Supporting Information

A practical synthesis of chiral tricyclic cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran, a key intermediate of Beraprost

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1. General Information

All the solvents and chemicals were purchased from commercial sources: Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co., Arcos Chemical Co., and J&K Chemical Co. with the purity of more than 95%. Flash column chromatography was performed on Biotage Isolera one. ^{1}H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded on Mercury 300, Mercury 400, Bruker AV500, AV600, JEOL ECZ400S spectrometer. Coupling constants are given in Hz and chemical shifts are expressed as δ values in ppm. The following multiplicity abbreviations are used: (s) singlet, (d) doublet, (t) triplet, (q) quartet, (m) multiplet. ESI-HRMS data were measured on Thermo Exactive Orbitrap plus spectrometer.

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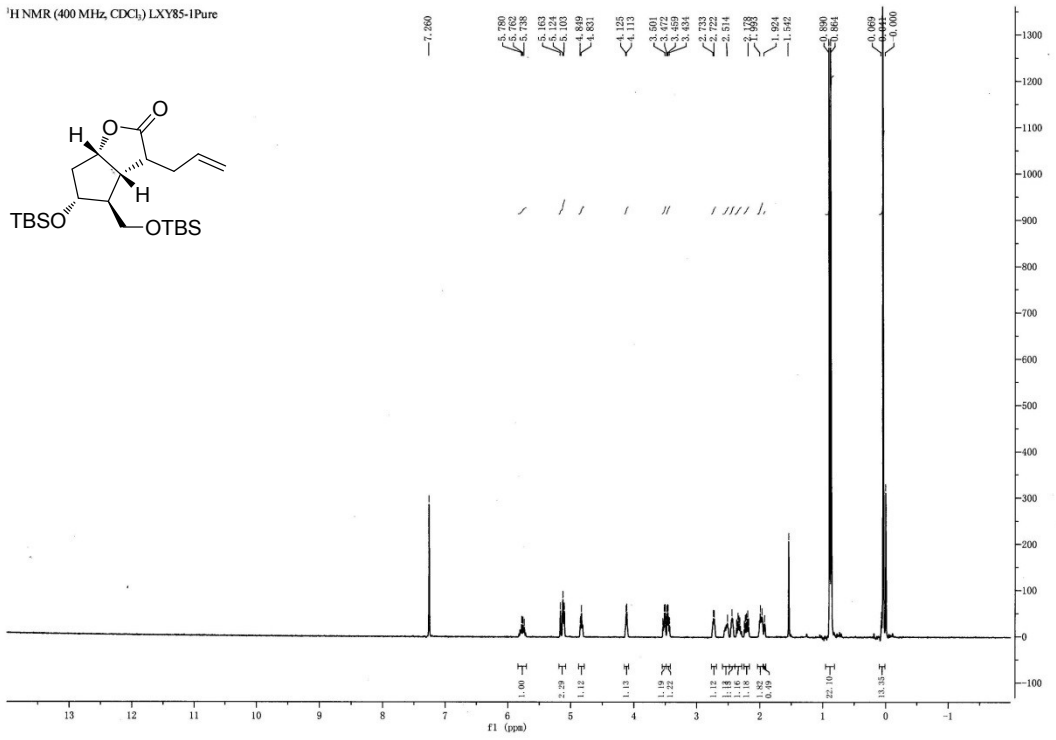

