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## **Abstract**

The natural product, paclitaxel, has made tremendous contributions in supplying the arsenal of anticancer therapeutics, and was FDA approved for clinical use in 1992. In order to design simplified analogs, the conformation that paclitaxel adopts when binding to tubulin has been the subject of ongoing studies. Much evidence has led to a T-taxol proposal and a C3' constrained analog has been designed and synthesized as a test of this conformation. In the search for more active analogs, a number of modifications have been made to paclitaxel by other researchers. However, the nature of the alterations, and combinations thereof, have not been exhausted. To this end, synthesis of northern hemisphere B-ring analogs is underway.

*To Ester, Britannia, and Joy*

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## List of Abbreviations

AcOH.....	Acetic Acid
CaH <sub>2</sub> .....	Calcium Hydride
CAN.....	Ceric Ammonium Nitrate
CDCl <sub>3</sub> .....	Deuterated Chloroform
CD <sub>3</sub> OD.....	Deuterated Methanol
CH <sub>3</sub> CN.....	Acetonitrile
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> .....	Dichloromethane
10-DAB.....	10-Deacetyl Baccatin
DMAP.....	Dimethylaminopyridine
DMF.....	Dimethylformamide
Et <sub>3</sub> N.....	Triethylamine
EtOAc.....	Ethyl Acetate
EtOH.....	Ethanol
FCC.....	Flash Column Chromatography
HCl.....	Hydrogen chloride
H <sub>2</sub> O.....	Water
HF•py.....	Pyridinium Hydrofluoride
HRFABMS.....	High Resolution Fast Atom Bombardment Mass Spectra
K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> .....	Potassium Carbonate
KI.....	Potassium Iodide
KOH.....	Potassium Hydroxide

MgSO <sub>4</sub> .....	Magnesium Sulfate
N <sub>2</sub> .....	Nitrogen
Na.....	Sodium
NaHCO <sub>3</sub> .....	Sodium Bicarbonate
NAMFIS.....	NMR Analysis of Molecular Flexibility In Solution
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .....	Sodium Sulfate
Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> .....	Sodium Metabisulfite
NH <sub>4</sub> Cl.....	Ammonium Chloride
N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> O.....	Hydrazine Monohydrate
NMR.....	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NOC.....	<i>N</i> -nitroso Compound
Pd/C.....	Palladium on Activated Carbon
PMA.....	Phosphomolybdic Acid
ppm.....	Parts Per Million
PTLC.....	Preparative TLC
REDOR.....	Rotational Echo Double Resonance
ROS.....	Reactive Oxygen Species
RTI.....	Research Triangle Institute
SARs.....	Structure Activity Relationships
SmI <sub>2</sub> .....	Samarium (II) Iodide
SOCl <sub>2</sub> .....	Thionyl Chloride
TBSCl.....	<i>t</i> -Butyldimethylsilyl Chloride

TESCI.....	Chlorotriethylsilane
THF.....	Tetrahydrofuran
TIPSCI.....	Triisopropylchlorosilane
TLC.....	Thin Layer Chromatography
TMS.....	Tetramethylsilane
UV.....	Ultraviolet

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Cancer

By definition, cancer is a disease caused by an uncontrolled division of abnormal cells in a part of the body, or a malignant growth or tumor resulting from such a division of cells.<sup>1</sup> The cancerous cell has survival advantages over neighboring cells, as the latter rigidly adhere to the cycle of life and death, while the cancer cell proliferates in a disorderly fashion.<sup>2</sup> Tumor cells invasively infiltrate surrounding tissue, or spread to other organs of the body through a process known as metastasis. In cancer cells, mitosis occurs more often, and the material making up the chromosomes, chromatin, is in more abundance. These qualities enable the rapidly proliferating tumor cells to overpower normally functioning cells in the vicinity. Abnormal division of any of the various cell types in the body can result in cancer. Therefore, more than a hundred different kinds of the disease exist, varying in their behavior and in their response to treatment. Cancers of the lung, colon/rectum, breast, and prostate account for more than half of all cancer cases.<sup>3</sup>

A number of environmental, behavioral, and genetic factors promote carcinogenesis. The World Health Organization reports that the single largest preventable cause of cancer in the world today is tobacco use. It causes about 30% of all cancer deaths in developing countries, which include deaths from cancer of the oral cavity, larynx, oesophagus and stomach, and 80-90% of all lung cancer deaths.<sup>4</sup> Many agents, such as sources of radiation, chemicals, and microbes, result in cancer, though it is naive to pinpoint a single cause. Solar ultraviolet radiation is a major carcinogen that can result in skin cancer. Agents in tobacco smoke, and aflatoxin, a compound produced

by a mold of poorly stored peanuts and other grains, are known chemicals that lead to carcinogenesis. Stomach cancer caused by *Helicobacter pylori*, and cancer of the cervix, major causes of which are human papillomaviruses, are some microbial carcinogens.<sup>5</sup>

Like tobacco smoking, about 30% of all cancers are associated with different dietary factors. The link between carcinogenesis and food intake is complex, however, since many foods possess compounds that exhibit both harmful and beneficial properties. Examples are caffeine, soy sauce, and red wine, all of which were shown to have negative effects on, or interactions with DNA, but also have compounds that inhibit, mask, reduce, or in some way counteract the harmful effects.<sup>6</sup> Notwithstanding the obvious advantages of a plant-based diet, vegetables are a major source of nitrate, an *N*-nitroso compound (NOC) precursor. NOCs are powerful chemical carcinogens, but vegetables are also a source of vitamin C, an inhibitor of *N*-nitrosation.<sup>7</sup> Another unexpected study result involves the consumption of a known anti-oxidant, beta-carotene, which leads to increased risk of lung cancer and mortality in heavy smokers and asbestos workers when taken alone or in combination with vitamins A and E.<sup>8</sup> Despite these unusual results, anti-oxidants are known scavengers of reactive oxygen species (ROS). ROS result from inflammation and cellular stress produced by normal cellular respiration. However, as a consequence of environmental toxic agent exposure, excessive ROS production, in combination with an inadequate defense mechanism, may lead to oxidative stress that can damage DNA and increase cancer risk.<sup>9</sup> Further complexities arise from the hypothesis that many foods undergo chemical conversions by liver cells and bacteria in the colon, resulting in cancer causing species, though carcinogens are not present in the natural state.<sup>10</sup> Introduced chemical species may become concentrated in certain cells, or

be quickly metabolized and excreted. Indeed, a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, yet low in fatty meat, is expected to suspend or prevent carcinogenesis.<sup>11</sup>

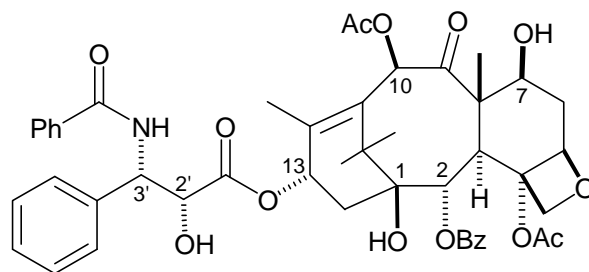
In addition to dietary habits, physical activity also plays a key role in cancer development. Studies observe an inverse association between physical activity and cancer incidence and mortality.<sup>12,13,14,15</sup> With abundant data on the causes and preventability of cancer, cases continue to rise year after year. In the United States, it is estimated that more than 1.4 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2007,<sup>4</sup> and thus there continues to be an urgent need to explore new treatment options. Among the strategies employed in tackling the problem of cancer are chemotherapeutic agents. A successful anti-tumor drug that has been in clinical use for the past fifteen years and is the focus of this work is paclitaxel.

## **1.2 Paclitaxel**

### ***1.2.1 Historical Introduction***

Taxol, a diterpenoid (**1.1**), first isolated in 1967 by Drs. Wall and Wani at the Research Triangle Institute (RTI), is an anticancer drug of paramount significance. In 1971, the RTI researchers reported the structure elucidation of taxol.<sup>16</sup> The compound was obtained from stem and bark collections by botanist Dr. Arthur Barclay, then working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Cancer Institute.<sup>17</sup> These collections were made in 1962 from *Taxus brevifolia* in Washington State, though taxol has been acquired from at least ten other species as well.<sup>18</sup> After extensive preclinical and clinical development, taxol entered clinical use for the treatment of ovarian cancer in 1992 and for treatment of breast cancer in 1994. It was introduced into clinical use by Bristol-Myers Squibb, who registered the trade name Taxol<sup>®</sup> and assigned

it the generic name of paclitaxel. Taxol<sup>®</sup> exceeded annual sales of \$1.6 billion in 2000. The drug was initially produced by large-scale isolation from *T. brevifolia*, but it is now produced for Bristol-Myers Squibb by large-scale proprietary plant cell fermentation technology by Phyton Biotech, Inc. with factories in Germany.

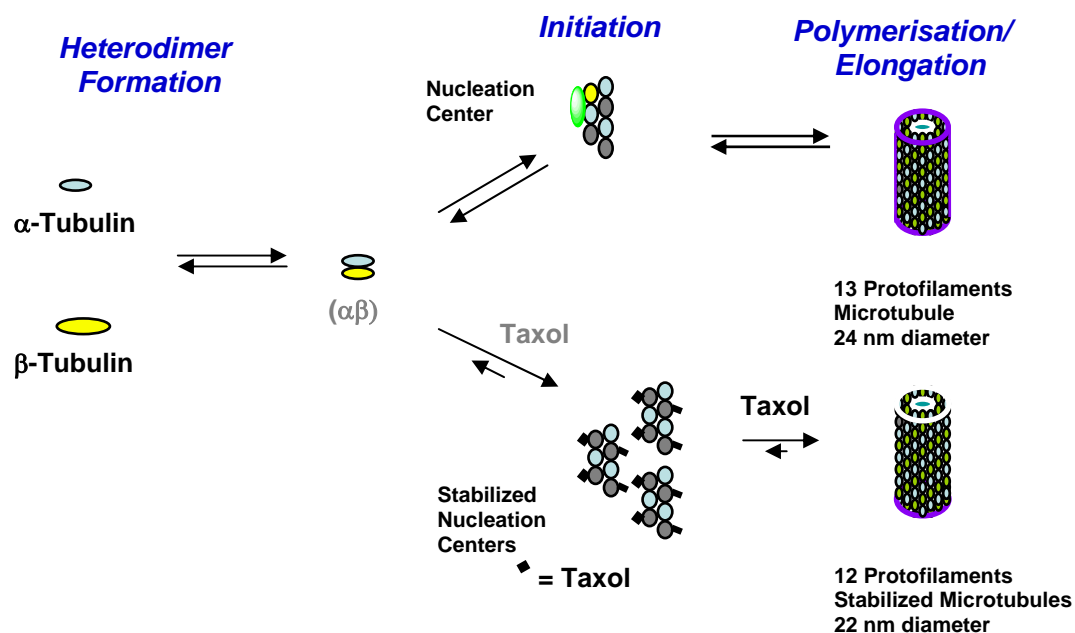


**1.1**

### ***1.2.2 Mechanism of Action***

During cell division, genetic material-bearing chromosomes are transported to opposite sides of the cell via microtubules. In order for partitioning to be complete, the cell's microtubules are required to disassemble, allowing the membrane of the two daughter cells to form. An equilibrium between assembled and disassembled, or polymerized and depolymerized microtubules is observed in normally functioning cells. In 1979 Dr. Susan Horwitz at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, discovered that paclitaxel binds to a microtubule protein,  $\beta$ -tubulin, and promotes polymerization of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -tubulin, inhibiting disassembly.<sup>19</sup>

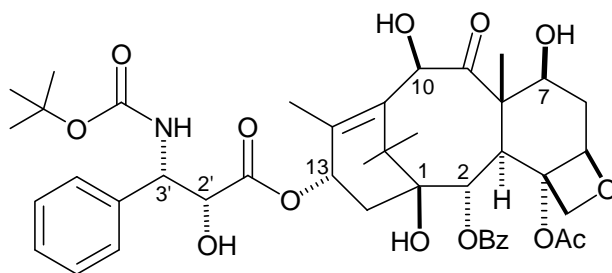




**Figure 1.1** Taxol<sup>®</sup> mechanism of action – promotion of tubulin polymerization.<sup>20</sup>

This interruption of microscopic protocol results in the cell's death, and since tumor cells are dividing more rapidly than healthy cells, taxol is moderately selectively active against tumor cells. Paclitaxel is now used for the treatment of various cancer types, most notably ovarian, breast, and small cell lung cancers, and for AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma.

The importance of paclitaxel as an anticancer drug has led to extensive studies on its structure-activity relationships and on structural modifications to the molecule.<sup>21</sup> Many regions of the core ring structure and side-chain have been modified.<sup>22,23,24</sup> Such work has brought about the development of several analogs that are in clinical trial as second-generation taxanes. An example of this is the semisynthetic analog docetaxel (Taxotere<sup>®</sup>) (1.2) which is now in clinical use.



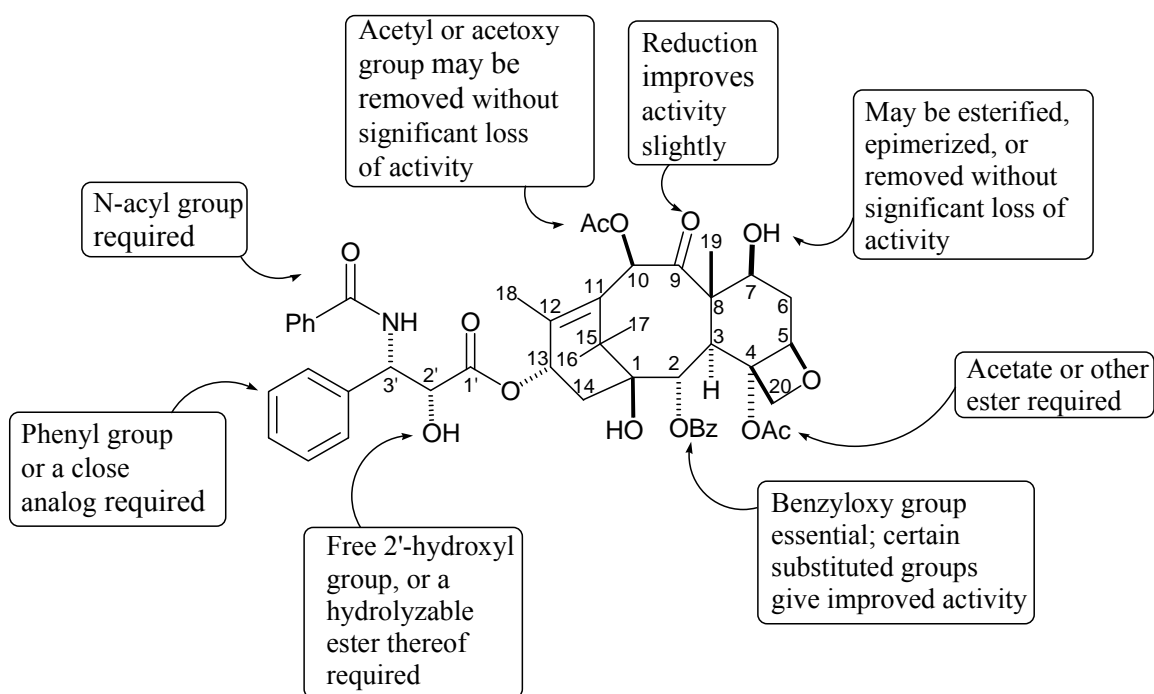
## 1.2

Along with the benefits that paclitaxel has brought to the treatment of cancer, there are challenges as well. A major hurdle to overcome is enabling selective targeting of tumor cells. The issue of severe side-effects results from poor selectivity, where healthy cells are also targeted by the drug. New strategies that address this drawback include delivery in a non-cytotoxic form, a prodrug, that will undergo a specific type of activation in the tumor cell.<sup>25</sup> Other challenges involve the limited solubility of paclitaxel, as it is intravenously administered. Solubilizing agents that aid in administration pose side-effect concerns, in addition to those of the drug itself.

Structure-activity relationship studies have revealed that altering the diterpene or side-chain of paclitaxel in some positions brings about improved activity. The C3' phenyl or a close analog thereof, and the N-acyl groups are required for Taxol<sup>®</sup> to exhibit activity as a tubulin depolymerization inhibitor (Figure 1.2).

In summary, researchers have pointed out the major identifiable causes of cancer, and though many of these factors are preventable, cancer continues to adversely affect survival and quality of life. The drug Taxol has been successfully in clinical use for some time now, but has been the focus of continued studies. These have included conformational studies directed toward revealing a better understanding of how the

compound binds to tubulin. This could lead to improvements in drug design and clarifications of binding site interactions of other compounds that are structurally dissimilar to paclitaxel.



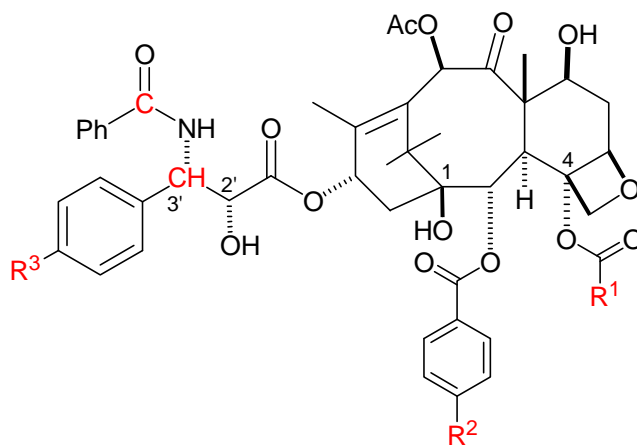
**Figure 1.2** The Structure-Activity Relationships of paclitaxel.<sup>26</sup>

## 2. Synthesis and Antiproliferative Activity of a C3'- constrained Paclitaxel Analog

### 2.1 Introduction

The conformation that taxol adopts when binding to tubulin is significant, because it could help explain why structurally diverse natural products, such as epothilone and discodermolide, have a similar mechanism of action and compete for the same binding site. Additionally, the binding conformation could aid in the design of simplified and/or more active taxol analogs. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrometry has been carried out to define two major conformations, the polar<sup>27,28,29</sup> and the non-polar<sup>30,31</sup> conformation. More recent work (Figure 2.1) by Dr. J. Snyder using NMR Analysis of Molecular Flexibility In Solution (NAMFIS) NMR methodology discovered the T-taxol conformation.<sup>32</sup> A combination of Rotational Echo Double Resonance (REDOR) NMR studies of labeled taxol bound to microtubules (Table 2.1) and the synthesis of constrained analogs with activities equal to or greater than taxol has provided positive support for the T-taxol conformation.<sup>33,34,35</sup>

**Table 2.1.** Interatomic distances for paclitaxel conformations as compared to REDOR-determined separations for paclitaxel on tubulin.<sup>35</sup>

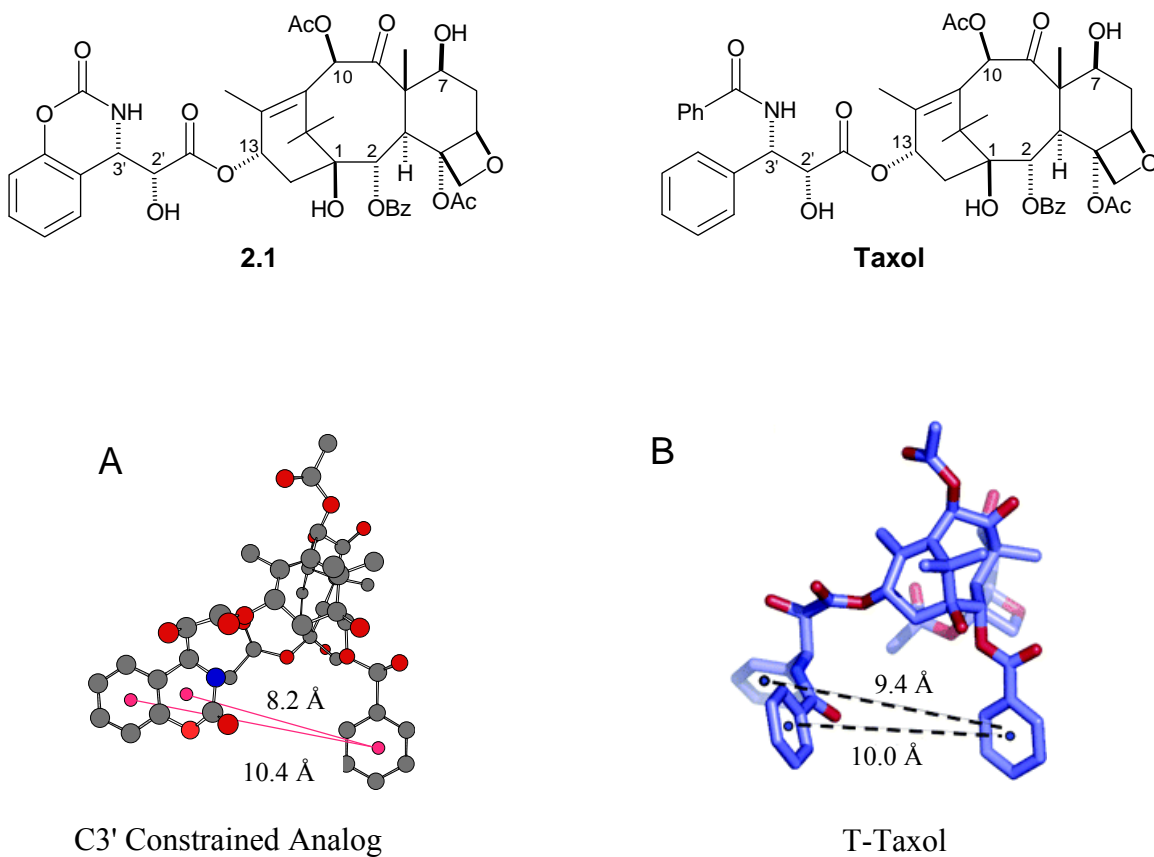


Separation	Distances, Å			
	Polar model <sup>36</sup>	Nonpolar model <sup>37</sup>	T-Taxol model	REDOR distance
R <sup>1</sup> -R <sup>2</sup>	7.4	8.0	7.9	7.8
R <sup>1</sup> -R <sup>3</sup>	5.5	7.2	6.6	6.3
R <sup>2</sup> -R <sup>3</sup>	4.5	12.5	12.2	>8
R <sup>2</sup> -CH	9.6	8.5	9.9	10.3
R <sup>2</sup> -C	10.4	6.2	9.1	9.8

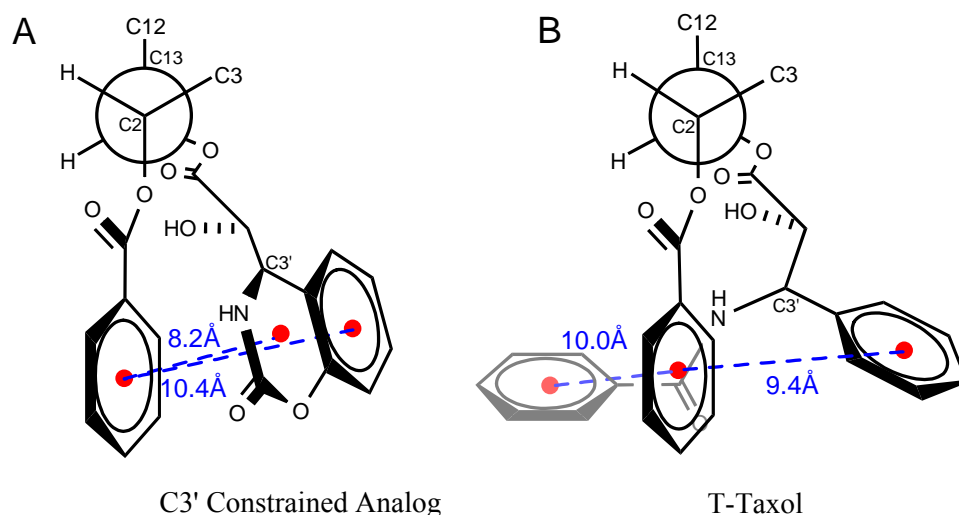
Despite the strong support for the T-taxol conformation derived from the work described above, it is possible to provide additional support by the synthesis of an analog that is constrained *not* to adopt the T-taxol conformation. If the T-taxol conformation is indeed the only important tubulin-binding conformation, then such a constrained analog should be inactive. In the design of such a constrained analog, it is important to maintain all the functionality of taxol known to be necessary for activity, so that the activity (or lack of activity) of the constrained analog could be attributed solely to the deviation of its conformation from that of T-taxol.

The key elements on the side chain of taxol that are needed for activity include the free 2'-OH group, or a hydrolyzable ester thereof. Also necessary for activity is the

3'-N-acyl or N-COO group and a C3' phenyl or alkyl substituent. An example of a taxol derivative that maintains activity is docetaxel (Taxotere<sup>®</sup>)<sup>38</sup> (**1.2**). Based on these considerations, the C3' constrained analog (**2.1**) was designed, maintaining all the elements necessary for activity. That is, this analog possesses a free 2'-OH group, a 3'-N-COO group and a C3' phenyl group. Absent any conformational liabilities, it would thus be expected to be equipotent with docetaxel.



**Figure 2.1** Conformational comparison of, A: C3' constrained analog; B: the T-Taxol model, reprinted with permission from Snyder *et al.*<sup>39</sup> Copyright 2006 American Chemical Society.



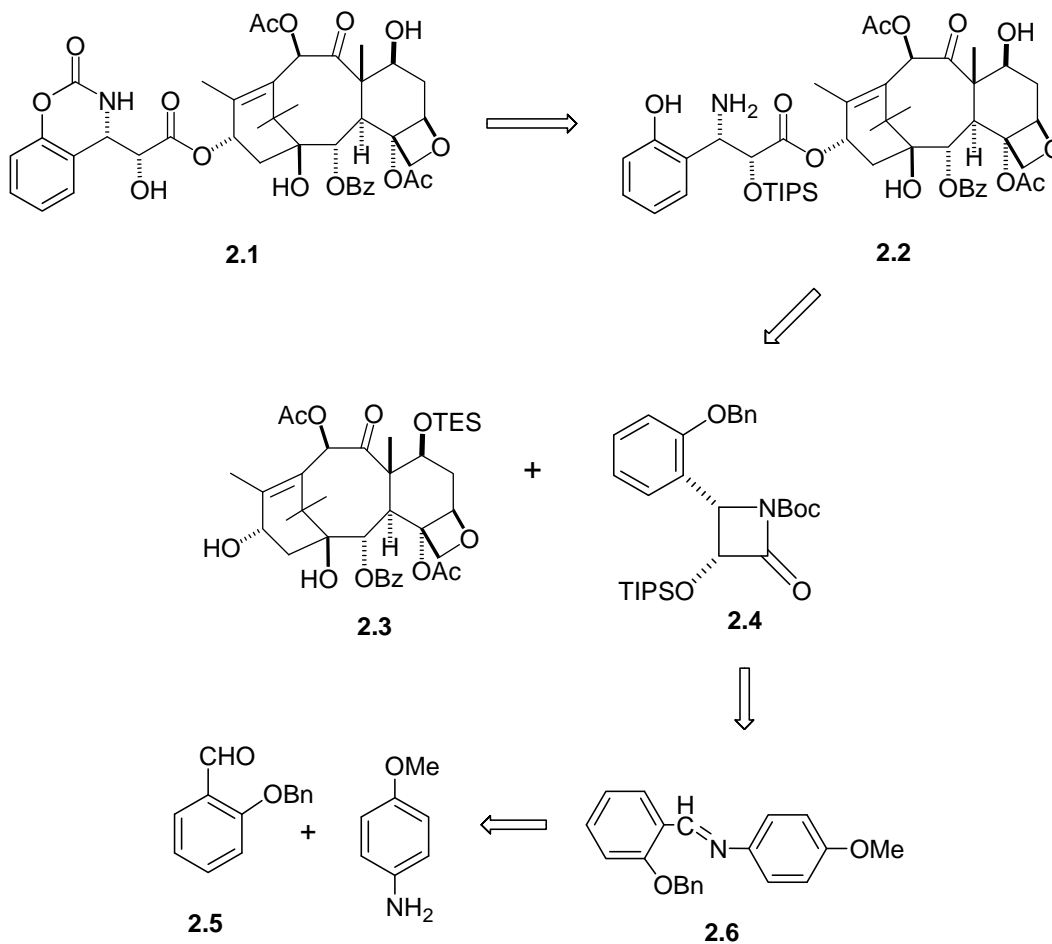
**Figure 2.2** Newman projections showing a conformational comparison of, A: the C3' constrained analog; B: the T-Taxol model with measurements from Snyder *et al.*<sup>32</sup> Note that C2 is superimposed on C13; C1 and C14 lie between C2 and C13 and are not depicted in this drawing.

