

Skeletal Diversity Construction via a Branching Synthetic Strategy

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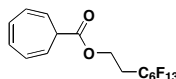
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Supplementary Experimental Section

Synthesis of fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (**1**):

A mixture of glycine (1.90 g, 25.3 mmol), *p*-toluene sulfonic acid monohydrate (7.21 g, 37.9 mmol) and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctan-1-ol (18.4 g, 50.6 mmol) in dry toluene was stirred rapidly and heated to reflux using a Dean-Stark apparatus. After 4 h the resultant colourless solution was cooled in ice for 30 min, leading to the formation of white crystals in the solution. The crystals were filtered and washed with a 1:1 mixture of THF: hexane. The solid was collected and dried *in vacuo* to yield the ester salt **4** as a white crystalline solid (14.37 g, 24.2 mmol, 96%). $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1748s (ester); mp 143-145 °C; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CD₃OD) 7.69 (2H, d, *J* 8.0), 7.22 (2H, d, *J* 8.0), 4.54 (2H, t, *J* 6.5), 3.86 (2H, s), 3.30-3.29 (2H, m), 2.36 (3H, s); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CD₃OD) 168.4, 143.5, 141.7, 129.8, 127.0, 59.1, 41.0, 31.2-30.9 (m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂); *m/z* (ES) 422 ([M-OTs]⁺). Found C, 34.50; H, 2.62; N, 2.34%. C₁₇H₁₆F₁₃ONS requires C, 34.41; H, 2.72; N, 2.36. The salt **4** (8.23 g, 13.9 mmol) was added to a solution of K₂CO₃ (1 equiv) in water. The free-base was extracted into CHCl₃. The organic fractions were combined and dried (Na₂SO₄). *Iso*-amyl nitrite (2.20 ml, 16.6 mmol) and acetic acid (0.16 ml, 2.8 mmol) were added and the solution heated to reflux with vigorous stirring. After 2 h the reaction was cooled in ice. The pale-yellow solution was washed with K₂CO₃ (10% w/v solution), dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; 7:3 pet. ether (30:40): Et₂O) to yield fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (**1**) as a yellow oil (5.35 g, 12.4 mmol, 89%). *R*_f 0.63 (SiO₂; 7:3 pet. ether (30:40): Et₂O); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2116s (C-N₂), 1698s (ester); δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 4.80 (1H, s), 4.50 (2H, t, *J* 6.4), 2.58-2.45 (2H, m); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 165.9, 56.6, 46.3, 30.9-30.6 (m); HRMS found *m/z* (EI) 432.0140, C₁₀H₅F₁₃N₂O₂ (M⁺) requires 432.0138. **Caution:** the fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (**1**) should be presumed to be toxic and potentially explosive; however, we have not experienced any problems and regard **1** to be comparable to commonly used ethyl diazoacetate.



Fluororous tagged diazoacetate (200 mg, 0.415 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added drop-wise to a green solution of Rh₂(O₂CCF₃) (3.0 mg, 1.0 mol%) in benzene (0.8 ml, 9.35 mmol, 20 equiv.) over 30 min. The resultant brown solution was stirred at ambient temperature overnight and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography to yield the desired product as a pale yellow oil (156 mg, 0.32 mmol, 70%). *R*_f 0.34 (SiO₂; 10:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1745 st (C(=O)OR), 1608 w (C=C), 1164 st (C-O); δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.66-6.64 (2H, dd, *J* 2.5, 3.40 Hz, C(=O)CHCHCHCH), 6.29-6.24 (2H, m, C(=O)CHCHCHCH), 5.41-5.37 (2H, dd, *J* 9.0, 5.5 Hz, C(=O)CHCHCHCH), 4.51-4.48 (2H, t, *J* 6.5 Hz, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 2.58-2.46 (3H, m, C(=O)CHCHCHCH and C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 172.6 (C), 130.9, 125.8, 115.9 (*aryl* CH), 56.9 (CH₂), 43.6 (C), 30.5 (CH₂); **HRMS** (ESI+) *m/z* found 500.0895 ([M+NH₄]⁺) calcd. 500.0890.

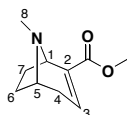
General method for synthesis of ecgonine analogues:

To a mixture of fluororous-tagged cycloheptatriene (1 equiv.) and NaOH (11 equiv.) in H₂O contained in a borosilicate glass pressure tube with a screw-top was added a solution of primary amine (10 equiv.) in H₂O. The screw-top was closed and the mixture was heated with stirring at 180 °C for approximately 65 hr. After cooling, the solution was filtered concentrated and *in vacuo*. The dry residue was dissolved in 3N H₂SO₄ and extracted with diethyl ether (x 3) to remove any unreacted starting material. The aqueous phase was neutralised with 3N NaOH and the H₂O was removed *in vacuo*, leaving inorganic salts and product. This residue was suspended in absolute MeOH and conc. H₂SO₄ was added. The mixture was heated under reflux for approximately 48 hr. After this time the alcohol was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in a minimum amount of H₂O. The aqueous solution was saturated with potassium carbonate, filtered and extracted with ether (x 4). The combined organic fractions were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield the desired product.

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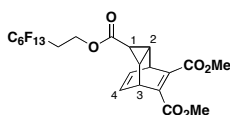
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Isolated as a yellow oil (150 mg, 0.83 mmol, 35%); **R_f** 0.25 (SiO₂; 9.8:0.2 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate, triethylamine pre-treated TLC plates); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2950 (NCH₃), 1710 (C(=O)OR), 1640 (C=C); **δ_H** (400 MHz; *d*-DMSO) 6.72-6.70 (1H, m, H³), 3.62 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.54 (1H, d, *J* 5.5 Hz, H¹), 3.11-3.08 (1H, m, H⁵), 2.51-2.45 (1H, m, H⁴), 2.16 (3H, s, NCH₃), 2.04-1.91 (2H, m, H⁶ and H⁷), 1.77 (1H, dd, *J* 19.8 Hz, 4.3 Hz, H⁴), 1.68-1.61 (1H, m, H⁶ or H⁷), 1.42-1.37 (1H, m, H⁶ or H⁷); **δ_C** (125 MHz; *d*-DMSO) 166.2 (C=O), 136.5 (C³), 133.6 (C²), 58.3, 56.4 (C¹ and C⁵), 51.8 (OCH₃), 36.1 (NCH₃), 34.5, 31.3, 30.1 (C⁴, C⁶ and C⁷); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 182.1181 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 182.1181). This data is in accordance with that previously reported.^[10]

General method for the synthesis of Diels-Alder analogues:

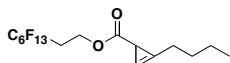
To a solution of cycloheptatriene (250 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1 equiv.) in toluene was added the appropriate dienophile (7.61 mmol, 5 equiv.) and the solution was heated to reflux for 3 hrs. Excess solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by chromatography.



Isolated as a colourless oil (76 mg, 0.121 mmol, 59%); **R_f** 0.13 (SiO₂; 4:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1718 st (ester), 1638 m (C=C), 1602 w (C=C), 1230 st (C-O), 1144 st (C-O); **δ_H** (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.16 (2H, dd, *J* 4.5, 3.5 Hz, 2 C(4)H), 4.31 (2H, t, *J* 6.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 4.25 (2H, m, 2 C(3)H), 3.79 (6H, s, 2 CO₂CH₃), 2.43 (2H, tt, *J* 18.5, 6.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 2.68 (2H, dd, *J* 2.5, 2.0 Hz, 2 C(2)H), 1.76 (1H, t, *J* 2.5 Hz, C(1)H); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 179.39 (C), 166.14 (C), 147.10 (C), 130.86 (CH), 56.45 (CH₂), 52.27 (CH₃), 40.61 (CH), 30.55 (CH₂), 30.13 (CH), 27.04 (CH); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 625.0901, C₂₂H₁₈F₁₃O₆⁺ required 625.0896.

General method for cyclopropenation:

A solution of fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (1 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM was added dropwise to a mixture of Rh₂(OAc)₄ (1 mol%) and alkyne (3 equiv). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hr. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography to give the desired cyclopropene product.

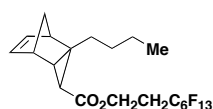


Isolated as a pale yellow oil (128 mg, 2.63 mmol, 57%); **R_f** 0.59 (SiO₂; 5:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1730 st (C(=O)OR), 1167 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.30 (1H, app. q, *J* 1.5 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 4.40-4.30 (2H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 2.51-2.39 (4H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂ and C(=C)CH₂), 2.13 (1H, d, *J* 1.5 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 1.54 (2H, tt, *J* 7.5, 5.5

Hz CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.37 (2H, qt, *J* 7.3, 5.3 Hz CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 0.90 (3H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 176.1 (C), 115.3 (C), 93.6 (CH), 56.1 (C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 30.9-30.5 (m, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 28.7 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 19.5 (CH), 13.5 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 487.0942, ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 487.0937).

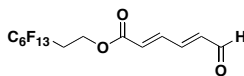
General method for Diels-Alder reaction of cyclopropenes:

Cyclopentadiene (20 equiv) was added drop-wise to an ice-cold solution of cyclopropene product (1 equiv) in anhydrous DCM. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at ambient temperature for 42 hr. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with sat. brine solution, dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield the desired product Diels-Alder adduct.



Isolated as an amorphous white solid (286.6 mg, 0.52 mmol, 92%); **R_f** 0.31 (SiO₂; 9.8:0.2 hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1726 st (C(=O)OR), 1171 st (C-O); **mp** 34-35 °C; **δ_H** (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 5.98-5.92 (1H, m, C=CH), 5.88 (1H, dd, *J* 3.3, 5.2 Hz, C=CH), 4.38-4.29 (2H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 2.93-2.90 (1H, m), 2.81 (1H, s), 2.51-2.41 (2H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 1.95 (1H, dd, *J* 3.1, 4.1 Hz), 1.92-1.86 (2H, m), 1.72-1.67 (1H, m) 1.63 (1H, d, *J* 7.1 Hz), 1.52 (1H, d, *J* 2.8 Hz), 1.49-1.40 (1H, m), 1.33-1.23 (2H, app. sextet, *J* 7.4 Hz), 1.18-1.10 (1H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* 7.3 Hz); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 170.8 (C), 132.6 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 61.8 (CH₂), 56.0 (C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 48.8 (CH), 43.4 (CH), 34.6 (CH), 31.0 (CH₂), 30.7 (C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH), 22.8 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 553.1412 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 553.1407); **Elemental analysis** calculated for C₂₁H₂₁F₁₃O₂ (%) C 45.66, H 3.83; Found C 45.77, H 3.75.

Polyene synthesis:

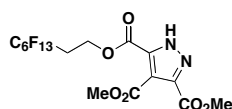


A solution of fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (137 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1 equiv.) in furan (3 ml) was added over 30 min to a green suspension of Rh₂(OAc)₄ (1.0 mg, 0.5 mol%) in furan (3 ml). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hr, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Iodine (2 mg) was added to a solution of the crude product mixture in anhydrous DCM (3 ml) and the reaction stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hr. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and extracted into diethyl ether (x 3). The combined organic fractions were washed with 10% sodium thiosulfate solution and with sat. brine solution, dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography to yield the polyene product as an amorphous red/brown solid (89.7 mg, 0.19 mmol, 60%). **R_f** 0.31 (SiO₂; 4:1 hexane: ethyl

acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1716 st (C(=O)OR), 1682 st (C(=O)H), 1641 w
 170 and 1602 m (C=C); δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 9.71-9.70 (1H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, CH₂O), 7.49-7.43 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 11.0 Hz, CHCHCH₂CHCHO), 7.21-
 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 11.0 Hz, CHCHCH₂CHCHO), 6.48-6.44 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 7.7 Hz, CHCHCH₂CHCHO), 6.34-6.31 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CHCHCH₂CHCHO), 4.54-4.51 (2H, t, *J* 6.5 Hz, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 2.61-2.51
 175 (2H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 192.6 (C), 165.9 (C), 146.5 (CH), 141.3 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 56.9 (C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 30.8-30.4 (m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂).

General Method for the Formation of 1H-N-pyrazoles:

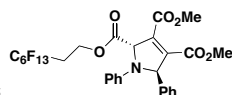
180 A solution of fluororous tagged diazoacetate (100 mg, 0.231 mmol, 6.5 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of the appropriate dienophile (0.0355 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous dichloromethane (4 ml). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hrs and the excess solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The
 185 crude product was purified by chromatography.



Isolated as a pale yellow oil (16.7 mg, 0.0291 mmol, 84 %); *R_f* 0.25 (SiO₂; 1:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3240 br (N-H), 1740 m
 190 (ester), 1570 w (C=C), 1240 st (C-O), 1200 st (C-F), 1150 st (C-F), 1030 m (C-O); δ_{H} (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 12.41 (1H, br s, NH), 4.65 (2H, t, *J* 6.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 3.95 (3H, s, CO₂CH₃), 3.95 (3H, s, CO₂CH₃), 2.61 (3H, tt, *J* 18.0, 6.9 Hz, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 163.11 (C), 119.64 (C), 57.74 (CH₂), 53.00 (CH₃), 52.90 (CH₃), 30.35 (CH₂); **HRMS**
 195 found MH⁺ 575.0487, C₁₆H₁₂F₁₃N₂O₆⁺ required 575.0488.

General method for three-component assembly of pyrrolidines

To a solution of imine (3 equiv.), dipolarophile (1 equiv.) and Rh₂(OAc)₄ (10 mol%) in anhydrous DCM was added drop-wise a solution of
 200 fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (1 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM. The solution was heated to 40 °C for 2 hr. The resultant solution was cooled, filtered through silica gel and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield the desired product.

