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28 **Abstract**

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43 **Introduction**

44 The polyether ionophore natural products have been a constant fix-point for organic chemistry
45 since the 1960s.¹ The daunting complexity of compounds such as monensin, salinomycin, and
46 X-206 challenged the abilities of chemists to identify their precise molecular structures^{2,3} and
47 has served as inspiration for the development of novel synthetic methods^{4, 5, 6, 7, 8} and
48 retrosynthetic analysis.⁹ Elegant syntheses of members of this superfamily (>100 molecules)
49 of natural products have been reported, the majority during the 1980–1990s.^{10,11,12} Since then,
50 the raison d'être of natural product synthesis has changed substantially: Ideality in synthesis-
51 design has become a fulcrum for methodological innovation^{13,14} which has also inspired
52 remarkably efficient routes to members of the polyether ionophores.^{12,15,16,17}

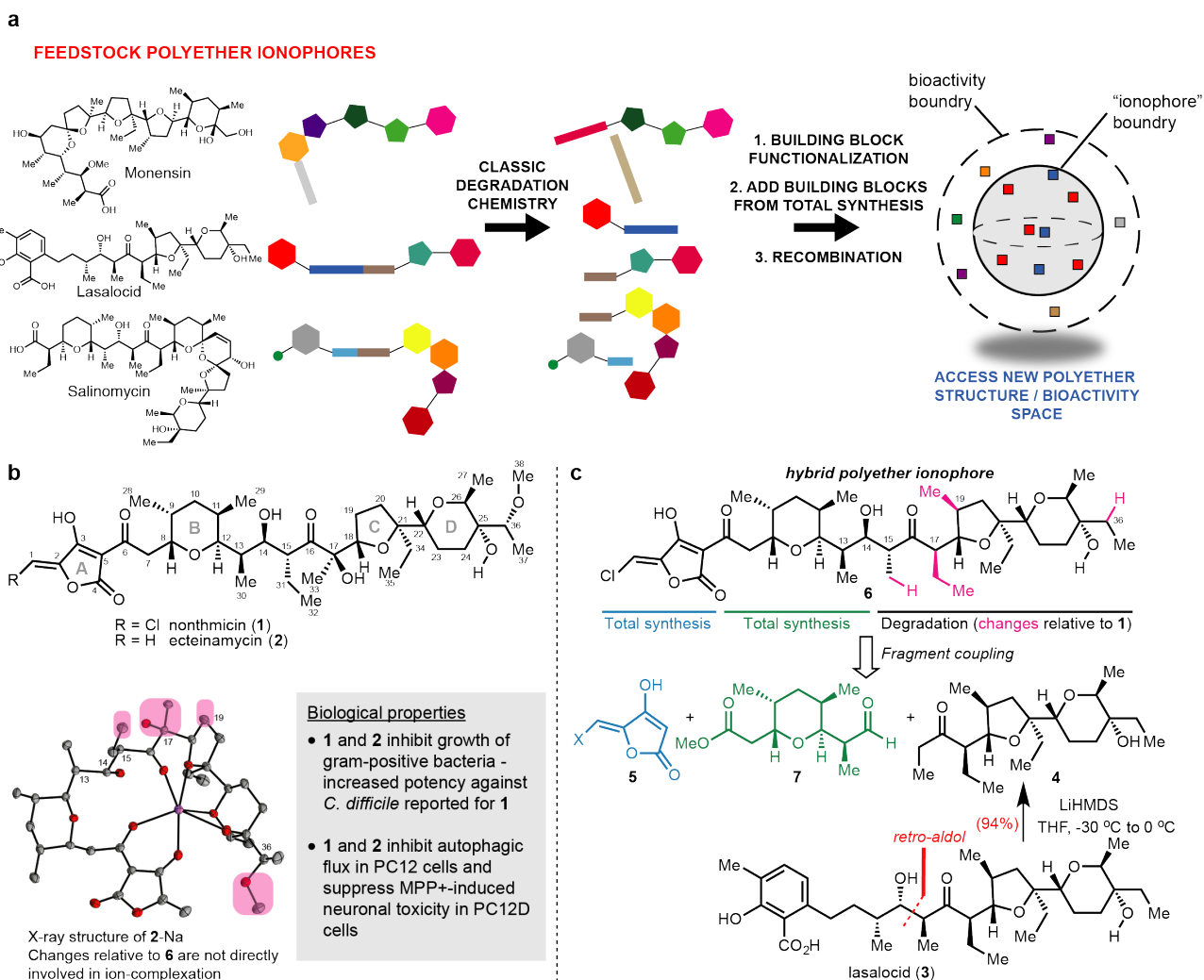
Through strategic integration¹⁸ of complex molecule synthesis with studies of biological mechanisms, the field of synthesis can catalyze new discoveries within the life sciences. Diversity oriented synthesis,¹⁹ biology oriented synthesis,²⁰ analogue oriented synthesis,²¹ diverted total synthesis,²² complexity-to-diversity-strategies,²³ and pharmacophore-directed retrosynthesis²⁴ are all different strategic flavors directed towards generating innovative complex structures with potential pharmacological utility.^{25,26}

The polyether ionophores have thus far escaped attention from efforts that seek to harness their complex structures as fundamental entities of diversity.^{2,27} There may be several reasons for this, but the most important is likely that these compounds are typically considered biologically uninteresting as the perturbation of ion gradients is thought to result in pleiotropic effects on cellular systems. At least in eukaryotic cells, this highly simplistic view of the activity of polyether ionophores is almost certainly deceptive: we do not really know in which of the many endomembranes ionophores operate and which ions they transport. In fact, recent discoveries concerning the biological activity of salinomycin (Sal),²⁸ a canonical potassium-ionophore and surprising selective inhibitor of stem-like cancer cells,²⁹ suggest that the compound does not even act as an ionophore, but instead sequesters iron in lysosomes which can trigger a type of regulated oxidative cell death known as ferroptosis/oxytosis³⁰ or directly bind protein targets as was recently shown with nucleolin.³¹

The main feature of polyether ionophores is their antibiotic activity and they are extensively applied in the agricultural industry to control parasitic infections in poultry and as growth promoters in ruminating animals.^{32,33} The latter effect presumably is due to remodeling of the rumen microbiota by the ionophores. Importantly, studies show that polyether ionophores do not display cross-resistance with other major antibiotics and are therefore active in drug-resistant bacterial strains³⁴ although their activity is currently restricted to gram-positive strains. The lack of gram-negative activity is not mechanistically understood. As antibiotic

78 resistance continues to spread, agents such as the colistins, that were previously shelved due
79 to safety issues, have now been reintroduced to the clinic. We suggest that it is due diligence to
80 seriously consider the antibiotic potential that may lie in the polyether ionophores³⁴ and that
81 the field of synthesis should consider how we can deliver truly novel molecules within this
82 class.

83 Here, we outline an approach that can be used to prepare numerous novel polyether
84 ionophores and which takes advantage of two key aspects of this class of compounds: 1) the
85 availability of selected members – the feedstock polyether ionophores e.g. lasalocid,
86 salinomycin, monensin – on a massive scale and 2) the overall structure of polyethers being
87 essentially a series of connected “modules” (Figure 1a). We suggest that by disassembling these
88 modules and then re-combining them with material made through total synthesis, we will be
89 able to access – in a concise manner – an interesting new structural domain related to the
90 natural polyether ionophores (Figure 1a). Some of the resulting compounds will maintain
91 ionophore-activity, but in others, due to subtle structural alterations, this activity will be
92 erased. As the molecular complexity will remain high such “ionophore-dead polyethers” may
93 carry novel biological activities which – with the advent of new methods for small molecule
94 bioactivity-profiling – it is becoming increasingly possible to explore. Importantly, this
95 synthetic approach harnesses the tremendous knowledge generated during prior synthesis
96 efforts for the construction of building blocks and for effecting fragment coupling.^{10,11,12}



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98 **Figure 1 |** Accessing structural diversity within the polyether ionophores. (a) Flowchart
 99 depicting the overall concept of reconstructing new polyether scaffolds by recycling elements
 100 from abundant feedstock polyether ionophores. The resulting “hybrid” molecules (non-red
 101 squares) are plotted in a hypothetical structure and bioactivity space to illustrate the relation
 102 of these compounds to the natural polyethers (red squares). The compounds that possess
 103 strong ionophore activity constitute a sub-space of a larger bioactivity-space that can be
 104 explored using hybrid polyethers. (b) Chemical structures and biological properties of
 105 polyether ionophores nonthmicin and ecteinamycin. The X-ray structure³⁵ depicts
 106 ecteinamycin bound to a single sodium-ion and chemical groups on the hydrophobic periphery
 107 that have been altered in the target hybrid polyether 6 have been circled in pink. No crystal
 108 structure of nonthmicin is available. (c) Chemical structure of the hybrid polyether 6 and

109 indication of the required fragments and the origin of these fragments. The main fragment,
110 ketone **4**, can be obtained in a single synthetic step from lasalocid.

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112 **Results**

113 **Degradation of abundant polyether ionophores as the foundation of diversity synthesis** 114 **of complex polyethers**

115 To provide a proof-of-concept example, we placed our focus on a novel polyether ionophore,
116 nonthmicin (**1**) (Figure 1b), recently reported to possess several types of interesting biological
117 activities including antibiotic and neuroprotective activity.³⁵ Nonthmicin is of particular
118 interest also for structural reasons as this natural product features an unprecedented
119 chloromethylidene tetronic acid building block, that comprise the cation-binding group of the
120 molecule. Another compound, ecteinamycin (**2**), which differs from **1** only by the absence of the
121 chlorine-atom was reported almost simultaneously by the Bugni lab to be a potent anti-
122 clostridial antibiotic (Figure 1b).³⁶ As we carefully inspected the structure of **1** and **2**, we
123 noticed that the eastern portion (the C-D rings) displayed significant similarity to lasalocid (**3**)
124 which is available on multi-kg scale. Based on knowledge generated during the classic
125 structure-elucidation studies and then total synthesis of **3**,^{37,38} we postulated that we could first
126 liberate ketone **4** through a retro-aldol reaction and then develop a short and convergent route
127 to advanced analogs of **1** (Figure 1c). Furthermore, inspection of the published X-ray crystal
128 structure of **2**-Na³⁵ indicated that none of the resulting structural changes (pink in Figure 1b-
129 c) would directly perturb coordination of the metal ion, at least from the solid-state structure.
130 If successful, this approach would first of all test the fundamental question if swapping modules
131 from different polyether ionophores would even be compatible with sustained antibiotic
132 activity of the resulting hybrid molecules, with **6** as the initial target structure.

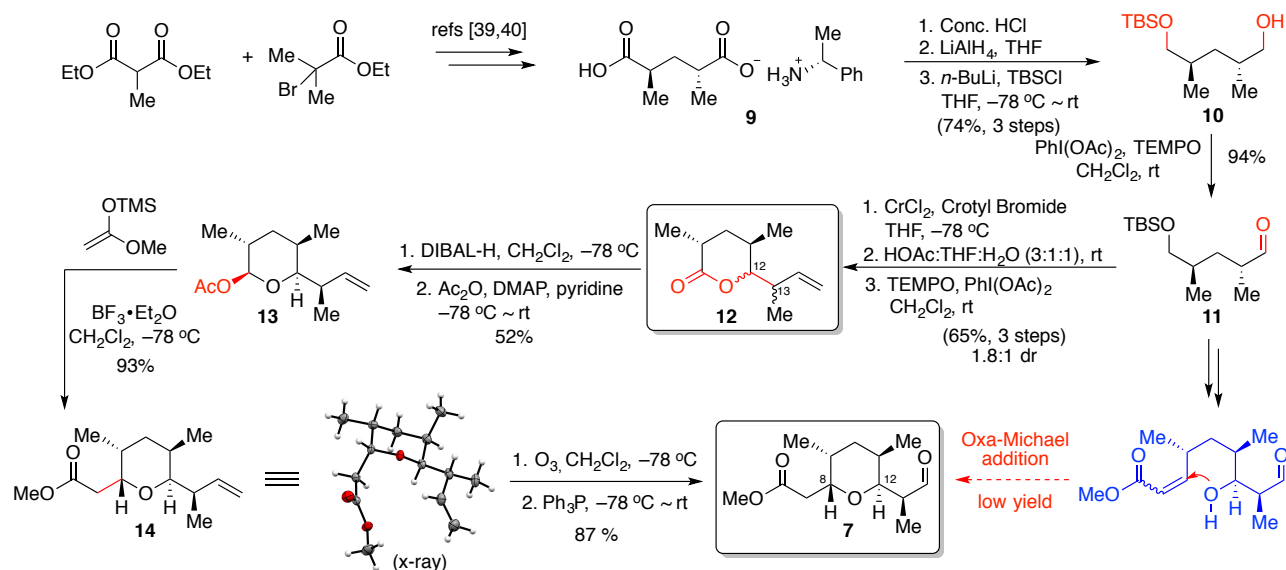
133 We started our studies by optimizing the retro-aldol reaction of **3** and found that exposure to
134 LiHMDS at low temperature could result in the formation of ketone **4** in excellent yield (94%).
135 This reaction has been carried out on >10 gram scale which underscores the high availability
136 of an advanced building block such as **4**. We next focused our attention on the preparation of
137 the two remaining building blocks, tetrahydropyran-derivative **7** and the challenging
138 halomethylidene tetronic acid moiety **5** found in both **6** and **1**.

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140 **Construction of tetrahydropyran building block**

141 The preparation of the targeted tetrahydropyran-derivative was started from (-)-2,4-
142 dimethylglutaric acid (+)- α -methylbenzylamine salt (**9**)^{39,40} (Figure 2). This salt was readily
143 processed to the diol, which underwent mono-TBS protection followed by TEMPO/PhI(OAc)₂
144 oxidation⁴¹ to afford aldehyde **11**. We initially proposed that the target building block could be
145 constructed via an intramolecular oxa-Michael reaction⁴² following initial cross-aldol coupling
146 and Horner-Emmons reaction. However, only a trace of the cyclization product was observed
147 and this route was eventually abandoned. Inspired by the Guindon's Narasin fragment
148 synthesis,⁴³ we envisioned that the Mukaiyama aldol addition of a silylketene acetal to an
149 oxocarbenium intermediate could also deliver the desired tetrahydropyran-derivative.
150 Towards this end, aldehyde **11** first underwent a CrCl₂-catalyzed Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi
151 crotylation reaction⁴⁴ followed by the cleavage of the silyl ether with HOAc/THF/H₂O and
152 TEMPO/PhI(OAc)₂-promoted lactone formation⁴⁵. This afforded an inseparable diastereomeric
153 mixture (1.8:1, 65% isolated yield) of lactone **12** which was reduced by DIBAL-H to deliver the
154 lactol that was trapped *in situ* with Ac₂O to afford the corresponding acetate. At this stage, the
155 major diastereomer **13** – ultimately found to be the desired configuration at C12 and C13 –
156 could be isolated in 52% yield. Using BF₃•OEt₂ as the Lewis acid, **13** was then exposed to ((1-
157 methoxyvinyl)oxy)trimethylsilane at low temperature which provided methyl ester **14** as a

single diastereomer (confirmed by X-ray) in excellent yield. Finally, ozonolysis of **14** followed by reductive work-up with triphenylphosphine generated aldehyde **7** (Figure 2).



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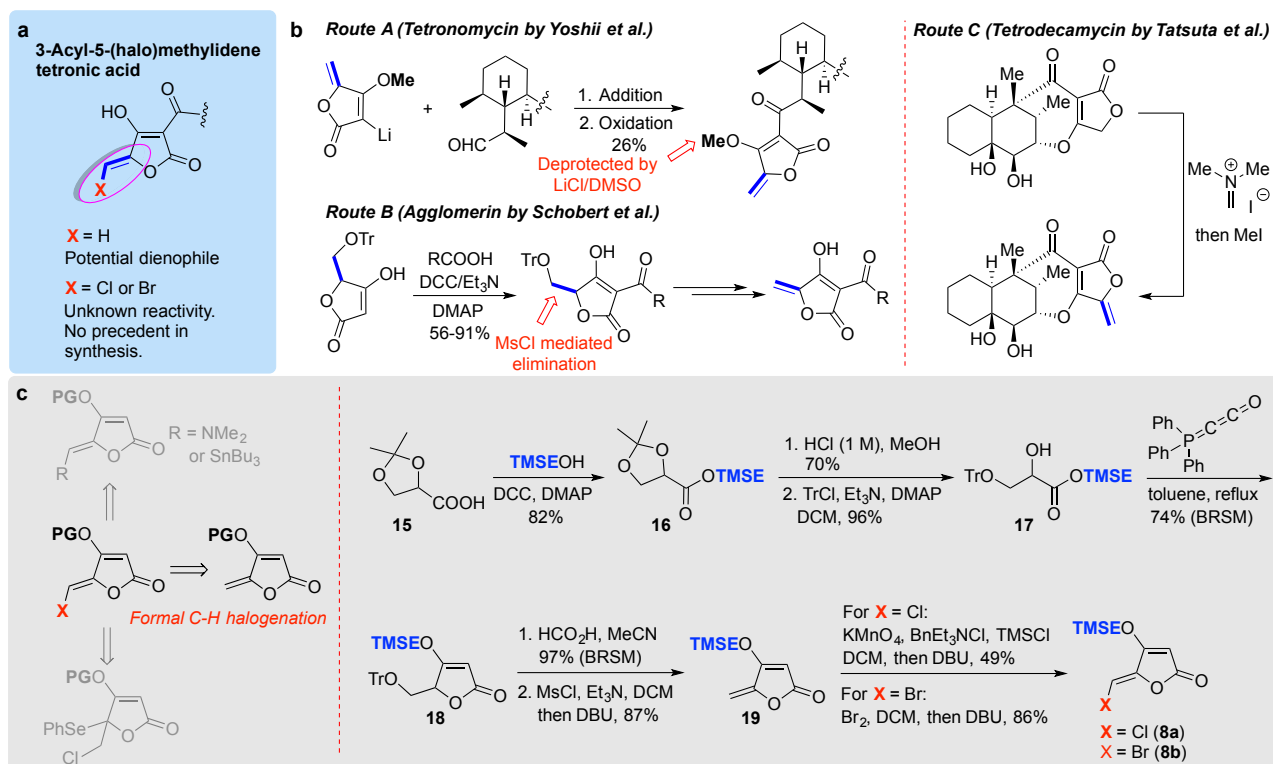
Figure 2 | Stereoselective synthesis of tetrahydropyran (THP) building block **7**. Two C-C coupling reactions are used to construct the stereocenters at C12 and C8, the latter being a highly selective addition of a silyl ketene acetal to the oxacarbenium-ion derived from **13** to generate the desired *trans*-C8,C12 relative configuration. In turn, the sequence was initiated from optically pure salt **9**, which is accessible via a known procedure. An alternative route to closure of the THP-ring via an oxa-Michael cyclization failed. THF = tetrahydrofuran, TBSCl = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride, TEMPO = (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxyl, DMAP = *N,N*-dimethylpyridine-4-amine, DIBAL-H = diisobutylaluminium hydride.

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171 Synthesis of the halomethylidene tetronic acid building block

As the most intriguing structural subunit of nonthmicin and **6**, the 3-acyl-5-chloromethylidene tetronic acid became the next focus. With the overall aim to facilitate structural diversity within the polyether ionophores, the ideal approach to this building block should also allow access to other variants such as the methylidene and bromomethylidene species (Figure 3a). Although

the construction of this small and densely functionalized unit has not previously been realized, published syntheses of natural products containing the nonhalogenated version provide precious lessons (Figure 3b).⁴⁰⁻⁴³ We opted not to pursue strategies based on organolithium reagent addition⁴² due to the demand of fully protected coupling partners and the uncertain stability of the chlorovinyl moiety to organolithium chemistry. Likewise, approaches based on the Eschenmoser methenylation⁴³ were not considered due to unavailability of the chlorinated version of the reagent. Mindful of the presumed lability of the halomethylidene species and the multiple functional groups present in the coupling partner, we selected a DCC-mediated late-stage coupling as the most appealing strategy⁴¹ and we therefore decided to target the tetronate building blocks bearing an easily-removable protecting group (TMSE). After a series of unsuccessful attempts (direct NMe₂/Cl exchange, construction of organotin or organoselenium intermediates, see Supporting Information Figure S1 for more details), we realized the synthesis of the halomethylidene tetronate via a formal C-H halogenation approach (Figure 3c). The *O*-TMSE protected tetronate **19** was prepared via intramolecular Wittig cyclization⁴¹ from trityl protected α -hydroxyl TMSE ester **17** and the Bestmann reagent, and the methylidene group was installed via MsCl-mediated elimination. The formal C-H halogenation was then facilitated by dichlorination (KMnO₄-TMSCl)⁴⁴/dibromination (Br₂)⁴⁵ of methylidene tetronate and subsequent elimination (DBU) to furnish the target halomethylidene tetronates **8a** and **8b** with desired (*Z*)-configuration.



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197 **Figure 3 |** Development of a synthesis of TMSE-protected 5-(halo)methylidene tetronic acid.

198 (a) Chemical structure of the targeted 3-acyltetronic acid-derivatives found in
199 nonthmicin/ecteinamycin and **6**. No previous syntheses of the halogenated variants have been
200 reported. (b) Examples of known methods used to prepare non-halogenated variants. (c) From
201 several synthesis strategies attempted (see also Figure S1, supporting information) a formal C-
202 H halogenation of protected 5-methylidene tetronic acid was developed. Construction of the
203 required TMSE-protected 5-methylidene precursor **19** for these reactions was carried out in 6
204 steps from the commercial racemic acetonide-protected glycerate **15**. This sequence allowed
205 for preparation of both the chlorine and bromine-variants (**8a** and **8b**).

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207 Aldol Fragment coupling

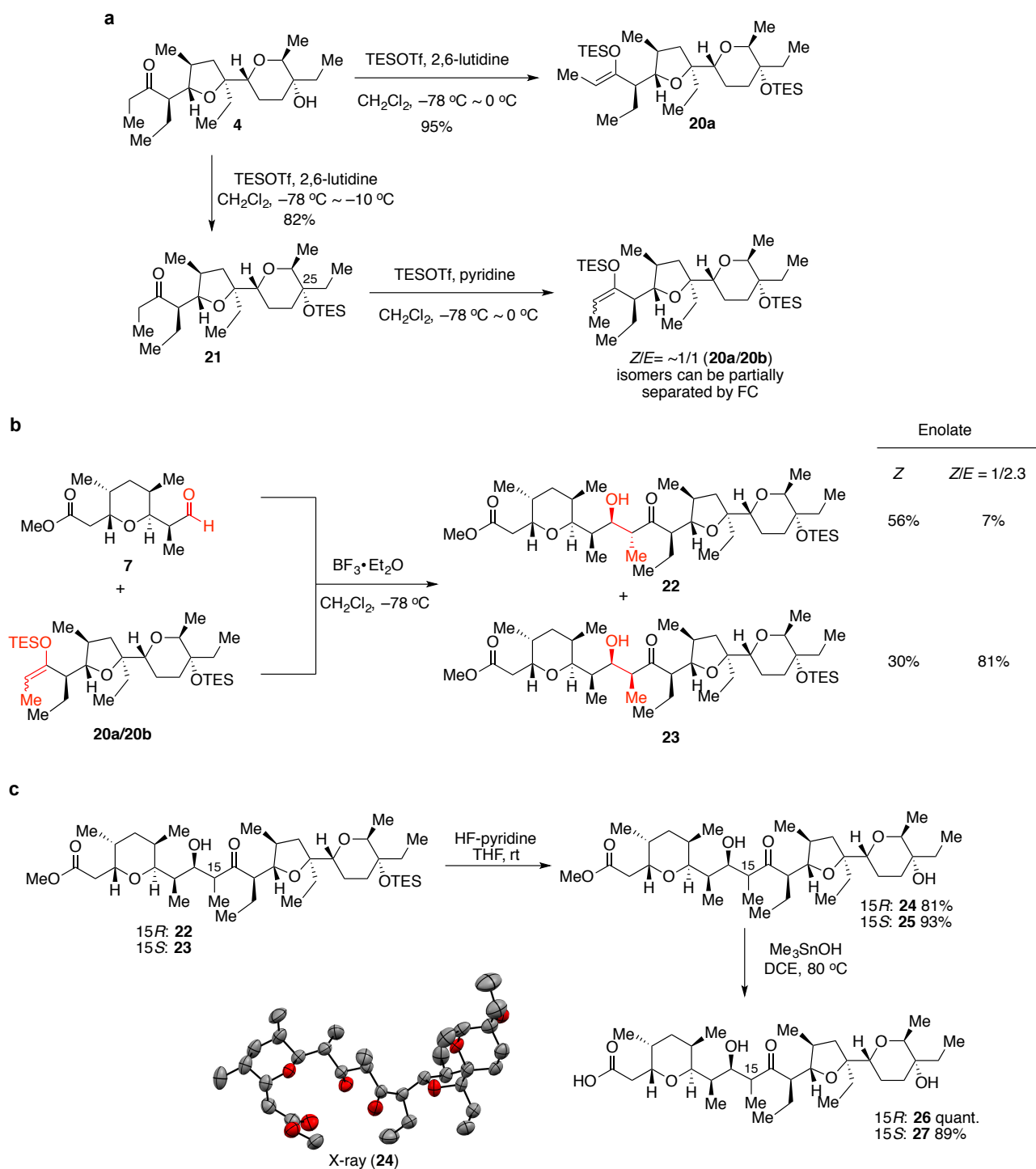
208 With access to the required building blocks, we initiated the fragment coupling sequence.
209 Analysis of the composition of the stereotriad at C13-C15 in **6** suggests that the desired
210 configuration could be achieved via the effectuation of an *anti*-aldol reaction with Felkin-
211 control of the secondary alcohol at C14. This type of stereocontrol is usually reinforcing⁴⁶

212 although in the present case, due to the stereogenic center at C17, double stereodifferentiation
213 in the aldol reaction is required.⁴⁷ We first attempted formation of the (*E*)-boron enolate from
214 **4** or the C25-OTES protected derivative **21** using (*c*Hex)₂BCl-NEt₃ but useful conversion to the
215 enolate could not be achieved. In fact, the only known aldol reactions using **4** were carried out
216 in the classic syntheses of lasalocid **34** and utilized *in situ* formation of the zinc-enolate from **4**
217 which generates preferentially the configuration found in **3** – also *anti*-aldol-Felkin – and which
218 differs from the configuration needed to make **6** at all of the three stereocenters. Although this
219 aldol coupling utilized a different aldehyde compared to **7**, we evaluated the possibilities for
220 favoring the desired aldol product as being low. Consequently, we decided to instead rely on
221 the Lewis acid catalyzed Mukaiyama aldol reaction which is known to maintain Felkin-
222 selectivity.⁴⁸ Importantly, double stereodifferentiation in Mukaiyama aldol reactions is
223 established from classic studies by Evans⁴⁹ thus providing a theoretical framework for the
224 analysis of the key fragment coupling reaction. Despite the lack of very closely related reactions
225 in the literature, we expected that formation of the desired *anti*-aldol isomer (14*R*,15*R*; *anti*
226 15,17-Me↔Et) would still be challenging due to the intrinsic preference for *syn*-aldol products
227 in the Mukaiyama-aldol reaction and the combined diastereofacial bias from the stereocenters
228 already present in aldehyde **7** and ketone **4**. Formation of the *anti*-aldol products would
229 demand use of the (*Z*)-silylenolate, whereas the corresponding (*E*)-enolate could be expected
230 to reinforce the formation of a *syn*-aldol product (14*R*,15*S*; *syn* 15,17-Me↔Et). Our first
231 attempts at enolizing ketone **4** afforded some surprising results: While the (*Z*)-TES-enolate **20a**
232 could be readily formed with excess TESOTf and 2,6-lutidine with concomitant protection of
233 the tertiary alcohol at C25, formation of the corresponding (*E*)-enolate could not be accessed
234 cleanly (Figure 4a). After extensive experimentation, we found that substitution of 2,6-lutidine
235 with less hindered pyridine and inverting the sequence of reagent addition (pyridine added to
236 a pre-equilibrated solution of C25-OTES protected ketone **21** and TESOTf) could afford a nearly

237 1:1 mixture of the (*Z*)/(*E*)-TES-enolates (**20a**/**20b**) which could be partially separated by flash
238 chromatography. Gratifyingly, upon exposure of the enolates to aldehyde **7** at low temperature
239 in the presence of BF₃•OEt₂, aldol coupling proceeded in excellent yield (Figure 4b). Although
240 we could detect formation of all four putative aldol diastereomers by TLC (P1-P4 based on
241 silical gel mobility), the reaction using an enriched (ratio 1:2.3 *Z/E*) (*E*)-TES-enolate was highly
242 selective for the P3-isomer (P2: 7%, P3: 81%) whereas the pure (*Z*)-TES-enolate afforded a
243 mixture of P2 and P3 (P2: 56%, P3: 30%). Subsequent stereochemical assignment of the
244 respective compounds by X-ray crystallography revealed P3 to be the (*14R,15S*)-configured
245 product (**23**) in accord with the above analysis and P2 to be the desired isomer (*14R,15R*) (**22**).
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247 **End game coupling and purification**

248 Both aldol products (**22** and **23**) underwent a two-step deprotection sequence, involving first
249 Olah's reagent to remove the C25-OTES group and then trimethyltin hydroxide to cleave the
250 methyl ester (Figure 4c).⁵⁰ The latter conditions were found to be critical to avoid retro-aldol
251 cleavage.



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253 **Figure 4** | Fragment-coupling via boron trifluoride-mediated Mukaiyama-aldol reaction. (a)
 254 The (*Z*)-TES-enolate **20a** could be readily obtained, but special procedures had to be developed
 255 to access mixtures of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-TES-enolates. Purification could be used to further enrich the
 256 (*E*)-TES-enolate **20b**. (b) Aldol reaction affords two major products (**22** and **23**) depending on
 257 the configuration of the silyl-enolate derived from ketone **4**. Compound **22** was confirmed by

258 X-ray analysis of derivative **24** to be the initially targeted aldol-product (c) Both aldol products
259 **22** and **23** could be processed towards the final fragment coupling in two high-yielding steps.
260 TESOTf = triethylsilyltrifluoromethanesulfonate, DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.
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262 With the desired acid fragments (**26** and **27**) and *O*-TMSE protected tetronates (**19** and **8a-b**)
263 in hand, we started to investigate the final fragment coupling reaction. After TBAF-mediated
264 deprotection of the *O*-TMSE group on **8a** and simple extraction, the crude tetronic acid was
265 submitted to DCC coupling with carboxylic acid **26** (Figure 5a). Fortunately, the desired product
266 **6** was smoothly formed in 24 hours with full conversion of **26**, and 59% yield (as the sodium
267 salt, **6**-Na) was obtained by preparative HPLC using MeCN-10 mM NH₄HCO₃ as eluent.³⁵ It is
268 worth to note that the sodium salt (formed by subsequent NaHCO₃ treatment and extraction)
269 show much better solubility in organic solvents than the acid form, which indicates the
270 formation of a lipophilic complex, a featured property of polyether ionophores. Encouraged by
271 this result, the bromine-analog **29** and hydrogen-analog **30**, as well as the chlorine-analog **31**
272 bearing 15-(*S*) configuration, were synthesized following the same procedure in 42-58% yields
273 (Figure 5a). We managed to prepare crystals that were suitable for X-ray diffraction from both
274 **6**, **29**, and **31** and the resulting structures revealed the formation of a cage-like structure by the
275 “naturally-configured” 15-(*R*) analogs **6** and **29** while a dimeric complex was formed by the
276 corresponding 15-(*S*)-configured compound **31**. This clearly indicates the critical role played
277 by evolutionary conformational design⁵¹ on the cation-binding properties of the polyether
278 ionophores. Anticipating that small structural changes would potentially have a large impact
279 on the biological activities, we finally generated an additional derivative of **32** (Figure 5a) by
280 performing an *anti*-selective Evans-Saksena⁵² reduction of the carbonyl group in **26** followed
281 by coupling with the tetronic acid derived from **8a** (Figure S2).

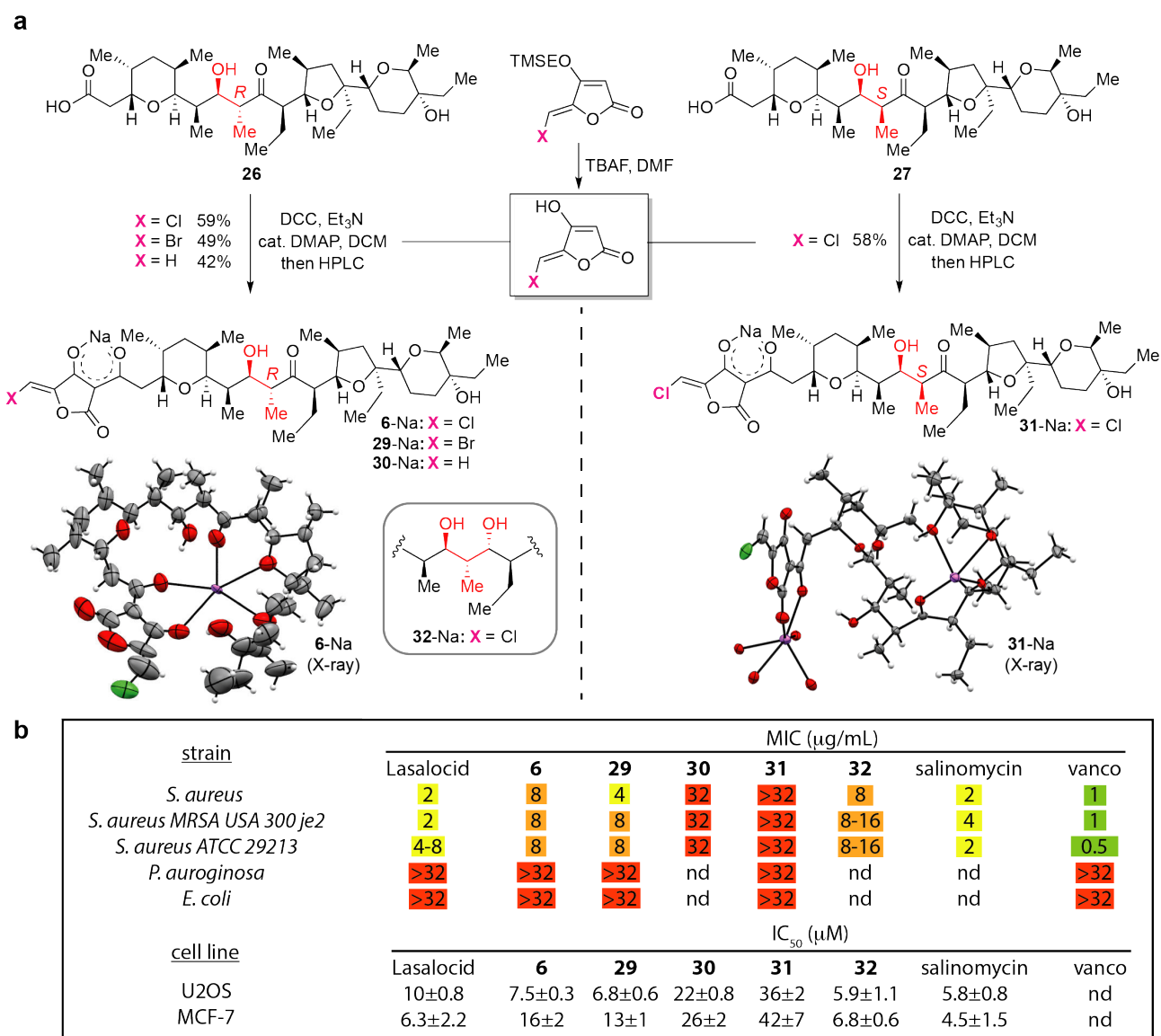


Figure 5. Final coupling sequence and biological activities of the hybrid tetronate polyethers.

(a) Mild conditions were developed for effecting the coupling of unprotected (halo)-methylidene tetronates to acids **26** or **27**. The structures of **6**, **29** (see supporting information) and **31**, all as the sodium salts, were solved by X-ray diffraction. (b) Anti-bacterial activity and effects on mammalian cell viability were evaluated for all compounds using canonical polyether ionophores (salinomycin and lasalocid) and vancomycin as the controls. For full inhibition curves see supporting information Fig. S3 and Fig. S4. MIC-values is mean ($N=3$) and mammalian cell viability is mean \pm sd ($N=3$). nd = not determined.

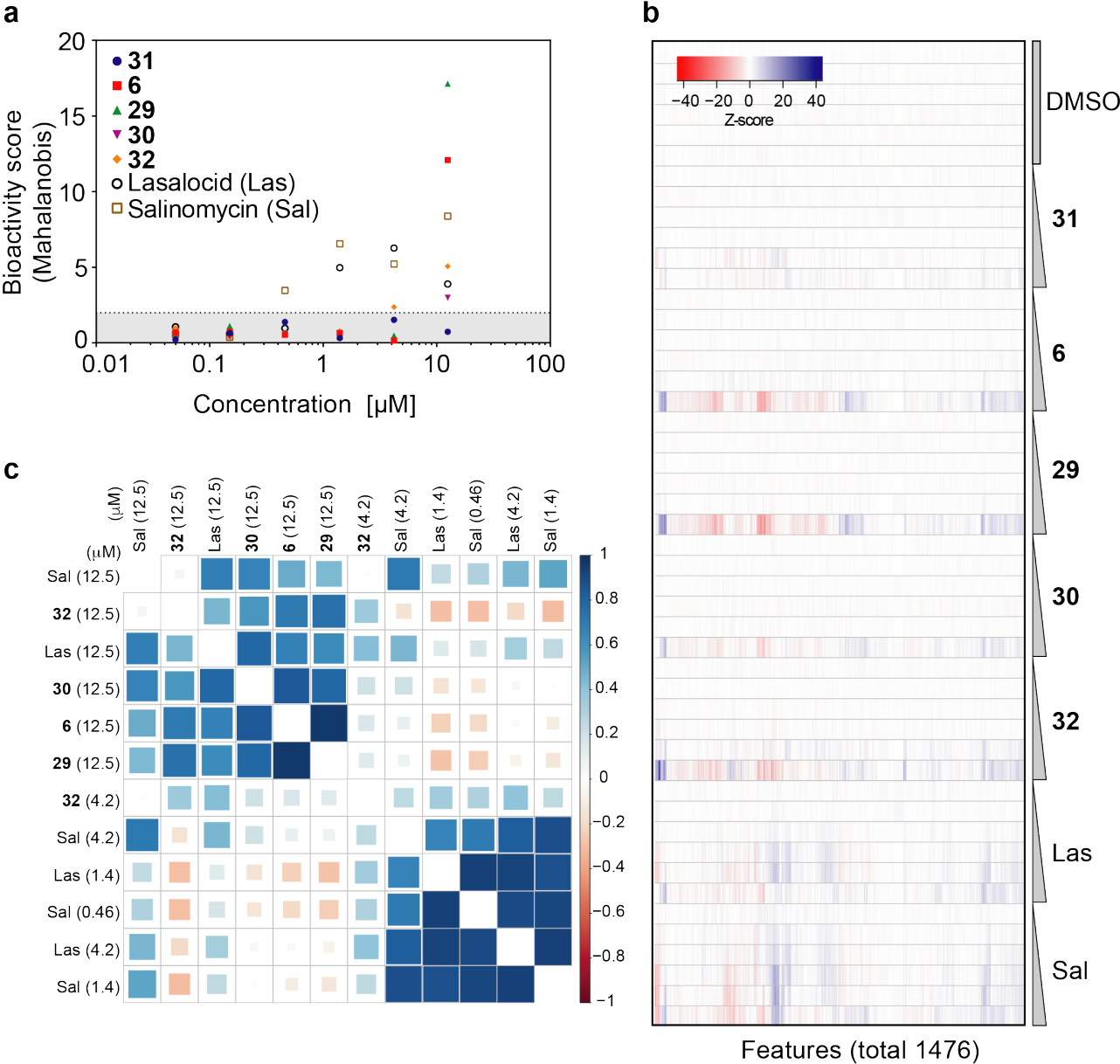
292 **Antibacterial and anti-proliferative activity of hybrid tetronate polyethers**

293 In order to probe the biological properties of the hybrid polyethers, we first performed an
294 evaluation of their anti-bacterial activity against a small panel of *S. aureus* strains (gram-
295 positive) and two different gram-negative strains (*P. auroginosa* and *E. Coli*). To our delight,
296 these experiments showed that compounds **6** and **29** did indeed maintain antibacterial activity
297 with a potency comparable to lasalocid and salinomycin against both wild-type and drug-
298 resistant *S. aureus* (Figure 5b and Fig. S3). Comparing the activity of **6**, **29**, and **30**, it is clear
299 that the halogen augments the contribution of the tetronic acid as the methylene-analog **30** was
300 significantly less active. Compound **31**, being epimeric to **6** at C15, was completely devoid of
301 activity (MIC >32 µg/mL), while **32** was equally active to **6**. None of the compounds were active
302 against gram-negative strains. Next, we evaluated inhibitory activity against human cancer cell
303 lines (U2OS and MCF7, Figure 5b) which afforded micromolar IC₅₀'s of all the compounds. We
304 noted however distinctively more shallow inhibition curves for the natural products, especially
305 salinomycin (Figure S4), indicating that these compounds perturb mammalian cells over a
306 larger span of concentrations.

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308 **Bioactivity analysis using morphological profiling**

309 Modulation of cell viability is a coarse measure of the biological activity of a small molecule. To
310 provide a more nuanced analysis of the activities of the polyethers in mammalian cells, we
311 subjected all compounds to morphological profiling^{53,54} in U2OS osteosarcoma cells. This
312 image-based method can generate bioactivity profiles of small molecules in an unbiased
313 manner that can be used statistically to reveal mechanistic similarities. Given the limited
314 detailed knowledge about the activity of polyether ionophores in mammalian cells, this
315 approach could potentially illuminate how structural changes impact the overall cellular
316 perturbation.



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319 **Figure 6.** Morphological profiling. (a) Bioactivity scores as measured by the Mahalanobis
320 distance to DMSO control. The grey area (Mahalanobis distance < 2) indicates inactivity. Sal and
321 Las show activity at a lower concentration than the hybrid ionophores. (b) Heatmap of full
322 morphological profiles. The color corresponds to the Z-score calculated from averaged profiles.
323 **6, 29, 30** and **32** shows similar profiles at the highest concentration (12.5 μM). Note that the
324 shown DMSO treatments are kept separate from the other DMSO controls used in the
325 normalization step. (c) Pearson correlation matrix of active compounds ordered by hierarchical
326 clustering. Two clusters with distinct bioactivities are formed, one containing lower

concentrations of Las and Sal and one containing high concentrations of both hybrid ionophores and Las and Sal. The color and size of the squares indicates the Pearson correlation coefficient.