Similarities between the C3' constrained analog and T-taxol are shown in Figure 2.1, where distances in Angstroms from the 2-benzoyl group to the 3'-phenyl rings are pointed out. Figure 2.2, however, shows more clearly the effects of the 3'-phenyl and 3'-N-acyl linkage. With C2 superimposed on C13, taxol adopts a T-shape with the 3'-N-acyl and phenyl groups to the left and right respectively, and the 2-benzoyl group in the middle. C1 and C14 lie between C2 and C13 and are not depicted in Figure 2.2. The C3' constrained analog is forced not to adopt this configuration, however, as both C3' rings are confined to the right of the 2-benzoyl group. Based on this analysis, the C3' constrained analog would be expected *not* to be as active as taxol.

## 2.2 Synthesis

The compound that was synthesized resulted from the coupling of a baccatin III-derived taxoid to a side-chain produced from an anisidine-derived  $\beta$ -lactam (Scheme 2.1).

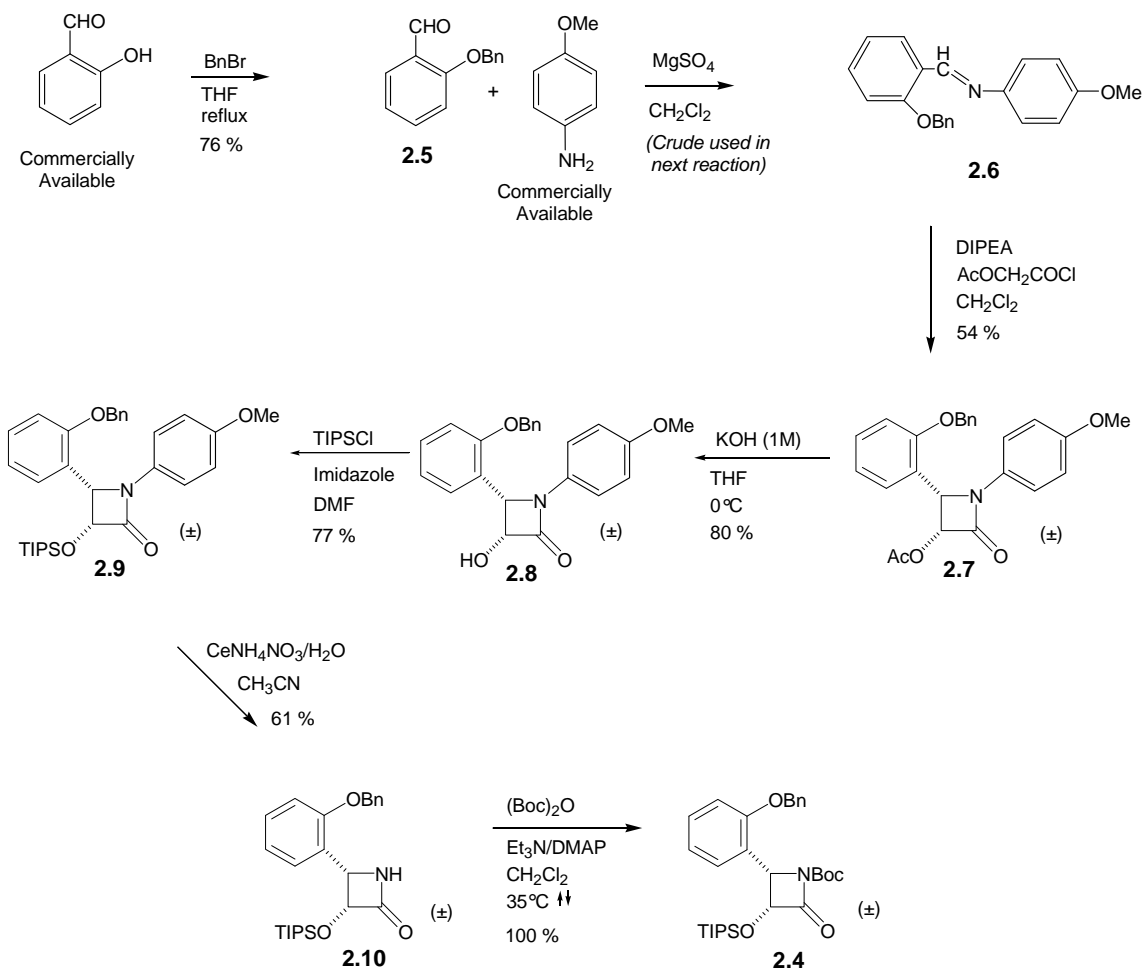
The baccatin III intermediate, 10-deacetylbaccatin (10-DAB) (Scheme 2.3), which is commercially available, was protected as its 7-triethylsilyl (TES) ether and then acetylated at the C10 position as previously discussed, using the Baloglu method.<sup>40</sup>



**Scheme 2.1** Synthetic strategy of a C3' constrained taxol analog.

Synthesis of  $\beta$ -lactam **2.4** began with commercially available salicylaldehyde, from which benzyl ether **2.5** was obtained in good yield (Scheme 2.2).<sup>41</sup> Reaction of **2.5** with *p*-anisidine in the presence of MgSO<sub>4</sub> yielded imine **2.6**.





**Scheme 2.2** Synthesis of the side chain component of the C3' constrained analog.

This was then used without purification to produce the racemic acetylated  $\beta$ -lactam **2.8** by condensation with acetoxyacetyl chloride in the presence of Hünig's base. This reaction was followed by attempted enzymatic kinetic resolution with lipase from *Pseudomonas cepacia*.<sup>42</sup> In an attempt to get complete conversion, the resolution was allowed to run for eight weeks, and the progress was monitored by TLC. Although this resolution method has worked well for simple  $\beta$ -lactams, in this case the reaction was very slow, presumably because of the steric hindrance due to the *ortho*-benzyl



No.	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.10</b>
	$\delta_{\text{H}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^1$
2					
3	5.63, 1H, d (5.7)	5.82, 1H, d (5.0)	5.54, 1H, d (4.7)	5.72, 1H, d (4.9)	5.37, 1H, d (4.8)
4	5.15, 1H, d (5.9)	6.06, 1H, d (5.0)	5.14, 1H, m	5.24, 1H, d (5.5)	5.18, 1H, t (4.6)
3' } 4' } 5' } 6' }	7.25-6.91	7.49-6.79	7.40-6.81	7.41-6.78	7.41-6.92
7'	5.05, 2H, d (6.8)	5.11, 2H, s	5.14, 2H, s	5.10, 2H, d (11.1)	5.03, 2H, s
9' } 10' } 11' } 12' } 13' }	7.38-6.91	7.49-6.79	7.40-6.81	7.41-6.78	7.41-6.92
2", 6" 3", 5" 7"		7.49-6.79	7.40-6.81	7.41-6.78	
3" <sub>a</sub>	1.44, 9H, s				
1 <sup>'''</sup>	0.96, 3H, m			0.99, 3H, m	0.95, 3H, m
2 <sup>'''</sup>	0.86, 18H, m			0.89, 18H, m	0.87, 18H, m
1 <sup>'''</sup> <sub>a</sub>					
2 <sup>'''</sup> <sub>a</sub>		1.73, 3H, s			

<sup>1</sup> intrgt, mult (*J*, Hz)

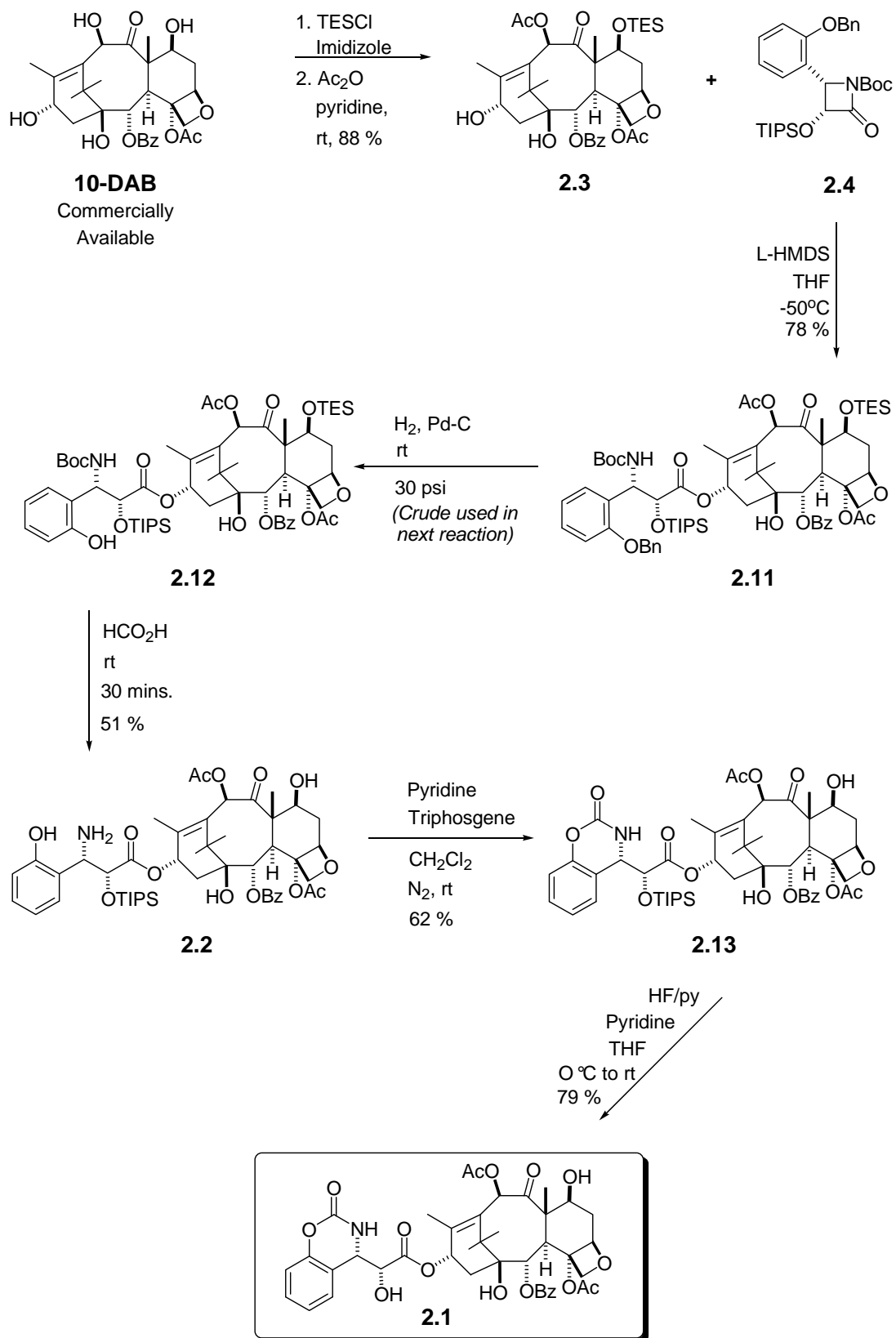
**Table 2.3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Data for Compounds **2.4**, **2.7**, **2.8**, **2.9**, and **2.10** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

No.	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.10</b>
	$\delta_{\text{C}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{C}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{C}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{C}}^1$	$\delta_{\text{C}}^1$
2	166.6 (C)	168.9 (C)	165.9 (C)	166.1 (C)	156.7 (C)
3	111.5 (CH)	112.1 (CH)	112.8 (CH)	111.4 (CH)	79.8 (CH)
4	77.7 (CH)	76.1 (CH)	77.6 (CH)	70.1 (CH)	70.0 (CH)
1'	157.0-122.7	156.9 -114.5	156.9 -114.5	157.0 -114.4	137.1 -111.1
2'					
3'					
4'					
5'					
6'					
7'	83.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ )	70.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ )	70.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ )	57.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ )	53.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ )
8'	137.1-120.6	136.9-114.5	136.6-114.5	137.1-114.4	128.8-111.1
9'					
10'					
11'					
12'					
13'					
1''	136.9-114.5	136.6-114.5	137.1-114.4		
2'', 6''					
3'', 5''					
4''	156.6 (C)	156.4 (C)	156.2 (C)		
7''	55.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )	55.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )	55.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )		
1'' <sub>a</sub>	148.3 (C)				
2'' <sub>a</sub>	70.1 (C)				
3'' <sub>a</sub>	28.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )				
1'''	11.9 (CH)			12.1 (CH)	12.0 (CH)
2'''	17.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )			17.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )	17.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )
1''' <sub>a</sub>		161.9 (C)			
2''' <sub>a</sub>		20.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ )			

<sup>1</sup>(mult)

With the two necessary intermediates in hand, the side chain was attached to the baccatin by reaction of **2.3** with **2.4**, aided by lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (Scheme 2.3). This step required fresh base and a concentrated reaction mixture; it failed when

either of these conditions was not met. The coupling was followed by subjecting the coupled product **2.13** to hydrogenation to cleave the C3' benzyl, yielding phenol **2.14**. The Boc protecting group and the C7 triethyl silyl groups were then removed by treatment with formic acid, yielding amine **2.2**. The key bridging carbamate linkage was introduced by reaction of **2.2** with triphosgene, resulting in bridge formation between the C3'N and the phenolic hydroxyl group to give the carbonate **2.15**. The final step used HF/pyridine to cleave the triisopropyl silyl protecting group at the C2' position, leading to the desired C3' constrained analog **2.1**. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the final product shows that the coupling of **2.3** and **2.4** had indeed proceeded stereoselectively, since there was no observable doubling of signals due to the presence of two diastereomers. This result is consistent with previous observations on coupling of β-lactams with protected baccatin III derivatives.<sup>43</sup>



**Scheme 2.3** Synthesis of C3' constrained analog.

## 2.3 Results and Conclusion

Antiproliferative activity against the A2780 ovarian cancer cell line for the C3' constrained analog was measured at an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 19 µg/mL. When compared to the 0.01 µg/mL IC<sub>50</sub> value of taxol, this much reduced activity provides added evidence for the importance of the T-taxol conformation.

## 2.4 Experimental

### 2.4.1 General Methods

10-deacetylbaccatin was obtained from DABUR Chemicals in India. Sigma-Aldrich Co. and VWR were the sources of the remaining chemical reagents and materials, unless otherwise stated. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from Na/benzophenone, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> over CaH<sub>2</sub>, both under N<sub>2</sub>. Reactions and flash column chromatography (FCC) separations were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC), using aluminum-backed (silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates) from Merck KGaA. TLC plates were analyzed with 254 nm UV light and immersion in a phosphomolybdic acid/ethanol (PMA) stain. FCC was performed using SiliaFlash<sup>®</sup> P60, 40-63 µm silica gel from SiliCycle<sup>®</sup> Inc. Analtech Inc. supplied preparative TLC (PTLC) glass-backed Silica Gel GF plates UNIPLATES<sup>™</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were acquired in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CD<sub>3</sub>OD on a Varian Inova 400, a Varian Unity 400, or a JEOL Eclipse 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts were calibrated using the 0.0 ppm tetramethylsilane (TMS) peak or the solvent peaks as internal standards, and are reported in δ-values. Coupling constants (*J* values) are reported in Hertz. High Resolution Fast Atom Bombardment mass spectra (HRFABMS) were obtained on a JEOL 110HX high-resolution double-focusing mass spectrometer by Analytical Services.

#### 2.4.2 $\beta$ -Lactam Preparation Procedures

**2-Benzyloxybenzaldehyde (2.5)** To a solution of salicylaldehyde (2.0 mL, 18.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL), was added benzyl bromide (2.9 mL, 24.4 mmol).<sup>12</sup> The resulting solution was stirred under reflux at 65 °C for 5.5 h, at which time 5.0 g of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 5.0 g of KI were added to the reaction mixture, since TLC showed mainly starting material. TLC indicated the absence of starting material at 18.5 h, and the reaction mixture was diluted with THF (10 mL). The suspension was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by FCC (10 % EtOAc/hexane to yield **2.5** as a solid (3.8 g, 95.5 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.57 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.7), 7.54 (1H, t,  $J$  = 7.9), 7.46-7.34 (5H, m), 7.05 (2H, t,  $J$  = 8.2), 5.20 (2H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  189.9, 161.2, 136.2, 136.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 125.3, 121.2, 113.2.

**(2-Benzyloxybenzylidene)-(4-methoxyphenyl)-imine (2.6)** A solution of benzyl ether **2.5** (3.8 g, 17.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (45 mL) was treated with *p*-anisidine (2.7 g, 21.5 mmol) and MgSO<sub>4</sub> (25.0 g) at rt. Positive pressure was established and maintained within the reaction vessel by installing a N<sub>2</sub>-filled balloon for moisture exclusion, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 53 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude of imine **2.6** was used in the next reaction without purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.98 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.2), 8.18 (1H, m), 7.44-7.31 (6H, m), 7.23-7.20 (2H, m), 7.04 (1H, t,  $J$  = 7.7), 6.99 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.6), 6.91 (2H, m), 5.15 (2H, s), 3.81 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  158.7, 158.2, 154.6, 145.8, 136.8, 132.4, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 125.6, 122.5, 121.4, 116.6, 115.0, 114.5, 112.8, 70.6, 55.6.



**2-(2-Benzyloxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxoazetidin-3-yl acetate (2.7)** Imine **2.6** (24.7 g, 77.9 mmol) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (65.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was treated with Hünig's base (40.7 mL, 223.6 mmol) at rt. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C and acetoxyacetyl chloride (10.0 mL, 93.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 21.5 h, and was then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by FCC (20 % EtOAc/Hexane to yield **2.7** as a solid (17.5 g, 54.0 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.49 (2H, d, *J* = 7.1), 7.41 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1), 7.35 (1H, m), 7.27 (3H, d, *J* = 9.1), 7.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6), 6.99 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1), 6.91 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5), 6.79 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9), 6.06 (1H, d, *J* = 5.0), 5.82 (1H, d, *J* = 5.0), 5.11 (2H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 1.73 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 168.9, 161.9, 156.9, 156.6, 136.8, 130.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 120.9, 120.7, 118.8, 114.4, 112.1, 76.1, 70.6, 55.5, 20.1.

**Attempted preparation of (3*R*,4*S*)-acetic acid 2-(2-benzyloxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxoazetidin-3-yl ester** A solution of **2.7** (1.0 g, 2.4 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20 mL) was treated with a pH 7.2 phosphate buffer (50 mL) and lipase (1.3 g) at rt and stirred for ~ 6.5 weeks. The organic phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×50 mL), and washed with brine (40 mL). The crude product was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by FCC (30 % EtOAc/hexane) to yield a racemic mixture as a solid. NMR data same as **2.7**. HRFABMS *m/z* 418.1640 (-3.5 ppm/-1.4 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, 418.1654).

**4-(2-Benzyloxyphenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-azetidin-2-one (2.8)** A solution of KOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1M, 135 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and lactam **2.7** (2.1 g, 5.0 mmol), dissolved

in THF (110 mL), was added. The resulting suspension was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C. The organic phase was extracted with EtOAc, washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, then deionized water, and finally brine. Drying with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentration followed, and the residue was purified by FCC (30 % EtOAc/hexane to yield **2.8** as a solid (1.2 g, 80.4 %); mp 220–221 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40 (4H, m), 7.29 (5H, m), 7.16 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1), 7.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2), 6.95 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5), 6.81 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8), 5.54 (1H, d, *J* = 4.7), 5.14 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 165.9, 156.9, 156.4, 136.6, 131.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.6, 122.2, 118.8, 114.5, 112.8, 77.6, 70.7, 55.6; HRFABMS *m/z* 376.1535 (–3.7 ppm/–1.4 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, 376.1549).

#### **4-(2-Benzyloxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-triisopropylsilyloxyazetid-2-one**

**(2.9)** To a solution of alcohol **2.8** (1.2 g, 3.2 mmol) in DMF (22 mL), was added imidazole (653.3 mg, 9.6 mmol), followed by TIPSCl (750 μL, 3.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere overnight. The organics were diluted with EtOAc, washed with deionized water and brine, then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was subjected to FCC on silica gel with 20 % EtOAc in hexane and yielded **2.9** (1.3 g, 2.4 mmol, 76.5 %) as a white solid; mp 124–125 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.41 (4H, m), 7.26 (5H, m), 6.99 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2), 6.90 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4), 6.78 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.2), 5.72 (1H, d, *J* = 4.9), 5.24 (1H, d, *J* = 5.5), 5.10 (2H, d, *J* = 11.1), 3.75 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, m), 0.89 (18H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 166.1, 157.0, 156.2, 137.1, 131.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 122.5, 120.8, 118.8, 114.4, 111.4, 70.1, 57.3, 55.7, 17.6, 12.1; HRFABMS *m/z* 532.2903 (+3.7 ppm/+2.0 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si, 532.2883).

**4-(2-Benzyloxyphenyl)-3-triisopropylsilanyloxyazetid-2-one (2.10)** A solution of lactam **2.9** (335.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (14.5 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) (693.0 mg, 1.3 mmol) in water (5.8 mL) was added over 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 67 min at 0 °C, diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (50 mL), saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> solution (30 mL), and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 20 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.10** (164.1 mg, 0.4 mmol, 61.1 %) as a white solid; mp 118.5–119 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.41 (6H, m), 7.25 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3), 6.92 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1), 5.97 (1H, bs), 5.37 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8), 5.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.6, 3.0), 5.03 (2H, s), 0.95 (3H, m), 0.87 (18H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 156.7, 137.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 125.2, 120.5, 111.1, 79.8, 70.0, 53.8, 53.7, 17.6, 12.0; HRFABMS *m/z* 426.2461 (−0.8 ppm/−0.4 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si, 426.2464).

**2-(2-Benzyloxyphenyl)-4-oxo-3-triisopropylsilanyloxyazetid-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (2.4)** A solution of β-lactam **2.10** (135.3 mg, 0.3 mmol), DMAP (9.7 mg, 79.6 μmol), and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (83.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL), at rt under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and equipped with a reflux condenser, was treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (133.1 μL, 1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed to 35 °C and refluxed for 17.5 h, followed by quenching with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (5.0 mL), extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×6.0 mL), drying over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentration under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 30 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.4** (167.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.38 (5H, m), 7.25 (2H, m), 6.97 (1H, t, *J* =

7.5), 6.91 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ ), 5.63 (1H, d,  $J = 5.7$ ), 5.15 (1H, d,  $J = 5.9$ ), 5.05 (2H, d,  $J = 6.8$ ), 1.44 (9H, s), 0.96 (3H, m), 0.86 (18H, m);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  166.6, 157.0, 148.3, 137.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 122.7, 120.6, 111.5, 83.3, 77.7, 70.1, 30.1, 28.1, 17.5, 11.9.

### **2.4.3 Baccatin Core Preparation Procedures**

**7-Triethylsilylbaccatin (2.3)** To a solution of 10-DAB (306.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) in pyridine (2.0 mL) was added imidazole (276.8 mg, 4.1 mmol) and TESC1 (243.7  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol). A positive pressure was established and maintained within the reaction vessel by installing a  $\text{N}_2$ -filled balloon for moisture exclusion and the reaction mixture was stirred for 9 min. Acetic anhydride (1.4 mL, 14.5 mmol) was then added dropwise and stirring was continued for an additional 5.3 h. At this time, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (2 mL) and quenched with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (5.0 mL). The organic layer was then washed with deionized water (5.0 mL) and brine (5.0 mL). The crude product was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 70 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.3** (343.2 mg, 0.5 mmol, 84.4 %) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.10 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 7.60 (1H, t,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.47 (2H, t,  $J = 7.7$ ), 6.46 (1H, s), 5.63 (1H, d,  $J = 6.9$ ), 4.96 (1H, d,  $J = 8.1$ ), 4.83 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.3, 7.5$ ), 4.48 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.5, 6.5$ ), 4.29 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.13 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ ), 3.88 (1H, d,  $J = 6.9$ ), 2.53 (1H, m), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.26 (2H, m), 2.19 (3H, s), 2.18 (3H, s), 2.09 (1H, bs), 1.87 (1H, t,  $J = 14.3$ ), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.63 (1H, s), 1.19 (3H, s), 1.04 (3H, s), 0.92 (9H, t,  $J = 7.9$ ), 0.60 (6H, m);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  170.9, 169.6, 167.3, 133.8, 130.3, 129.6, 128.8, 84.4, 81.0, 78.9, 76.7, 76.0, 74.9, 72.6, 68.1, 58.9, 47.5, 43.0, 38.5, 37.4, 27.0, 22.9, 21.2, 20.3, 15.2, 10.2, 7.0, 5.5.

#### 2.4.4 Coupling of $\beta$ -Lactam and Baccatin Core

**2'-O-(Triisopropyl)-3'-o-benzyloxyphenyl-3'-(*N*-tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-7-O-triethylsilyl-paclitaxel (2.11)** To a stirred solution of  $\beta$ -lactam **2.4** (97.3 mg, 185.2  $\mu$ mol) in THF (1 mL), was added protected baccatin **2.3** (25.8 mg, 36.8  $\mu$ mol) in solution in THF (1 mL) via cannula. The solution was cooled to  $-50$  °C and treated with 1M lithium bis(trimethylsilyl) amide in THF (55.3  $\mu$ L, 55.3 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (5 mL) and the organic layer extracted with EtOAc, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 20 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.11** (35.2 mg, 28.7  $\mu$ mol, 78.0 %) as a white solid. The reaction was run multiple times resulting in sufficient material for the next step.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.12 (2H, d,  $J = 7.7$ ), 7.44 (10H, m), 6.95 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 6.44 (1H, s), 6.29 (1H, t,  $J = 8.9$ ), 5.66 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 5.47 (1H, d,  $J = 10.1$ ), 5.40 (1H, d,  $J = 9.9$ ), 5.24 (1H, d,  $J = 11.9$ ), 5.16 (2H, m), 4.92 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9$ ), 4.49 (1H, t,  $J = 6.3$ ), 4.28 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$ ), 4.13 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$ ), 3.81 (1H, d,  $J = 6.7$ ), 2.55 (3H, s), 2.29 (1H, t,  $J = 12.5$ ), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.99 (1H, d,  $J = 9.1$ ), 1.85 (3H, s), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.56 (3H, s), 1.25 (15H, m), 0.96 (9H, t,  $J = 7.7$ ), 0.84 (21H, m), 0.61 (6H, q,  $J = 7.7$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  202.1, 169.5, 167.3, 155.1, 141.2, 136.4, 133.6, 130.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 121.3, 111.8, 84.5, 80.7, 79.7, 79.4, 76.7, 75.2, 72.4, 70.6, 70.5, 58.4, 57.8, 46.7, 43.5, 37.4, 28.4, 26.8, 22.7, 21.1, 18.0, 17.8, 14.5, 12.5, 12.4, 10.3, 7.0, 5.9, 5.5, 5.3; HRFABMS  $m/z$  1226.6276 (+0.6 ppm/+0.8 mmu) [ $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ] (calcd for  $\text{C}_{67}\text{H}_{96}\text{NO}_{16}\text{Si}_2$ , 1226.6268).