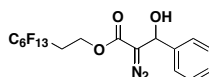


Isolated as a pale yellow oil (43 mg, 0.059 mmol, 51 %); *R_f* 0.25 (SiO₂; 4:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1741 st (C(=O)OR), 1669
 205 (C(=O)OR), 1235 st (C-O); δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.32-7.24 (5H, m, CHPh), 7.11-7.07 (2H, dd, *J* 8.5, 7.5 Hz, *meta*-NPh), 6.72-6.68 (1H, app. t, *J* 7.0 Hz, *para*-NPh), 6.56-6.54 (2H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, *ortho*-NPh), 6.04-5.99 (1H, d, *J* 6.5 Hz, CHPh), 5.80-5.79 (1H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, CHCO₂CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 4.42-4.30 (2H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 3.81 (3H, s, CH(Ph)CCO₂CH₃ or CH(CO₂Et)CCO₂CH₃), 3.63 (3H, s,

CH(Ph)CCO₂CH₃ or CH(CO₂Et)CCO₂CH₃), 2.10-2.35 (3H, m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 169.4 (C), 162.8 (C), 162.0 (C), 144.8 (C), 143.2 (C), 138.2 (C) 137.6 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 113.9 (CH), 71.1 (CH), 69.5 (CH) 57.6 (C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 52.6 (CH₃), 52.3 (CH₃), 30.5-30.0 (m, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 728.1318 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 728.1318).

General method for β-dicarbonyl formation:

To a solution of the carbonyl compound (1.1 equiv. for aldehyde, 2 equiv for ketone) and fluororous-tagged diazoacetate (1 equiv.) in dry THF under
 225 nitrogen at -78 °C was added LDA (1.1 equiv. for aldehyde, 2 equiv. ketone) drop-wise over the course of several min. The reaction was stirred and allowed to warm up to ambient temperature. Upon complete consumption of starting material as observed by TLC (1-3 hr) the reaction was quenched with 50 % aq. NH₄Cl. The product was extracted into diethyl ether (x 3) and the combined organic fractions were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, sat. brine solution, dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield the intermediate adduct. A solution of this
 230 adduct (1 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM was then added drop-wise to a suspension of Rh₂(OAc)₄ (1 mol%) in anhydrous DCM. The suspension was stirred at ambient temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material as observed by TLC (1-24 hr) the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield the desired β-dicarbonyl.

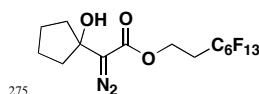


Isolated as a yellow oil (489 mg, 0.91 mmol, 78%); *R_f* 0.30 (SiO₂; 5:1 hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2099 st (C-N₂), 1663 st
 245 (C(=O)OR); δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.43-7.29 (5H, m, CH aromatic), 5.90 (1H, d, *J* 3.5 Hz, CHOH), 4.52 (2H, t, *J* 6.0 Hz, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 2.82 (1H, br s, CHOH), 2.56-2.44 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃); δ_{C} (126 MHz; CDCl₃) 165.6 (C), 138.6 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 68.6 (CH), 56.8 (CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃), 30.9-30.6 (m, CH₂CH₂C₆F₁₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁻) *m/z* found 537.0498 ([M-H]⁻ calcd. 537.0489).



Isolated as a white solid (57.9 mg, 0.113 mmol, 61 %). NMR and LCMS analysis showed that the product existed as a mixture of keto and enol forms in solution and that the relative ratio of keto:enol forms was
 255 approximately 2.5:1. *R_f* 0.32 (SiO₂; 1:1 hexane: toluene); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1761 st (C(=O)OR), 1643 and 1624 st (C(=O)) 1189 (C-O); **mp** 38-41 °C; **¹H NMR data for keto form**; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.94-7.91 (2H, m, CH aromatic), 7.78-7.77 (1H, m, CH aromatic), 7.50-7.45 (2H, m, CH aromatic), 4.48-4.45 (2H, t, *J* 6.8 Hz, C₆F₁₃CH₂CH₂), 4.02 (2H, s,

260 $C(=O)CH_2$), 2.60-2.42 (keto and enol, 4H, m, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$); **¹H NMR data for enol form**; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 12.33 (1H, $CH=C(OH)$), 7.79-7.78 (1H, m, CH aromatic), 7.62-7.58 (2H, m, CH aromatic), 7.44-7.39 (2H, m, CH aromatic), 5.68 (1H, s, $C(OH)=CH$), 4.52-4.49 (2H, t, J 6.5 Hz, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 2.60-2.42 (keto and enol, 4H, m, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$); **¹³C NMR data**: δ_C (125 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 191.9 (keto $C(=O)Ph$), 172.5 (enol $C(=O)Ph$), 172.4 (enol $C(OH)OCH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 167.1 (keto $C(=O)OCH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 135.8, 133.1 (keto and enol C aromatic), 133.9, 131.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2 (keto and enol CH aromatic), 86.7 (enol $C(=O)CH$), 57.2, 56.1 (keto and enol, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 45.6 (keto $C(=O)CH_2$), 30.9, 30.7, 30.6, 30.5, 30.4, 30.3 (keto and enol $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$); **HRMS** (ESI+) m/z found 511.0574 ($[M+H]^+$ calcd. 511.0573; **Elemental analysis** calculated for $C_{17}H_{11}F_{13}O_3$ (%) C 40.02, H 2.17; Found C 40.42, H 2.22.



275 Isolated as a yellow oil (416 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%); R_f 0.31 (SiO_2 ; 7.6:2.4 pet ether (30:40):diethyl ether); ν_{max} (neat)/ cm^{-1} 2087 ($C-N_2$), 1660 ($C(=O)OR$); δ_H (500 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 4.52 (2 H, t, J 6.5 Hz, $CH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 3.01 (1 H, br s, OH), 2.57-2.47 (2 H, m, $CH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 2.08 (2 H, m, CH_2), 1.98-1.89 (2 H, m, CH_2), 1.86-1.79 (2 H, m, CH_2), 1.79-1.70 (2 H, m, CH_2); δ_C (126 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 166.4 (C), 78.6 (C), 56.5 ($CH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 39.4 (CH_2), 31.0-30.7 (m, $CH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 23.0 (CH_2); **HRMS** (ESI+) m/z found 517.0775 ($[M+H]^+$ calcd. 517.0791).

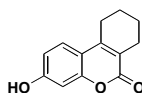


285 Isolated as a colourless oil (185 mg, 0.38 mmol, 84%). ¹H NMR analysis showed that the product existed as a mixture of keto and enol forms in solution and that the relative ratio of keto:enol was approximately 1:4. R_f 0.25 (SiO_2 ; 9.8:0.2 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate); ν_{max} (neat)/ cm^{-1} 1754 ($C(=O)OR$), 1720 ($C=O$), 1660 (α , β - $C=O$), 1615 ($C=C$); **¹H NMR data for keto form**; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 12.00 (1H, $C=C(OH)$), 4.51-4.39 (2H, m, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 2.57-2.42 (2H, m, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 2.29-2.24 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.23-2.17 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.71-1.64 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.63-1.56 (2H, m, CH_2); **¹³C NMR data**: δ_C (126 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 205.7 (keto, $C(=O)CHC(=O)O$), 173.2 (enol $C(=O)CHC(=O)O$), 172.0 (enol $C(OH)OCH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 169.6 (keto $C(=O)OCH_2CH_2C_6F_{13}$), 97.3 (enol $C=C(OH)$), 56.8 (keto CH), 56.0, 55.9 (keto and enol, $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 41.6 (CH_2), 30.7-30.3 (keto and enol $C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2$), 29.8 (CH_2), 29.1 (CH_2), 27.0 (CH_2), 23.4 (CH_2), 22.2 (CH_2), 22.1 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_2); **HRMS** (ESI+) m/z found 489.0733 ($[M+H]^+$ calcd. 489.0730).

General method for Coumarin formation:

Conc. H_2SO_4 (5 equiv.) was added dropwise to a mixture of β -dicarbonyl (1 equiv.) and phenol derivative (1 equiv.). EtOAc was added (if required) to form a solution which was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hr.

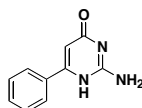
The crude product was purified by column chromatography to remove the fluorine-tagged alcohol by-product and to yield the desired coumarin.



310 Isolated as a white solid (23.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 74%); ν_{max} (neat)/ cm^{-1} 3210 br (OH), 1678 st ($C(=O)OR$), 1614 st ($C=C$), 1574 st; **mp** (recrystallised from MeOD) 188-193 °C δ_H (400 MHz; MeOD) 7.52 (1 H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, $OHCCHCH$), 6.78 (1 H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, $OHCCHCH$), 6.67 (1 H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, $OHCCHC(O)$), 2.79 (2 H, m, $C(=C)CH_2$), 2.47 (2 H, m, $C(=C)CH_2$), 1.89-1.76 (4 H, m, $C(=C)CH_2CH_2$ and $C(=C)CH_2CH_2CH_2$); δ_C (125 MHz; MeOD) 164.4 ($C=O$), 161.6 (C), 154.8 (C), 150.2 (C), 125.9 (CH), 120.1 (C), 114.1 (C), 114.0 (CH), 103.2 (CH), 26.2 (CH_2), 24.8 (CH_2), 22.8 (CH_2), 22.5 (CH_2); **HRMS** (ESI+) m/z found 217.0864 ($[M+H]^+$ calcd. 217.0865).

General method for the synthesis of Pyrimidinones:

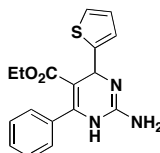
A solution of β -ketoester (1 equiv.) and guanidine carbonate (1 equiv.) in ethanol was heated to reflux for 5 hrs. The resultant precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with cold ethanol, water and acetone and dried under vacuum to give the desired product as a white solid.



Isolated as a white solid (60.6 mg, 0.324 mmol, 62 %); ν_{max} (neat)/ cm^{-1} 3336 m (N-H), 3060 m (N-H), 1643 m (amide), 1559 st ($C-NH_2$), 1515 m ($C=C$); δ_H (500 MHz; DMSO) 10.85 (1H, br s, NH), 7.93 (2H, t, J 3.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.43 (3H, m, aryl H), 6.61 (2H, br s, NH_2), 6.10 (1H, s, CH); δ_C (125 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 163.29 (C), 162.52 (C), 155.65 (C), 137.242 (C), 129.78 (CH), 128.24 (CH), 126.50 (CH), 97.44 (CH); **HRMS** found MH^+ 188.0819, $C_{10}H_{10}N_3O^+$ required 188.0819; **m.p.** 281-286 °C.

General Method for the three-component Biginelli Reaction:

To a suspension of guanidine hydrochloride (1.2 equiv.) and sodium bicarbonate (4 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF was added the appropriate β -ketoester (1.1 equiv) and aldehyde (1 equiv.). The mixture was heated to 70 °C for 16 hrs. After cooling to room temperature the solution was poured onto crushed ice to facilitate precipitation and the yellow solid was collected by filtration.



345 Isolated as a yellow solid (1.31 g, 4.00 mmol, 85 %); ν_{max} (neat)/ cm^{-1} 3398 w (N-H), 3357 w (N-H), 1671 m (ester), 1579 m ($C-NH_2$), 1529 w ($C=C$), 1230 st ($C=O$); δ_H (500 MHz; DMSO) 7.64 (1H, br s, NH), 7.35

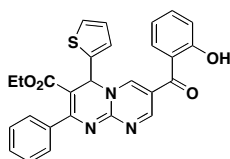
(1H, dd, *J* 4.0, 1.0 Hz, aryl H), 7.25 (5H, m, aryl H), 7.00 (2H, m, aryl H), 6.39 (2H, br s, NH₂), 5.58 (1H, s, CH), 3.74 (2H, q, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.80 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); δ_c (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 165.64 (C), 155.22 (C), 150.60 (C), 127.99 (CH), 126.95 (CH), 126.62 (CH), 126.33 (CH), 124.29 (CH), 122.91 (CH), 97.75 (C), 58.00 (CH₂), 48.44 (CH), 13.60 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH^+ 328.1103, C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₂S⁺ required 328.1120; **m.p.** 247-252 °C.

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General method for the reaction with Chromones:

A suspension of dihydropyrimidine (1 equiv.) and the appropriate chromone (1 equiv.) in ethanol was heated to reflux for 5 hrs. After cooling to room temperature the yellow solid was collected by filtration, washed with EtOH and dried under vacuum to give the desired product.

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Isolated as a yellow solid (745 mg, 1.54 mmol, 50 %); ν_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2753 br (O-H), 1694 m (ester), 1664 st (ketone), 1622 m (C=C), 1531 m (C=N); δ_H (500 MHz; DMSO) 11.84 (1H, br s, OH), 7.90 (1H, dd, *J* 6.5, 1.0 Hz, aryl H), 7.51 (2H, m, aryl H), 7.44 (2H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.38 (2H, m, aryl H), 7.30 (1H, d, *J* 5.0 Hz, aryl H), 7.14 (1H, d, *J* 3.0 Hz, aryl H), 7.10 (1H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.06 (1H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, aryl H), 6.96 (1H, dd, *J* 5.0, 3.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.23 (1H, s, N=CH), 6.17 (1H, s, N-CH), 5.45 (1H, s, CH), 3.90 (2H, qd, *J* 7.0, 3.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.80 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); δ_c (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 179.45 (C), 164.58 (C), 155.94 (C), 148.60 (C), 142.09 (CH), 140.08 (CH), 135.71 (CH), 135.09 (C), 130.20 (CH), 128.49 (CH), 128.22 (CH), 127.40 (CH), 126.96 (CH), 126.73 (CH), 126.56 (CH), 124.05 (C), 122.55 (CH), 118.10 (CH), 108.81 (C), 103.44 (C), 82.89 (CH), 60.30 (CH₂), 52.89 (CH), 13.50 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH^+ 484.1326, C₂₇H₂₂N₃O₄S⁺ required 484.1331; **m.p.** 232-245 °C.

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General method for cleavage to the amide:

Me₂AlCl (1M in hexane, 5 equiv.) was added dropwise to a solution of cyclohexylamine (5 equiv.) in anhydrous toluene. After stirring at ambient temperature for 10 minutes the appropriate Diels-Alder adduct (1 equiv.) was added drop wise as a solution in toluene and the solution heated to 50 °C for 5 hrs. After cooling to room temperature the reaction was quenched by the drop wise addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc (×3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography.