All compounds were tested at six different concentrations (0.05-12.5 μ M) and we used salinomycin and lasalocid as controls. First, we calculated the Mahalanobis distance for all compound treatments to DMSO controls as an overall measure for above-background activity in the assay (Figure 6a and Figure S5-7). Using a rather strict threshold (see Supporting Information for details and Fig. S6), hybrid polyethers **6**, **29** and **30** were scored inactive at all but the highest concentration (12.5 μ M), compound **32** had an active profile also at 4.2 μ M, and epimer **31** was inactive at all tested concentrations.

In contrast to the hybrid polyethers, salinomycin and lasalocid were both active at lower concentrations (by 9-27 fold, Figure 6a). The full bioactivity profiles were plotted (Figure 6b) and a Pearson correlation matrix was calculated for all compound treatments exceeding the activity threshold (Figure 6c). We were quite surprised by the outcome of this analysis: The activity profiles of salinomycin and lasalocid over several concentrations were clustered (P 0.83-0.94) whereas the hybrid ionophores – at the highest concentration – formed a distinct cluster (Figure 6c). Interestingly, high concentrations of both lasalocid and salinomycin also afforded profiles with significant correlations ($P > 0.63$) to this cluster as did a subset of a reference panel of different growth inhibitory compounds (Figure S7) suggestive of a general toxicity profile. In contrast, the bioactivity profiles associated with the first cluster (low concentration Sal and Las) did not show significant correlations with profiles in our reference panel.

Given the recent strong interest in the cellular activity of salinomycin^{29,30,31} and the significant difference in both the chemical structures and ionophore-properties associated with

352 salinomycin (a K-ionophore as previously mentioned) and lasalocid (a Ca-ionophore), the
353 apparent mechanistic similarity - which is suggested by our data - demands future attention.
354 Another important observation from these experiments is that the hybrid polyethers appear to
355 be more 'silent' in mammalian (U2OS) cells despite having similar anti-bacterial activity
356 compared to lasalocid and salinomycin.

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358 **Discussion**

359 As we consider the potential future role of polyether ionophores in biomedicine the following
360 questions are important: 1) Can polyether ionophores be identified with a sufficiently large
361 therapeutic window to be considered as human antibiotics; 2) Can the activity of these
362 compounds be expanded to also target gram-negative strains; 3) Which aspects of mammalian
363 cell biology can be modulated by polyethers? To answer all of these questions, a large increase
364 in accessible compounds within the overall polyether-class is needed. For instance, systematic
365 tests in expanded bacterial panels may reveal activity patterns that can inform further
366 structural variations and in combination with investigations of cross-resistance to other
367 antibiotics new synthetic lead structures can be identified. The use of unbiased bioactivity
368 profiling in mammalian cells – as we demonstrate here – may both pinpoint polyethers with
369 unusual activity patterns that can be subjected to focused mechanistic investigations as well as
370 variants that appear 'silent' in mammalian cells while maintaining antibacterial activity. Hybrid
371 polyether **29** is a good example of the latter. The compound has a ratio of 0.5 between the
372 average (molar) MIC across the *S. aureus* strains and the first bioactive concentration in U2OS
373 cells whereas the equivalent numbers for salinomycin and lasalocid are 5.8 and 2.4,
374 respectively. However, we currently do not understand the mechanistic and structural factors
375 that underlie these differences. On a similar note, despite having closely related structures,
376 compounds **6** and **29** are less active (up to 64 fold) compared to the remarkably low MIC-values

377 reported for ecteinamycin (**2**)³⁶. The specific reason(s) for this difference is also of strong
378 interest. We e.g. note that in the solid state, the sodium-bound forms of **2** and **6/29** differ subtly
379 due to the structural variations close to the C17-C18 bond (Figure S8). How these changes affect
380 the relative selectivity and efficiency of ion-transport should be addressed in future studies.
381 In conclusion, it is evident that complex polyethers can affect both eukaryotic and prokaryotic
382 cells in ways that transcend the canonical model of pleiotropic ion-transporters and therefore
383 that a strategic merger of synthesis and biology broadly across this class of compounds is
384 timely. The overall synthesis principle of reusing parts of the abundant polyethers that we
385 outline in this paper - fueled by novel methods (such as MicroED⁵⁵) to expedite structural
386 assignment of complex molecules and methods to study mechanisms-of-action - may therefore
387 contribute to the effective resurrection of this whole class of compounds.

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405 **Methods**

406 **Organic Synthesis**

407 All reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon unless
408 otherwise stated. CH₂Cl₂, MeCN, THF and PhMe were dried over aluminium oxide via an
409 MBraun SPS-800 solvent purification system. DCE, DMF, MeOH and pyridine were purchased
410 as anhydrous. The dryness of solvents was controlled via Karl Fischer titration. Reagents were
411 used as received from commercial suppliers unless otherwise stated (Sigma Aldrich, Merck, AK
412 Scientific, and Fluorochem). Et₃N and DIPEA were dried by stirring for at least 30 minutes over
413 CaH₂ followed by distillation onto preactivated molecular sieves (4 Å). Concentration *in vacuo*
414 was performed using a rotary evaporator with the water bath temperature at 30 °C, or 40 °C,
415 followed by further concentration using a high vacuum pump. TLC analysis was carried out on
416 silica coated aluminum foil plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254). The TLC plates were visualized
417 by UV irradiation and/or by staining with either CAM stain ((NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄·4H₂O (10 g), Ceric
418 ammonium sulfate (4 g), 10% H₂SO₄ (aq., 400 mL)), ninhydrin stain (ninhydrin (12 g) and AcOH
419 (12 mL) in *n*-butanol (400 mL)) or KMnO₄ stain (KMnO₄ (5.0 g), 5 % NaOH (aq., 8.3 mL) and
420 K₂CO₃ (33.3 g) in H₂O (500 mL)). Molecular sieves were activated by drying in the oven at 120
421 °C for at least 24 hours, before they were heated in a microwave at maximum power for 2
422 minute, followed by evaporation of the formed vapour on the high vacuum line. This was
423 repeated 3-4 times, and finished by gently flame-drying the flask containing the molecular
424 sieves. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was carried out using silica gel (230-400 mesh
425 particle size, 60 Å pore size) as stationary phase. Infrared spectra (IR) were acquired on a
426 PerkinElmer Spectrum Two™ UATR. Mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker
427 Daltonics MicrOTOF time-of-flight spectrometer with positive electrospray ionization, or

negative ionization when stated. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker BioSpin GmbH 400 MHz spectrometer, running at 400 and 101 MHz for ^1H and ^{13}C , respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent signals (CDCl_3 : 7.26 ppm ^1H NMR, 77.16 ppm ^{13}C NMR, CD_3OD : 3.31 ppm ^1H NMR, 49.00 ppm ^{13}C NMR, $^6\text{d-DMSO}$: 2.50 ppm ^1H NMR, 39.52 ppm ^{13}C NMR. Multiplicities are indicated using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, h = heptet, m = multiplet, br = broad. LC-MS and HPLC analysis and purification were performed using a Gilson HPLC system.

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Diversity focused semisyntheses of tetronate polyether ionophores

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Supplementary Figures

Failed attempts and model studies toward 5-chloromethylene tetronate

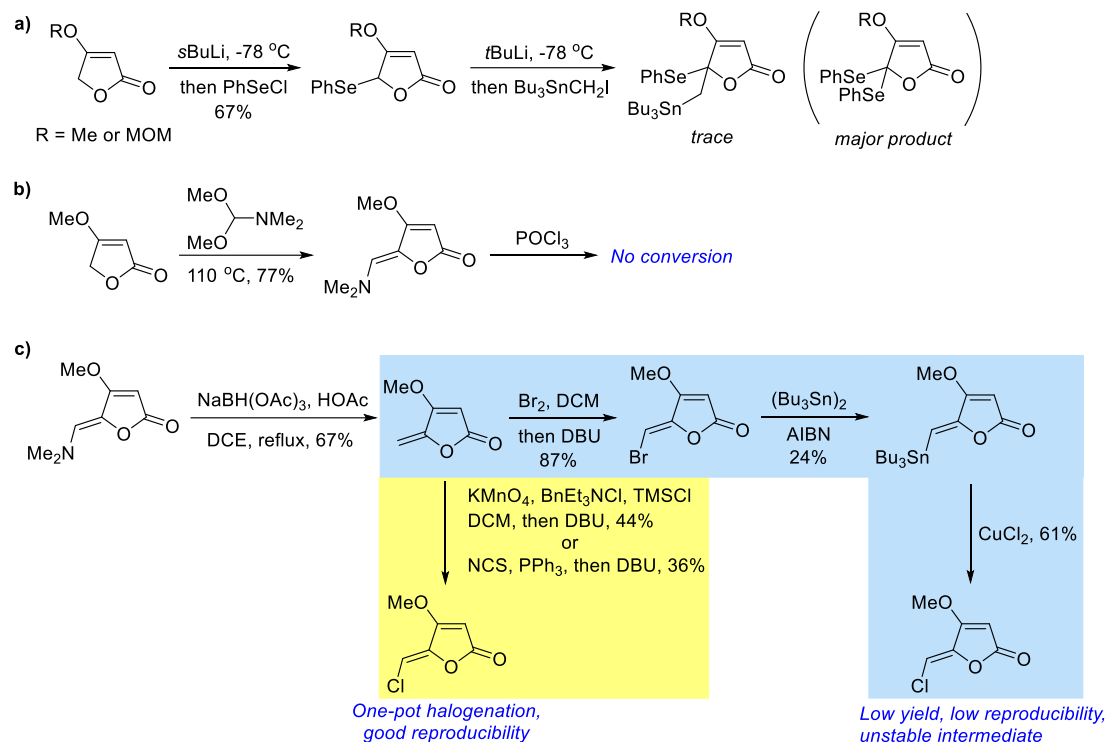


Figure S1 Failed attempts and model studies toward 5-chloromethylidene tetronate. a) Unsuccessful synthesis of 5-tributylstannylmethylidene tetronate. b) Unsuccessful chlorination of 5-dimethylaminomethylidene tetronate. c) Direct and indirect chlorination of 5-methylidene tetronate.

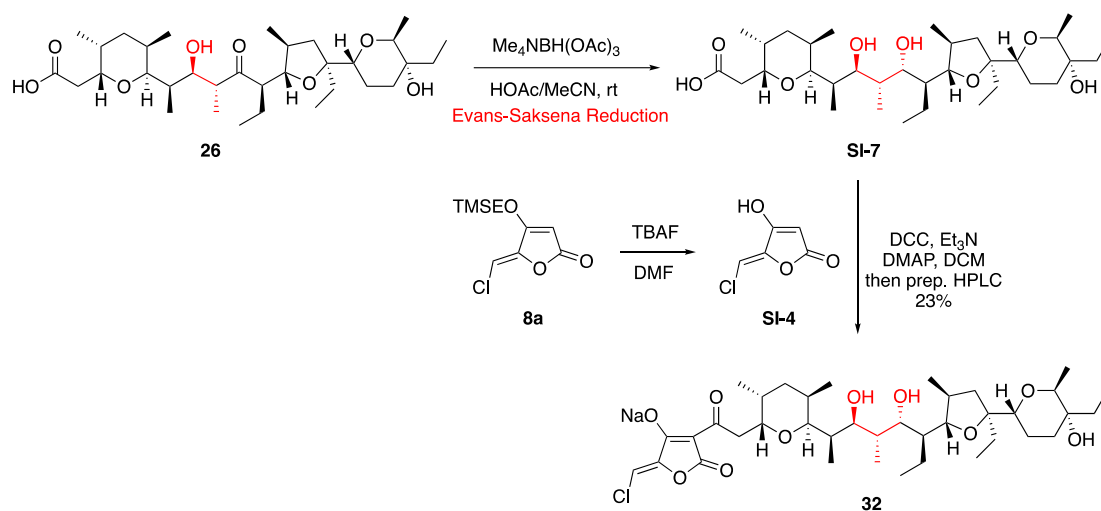


Figure S2 Synthesis of the analog **32** through *anti*-selective reduction followed by coupling with 5-chloromethylidene tetronate.

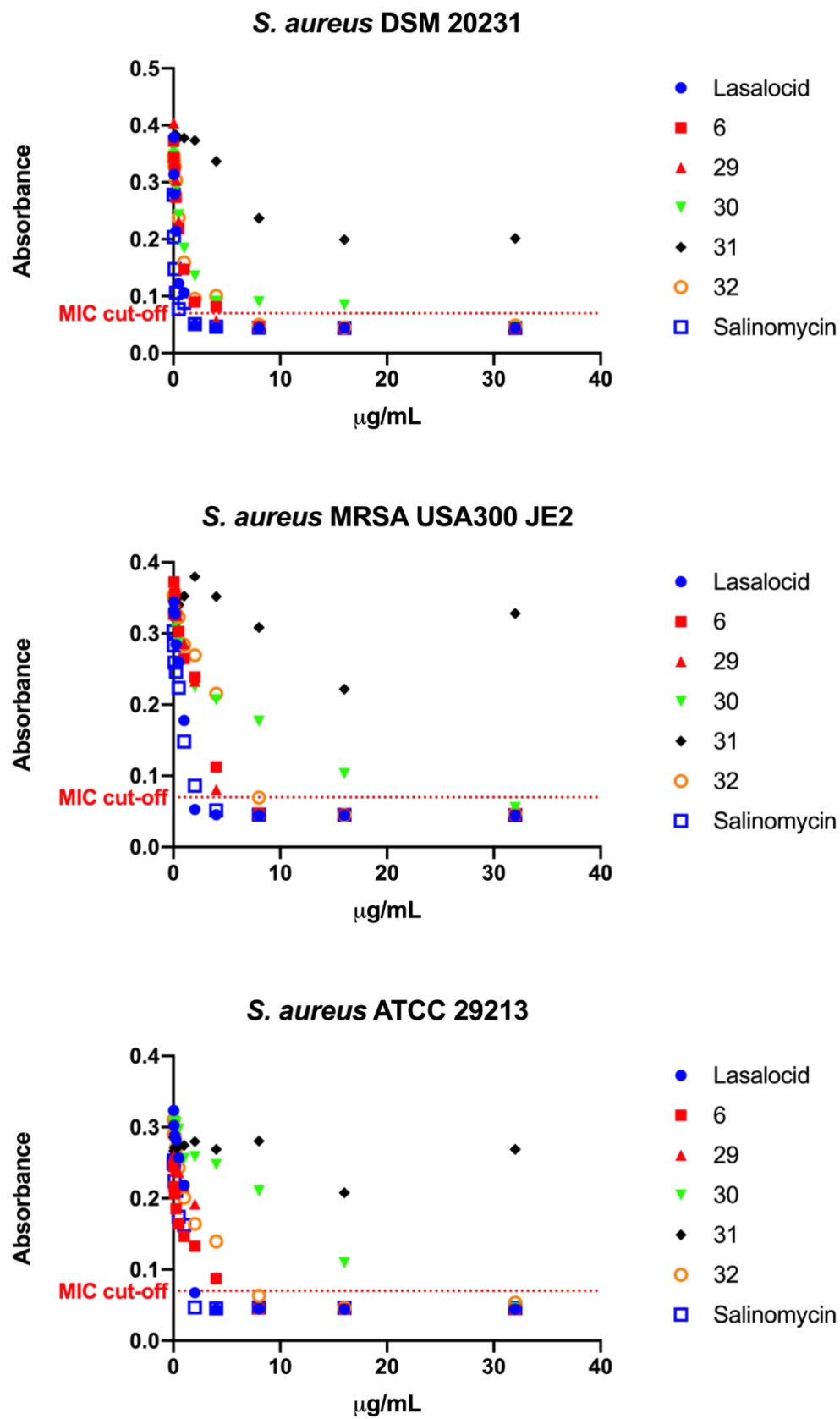


Figure S3. Full dose response curves for MIC determination in *S. aureus*. Vancomycin is omitted from these plots. Data points are means of three replicates.

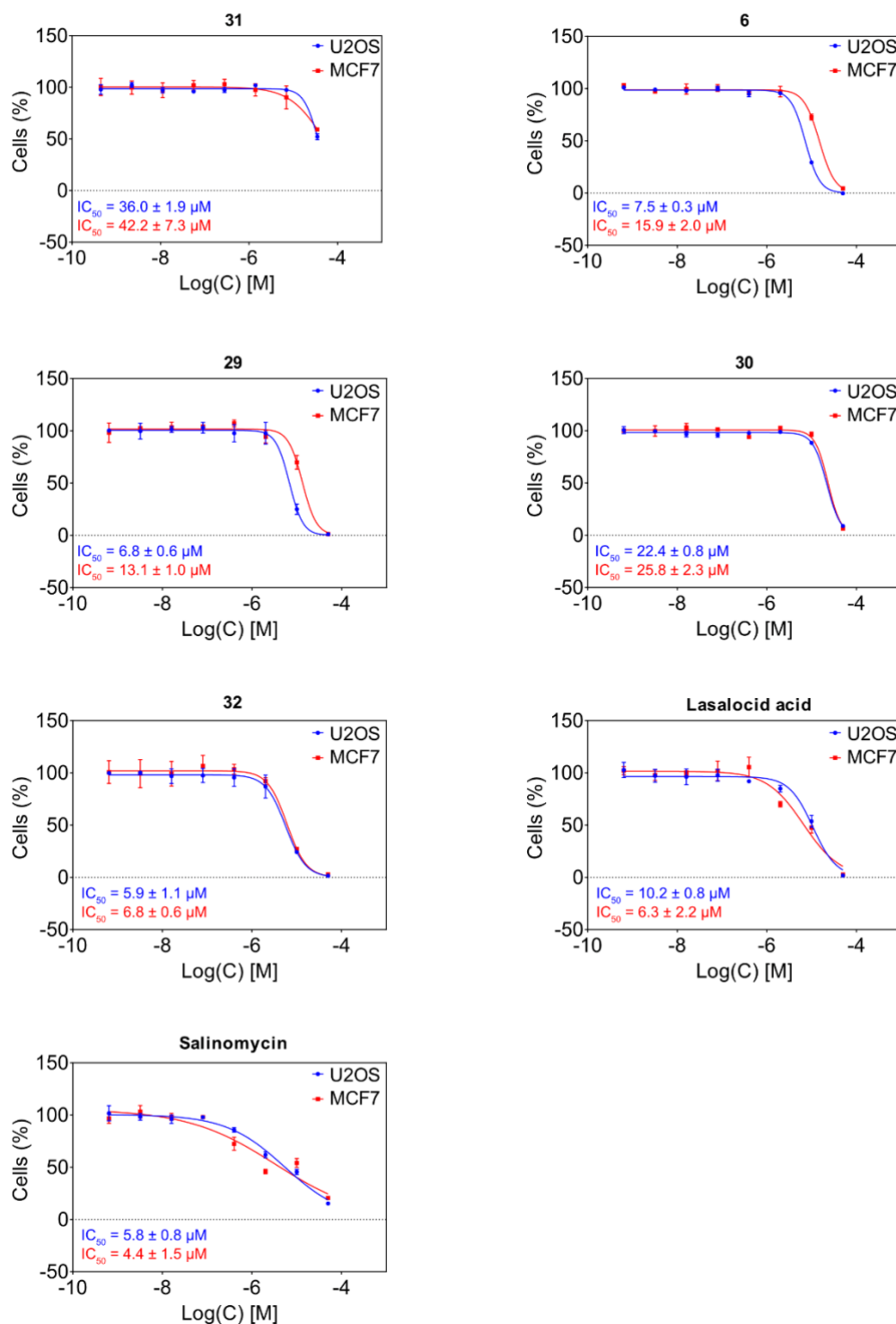


Figure S4 Dose response curves in U2OS and MCF7 cells after 48 h of treatment. IC_{50} is given as average plus/minus one standard deviation of the three repeats. Curves are representative of three repeats, each performed in triplicate. Error bars represent SD.

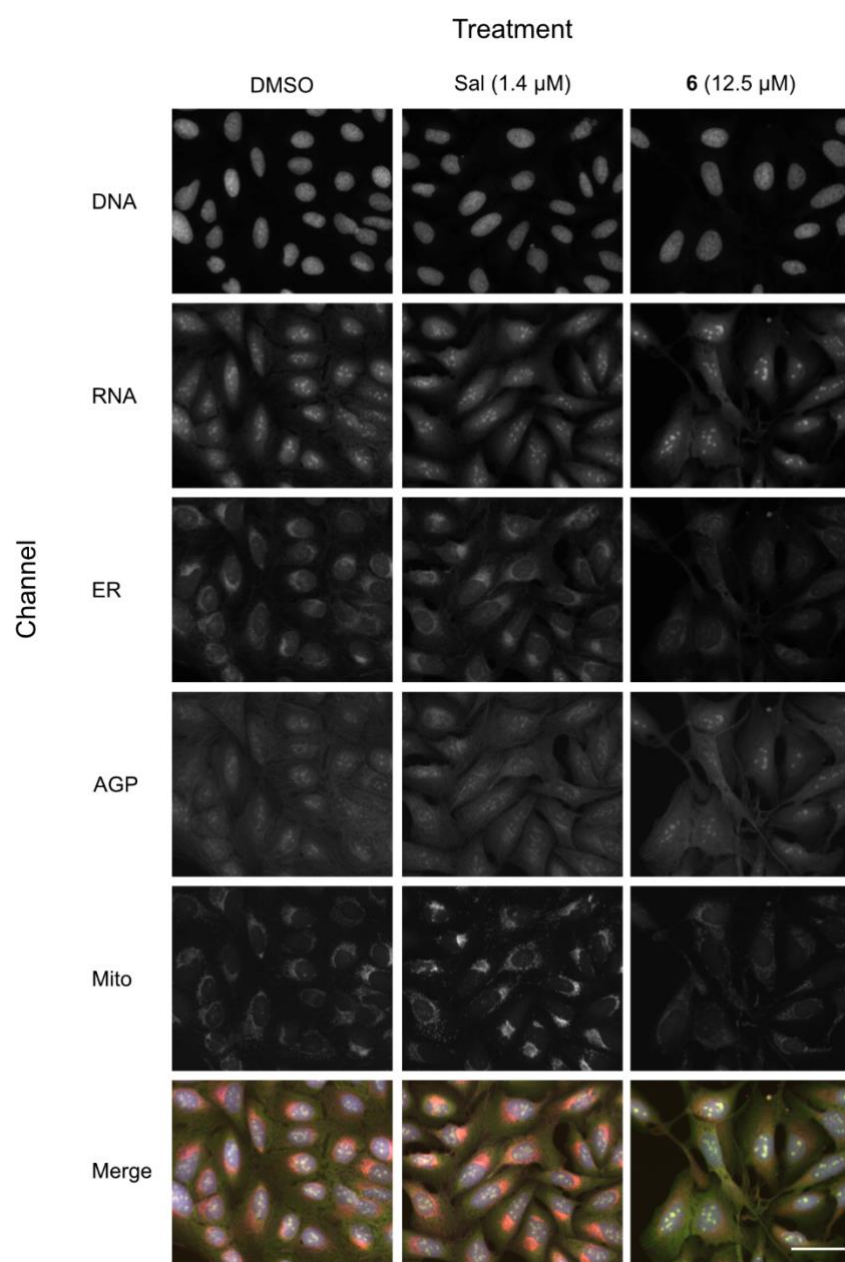


Figure S5 Representative images from the morphological profiling. Images are shown for DMSO treatment, 1.4 μ M Salinomycin and 12.5 μ M **6** treatment. Scalebar: 50 μ M. See the methods section for description of fluorophores in the different channels. Merge: DNA (blue), RNA (yellow), ER (magenta), AGP (green), Mito (red)

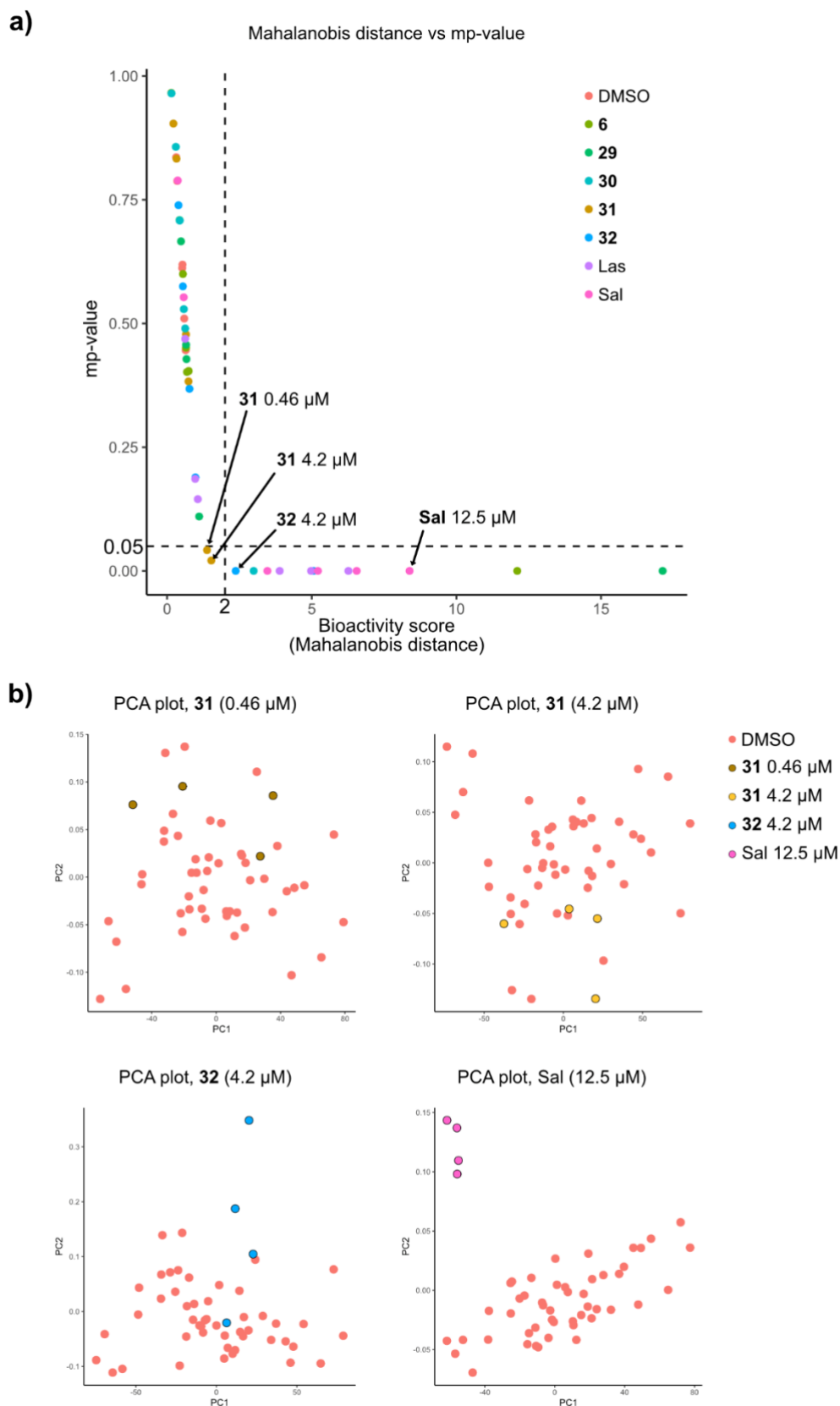


Figure S6 Determination of active compounds. a) Plot of Mahalanobis distance versus mp-value. b) PCA plots for selected compounds close to the activity score cutoff (31 (0.46 μM), 31 (4.2 μM), 32 (4.2 μM)) and one clearly active compound

(Sal (12.5 μ M)). **31** at 0.46 μ M and 4.2 μ M is deemed inactive as all points are within the DMSO controls. **32** at 4.2 μ M is deemed active as some of the replicates differ significantly from the DMSO controls.

Supplemental discussion for Figure S6

To determine which compounds were active we used the method developed by Hutz et al.¹ to calculate the mp-value and the Mahalanobis distance from the per-well non-normalized profiles. Even though Hutz et al. describes that compounds with a mp-value lower than 0.05 should be deemed active, we have found that a stricter cut-off is needed as we sometimes also observe (extra) DMSO controls which exceeds this threshold. To determine when compounds are active we inspect the PCA plots of the first two PCA components for questionable compounds (mp-value \sim 0.05) to determine if they are active (Figure S6). From this, we have observed a general trend that compounds with Mahalanobis distance > 2 differs from DMSO controls. We have used this cut-off, instead of the mp-value, to determine if compounds were active.

Compound **31** has mp-value = 0.04 at 0.46 μ M and mp-value = 0.02 at 4.6 μ M. These would be active according to the threshold of 0.05, but by inspected the PCA plots (Figure S6b) all replicates are within the DMSO controls. For compound **32** at 4.2 μ M the mp-value is 0 (the lowest possible) and has Mahalanobis distance greater than 2 to DMSO controls. This compound is deemed active as some of the replicates are outside of the DMSO controls. Thus, for this experiment a mp-value cut-off of 0 could also have been applied to distinguish active compounds from inactive compounds.

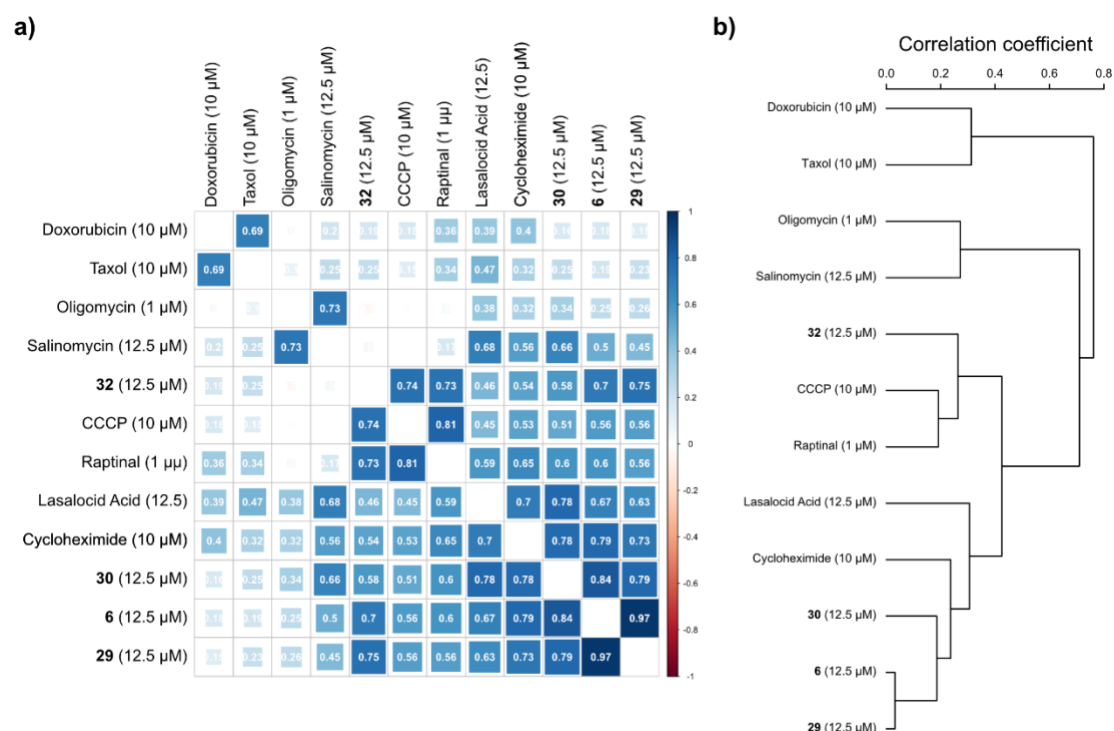


Figure S7 Comparison of high concentrations of hybrid ionophores **6**, **29**, **30** and **32** and salinomycin and lasalocid acid with reference compounds reveals a general toxic effect. a) Pearson correlation matrix ordered by hierarchical clustering. Profiles from high concentrations of hybrid ionophores correlates highly ($P > 0.7$) with some generally toxic compounds such as carbonyl cyanide 3-chlorophenylhydrazone (CCCP), raptinal and cycloheximide, while some other toxic compounds such as taxol and doxorubicin shows distinct profiles. The color and size of squares indicates the Pearson correlation coefficient. The coefficient is also presented by the number in each square. b) Cluster dendrogram showing the hierarchical clustering. **32** clusters with CCCP and raptinal while **6**, **29** and **30** clusters with cycloheximide and lasalocid acid. Doxorubicin and taxol shows similar effects, despite their very different mechanism of action; this indicates a general toxic effect at these concentrations.

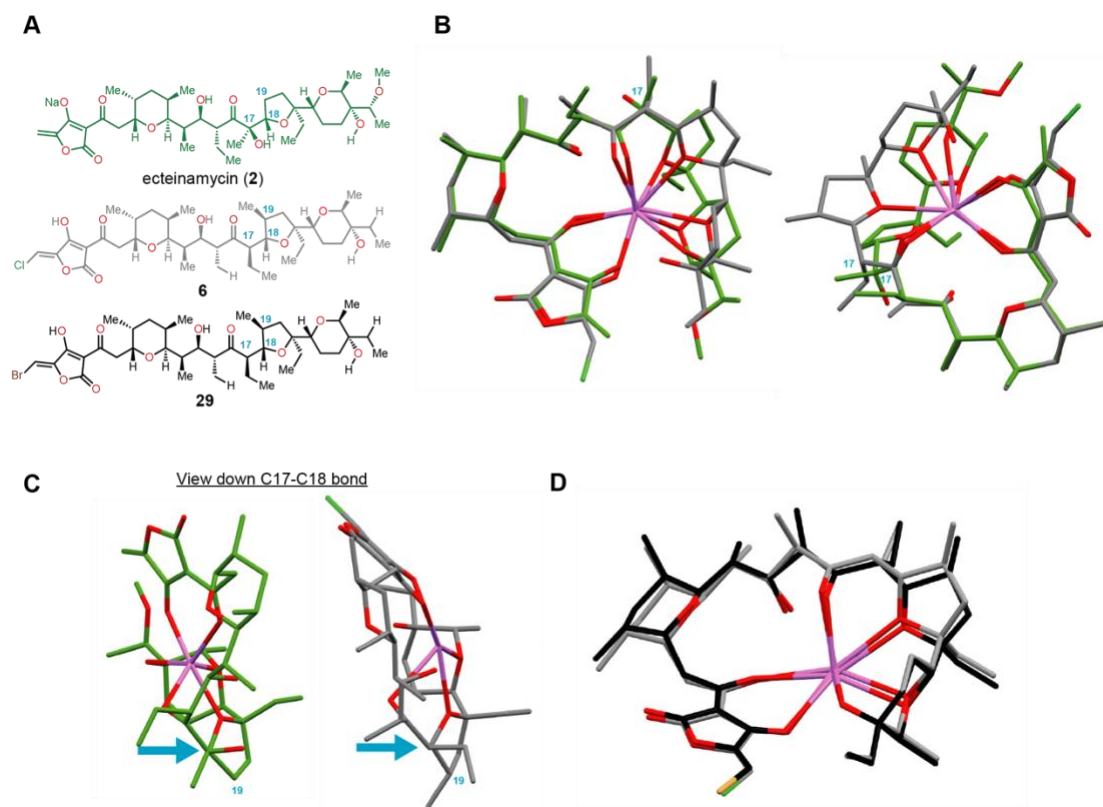


Figure S8 Comparison of X-ray structures of ecteinamycin and hybrid polyethers **6** and **29**. (a) Chemical structures, key carbon atoms indicated with blue numbers. (b) Overlay of X-ray structures of ecteinamycin and **6** reveals a shared ability to encapsulate a single sodium ion, but a different overall topology stemming mainly from deviations in dihedral angles around C17-C19. (c) View down the C17-C18 bond. C17 is quaternary in ecteinamycin but tertiary in **6**. (d) Overlay of X-ray structures of **6** and **29** demonstrates a very high degree of similarity.

Organic synthesis – general methods

All reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon unless otherwise stated. CH₂Cl₂, MeCN, THF and PhMe were dried over aluminium oxide via an MBraun SPS-800 solvent purification system. DCE, DMF, MeOH and pyridine were purchased as anhydrous. The dryness of solvents was controlled via Karl Fischer titration. Reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers unless otherwise stated (Sigma Aldrich, Merck, AK Scientific, and Fluorochem). Et₃N and DIPEA were dried by stirring for at least 30 minutes over CaH₂ followed by distillation onto preactivated molecular sieves (4 Å). Concentration in vacuo was performed using a rotary evaporator with the water bath temperature at 30 °C, or 40 °C, followed by further concentration using a high vacuum pump. TLC analysis was carried out on silica coated aluminum foil plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254). The TLC plates were visualized by UV irradiation and/or by staining with either CAM stain ((NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄·4H₂O (10 g), Ceric ammonium sulfate (4 g), 10% H₂SO₄ (aq., 400 mL)), ninhydrin stain (ninhydrin (12 g) and AcOH (12 mL) in *n*-butanol (400 mL)) or KMnO₄ stain (KMnO₄ (5.0 g), 5 % NaOH (aq., 8.3 mL) and K₂CO₃ (33.3 g) in H₂O (500 mL)). Molecular sieves were activated by drying in the oven at 120 °C for at least 24 hours, before they were heated in a microwave at maximum power for 2 minute, followed by evaporation of the formed vapor on the high vacuum line. This was repeated 3-4 times, and finished by gently flame-drying the flask containing the molecular sieves. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was carried out using silica gel (230-400 mesh particle size, 60 Å pore size) as stationary phase. Infrared spectra (IR) were acquired on a PerkinElmer Spectrum Two™ UATR. Mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicrOTOF time-of-flight spectrometer with positive electrospray ionization, or negative ionization when stated. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker BioSpin GmbH 400 MHz spectrometer, running at 400 and 101 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent signals (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR, 77.16 ppm ¹³C NMR, CD₃OD: 3.31 ppm ¹H NMR, 49.00 ppm ¹³C NMR, ⁶d-DMSO: 2.50 ppm ¹H NMR, 39.52 ppm ¹³C NMR. Multiplicities are indicated using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, h = heptet, m = multiplet, br = broad. LC-MS and

HPLC analysis and purification were performed using a Gilson HPLC system and a PerkinElmer Flexar SQ 300 MS detector.

X-ray crystallography

Crystal structure **6-Na**, **14**, **24** and **31-Na**

Crystallographic single crystal X-ray data for three structures were collected on a Bruker Kappa *Apex2* diffractometer equipped with a Ag source (**6-Na**, **14** and **31-Na**). The crystals were cooled to 100(1) K using an Oxford Cryosystems liquid nitrogen Cryostream device. Crystallographic single crystal X-ray data for **24** was collected on a different Bruker Kappa *Apex2* diffractometer equipped with a Mo source at room temperature. Absorption correction for all four structures were done with SADABS. Cell refinement and data reduction were done in SAINT-plus.² The structures were solved and refined with SHELXT and SHELXL, respectively, in Olex2.³⁻⁵

Crystal structure **29-Na**

Crystallographic single crystal X-ray data was collected using an Oxford Diffraction Supernova instrument equipped with a Mo micro-focus X-ray source, an Atlas charge-coupled device detector, and a four-circle goniometer. The crystal was cooled to 100(1) K using an Oxford Cryosystems liquid nitrogen Cryostream device. The intensities were empirically corrected for absorption using SCALE3 ABSPACK implemented in CrysAlisPRO.⁶ The unit cell parameters were determined, and the Bragg intensities were integrated using CrysAlisPRO. The structure was solved and refined with SHELXT and SHELXL, respectively, in Olex2.³⁻⁵

Crystallographic details:

	6-Na	14	24	29-Na	31-Na
Molecular formula	C ₃₈ H ₅₈ Cl Na O ₁₀	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ O ₃	C ₃₄ H ₆₀ O ₈	C ₃₈ H ₅₈ Br Na O ₁₀	C ₃₈ H ₅₈ Cl Na O ₁₀ , 2(C ₂ H ₃ N), H ₂ O
Formula weight	733.28	240.33	596.82	777.74	833.4
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
Space Group	P 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P 1 2 ₁ 1	P 1 2 ₁ 1	P 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁

a (Å)	17.3673	8.5919	8.8767	17.5111	11.9272
b (Å)	18.6159	9.104	10.3495	18.5108	13.616
c (Å)	53.386	9.673	19.4472	53.5509	27.774
α (°)	90	90	90	90	90
β (°)	90	114.391	91.299	90	90
γ (°)	90	90	90	90	90
Volume (Å ³)	17260	689.1	1786.14	17358.2	4510.7
Z	16	2	2	16	4
T (K)	100	100	296	100	100
ρ (g cm ⁻¹)	1.129	1.158	1.11	1.19	1.227
λ (Å)	0.56086	0.56086	0.71073	0.71073	0.56086
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.084	0.05	0.077	1.006	0.087
# measured refl	110795	11684	28112	35203	25547
# unique refl	19216	2616	6640	17560	6250
R _{int}	0.0694	0.0486	0.0273	0.0443	0.0474
# parameters	1834	158	391	1759	532
R(F ²), all refl	0.0925	0.0511	0.0584	0.0977	0.0538
R _w (F ²), all refl	0.2365	0.103	0.1278	0.2421	0.121
Goodness of fit	1.007	1.048	1.047	1.04	1.045

Determination of MIC values

The strains tested are *staphylococcus aureus* DSM 20231, *staphylococcus aureus* USA 300 JE2 (MRSA), *staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213 (weak β -lactamase producer), *Escherichia. coli* DSM 498, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 DSM 19880. The MIC values are tested in 96-well microtiter plates using a microbroth dilution method in Mueller Hinton broth, inoculating each test well with 5×10^5 CFU and incubating at 37°C overnight. The inoculation CFU is validated in parallel using agar plate counts. Stocks of the compounds screened are prepared in DMSO (final conc. <2%). Growth is measured as absorbance at 600 nm using a Tecan Nanoquant infinite M200Pro plate reader. The absorbance value correlating to a difference seen by the unaided eye is determined to be 0.07. Measurements above this value is deemed as growth when determining the MIC values.

Mammalian cell culture and cell viability assay

U2OS cells (ATCC HTB-96) were cultured in McCoy's 5A (Sigma cat. no. M9309) supplemented with fetal bovine serum (FBS, 10%) and penicillin/streptomycin (1%). MCF7 cells (ATCC HTB-22) were cultured in DMEM (Gibco, cat. no. 21969035) supplemented with GlutaMAX (Gibco, cat. no. 35050061), 10 µg/mL human recombinant insulin (Sigma, cat. No. I9278), FBS (10%) and penicillin/streptomycin (1%).

Cells were cultured at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂. Every third day, the cells were washed in PBS (2 × 5 mL, Sigma, cat. no. D8537) and dissociated from the culture flask by trypsin-EDTA (Sigma, cat. no. T4049) and one-fifth of the cells were reseeded in fresh complete medium in a T75 flask (Thermo Scientific, cat. no. 130190)

Cell viability assay

Cells were seeded in black 96-well plates (Thermo Scientific, cat. no. 137101) at a density of 2000 cells/well in complete medium (75 µL/well) and were left to adhere to the substratum overnight. Compounds were dosed in the designated culture plates in triplicates as 4× solutions in 25 µL medium with a normalized DMSO concentration (0.5%) in all treatments, and the plates were placed at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂. After 46.5 h, plates were added CellTiter-Blue (Promega G8080) (20 µL/well) and incubated for 90 min after which the plates were analyzed in a Tecan Spark 10 M multimode plate reader for fluorescence (552 ± 10 nm excitation; 598 ± 10 nm emission). Average growth of treated cells was calculated by correcting fluorescence values for background fluorescence and subsequently normalized to the average of the two lowest treatments of the compound in question. Data was plotted and fitted to a four-parameter dose–response curve using Prism 7.05 for Windows (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA, www.graphpad.com) with the following constraints: Bottom = 0, HillSlope > -3.