#### 2.4.5 Cyclization and Deprotection

**2'-O-(Triisopropyl)-3'-(*o*-hydroxyphenyl)-3'-(*N*-*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl)-7-O-triethylsilyl-paclitaxel (2.12)** A solution of silyl ether **2.11** (66.4 mg, 54.2  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in EtOAc (2 mL) was treated with 10 % Pd/C (65.0 mg). The resulting mixture was subjected to hydrogenation at 30 psi at rt for 90 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The product **2.12** (40.9 mg) was used directly in the next reaction. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (2H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.60 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 7.49 (2H, t,  $J = 7.6$ ), 7.23 (1H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.14 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 6.88 (1H, t,  $J = 7.3$ ), 6.82 (1H, d,  $J = 7.9$ ), 6.44 (1H, s), 6.20 (1H, t,  $J = 8.9$ ), 5.67 (1H, d,  $J = 6.9$ ), 5.53 (1H, s), 5.35 (1H, d,  $J = 6.9$ ), 5.02 (1H, d,  $J = 3.8$ ), 4.93 (1H, d,  $J = 8.1$ ), 4.46 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.5, 6.5$ ), 4.27 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$ ), 4.16 (1H, d,  $J = 8.7$ ), 3.81 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 2.52 (1H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 2.30 (1H, s), 2.17 (3H, s), 2.07 (1H, s), 1.91 (3H, s), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.63 (1H, s), 1.32 (9H, s), 1.20 (6H, d,  $J = 6.7$ ), 1.02 (21H, d,  $J = 4.2$ ), 0.92 (11H, m), 0.58 (6H, m).

#### **2'-O-(Triisopropyl)-3'-*o*-hydroxyphenyl-3'-(*N*-debenzoyl)-7-O-triethylsilyl-paclitaxel**

**(2.2)** Formic acid (96 %, 1.0 mL) was added to **2.12** (41.5 mg, 36.58  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. The acid was evaporated and the residue was neutralized by adding saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The crude product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$  6.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 40 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.2** (17.3 mg, 18.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 51.3%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (2H, d,  $J = 8.2$ ), 7.71 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 7.60 (2H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 6.86 (2H, t,  $J = 7.7$ ), 6.80 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 6.67 (1H, t,  $J = 7.3$ ), 6.21 (1H, s), 5.88 (1H, t,  $J = 8.6$ ), 5.54 (1H, d,  $J = 6.8$ ), 4.90 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5$ ), 4.67 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$ ), 4.34 (1H,

dd,  $J = 10.4, 6.8$ ), 4.27 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$ ), 4.22 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.18 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$ ), 3.59 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 2.51 (1H, m), 2.41 (1H, s), 2.22 (3H, s), 2.21 (3H, s), 1.82 (4H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.51 (6H, m), 1.18 (24H, s), 1.07 (3H, s).

**Compound 2.13** A solution of **2.2** (5.8 mg, 6.3  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (250  $\mu\text{L}$ ) under  $\text{N}_2$  was treated with pyridine (12.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 155.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) followed by triphosgene (4.1 mg, 13.6  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (250  $\mu\text{L}$ ). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 3.75 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with deionized water (0.5 mL) and then washed with additional water ( $3 \times 3.0$  mL), extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC of the crude product on silica gel with 50 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.13** as a white solid (3.7 mg, 3.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 62.0 %). The reaction was run multiple times resulting in sufficient material for the next step.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.04 (2H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.67 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 7.54 (2H, t,  $J = 8.2$ ), 7.25 (1H, m), 7.10 (3H, m), 6.26 (2H, s), 5.89 (1H, d,  $J = 2.7$ ), 5.62 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 4.91 (1H, d,  $J = 7.7$ ), 4.64 (1H, q,  $J = 3.1$ ), 4.49 (1H, d,  $J = 5.9$ ), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.26 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.10 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 3.72 (1H, d,  $J = 7.0$ ), 2.53 (1H, m), 2.43 (1H, d,  $J = 4.0$ ), 2.24 (1H, s), 2.04 (2H, s), 1.90 (4H, m), 1.75 (1H, s), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.59 (5H, s), 1.27 (6H, m), 1.13 (3H, s), 1.08 (18H, s).

**Compound 2.1** A solution of **2.13** (10.5 mg, 11.7  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in THF (500  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was treated with pyridine (9.5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 117.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . Pyridinium hydrofluoride (0.7  $\mu\text{L}$ , 41.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 22 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) and washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution. The organic layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 6.0$  mL),

dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC on silica gel with 80 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **2.1** (6.9 mg, 8.7 μmol, 79.1 %) as a white solid; mp 192–193 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 7.98 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6), 7.58 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6), 7.46 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8), 7.21 (2H, m), 6.84 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6), 6.79 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0), 6.39 (1H, s), 6.20 (1H, t, *J* = 8.7), 5.57 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3), 5.17 (1H, d, *J* = 5.7), 4.93 (1H, d, *J* = 5.7), 4.53 (2H, s), 4.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0 and 6.6), 4.06 (2H, s), 3.75 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1), 2.35 (1H, m), 2.23 (3H, m), 2.09 (3H, s), 2.06 (3H, s), 1.91 (3H, s), 1.82 (3H, s), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.56 (3H, s), 1.19 (2H, m), 1.06 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 205.3, 171.9, 171.3, 170.8, 167.7, 156.9, 141.9, 135.4, 134.7, 131.3 (×2), 129.9, 128.9, 126.1, 121.0, 116.8, 101.2, 86.1, 82.3, 80.8, 79.3, 77.5, 76.9, 76.3, 73.3, 72.5, 59.4, 57.4, 48.2, 44.8, 37.7, 37.0, 30.9, 27.1, 22.3, 20.9, 14.9, 10.6; HRFAB MS *m/z* 792.2876 (+1.1 ppm/+0.9 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NO<sub>15</sub>, 792.2867).

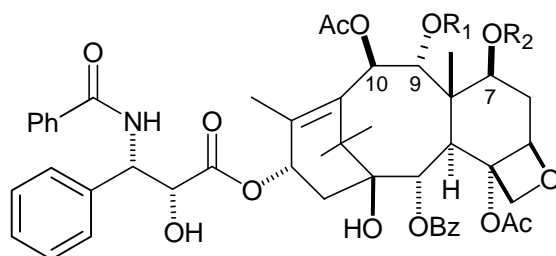


### 3. Synthesis of Northern Hemisphere B-ring Modified Paclitaxel Analogs

#### 3.1 Introduction

The Structure Activity Relationships (SARs) of paclitaxel indicate that the C9 and C10 positions, the northern hemisphere of the B-ring, may undergo modification, and that activity can be enhanced, relative to the parent compound, by making suitable alterations.<sup>44</sup> Most C10 modified analogs with improved bioactivity have also had side chain modifications.<sup>26</sup> Further information on the influence of the C10 acetoxy on activity lie in the microtubule binding of analogs modified in that position.<sup>45</sup> In addition to the similar activity in the microtubule assay, C10 modified analogs also show comparative activity to taxol in the human colon carcinoma cell line (HCT116) (Table 3.1).<sup>46,47,48,49,50,51</sup> Microtubule assay and HCT116 activities are similar to that of taxol, with the exception of compound **3.6** in the colon cells and compound **3.8** in microtubules. Despite this finding, **3.6** in the microtubule assay, and **3.8** in the colon cells show activities equal to or very similar to taxol's.



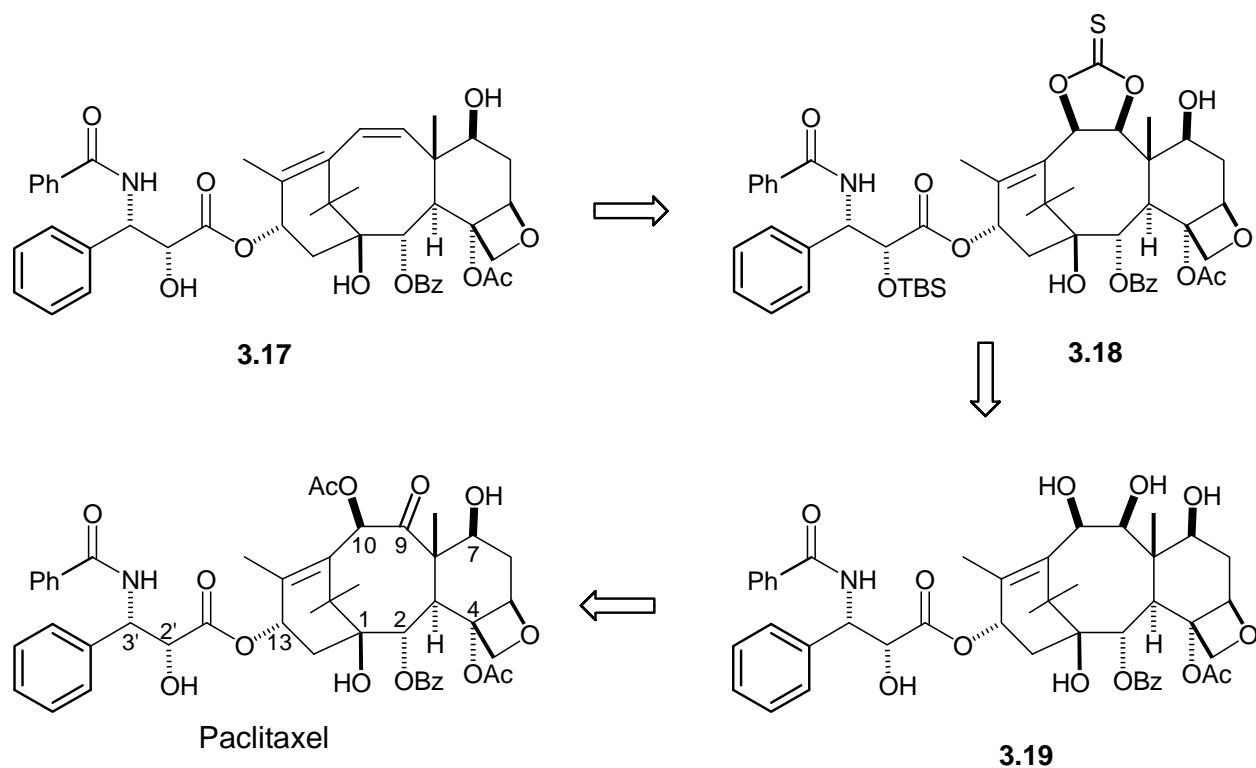
**Table 3.2.** Structure and activity of C9 modified taxol analogs.<sup>51,52</sup>

Compound	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Tubulin activity ED <sub>50</sub> / ED <sub>50</sub> (Taxol)	HT-29 <sup>a</sup>
<b>3.9</b>	H	H	0.75	6.4
<b>3.10</b>	Ac	H	0.83	1.9
<b>3.11</b>	Me	H	0.35	0.15
<b>3.12</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub>	1.4	1.2
<b>3.13</b>	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH	1.77	10
<b>3.14</b>	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OAc	2.47	31
<b>3.15</b>	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NEt <sub>2</sub>	2.61	108
<b>3.16</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> OH	2.02	310

<sup>a</sup> Human colon adenocarcinoma cell line.

The aim of this synthesis was to synthesize previously inaccessible taxol analogs via a 1,2-diol (**3.19**), and a C9, C10 olefin (**3.17**), as key intermediates (Scheme 3.1). The olefin would allow a number of substituents to be added resulting in various analogs. The first two steps of the synthesis, a hydroxyl protection and a deacetylation, went well. Making the 1,2-diol, the first key intermediate, proved to be more challenging and time consuming than anticipated. Several attempts, changing the form of the metal reagent and altering the reaction time, finally led to the C9, C10 diol. The next step to the thiocarbonate **3.18**, which would be convertible to olefin **3.17**, also presented challenges. In this light, a cyclic sulfite

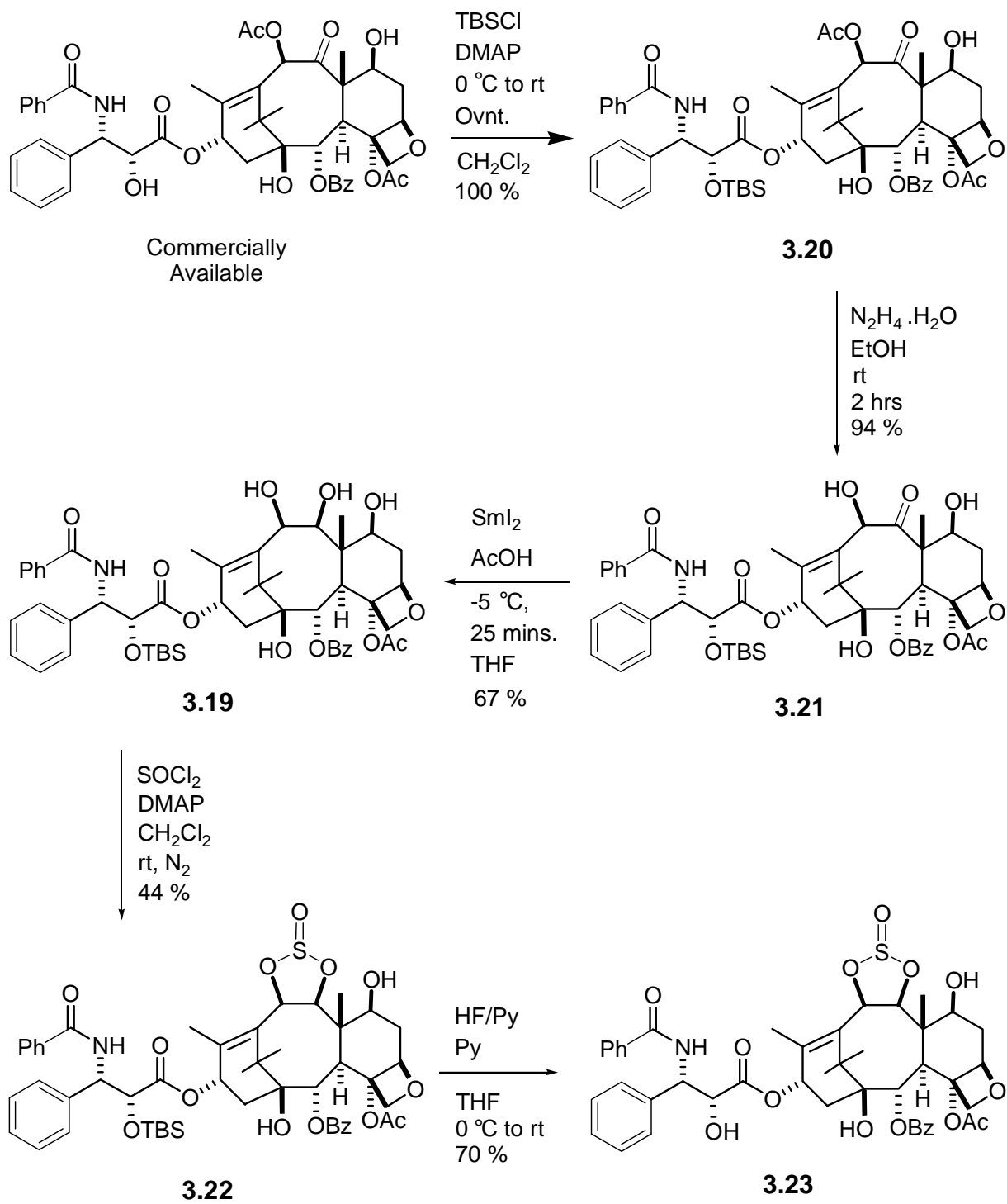
was made to test the ability of diol **3.19** to form cyclic esters at the C9 and C10 positions. This compound was successfully prepared and antiproliferative activity results are presented.



**Scheme 3.1** Synthetic strategy of northern hemisphere B-ring modified paclitaxel analogs.

### 3.2 Synthesis

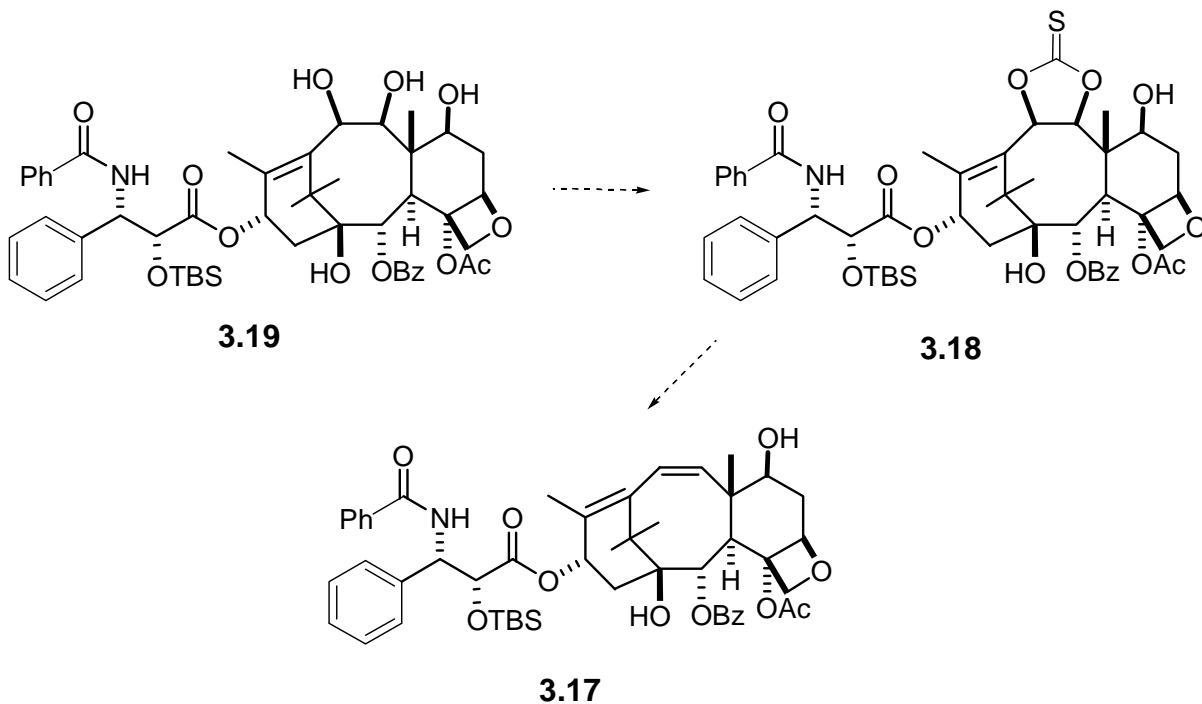
Synthesis of the northern hemisphere B-ring modified taxol analog began with commercially available paclitaxel, which was protected at the 2'-position as its TBS ether, giving a quantitative yield of **3.20** (Scheme 3.2).<sup>57</sup> Deacetylation at C10, with hydrazine monohydrate, followed and gave **3.21** in good yield.<sup>58</sup> Reduction of **3.21** with SmI<sub>2</sub> allowed



**Scheme 3.2** Synthesis of northern hemisphere B-ring modified paclitaxel analogs I.

formation of the C9, C10 diol **3.19** with a fair yield.<sup>59</sup> The initial attempt using samarium chips and diiodoethane was unsuccessful. The same conditions were followed using powdered samarium, but no product was detected. The reported intense blue-green color of  $\text{SmI}_2$ <sup>60</sup> was not observed in the reaction mixture, which led to the use of  $\text{SmI}_2$  powder. The expected blue-green color was observed immediately upon addition of solvent, and resulted in the desired product, but in low yield. This change in the form of the reducing agent also posed challenges, since the conditions that led to product formation were not reproducible. Several attempts to accumulate the 1,2-diol resulted in low yields or no product. Finally,  $\text{SmI}_2$  in THF stabilized with Sm chips resulted in consistently better yields after the reaction time was adjusted.

Diol **3.19** was converted to its cyclic sulfite **3.22** in a yield of just over 40 % using  $\text{SOCl}_2$  and DMAP as base.<sup>61</sup> Removal of the 2'-TBS group from **3.22** gave the free alcohol



**Scheme 3.3** Synthesis of northern hemisphere B-ring modified paclitaxel analogs II.

**3.23** in good yield.

The synthesis of cyclic sulfite **3.23** (Scheme 3.2) demonstrated that it is possible to prepare cyclic derivatives at the C9, C10 positions of paclitaxel. The next step was the preparation of the cyclic thiocarbonate **3.18**, which was expected to undergo a Barton-type deoxygenation<sup>62</sup> reaction to generate alkene **3.17**. Alkene **3.17** could then serve as a precursor to a variety of other paclitaxel analogs. Initial attempts at preparing **3.18** from **3.19** were unsuccessful. Diol **3.19** and dimethylamino-pyridine in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> under nitrogen atmosphere was cooled to 0 °C and treated with thiophosgene and stirred.<sup>63</sup> Since no product was detected, the reaction mixture was warmed at ten-degree intervals to rt, while monitoring progress by TLC. Other attempts were made with increased reaction time, however no product has been detected to date.

### **3.3 Result**

Antiproliferative activity against the A2780 ovarian cancer cell line for cyclic sulfite **3.23** was measured at an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.03 µg/mL, slightly less active than taxol at 0.01 µg/mL. This result confirms the previous observations that modifications at the C9, C10 positions do not make significant differences to the bioactivity of paclitaxel.

### **3.4 Experimental**

#### **3.4.1 General Methods**

Chemical reagents and materials were supplied by Sigma-Aldrich Co. and VWR, unless otherwise stated. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from Na/benzophenone, and dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) from CaH<sub>2</sub>, both under N<sub>2</sub>. Reactions and flash column

chromatography (FCC) were monitored with analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) plates (silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>, with aluminum support) from Merck KGaA. TLC plates were analyzed with 254 nm UV light and immersion in a phosphomolybdic acid/ethanol (PMA) stain. FCC was performed using SiliFlash<sup>®</sup> P60, 40-63 μm silica gel from SiliCycle<sup>®</sup> Incorporated. Analtech Incorporated supplied preparative TLC (PTLC) glass-backed UNIPLATES<sup>™</sup> Silica Gel GF plates. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were acquired in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CD<sub>3</sub>OD on a Varian Inova 400, a Varian Unity 400, or a JEOL Eclipse 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts were calibrated using the 0.0 ppm tetramethylsilane (TMS) peak or the solvent peaks as internal standards and are reported as δ-values relative to the standard. Coupling constants (*J* values) are reported in Hertz, and High Resolution Fast Atom Bombardment mass spectra (HRFABMS) were obtained from a high-resolution double-focusing mass spectrometer by Analytical Services.

### 3.4.2 Preparation Procedures

**2'-O-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-paclitaxel (3.20)** A solution of paclitaxel (260.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), cooled to 0 °C was treated with DMAP (1.5 g, 12.2 mmol) and TBSCl (1.8 g, 12.2 mmol) and allowed to warm to rt. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with brine, and the resulting mixture was washed with 10 % HCl and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC of the crude product on silica gel with 50 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **3.20** (295.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.14 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2), 7.73 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2), 7.60 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5), 7.52 (3H, m), 7.40 (4H, m), 7.32 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3),



7.07 (1H, d,  $J = 8.8$ ), 6.29 (2H, t,  $J = 9.3$ ), 5.74 (1H, d,  $J = 8.8$ ), 5.69 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 4.98 (1H, d,  $J = 8.8$ ), 4.66 (1H, s), 4.44 (1H, m), 4.30 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.27 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$ ), 3.82 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 2.58 (4H, t, m), 2.48 (1H, s), 2.40 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.9, 9.3$ ), 2.23 (3H, s), 2.13 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.8, 8.8$ ), 1.90 (4H, m), 1.82 (1H, s), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.24 (3H, s), 1.13 (3H, s), 0.80 (9H, s),  $-0.04$  (3H, s),  $-0.29$  (3H, s);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  203.9, 171.5 ( $\times 2$ ), 170.3, 167.2, 142.6, 138.4, 134.2, 133.8, 133.1, 132.0, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0 ( $\times 2$ ), 128.9 ( $\times 2$ ), 128.9, 128.2, 127.2, 126.6, 84.6, 81.3, 79.3, 76.6, 75.7, 75.4, 75.3, 72.3, 71.6, 58.7, 55.8, 45.7, 43.4, 36.0, 35.7, 26.9, 25.7, 23.2, 22.5, 21.0, 18.3, 15.1, 9.8, 0.2,  $-5.1$ ,  $-5.6$ .

**2'-O-(*tert*-Butylmethylsilyl)-10-deacetyl-paclitaxel (3.21)** To a solution of **3.20** (271.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) was added  $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2.9 mL) at rt and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution. The organic layer was washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. FCC of the crude product on silica gel with 50 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **3.21** (244.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 94.4 %) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.13 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 7.74 (2H, d,  $J = 7.0$ ), 7.60 (1H, t,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.52 (3H, m), 7.40 (4H, dd,  $J = 14.7, 7.3$ ), 7.32 (3H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.09 (1H, d,  $J = 8.8$ ), 6.30 (1H, t,  $J = 8.6$ ), 5.70 (2H, m), 5.19 (1H, s), 4.96 (1H, d,  $J = 7.5$ ), 4.65 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$ ), 4.32 (1H, d,  $J = 8.6$ ), 4.26 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.24 (1H, m), 4.19 (1H, s), 3.94 (1H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 2.57 (4H, m), 2.37 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.7, 9.5$ ), 2.09 (1H, dd,  $J = 15.0, 8.6$ ), 1.92 (3H, s), 1.86 (1H, m), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.68 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, s), 1.10 (3H, s), 0.80 (9H, s),  $-0.03$  (3H, s),  $-0.29$  (3H, s);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  211.6, 171.4, 170.4, 167.3, 167.1, 138.8, 138.5, 135.9, 134.2, 133.8, 132.0, 130.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9 ( $\times 2$ ), 128.1, 127.2, 126.6, 84.4, 81.3, 79.0, 77.5,

76.8, 75.3, 75.1, 74.6, 72.1, 71.6, 57.7, 55.8, 46.5, 43.3, 37.1, 36.2, 26.5, 25.7, 23.2, 21.3, 18.3, 14.5, 10.1, 0.2, -5.1, -5.7 ( $\times 2$ ); HRFABMS  $m/z$  926.4154 (+3.0 ppm/+2.8 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>64</sub>NO<sub>13</sub>Si, 926.4147).

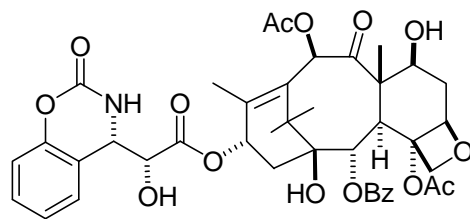
**2'-O-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-9-dihydro-10-deacetyl-paclitaxel (3.19)** Compound **3.21** (23.6 mg) in THF (250  $\mu$ L) was treated with AcOH (84.8  $\mu$ L) at rt, cooled to -7 °C, and then stirred for 10 min. SmI<sub>2</sub> solution in THF (0.1M, 2.0 mL, 0.2 mmol) was added over a 5 min period and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The reaction was then quenched using 5 mL of sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. Extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 $\times$ 5.0 mL) was followed by drying over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentration under reduced pressure. Preparative TLC of the crude product on silica gel (50 % EtOAc in hexane) yielded compound **3.19** (15.7 mg, 16.9  $\mu$ mol, 66.4 %) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (2H, d,  $J$  = 7.3), 7.78 (2H, d,  $J$  = 7.0), 7.59 (1H, t,  $J$  = 7.3), 7.48 (5H, m), 7.39 (4H, d,  $J$  = 3.5), 7.31 (1H, m), 7.13 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.8), 6.25 (1H, t,  $J$  = 9.2), 6.15 (1H, d,  $J$  = 5.1), 5.74 (1H, d,  $J$  = 9.0), 5.25 (1H, s), 5.07 (1H, d,  $J$  = 3.7), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J$  = 1.8), 4.35 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.1), 4.31 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0), 4.04 (1H, s), 3.34 (1H, s), 2.98 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.9), 2.65, 2.54 (3H, s), 2.35 (2H, m), 2.15 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 15.4, 9.7), 2.04 (1H, m), 1.96 (1H, s), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.72 (3H, s), 1.65 (6H, m), 1.30 (3H, s), 0.80 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.34 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  172.1, 170.3, 167.4, 167.0, 138.6, 138.1, 134.9, 134.4, 133.7, 132.0, 130.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.2, 126.6, 86.6, 82.6, 78.9, 75.3, 74.4, 72.8, 72.2, 71.7, 55.8, 53.6, 48.6, 44.5, 44.0, 35.7, 33.6, 29.9, 29.0, 25.7, 24.4, 23.7, 18.3, 14.9, 14.6, -5.0, -5.7; HRFABMS  $m/z$  928.4394 (+4.9 ppm/+4.5 mmu) [M + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>66</sub>NO<sub>13</sub>Si, 928.4303).