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General method for transesterification:

^tBuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 8 equiv.) was added dropwise to a solution of alcohol (8.2 equiv.) in THF at 0 °C. After stirring for 10 minutes the

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substrate (1 equiv.) was added as a single portion in THF and the solution stirred for a further 3 hrs. After warming to room temperature the reaction was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and extracted into diethyl ether (× 3). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography.

General method for reduction to the alcohol:

To a solution of fluororous tagged ester (1 equiv.) in THF at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (1M in hexane, 5 equiv.). The solution was stirred for 2 hrs at -78 °C, warmed to room temperature and quenched by addition of Rochelle's Salts. The product was extracted into EtOAc (× 3) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography.

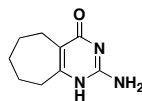
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General method for hydrolysis to the acid:

To a solution of LiOH (5 equiv.) in H₂O was added a solution of fluororous tagged ester (1 equiv.) in THF and the mixture was heated to reflux for 3 hrs. After cooling to room temperature the mixture was washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was acidified (3M HCl) and re-extracted with EtOAc (× 3). The organic fractions from the second washing were combined, washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a white solid.

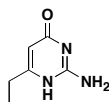
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Library Demonstration Compounds:



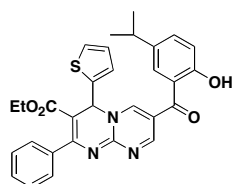
ν_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3323 m (N-H), 3120 m (N-H), 1654 st (amide), 1639 st (C-NH₂), 1607 m (C=C); δ_H (500 MHz; DMSO) 10.74 (1H, br s, NH), 6.63 (2H, br s, NH₂), 2.46 (4H, s, 2 CH₂), 1.70 (2H, quint, *J* 5.5 Hz, CH₂), 1.50 (2H, quint, *J* 5.0 Hz, CH₂), 1.37 (2H, quint, *J* 5.0 Hz, CH₂); δ_c (125 MHz; DMSO) 152.92 (C), 112.46 (C), 31.78 (CH₂), 27.09 (CH₂), 25.22 (CH₂), 22.82 (CH₂); **HRMS** found MH^+ 180.1137, C₉H₁₄N₃O⁺ required 180.1138; **m.p.** 258-266 °C.

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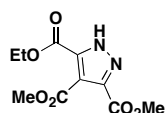


ν_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3320 m (N-H), 3180 m (N-H), 1646 st (amide), 1576 m (C-NH₂), 1525 m (C=C); δ_H (500 MHz; MeOD) 5.59 (1H, s, CH), 4.90 (2H, s, NH₂), 2.37 (2H, q, *J* 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.18 (3H, q, *J* 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃); δ_c (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 174.07 (C), 170.68 (C), 161.67 (C), 100.17 (CH), 30.67 (CH₂), 13.08 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MNa^+ 162.0645, C₆H₉N₃ONa⁺ required 162.0643; **m.p.** 250-254 °C.

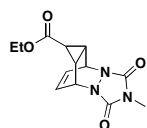
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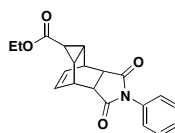
$\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2720 br (O-H), 1675 m (ester), 1621 m (ketone), 1599 m (C=C), 1541 m (C=N), 1243 st (C-O); δ_{H} (500 MHz; DMSO) 10.88 (1H, br s, OH), 7.63 (1H, m, aryl H), 7.53 (2H, m, aryl H), 7.36 (5H, m, aryl H), 7.24 (1H, d, *J* 3.0 Hz, aryl H), 7.12 (1H, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.01 (1H, t, *J* 4.0 Hz, aryl H), 6.44 (1H, s, N=CH), 6.04 (1H, s, N-CH), 3.83 (2H, q, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.93 (1H, septuplet, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₃CHCH₃), 1.20 (6H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₃CHCH₃), 0.78 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 179.01 (C), 164.64 (C), 154.29 (C), 142.61 (C), 134.84 (C), 134.51 (CH), 128.95 (CH), 128.54 (CH), 127.71 (CH), 127.19 (CH), 127.19 (CH), 126.84 (CH), 126.41 (C), 125.62 (C), 125.43 (C), 123.76 (CH), 123.38 (CH), 118.41 (CH), 108.23 (C), 103.06 (C), 82.77 (CH), 59.72 (CH₂), 59.32 (CH), 52.49 (CH), 32.75 (CH), 23.962 (CH₃), 23.874 (CH₃), 13.50 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 526.1799, C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₄S⁺ required 526.1801; **m.p.** 247-252 °C.



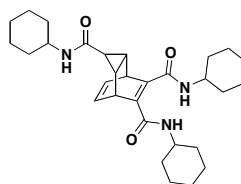
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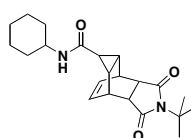
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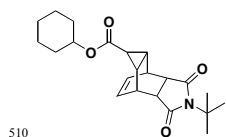
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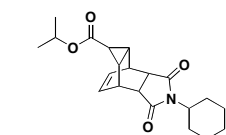
R_f 0.14 (SiO₂; hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3277 w (N-H), 1636 st (amide), 1526 m (amide); δ_{H} (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.03 (2H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 2NH), 6.07 (2H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, CH=CH), 5.67 (1H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, NH), 4.21 (2H, apparent m, CCH), 3.75 (2H, m, 2NHCH), 3.64 (1H, m, NHCH), 1.95 (2H, d, *J* 2.0 Hz, CH-CH), 1.84 (6H, m, cyclohexyl 6H), 1.67 (6H, m, cyclohexyl 6H), 1.57 (3H, m, cyclohexyl 3H), 1.39 (1H, t, *J* 2.5 Hz COCH), 1.31 (6H, m, cyclohexyl 6H), 1.14 (9H, m, cyclohexyl 9H); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 169.08 (C), 166.10 (C), 146.99 (C), 131.25 (CH), 48.56 (CH), 48.10 (CH), 41.56 (CH), 33.11 (CH₂), 32.76 (CH₂), 32.69 (CH₂), 32.59 (CH), 26.13 (CH), 25.41 (CH₂), 24.80 (CH₂), 24.71 (CH₂); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 516.3216, C₃₀H₄₃N₃O₃Na⁺ required 494.3383; **m.p.** 151-161 °C.



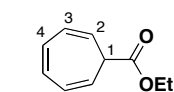
R_f 0.31 (SiO₂; hexane: ethyl acetate); $\nu_{\max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3340 w (N-H), 1761 w (imide), 1683 st (imide), 1652 st (amide), 1530 m (amide); δ_{H} (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 5.80 (2H, m, CH=CH), 5.45 (1H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, NH), 3.87 (1H, m, NCH), 3.42 (2H, s, CHCHCH), 2.85 (2H, d, *J* 1.5 Hz, NCOCH), 1.86 (2H, d, *J* 12.0 Hz, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.76 (1H, m, cyclohexyl 1H), 1.67 (4H, m, cyclohexyl 2H + CH-CH), 1.58 (2H, s, ^tbutyl 2H), 1.46 (7H, m, ^tbutyl 7H), 1.32 (2H, m, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.08 (3H, m, cyclohexyl 3H), 0.99 (1H, t, *J* 2.5 Hz, NHCOCH); δ_{C} (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 179.10 (C), 169.93 (C), 128.45 (CH), 58.19 (C), 48.27 (CH), 44.52 (CH), 33.21 (CH), 33.09 (CH₂), 28.28 (CH₃), 25.46 (CH₂), 24.80 (CH₂), 21.95 (CH), 19.18 (CH); **HRMS** MH⁺ 371.2322, C₂₂H₃₁N₂O₃⁺ required 371.2335; **m.p.** 238-245 °C.



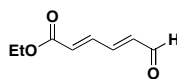
R_f 0.20 (SiO₂; 4:1 30-40 petroleum ether: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1767 w (imide), 1692 st (imide), 1161 st (C-O); **δ_H** (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 5.81 (2H, dd, *J* 4.5, 3.5 Hz, CH=CH), 4.68 (1H, m, CO₂CH), 3.46 (2H, m, CHCHCH), 2.85 (2H, t, *J* 1.5 Hz, NCOCH), 1.80 (2H, m, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.69 (4H, m, cyclohexyl 2H + CH-CH), 1.52 (1H, m, cyclohexyl 1H), 1.47 (9H, s, 'butyl 9H), 1.33 (5H, m, cyclohexyl 4H + COCH), 1.23 (1H, m, cyclohexyl 1H); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 178.93 (C), 171.89 (C), 128.27 (CH), 72.94 (CH), 58.26 (C), 44.43 (CH), 33.20 (CH), 31.62 (CH₂), 28.29 (CH₃), 25.31 (CH₂), 23.76 (CH₂), 20.38 (CH), 20.12 (CH); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 372.2286, C₂₂H₃₀NO₄⁺ required 372.2176; **m.p.** 179-182 °C.



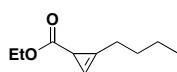
R_f 0.43 (SiO₂; 2:1 30-40 petroleum ether: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1766 w (imide), 1704 st (ester), 1691 st (imide), 1190 m (C-O); **δ_H** (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 5.78 (2H, dd, *J* 4.5, 3.5 Hz, CH=CH), 4.94 (1H, septuplet, *J* 6.0 Hz, CO₂CH), 3.82 (1H, tt, *J* 12.5, 4.0 Hz, NCH), 3.48 (2H, apparent m, CHCHCH), 2.92 (2H, apparent m, NCOCH), 2.02 (2H, qd, *J* 12.5, 3.5 Hz, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.76 (4H, m, cyclohexyl 2H + CH-CH), 1.60 (1H, d, *J* 11.5 Hz, cyclohexyl H), 1.44 (2H, m, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.32 (1H, t, *J* 3.0 Hz, COCH), 1.25 (2H, m, cyclohexyl 2H), 1.20 (6H, d, *J* 6.5 Hz, 2CH₃), 1.15 (1H, m, cyclohexyl H); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 177.90 (C), 171.88 (C), 128.15 (CH), 67.99 (CH), 51.48 (CH), 44.22 (CH), 33.05 (CH), 28.65 (CH₂), 25.75 (CH₂), 25.01 (CH₂), 21.79 (CH), 20.36 (CH), 20.24 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 358.2049, C₂₁H₂₈NO₄⁺ required 358.2018; **m.p.** 177-181 °C.



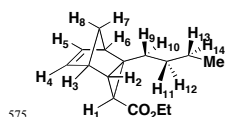
R_f 0.34 (SiO₂; 10:1 Hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1734 st (ester), 1605 w (C=C), 1161 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.64 (2H, m, 2 C(4)H), 6.25 (2H, m, 2 C(3)H), 5.43 (2H, dd, *J* 9.0 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 2 C(2)H), 4.25 (2H, qd, *J* 7.0, 1.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.53 (1H, td, *J* 5.5, 1.0 Hz, C(1)H), 1.30 (3H, t, *J* 7.0, 1.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 172.84 (C), 130.75 (CH), 125.41 (CH), 117.11 (CH), 60.84 (CH₂), 43.93 (CH), 14.09 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 187.0445, C₁₀H₁₂O₂Na⁺ required 187.0737. Data consistent with the literature [A. J. Anciaux, A. J. Hubert, A. F. Noels, N. Petiniot, P. Teyssie, *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 695-702].



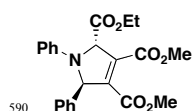
R_f 0.21 (SiO₂; 4:1 Hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1712 st (ester), 1682 st (aldehyde), 1636 w and 1601 m (C=C); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 9.60-9.59 (1H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, CHO), 7.38-7.31 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 11.5 Hz, CHCHCHCHCHO), 7.15-7.08 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 11.5 Hz, CHCHCHCHCHO), 6.37-6.31 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, 8.0 Hz, CHCHCHCHCHO), 6.26-6.22 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5 Hz, CHCHCHCHCHO), 4.20-4.15 (2H, q, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.26-1.22 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 192.77 (CHO), 165.24 (C), 147.09 (CH), 140.14 (CH), 136.77 (CH), 129.76 (CH), 60.86 (CH₂), 13.99 (CH₃). Data consistent with the literature [E. Wenkher, M. Guo, R. Lavilla, B. Porter, K. Ramachandran, J. H. Sheu, *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 6203-6214].



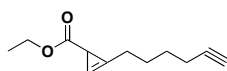
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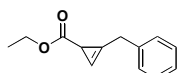
R_f 0.32 (SiO₂; 24:1 Hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1722 st (ester), 1174 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; C₆D₆) 5.76-5.74 (1H, at, *J* 3.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz CH⁴CH⁵), 5.68-6.64 (1H, at, *J* 3.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz CH⁴CH⁵), 4.15-4.02 (2H, m, CH₂CH₃), 2.76 (1H, s, H³ or H⁶), 2.68 (1H, s, H³ or H⁶), 2.29-2.23 (1H, m, H⁹), 2.11-2.10 (1H, t, *J* 3.5 Hz, H²), 1.81-1.79 (1H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, H⁷), 1.78-1.72 (1H, m, H¹¹ or H¹²), 1.77-1.76 (1H, d, *J* 3.0 Hz, H¹), 1.62-1.60 (1H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, H⁸), 1.57-1.50 (1H, m, H¹¹ or H¹³), 1.46-1.37 (3H, m, H¹⁰, H¹³ and H¹⁴), 1.10-1.07 (3H, t, *J* 7.0, CH₂CH₃), 1.02-1.00 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; C₆D₆) 170.69 (C), 132.71 (CH), 132.58 (CH), 61.97 (CH₂), 59.94 (CH₂), 49.02 (CH), 43.72 (CH), 35.45 (CH), 33.92 (C), 31.52 (CH₂), 29.01 (CH₂), 26.12 (CH), 23.22 (CH₂), 14.56 (2 × CH₃); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 235.1700, C₁₅H₂₃O₂⁺ required 235.1698.