Morphological profiling

The cell painting protocol is adapted from Bray et al 2016⁷ to a 96-well plate format. In brief:

U2OS cells were seeded into the inner 60 wells of a 96-well plate with optical bottom (Corning cat. no. 3603) at a density of 4000 cells/well in complete medium (75 μ L) and incubated (37 $^{\circ}$ C, 5% CO₂, humid) for 24 h. Compounds or DMSO were dosed in the designated culture plates in quadruplicates, distributed over 4 plates, as 4 \times solutions in 25 μ L medium with a normalized DMSO concentration (0.5%). A total of 48 DMSO control wells were included plus 24 DMSO controls wells which were kept out of the normalization to measure background signal. After 24 h, 75 μ L medium was removed and replaced with 75 μ L complete medium containing 500 nM MitoTracker Deep Red (final C = 325 nM) and plates were incubated in the dark for 30 min. Wells were then aspirated and 75 μ L medium were added, before adding 25 μ L 16% paraformaldehyde (Electron Microscopy Sciences 15710-S) (final PFA = 4%) and incubating in the dark for 20 min. Plates were washed once with 1X HBSS (Invitrogen 14065-056) and 75 μ L 0.1% (vol/vol) Triton X-100 (BDH 306324N) in 1X HBSS was added and incubated for 15 min in the dark. Plates were washed twice with 1X HBSS before addition of 75 μ L multiplex staining solution (final concentrations: 1.5 μ g/mL WGA-AF555; 35 μ g/mL Concanavalin-AF488; 5 μ L/mL Phalloidin-AF568; 3 μ M SYTO 14; 5 μ g/mL Hoechst 33342 in 1% (wt/vol) BSA (Sigma-Aldrich A9647)) and incubation for 30 min in the dark. Plates were then washed three times with 1X HBSS with no final aspiration and imaged immediately in a Zeiss Celldiscoverer 7 automated microscope.

Imaging

The following imaging settings were used on a Zeiss Celldiscoverer 7 microscope:

Channel	Dyes	Excitation LED	Beamsplitter	Emission filter
DNA	Hoechst 33342	385 nm	RTBS 405 + 493 + 610	TBP 425/30 + 524/50 + 688/154
ER	Concanavalin-AF488	470 nm	RTBS 405 + 493 + 610	TBP425/30 + 524/50 + 688/145
RNA	SYTO 14 green fluorescent nucleic acid stain	511 nm	RTBS 450 + 538 + 610	TBP 467/24 + 555/25 + 687/145
AGP	Phalloidin-AF568 +	567 nm	RQBS 405 +	QBP 425/30 +

Wheat-germ agglutinin-AF555			493 + 575 + 653	514/30 + 592/25 + 709/100
Mito	MitoTracker Deep Red	625 nm	RQBS 405 + 493 + 575 + 653	QBP 425/30 + 514/30 + 592/25 + 709/100

AF: Alexa Fluor

9 images are acquired in each well with 2x2 binning using the AxioCam 702 CMOS 12-bit camera with 4x analog gain.

Computational

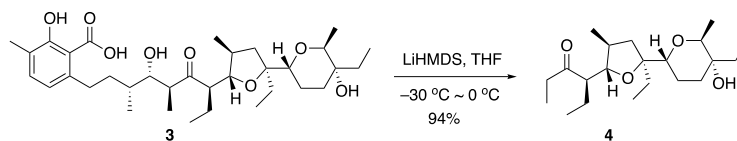
To generate the bioactivity profiles the workflow outlined in Svenningsen & Poulsen⁸ was followed. In short, CellProfiler 2.1.1⁹ was used to correct images for uneven illumination followed by image segmentation and extraction of 1476 features across nuclei, cytoplasm and the whole cell on a per-cell basis. Features were then averaged to per-well profiles after which the data was normalized on a per-plate basis followed by per-treatment aggregation which affords the final profiles.

The heatmap of morphological profiles is visualized with heatmap.2 in the gplots package¹⁰. The Pearson correlation matrix is calculated using the stats package in R 3.6.0¹¹ and visualized using the corrplot 0.84 package¹².

Hierarchical clustering is performed using the stats package using Pearson correlation coefficients as distance metric and average linkage method.

Synthesis protocols and characterization data

(*R*)-4-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2-*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hexan-3-one (**4**)



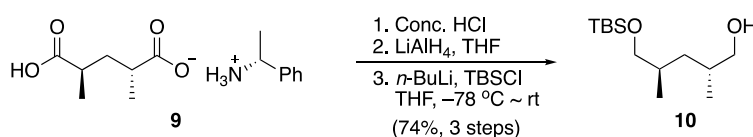
Lasalocid acid **3** was extracted from the commercial product Bovatec. To a solution of the Lasalocid acid (11.8 g, 20 mmol, 1 eq.) in 200 mL of THF was added LiHMDS (120 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 6 eq.) slowly at -30 °C under Ar. The resulting mixture was slowly warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 6 d. It was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl and extracted with ether. The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **4** as a pale yellow oil (6.64 g, 94%).

R_f: 0.22 (EtOAc/pentane 1:9).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.76 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.53 (m, 3H), 2.44 (dq, *J* = 18.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.25 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (m, 6H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 214.1, 86.0, 84.4, 77.0, 73.0, 71.1, 57.6, 40.8, 37.4, 37.0, 30.5, 29.4, 28.7, 21.4, 21.2, 16.8, 14.2, 12.6, 8.2, 7.5, 6.6.

(2*R*,4*R*)-5-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentan-1-ol (**10**)



The optically active salt **9** (5.39 g, 19.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was dissolved in conc. HCl (50 mL), and the resulting clear solution was stirred for 5 mins before solvent was removed. The residue was extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, and then solvent was removed. The crude product was used directly in the next step.

The crude product was dissolved in 120 mL dry THF under Ar and cooled to 0 °C, LiAlH₄ (2.91 g, 76.8 mmol, 4 eq.) was added in small portions. Then the mixture was

warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. It was quenched with water (2.91 g), 10% NaOH (2.91 g), and water (8.73 g). The white precipitate was filtered off and washed with EtOAc. The crude product was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of crude diol in dry THF (35 mL) at -78 °C under Ar, *n*-BuLi (7.3 mL, 2.5 N, 0.95 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C. Then, a solution of TBSCl (2.75 g, 18.2 mmol, 0.95 eq.) in THF (5 mL) was added rapidly, and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min before it was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 3 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was removed and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the product **10** as a clear oil (3.48 g, 74%).

R_f: 0.25 (EtOAc/pentane= 1/9).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.6 K}$ 18.6 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

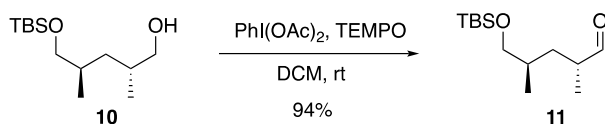
IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 3308 (br), 2955, 2928, 2857, 1472, 1388, 1254, 1095, 1036.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.50 – 3.39 (m, 4H), 1.79 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 1H), 1.25 – 1.10 (m, 2H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 15H), 0.04 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 69.2, 69.1, 37.0, 33.2, 33.1, 26.1, 18.5, 16.8, 16.6, -5.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. for C₁₃H₃₁O₂Si: 247.2088; found 247.2092.

(2*R*,4*R*)-5-(((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentanal (11**)**



To a solution of mono-TBS protected diol **10** (3.48 g, 14.1 mmol, 1 eq.) in dry DCM (70 mL) under Ar, PhI(OAc)₂ (6.81 g, 21.2 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and TEMPO (443 mg, 2.82 mmol, 0.2 eq.) were added. The mixture was stirred until SM disappeared (6 h) at room temperature under Ar. Then, the reaction was quenched with aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and extracted with DCM. The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq.

NaHCO₃, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the aldehyde **11** as a clear oil (3.24 g, 94%).

R_f: 0.50 (EtOAc/pentane = 1/19).

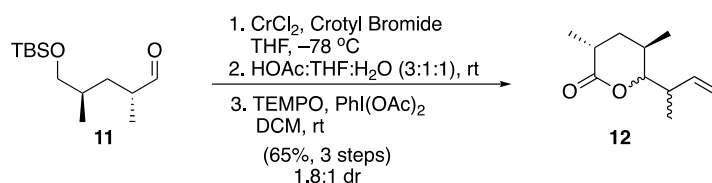
IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2956, 2929, 2857, 1728, 1462, 1252, 1093, 836, 765.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 – 0.87 (m, 12H), 0.04 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.5, 68.3, 44.3, 34.1, 33.4, 26.1, 18.5, 16.6, 13.6, -5.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calc. for C₁₃H₂₉O₂Si: 245.1931; found 245.1929.

(3*R*,5*R*)-6-(But-3-en-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (12**)**



To CrCl₂ (3.613 g, 29.4 mmol, 4 eq.) at 0 °C under Ar was added dry THF (40 mL) with vigorous stirring. After 30 min, aldehyde **11** (1.796 g, 7.35 mmol, 1 eq.) in THF (4.0 mL) and 1-bromo-2-butene (2.27 mL, 22.1 mmol, 3 eq.) in THF (2 mL) were added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 h after which it was poured into ice-cold water (150 mL) and extracted with ether. Then, the solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was used in the next step without further purification.

The crude mixture was dissolved in 10 mL of HOAc-THF-H₂O (3:1:1) and was stirred until SM disappeared (overnight). The reaction mixture was diluted with water and quenched with solid NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with ether and the combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude mixture that was used without further purification.

To a solution of the crude mixture in DCM (45 mL) at room temperature under Ar, TEMPO (230 mg, 1.47 mmol, 0.2 eq.) and PhI(OAc)₂ (4.735 g, 14.7 mmol, 2.0 eq.)

were added. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and DCM. The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, brine and dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to obtain the product **12** as a clear oil (867 mg, 65%, *dr*: 1.8:1). NMR data are reported for the major diastereomer.

R_f: 0.26 (EtOAc/pentane 1:9).

[α]_D^{296.6 K} 69.4 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

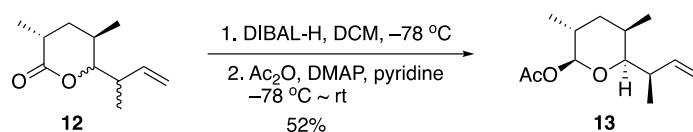
IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3090, 2968, 2934, 2850, 1734, 1460, 1378, 1199, 1101, 989, 737.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.94 (ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 7.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (td, *J* = 12.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.2, 140.4, 115.1, 87.1, 39.5, 36.4, 31.3, 28.1, 18.0, 15.5, 10.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calc. for C₁₁H₁₈O₂Na: 205.1199; found 205.1209.

(2*S*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((*R*)-But-3-en-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl acetate (13**)**



To a solution of lactone **12** (403 mg, 2.21 mmol, 1 eq.) in DCM (22 mL) under Ar was cooled to -78 °C, DIBAL-H (2.87 mL, 1.0 M in cyclohexane, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise. After 5 h, acetic anhydride (2.07 mL, 22.1 mmol, 10 eq.), pyridine (1.43 mL, 17.7 mmol, 8 eq.), and DMAP (351 mg, 3.87 mmol, 1.3 eq.) were added. The reaction mixture was slowly warm to room temperature and stirred for overnight. Sat. aq. NH₄Cl was added and the DCM was removed. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. Na₂HPO₄ twice, NaH₂PO₄ twice, and sat. aq. CuSO₄ twice. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered,

and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford the major product **13** as a clear solid (259 mg, 52%).

R_f: 0.42 (EtOAc/pentane 1:15).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.8\text{ K}}$ -27.4 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3081, 2968, 2921, 1757, 1462, 1228, 1105, 1044, 902.

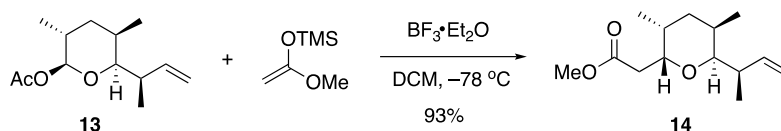
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.92 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.45 (td, *J* = 13.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 141.9, 113.7, 99.7, 83.1, 39.0, 38.5, 29.6, 29.0, 21.3, 16.2, 15.5, 12.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calc. for C₁₃H₂₂O₃Na: 249.1461; found 249.1464.

Methyl

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((*R*)-but-3-en-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (**14**)



To a solution of acetal **13** (326 mg, 1.44 mmol, 1 eq.) in DCM (14 mL) under Ar at -78 °C, ((1-methoxyvinyl)oxy)trimethylsilane (2.46 mL, 14.4 mmol, 10 eq.) was added. Then BF₃·OEt₂ (274 μL, 2.16 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 22 h. Then, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ was added at -78 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with DCM, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **14** as a clear solid (323 mg, 93%). The single crystal sample for XRD analysis was obtained via the single-tube method using acetone/MeOH as solvent.

R_f: 0.31 (EtOAc/pentane 1:15).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.6\text{ K}}$ 71 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3092, 2961, 2913, 1741, 1436, 1378, 1288, 1213, 1070, 966, 906.

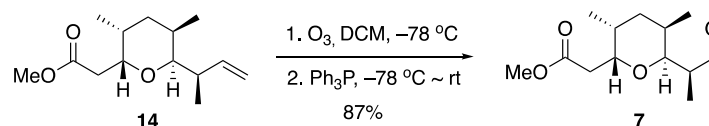
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.72 (ddd, $J = 17.7, 10.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 – 4.89 (m, 2H), 4.35 (dt, $J = 10.8, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.30 (dd, $J = 9.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, $J = 14.3, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, $J = 14.3, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.98 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.75 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.5, 143.3, 113.1, 75.1, 75.0, 51.8, 39.9, 34.9, 31.9, 29.0, 26.8, 17.6, 16.1, 11.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$: 263.1618; found 263.1633.

Methyl

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-3,5-dimethyl-6-((*S*)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (**7**)



A stream of ozone was bubbled through a solution of alkene **14** (305 mg, 1.27 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in DCM (30 mL) at -78°C until the blue color persisted. Excess ozone was removed with a stream of oxygen (until solution becomes colorless) and then a stream of nitrogen (30 min) at -78°C . Ph_3P (1.666 g, 6.35 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78°C . Then, it was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 18 h. The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **7** as a white solid (269 mg, 87%).

R_f : 0.42 (EtOAc/pentane 1:9).

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{296.6\text{ K}}$ 106 ($c = 1$, CHCl_3).

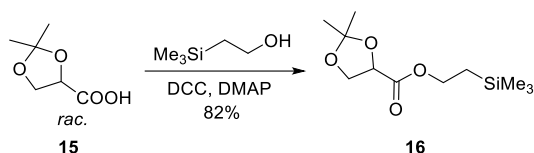
IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 2960, 2917, 2879, 2857, 2726, 1736, 1462, 1438, 1261, 1289, 1176, 1077, 968, 856.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.53 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dt, $J = 10.9, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 10.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd, $J = 14.0, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.23 (m, 3H), 1.88 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.99 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.77 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 205.3, 172.4, 75.3, 72.0, 52.0, 48.3, 34.4, 31.8, 28.6, 26.8, 17.5, 11.9, 9.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 265.1410; found 265.1415.

2-Trimethylsilylethyl 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carboxylate (**16**):



To the solution of racemic acid **15** (2.294 g, 15.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (20 mL), 2-trimethylsilylethanol (2.93 mL, 20.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, then the solution of DCC (4.21 g, 20.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in DCM (10 mL) was added, followed by DMAP (96 mg, 0.78 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The white precipitate DCU was generated immediately. After 5 h reaction, the mixture was diluted with pentane and filtered through celite to remove DCU. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 50:1 v/v as eluent. The product **16** was obtained as colorless oil (3.179 g, 82%).

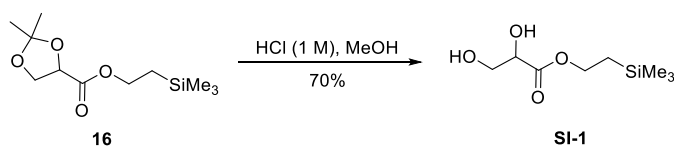
R_f : 0.34 (Pentane/EtOAc 20:1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.57 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.22 (m, 3H), 4.10 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.4, 111.4, 74.4, 67.4, 63.9, 26.0, 25.7, 17.5, -1.4.

The synthetic compound showed identical spectroscopic data to the reported one.¹³

2-Trimethylsilylethyl 2,3-dihydroxypropionate (SI-1):



To the solution of acetonide protected ester **16** (6.93 g, 28.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (24 mL), the solution of 1 M HCl (aq, 35.1 mL, 35.1 mmol, 1.25 equiv) was

added. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12 h. After full conversion, the reaction was quenched by Et₃N (6 mL) and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was then purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 3:1 to 2:1 as eluent. The product **SI-1** was obtained as colorless oil (4.027 g, 70%).

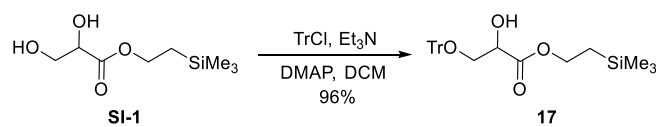
R_f: 0.60 (Pentane/EtOAc 1:2).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.35 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.08 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.3, 71.7, 64.8, 64.2, 17.5, -1.4.

The synthetic compound showed identical spectroscopic data to the reported one.¹³

2-Trimethylsilylethyl 3-triphenylmethoxy-2-hydroxypropionate (**17**):

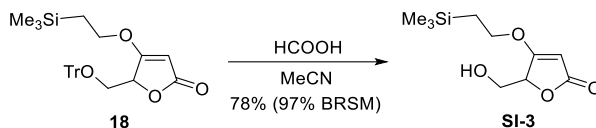


To a stirred solution of **SI-1** (1.50 g, 7.27 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (15 mL) were added Et₃N (1.52 mL, 10.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and DMAP (45 mg, 0.36 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, then the solution of trityl chloride (3.04 g, 7.27 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (5 mL) was added dropwise. After addition, the mixture was stirred at 0 °C to r.t. for 20 h. When full conversion was achieved, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 40:1 v/v as eluent. The trityl protection product **17** was obtained as colorless oil (3.14 g, 96%).

R_f: 0.30 (Pentane/EtOAc 15:1).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3059, 2952, 2897, 1733, 1597, 1490, 1449, 1249, 1231, 1118, 1095, 1029, 933, 858, 835.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.32 – 4.24 (m, 3H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 0.96–1.00 (m, 2H), 0.05 (s, 9H).



The solid **18** (941 mg, 1.99 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in MeCN (18 mL) and then formic acid (6.0 mL, excess amount) was added. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 5 h, then was diluted by ethyl acetate (300 mL). The organic phase was thoroughly washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (aq) and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography. The recovered starting material was eluted by pentane/ethyl acetate *v/v* 6:1 (184 mg, 20%), then the deprotection product **SI-3** was eluted by pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1 *v/v* and obtained as white solid (356 mg, 78%, 97% BRSM).

R_f: 0.16 (Pentane/EtOA 2:1).

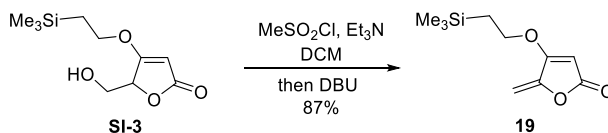
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.80 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 0.07 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.8, 173.3, 89.8, 79.9, 71.5, 61.2, 17.4, -1.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calc. for C₁₀H₁₈NaO₄Si: 253.0867; found 253.0874.

2-Methylene-3-(2-trimethylsilylethoxy)-2H-furan-5-one (**19**):



To a stirred solution of **SI-3** (357 mg, 1.55 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (18 mL) was added Et₃N (0.54 mL, 3.88 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, then MeSO₂Cl (0.18 mL, 2.33 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C to r.t. for 2 h, and full mesylation of **SI-3** was achieved. However, the elimination of the mesylate was incomplete (> 20% mesylate left). To facilitate complete elimination, DBU (0.046 mL, 0.31 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added. The

mixture was further stirred at r.t. for 2 h, then was diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 20:1 v/v as eluent. The product **19** was obtained as white solid (287 mg, 87%).

R_f: 0.36 (Pentane/EtOA 15:1).

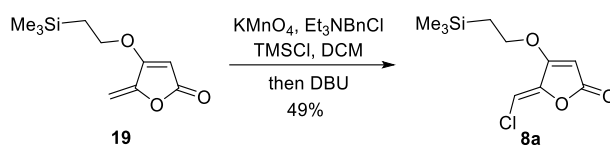
IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3128, 2953, 2897, 1783, 1669, 1603, 1466, 1415, 1372, 1348, 1260, 1229, 1176, 1097, 1065, 1038, 969, 935, 857, 838, 797.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.19 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.09 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.8, 168.7, 150.2, 92.3, 89.8, 71.1, 17.3, -1.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calc. for C₁₀H₁₆NaO₃Si: 235.0761; found 235.0763.

2-Chloromethylene-3-(2-trimethylsilylethoxy)-2H-furan-5-one (**8a**):



To a flame dried Schlenk flask were added KMnO₄ (174 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triethylbenzylammonium chloride (251 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous DCM (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 40 min to generate a homogeneous solution. Then the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and TMSCl (0.56 mL, 4.40 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min to generate a dark green colored solution. To this mixture, the solution of **19** (234 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (5 mL) was added at 0 °C dropwise. After addition, the mixture was stirred at 0 °C to r.t. overnight to achieve full conversion. To this mixture, DBU (0.82 mL, 5.50 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to facilitate elimination of the dichloride intermediate. After full conversion of the intermediate (ca. 5 h), the mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ (aq) and filtered through celite to remove precipitate. The filtrate was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column

chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 20:1 v/v as eluent. The product **8a** was obtained as white solid (132 mg, 49%).

R_f: 0.38 (Pentane/EtOA 15:1).

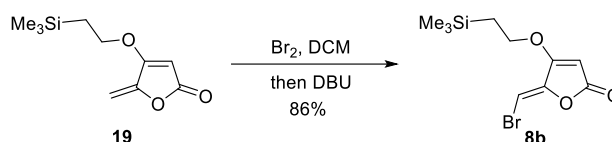
IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3098, 2954, 2901, 1769, 1588, 1461, 1432, 1401, 1356, 1295, 1248, 1236, 1172, 1067, 942, 922, 882, 836.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.09 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.0, 167.3, 145.4, 100.0, 89.3, 71.6, 17.4, -1.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calc. for C₁₀H₁₅ClNaO₃Si: 269.0371; found 269.0371.

2-Bromomethylene-3-(2-trimethylsilylethoxy)-2H-furan-5-one (**8b**):



To a flame dried Schlenk flask were added **19** (110 mg, 0.516 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous DCM (8 mL). To this solution, Br₂ (0.026 mL, 0.516 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at r.t. overnight, and full conversion of **19** was achieved accompanied by the disappearance of the color of Br₂. To this mixture, DBU (0.085, 0.568 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to facilitate elimination of the dibromide intermediate. After 2 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, and successively washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (aq), water and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ethyl acetate 20:1 v/v as eluent. The product **8b** was obtained as white solid (129 mg, 86%).

R_f: 0.32 (Pentane/EtOA 15:1).

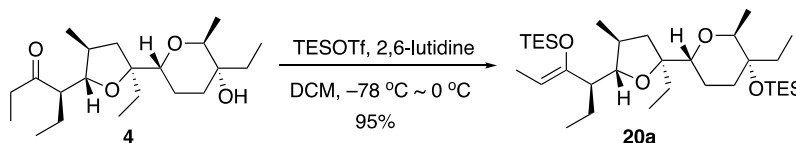
IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3097, 2954, 2901, 1764, 1725, 1589, 1460, 1432, 1398, 1353, 1248, 1233, 1161, 1068, 941, 916, 860, 836.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.09 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.7, 167.3, 147.4, 89.6, 87.8, 71.6, 17.4, -1.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{Si}$: 312.9866; found 312.9870.

Triethyl(((*R,Z*)-4-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-6-methyl-5-((triethylsilyl)oxy)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hex-2-en-3-yl)oxy)silane (20a):



To a solution of alcohol **4** (3.02 g, 8.52 mmol, 1 eq.) in 35 ml dry DCM cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 2,6-lutidine (9.9 mL, 85.2 mmol, 10 eq.) was added under Ar. Then TESOTf (4.8 mL, 21.3 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The obtained mixture was warmed to $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred overnight. The mixture was diluted with ether and then was washed with water, brine and dried with Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **20a** as colorless oil (4.73 g, 95%). The *Z* and *E* configurations are determined by NOE.

R_f : 0.90 (EtOAc/pentane 1:9).

$[\alpha]_D^{299.2\text{ K}} +7.8$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3).

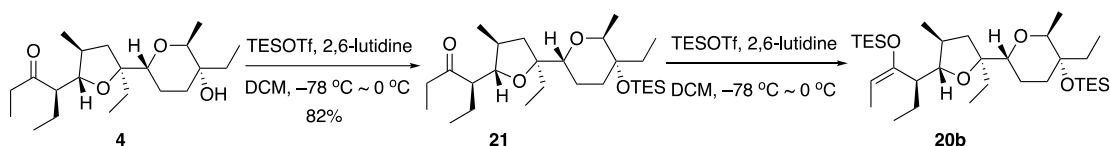
IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 2954, 2912, 2876, 1669, 1458, 1240, 1096, 1064, 1046, 1007, 723.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.53 (q, $J = 6.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.79 (q, $J = 6.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 9.3\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.35 (t, $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.93 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.15 (d, $J = 6.8\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 1.01 – 0.84 (m, 31H), 0.71 – 0.59 (m, 12H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.1, 101.9, 87.7, 84.4, 76.7, 75.2, 74.9, 53.5, 41.9, 38.6, 31.0, 30.9, 28.4, 22.8, 21.8, 17.6, 15.5, 12.5, 11.0, 8.3, 7.5, 7.13, 7.08, 7.0, 6.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{67}\text{O}_4\text{Si}_2$: 583.4572; found 583.4587.

Triethyl(((*R,E*)-4-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-6-methyl-5-((triethylsilyl)oxy)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hex-2-en-3-yl)oxy)silane (20b):



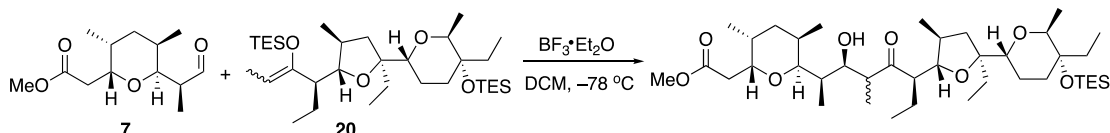
To a solution of alcohol **4** (520 mg, 1.468 mmol, 1 eq.) in 15 ml DCM (0.1 M) cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ under Ar, 2,6-lutidine (850 μL , 7.34 mmol, 5 eq.) was added. Then TESOTf (400 μL , 1.76 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added slowly. The resulting mixture was slowly warmed to $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred overnight. The mixture was diluted with ether and then was washed with 2 N HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , brine and dried with Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product **21** as colorless oil (562 mg, 82%).

To a solution of mono-TES protected ketone **21** (1.0 eq.) in DCM (0.1 M) was added TESOTf (10 eq.) slowly at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ under Ar. The mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for another 2 h before pyridine (10 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed to $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred until the ketone disappeared. The mixture was diluted with ether and then was washed with cold sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , brine and dried with Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product (**20a/20b** ratio 1:2.3) as colorless oil (Note: the *Z/E* isomers are very difficult to separate by flash column chromatography. To get acceptable amount of enolate, a mixture of **20a/20b** (ratio range from 1:1.7 to 1:3.0) was collected). The total yield is more than 90%.

Only the ^1H NMR characteristic peaks were reported here, **20a/20b** (*Z/E*) ratio 1:2.3:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.61 (q, $J = 6.7\text{ Hz}$, 2.3H) (*E* enolate), 4.53 (q, $J = 6.7\text{ Hz}$, 1.0H) (*Z* enolate), 2.33 (ddd, $J = 11.1, 8.5, 3.1\text{ Hz}$, 2.4H) (*E* enolate).

General protocol for the Mukaiyama-aldol reaction:

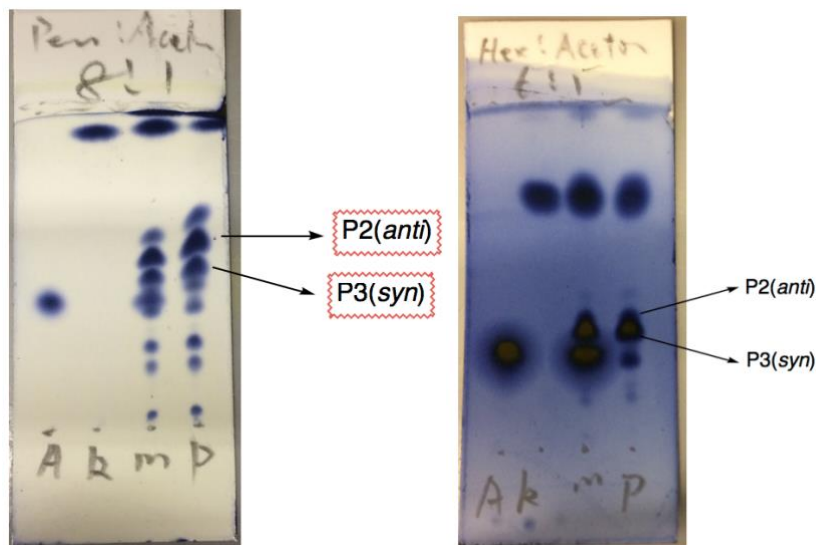


To a solution of aldehyde **7** (1.0 eq) and enolate **20** (2.0-3.0 eq.) in DCM (0.05 M) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (1.5 eq.) was added slowly. The obtained mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ until the enolate disappeared. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 at -78

°C and the mixture was extracted with DCM and dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the products.

Using pure *Z*-enolate **20a** (3.0 eq.), 60 h: P2 (442.5 mg, 56%), P3 (232.7 mg, 30%)

Using a mixture of *Z/E*-enolate **20a/22b** (*Z/E*=1/2.3, 2.0 eq.), 36 h: P2 (41.2 mg, 7%), P3 (457.2 mg, 81%)

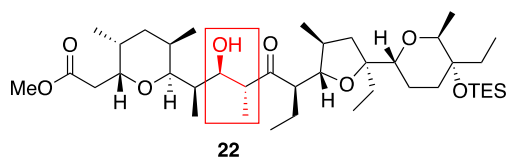


Using pure *Z*-enolate

Using a mixture of *Z/E*-enolate (*Z/E*=1/2.3)

Methyl

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22: P2 (*anti*-aldol product)

R_f: 0.58 (Pentane/Acetone= 8/1).

[α]_D^{296.8 K} -12.8 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3533 (br), 2957, 2876, 1723, 1458, 1377, 1291, 1132, 1072, 1047, 1010, 985, 957.

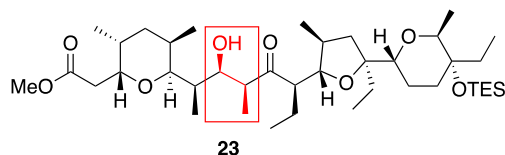
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.29 (dt, $J = 12.2, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 5.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, $J = 9.9, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 11.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dt, $J = 9.8, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, $J = 13.2, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dt, $J = 12.1, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.63 – 1.35 (m, 9H), 1.32 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.12 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 – 0.82 (m, 27H), 0.76 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 0.66 – 0.52 (m, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 215.8, 174.7, 84.6, 83.8, 76.7, 75.4, 75.0, 74.0, 72.0, 70.4, 57.8, 52.7, 47.2, 40.1, 37.0, 36.3, 35.0, 32.3, 31.8, 30.3, 29.1, 28.9, 27.0, 22.2, 17.8, 17.6, 16.1, 15.5, 13.6, 12.5, 11.7, 8.0, 7.5, 7.2, 7.1, 7.0, 6.7, 6.4, 5.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{74}\text{NaO}_8\text{Si}$: 733.5045; found 733.5088.

Methyl

2-((2R,3R,5R,6S)-6-((2R,3R,4S,6R)-6-((2S,3S,5S)-5-ethyl-5-((2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyl-6-methyl-5-((triethylsilyl)oxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate (23)



23: P3 (*syn*-aldol product)

R_f : 0.50 (Pentane/Acetone= 8/1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.8\text{ K}}$ -1.0 ($c = 1$, CHCl_3).

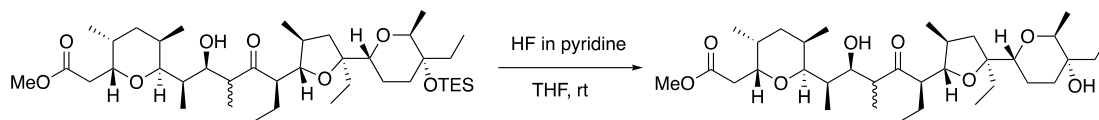
IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3542 (br), 2959, 2935, 2876, 1726, 1458, 1378, 1290, 1132, 1062, 984.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.24 (ddd, $J = 9.2, 6.0, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.65 (m, 5H), 3.51 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.81 (td, $J = 12.7, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dq, $J = 9.5, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.71 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.22 – 1.18 (m, 3H), 1.12 (dd, $J = 6.9, 2.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 – 0.71 (m, 33H), 0.63 – 0.50 (m, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 215.1, 174.5, 84.9, 83.9, 76.7, 75.2, 75.0, 73.9, 71.3, 69.4, 55.7, 52.2, 48.2, 40.9, 37.9, 37.6, 35.0, 31.61, 31.59, 30.4, 28.9, 28.5, 27.0, 21.8, 18.9, 17.7, 16.8, 15.5, 15.4, 12.3, 11.8, 8.6, 8.1, 7.4, 7.0, 6.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calc. for $C_{40}H_{74}NaO_8Si$: 733.5045; found 733.5089.

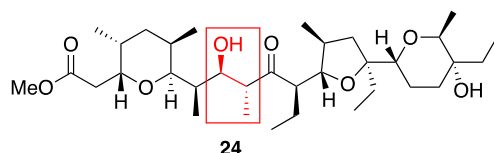
General protocol for the TES deprotection:



To a solution of the ester (1.0 eq.) in dry THF (0.1 M) in a plastic vial under Ar at room temperature, hydrogen fluoride in pyridine (1.0 mL per 1.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred until SM disappeared (~24 h). The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with 1N HCl and dried with Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product.

Methyl

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-6-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (24)



24: from *anti* isomer: 81%. The single crystal sample for XRD analysis was obtained via the single-tube method using EtOAc/Pentane as solvent.

R_f : 0.13 (Pentane/EtOAc 4:1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.7 K}$ -4.2 ($c = 1$, $CHCl_3$).

IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3530 (br), 2961, 2936, 2877, 1720, 1458, 1378, 1291, 1215, 1179, 1131, 1072, 1050, 984, 956.

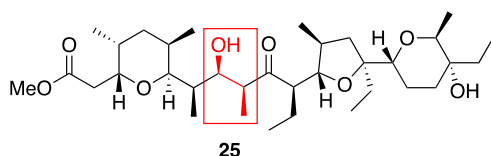
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 4.29 (dt, $J = 11.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.72 (m, 5H), 3.54 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.26 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dq, $J = 10.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dd, $J = 13.2, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dt, $J = 11.8, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.66 – 1.25 (m, 13H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 – 0.88 (m, 9H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.77 – 0.75 (m, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 215.6, 174.7, 84.5, 84.0, 76.9, 75.4, 73.0, 72.0, 71.0, 70.4, 57.7, 52.7, 47.1, 40.1, 36.8, 36.3, 35.0, 32.3, 30.5, 29.5, 29.2, 28.9, 27.0, 21.8, 17.7, 17.6, 16.3, 14.2, 13.8, 12.4, 11.7, 8.1, 7.3, 6.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{60}\text{NaO}_8$: 619.4180; found 619.4181.

Methyl

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*,6*R*)-6-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (25)



25: from *syn* isomer: 93%

R_f : 0.13 (Pentane/EtOAc 4:1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.4\text{ K}}$ 4.0 ($c = 1$, CHCl_3).

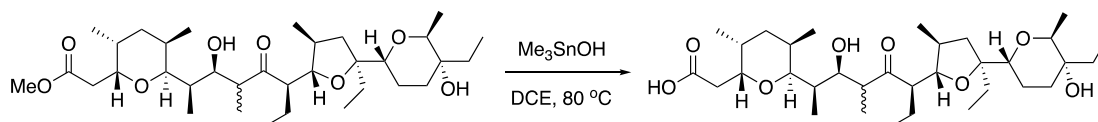
IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3539 (br), 2961, 2935, 2876, 1725, 1457, 1379, 1290, 1214, 1177, 1132, 1050, 985, 956.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.25 (dt, $J = 12.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.65 (m, 5H), 3.52 – 3.45 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.82 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dd, $J = 13.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.82 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.40 (m, 11H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.21 – 1.18 (m, 6H), 0.95 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 – 0.79 (m, 12H), 0.77 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.74 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.9, 174.5, 84.6, 84.0, 77.1, 75.3, 73.1, 71.3, 71.1, 69.6, 55.7, 52.3, 48.2, 41.1, 37.9, 37.6, 35.0, 31.6, 30.5, 29.4, 28.9, 28.3, 27.0, 21.4, 18.9, 17.7, 17.0, 15.5, 14.2, 12.2, 11.8, 8.7, 8.2, 6.6.

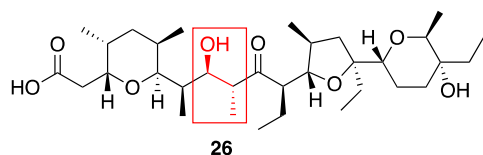
HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{60}\text{NaO}_8$: 619.4180; found 619.4198.

General protocol for the methyl ester hydrolysis:



To a solution of the ester (1 eq.) and Me₃SnOH (5 eq.) in DCE (0.025 M) was heated to 80 °C until TLC analysis indicated a complete reaction (48 h). Then solvent was removed and the residue was taken up in EtOAc. The organic layer was then washed with aq. HCl (5%), brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product.

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-6-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-Ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetic acid (26)



26: from *anti* isomer derivative: quantitative yield.

R_f: 0.40 (DCM/MeOH/AcOH 20:1:0.01).

[α]_D^{296.2 K} -10.8 (c = 1, MeOH).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3484 (br), 2961, 2935, 2879, 1711, 1598 (br), 1458, 1379, 1288, 1130, 1108, 1071, 1053, 988, 956.

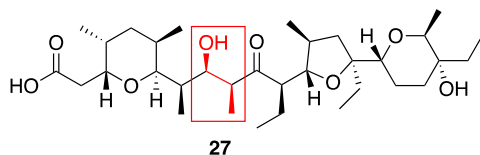
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 4.27 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.02 (dq, *J* = 10.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.28 (m, 12H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 12H), 0.80 – 0.77 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 218.5, 177.7, 86.5, 85.6, 77.2, 74.0, 73.6, 72.2, 71.5, 58.9, 48.0, 40.3, 37.6, 37.4, 35.9, 32.6, 32.4, 30.7, 30.6, 30.2, 28.5, 22.7, 18.2, 17.8, 16.0, 14.9, 14.1, 13.2, 12.0, 8.4, 7.6, 6.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M-H]⁻ calc. for C₃₃H₅₇O₈: 581.4059; found 581.4064.

2-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*,6*R*)-6-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-Ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-h

hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetic acid (27)



27: from *syn* isomer derivative: 89%

R_f : 0.24 (DCM/MeOH/AcOH 20:1:0.01).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.2 K}$ 6.0 ($c = 1$, MeOH).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3474 (br), 2963, 2937, 2879, 1710, 1618 (br), 1458, 1379, 1284, 1215, 1176, 1132, 1095, 1077, 1050, 986, 954.

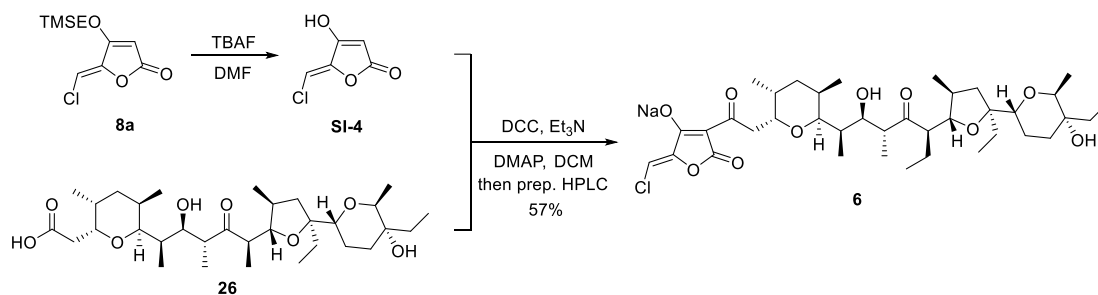
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 4.31 – 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.10 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.46 (m, 3H), 2.99 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.72 (t, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dq, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.40 (m, 12H), 1.36 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.21 – 1.16 (m, 6H), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 – 0.83 (m, 12H), 0.80 – 0.78 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 216.5, 178.0 (br), 86.5, 85.0, 77.4, 76.9, 74.2, 72.5, 72.2, 71.0, 66.9, 64.2, 56.8, 49.5, 41.4, 39.0, 38.6, 36.0, 32.8 (br), 32.4, 30.7, 30.2, 29.7, 28.5, 22.3, 19.6, 17.9, 17.1, 15.9, 15.5, 15.0, 12.4, 12.3, 8.9, 8.6, 6.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M-H]⁻ calc. for C₃₃H₅₇O₈: 581.4059; found 581.4068.

Sodium

(Z)-2-(chloromethylene)-4-(2-((2R,3R,5R,6S)-6-((2R,3R,4R,6R)-6-((2S,3S,5S)-5-ethyl-5-((2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olate (6)



To a stirred solution of TMSE protected tetronate **8a** (49 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (3.6 mL) was added TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 0.40 mL, 0.40 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h, then was acidified with 1 M HCl (aq) and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was thoroughly washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude tetronic acid **SI-4** was obtained as white solid almost quantitatively and directly used in the next coupling reaction without further purification.