**Protected Cyclic Sulfite (3.22)** Diol **3.19** (13.6 mg, 14.6  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and DMAP (7.2 mg, 58.6  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 mL) at rt were treated with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (3.2  $\mu\text{L}$ , 43.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and stirred for 24 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine (2.0 mL), extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 2.0$  mL), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. PTLC of the crude product on silica gel with 30 % EtOAc in hexane yielded compound **3.22** (6.2 mg, 6.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 43.7 %) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.08 (2H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.78 (2H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 7.57 to 7.29 (11H, m), 7.10 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$ ), 6.38 (1H, d,  $J = 7.7$ ), 5.94 (1H, t,  $J = 8.1$ ), 5.69 (1H, d,  $J = 9.3$ ), 5.64 (1H, d,  $J = 5.3$ ), 5.60 (1H, d,  $J = 5.1$ ), 4.97 (1H, d,  $J = 8.1$ ), 4.94 (1H, s), 4.74 (1H, s), 4.60 (1H, d,  $J = 2.6$ ), 4.34 (2H, dd,  $J = 13.3, 7.7$ ), 3.88 (1H, m), 2.99 (1H, d,  $J = 7.3$ ), 2.75 (1H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.23 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.0$ ), 2.00 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.6, 3.7$ ), 1.90 (1H, m), 1.87 (3H, s), 1.85 (3H, s), 1.56 (6H, s), 0.79 (9H, s),  $-0.07$  (3H, s),  $-0.32$  (3H, s);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  194.7, 191.0, 180.0, 176.8, 171.3, 170.5, 168.4, 165.9, 146.8, 143.4, 134.5, 133.7, 130.2, 128.9, ( $\times 2$ ), 128.0, 127.2, 126.6, 113.4, 84.6, 81.2, 79.9, 75.9, 75.6, 62.8, 60.6, 55.9, 53.6, 45.0, 43.1, 25.7, 22.7, 21.2, 20.9, 18.4, 14.4, 12.0, 11.5,  $-5.2$ ,  $-5.8$ .

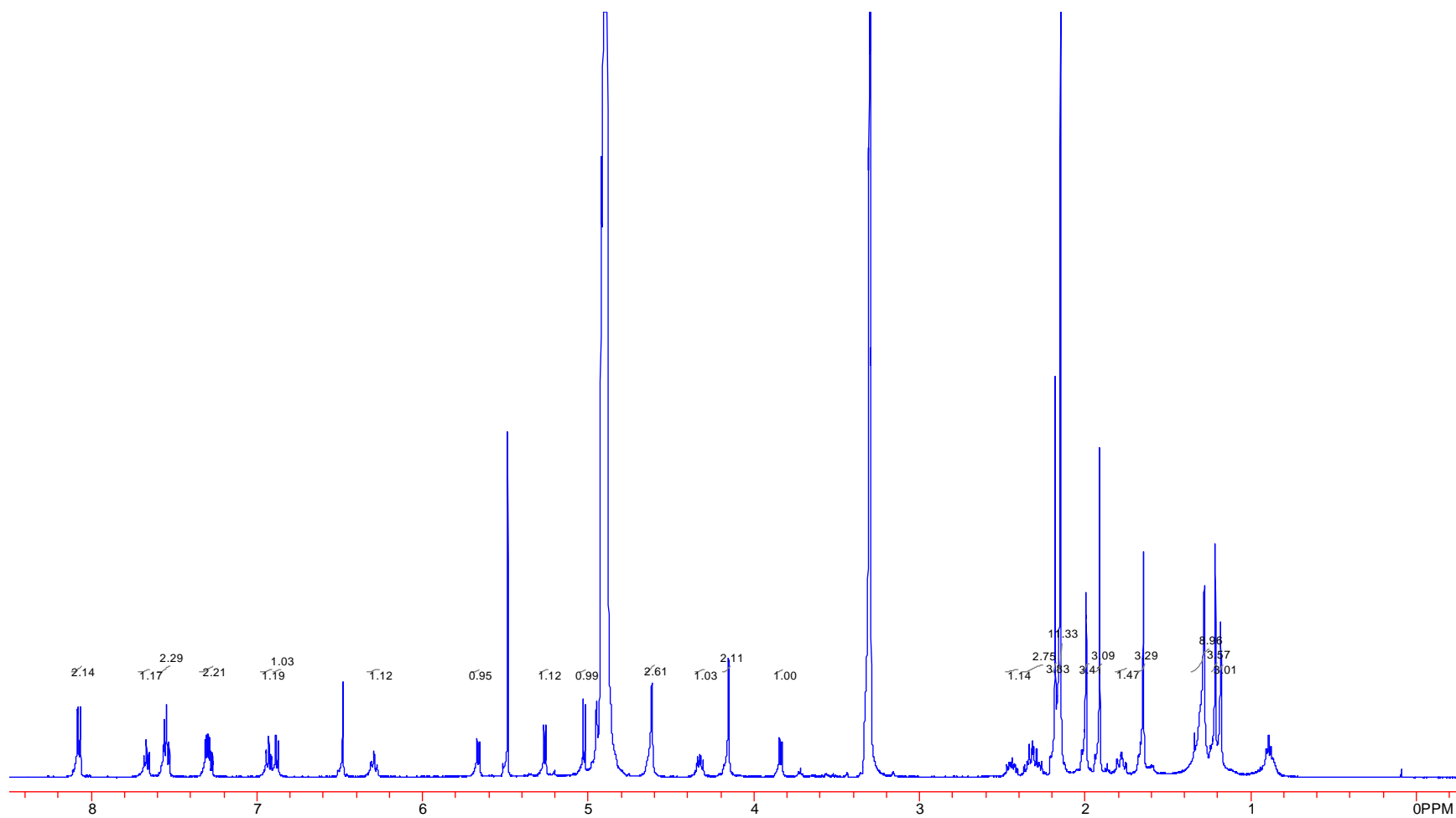
**Cyclic Sulfite 3.23** To protected cyclic sulfite **3.22** (11.5 mg, 11.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL) was added pyridine (9.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), cooled to  $-5$   $^\circ\text{C}$ , treated with  $\text{HF} \cdot \text{py}$  (0.7  $\mu\text{L}$ , 41.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), and allowed to warm to rt. The resulting mixture was stirred for 45 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 mL) and quenched with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (1.0 mL). The organic materials were extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 2.0$  mL), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. PTLC of the crude product on silica gel (50 % EtOAc in hexane) yielded compound **3.23** (7.1 mg, 8.3  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 70.0 %) as a

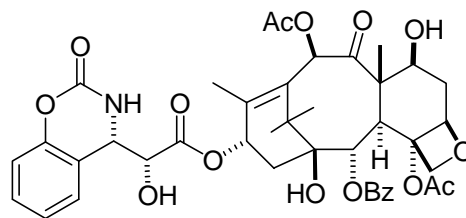
white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.05 (2H, d,  $J = 7.1$ ), 7.80 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 7.59 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 7.54 to 7.32 (11H, m), 7.13 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5$ ), 6.45 (1H, d,  $J = 7.7$ ), 5.88 (1H, t,  $J = 7.7$ ), 5.78 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$ ), 5.60 (1H, d,  $J = 5.5$ ), 5.56 (1H, d,  $J = 5.5$ ), 4.96 (1H, s), 4.92 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.77 (1H, s), 4.74 (1H, m), 4.49 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$ ), 4.15 (1H, d,  $J = 8.1$ ), 3.81 (1H, q,  $J = 8.8$ ), 2.96 (1H, d, ), 2.70 (1H, m), 2.36 (1H, m), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.00 (1H, dd, 14.1, 8.1), 1.87 (3H, s), 1.85 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.60 (3H, s), 1.56 (3H, s);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  172.3, 170.9, 166.9, 165.9, 146.0, 143.4, 138.3, 135.1, 134.0, 133.7, 132.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 113.1, 84.6, 81.4, 80.9, 80.3, 75.5, 74.9, 73.9, 72.1, 69.0, 63.2, 55.1, 44.8, 43.4, 39.0, 38.4, 22.4, 20.9, 12.1, 11.4; HRFABMS  $m/z$  842.2869 (+2.7ppm/+2.3 mmu) [M – OH] (calcd for  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{48}\text{NO}_{13}\text{S}$ , 842.2846).

## 4. Appendix

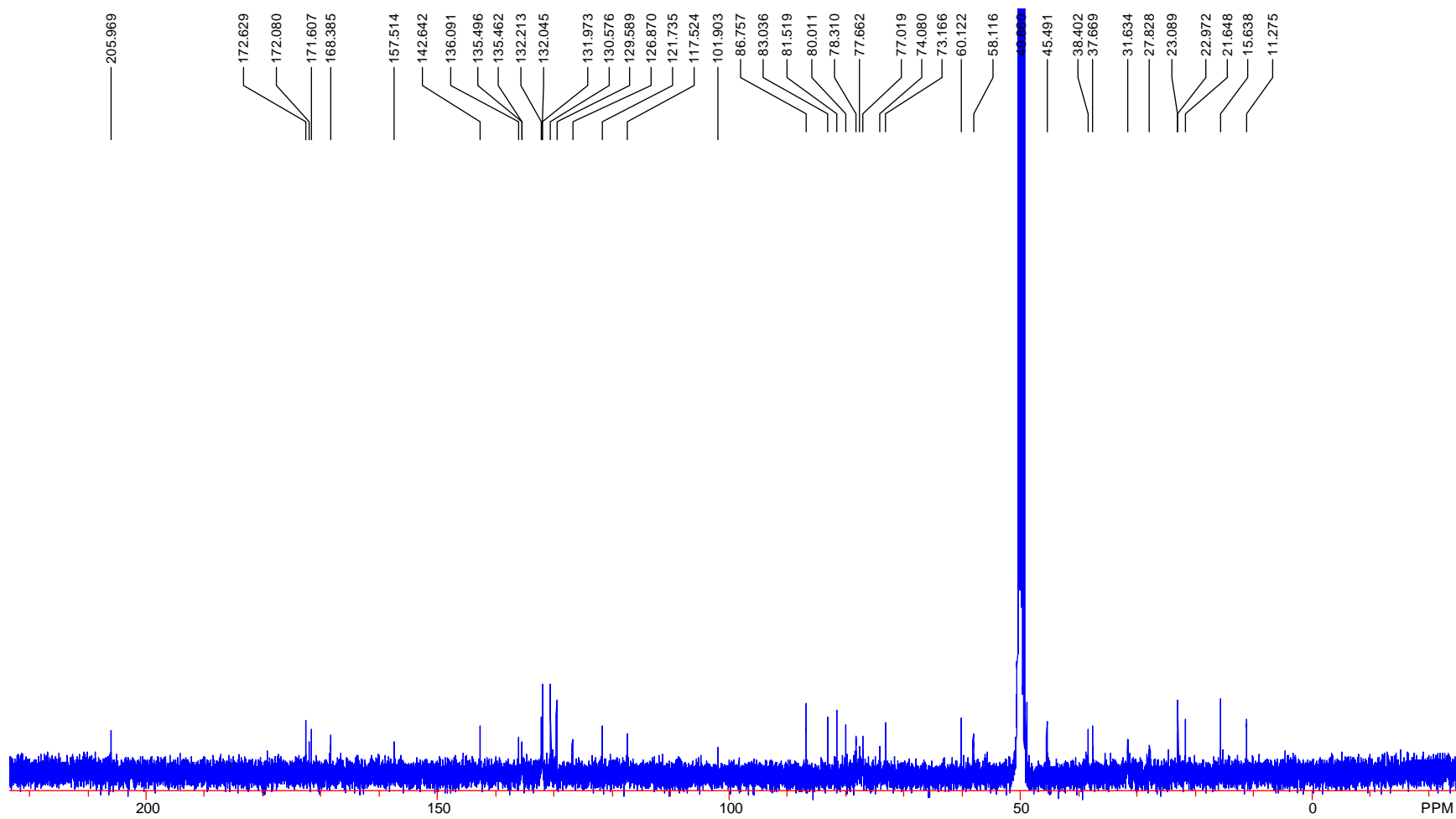


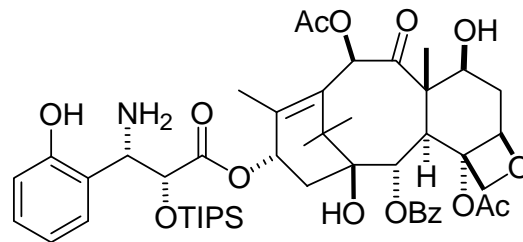
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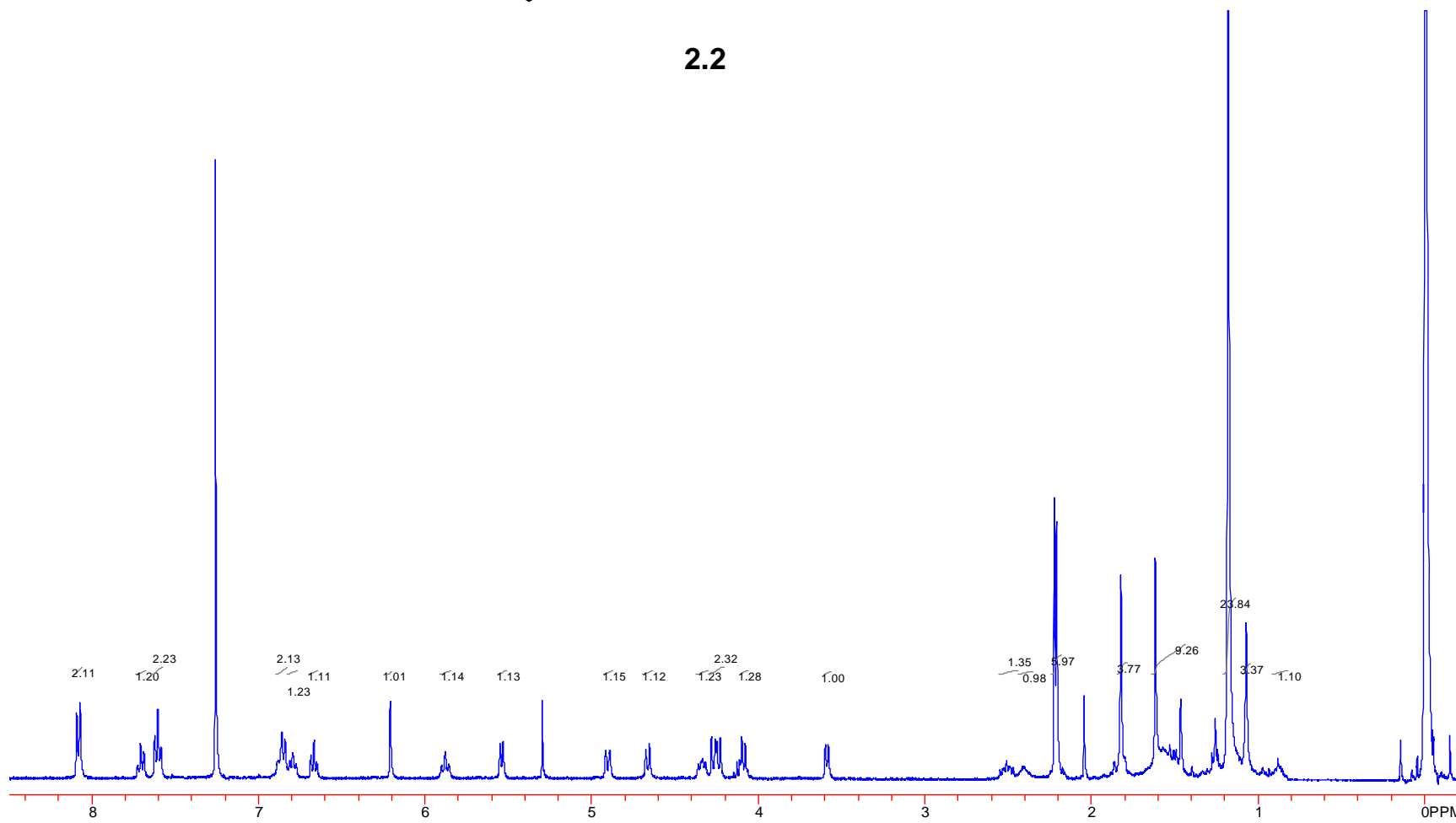


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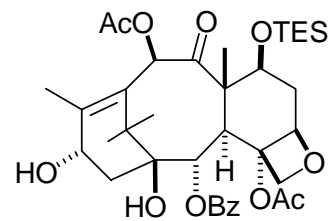




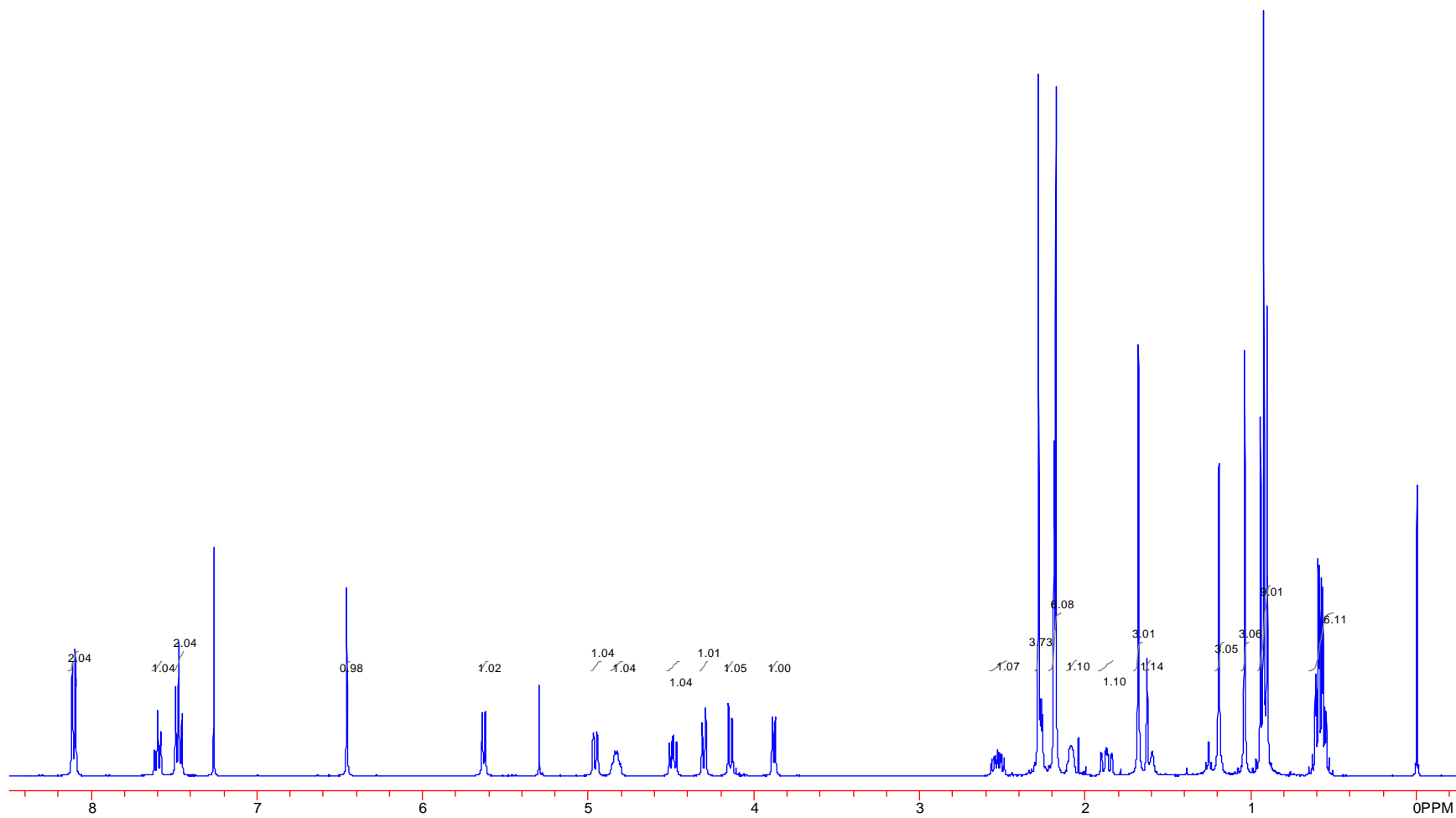
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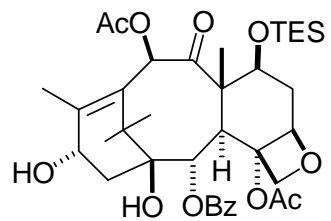




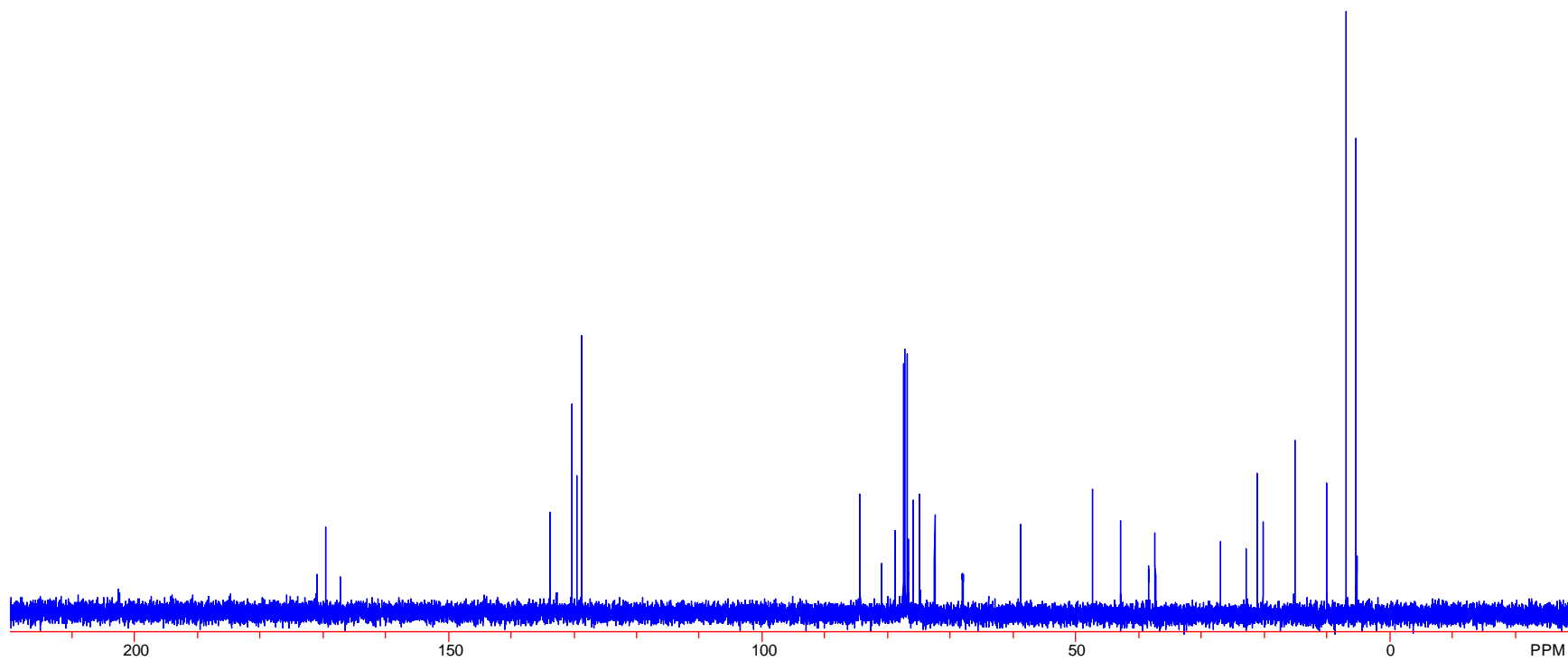
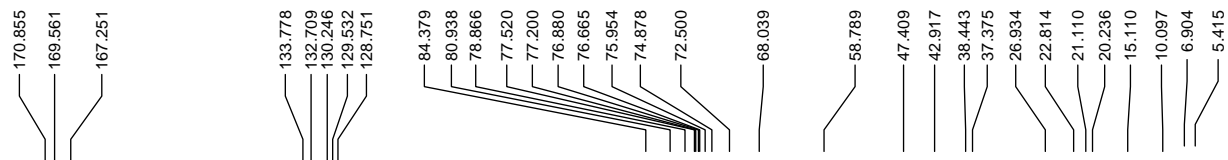