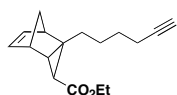
R_f 0.15 (SiO₂; 1:1 Hexane: ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1749 st (ester), 1727 st (ester), 1232 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.33-7.21 (5H, m, aryl CH), 7.10-6.53 (5H, m, *N*-aryl CH), 6.02-6.00 (1H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, CHPh), 5.76-5.75 (1H, d, *J* 7.0 Hz, CHCO₂Et), 4.22-4.06 (2H, m, CH₂CH₃), 3.82 (3H, s, CH(Ph)CCO₂CH₃), 3.62 (3H, s, CH(CO₂Et)CCO₂CH₃), 1.12-1.08 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 169.57 (C), 162.88 (C), 162.24 (C), 143.91 (C), 143.42 (C), 137.93 (C), 130.86 (C), 128.99 (CH), 128.86 (CH), 128.38 (CH), 127.27 (CH), 118.26 (CH), 113.87 (CH), 70.99 (CH), 69.71 (CH), 61.73 (CH₂), 52.57 (CH₃), 52.30 (CH₃), 14.02 (CH₃); **HRMS** found MH⁺ 410.1587, C₂₃H₂₄NO₆⁺ required 410.1604; **m.p.** 102-107 °C.



R_f 0.23 (SiO₂; 9.4:0.6 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1717 st (C(=O)OR), 1180 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.37 (1H, app. q, *J* 1.4 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 4.19-4.09 (2H, m, C(=O)CH₂CH₃), 2.55 (2H, td, *J* 7.1, 1.4 Hz, C(=CH)CH₂CH₂ or C(=CH)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 2.23 (2H, td, *J* 7.0, 2.6 Hz, C(=CH)CH₂CH₂ or C(=CH)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 2.15 (1H, d, *J* 1.4 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 1.96 (1H, t, *J* 2.7 Hz, C≡CH), 1.77-1.70 (2H, m, C(=CH)CH₂CH₂ or C(=CH)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.65-1.59 (2H, m, C(=CH)CH₂CH₂ or C(=CH)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 176.5 (C), 115.1 (C), 94.5 (CH), 84.0 (C), 68.5 (CH), 60.2 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 24.5, (CH₂) 19.7 (CH), 18.1 (CH₂), 13.5 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 193.1223, ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 193.1223).

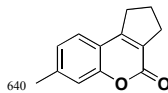


R_f 0.32 (SiO₂; 9.6:0.4 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1717 st (C(=O)OR), 1180 st (C-O); **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.33-7.24 (5H, m, CH aromatic) 6.47-6.46 (1H, app. q, *J* 1.5 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 4.12-4.03 (2H, m, C(=O)OCH₂CH₃), 3.90-3.77 (2H, app. q, *J* 17.6 Hz, C(=C)CH₂), 2.22 (1H, d, *J* 1.5 Hz C(=O)CHCH), 1.20 (3H, t, *J* 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 176.0 (C), 136.2 (C), 128.6 (2 CH), 126.8 (CH), 114.7 (C), 95.7 (CH), 60.2 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 20.4 (CH), 14.3 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 203.1075, ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 203.1072).

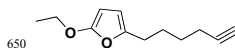


R_f 0.14 (SiO₂; 9.8:0.2 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1720 st (C(=O)OR), 1156 st (C-O); **δ_H** (500 MHz; C₆D₆) 5.62-5.58 (1 H, m, C=CH), 5.56-5.51 (1 H, m, C=CH), 4.06-3.91 (2 H, m, C(=O)CH₂CH₃), 2.63-2.58 (1 H, m), 2.53 (1 H, s), 2.12-2.03 (1 H, m), 2.02-1.96 (1 H, m), 1.77 (3 H, t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, C≡CH), 1.67-1.63 (1 H, m),

1.55 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 10.6, 9.1, 4.8 Hz), 1.50-1.46 (1 H, m), 1.43-1.33 (4 H, m), 0.98 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.13 Hz, CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; C₆D₆) 170.5 (C), 132.5 (CH), 132.4 (CH), 84.2 (C), 68.6 (CH), 61.8 (CH₂), 59.8 (CH₂), 48.8(CH), 43.5 (CH), 35.2 (CH), 33.6 (C), 28.7 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH), 18.5 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 259.1686 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 259.1698).



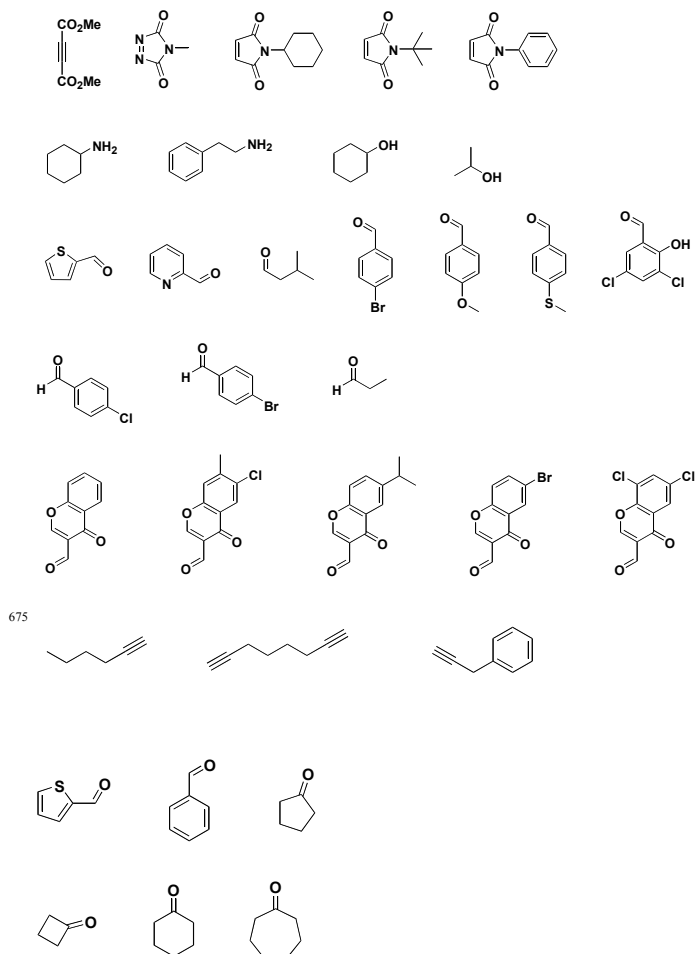
v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1716 st (C(=O)OR), 1614 (C=C), 1558 (aromatic C=C); **mp** 87-92 °C **δ_H** (400 MHz; MeOD) 7.41 (1 H, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, CH aromatic), 7.16-7.14 (2H, m, CH aromatic), 3.10-3.05 (2H, m, C=CCH₂), 2.83-2.79 (2H, m, C=CCH₂), 2.43 (3H, s, CH₃) 2.22 (2H, app quintet, *J* 7.9 Hz, C=CCH₂CH₂); **δ_C** (126 MHz; MeOD) 162.3 (C=O), 158.7 (C), 155.4 (C), 143.7 (C), 127.4 (C), 126.7 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 117.59 (CH), 117.56 (C), 32.8 (CH₂), 31.3 (CH₂), 23.5 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 201.0911 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 201.0910).



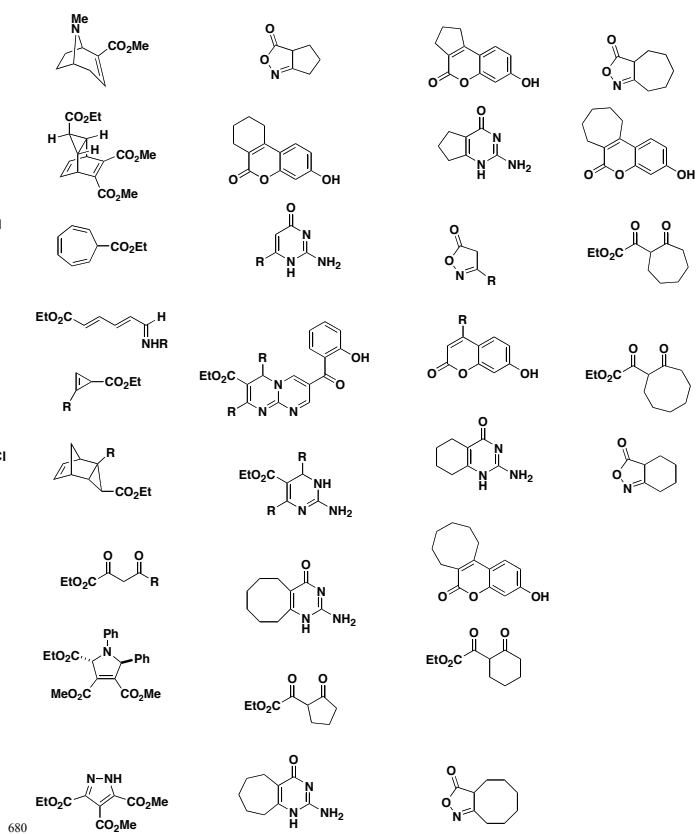
A solution of alkyne-tethered cyclopropene (50 mg, 0.26 mmol) in dry toluene (15 ml) under an ethylene atmosphere was heated to reflux. A solution of Grubbs II catalyst (11mg, 1 mol%) in dry toluene (4 ml) was added dropwise over the course of 5 hr. The resulting green solution was heated at reflux for 12 hr. The solution was cooled, filtered through SiO₂ and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 9.8:0.2 pet ether (30:40): diethyl ether) to yield the substituted furan as a wet white solid (15 mg, 0.08 mmol, 30%).

R_f 0.44 (SiO₂; 9.8:0.2 pet ether (30:40): ethyl acetate); **v_{max}** (in CDCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 1618, 1587, 1259; **δ_H** (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 5.81-5.80 (1H, m, CH₂CCHCH), 4.99 (1H, d, *J* 3.0 Hz, CH₂CCHCH), 4.03 (2H, q, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 2.51 (2H, td, *J* 7.3, 1.0 Hz, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH), 2.19 (2H, td, *J* 7.0, 2.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH), 1.93 (1H, t, *J* 2.8 Hz, C≡CH), 1.74-1.67 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH or CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH), 1.60-1.54 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH or CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡CH), 1.38 (3H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, CH₃); **δ_C** (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 159.4 (C), 145.6 (C), 105.5 (CH), 84.3 (C), 80.4 (CH), 68.3 (CH), 66.7 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 18.2 (CH₂), 14.6 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI⁺) *m/z* found 193.1224 ([M+H]⁺ calcd. 193.1229).

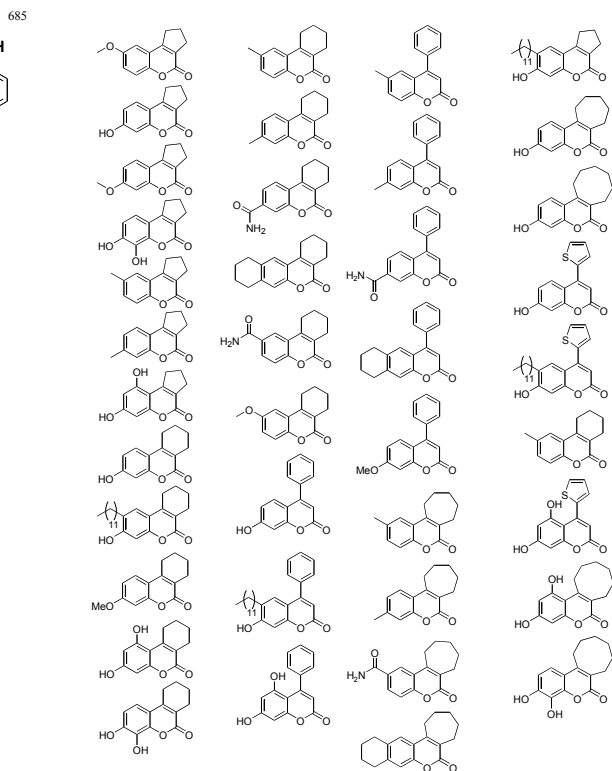
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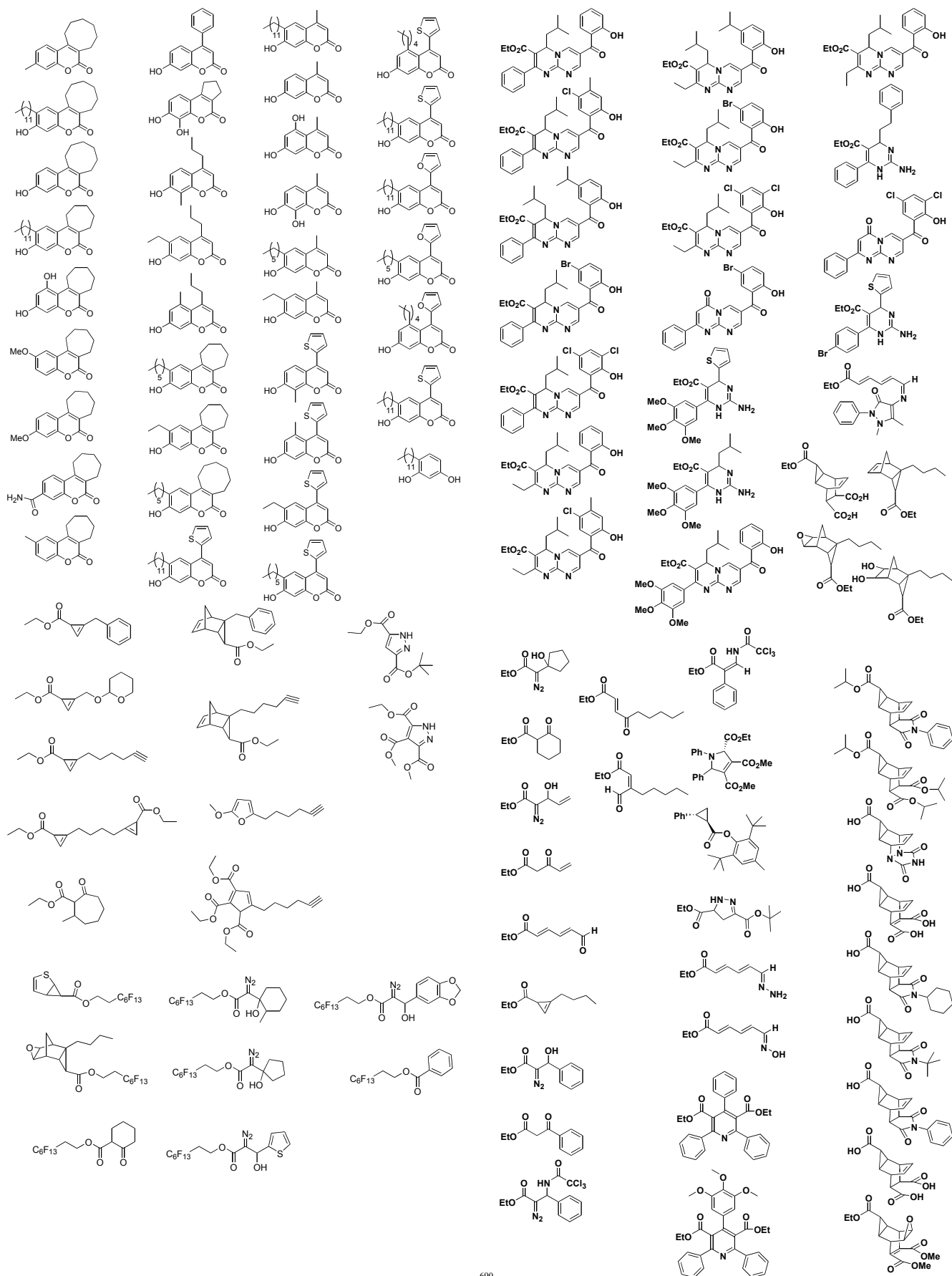