To a flame dried Schlenk tube were added tetronic acid **SI-4** (crude solid, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and acid **26** (58 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv). To this mixture, anhydrous DCM (4 mL) was added, followed by Et₃N (0.028 mL, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) to give a clear solution. To this solution, DCC (41 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, followed by DMAP (4.0 mg, 0.033 mmol, 0.33 equiv). After 1 h, DCU started to precipitate. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h, till the full conversion of the acid **26**. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate, and the organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl (aq) to remove DMAP and Et₃N. Then the organic phase was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (aq) to removed excess amount of tetronic acid **SI-4**, and the product **6** with ionophore property was transformed to its sodium salt and retained in the organic phase. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was treated with MeCN, and the insoluble DCU was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated again, and the residue was dissolved into MeCN/10 mM NaHCO₃ (aq) 1:1 v/v (10 mL in total) and filtered through PTFE membrane to give the sample solution for preparative HPLC separation (concentration of product ~ 10 mM). The sample was then separated on C18 preparative HPLC column using MeCN/10 mM NH₄HCO₃ (aq) as eluent (40% to 50% MeCN gradient, multiple injections). The peak with strong UV absorption was eluted at 14 min and was collected. The collected solutions from all injections were combined and concentrated under vacuum to remove most of the MeCN, and the water phase was thoroughly extracted with DCM (5 × 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The product **6** (in sodium salt form as shown in the XRD structure) was obtained as colorless solid (42.1 mg, 57%). The single crystal sample for XRD analysis was obtained via the single-tube method using MeCN as solvent.

R_f: 0.52 (pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.7\text{ K}} +114.3$ ($c = 0.46$, DCM).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3409 (br), 2964, 2909, 2880, 1760, 1705, 1663, 1626, 1555, 1454, 1424, 1379, 1308, 1055, 988, 964, 949, 834.

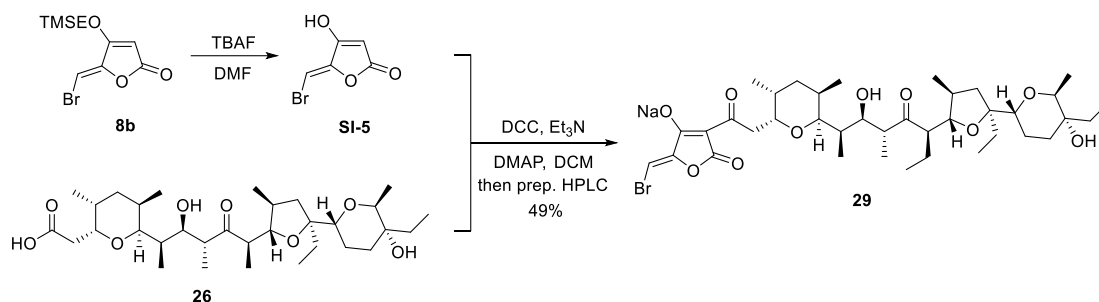
¹H NMR (500 MHz, ⁶d-DMSO): δ 6.04 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.79 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.66 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, $J = 13.5, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dd, $J = 13.0, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.26 (m, 8H), 1.21 – 1.16 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.80 – 0.77 (m, 6H), 0.74 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 6H), 0.66 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, ⁶d-DMSO): δ 214.5, 193.1, 178.4, 167.9, 148.9, 94.2, 94.1, 84.1, 83.7, 75.4, 74.7, 72.5, 70.8, 69.6, 69.5, 56.3, 46.1, 35.9, 35.7, 35.4, 34.9, 31.4, 29.3, 28.9, 28.4, 27.5, 21.2, 17.4, 16.9, 15.7, 14.6, 13.3, 12.8, 11.9, 7.8, 7.3, 6.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z [M-Na]⁻ calc. for C₃₈H₅₈ClO₁₀: 709.3724; found 709.3765.

Sodium

(Z)-2-(bromomethylene)-4-(2-(((2R,3R,5R,6S)-6-(((2R,3R,4R,6R)-6-(((2S,3S,5S)-5-ethyl-5-((2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olateNonthmicin analog (29)



To a stirred solution of TMSE protected tetronate **8b** (23 mg, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (1.6 mL) was added TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 0.16 mL, 0.16 mmol, 4.0

equiv). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h, then was acidified with 1 M HCl (aq) and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was thoroughly washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude tetronic acid **SI-5** was obtained as white solid almost quantitatively and directly used in the next coupling reaction without further purification.

To a flame dried Schlenk tube were added tetronic acid **SI-5** (crude solid, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and acid **26** (23 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.0 equiv). To this mixture, anhydrous DCM (2 mL) was added, followed by Et₃N (0.011 mL, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv) to give a clear solution. To this solution, DCC (16 mg, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, followed by DMAP (1.6 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.33 equiv). After 1 h, DCU started to precipitate. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h, till the full conversion of the acid **26**. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate, and the organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl (aq) to removed DMAP and Et₃N. Then the organic phase was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (aq) to removed excess amount of tetronic acid **SI-5**, and the product **29** with ionophore property was transformed to its sodium salt and retained in the organic phase. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was treated with MeCN, and the insoluble DCU was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated again, and the residue was dissolved into MeCN/10 mM NaHCO₃ (aq) 1:1 v/v (10 mL in total) and filtered through PTFE membrane to give the sample solution for preparative HPLC separation (concentration of product ~ 10 mM). The sample was then separated on C18 preparative HPLC column using MeCN/10 mM NH₄HCO₃ (aq) as eluent (30% to 50% MeCN gradient, multiple injections). The peak with strong UV absorption was eluted at 18 min and was collected. The collected solutions from all injections were combined and concentrated under vacuum to remove most of the MeCN, and the water phase was thoroughly extracted with DCM (5 × 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The product **29** (in sodium salt form as shown in the XRD structure) was obtained as colorless solid (15.2 mg, 49%). The single crystal sample for XRD analysis was obtained via the single-tube method using MeCN as solvent.

R_f: 0.55 (pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.7\text{ K}} +137.8$ (c = 0.50, DCM).

IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3418 (br), 2962, 2933, 2876, 1761, 1705, 1683, 1625, 1555, 1450, 1424, 1381, 1298, 1091, 988, 964, 949.

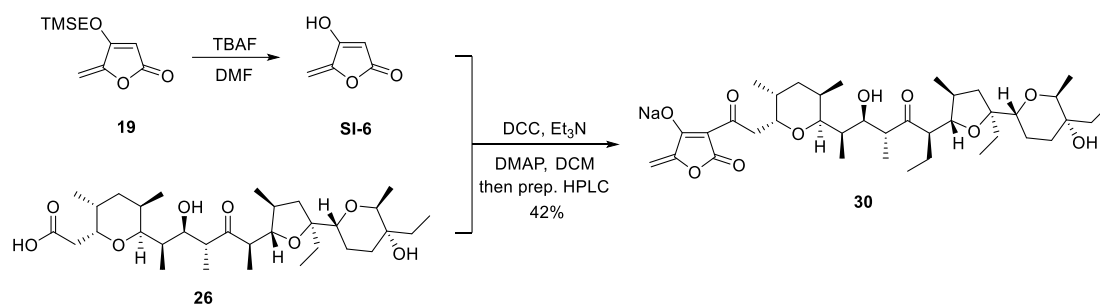
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, ^6d -DMSO): δ 214.7, 193.4, 178.0, 168.0, 151.0, 94.3, 84.2, 83.7, 82.8, 75.4, 74.7, 72.4, 70.7, 69.6, 69.5, 56.2, 46.1, 35.8, 35.7, 35.4, 34.9, 31.4, 29.3, 28.9, 28.4, 27.5, 21.1, 17.3, 16.7, 15.7, 14.5, 13.3, 12.9, 11.9, 7.9, 7.3, 6.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{Na}]^-$: calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{58}\text{BrO}_{10}$: 753.3219; found: 753.3261.

Sodium

4-((2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-((2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-6-((2*S*,3*S*,5*S*)-5-ethyl-5-((2*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetyl)-2-methylene-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olate (30)



To a stirred solution of TMSE protected tetronate **19** (29 mg, 0.14 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in DMF (2.7 mL) was added TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 0.28 mL, 0.28 mmol, 6.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h, then was acidified with 1 M HCl (aq) and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was thoroughly washed with water and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . During the workup process, some white

precipitate was observed, which was attributed to the partial dimerization of the tetronic acid **SI-6** via hetero-Diels-Alder reaction. The amount of **SI-6** consumed in the side reaction was lower than 1/3, so the amount of **SI-6** obtained should be around 0.092 mmol (2.0 equiv). The precipitate was removed via filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The crude tetronic acid **SI-6** was obtained as white solid and directly used in the next coupling reaction without further purification.

To a flame dried Schlenk tube were added tetronic acid **SI-6** (crude solid, 0.092 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and acid **26** (27 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1.0 equiv). To this mixture, anhydrous DCM (3 mL) was added, followed by Et₃N (0.013 mL, 0.092 mmol, 2.0 equiv) to give a clear solution. To this solution, DCC (19 mg, 0.092 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, followed by DMAP (1.8 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.33 equiv). After 1 h, DCU started to precipitate. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h, till the full conversion of the acid **26**. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate, and the organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl (aq) to remove DMAP and Et₃N. Then the organic phase was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (aq) to remove excess amount of tetronic acid **SI-6**, and the product **30** with ionophore property was transformed to its sodium salt and retained in the organic phase. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was treated with MeCN, and the insoluble DCU was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated again, and the residue was dissolved into MeCN/10 mM NaHCO₃ (aq) 1:1 v/v (10 mL in total) and filtered through PTFE membrane to give the sample solution for preparative HPLC separation (concentration of product ~ 10 mM). The sample was then separated on C18 preparative HPLC column using MeCN/10 mM NH₄HCO₃ (aq) as eluent (40% to 50% MeCN gradient, multiple injections). The peak with strong UV absorption was eluted at 14 min and was collected. The collected solutions from all injections were combined and concentrated under vacuum to remove most of the MeCN, and the water phase was thoroughly extracted with DCM (5 × 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The product **30** (in sodium salt form) was obtained as colorless solid (15.2 mg, 49%).

R_f: 0.34 (pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

$[\alpha]_D^{296.7 K} +107.0$ (c = 0.34, DCM).

IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3411 (br), 2964, 2935, 2911, 2878, 1752, 1705, 1679, 1633, 1557, 1453, 1426, 1379, 1292, 1053, 988, 972, 949.

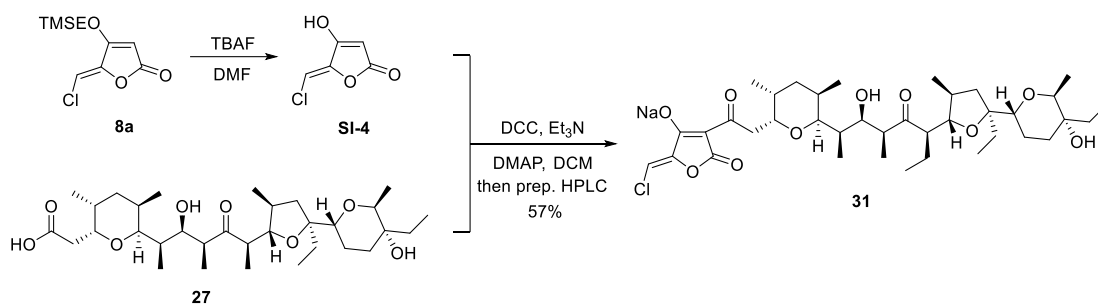
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, ^6d -DMSO): δ 214.7, 193.3, 180.0, 169.3, 154.2, 94.7, 85.5, 84.2, 83.7, 75.5, 74.8, 72.5, 70.7, 69.6, 69.5, 56.2, 46.1, 35.8, 35.7, 35.2, 35.0, 31.4, 29.3, 28.9, 28.4, 27.5, 21.1, 17.4, 16.7, 15.7, 14.5, 13.3, 13.0, 11.9, 7.9, 7.3, 6.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{Na}]^-$: calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{59}\text{O}_{10}$: 675.4114; found: 675.4149.

Sodium

(Z)-2-(chloromethylene)-4-(2-((2R,3R,5R,6S)-6-((2R,3R,4S,6R)-6-((2S,3S,5S)-5-ethyl-5-((2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxooctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olate (31)



The product **31** was synthesized following the same procedure as product **6**, using acid **27** (undesired epimer of **26**) as the coupling partner. After workup, the crude mixture was dissolved into MeCN/10 mM NaHCO_3 (aq) 1:1 v/v (10 mL in total) and filtered through PTFE membrane to give the sample solution for preparative HPLC separation (concentration of product ~ 10 mM). The sample was then separated on C18 preparative HPLC column using MeCN/10 mM NH_4HCO_3 (aq) as eluent (35% to 45% MeCN gradient, multiple injections). The peak with strong UV absorption

was eluted at 13 min and was collected. The collected solutions from all injections were combined and concentrated under vacuum to remove most of the MeCN, and the water phase was thoroughly extracted with DCM (5×100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The product **31** (in sodium salt form as shown in the XRD structure) was obtained as colorless solid (42.2 mg, 57%). The single crystal sample for XRD analysis was obtained via single-tube method using MeCN as solvent.

R_f: 0.69 (ethyl acetate).

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{296.7 \text{ K}} -1.4$ ($c = 0.71$, DCM).

IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 3408 (br), 2962, 2933, 2876, 1755, 1694, 1662, 1623, 1563, 1454, 1379, 1310, 1222, 1105, 1051, 1029, 989, 948, 833.

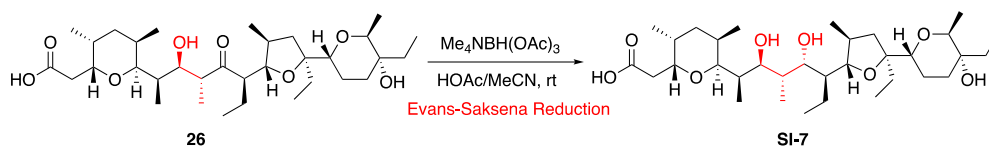
^1H NMR (500 MHz, ^6d -DMSO): δ 6.08 (s, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.48 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.63 – 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.32 (m, 6H), 1.24 – 1.16 (m, 5H), 1.08 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.60 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 – 0.71 (m, 15H), 0.65 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, ^6d -DMSO): δ 213.4, 94.2, 84.2, 82.5, 75.6, 74.4, 73.1, 70.4, 69.5, 68.5, 54.8, 47.5, 40.6, 37.2, 37.0, 36.2, 34.9, 31.4, 29.4, 28.3, 27.7, 27.3, 20.9, 17.7, 17.2, 16.7, 15.9, 14.6, 11.6(2), 11.5(6), 8.1, 7.9, 6.4. (The absence of four peaks from the 3-acyl tetronic acid unit and some broaden peaks were observed after > 20000 scans for 20 mg sample, due to the conformational flexibility.)

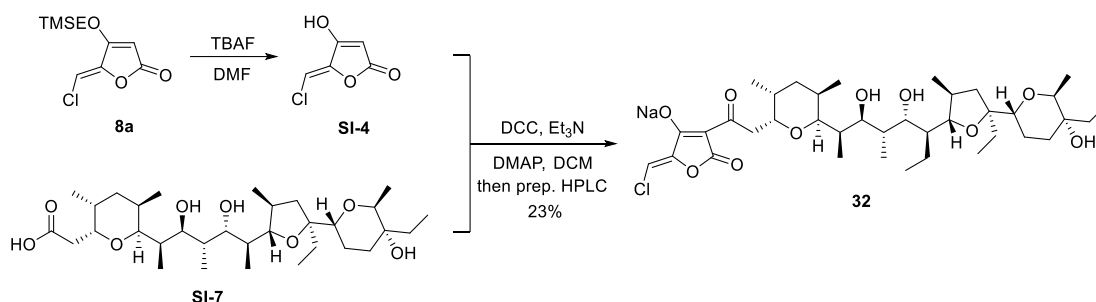
HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{Na}]^-$: calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{58}\text{ClO}_{10}$: 709.3724; found: 709.3773.

Sodium

(Z)-2-(chloromethylene)-4-(2-((2R,3R,5R,6S)-6-((2R,3S,4R,5S,6S)-6-((2S,3S,5S)-5-ethyl-5-((2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3,5-dihydroxy-4-methyloctan-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olate (32)



To a solution of $\text{Me}_4\text{NBH(OAc)}_3$ (132 mg, 0.5 mmol, 10 eq.) in MeCN (1.0 mL) was added HOAc (1.0 mL). The solution was stirred for 30 min at rt and then cooled to 0 °C before the ketone **26** (29.1 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in MeCN/AcOH (1:1) (1.0 mL) was added dropwise. The obtained mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 72 h at rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and poured into sat. NaHCO_3 . Solid NaHCO_3 was added until $\text{pH} > 7$. Then Rochelles salt solution was added and the mixture was stirred for another 2 h. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , aq. 0.1 N HCl, brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product which was used directly in the next step.



The product **32** was synthesized following the same procedure as product **6**, using crude acid **SI-7** (obtained via 1,3-*anti* reduction of acid **26** on 0.05 mmol scale) as the coupling partner. After workup, the crude mixture was dissolved into MeCN/10 mM NaHCO_3 (aq) 1:1 v/v (10 mL in total) and filtered through PTFE membrane to give the sample solution for preparative HPLC separation (concentration of product ~ 10 mM). The sample was then separated on a C18 preparative HPLC column using MeCN/10 mM NH_4HCO_3 (aq) as eluent (40% to 50% MeCN gradient, multiple injections). The peak with strong UV absorption was eluted at 18 min and was collected. The collected solutions from all injections were combined and concentrated under vacuum to remove most of the MeCN, and the water phase was thoroughly extracted with DCM (5×100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The product **32** (in sodium salt form) was obtained as colorless solid (8.4 mg, 23%).

R_f: 0.67 (pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{296.7 \text{ K}} +83.8$ (c = 0.42, DCM).

IR ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3435 (br), 2961, 2935, 2878, 1741, 1661, 1626, 1557, 1453, 1422, 1380, 1310, 1221, 1091, 1083, 990, 964, 947, 834.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ⁶d-DMSO): δ 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.18 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.86 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (br, 1H), 1.66 – 1.33 (m, 13H), 1.26 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 – 0.78 (m, 15H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ⁶d-DMSO): δ 194.0, 178.4, 168.7, 148.8, 94.5, 94.4, 84.2, 83.7, 75.7, 74.1, 72.8, 70.3, 69.8, 69.6, 67.7, 42.6, 37.6, 37.0, 36.0, 34.90, 34.86, 31.2, 29.5, 28.3, 28.0, 27.2, 20.7, 17.8, 17.2, 15.8, 14.6, 13.9, 11.7, 9.6, 8.2, 7.3, 6.4.