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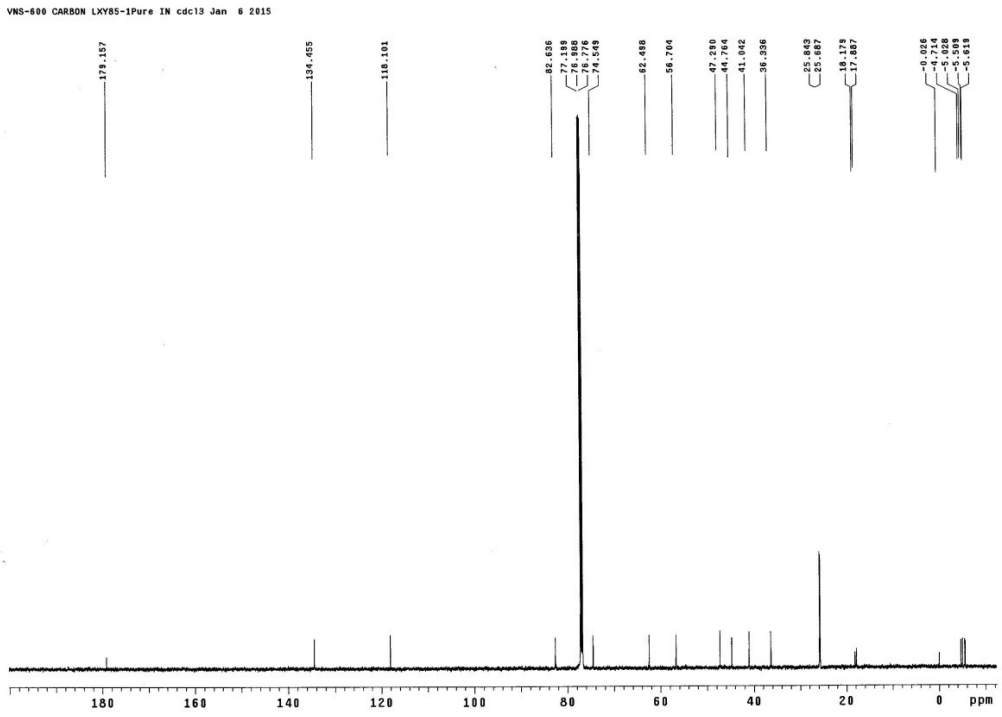

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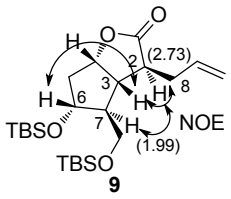

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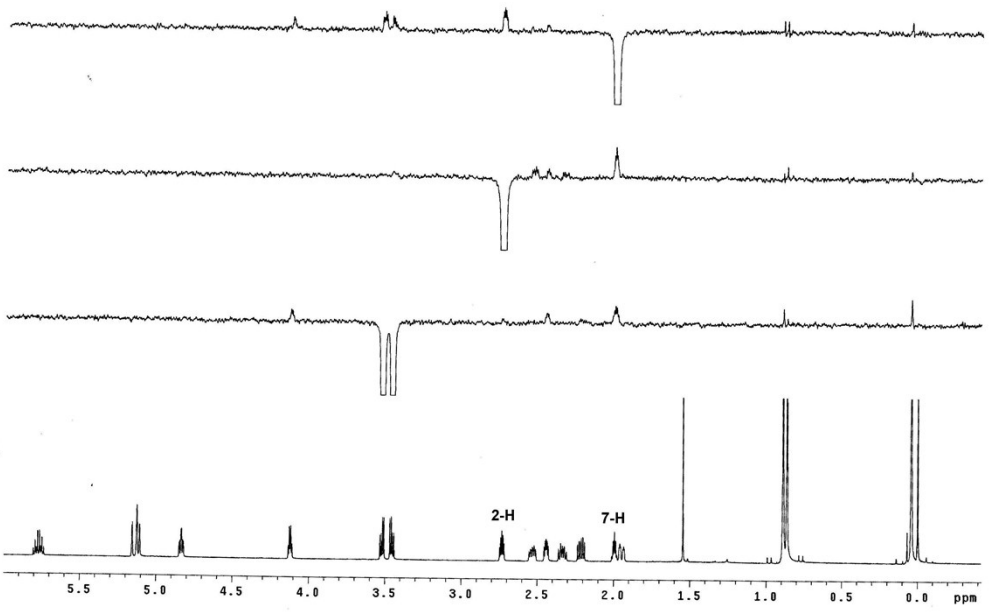