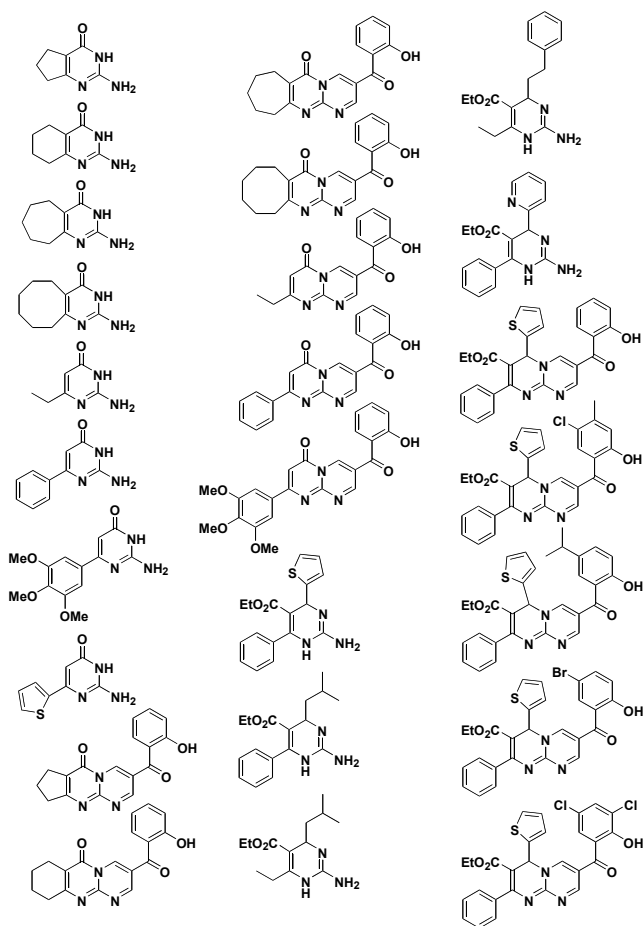
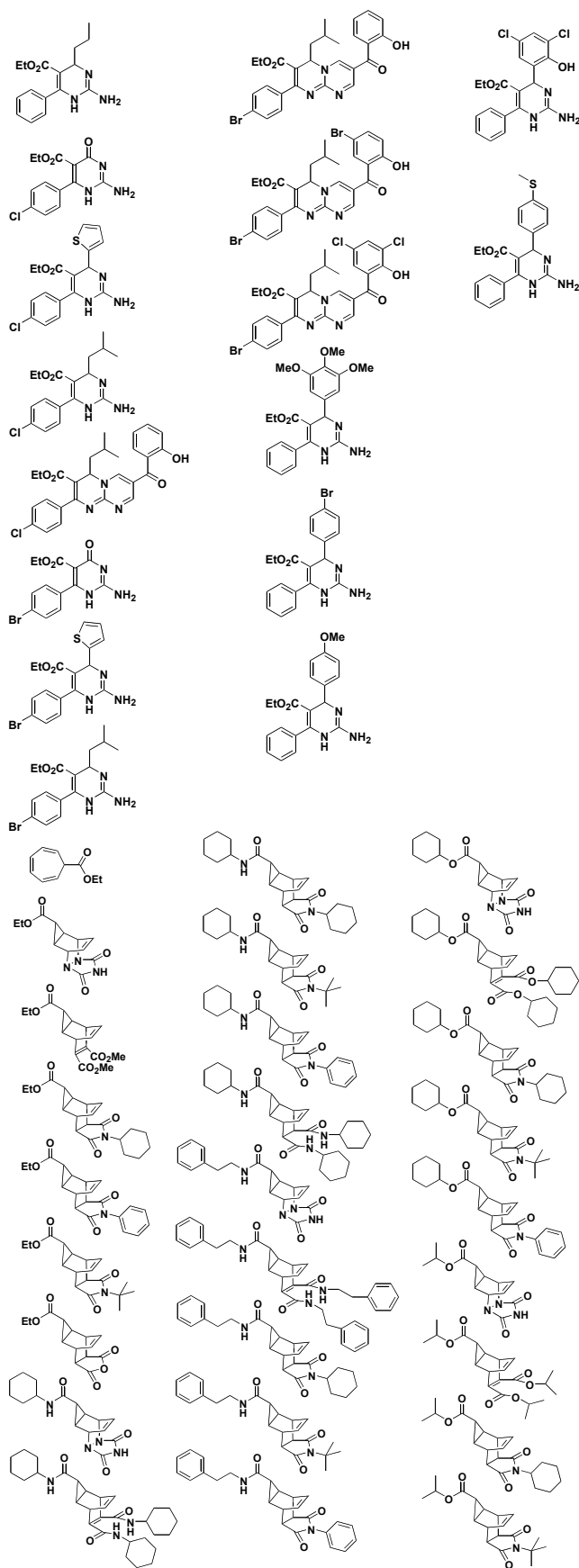
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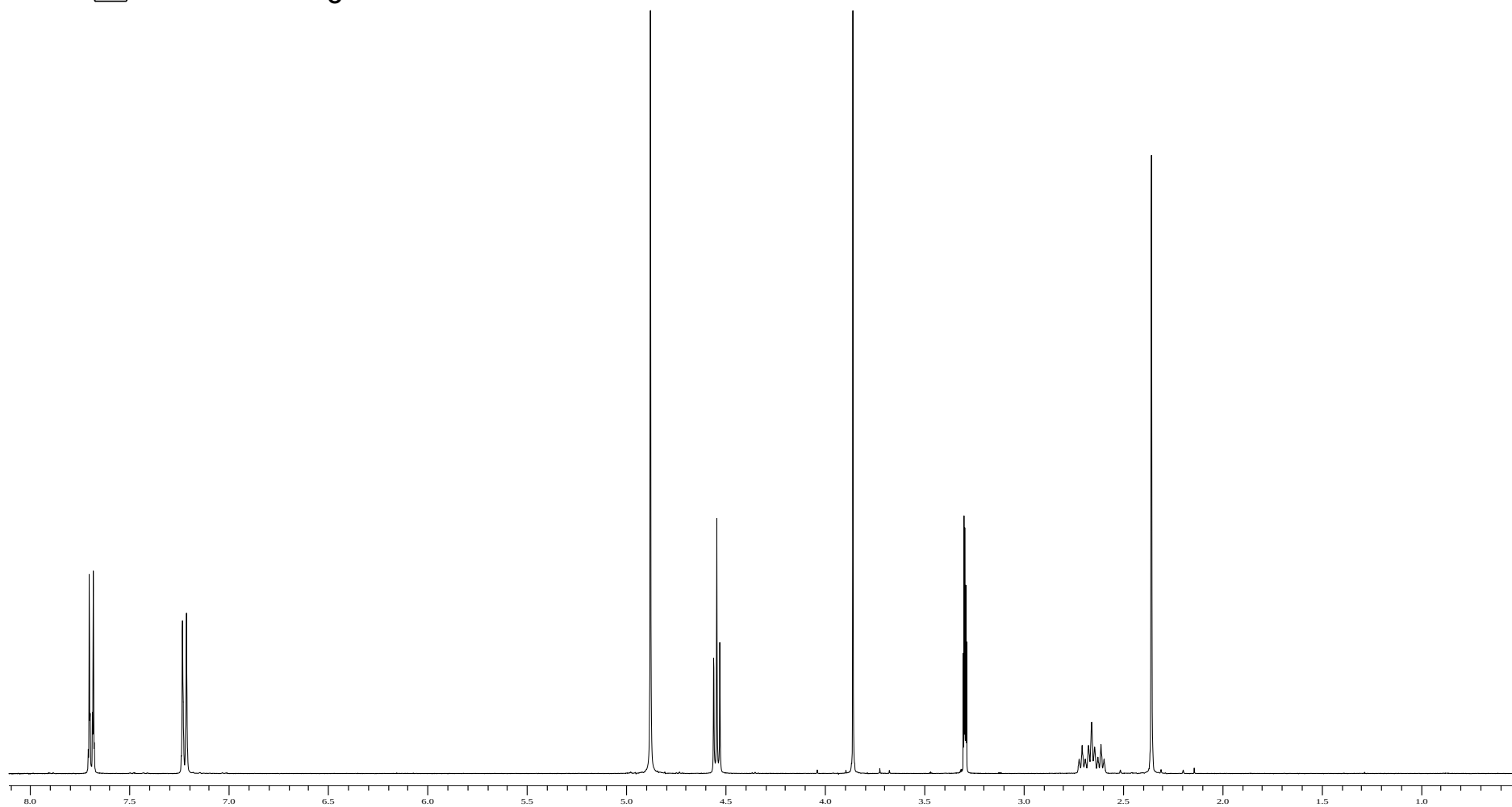
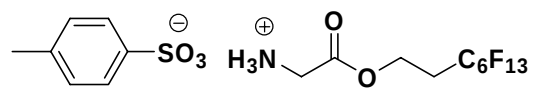
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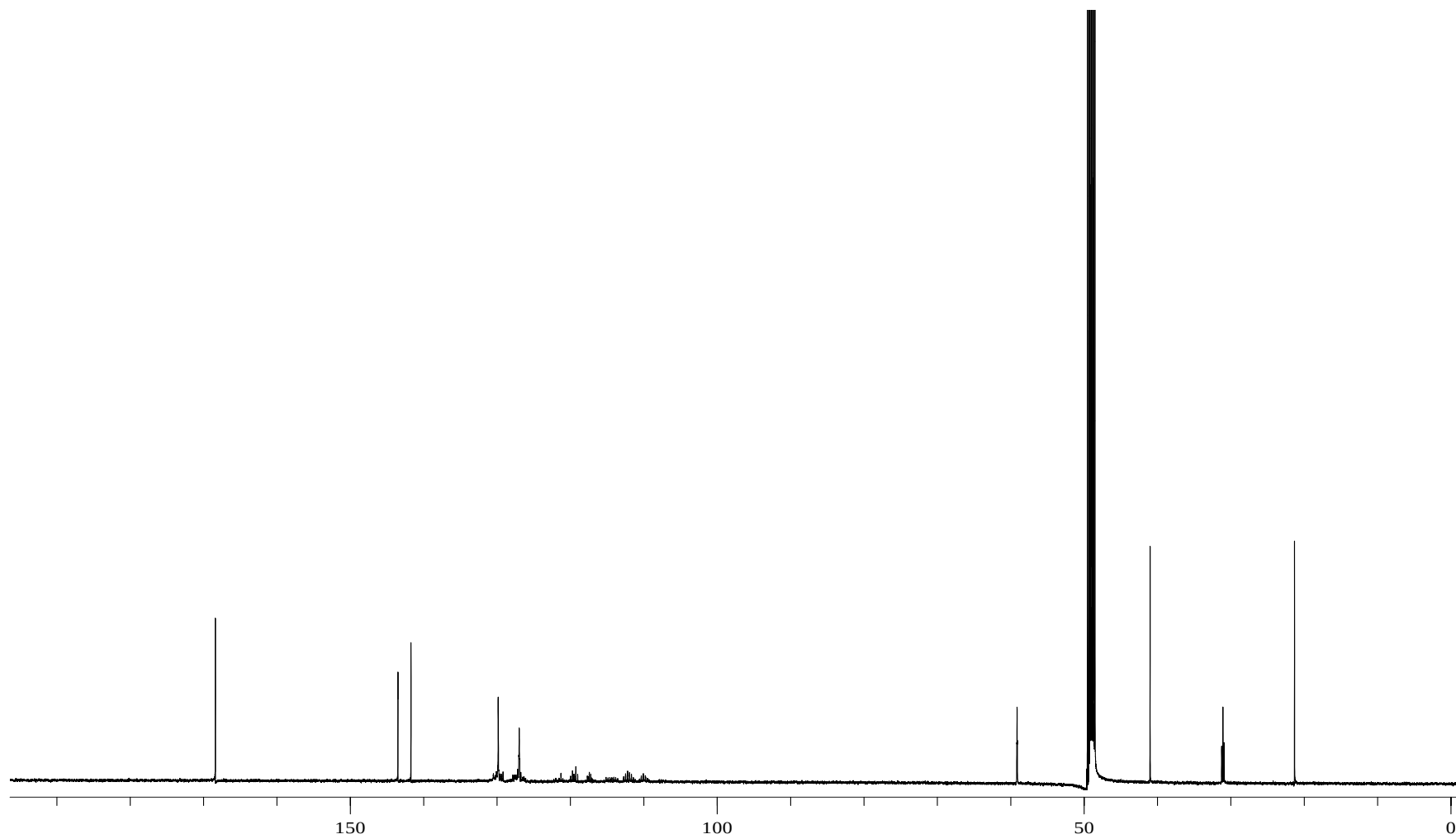
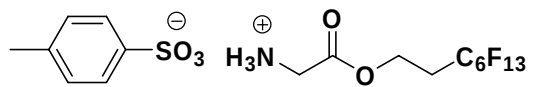
695 In order to assess the diversity of the small molecule collection, we calculated 184 physicochemical and topological molecular descriptors properties (e.g. size, polarity, charges, degree of branching) using MOE 2005.06 [MOE (Molecular Operating Environment); Chemical Computing Group Inc.: Montreal, Quebec, Canada]. Structures were washed (ionized to
 700 formal charge, acids and bases protonated according to neutral pH) and PEOE partial charges [J. Gasteiger and M. Marsili, Tetrahedron Lett. 1978, 34, 3181-3184.] were assigned for the calculation of descriptors involving partial surface charges. Subsequently, principal component analysis (PCA) of the resulting property space was performed for visualization and
 705 numerical diversity estimation using Statistica 6 [StatSoft, Inc. 2001. STATISTICA (data analysis software system), version 6. www.statsoft.com. Distributor: StatSoft Inc., Tulsa, OK.]. Numerical diversity values were calculated as the product of the standard deviations of the first three principal components, which gives an estimate of the average
 710 size of chemical space occupied per compound in this representation. To gauge the degree of overall diversity obtained in our diversity-oriented synthesis we compared the diversity of our library to the chemical space spanned by 'benchmark collections': (1) the MDL Drug Data Report (MDDR) database [MDL Drug Data Report, Elsevier MDL,
 715 http://www.mdli.com] and (2) a focused library of histamine H3 receptor antagonists (where a common biphenyl scaffold was functionalized at two positions) [R. Faghieh, W. Dwight, J. Bao Pan, G. B. Fox, K. M. Krueger, T.