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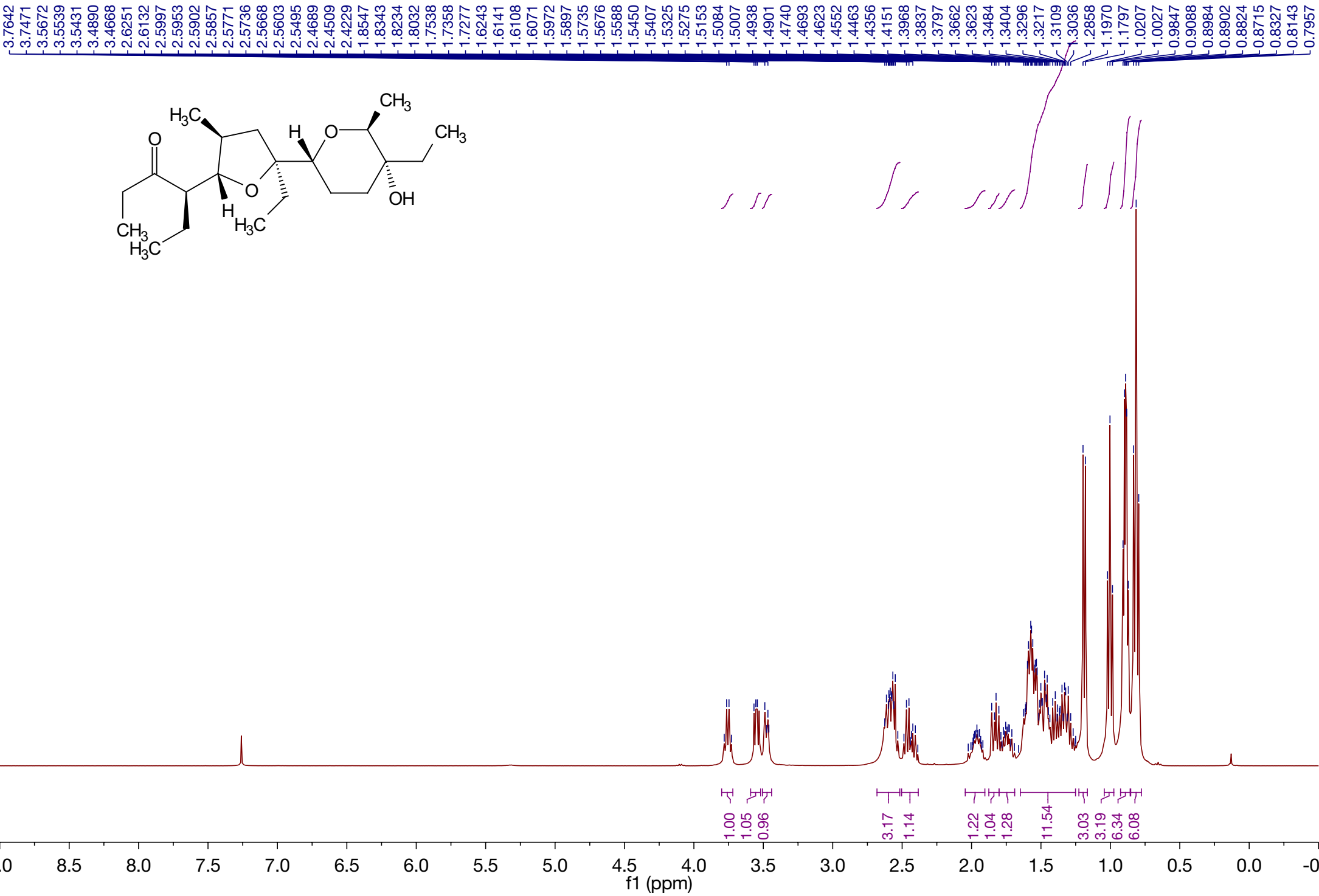
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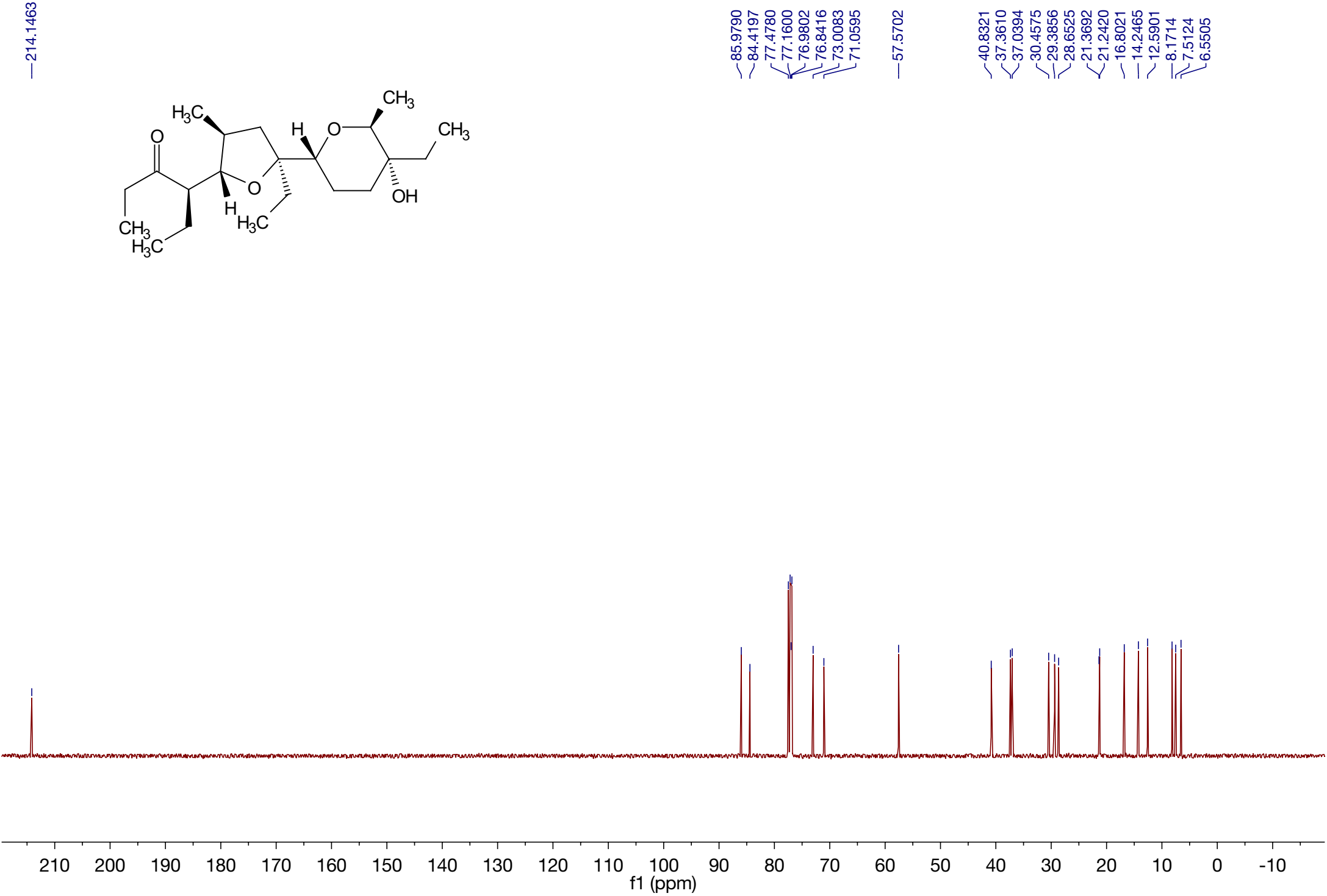
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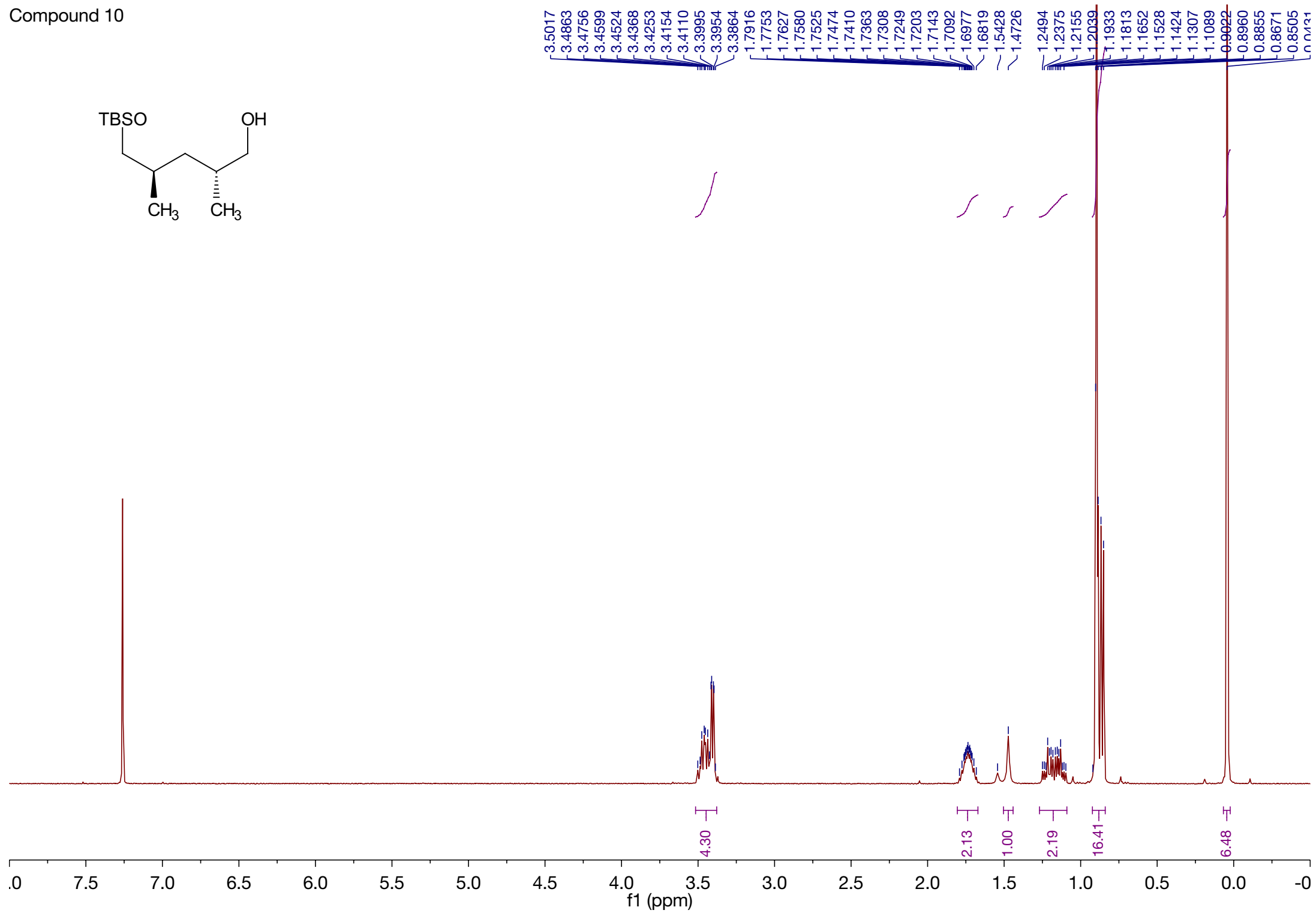
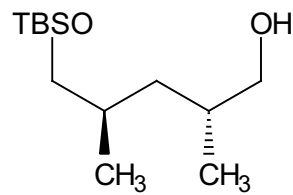
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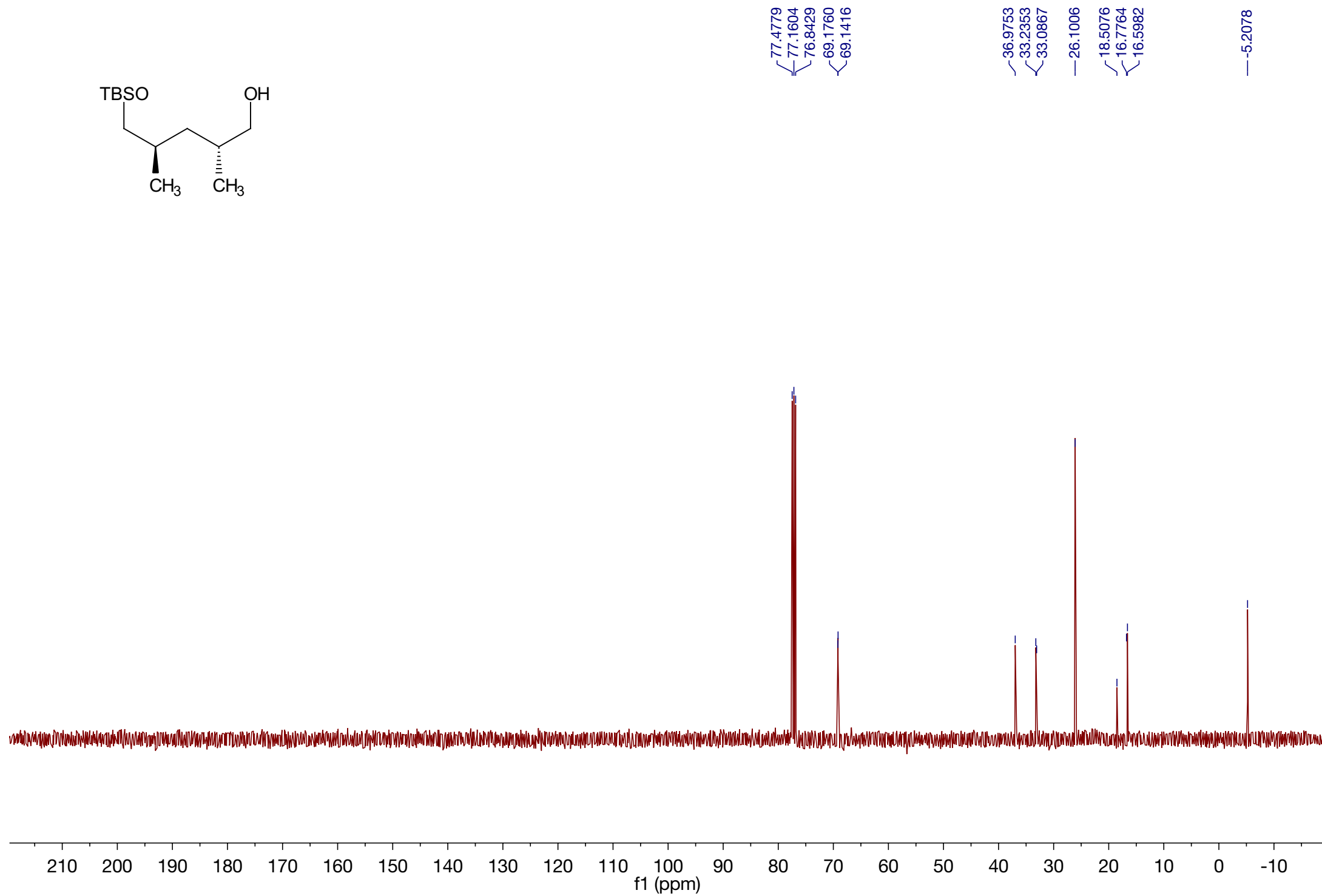
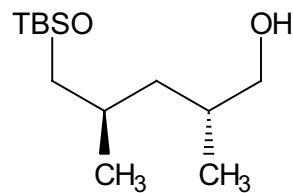
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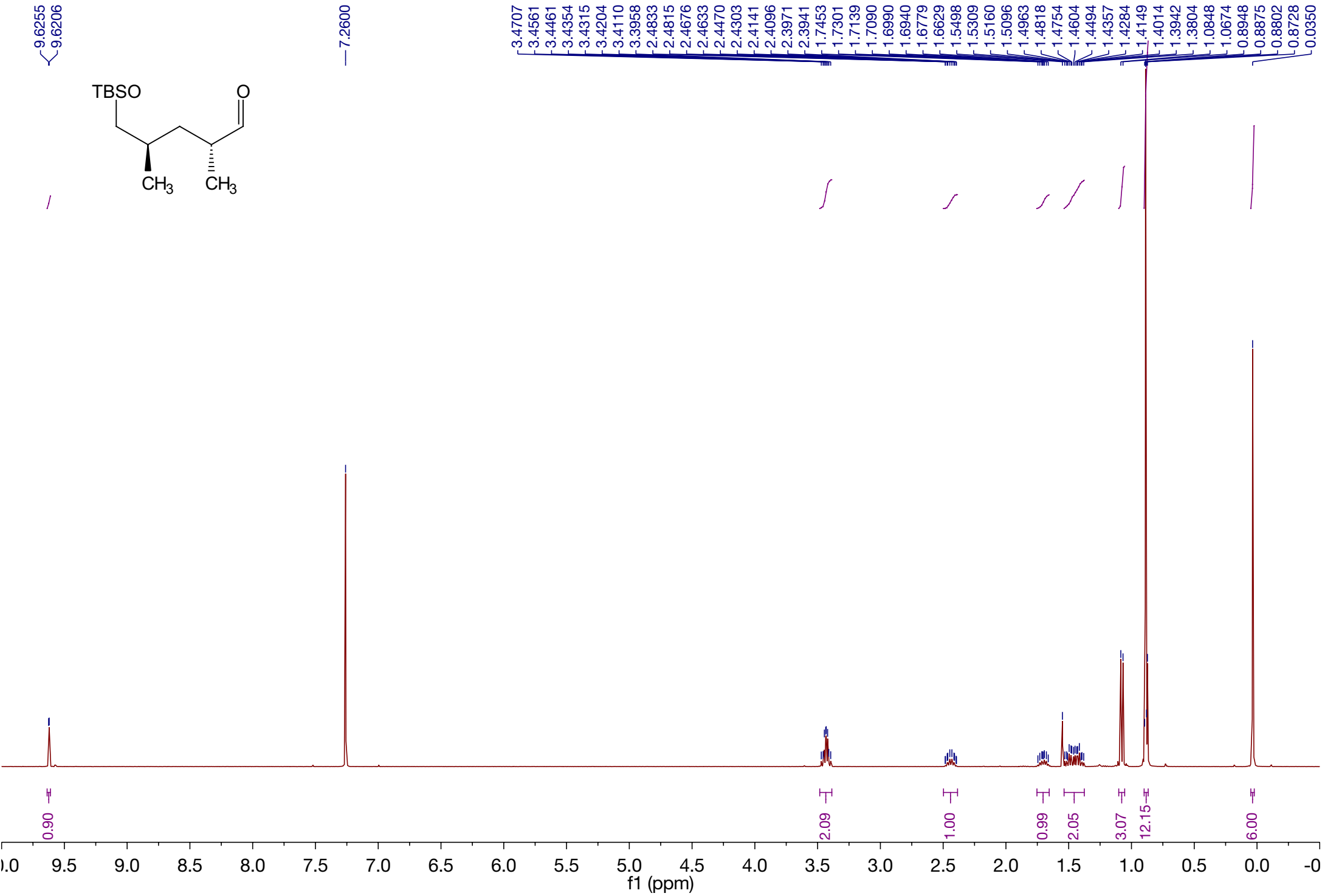
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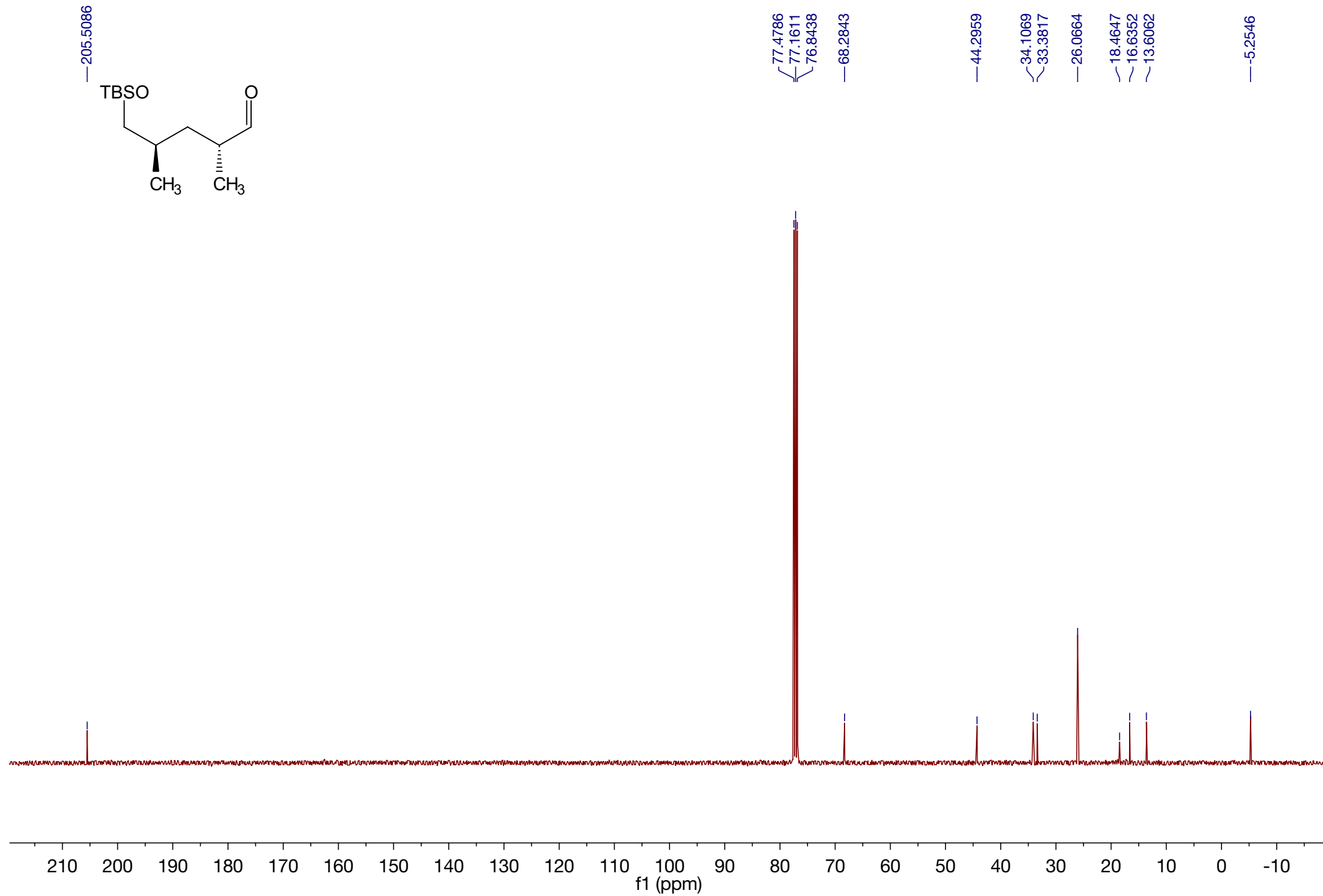
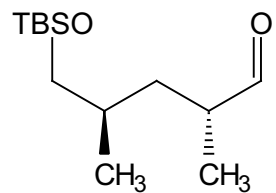
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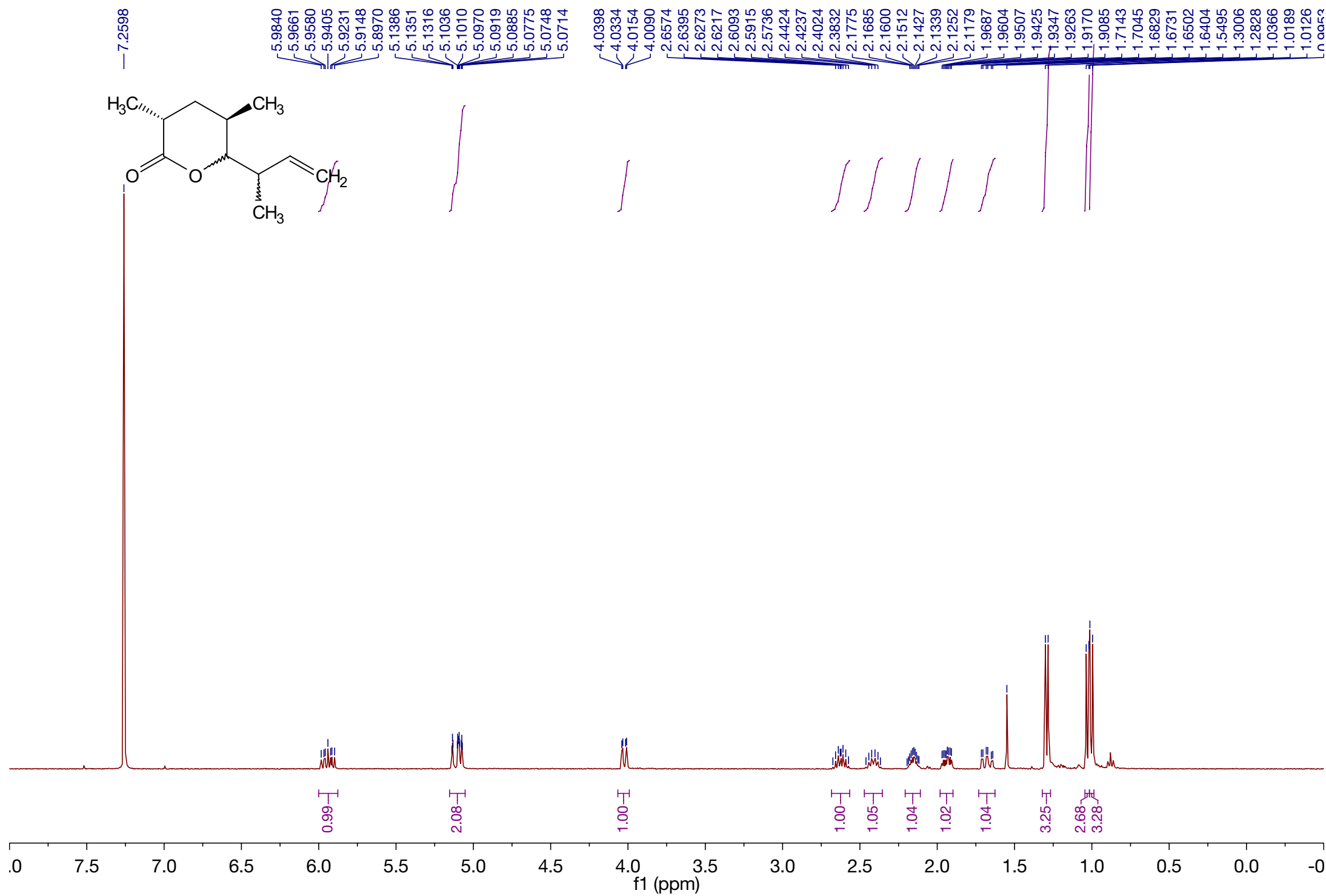
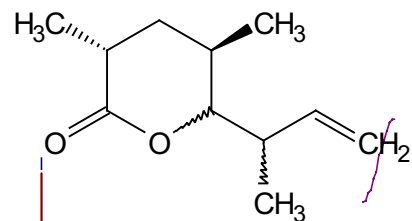
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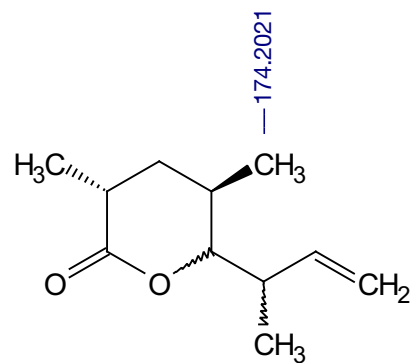
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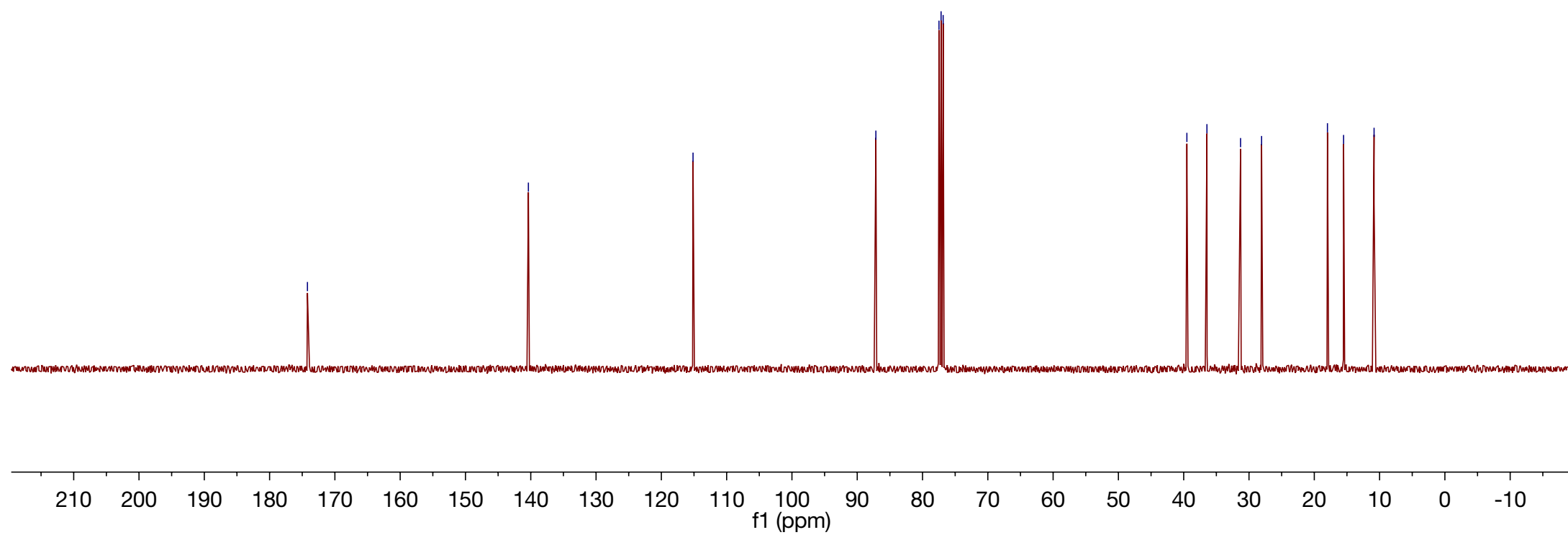
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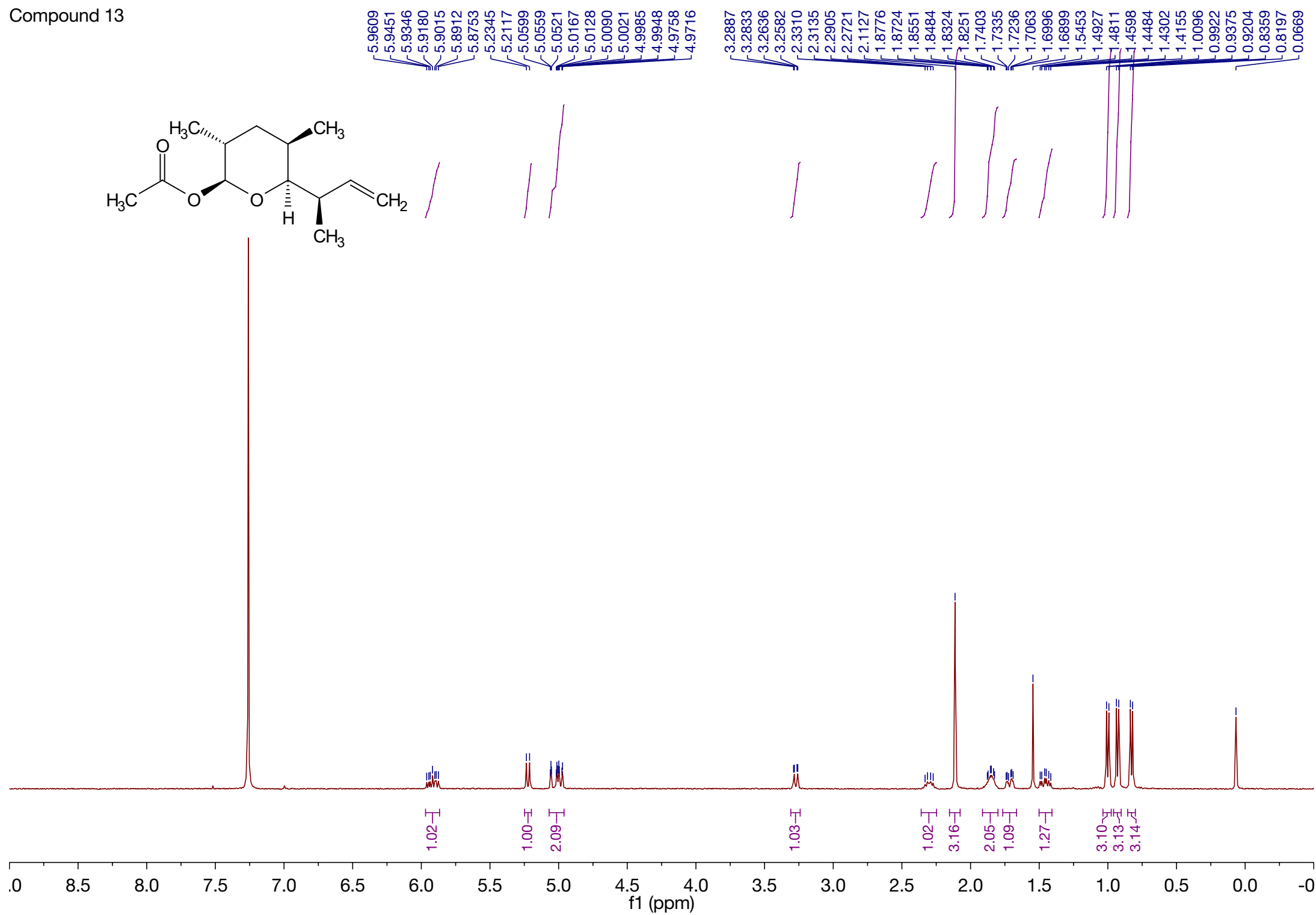
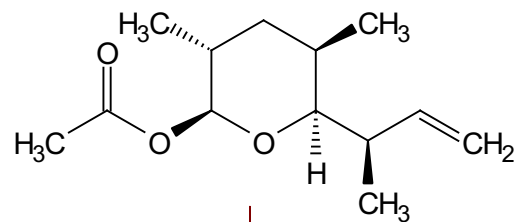
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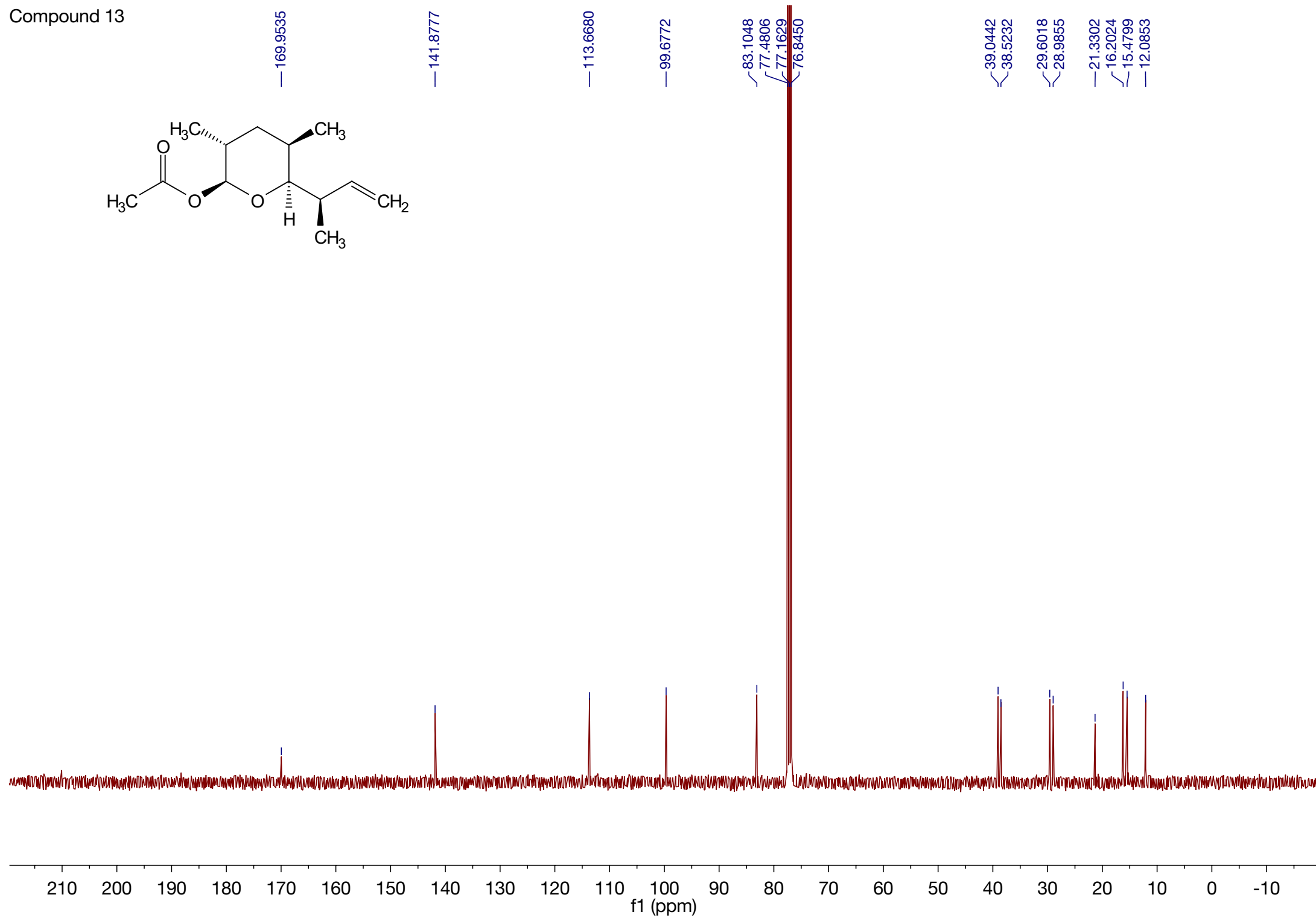
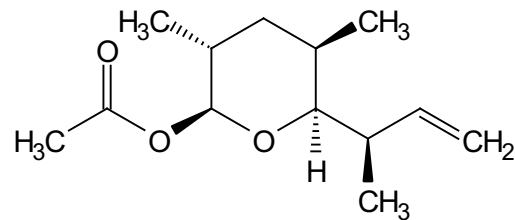
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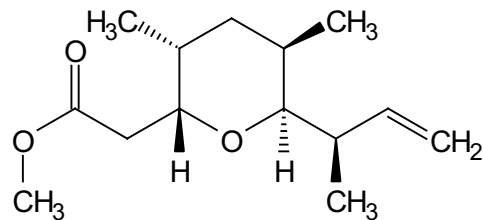
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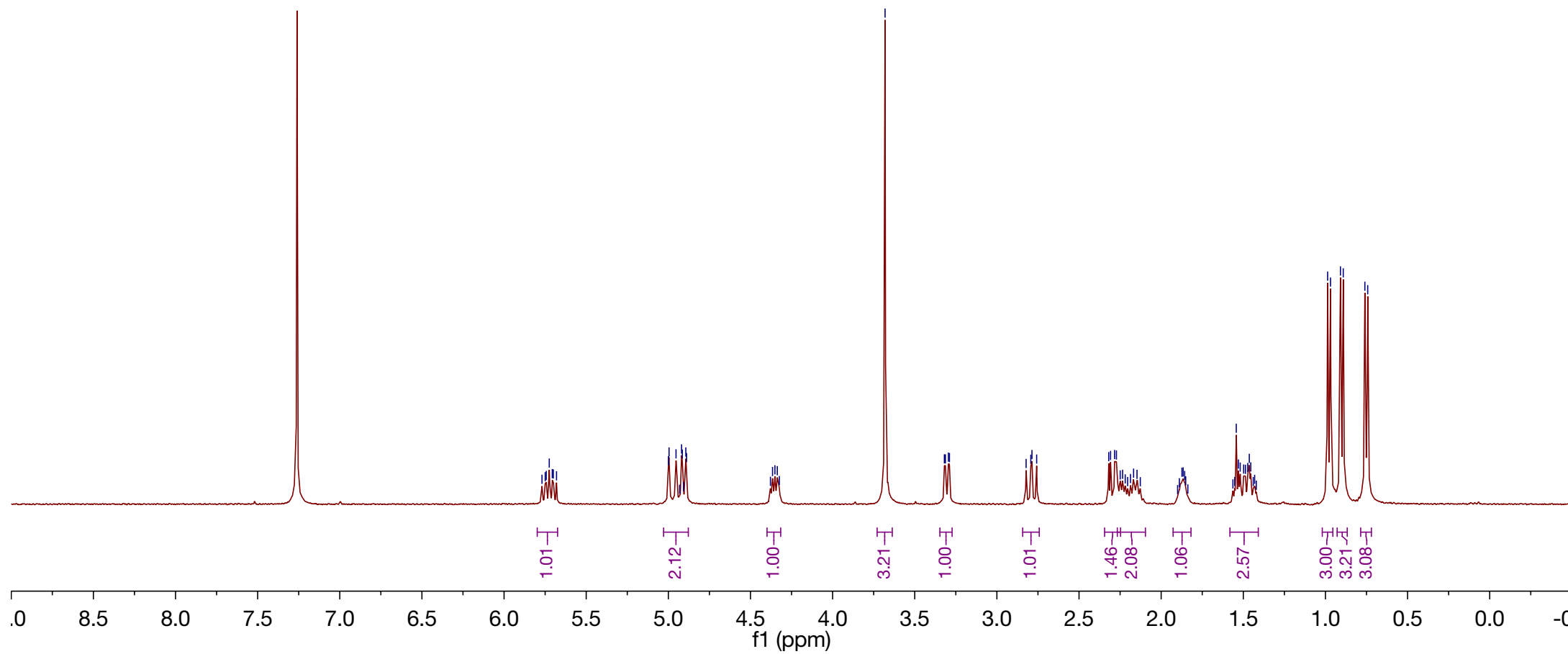
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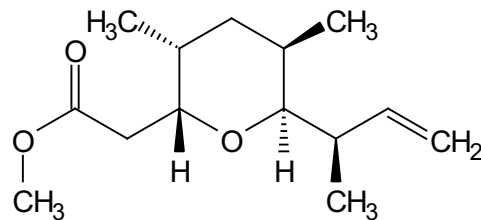
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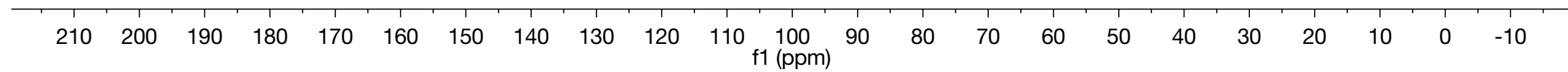
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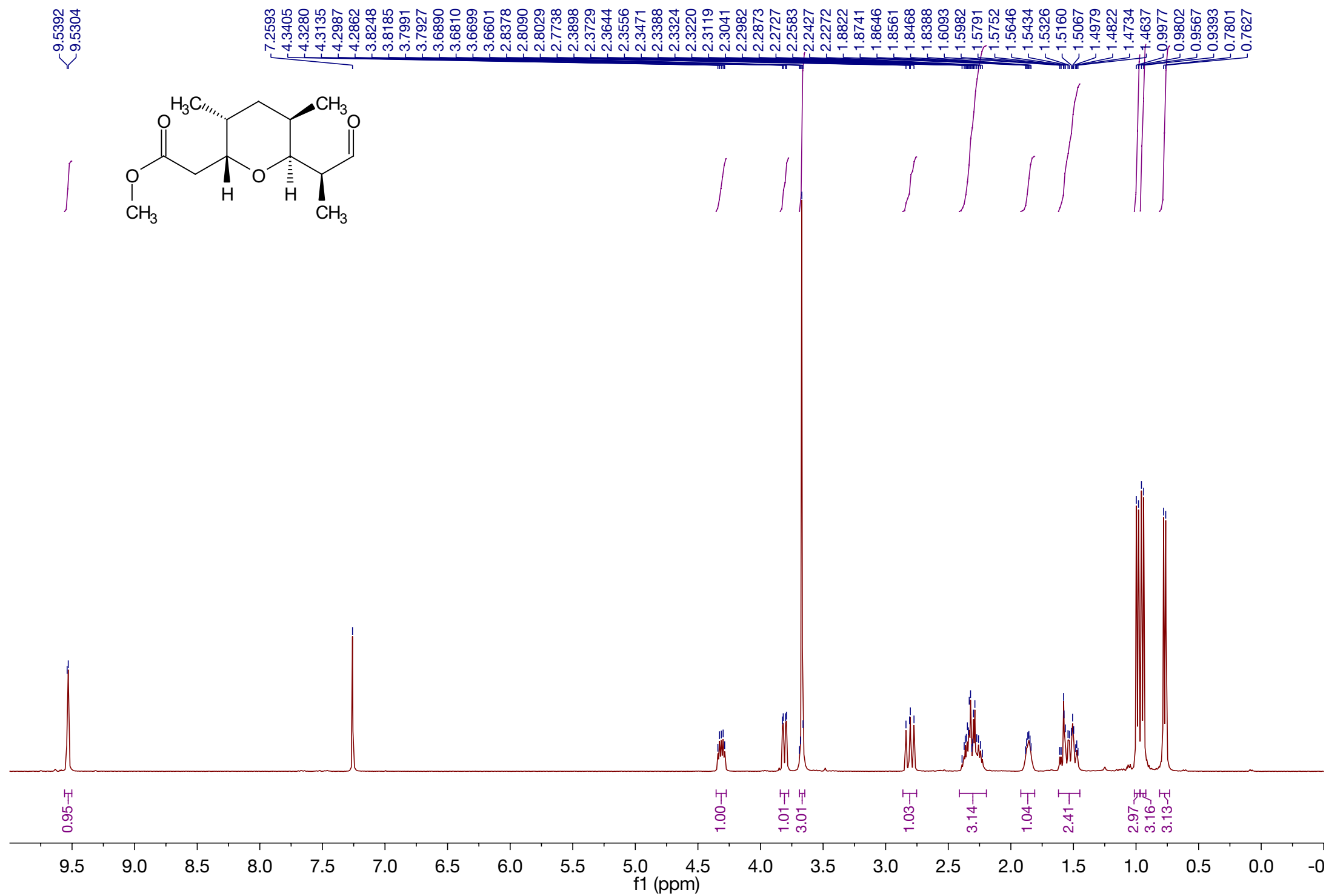
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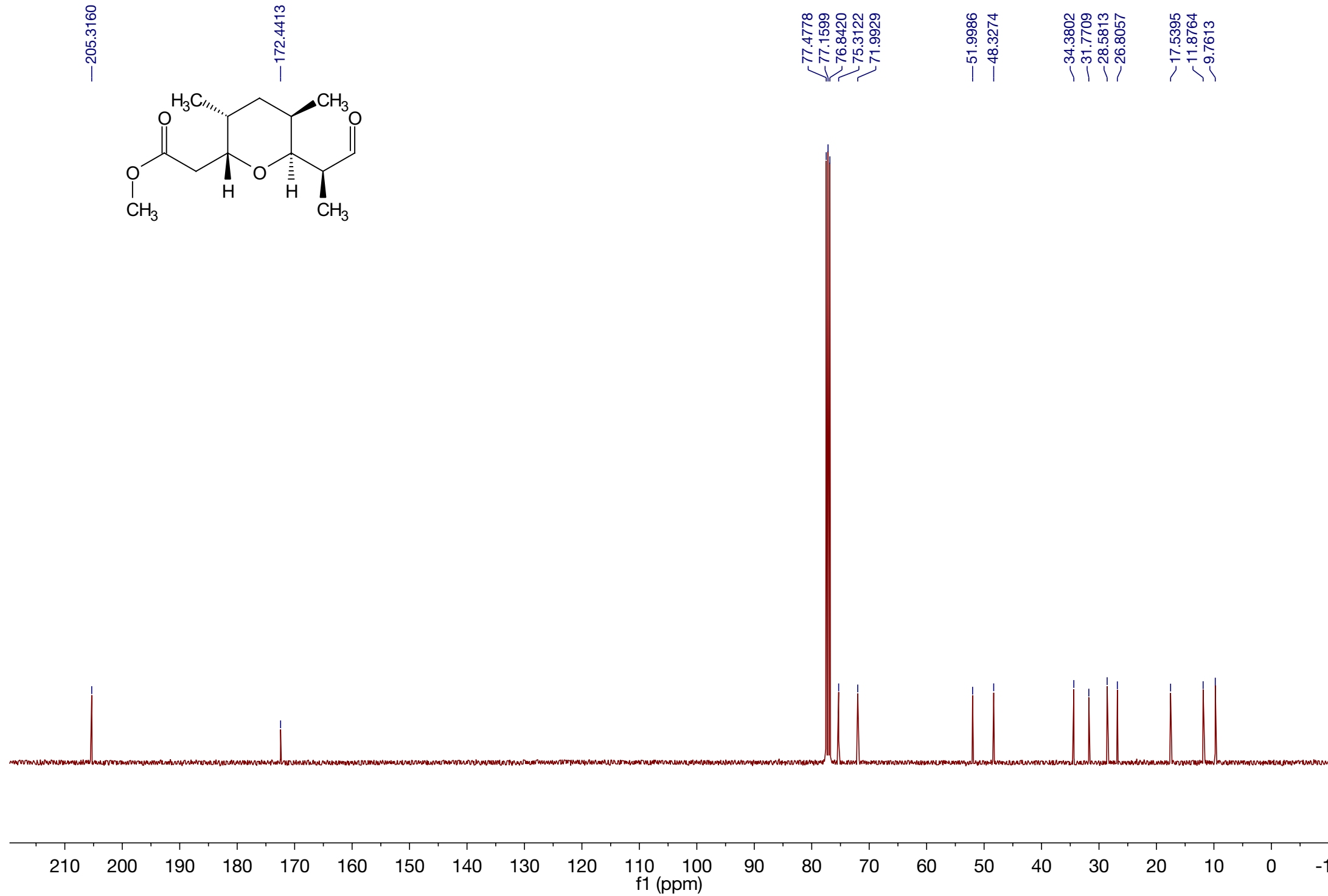
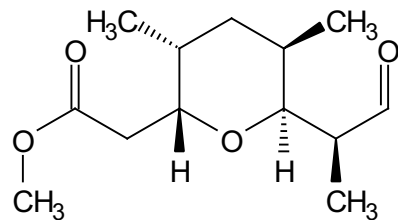
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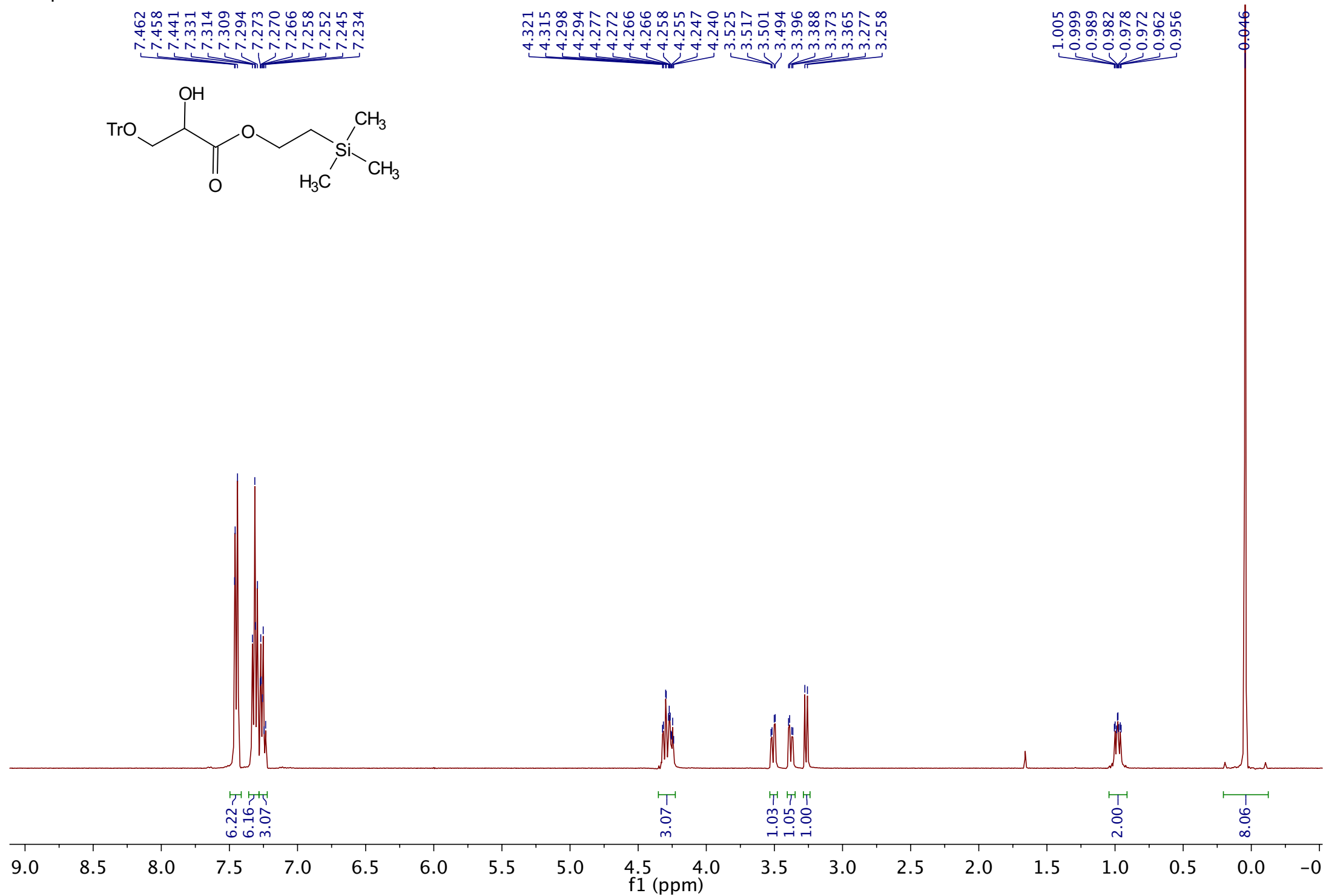
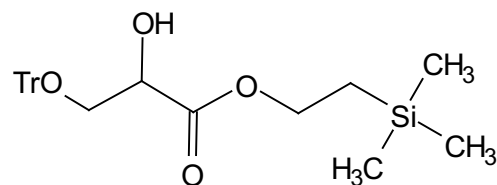
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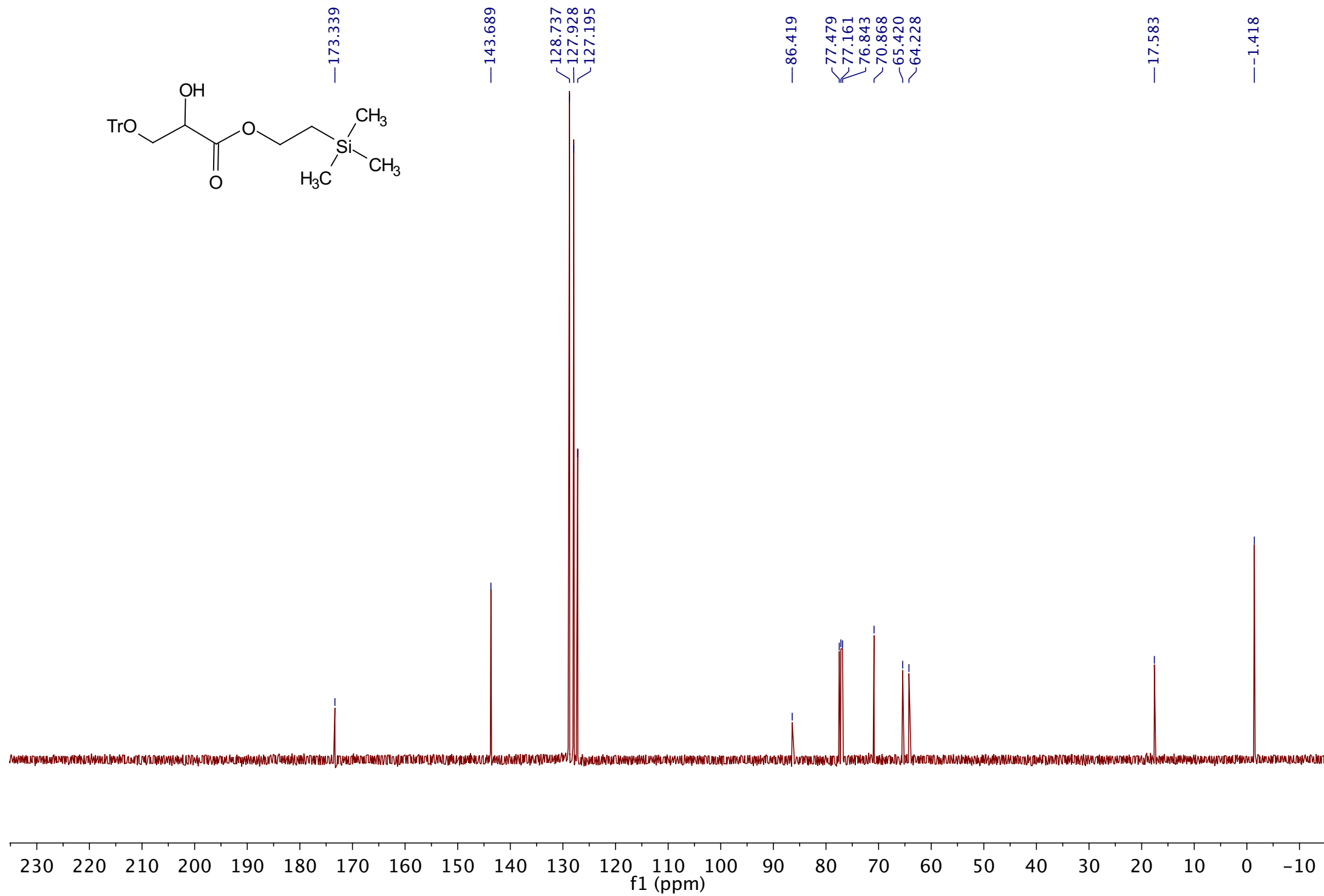
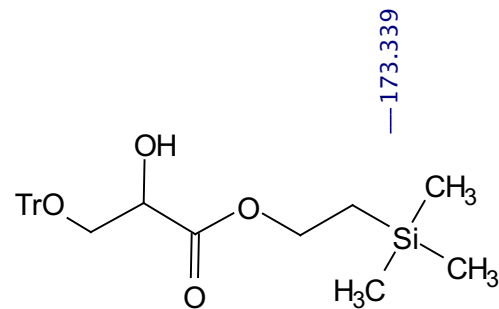
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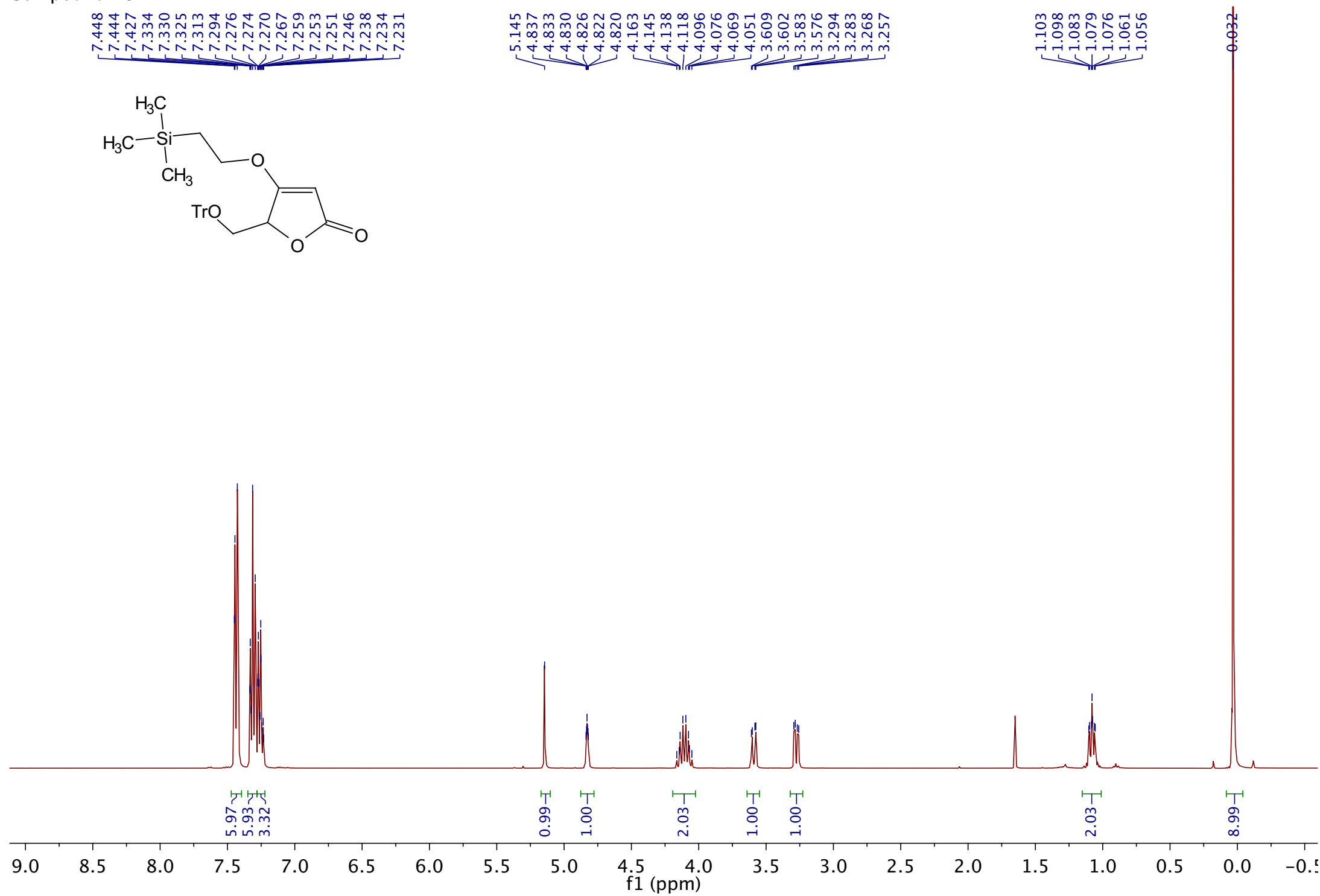
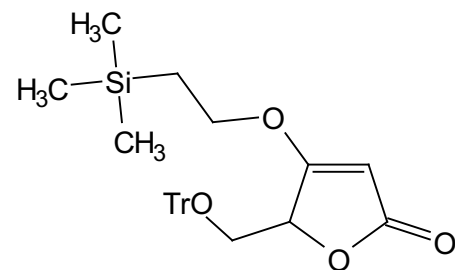
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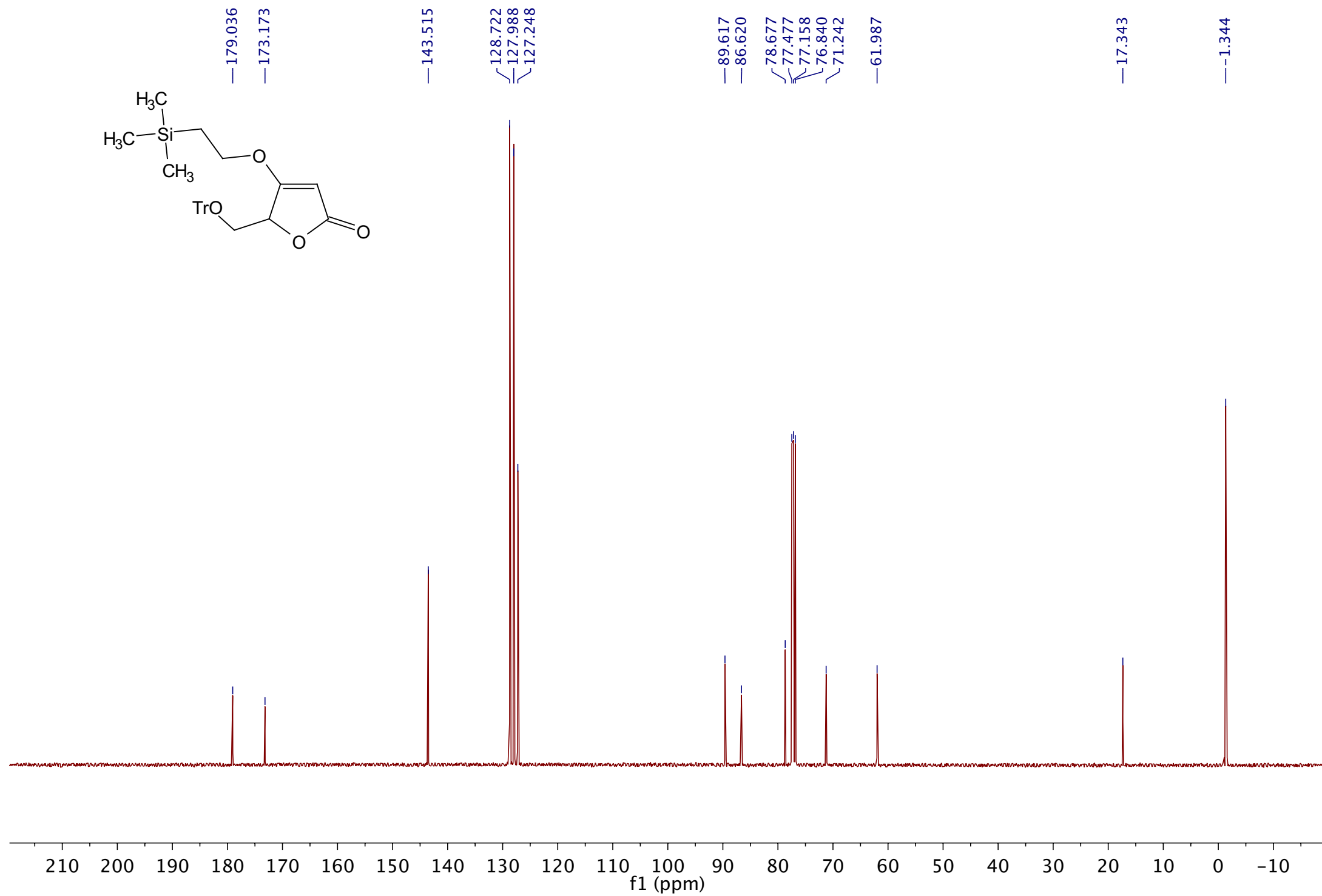
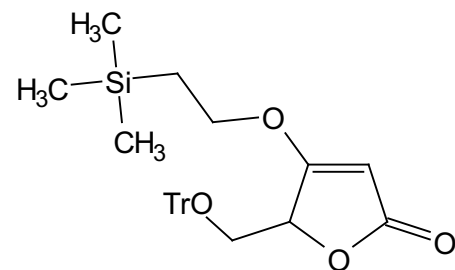
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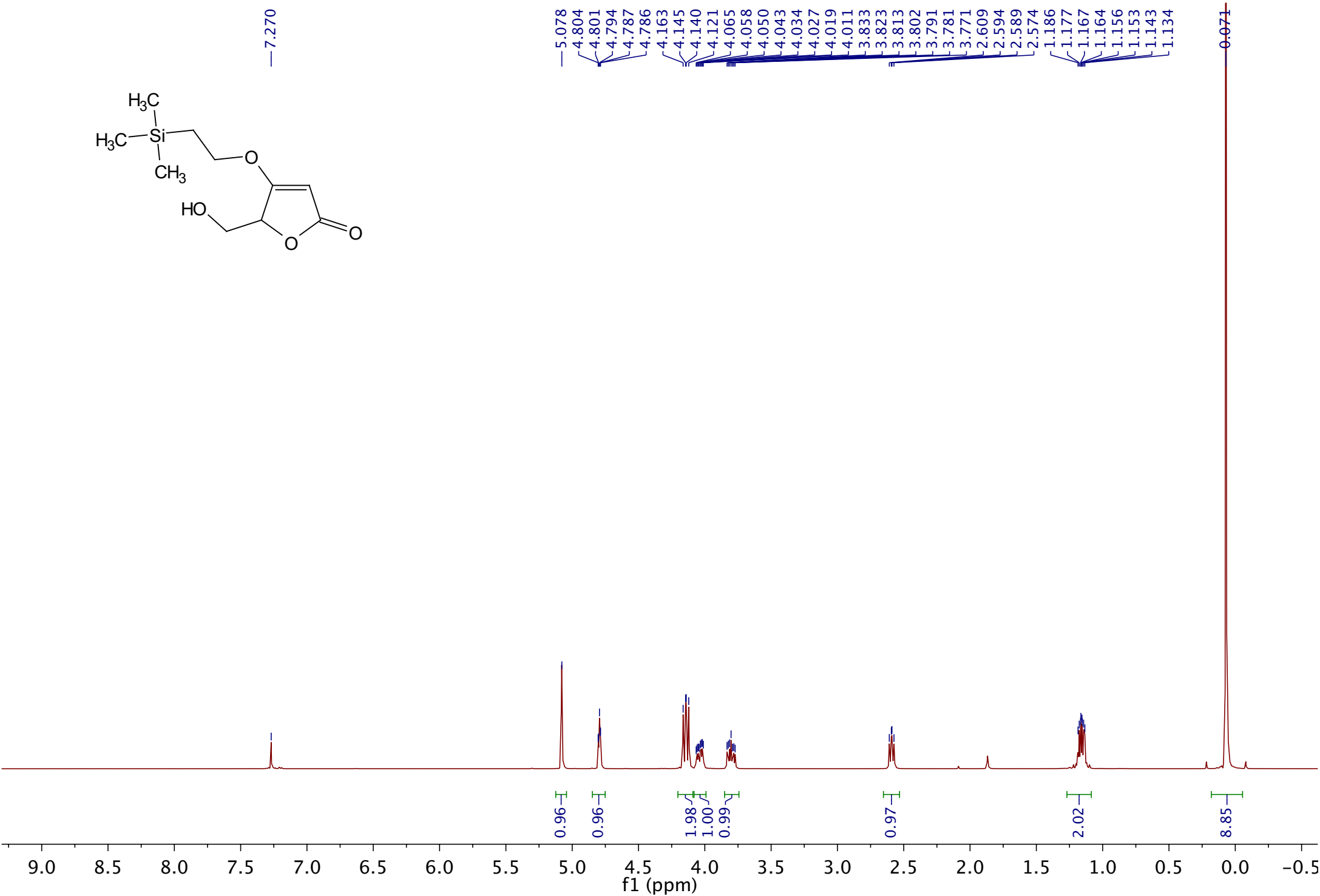
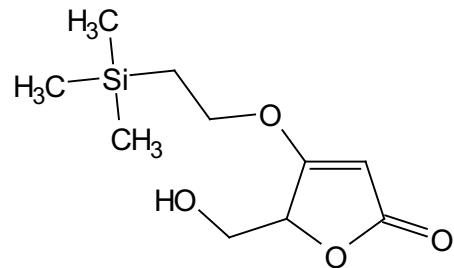
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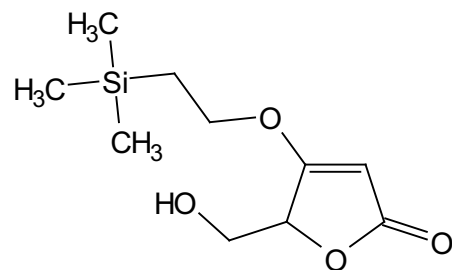
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Compound SI-3