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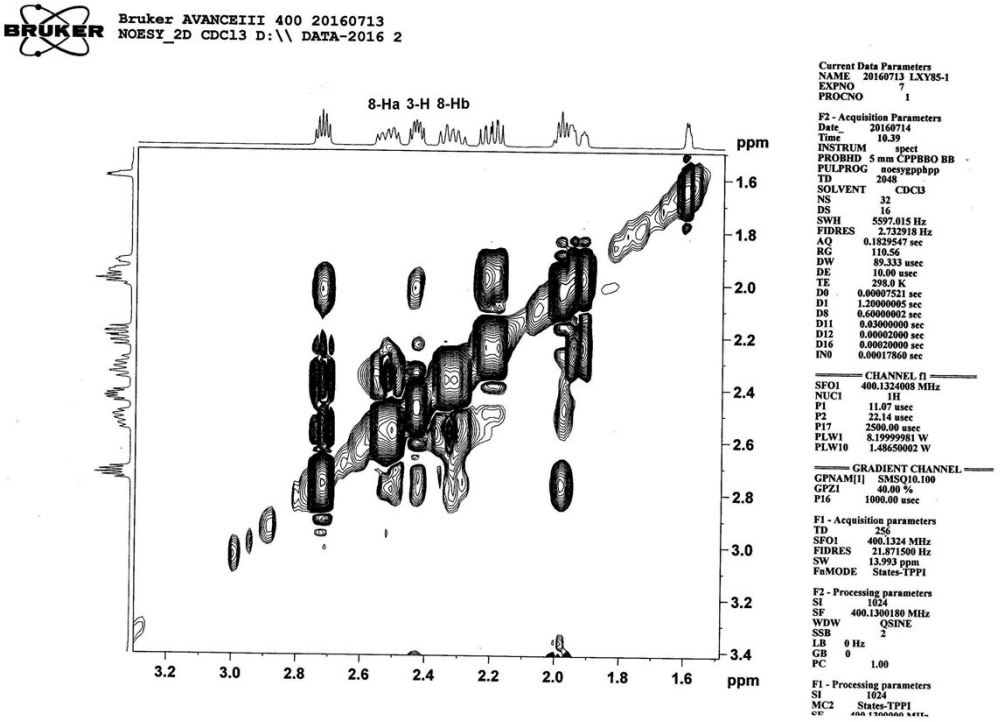

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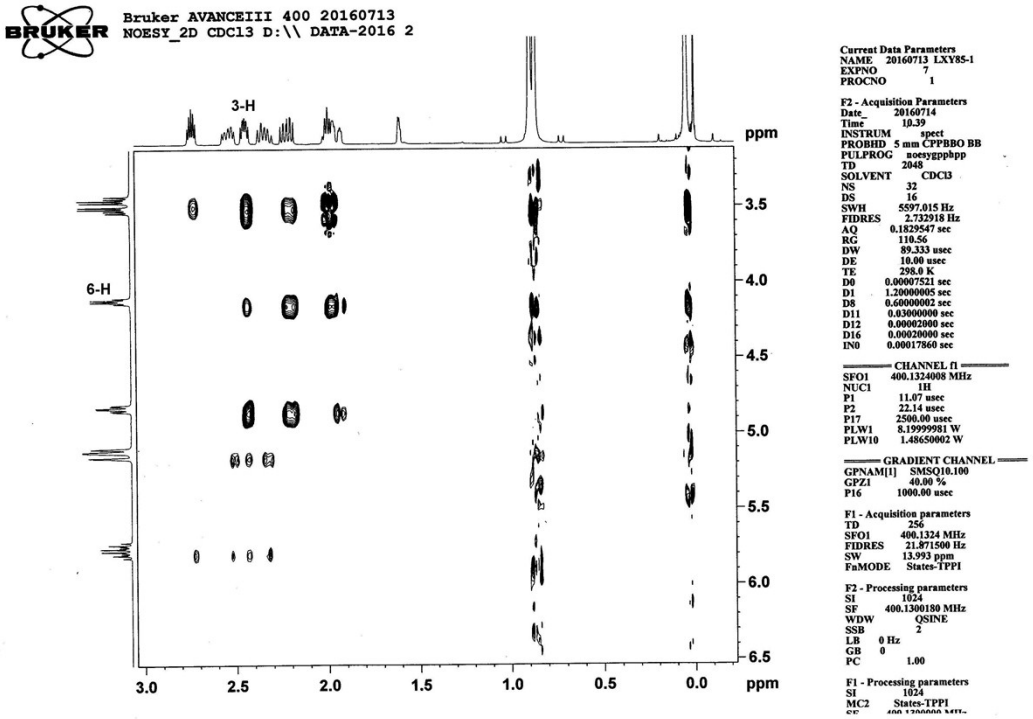

