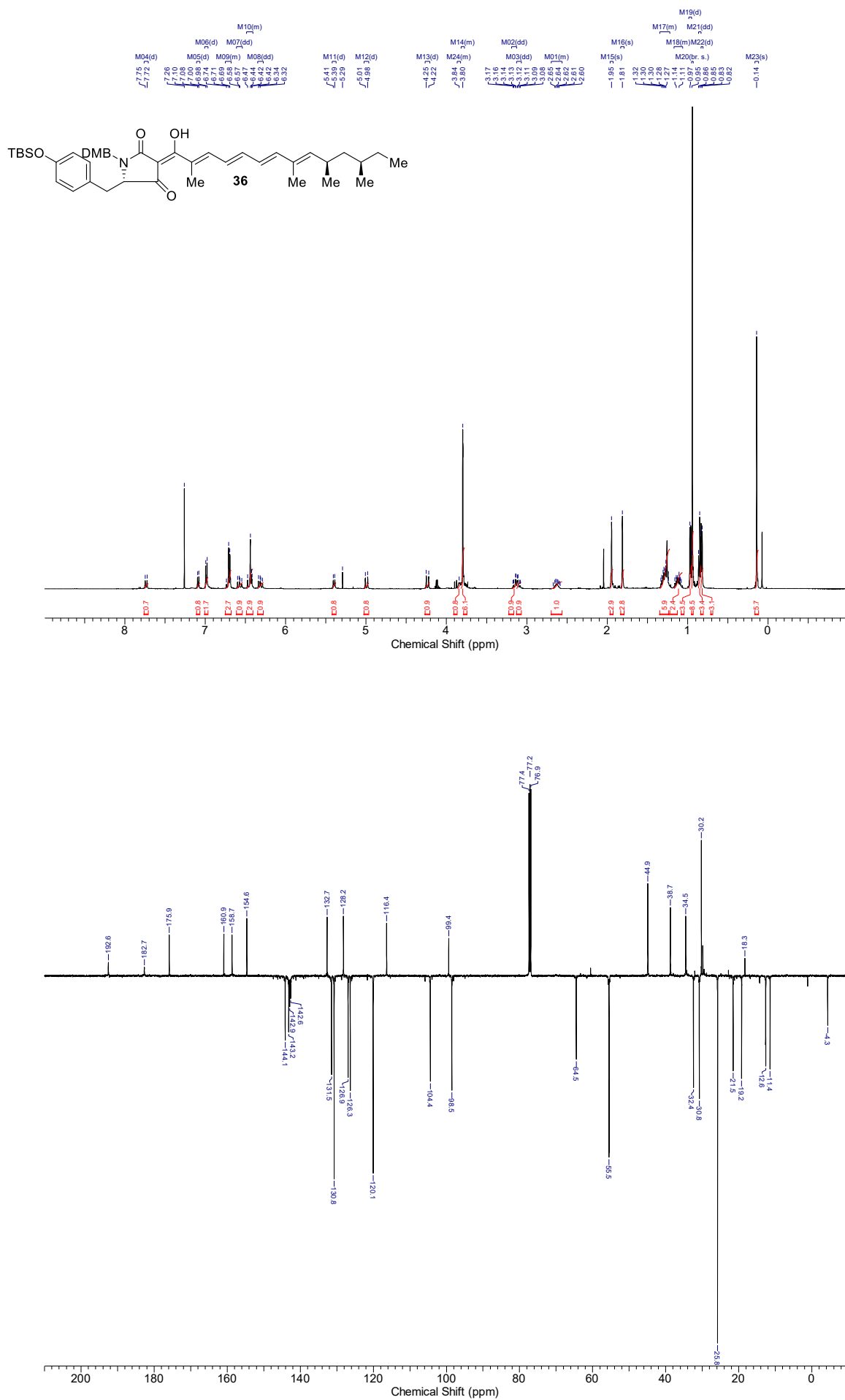












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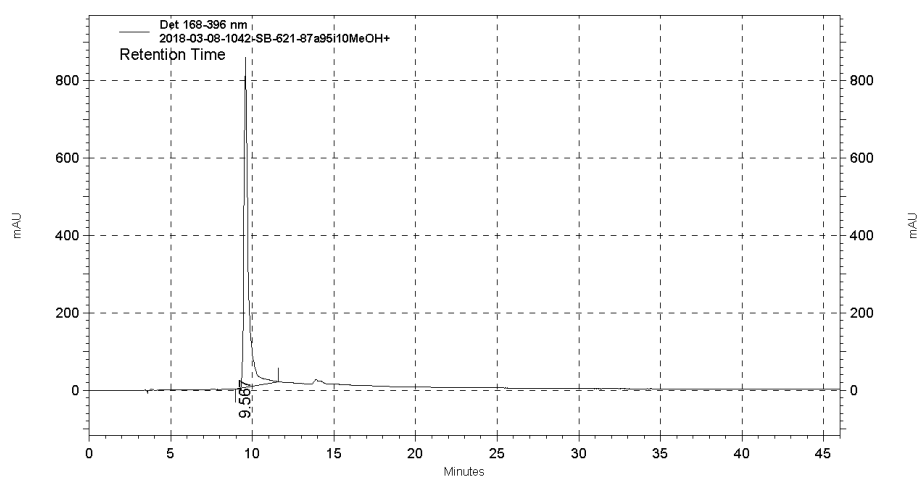
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Flow Rate: 0.7 mL/min