Compound SI-3



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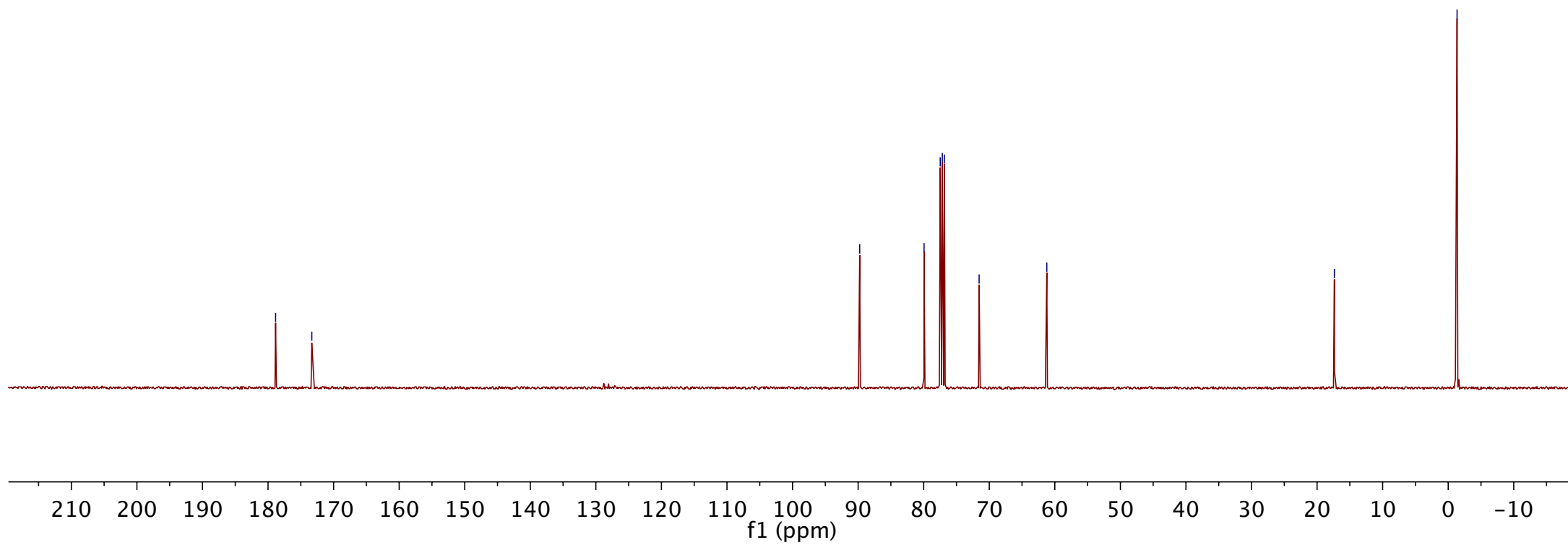
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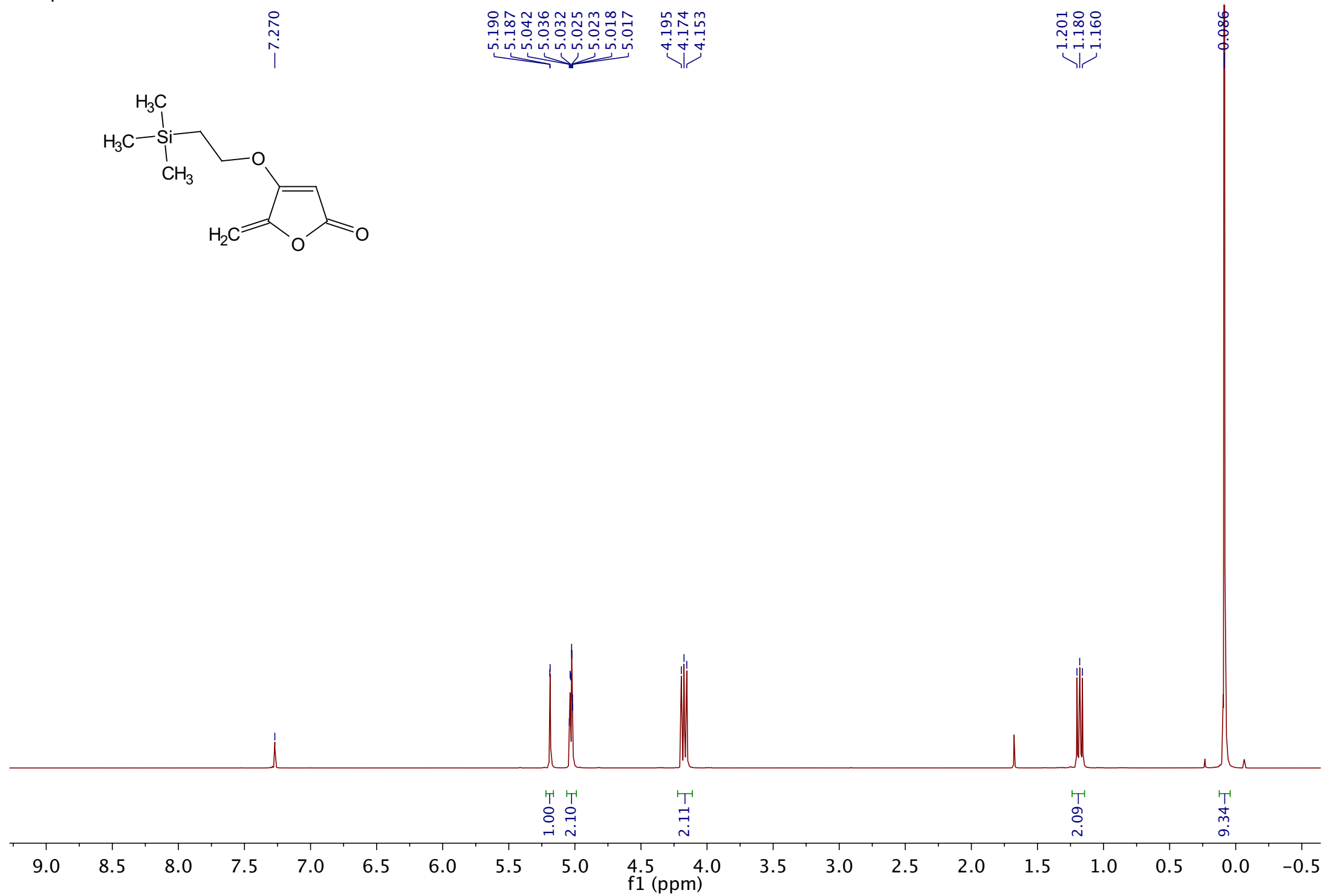
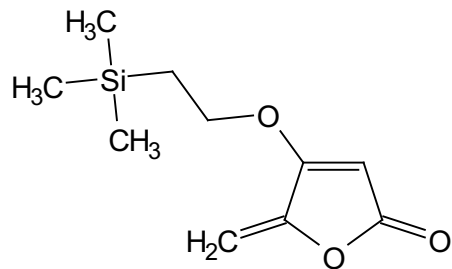
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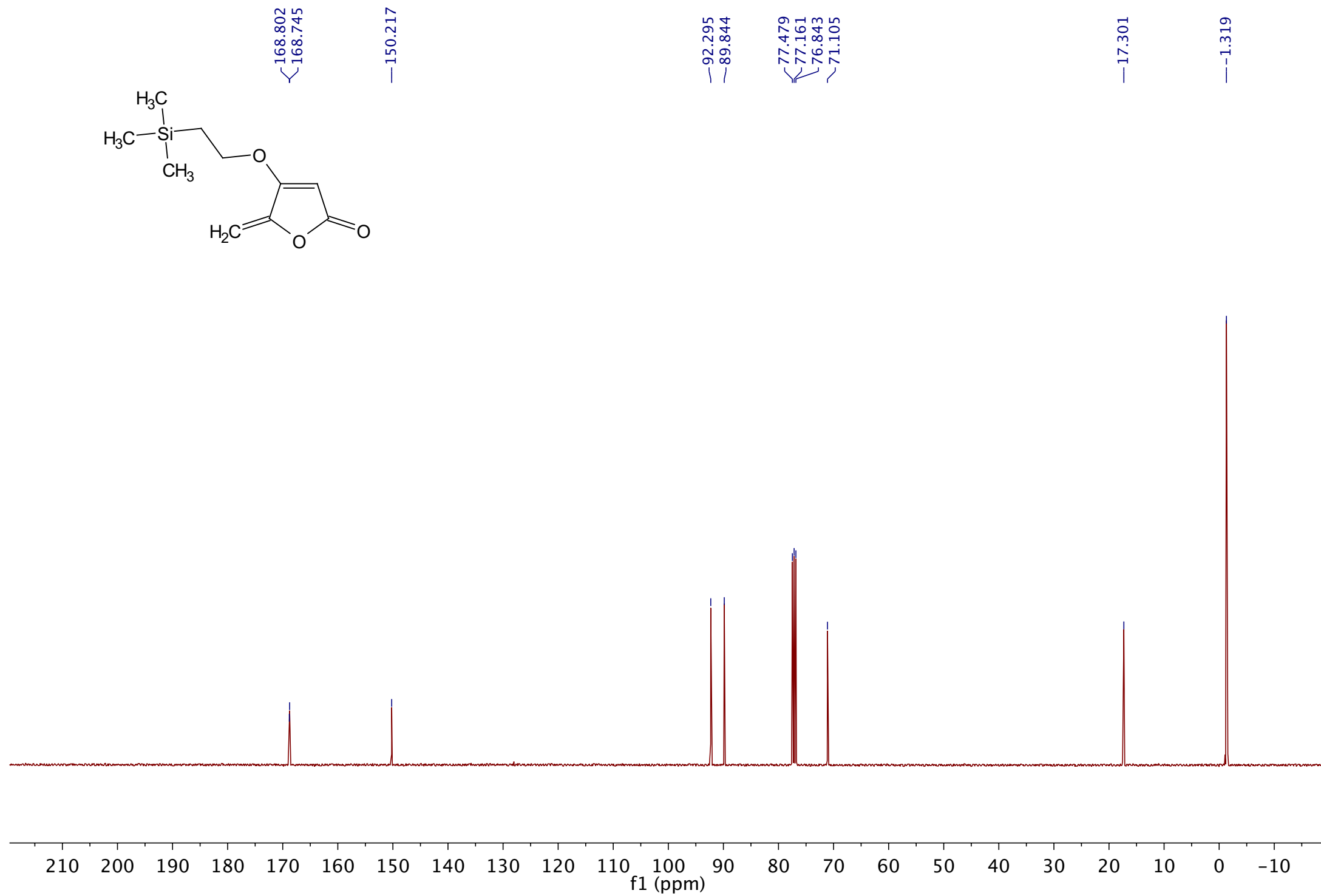
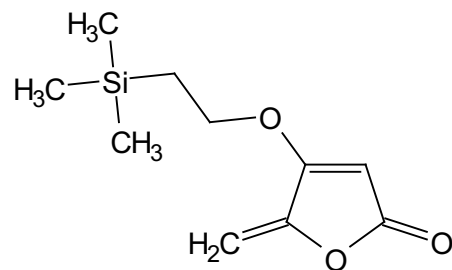
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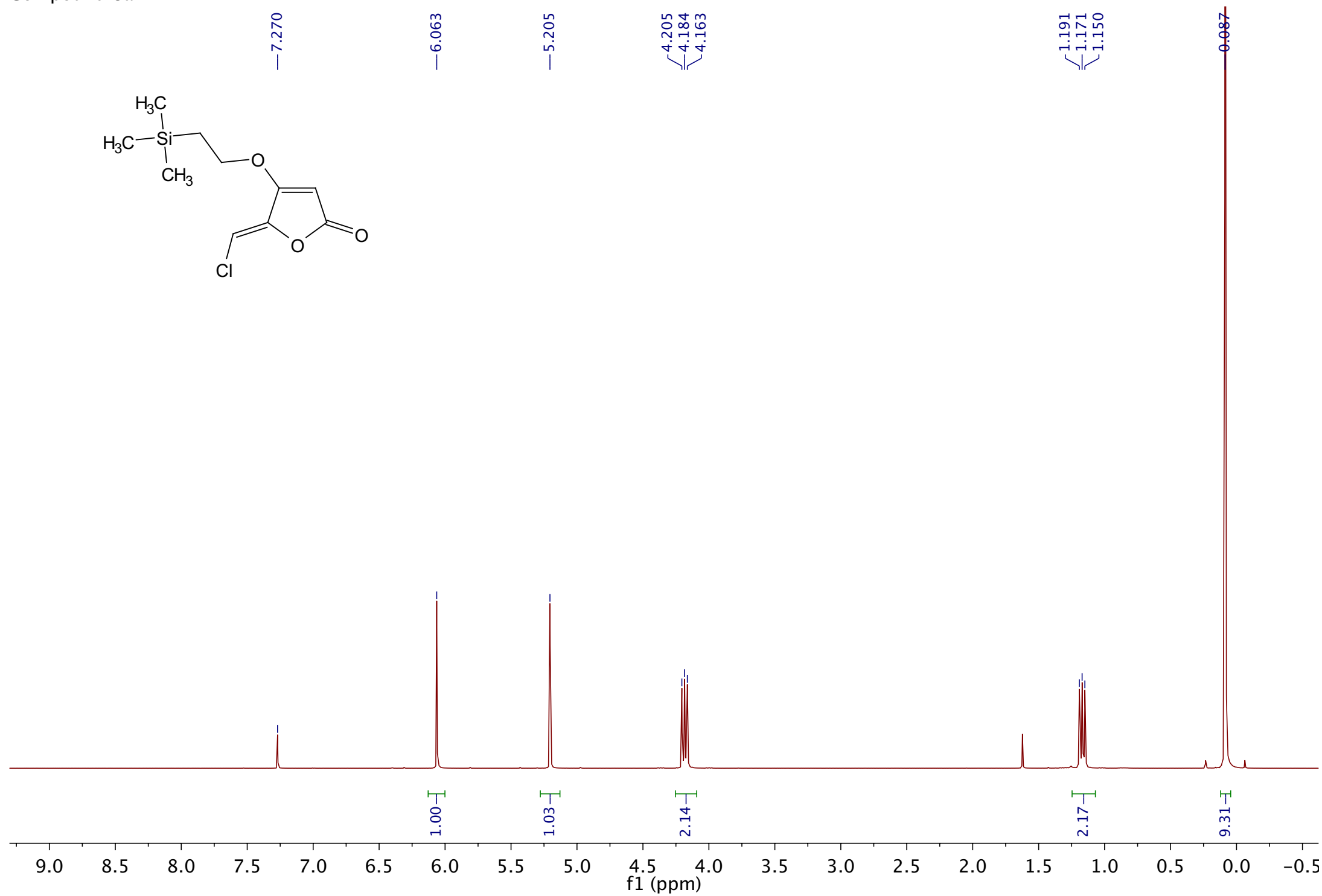
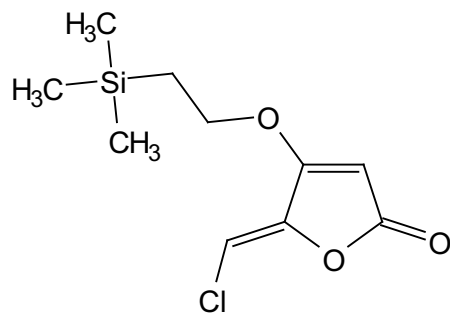
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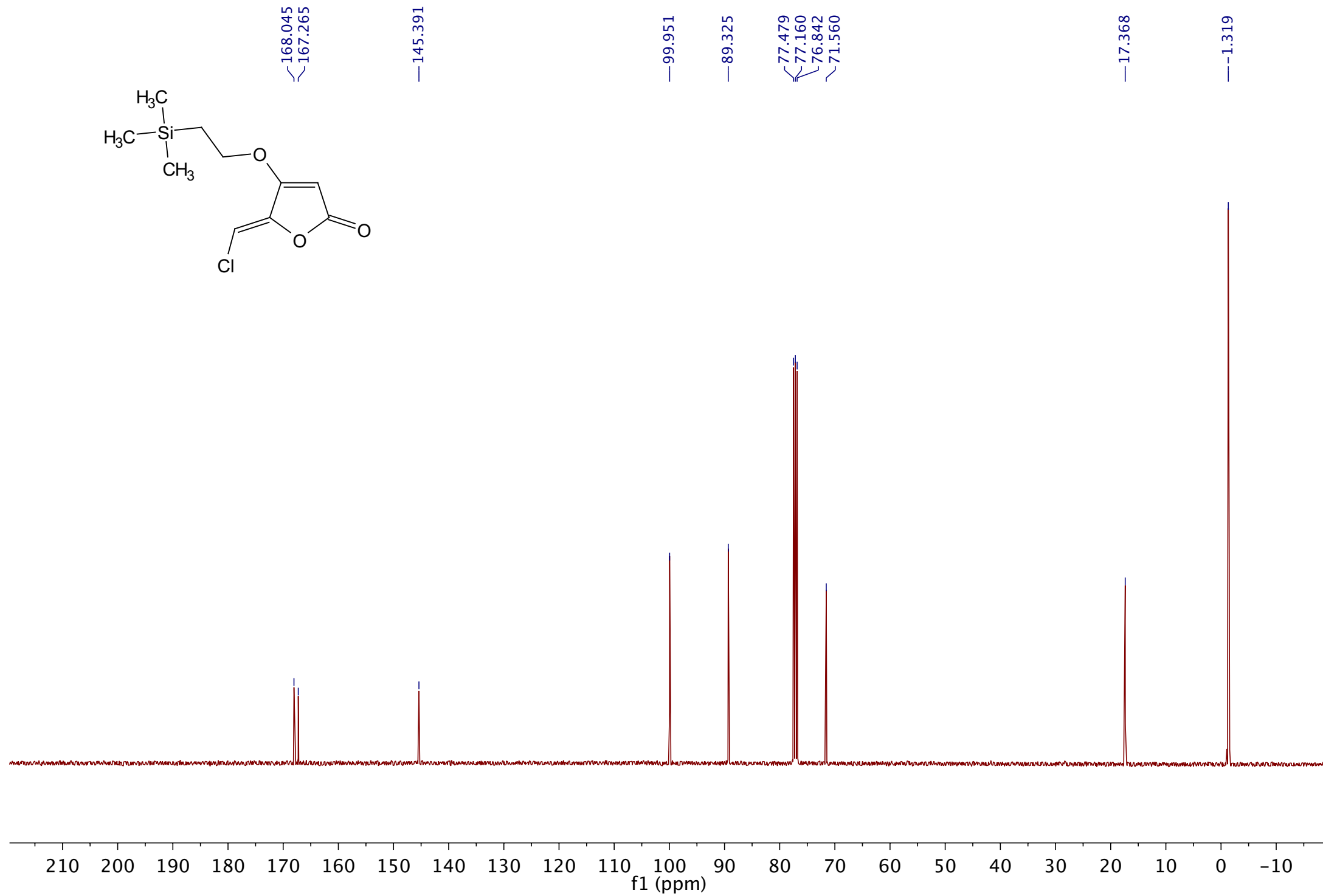
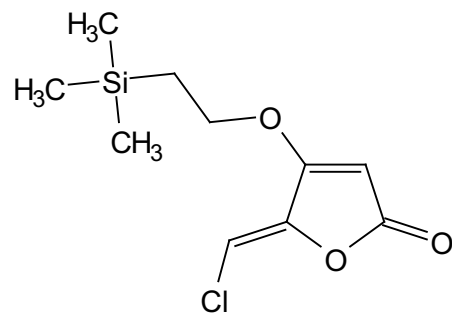
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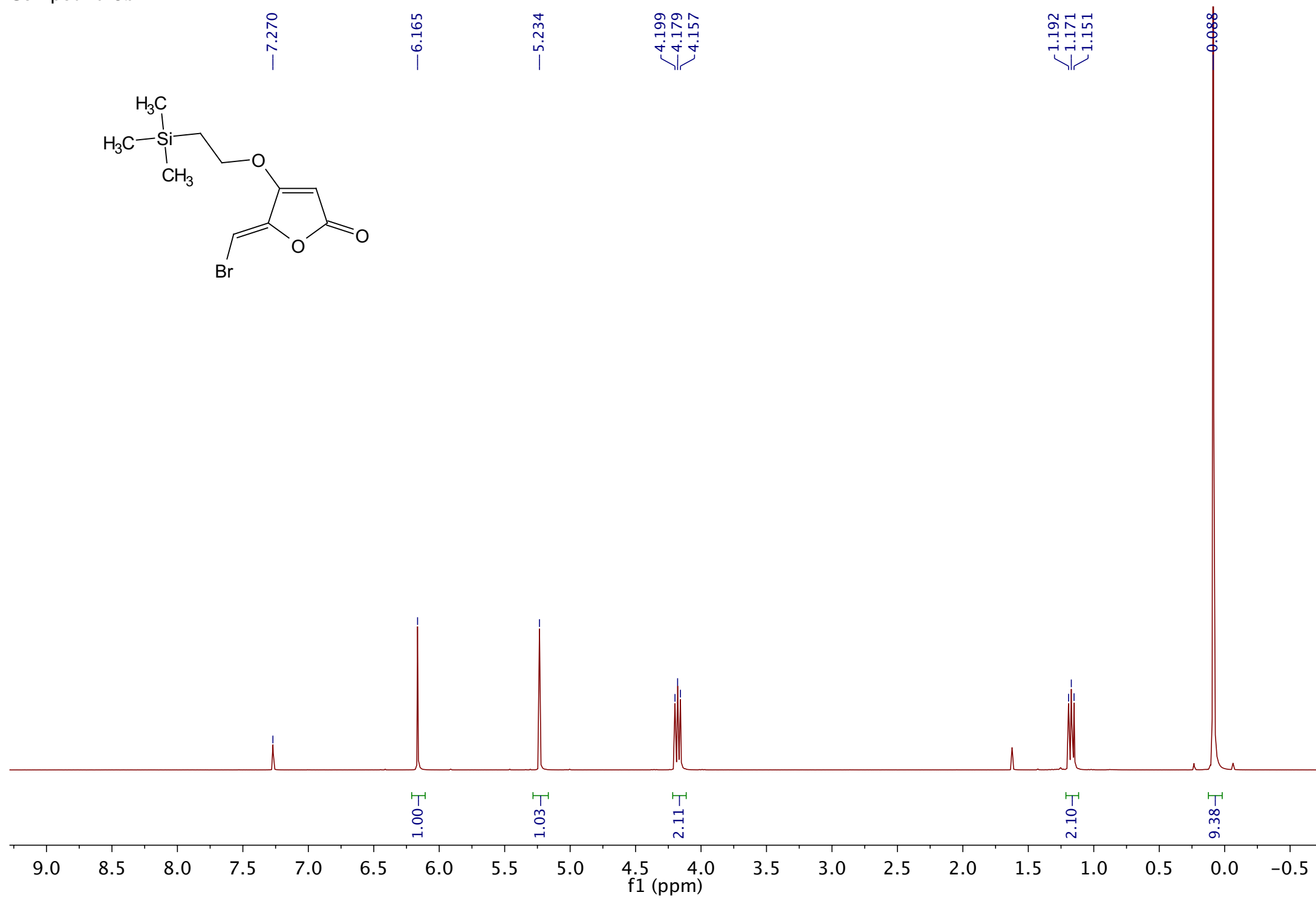
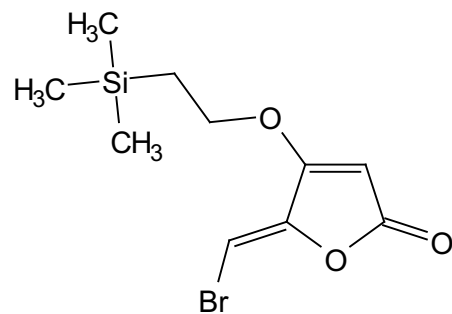
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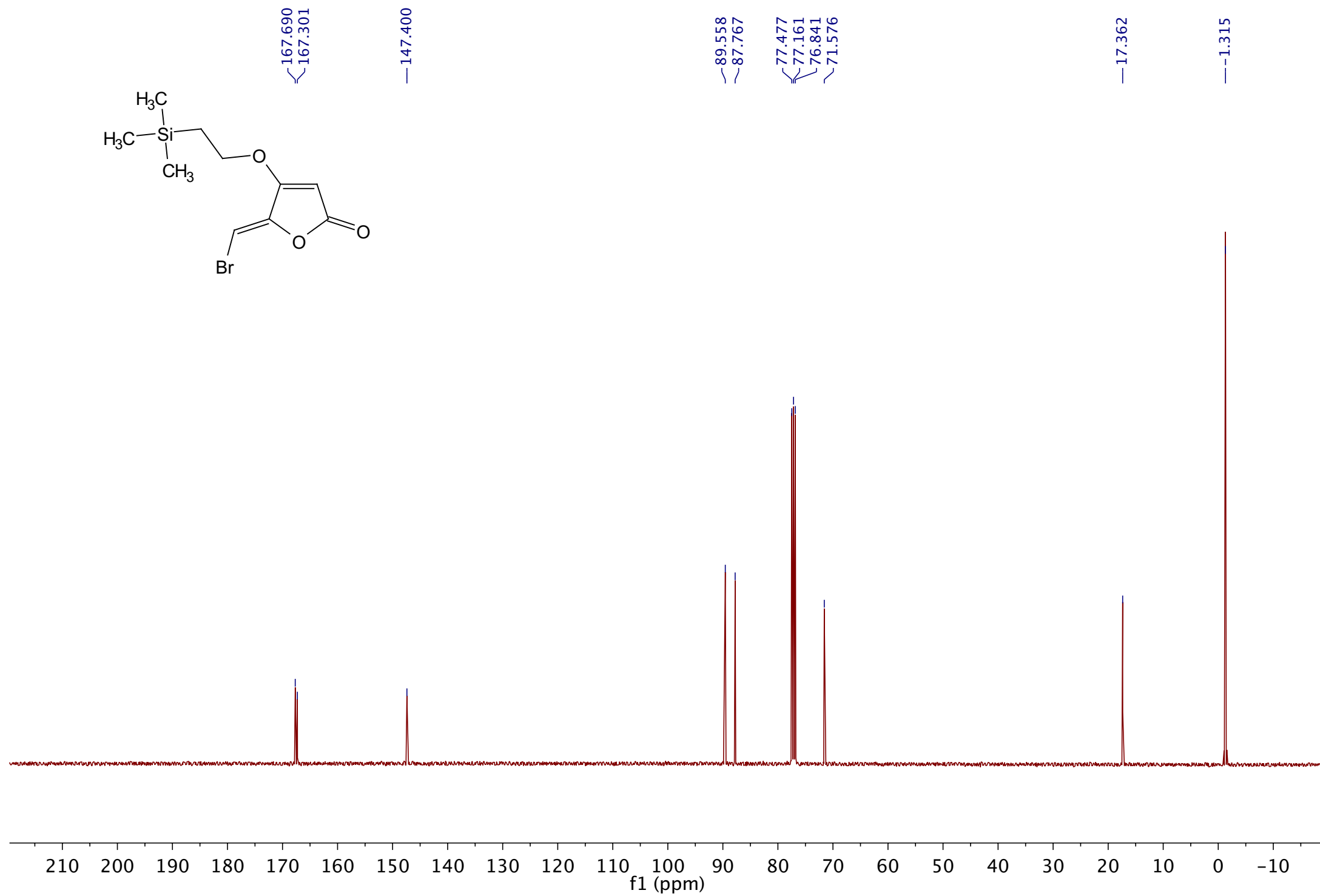
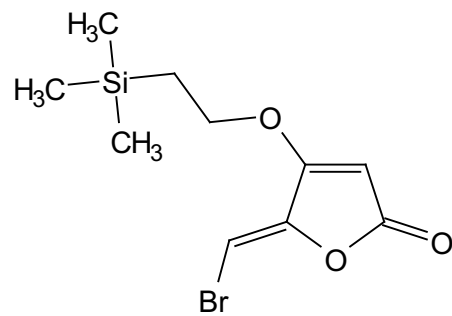
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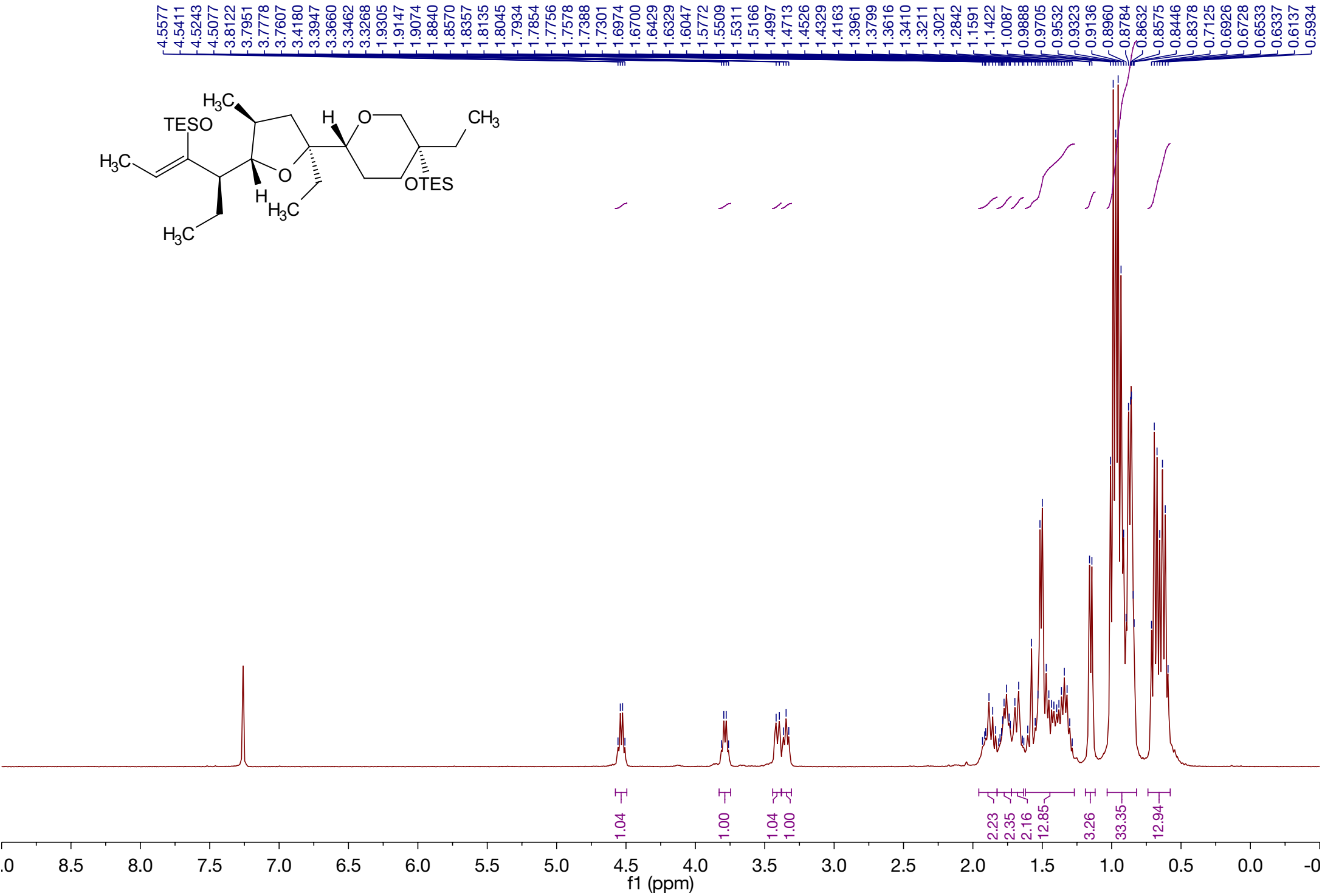
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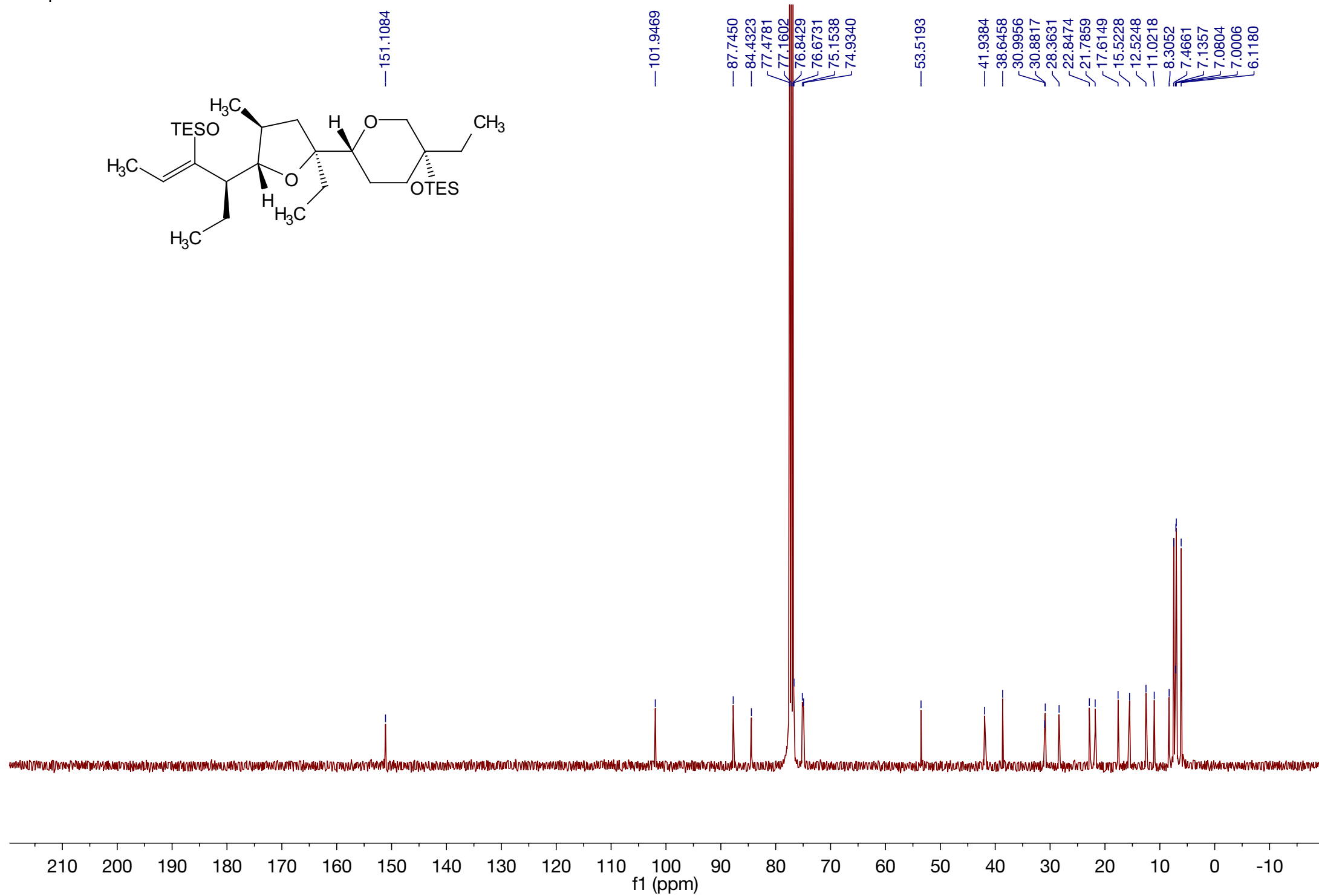
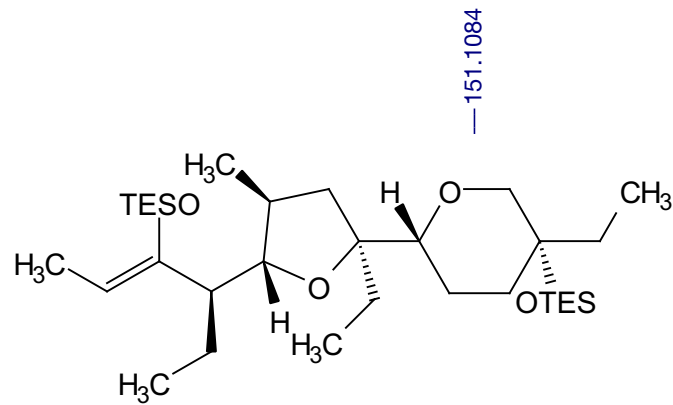