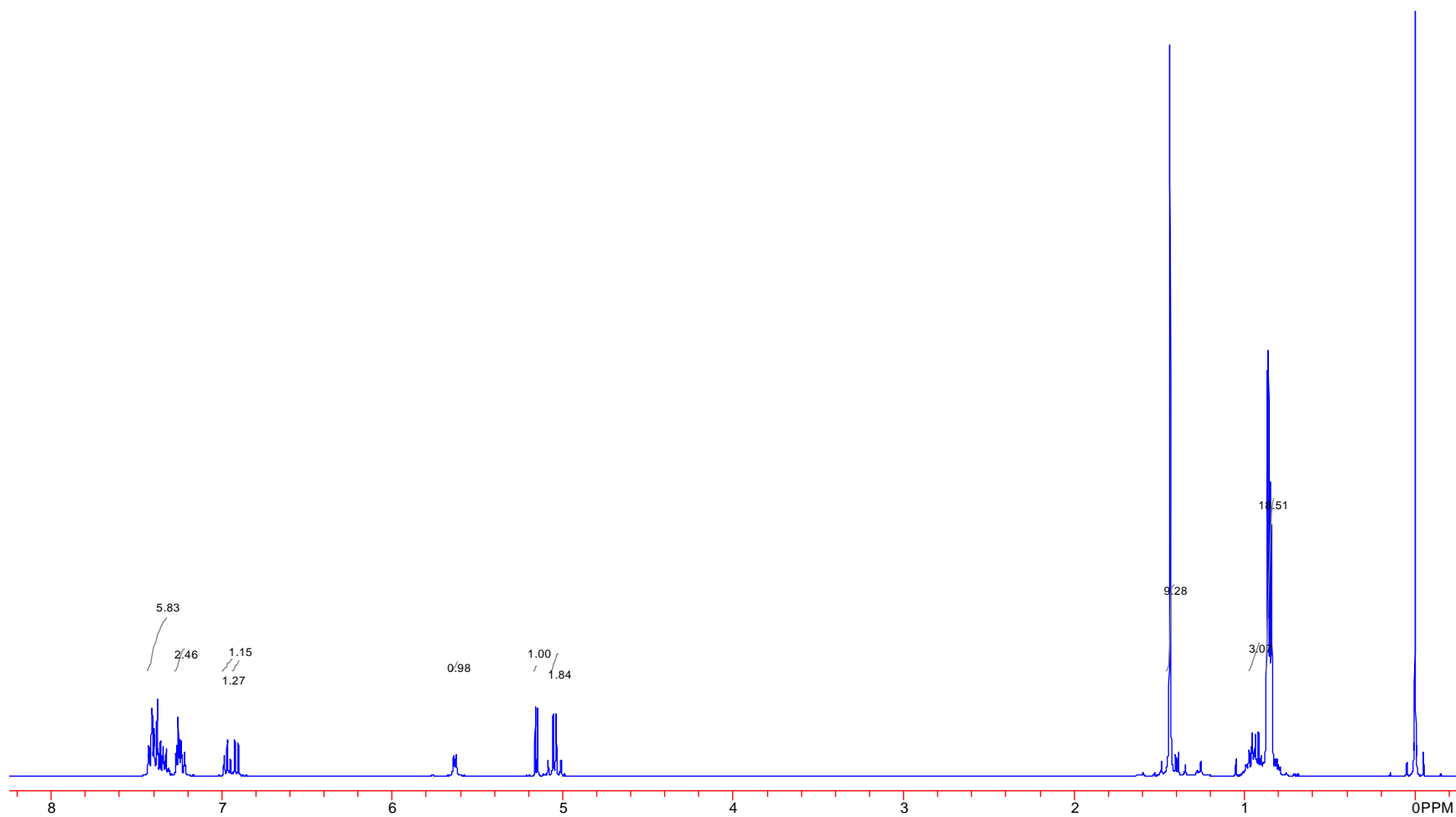
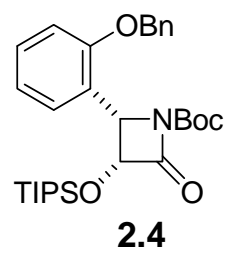
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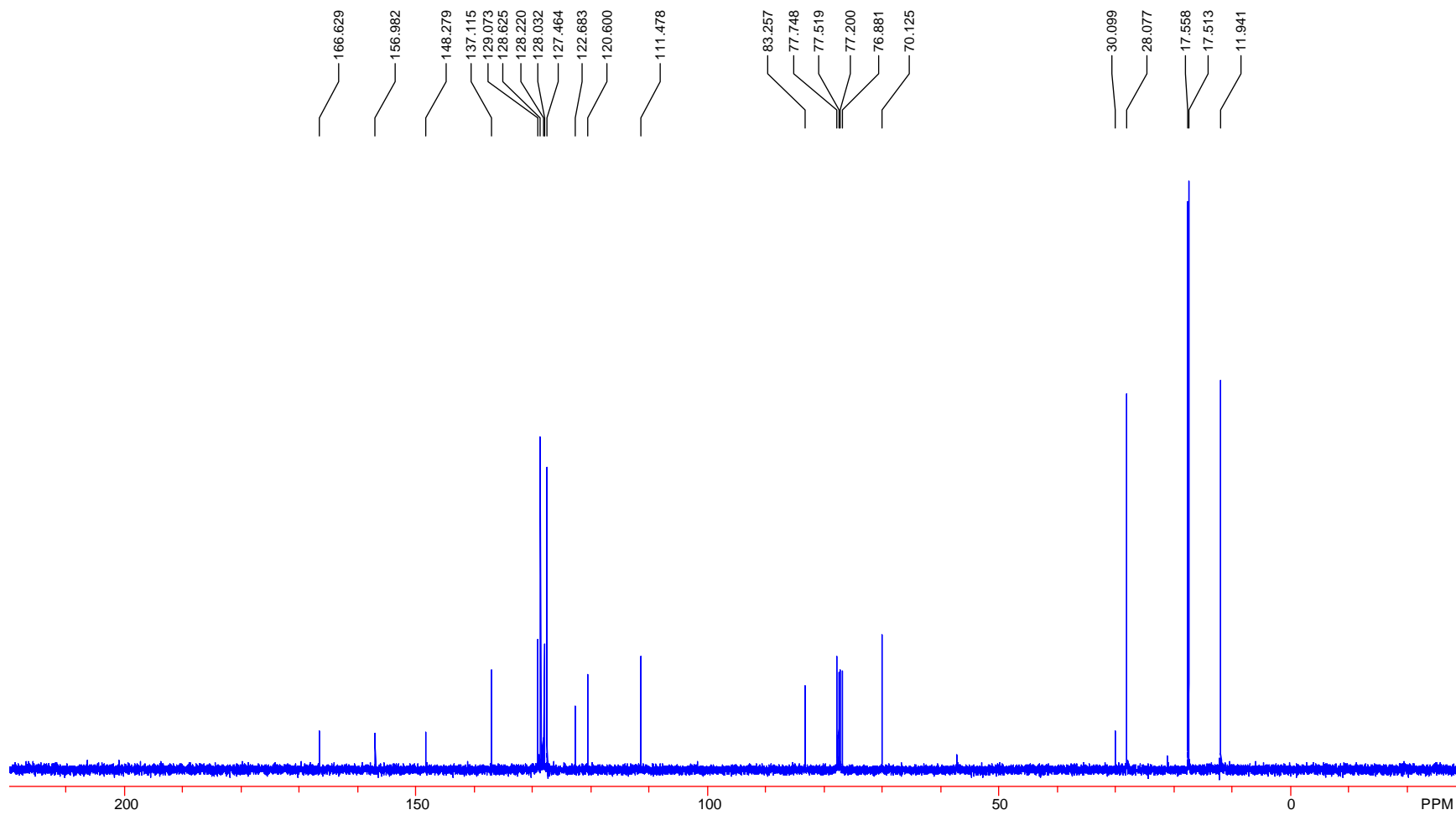
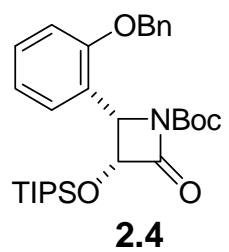


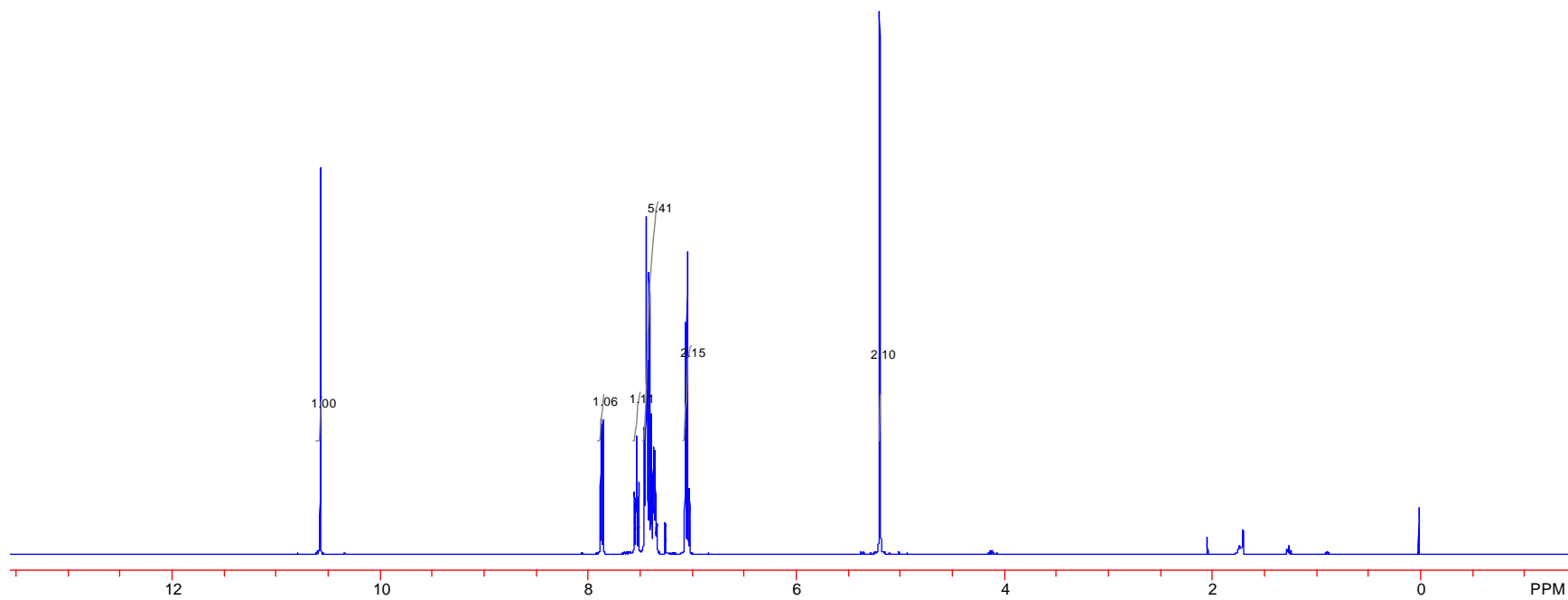
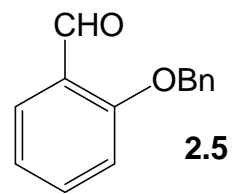


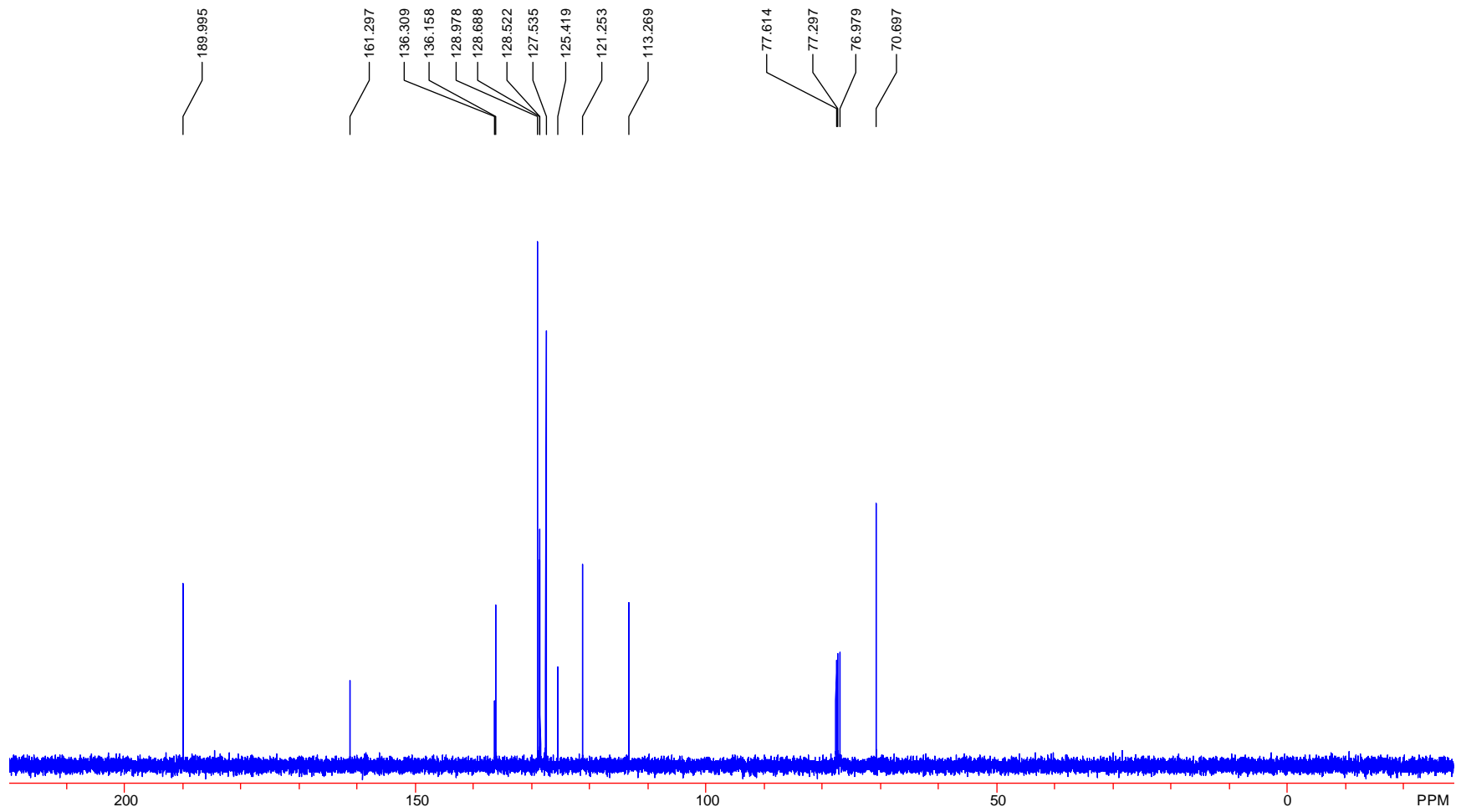
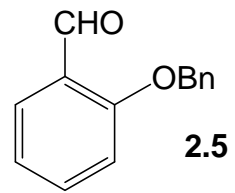
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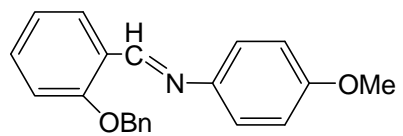




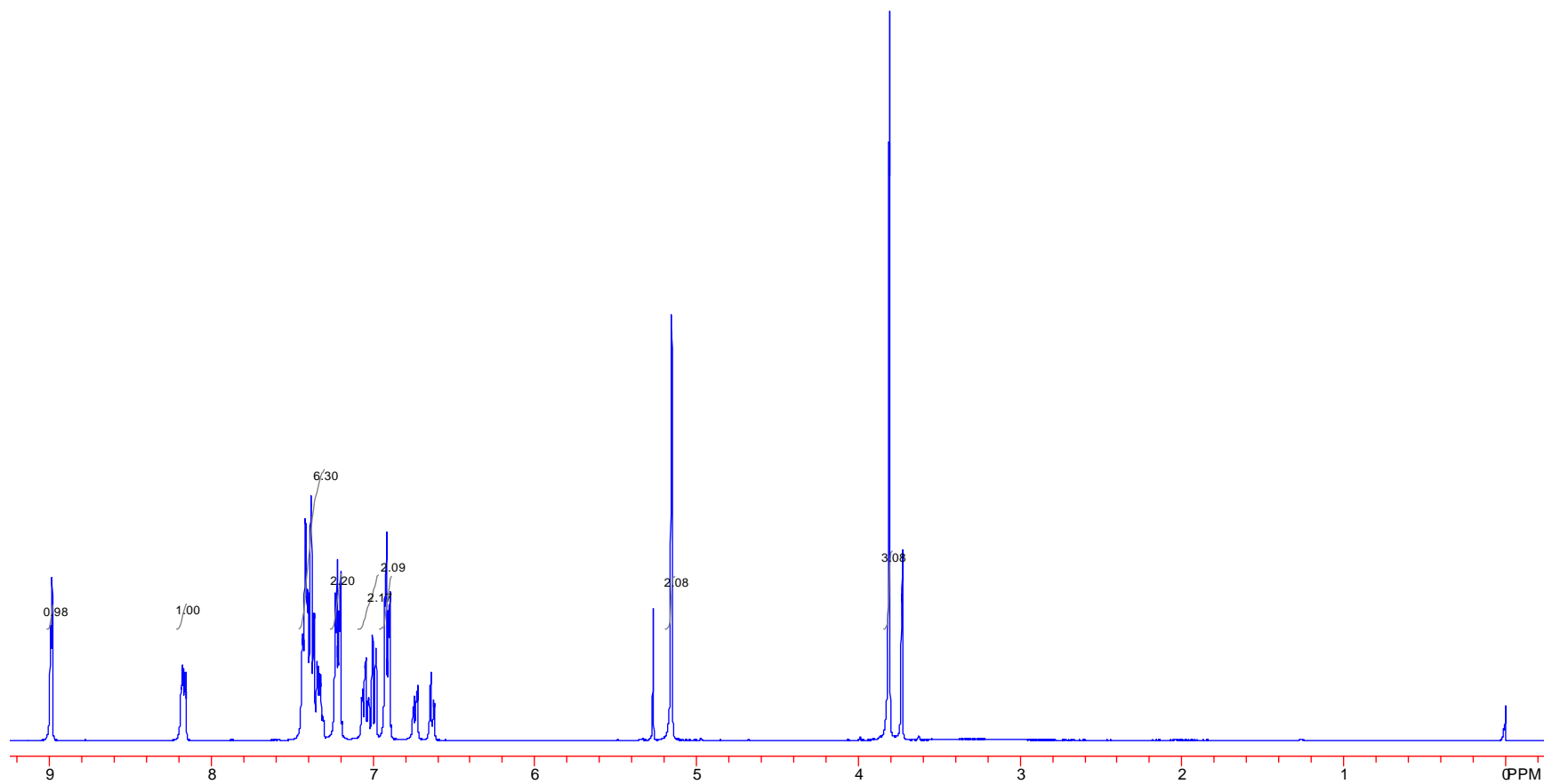


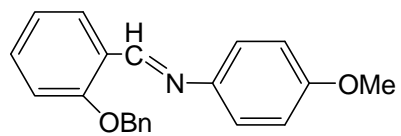




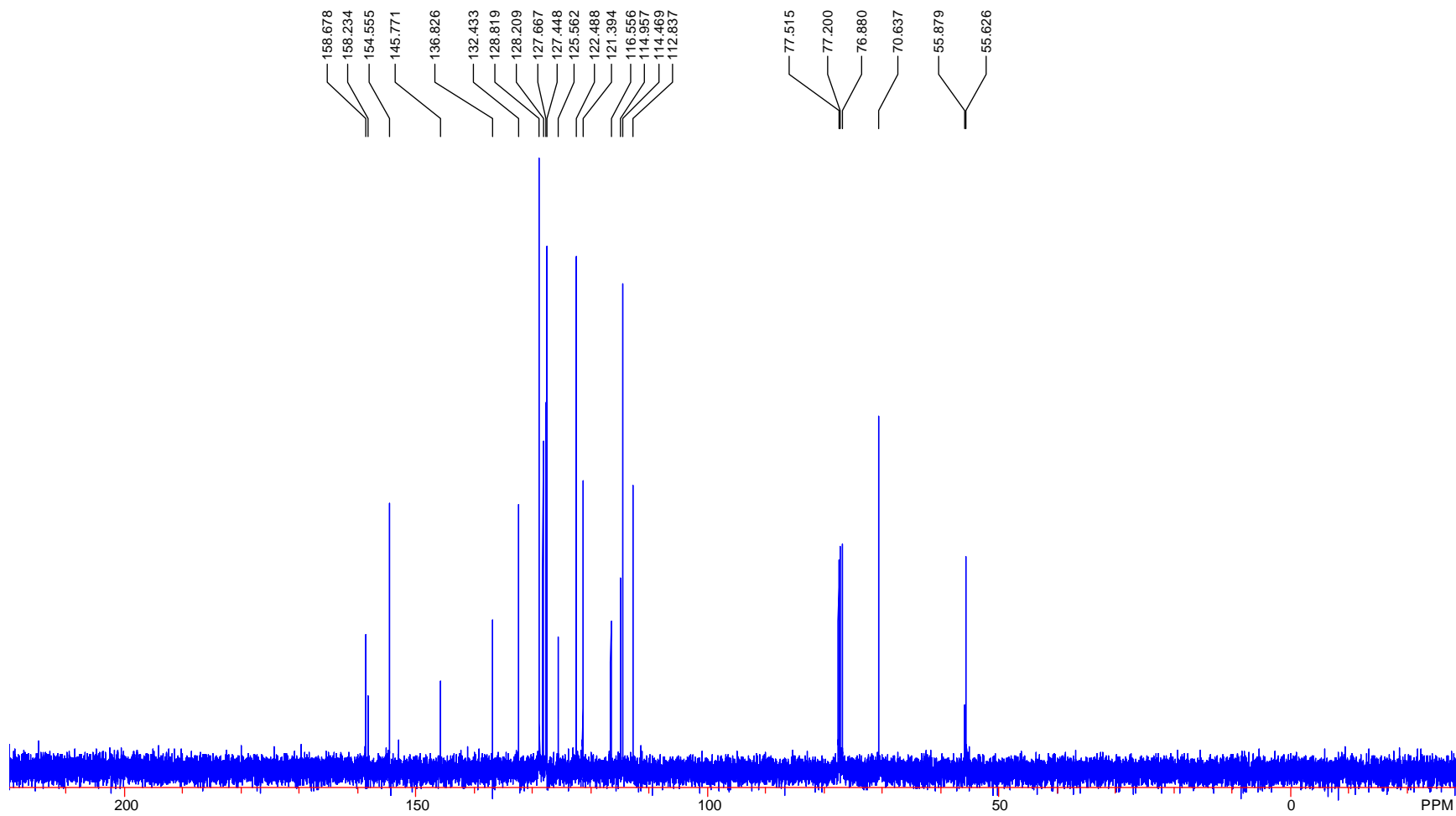


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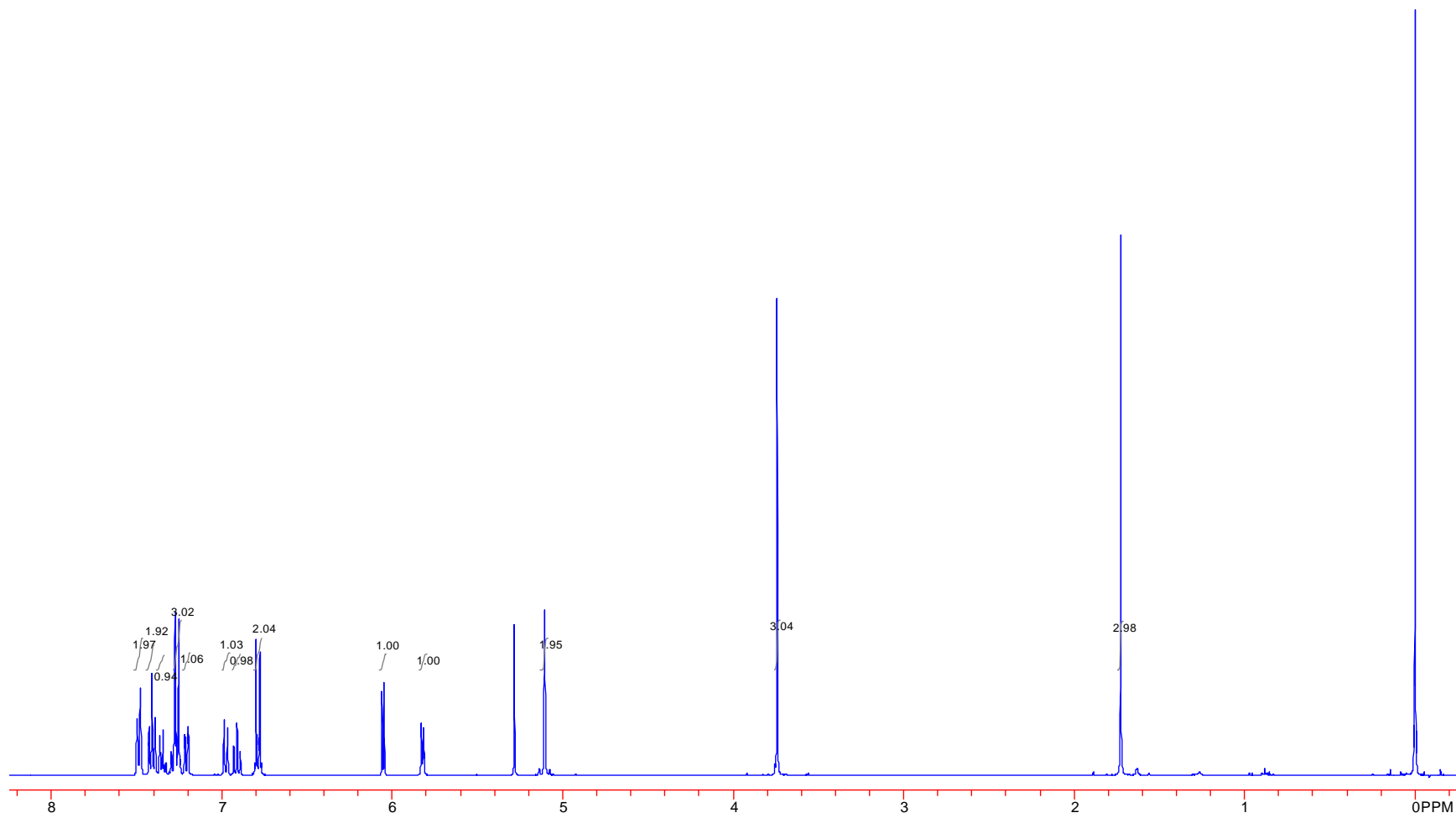
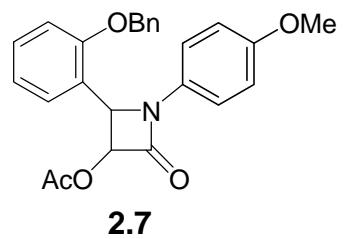


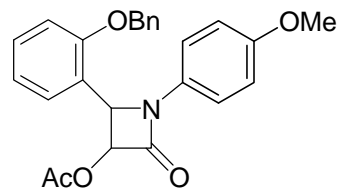


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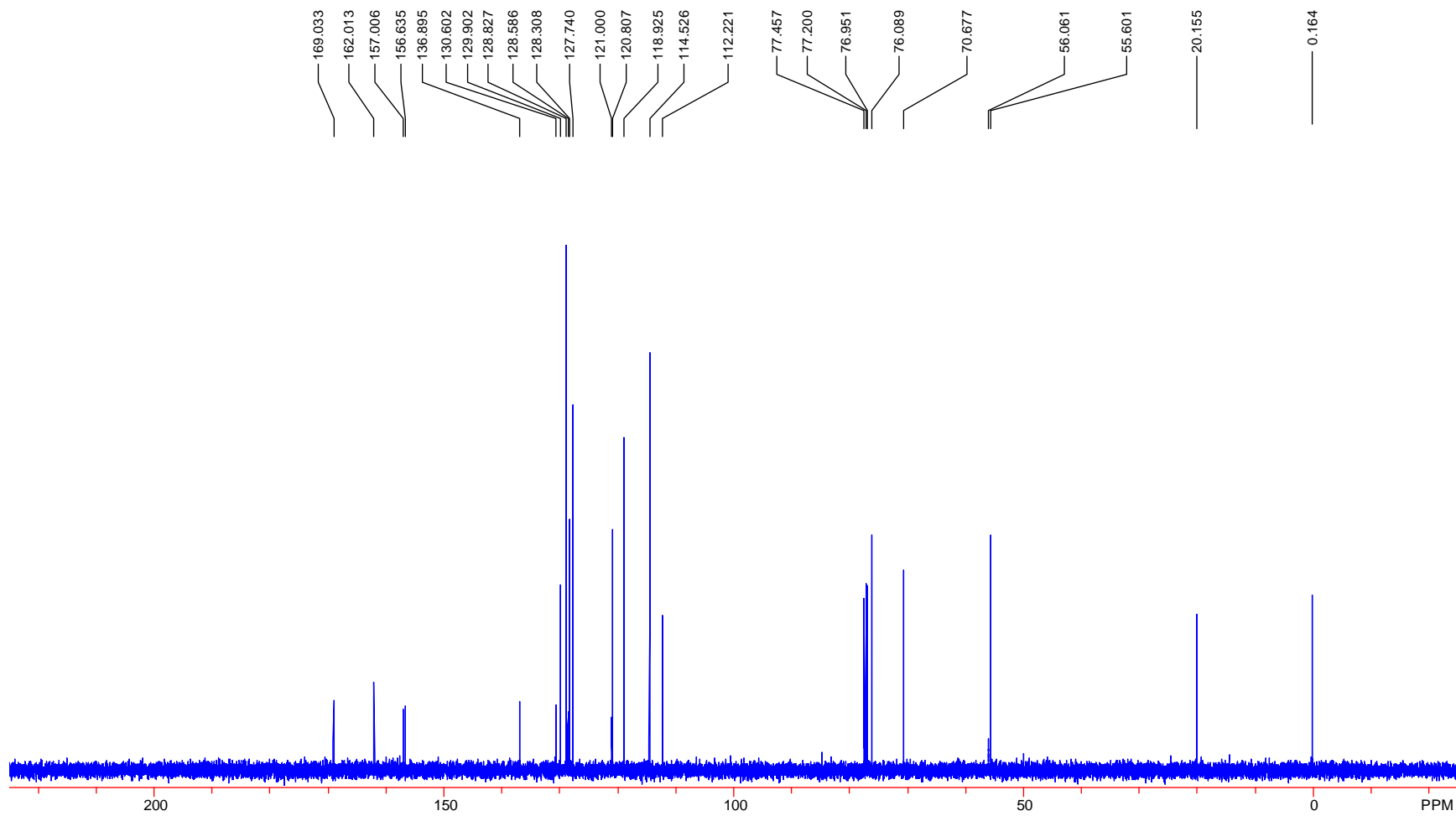