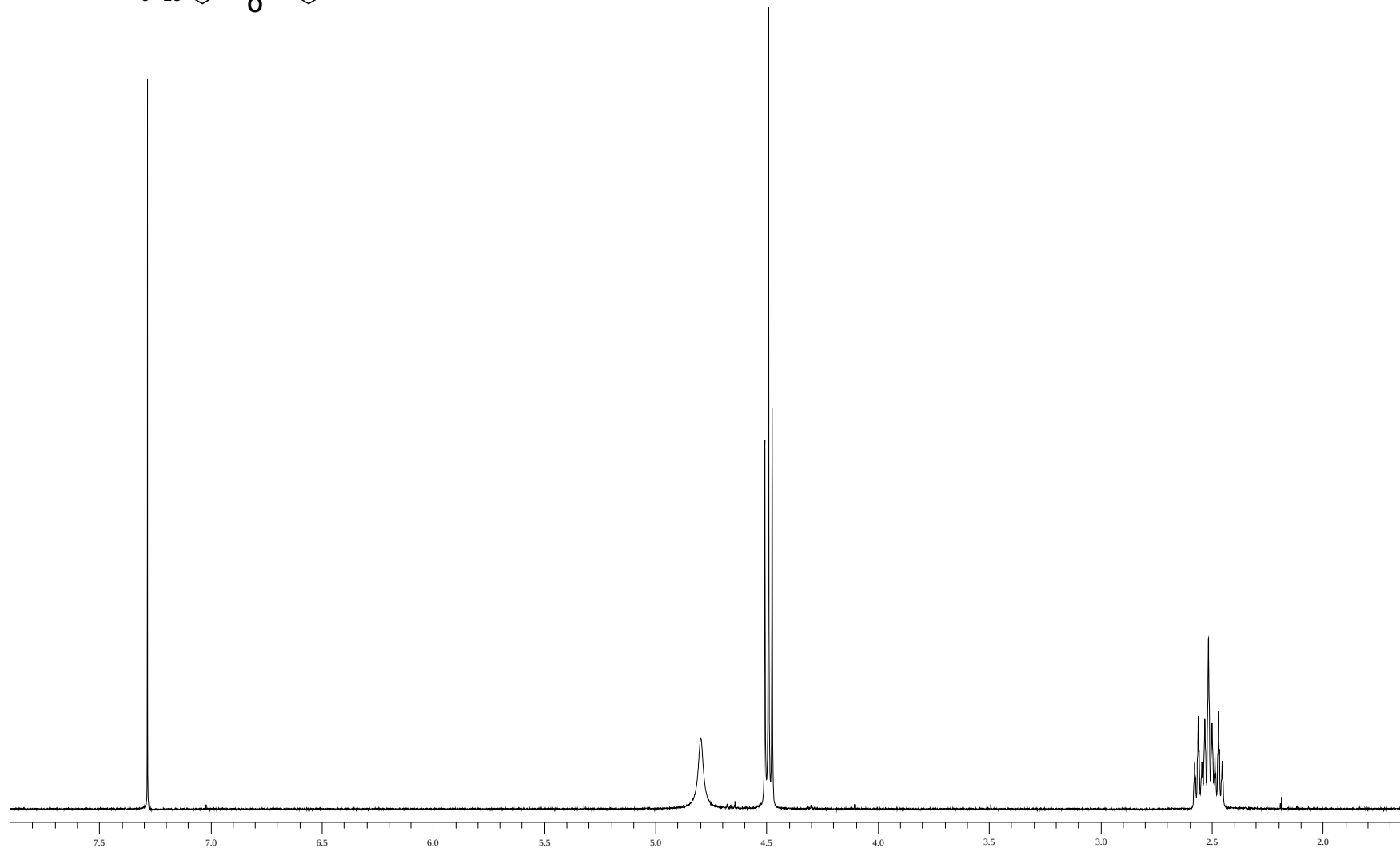
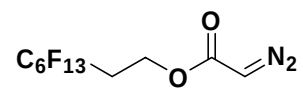
A. Esbenshade, J. M. McVey, K. Marsh, Y. L. Bennani and A. A. Hancock, *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 2003, 13, 1325-1328.].

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Library diversity can be described as the standard deviation of properties in this PCA space, normalized to a per-compound-basis. Normalization to give a value of 100% for the most diverse library (MDDR) gives values of 40% for the DOS library and 3% for the focused library. Therefore, 725 employing the quantitative measure developed here we can compare directly the diversity of compound collections, and assess the relative success of any diversity-oriented synthesis. It should be noted that the PCA plot shows a projection of whole-molecule physicochemical and topological molecular descriptors into 2-D space, and perhaps does not 730 reward appropriately the synthesis of diverse and complex molecular frameworks.