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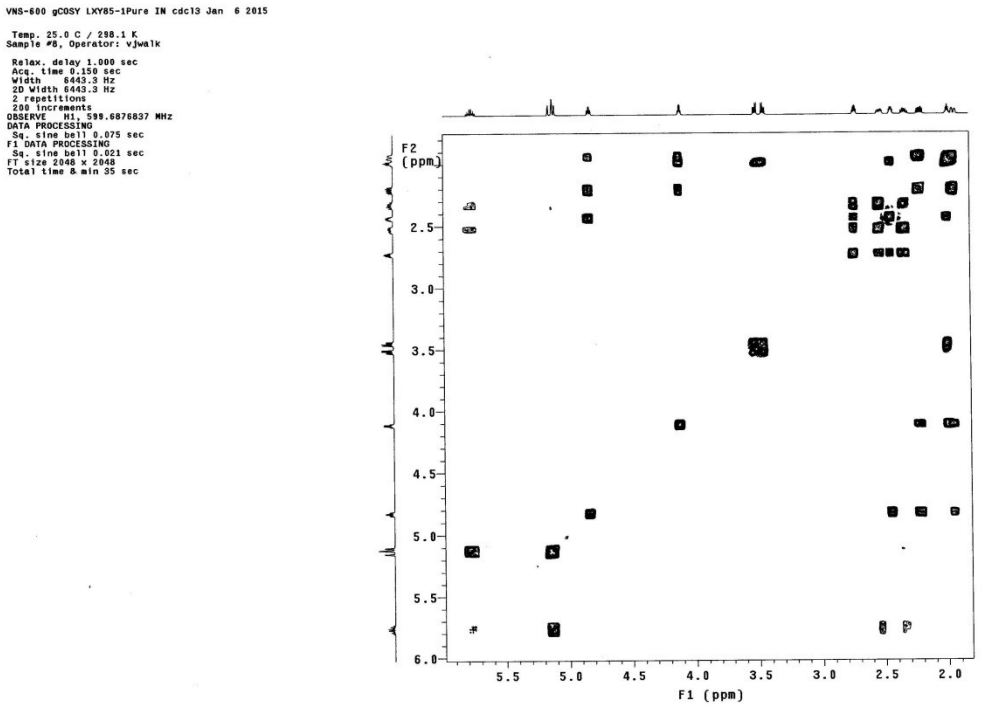

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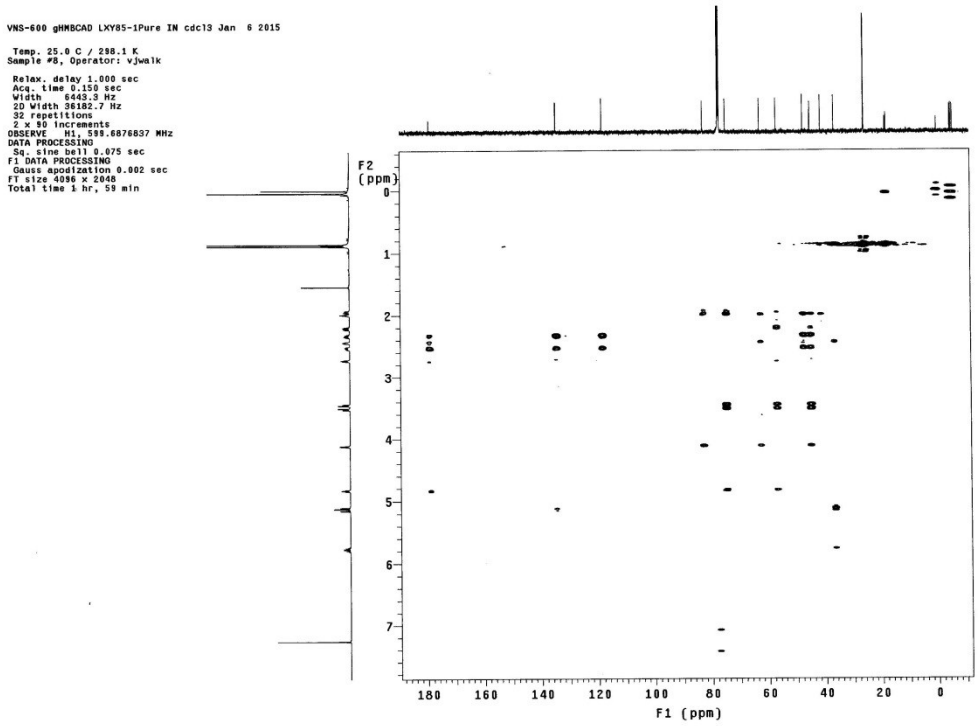