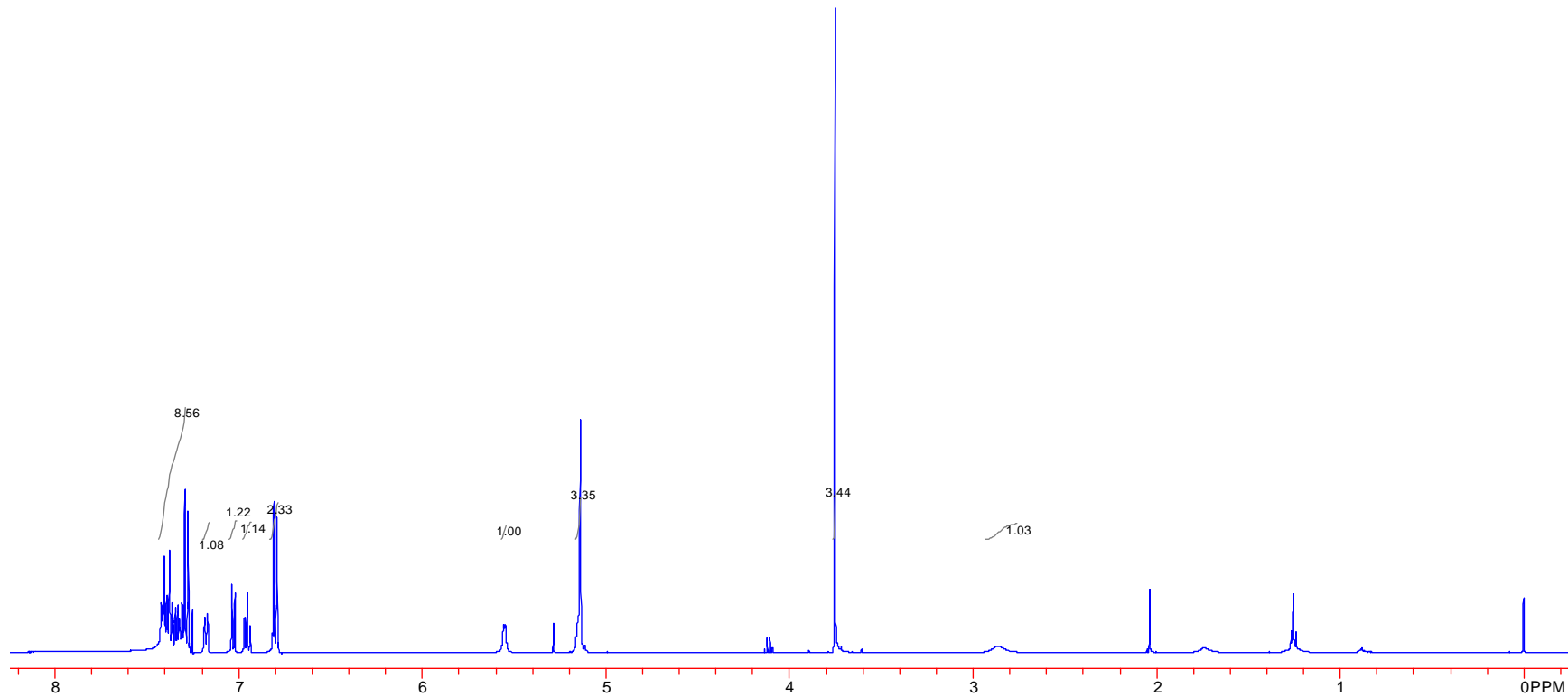
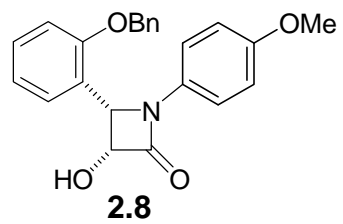


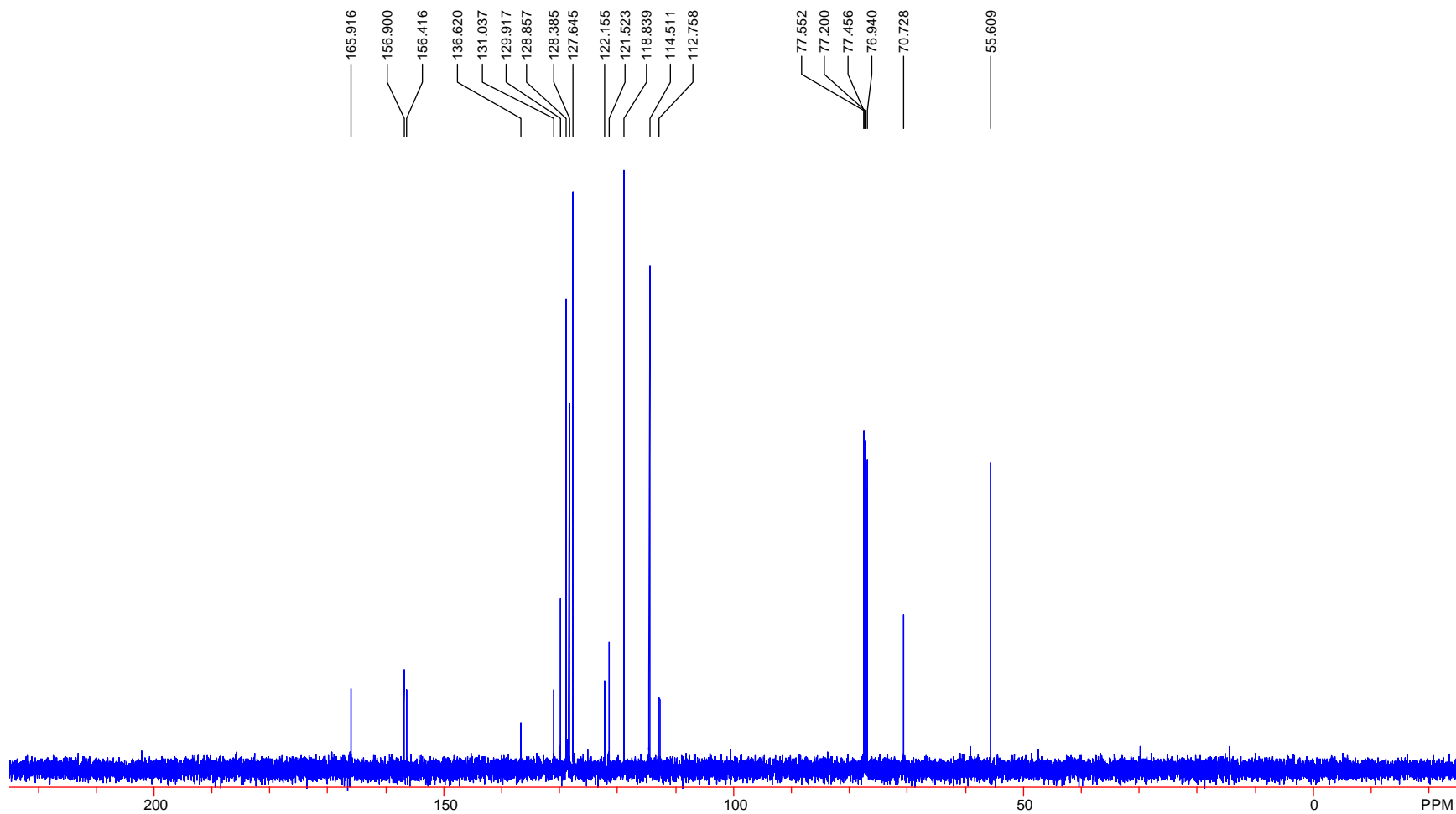
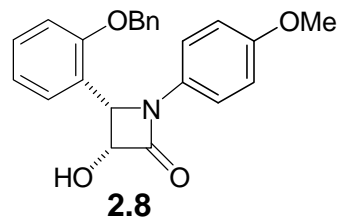


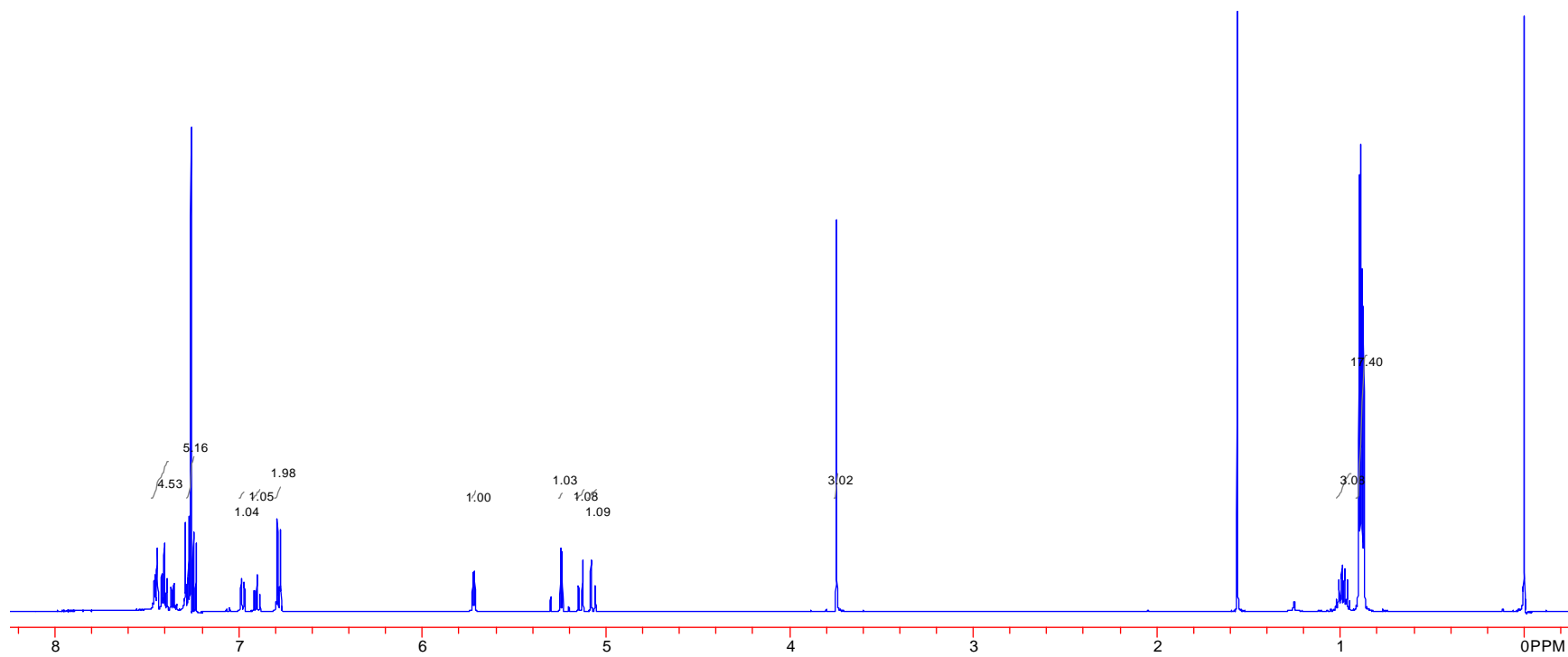
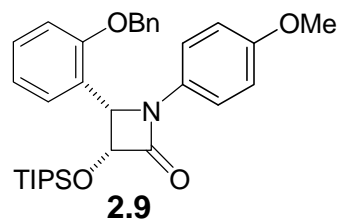


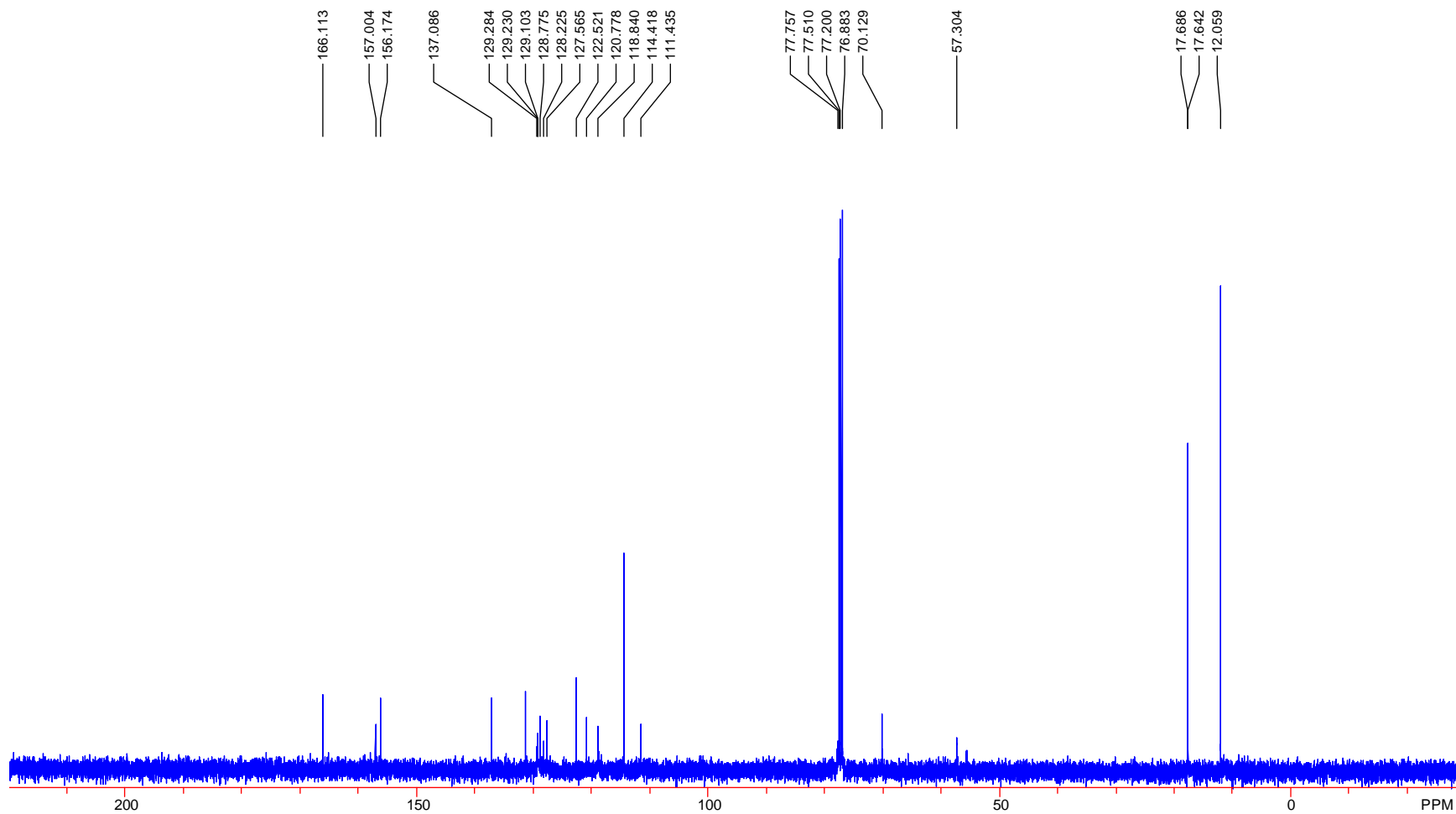
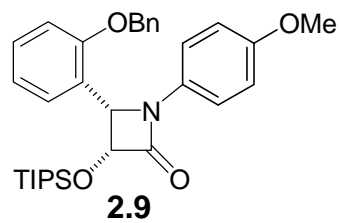
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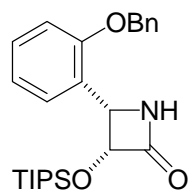




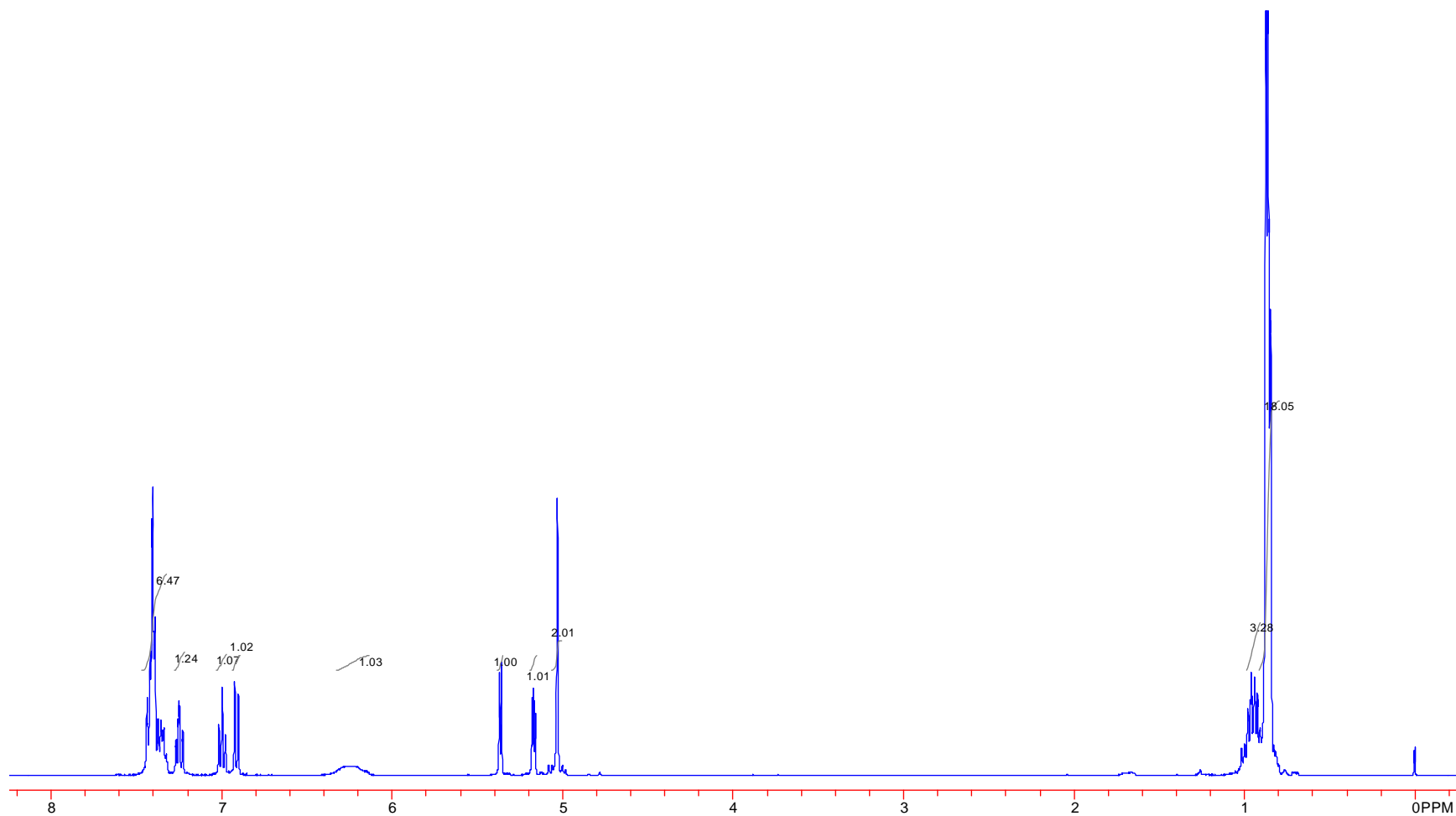


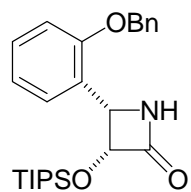




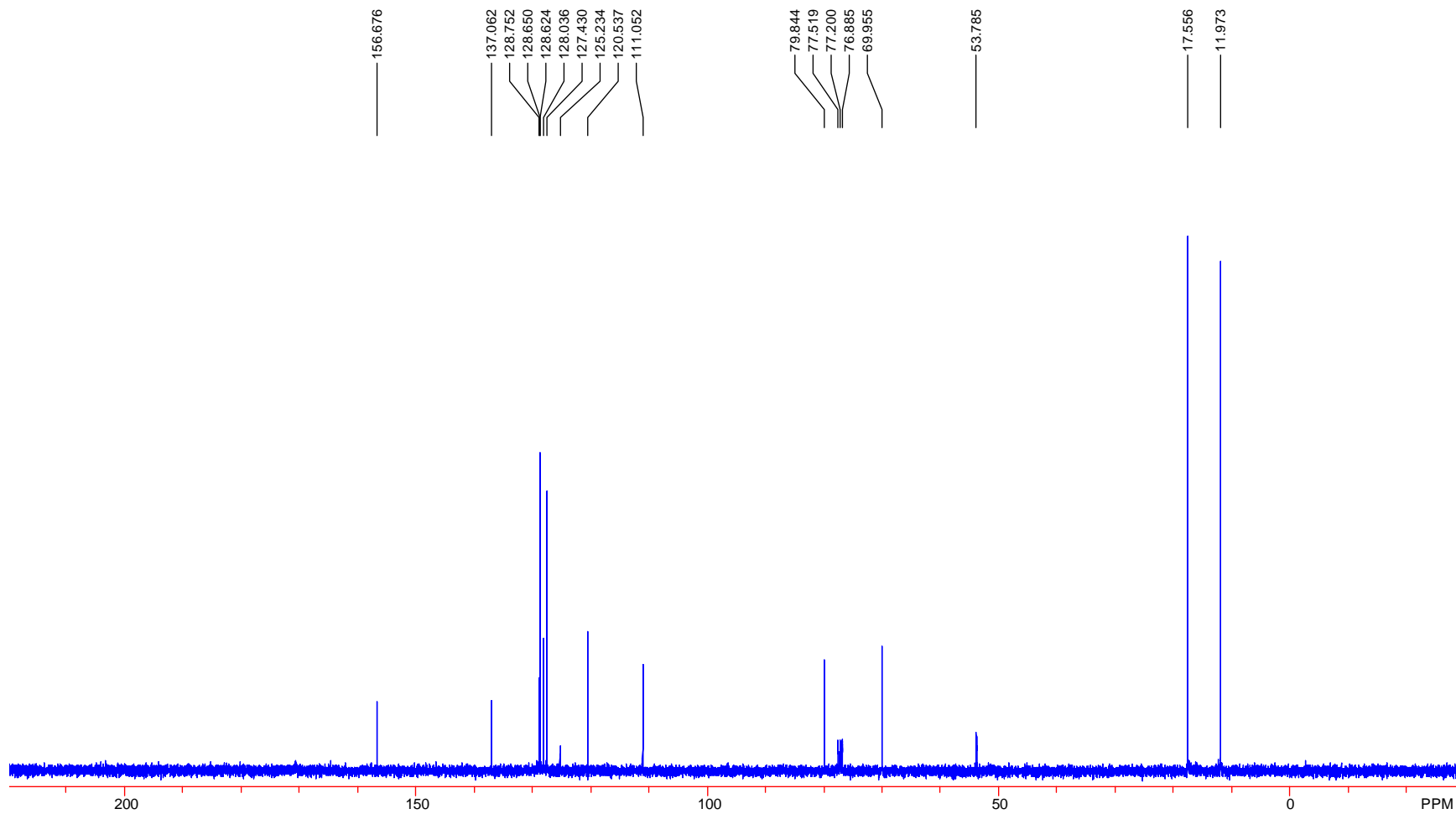


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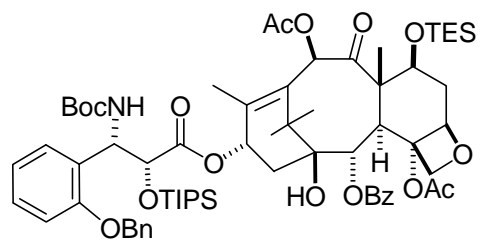




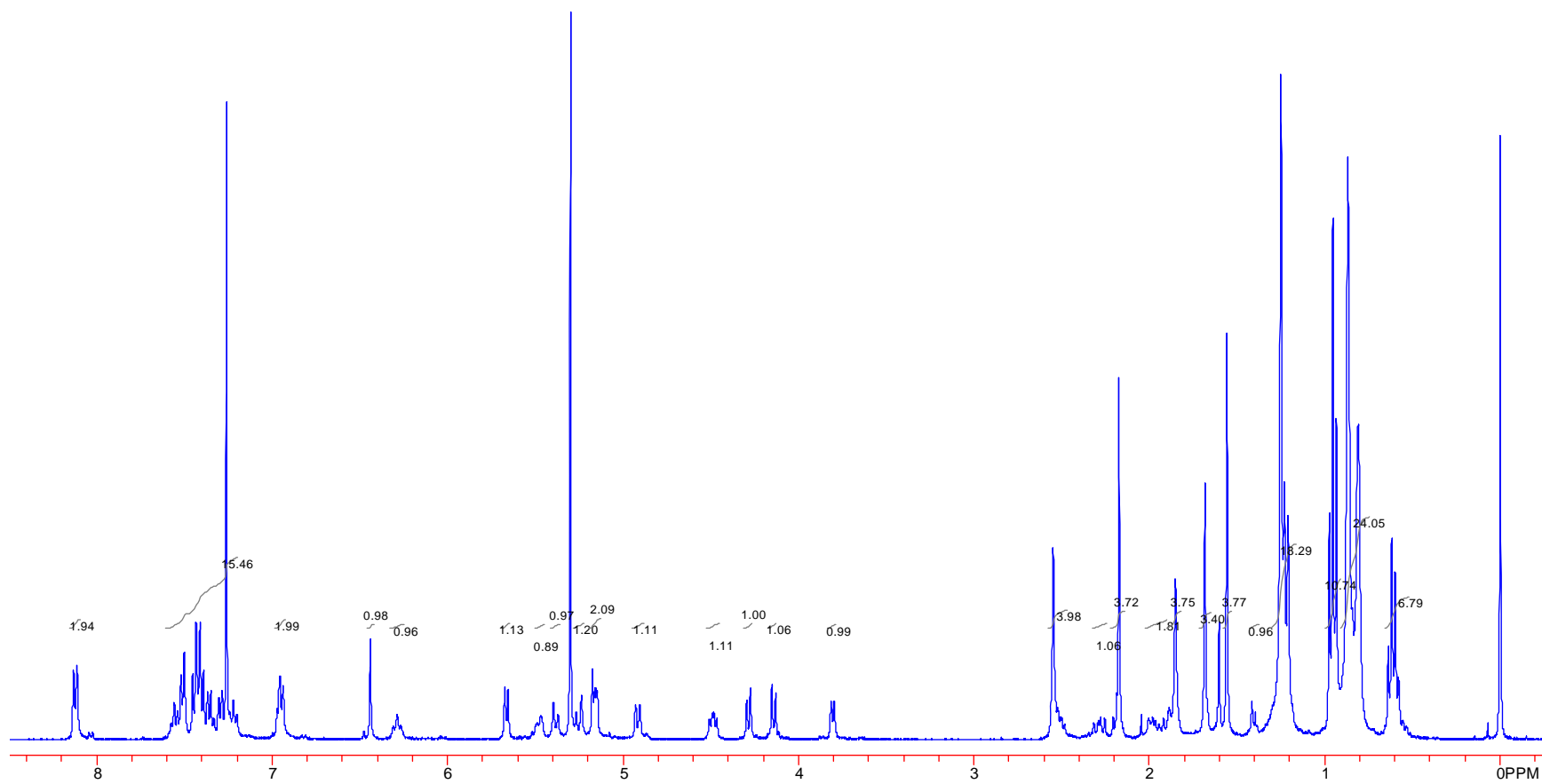
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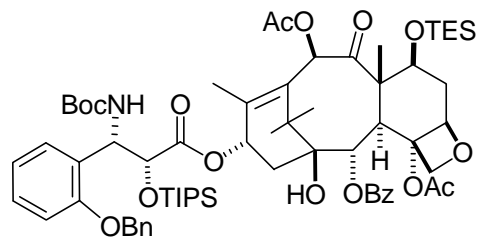