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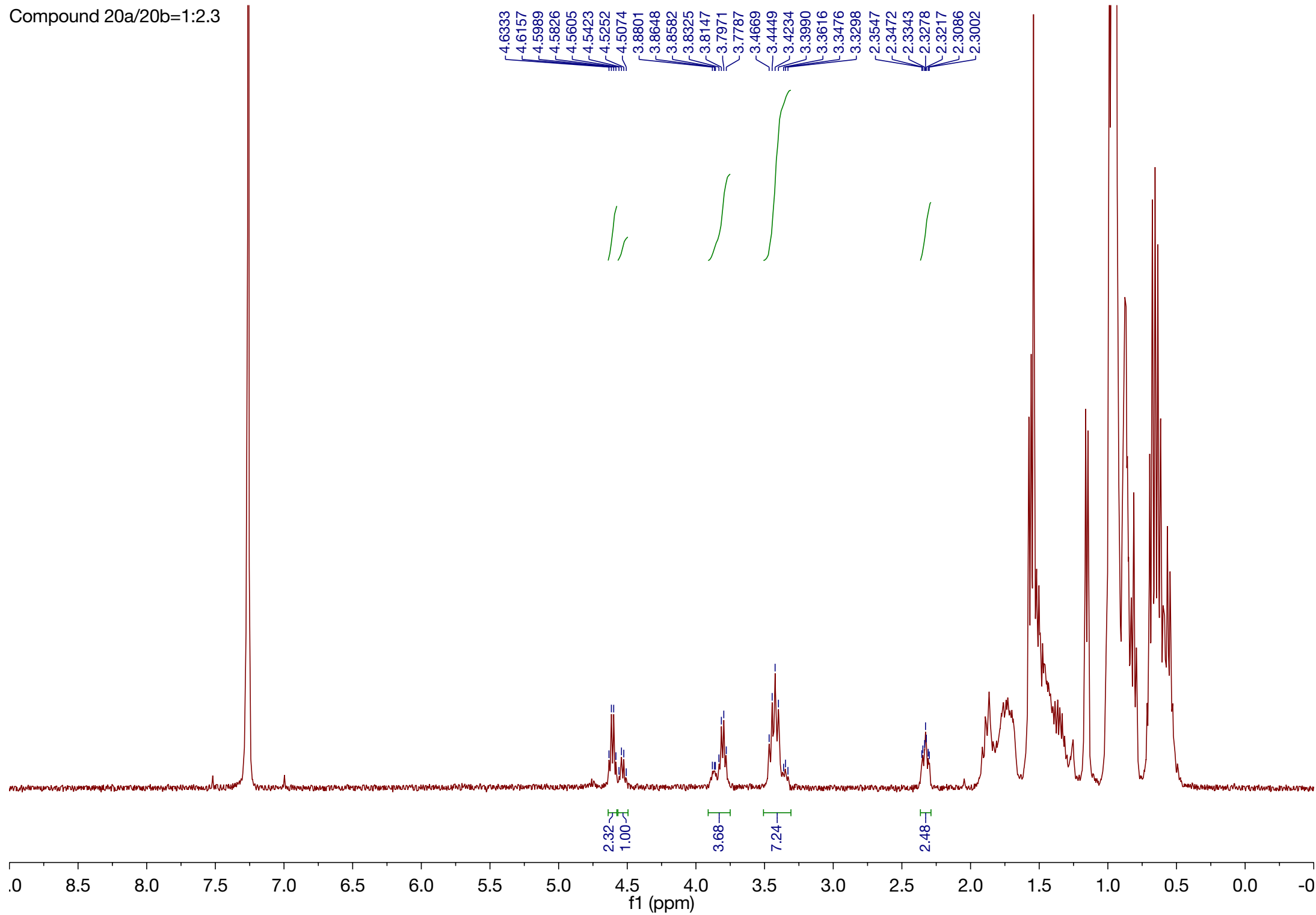
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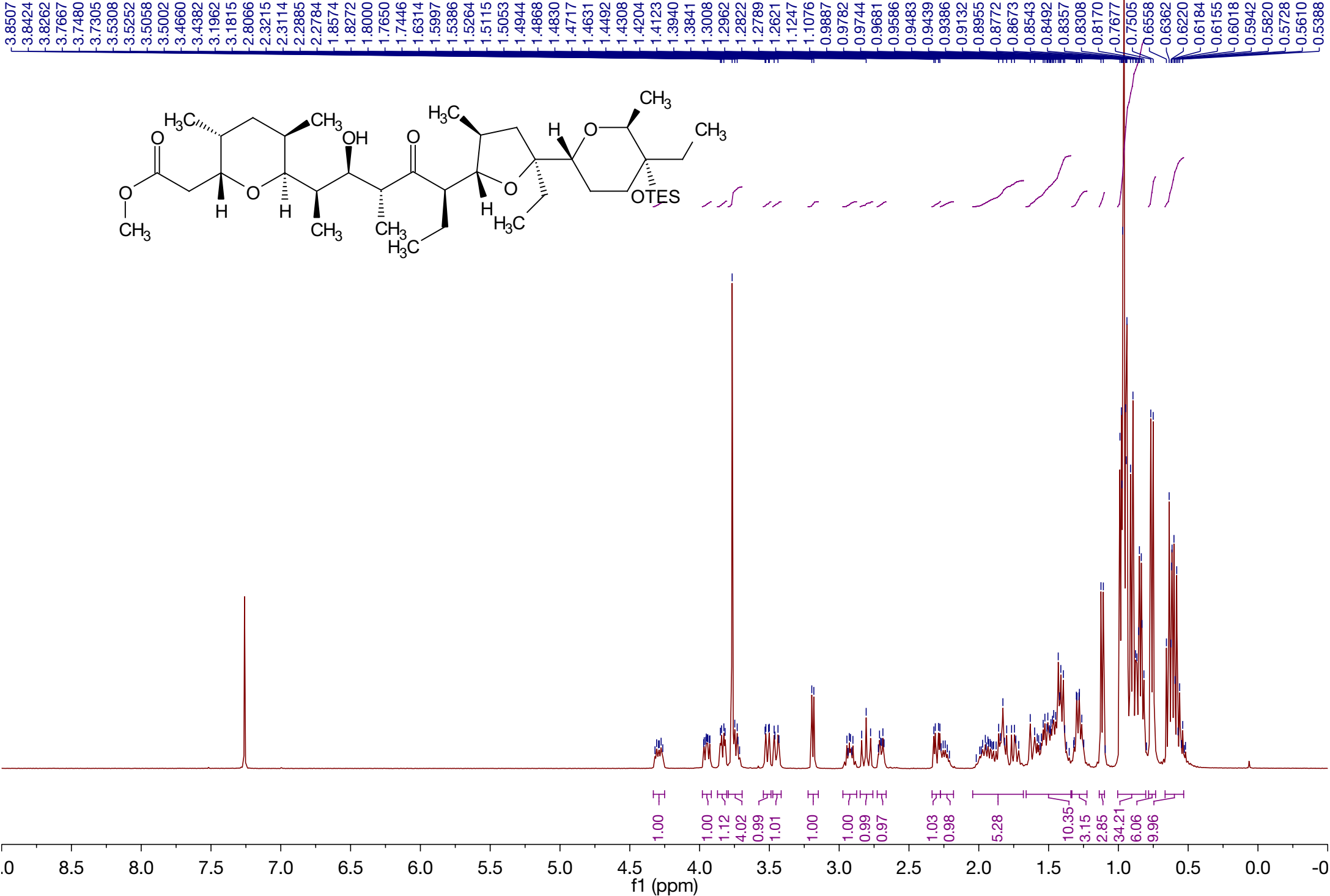
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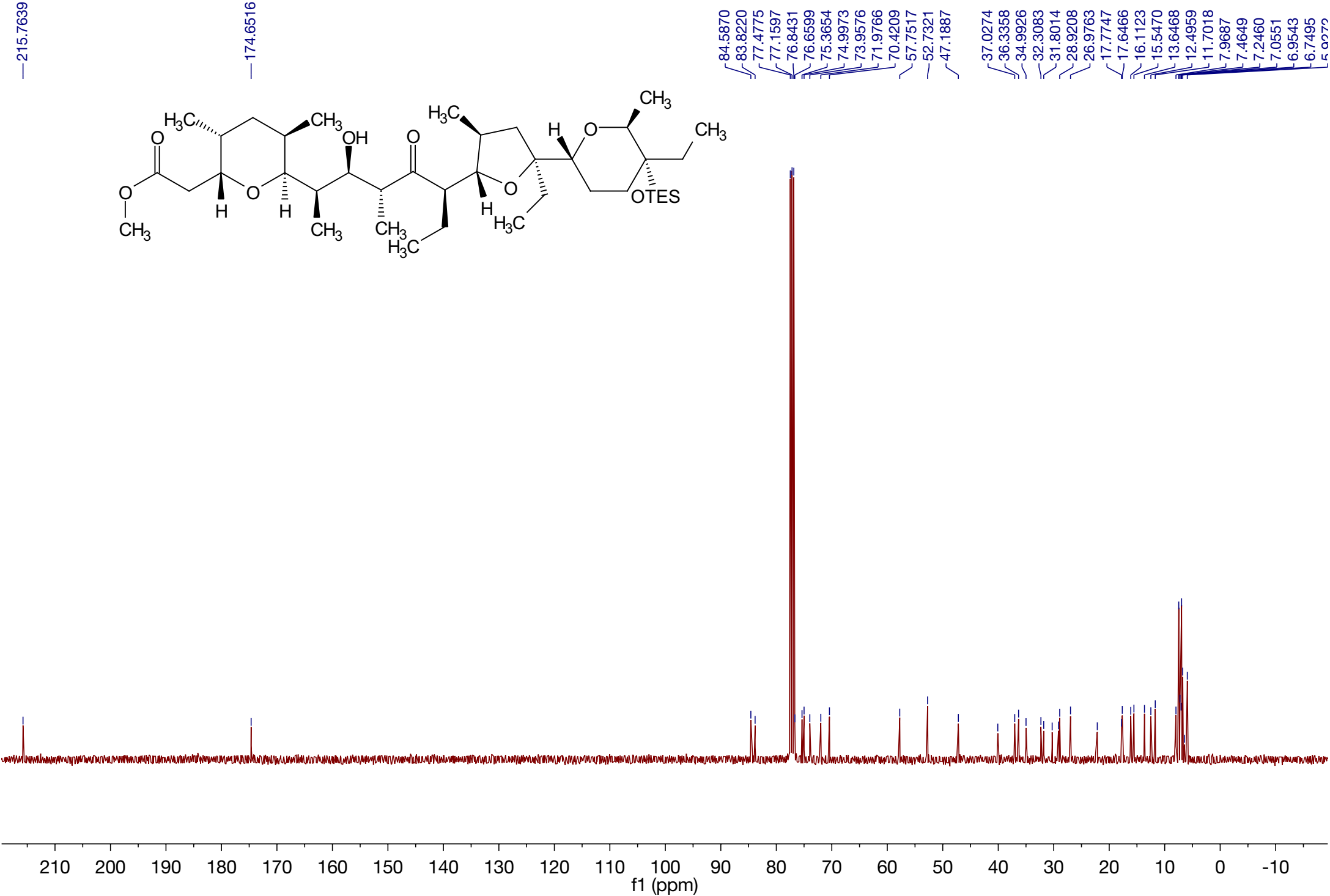
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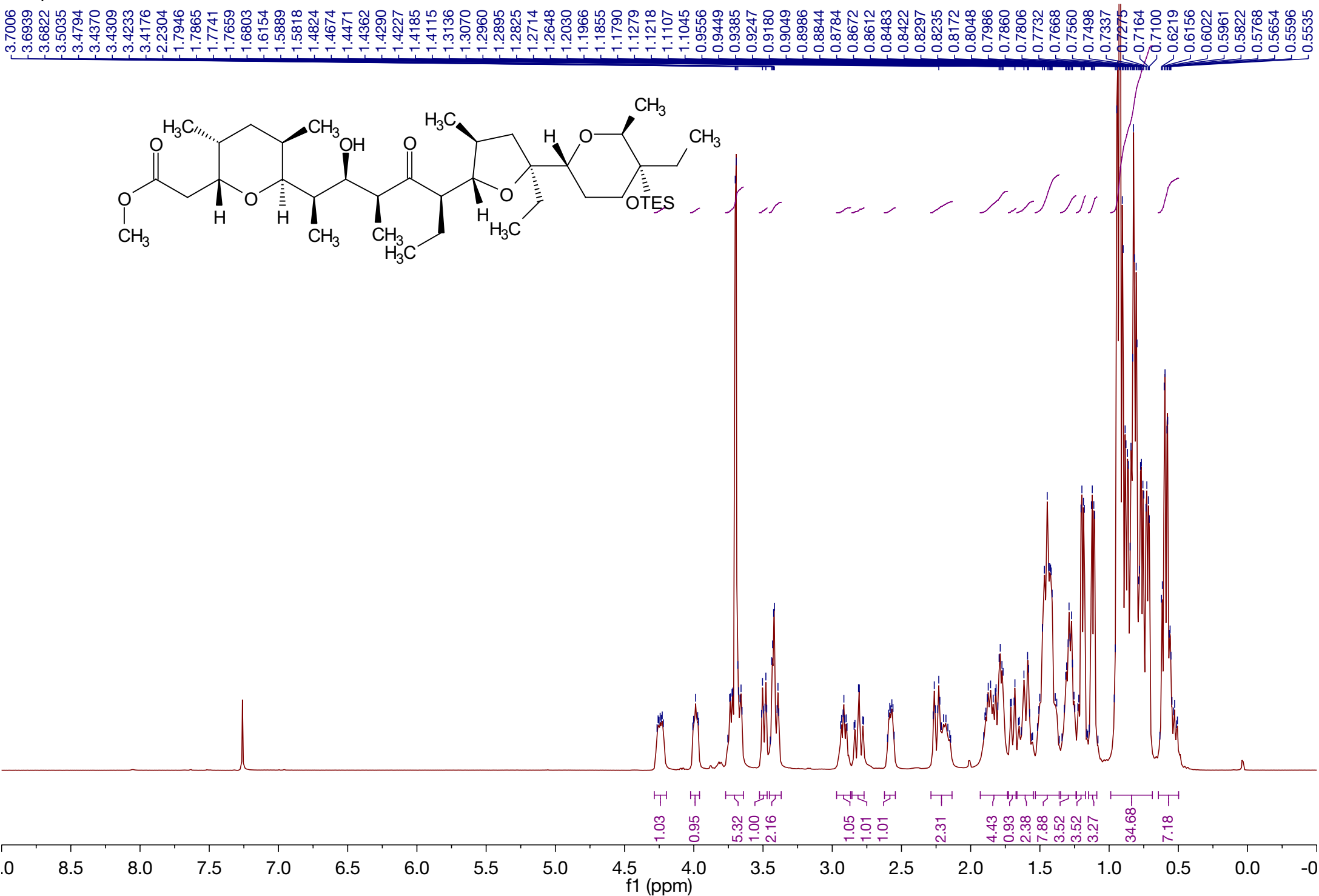
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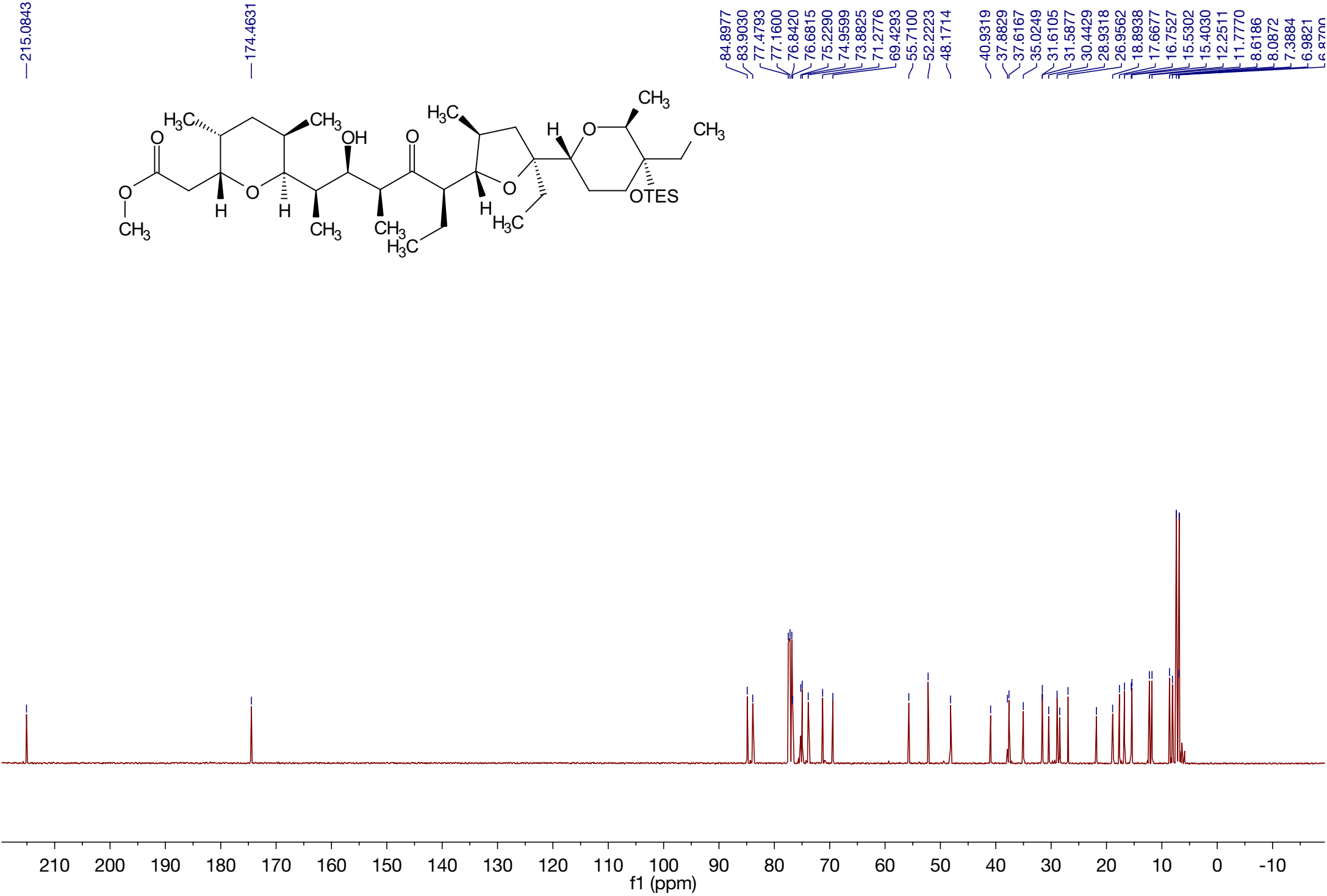
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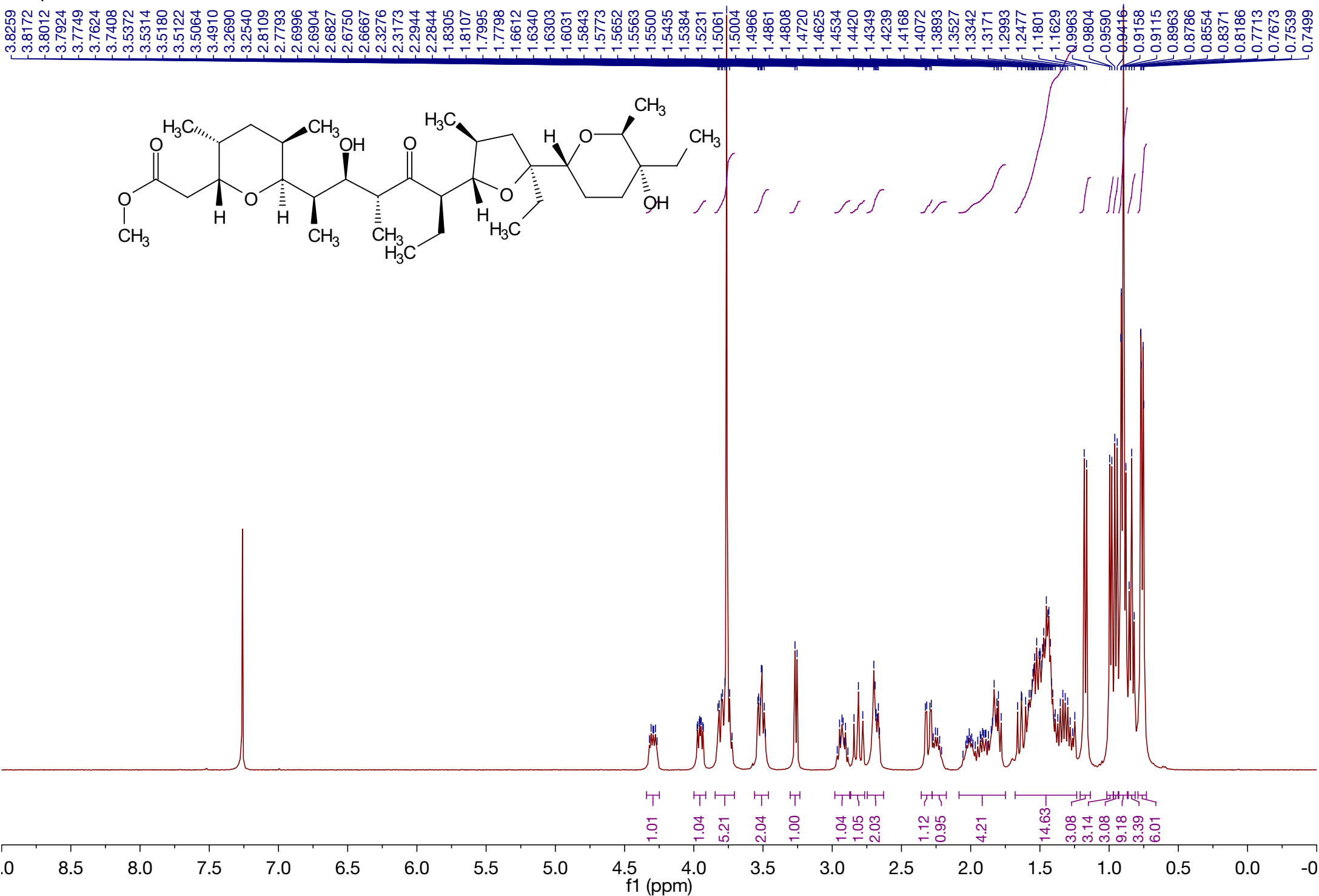
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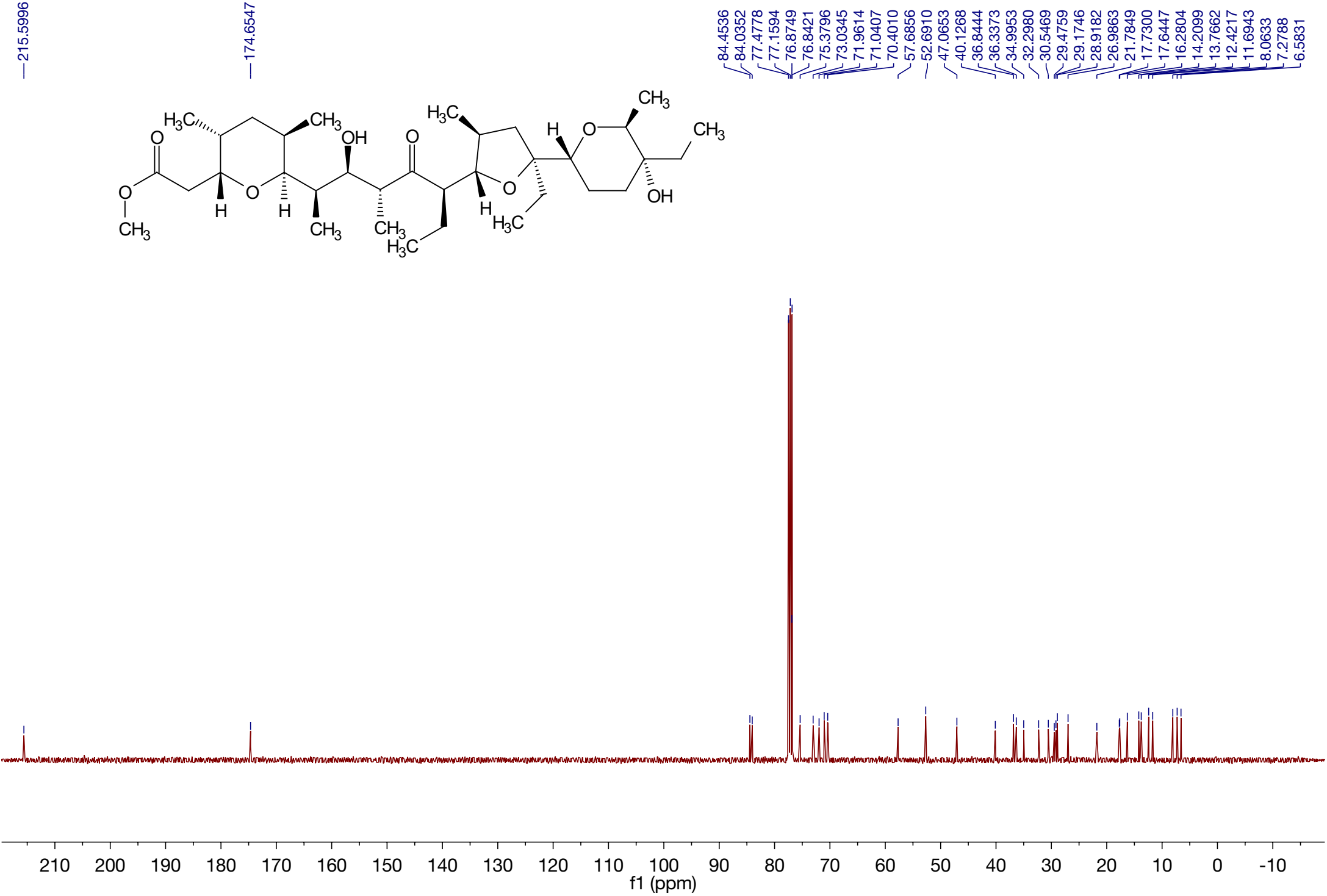
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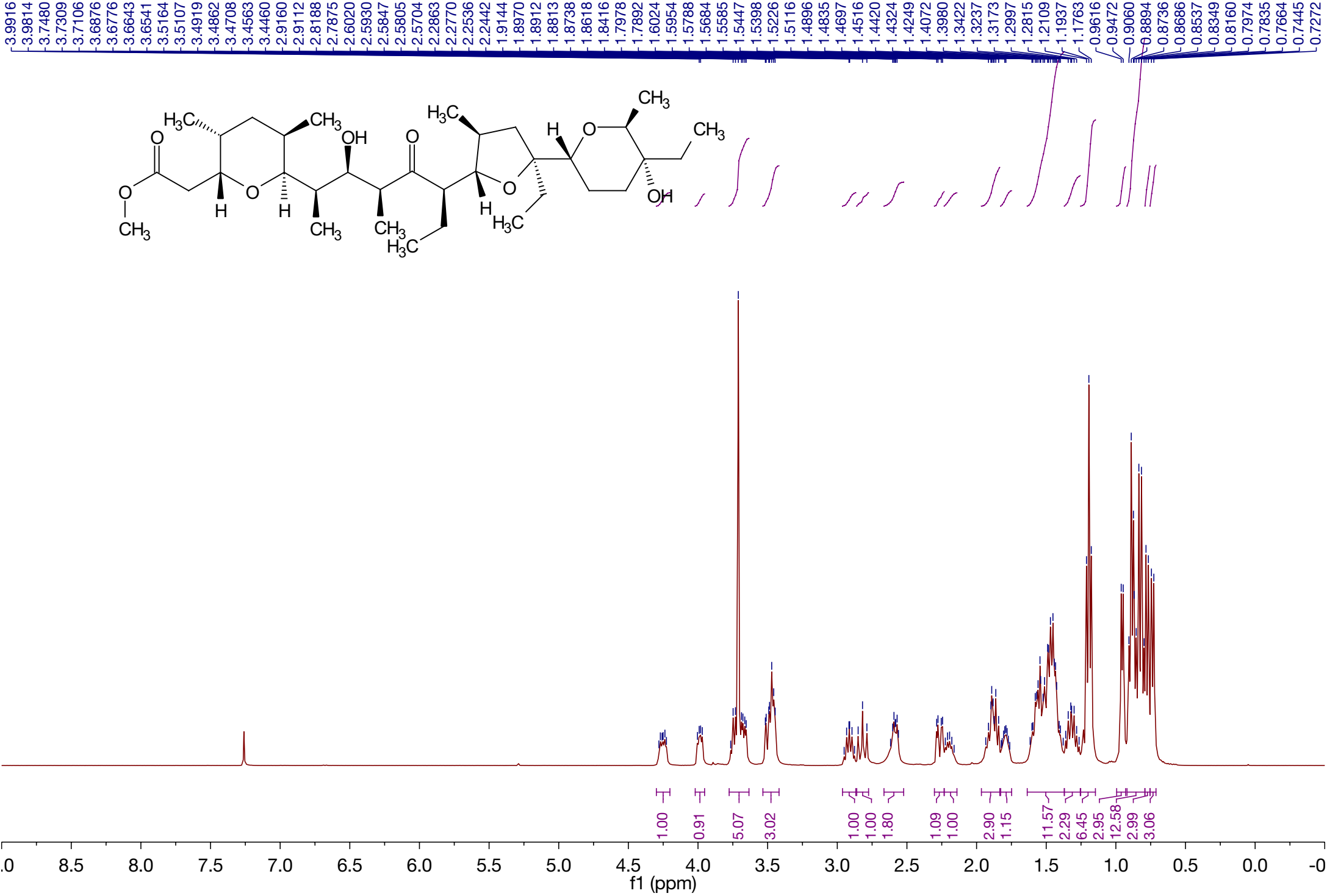
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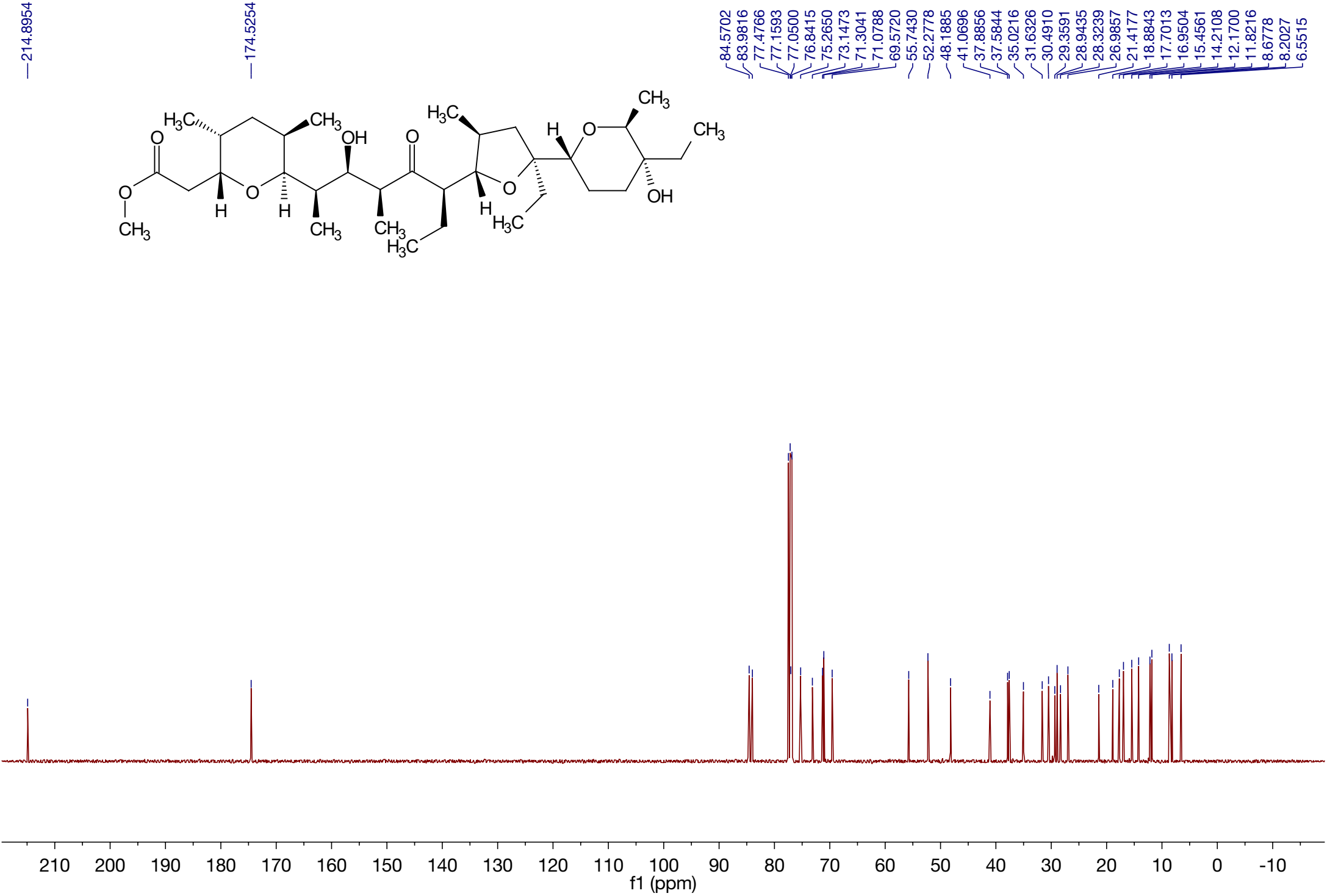
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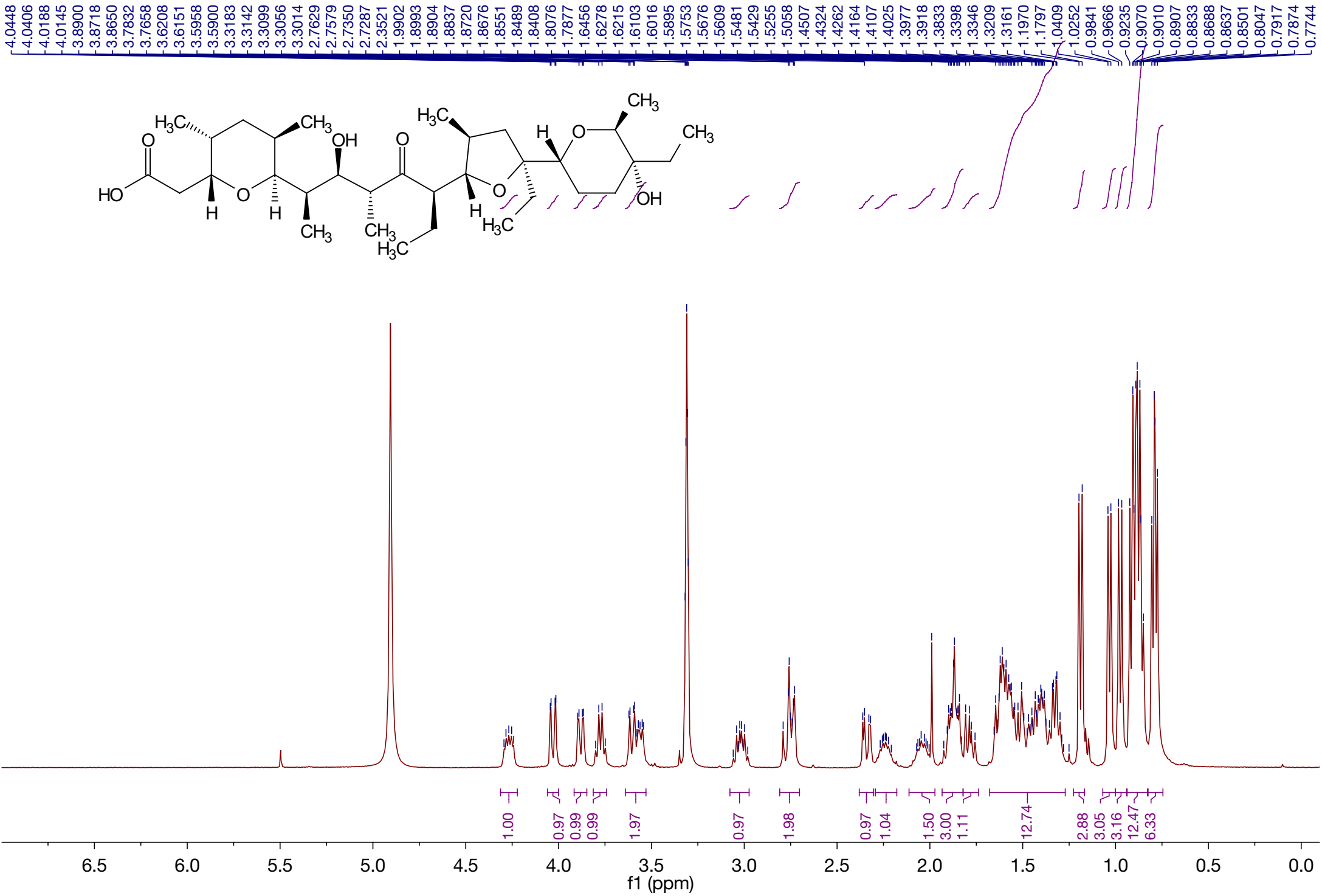
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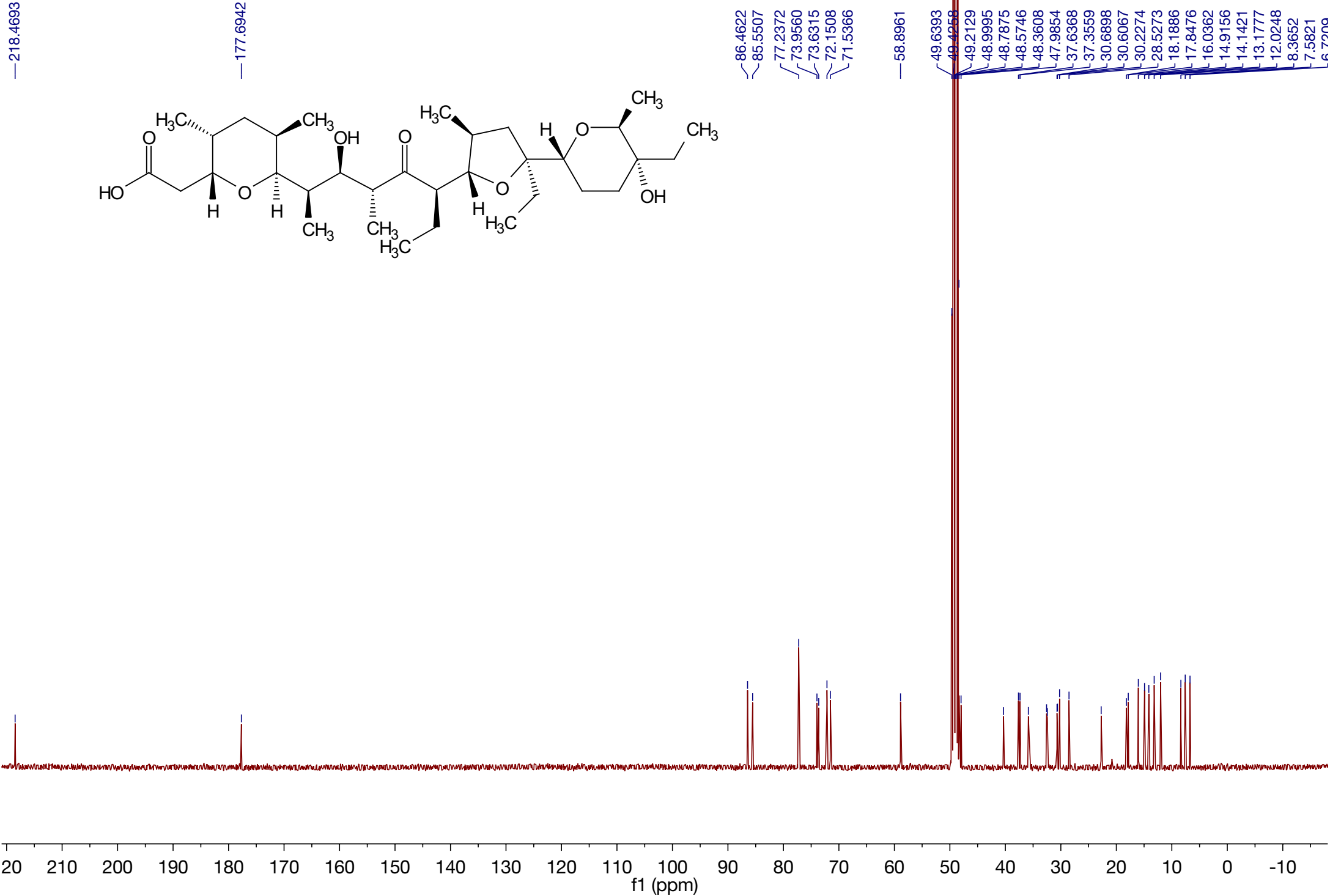
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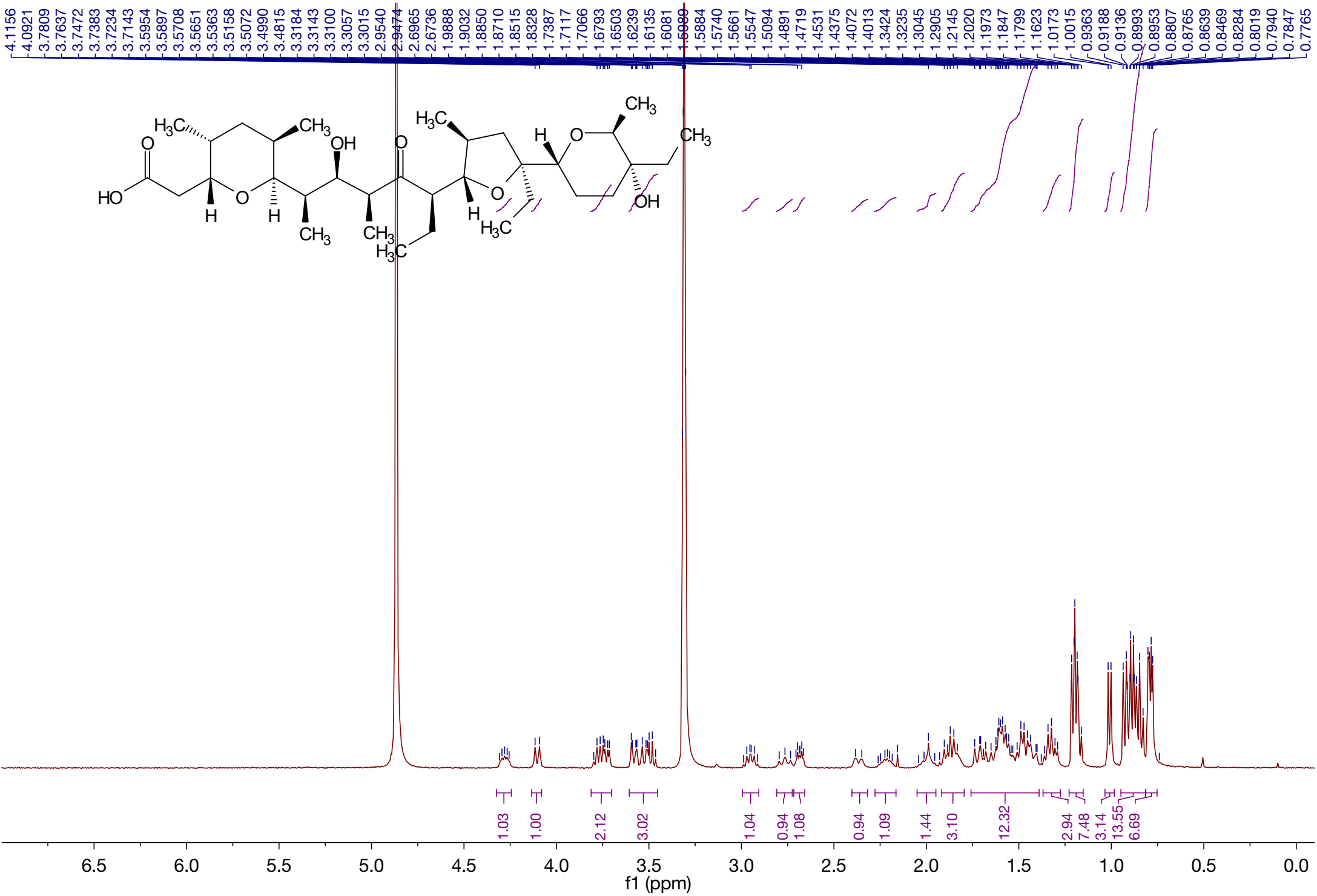