Instrument Name: System 1
Injection Volume: 20 µL
Concentration: 0.8 mg/mL in 87% MeCN in H2O (+0.1% formic acid)
Analyst: Admin
Acquired: 7/26/2004 10:45:00 AM
Analyzed: 4/11/2018 9:51:25 AM
Printed: 4/11/2018 9:54:00 AM

**Det 168-396 nm****Results**

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Totals		15541914	852458	100.000

Chromatogramm for Fumosorinone A (4)

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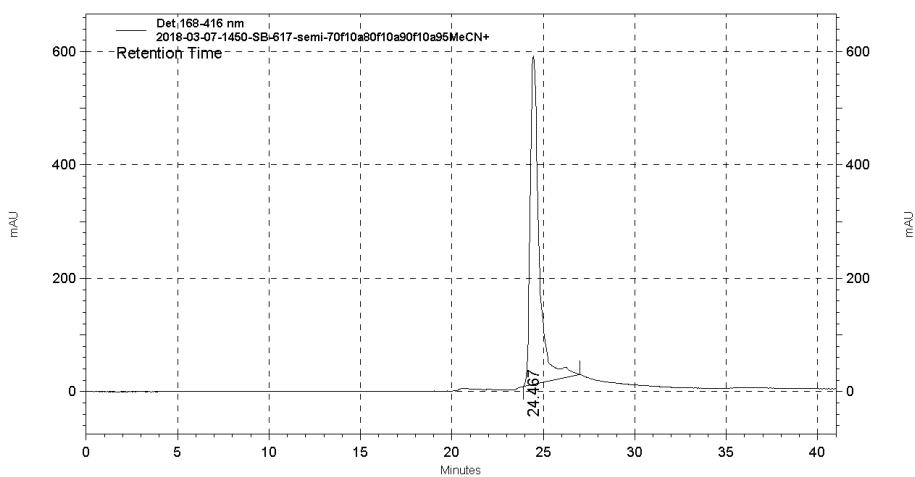
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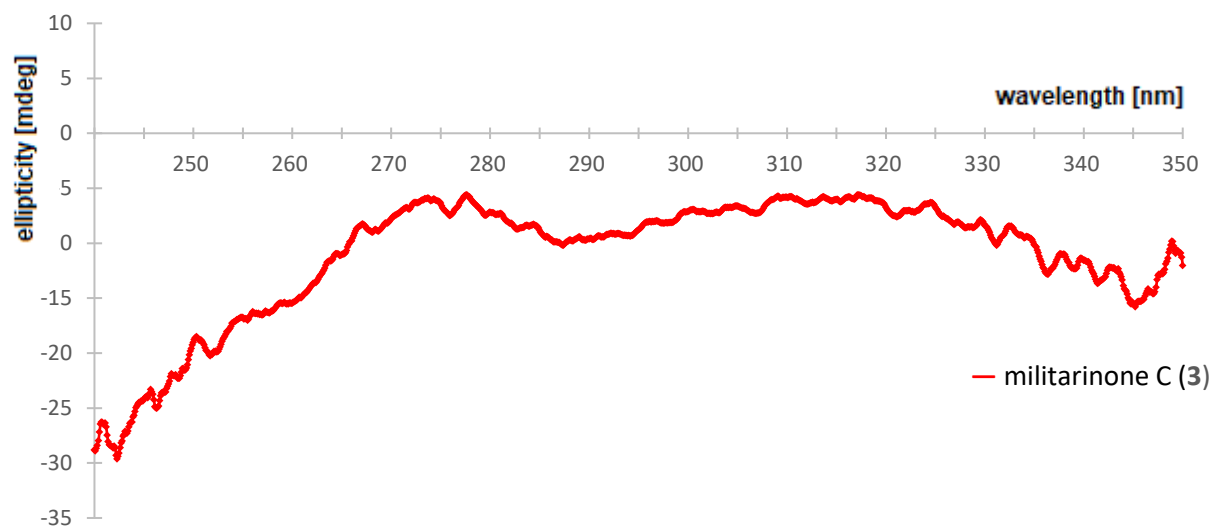
ECD Spectrum of Militarinone C (3)

The measurement was performed on a Jasco J-710 Spectropolarimeter at ambient temperature.

Sample concentration: 0.125 mg/mL in acetonitrile (HPLC grade)

Spectrum measurement parameters:

Sensitivity:	100 mdeg
Start:	350 nm
End:	240 nm
Data Pitch:	0.1 nm
Scanning Mode:	Continuous
Scanning Speed:	100 nm/min
Response:	1 sec
Band Width:	1.0 nm
Accumulation:	5



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