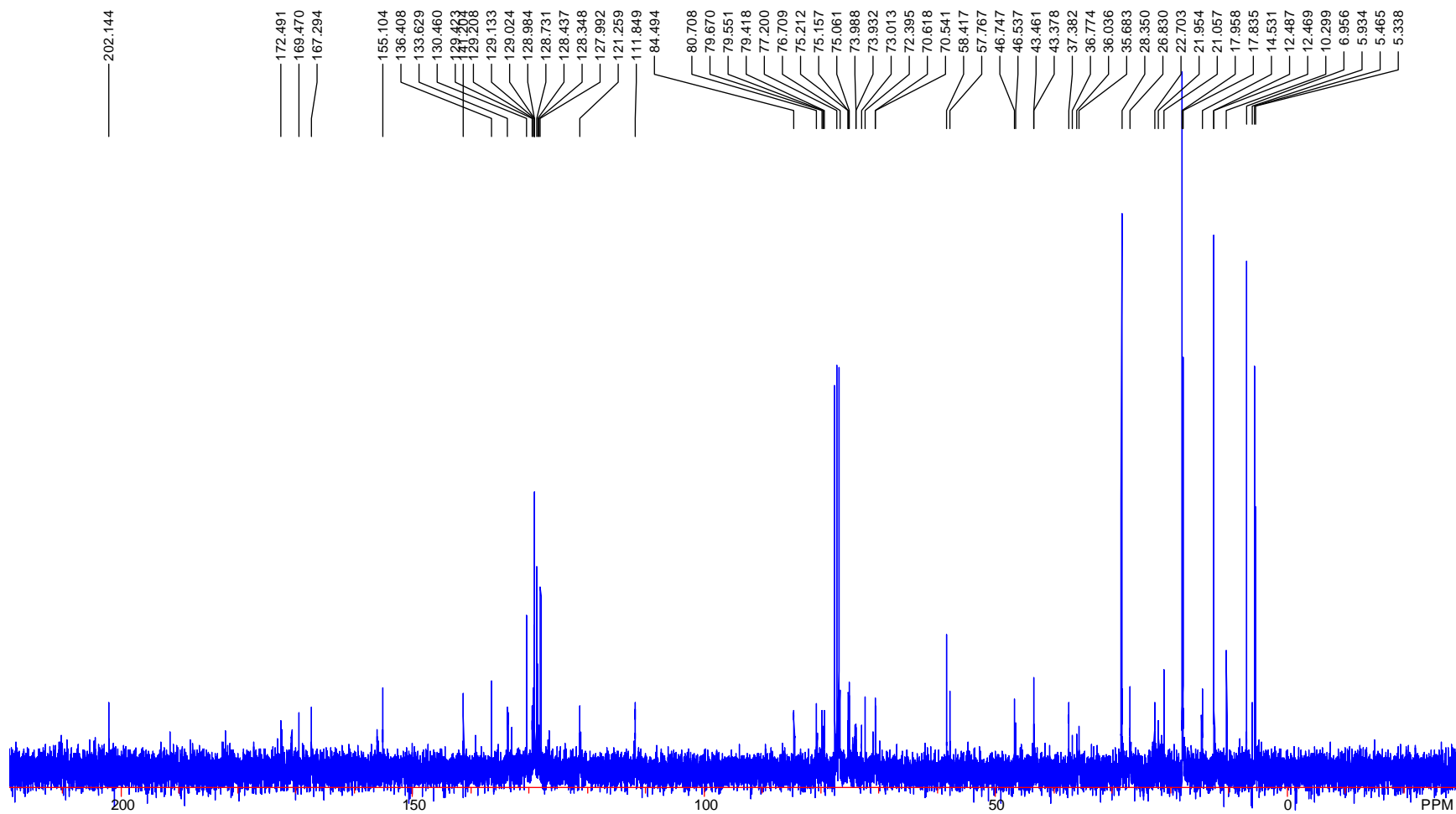


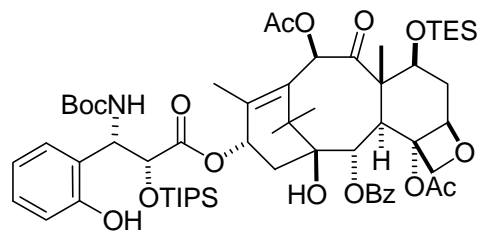
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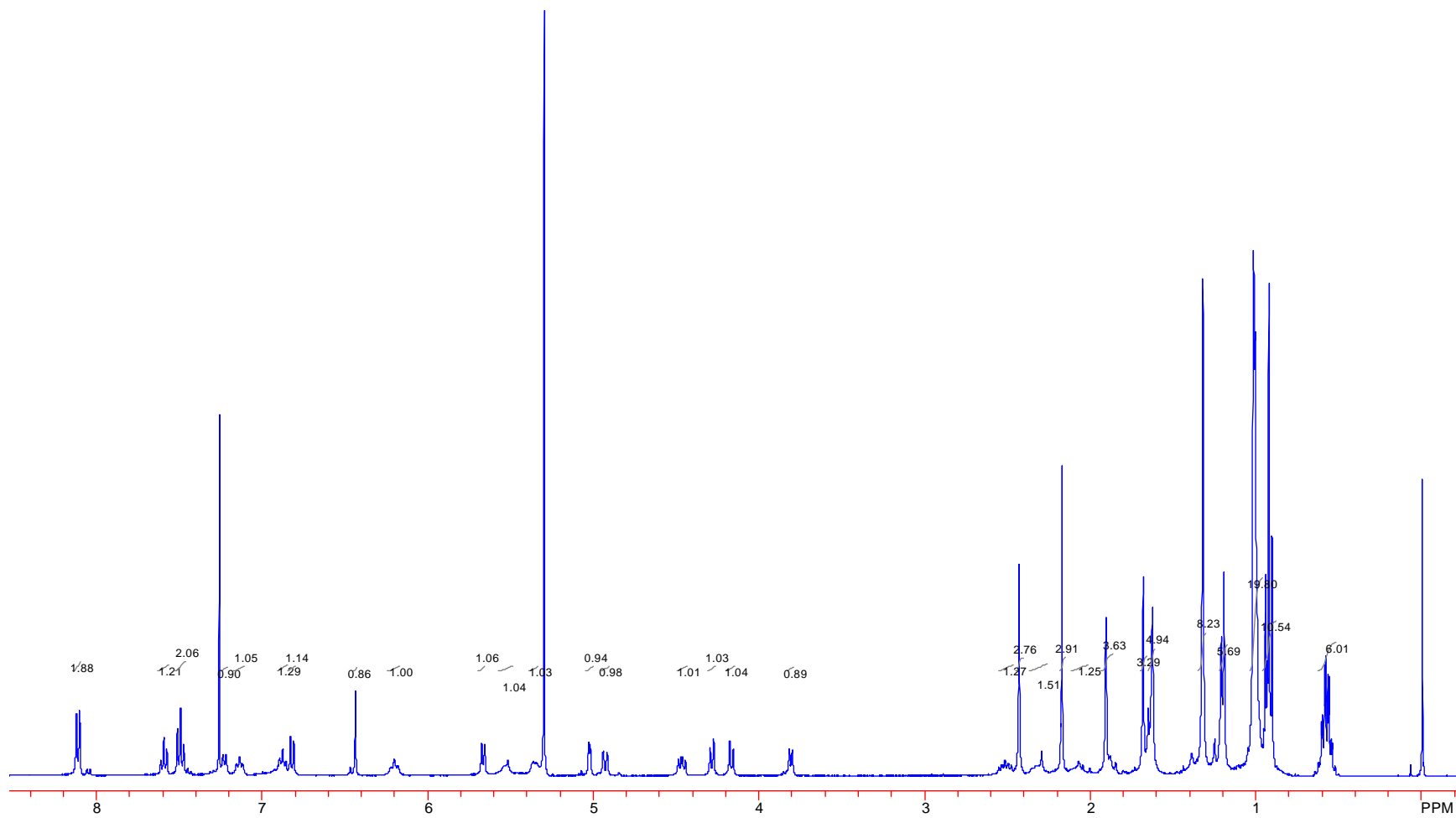


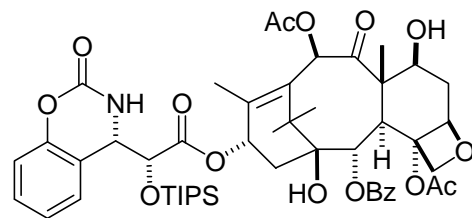
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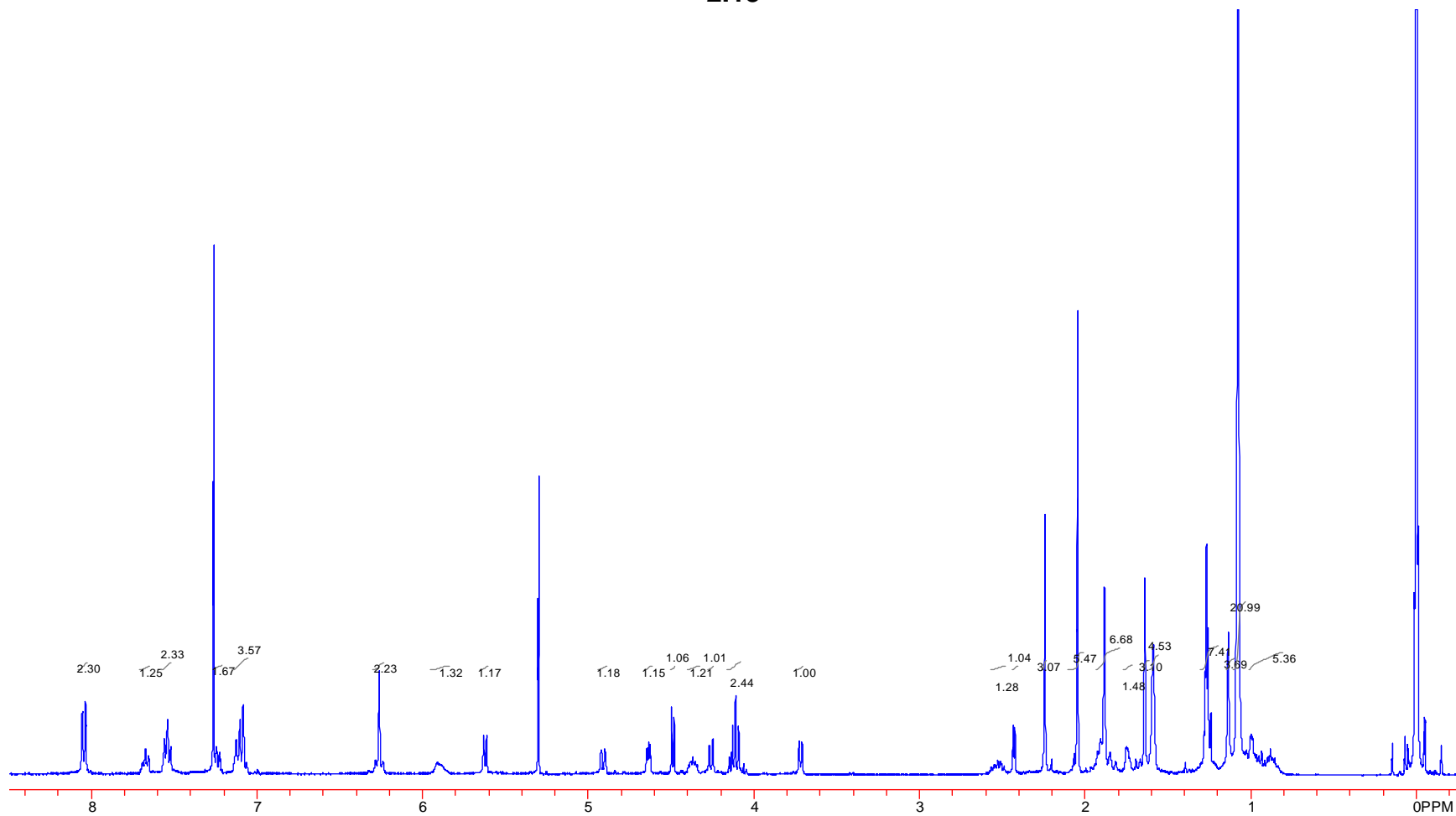


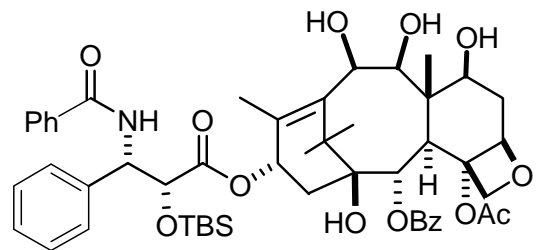
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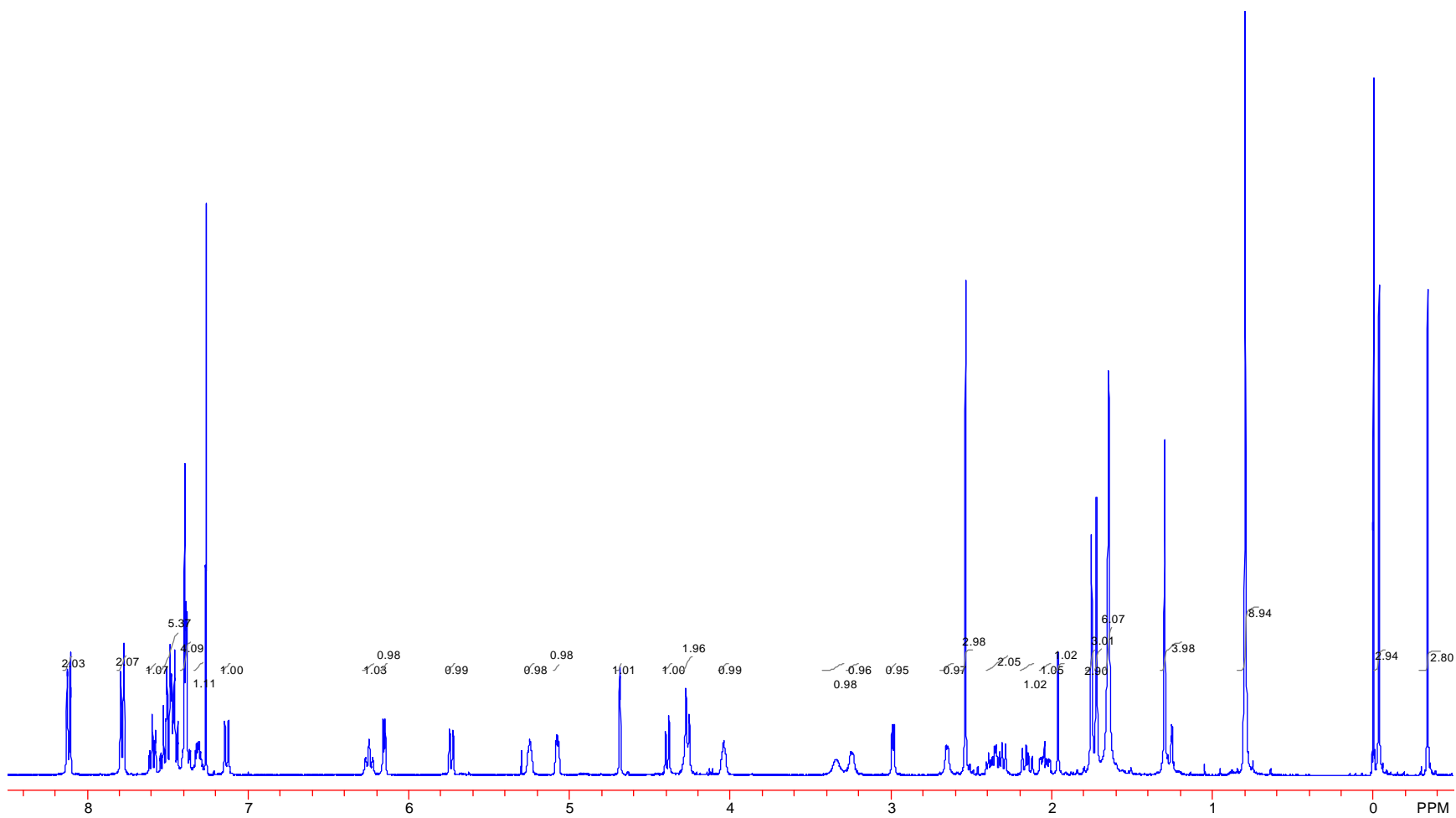


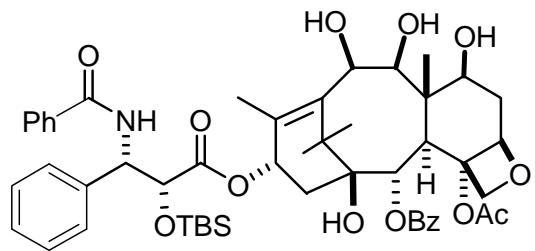
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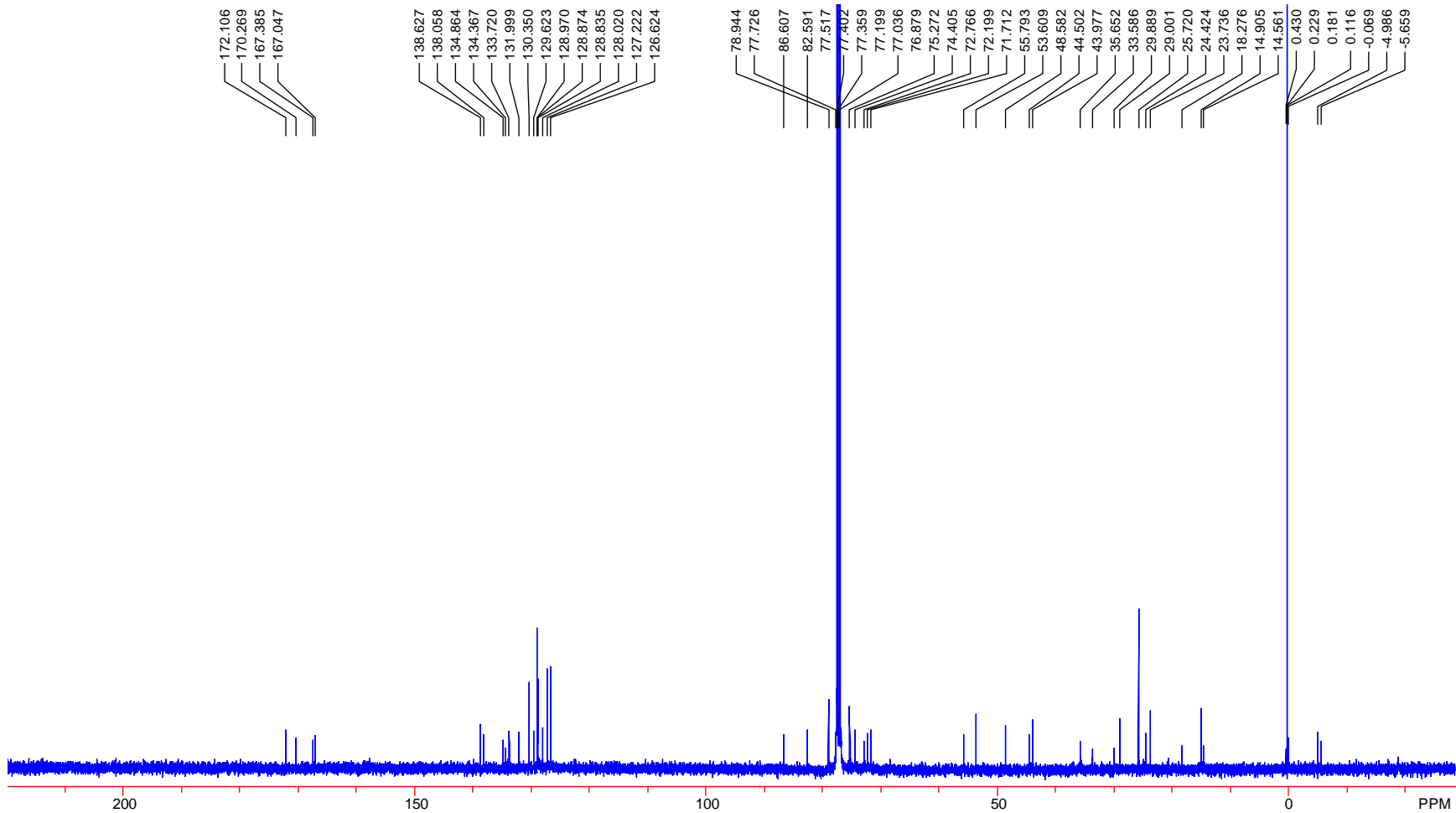


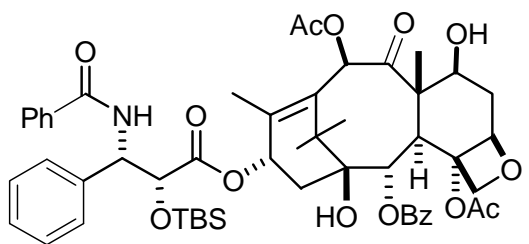
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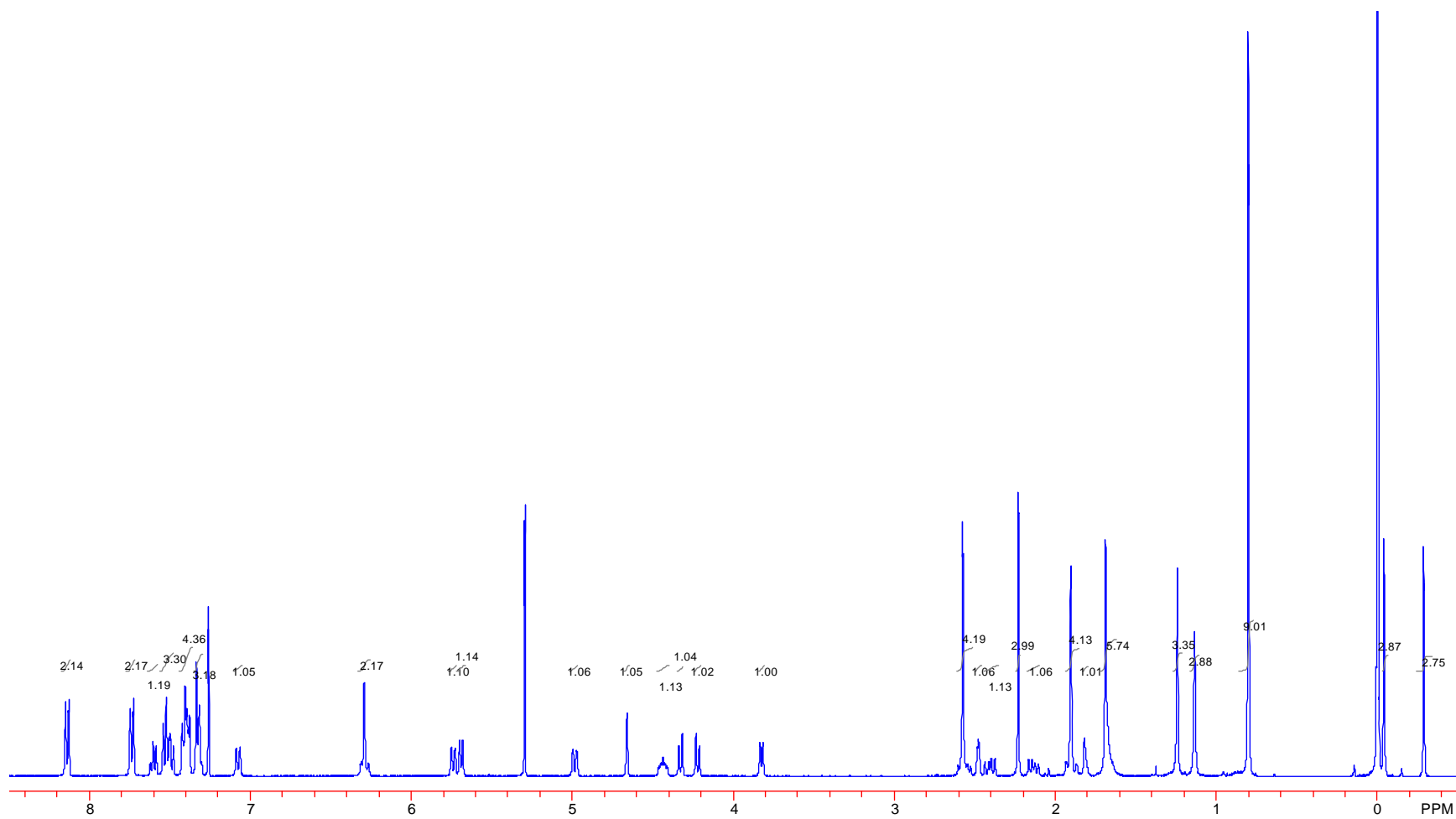