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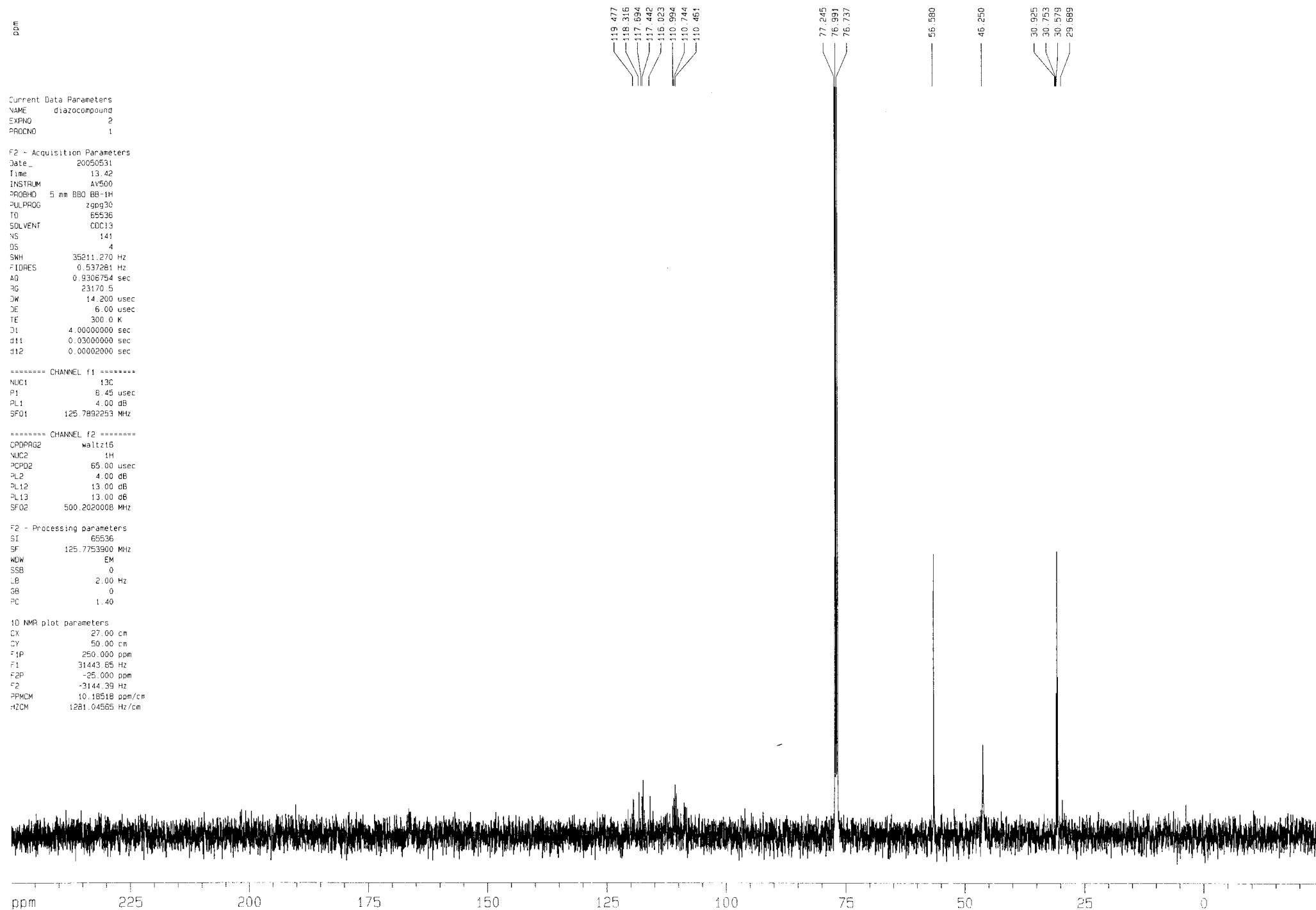
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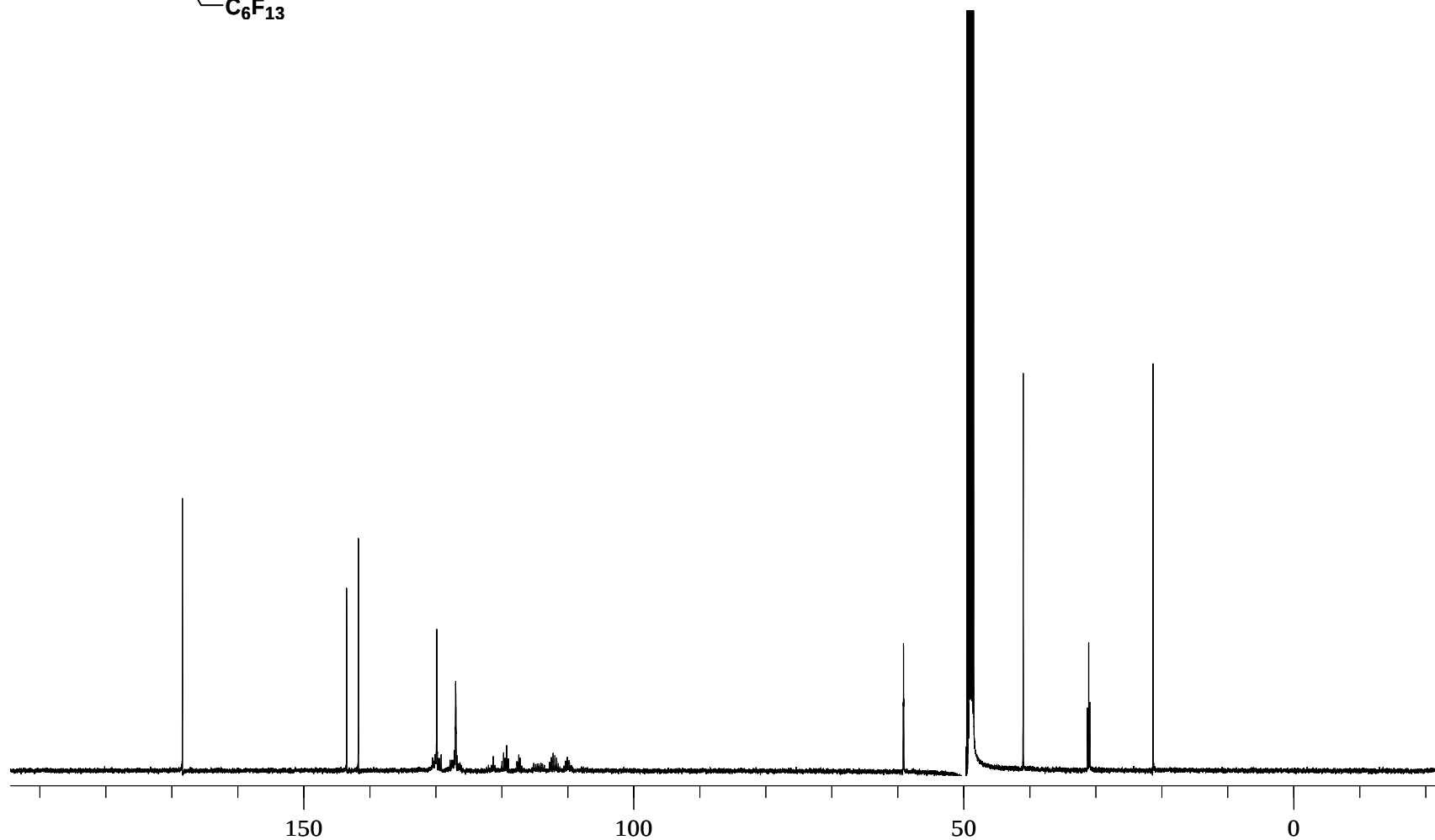
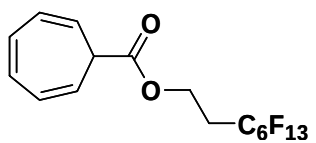
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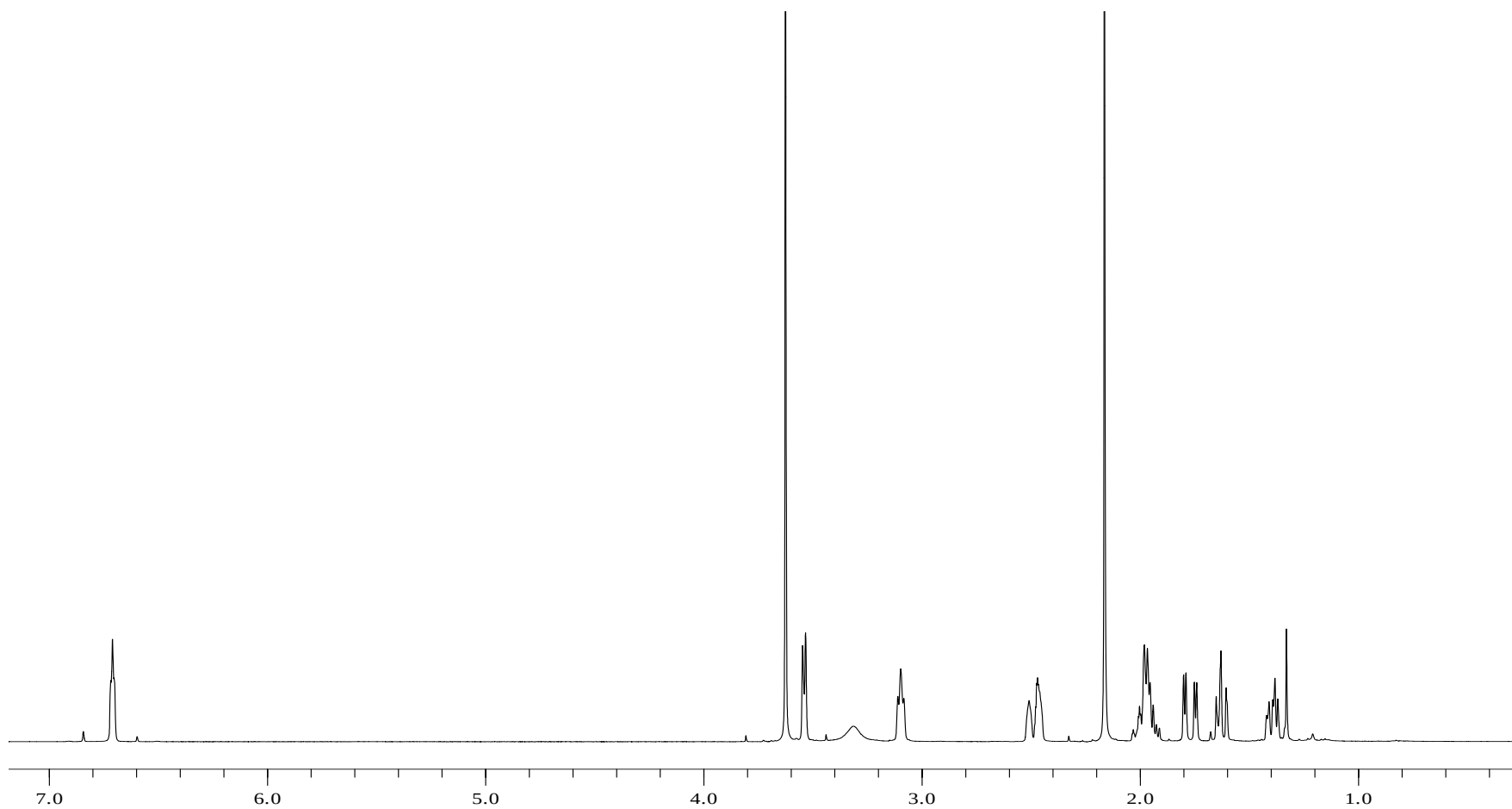
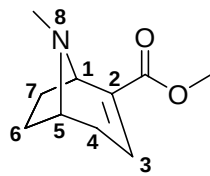
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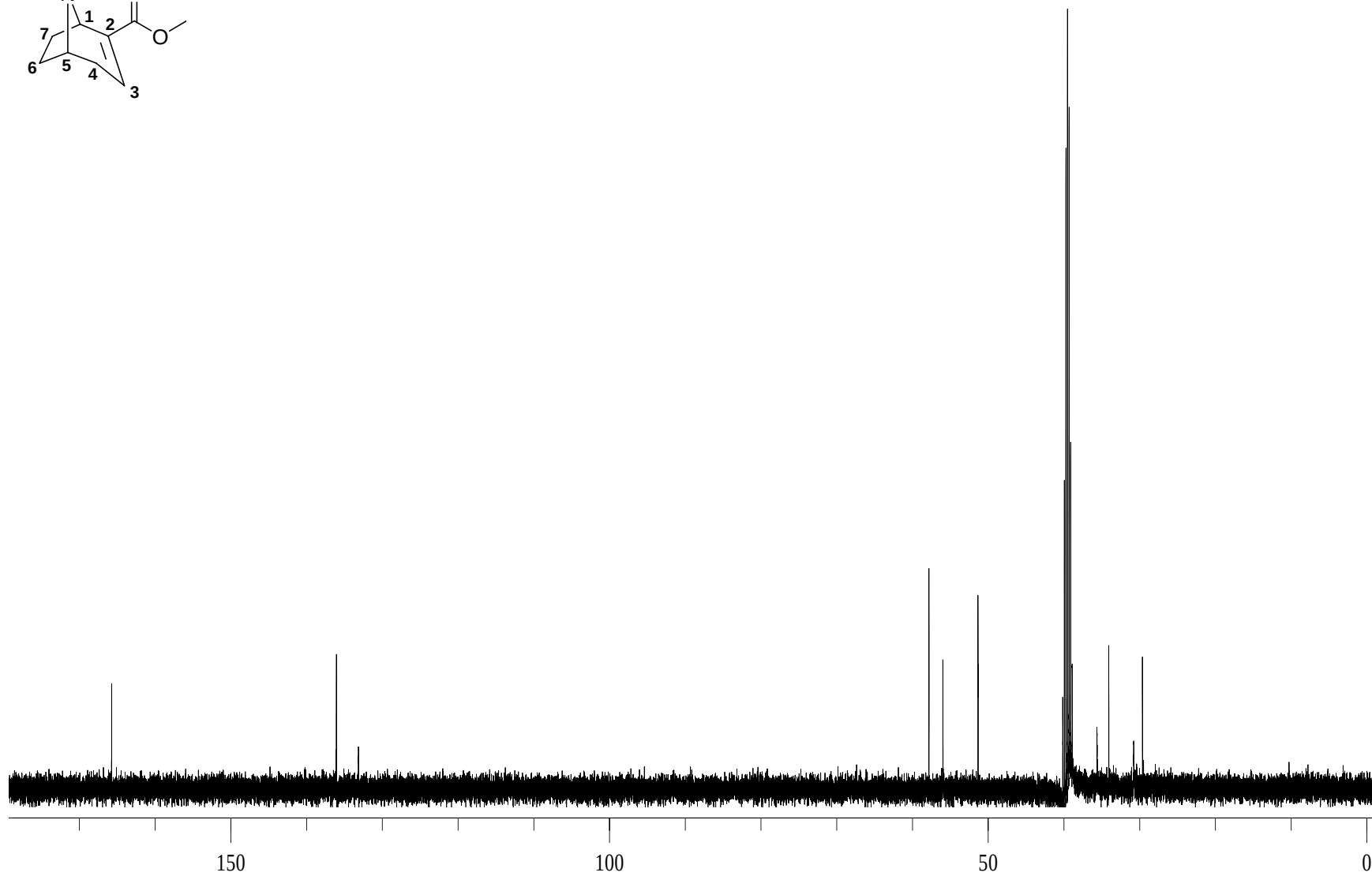
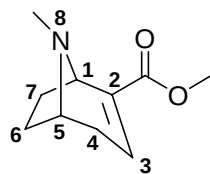
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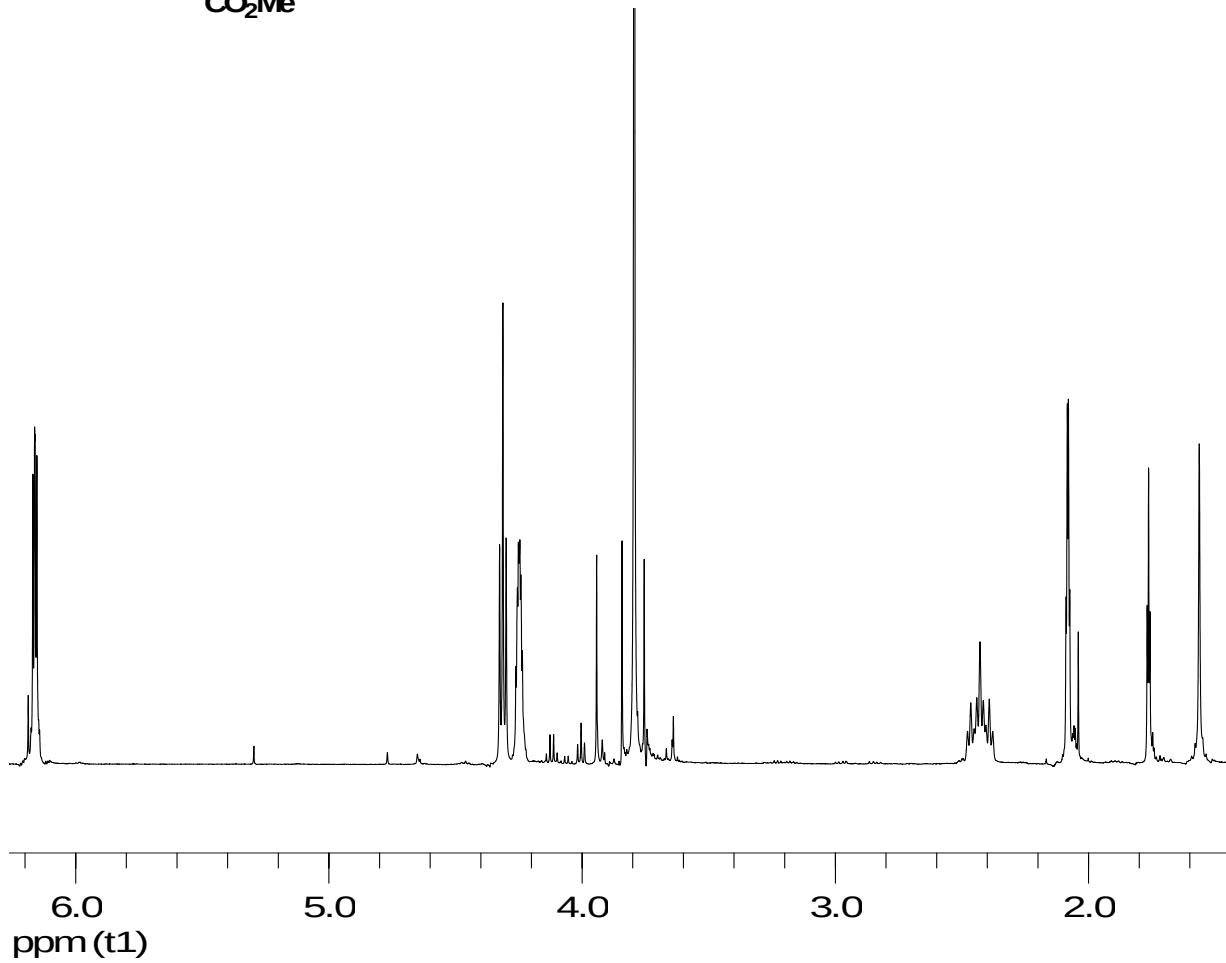
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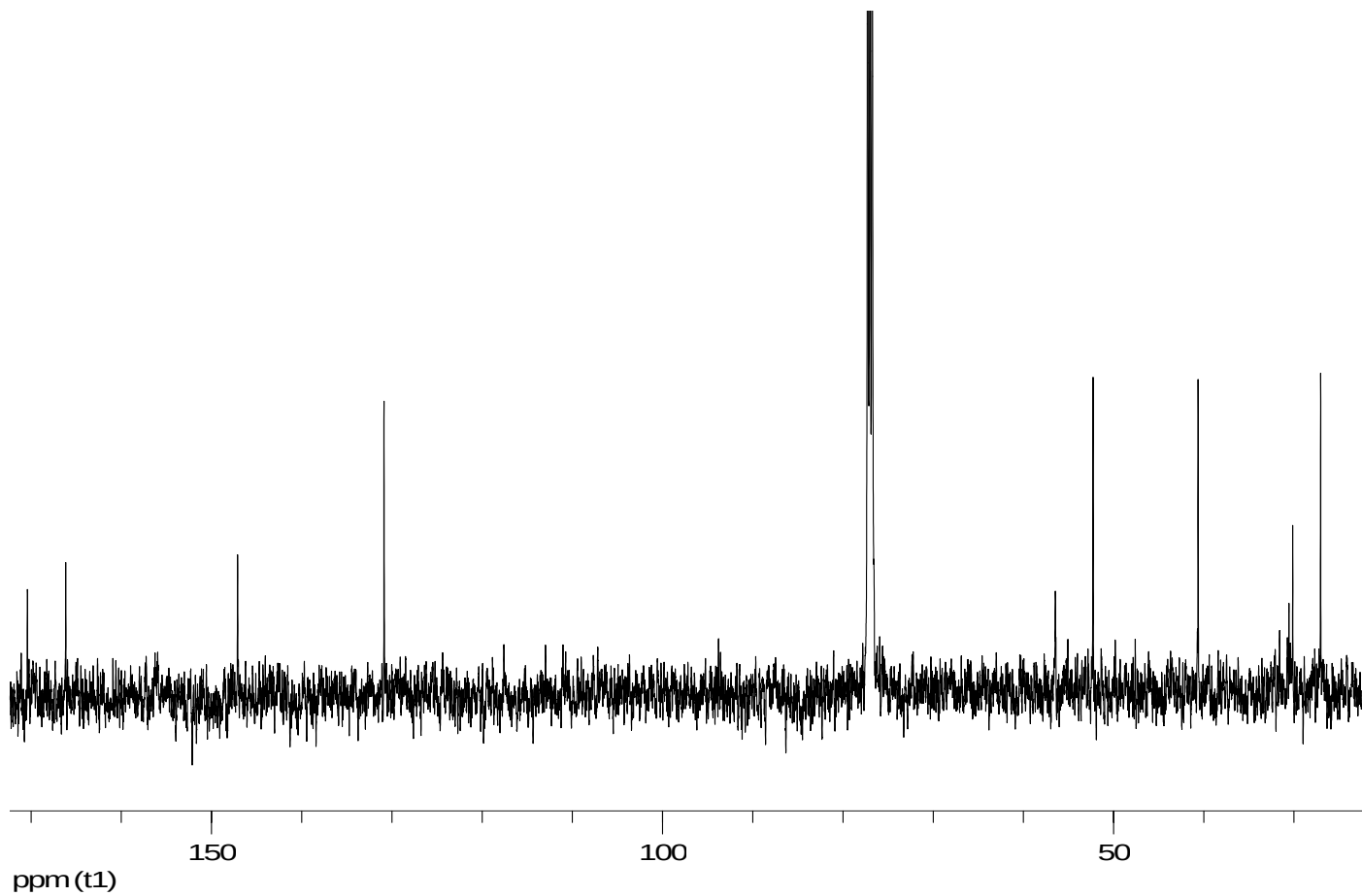