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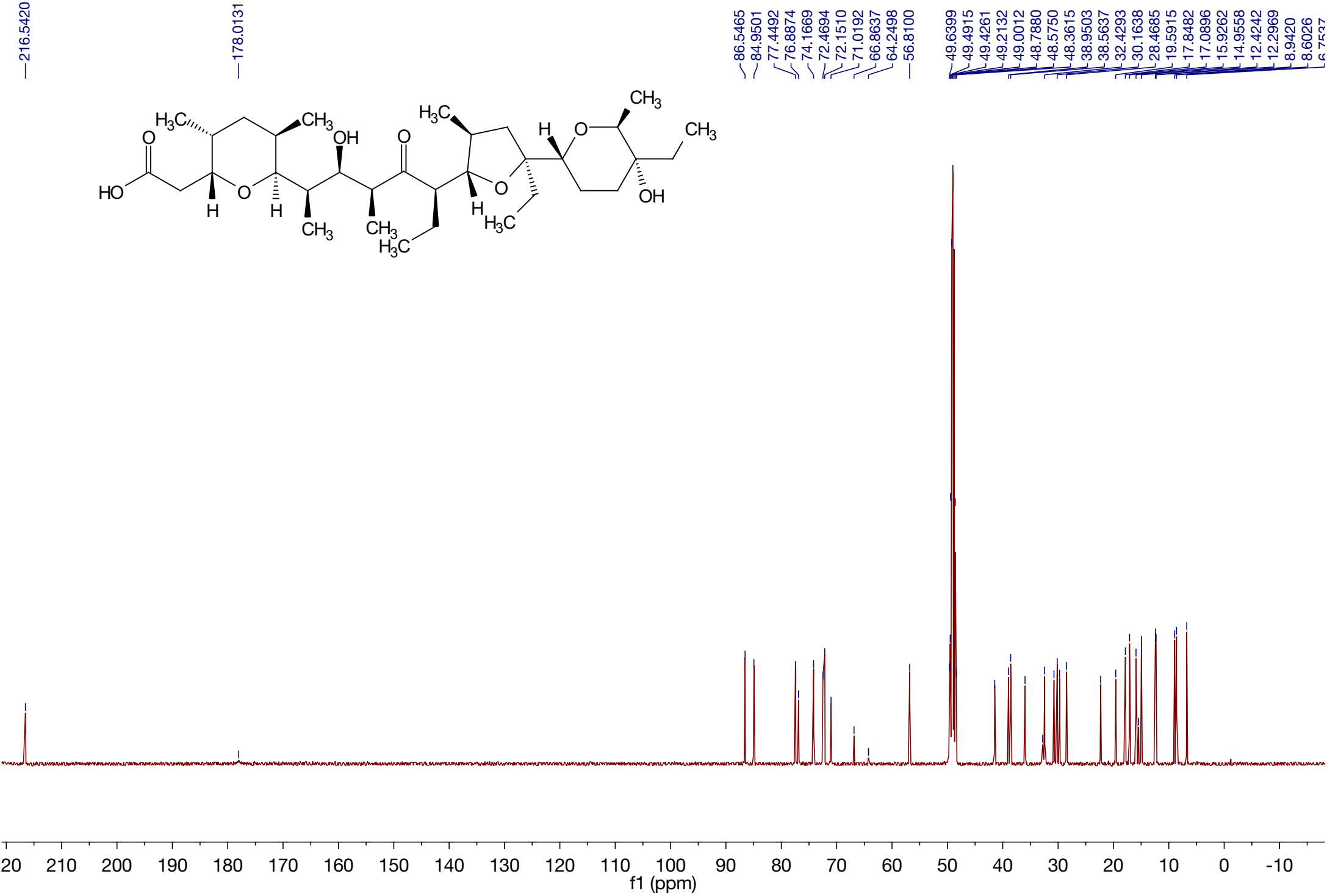
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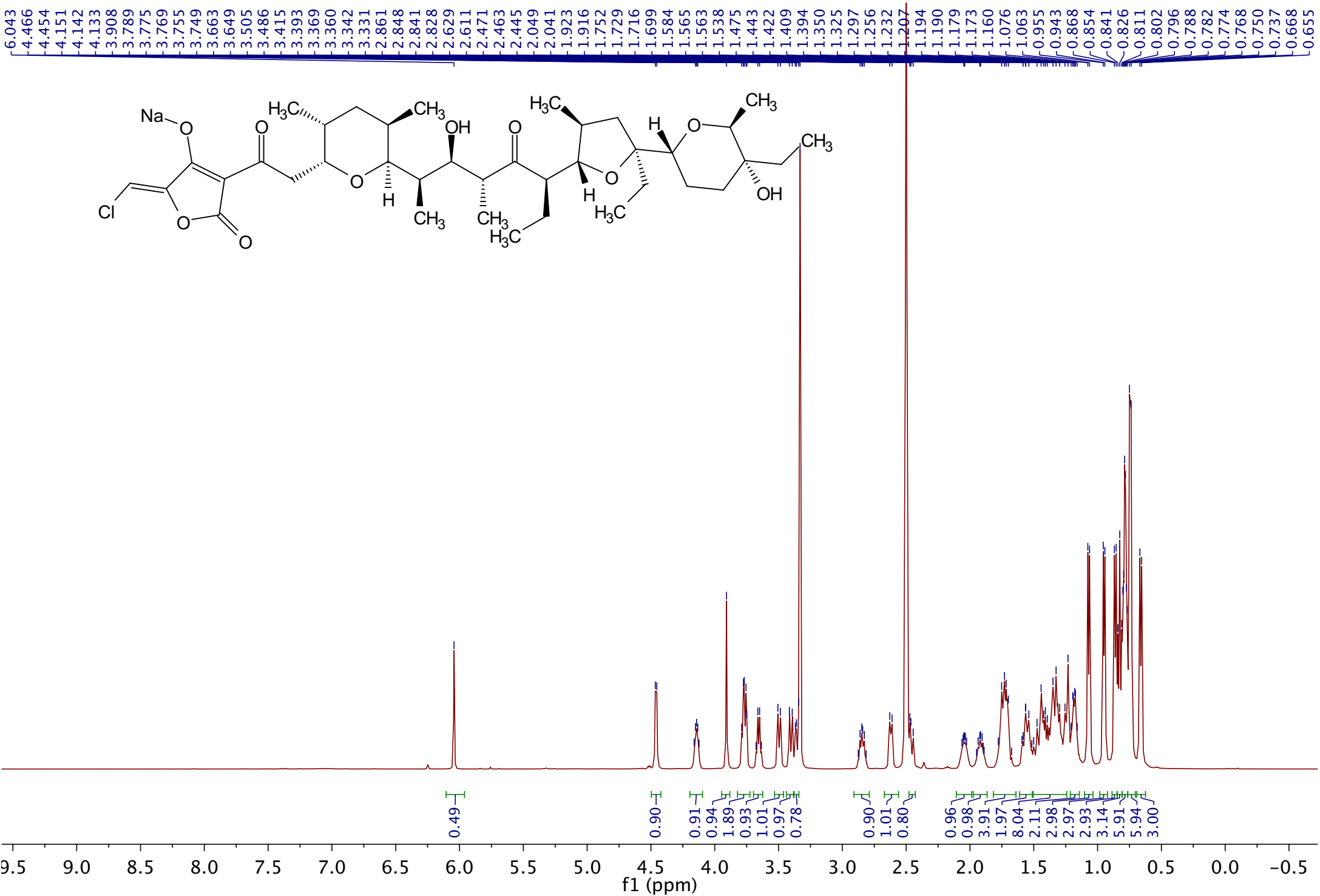
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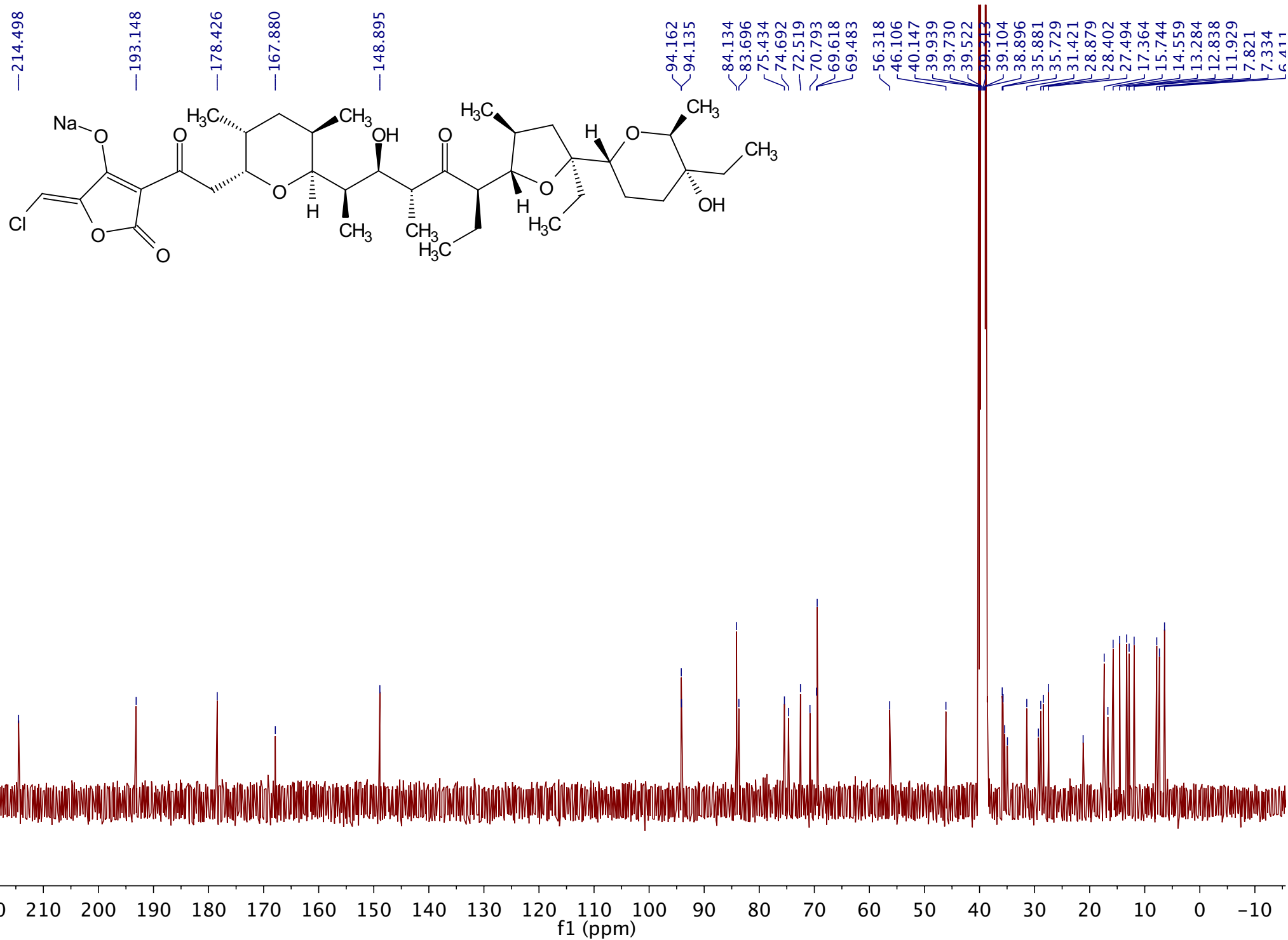
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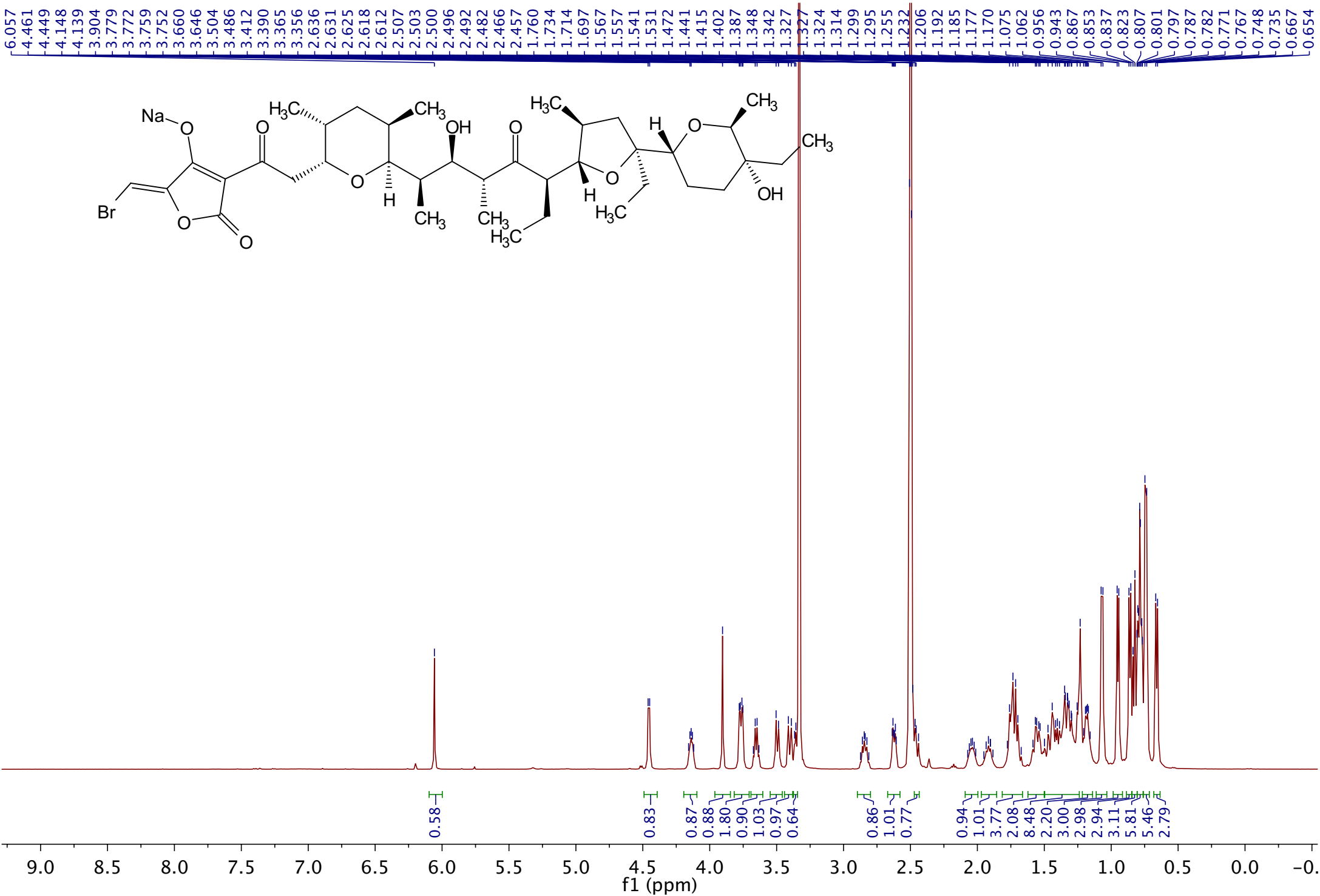
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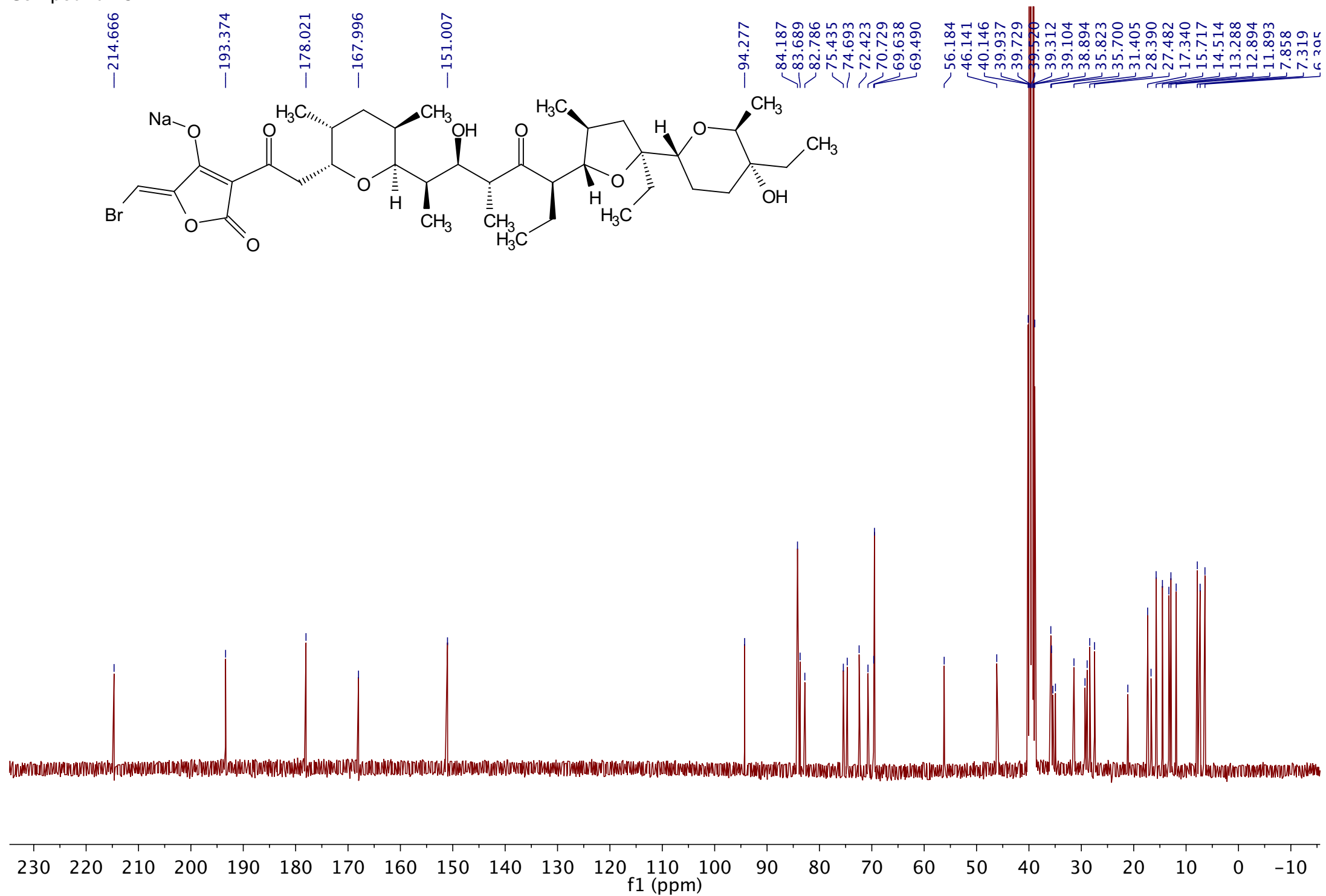
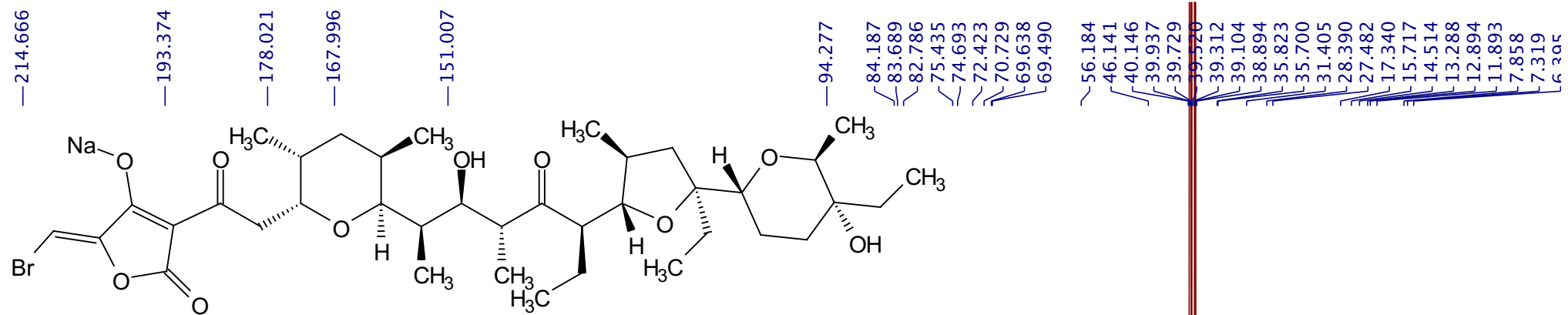
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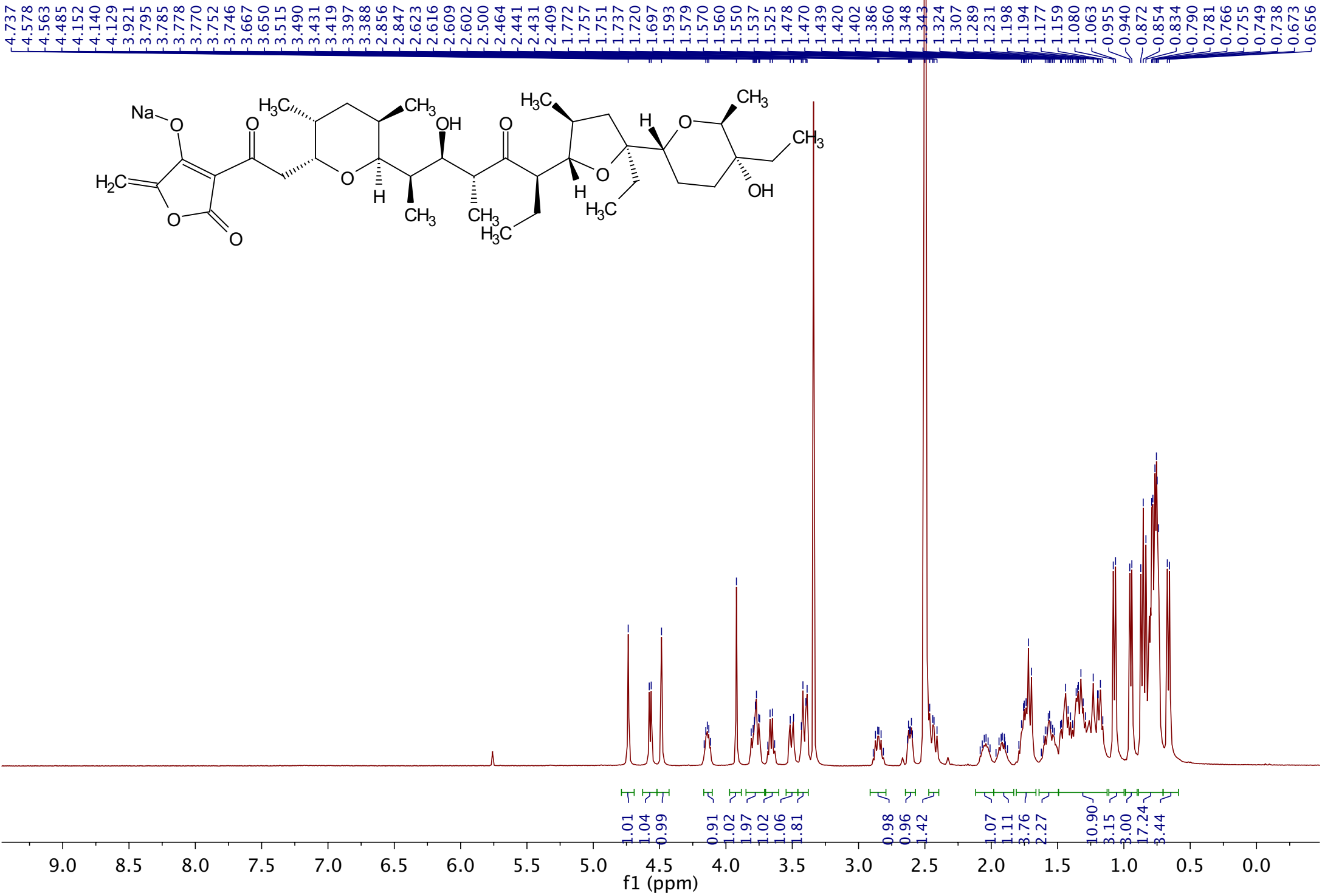
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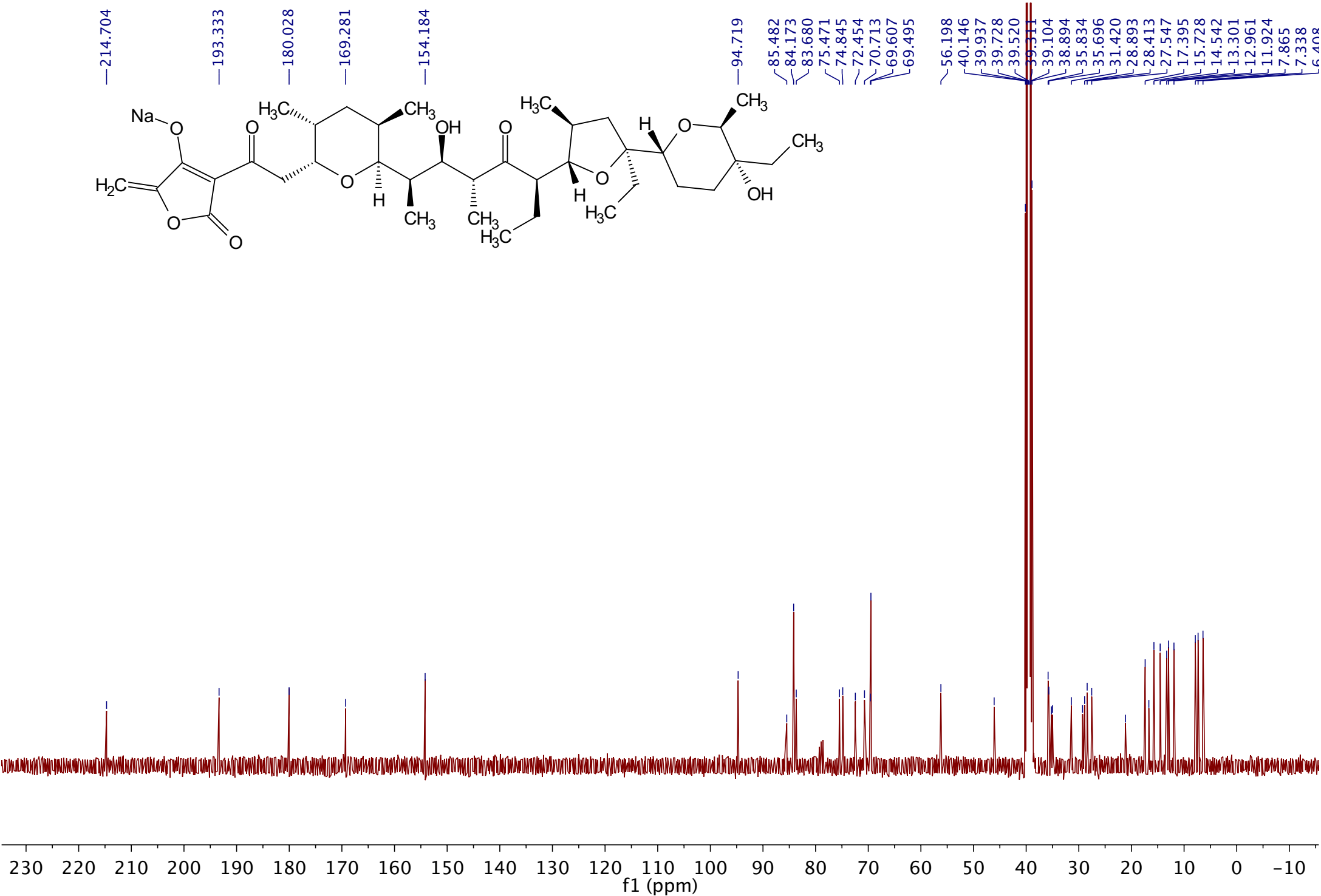
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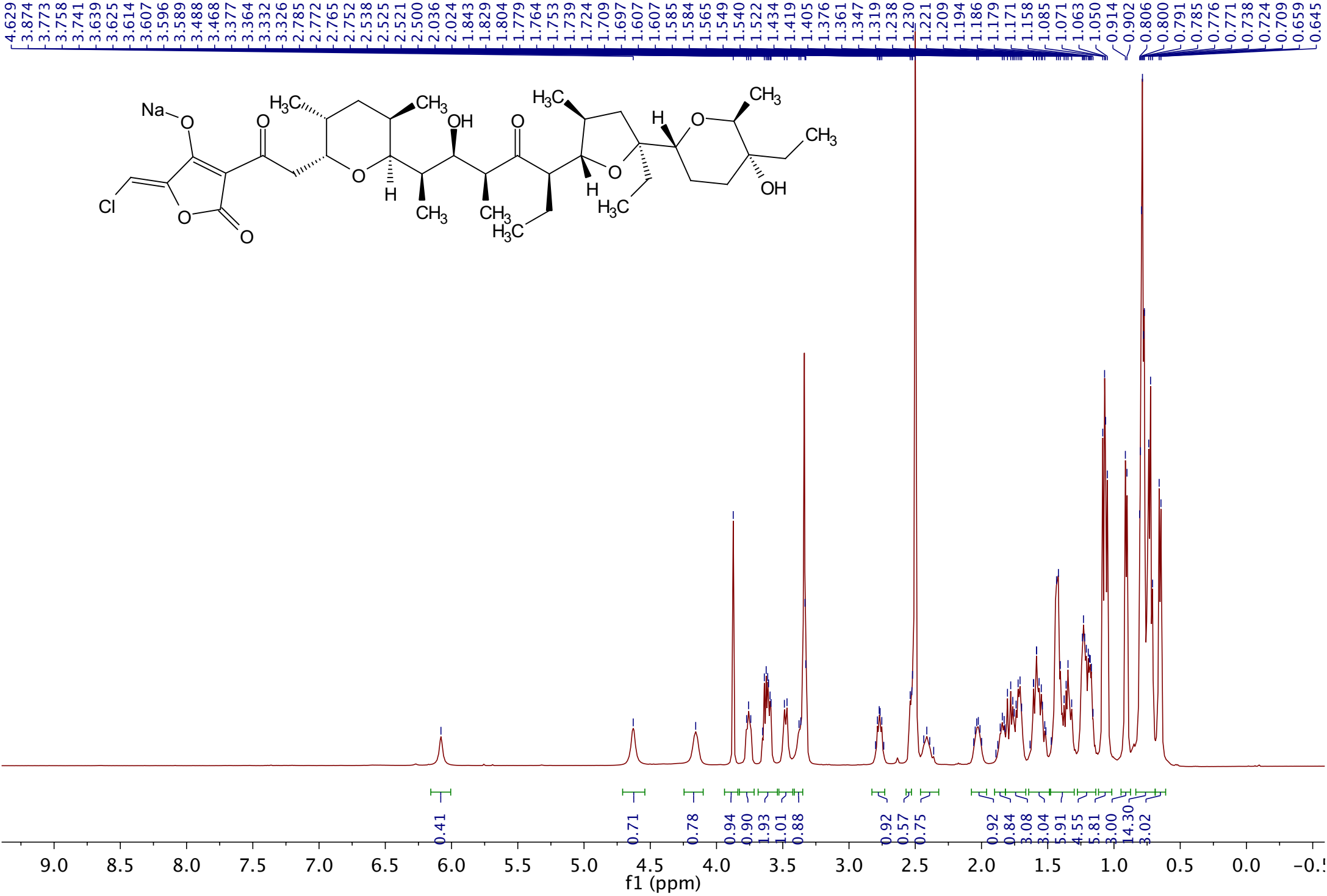
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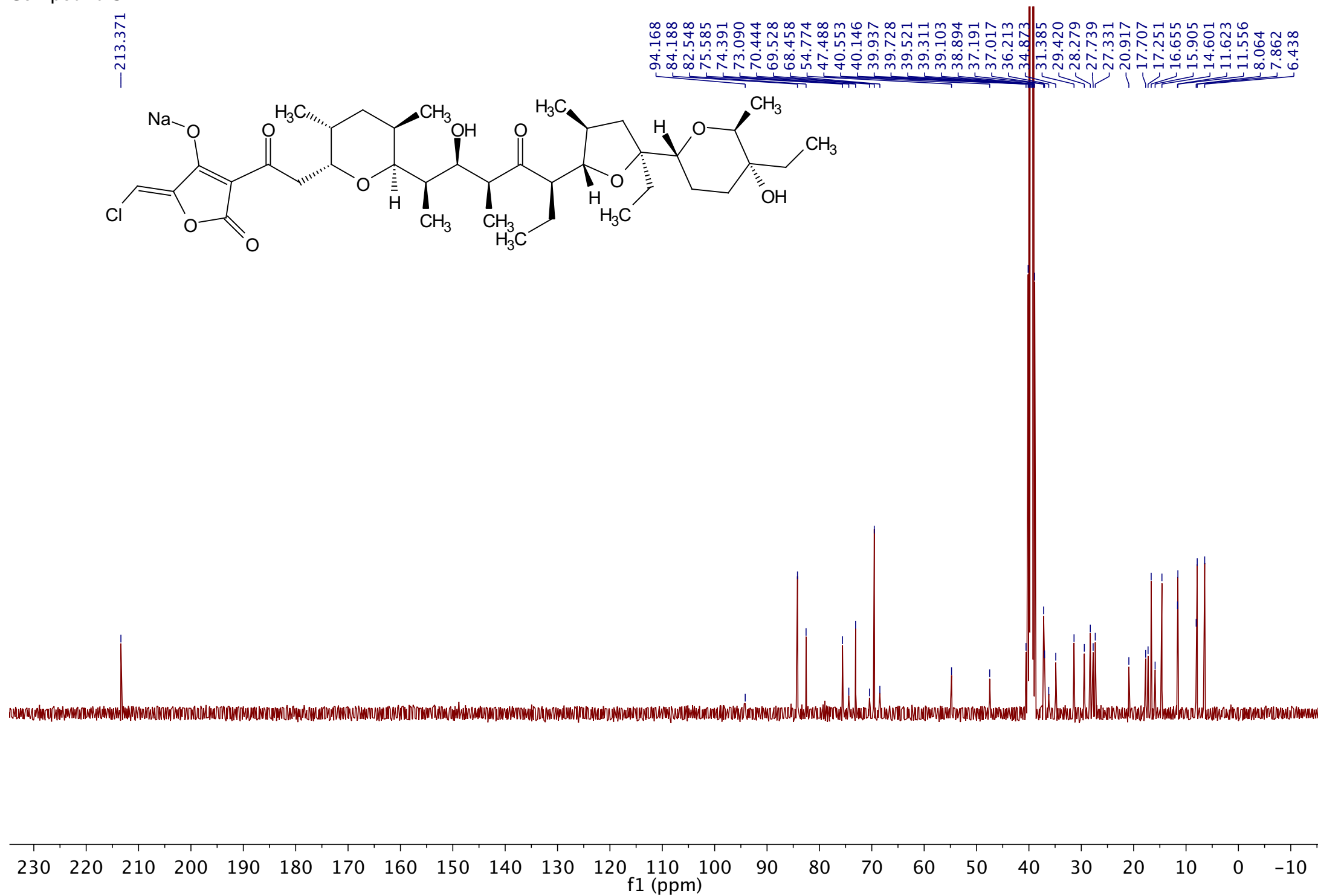
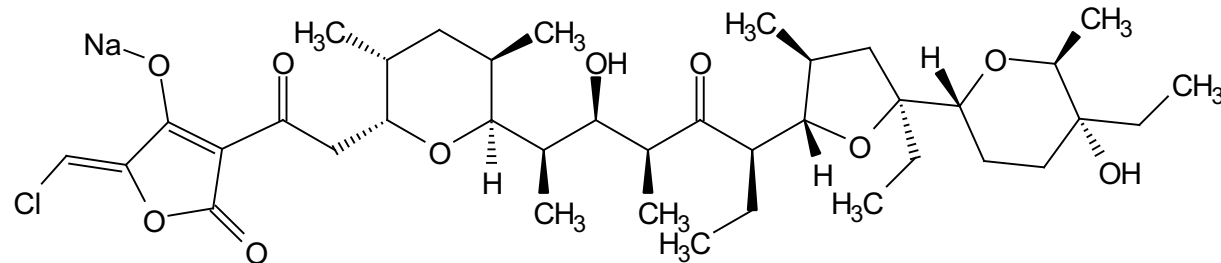
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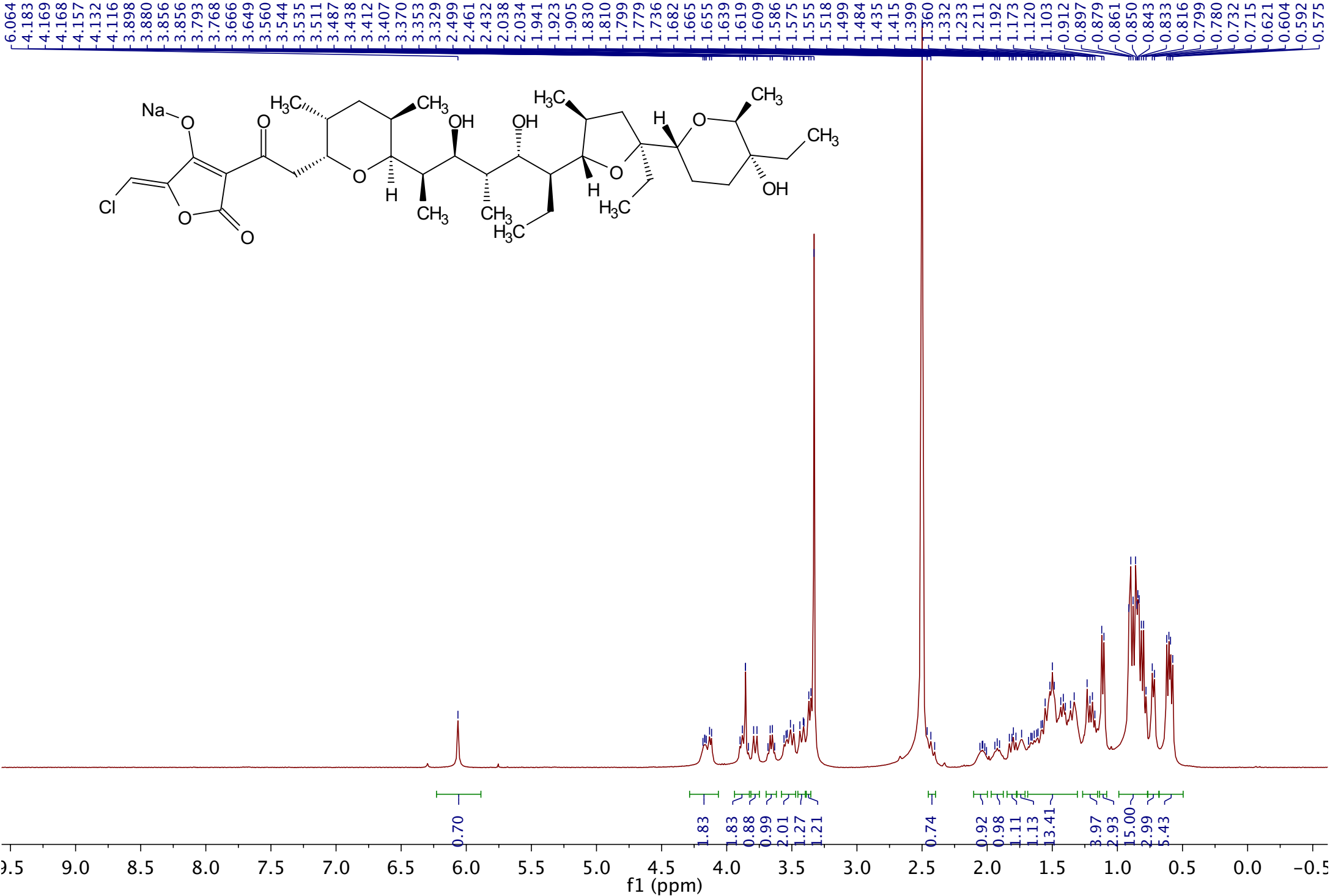
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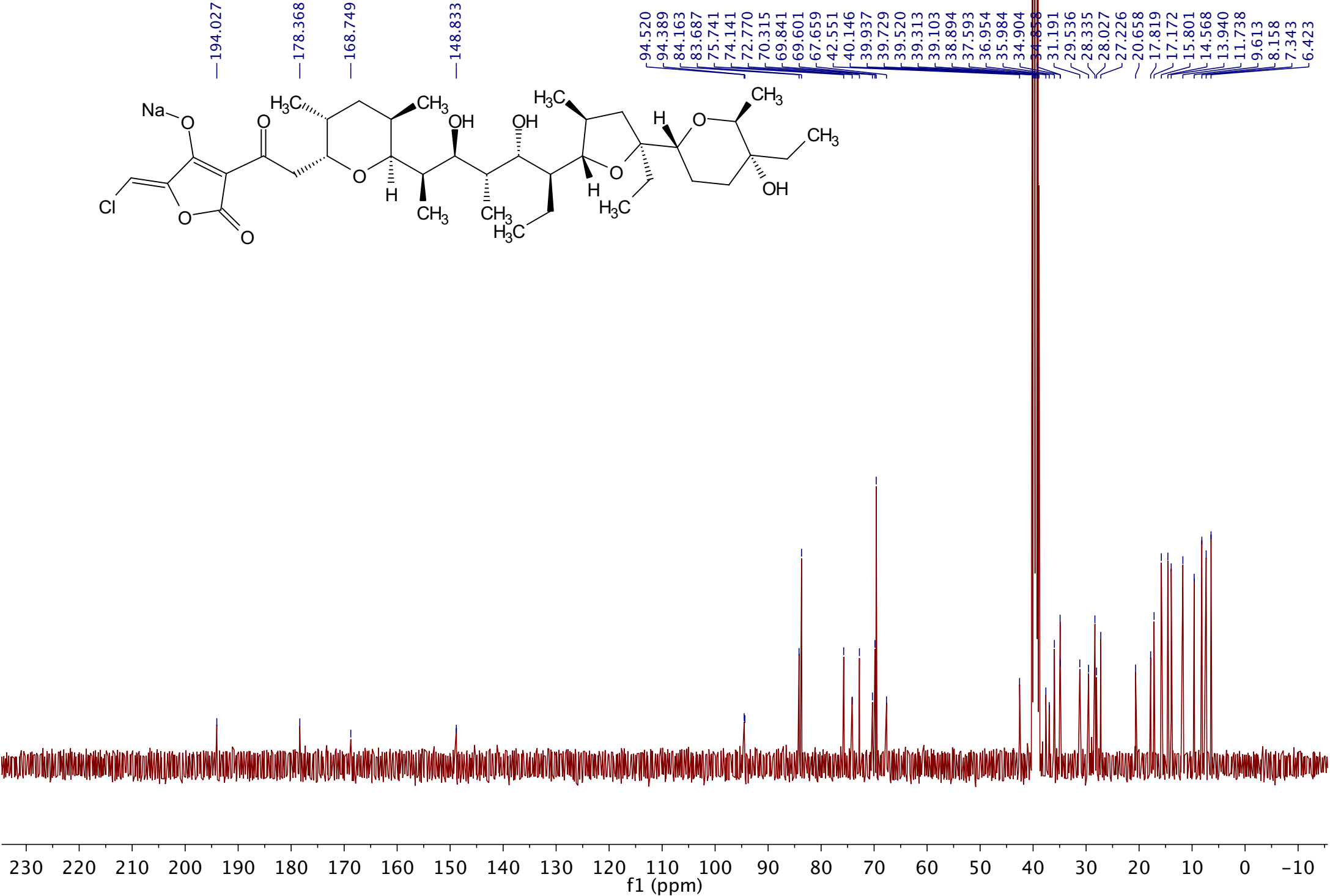
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