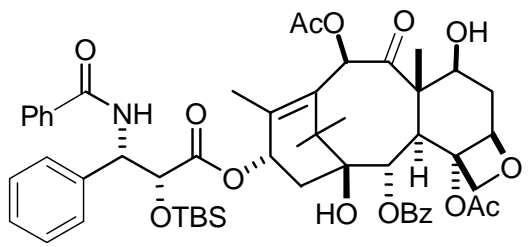
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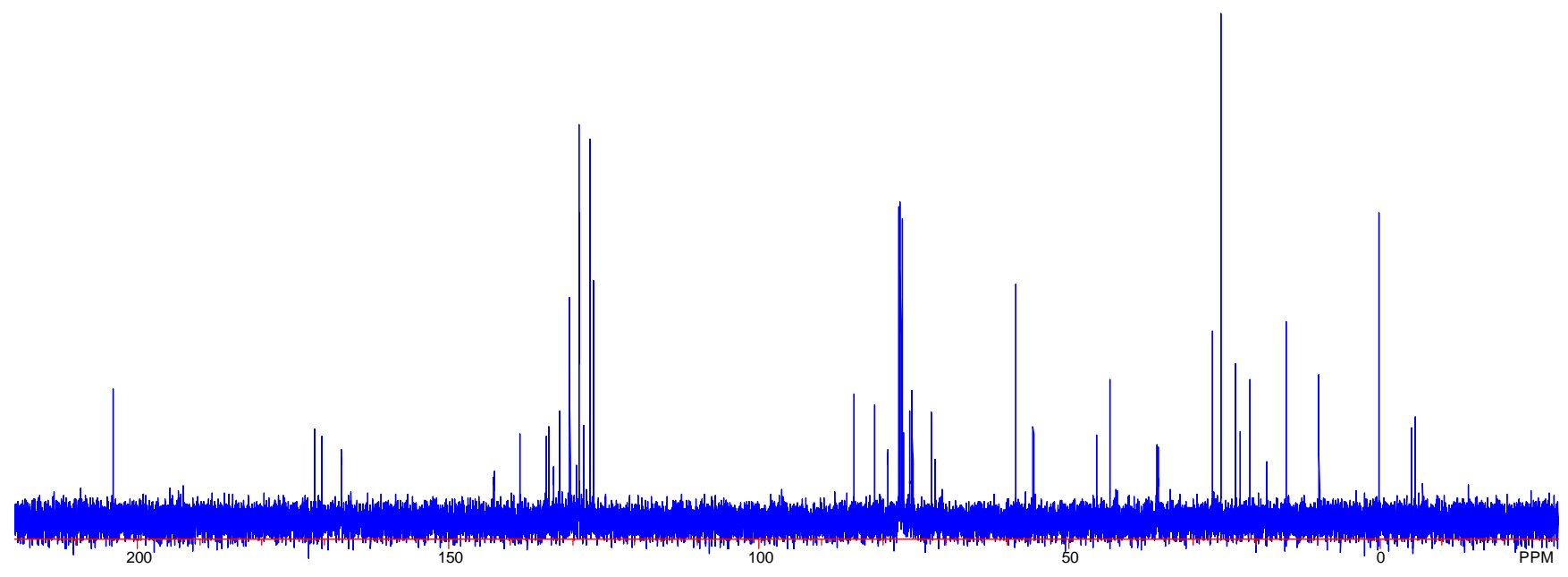
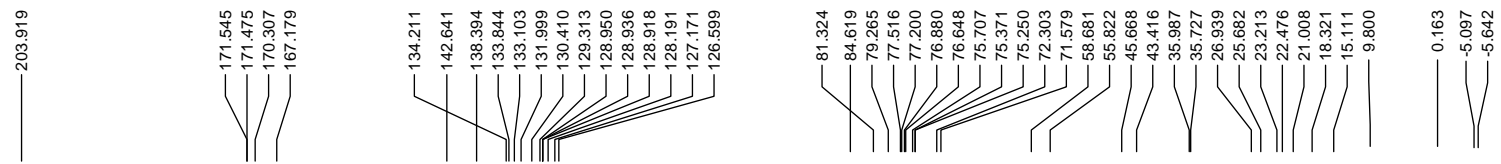


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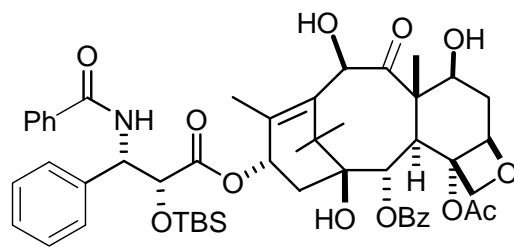




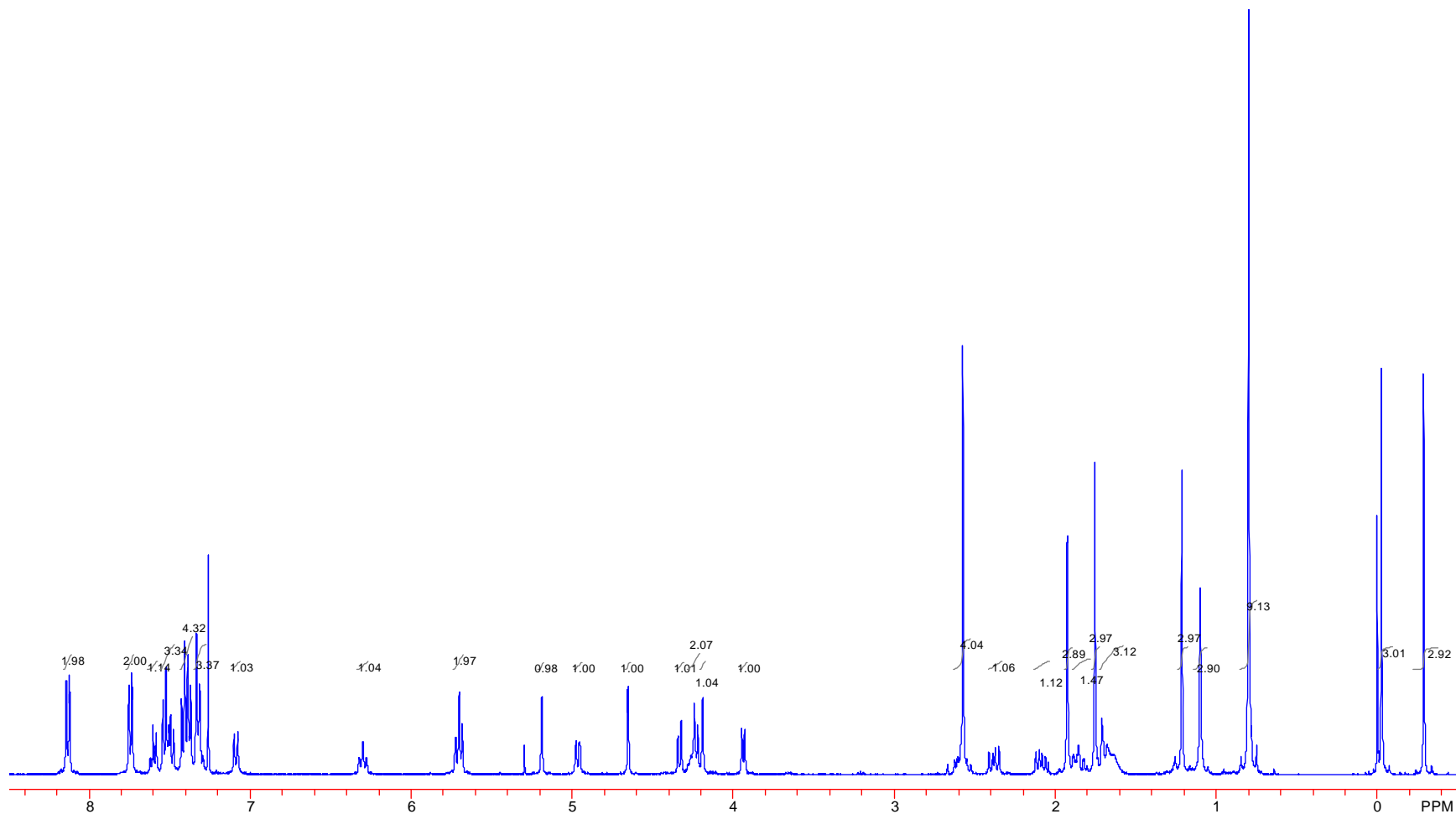
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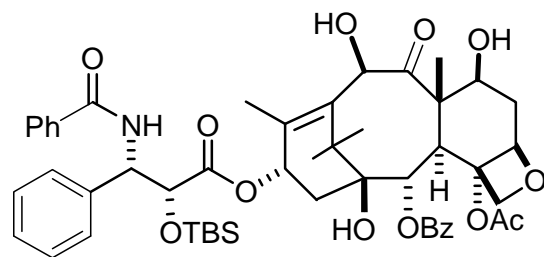




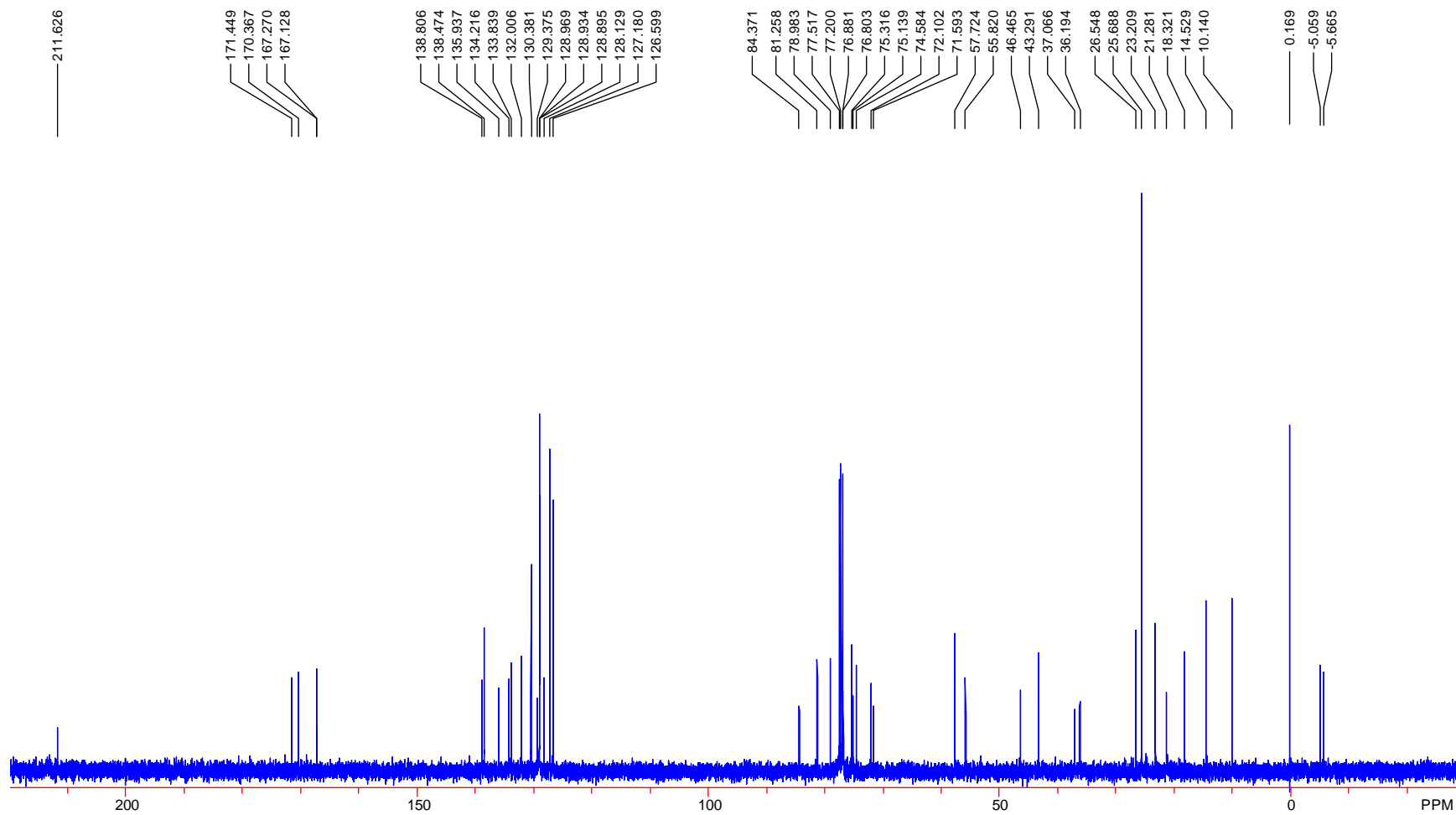


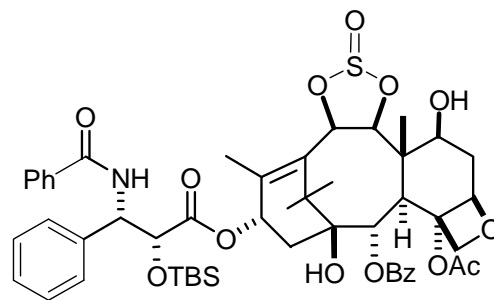
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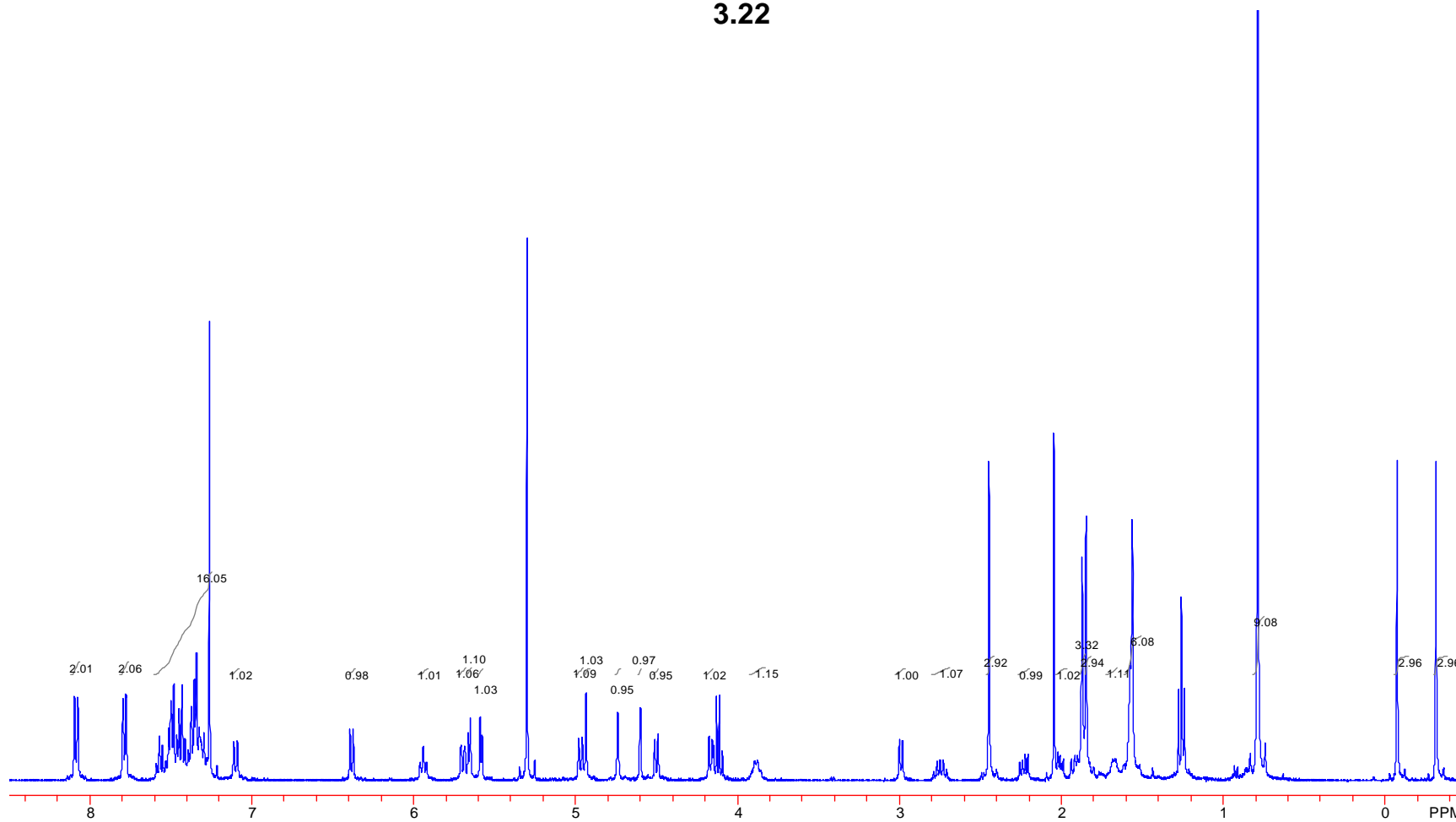


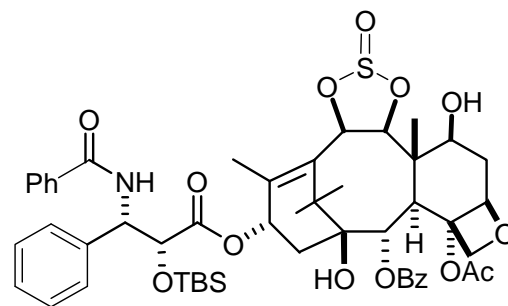
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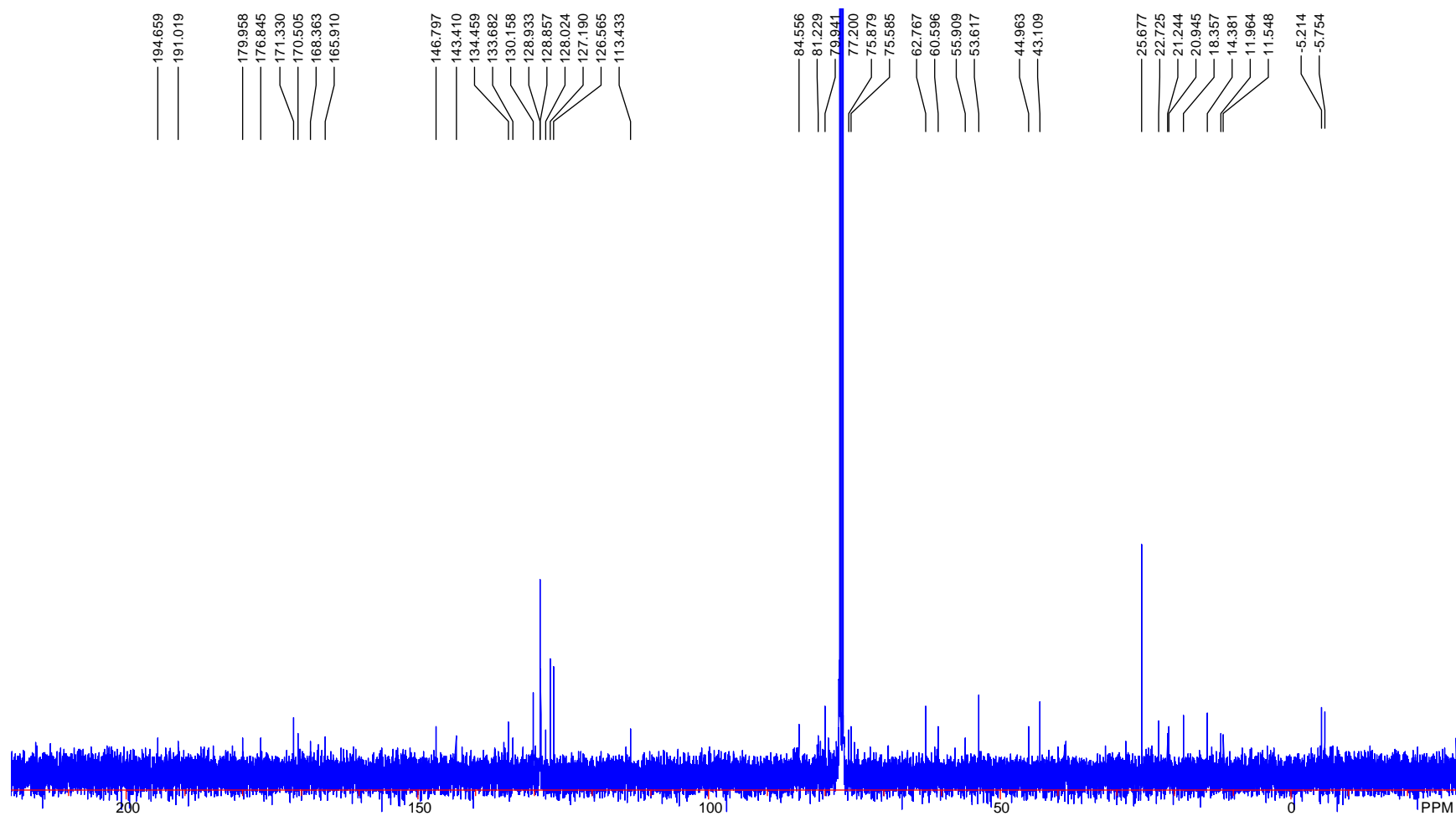


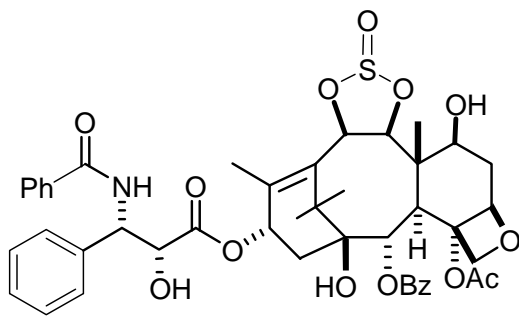
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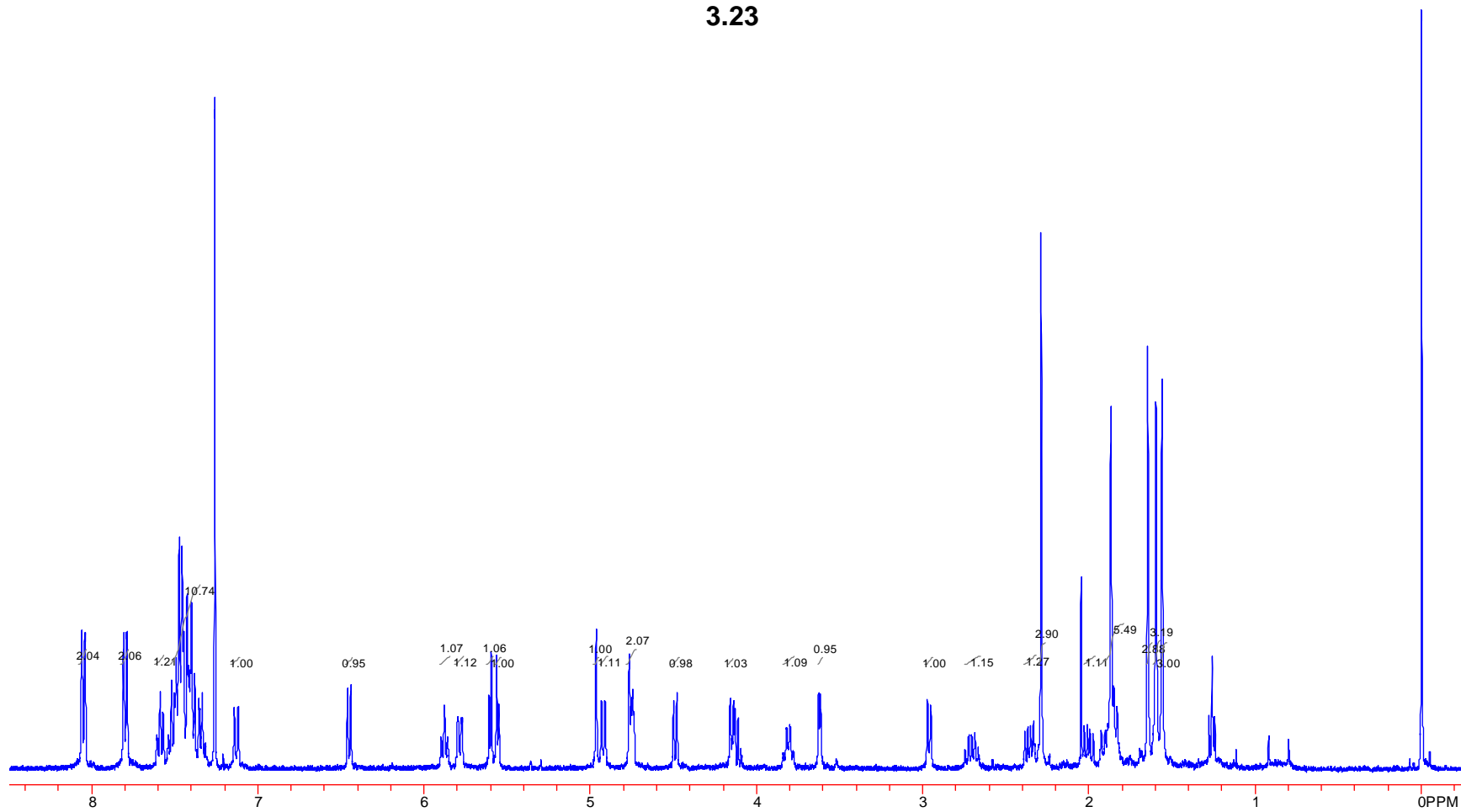


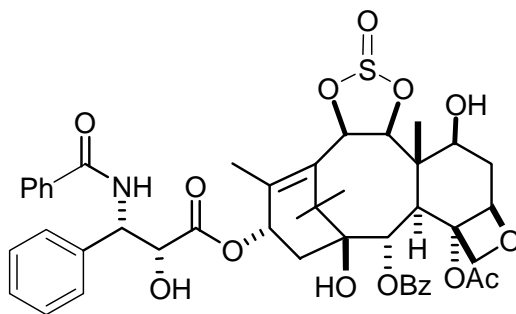
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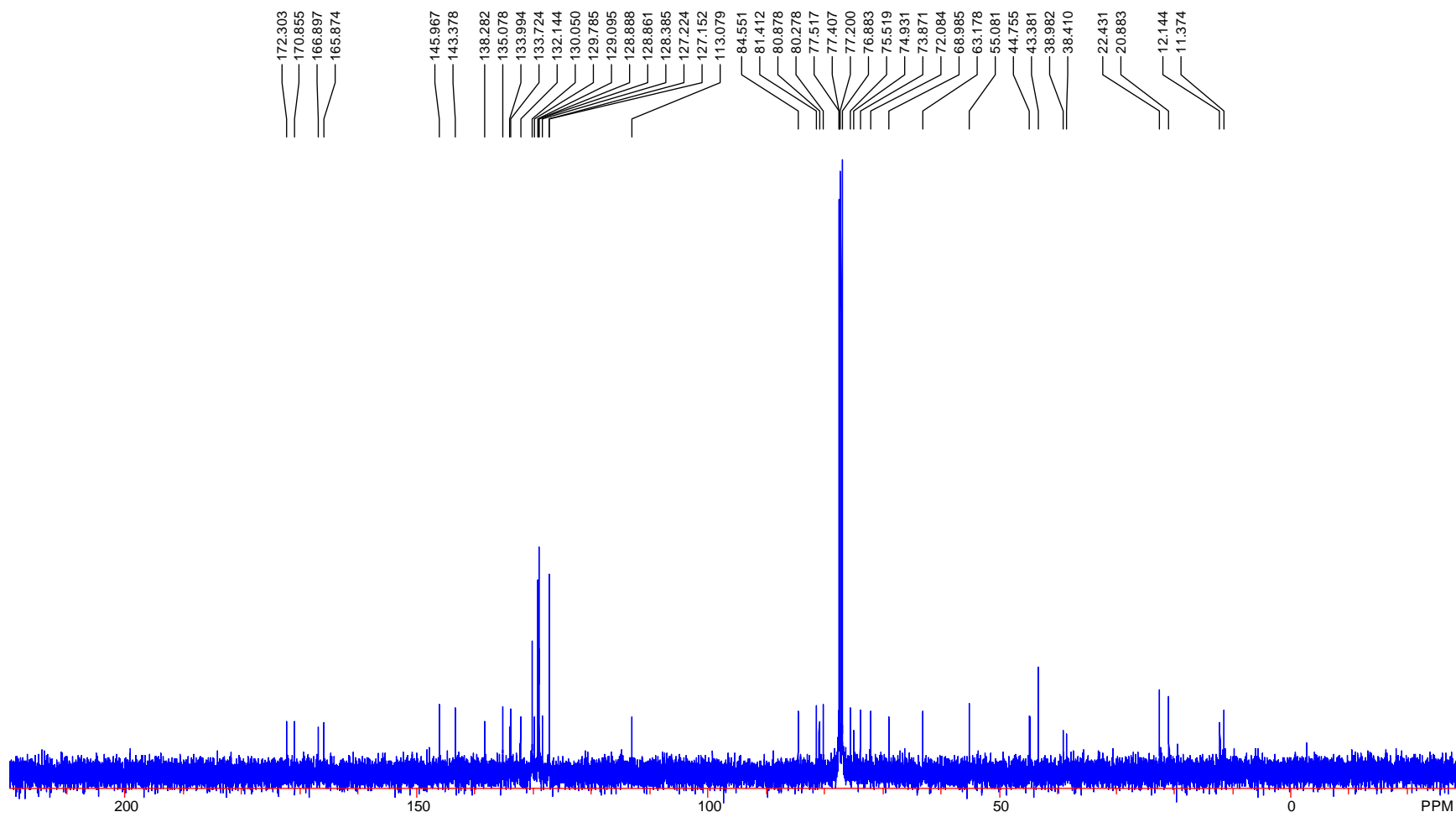


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