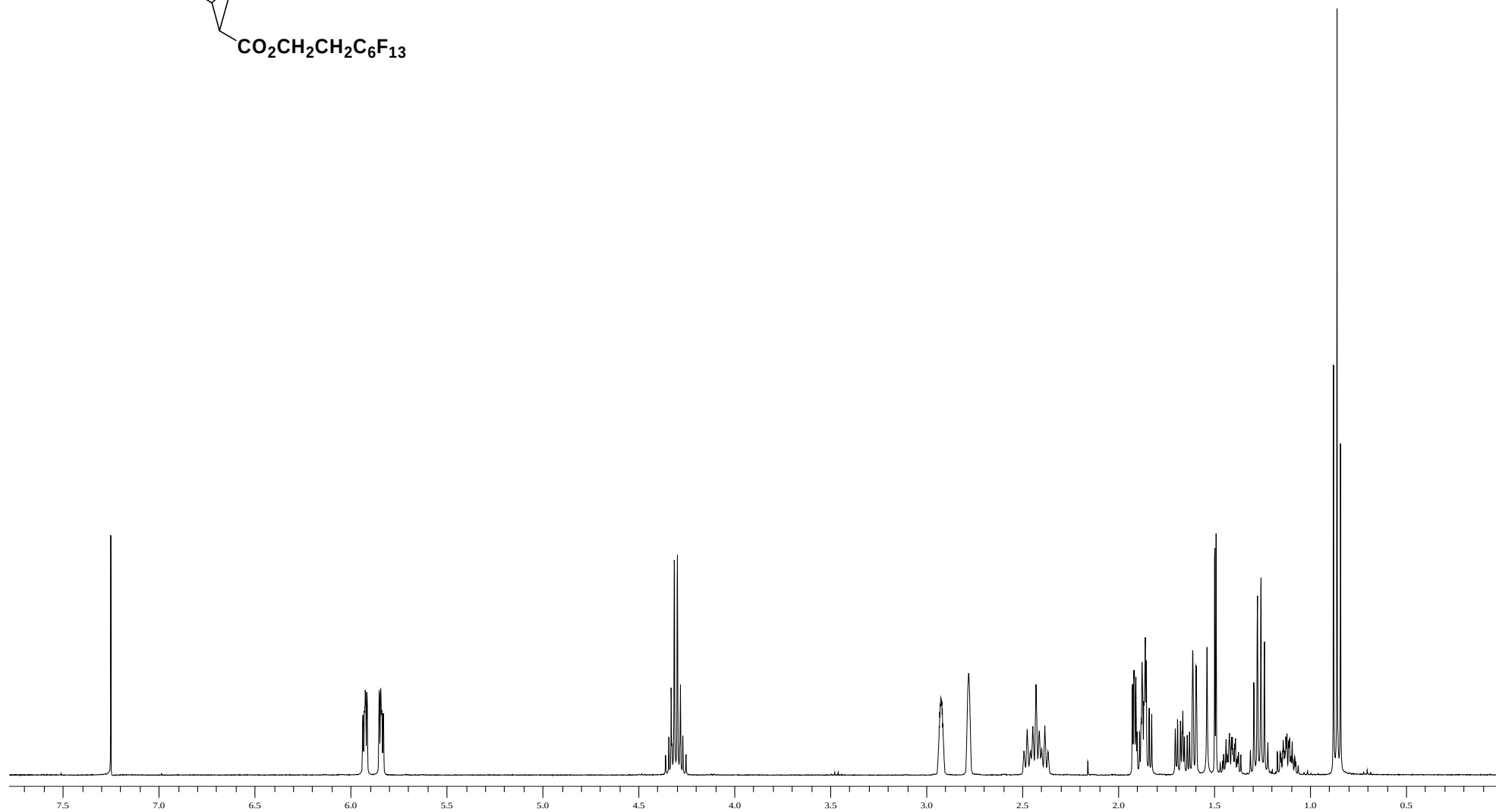
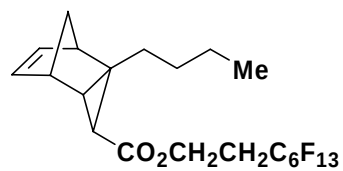


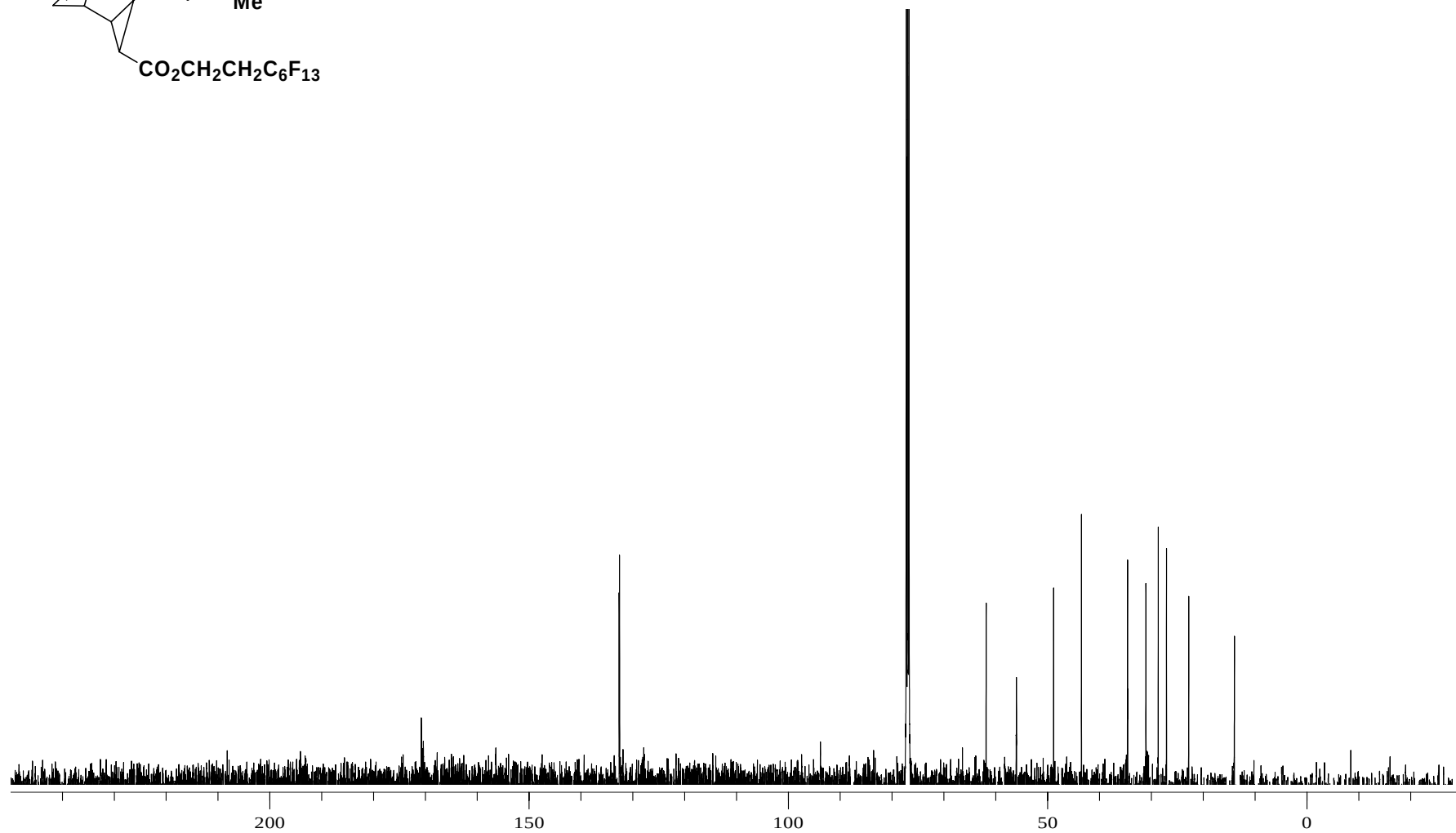
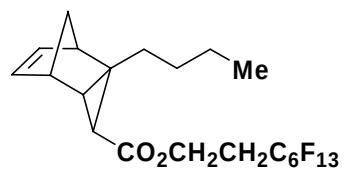


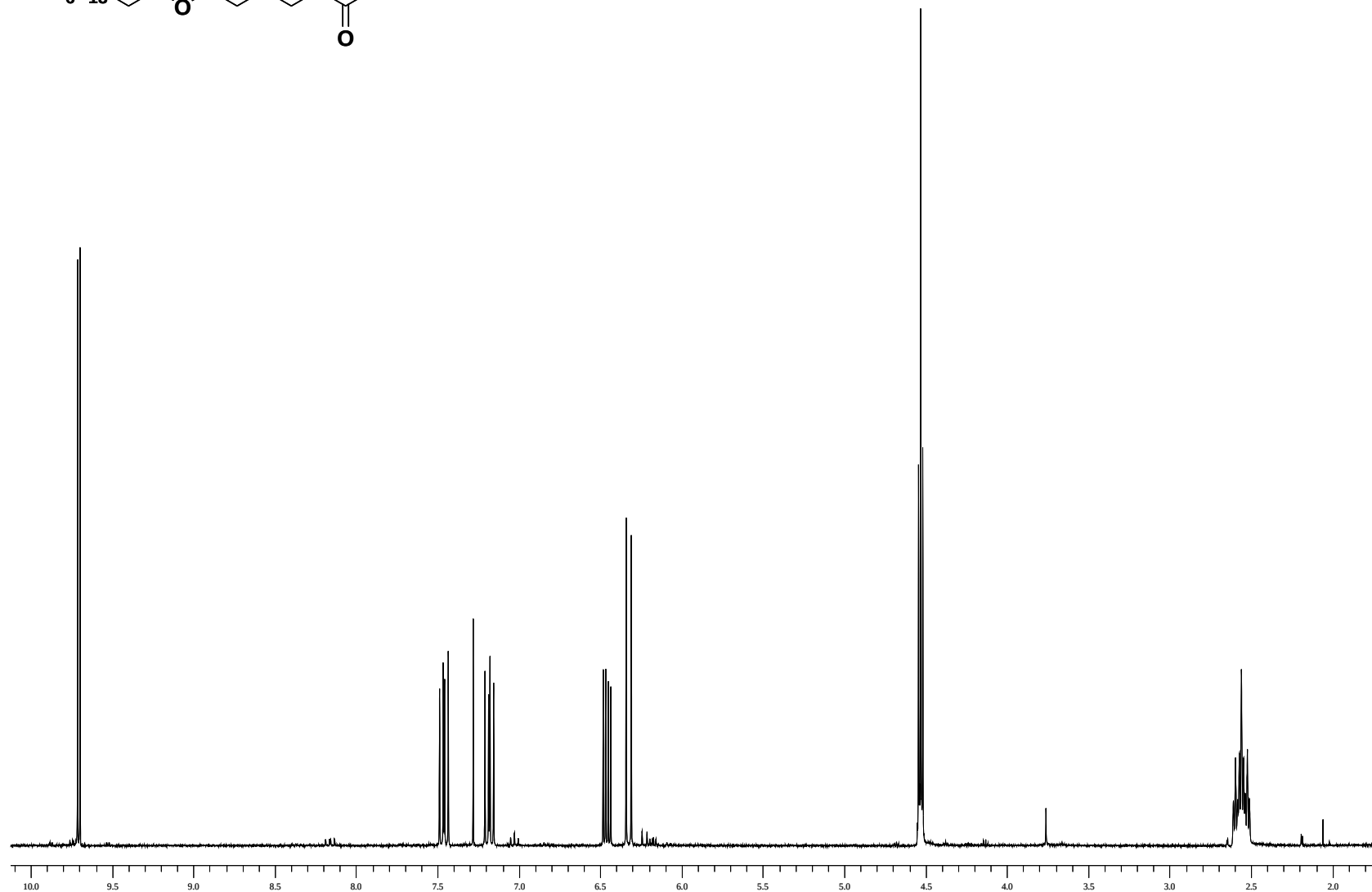
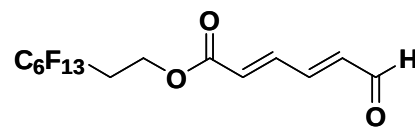












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