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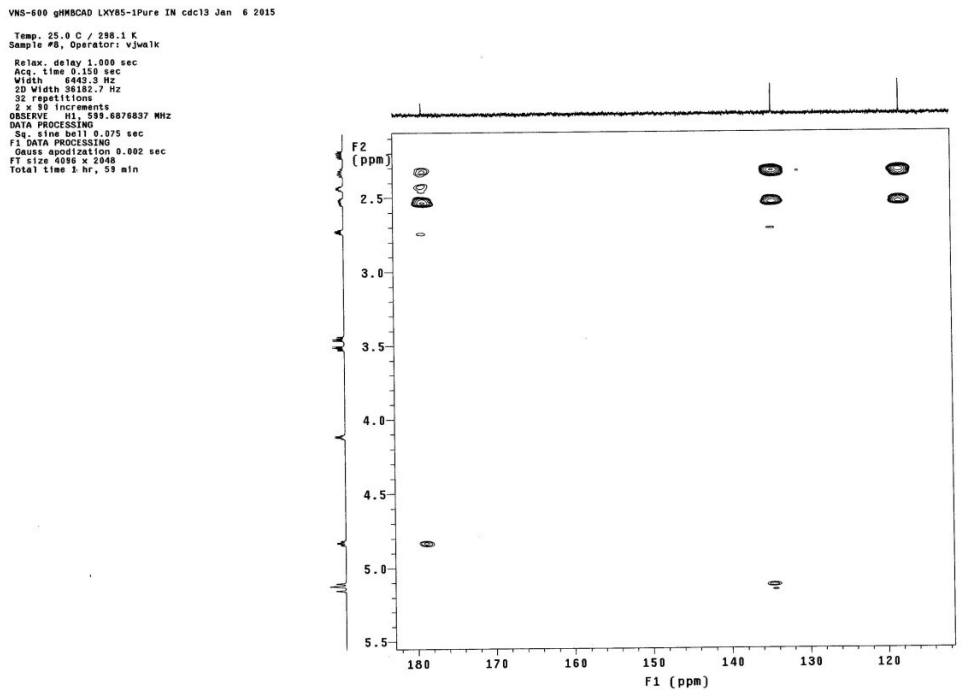

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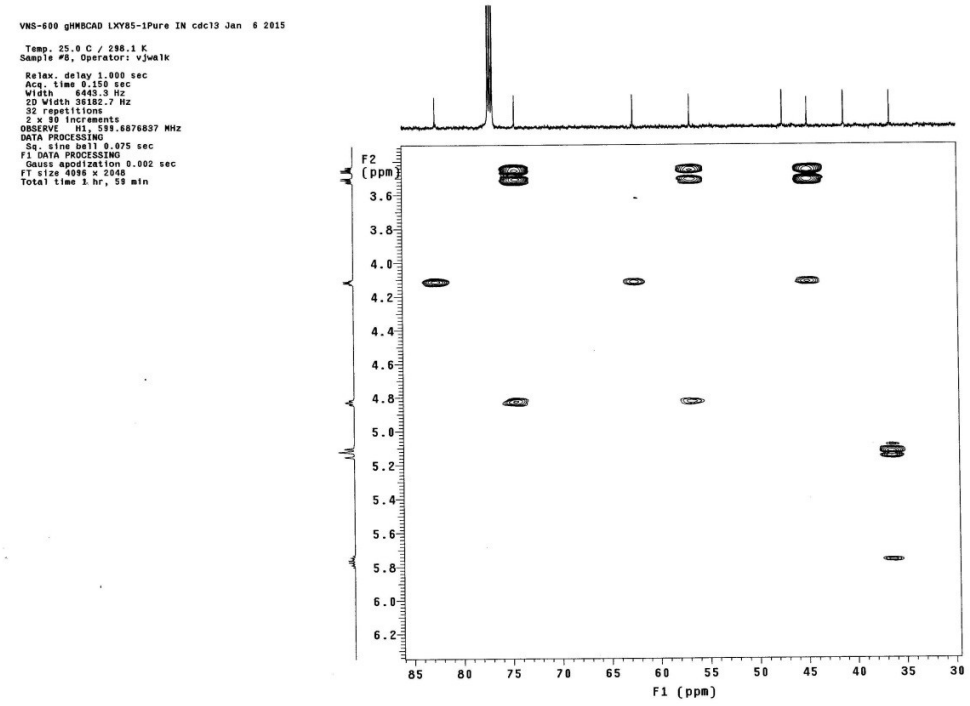

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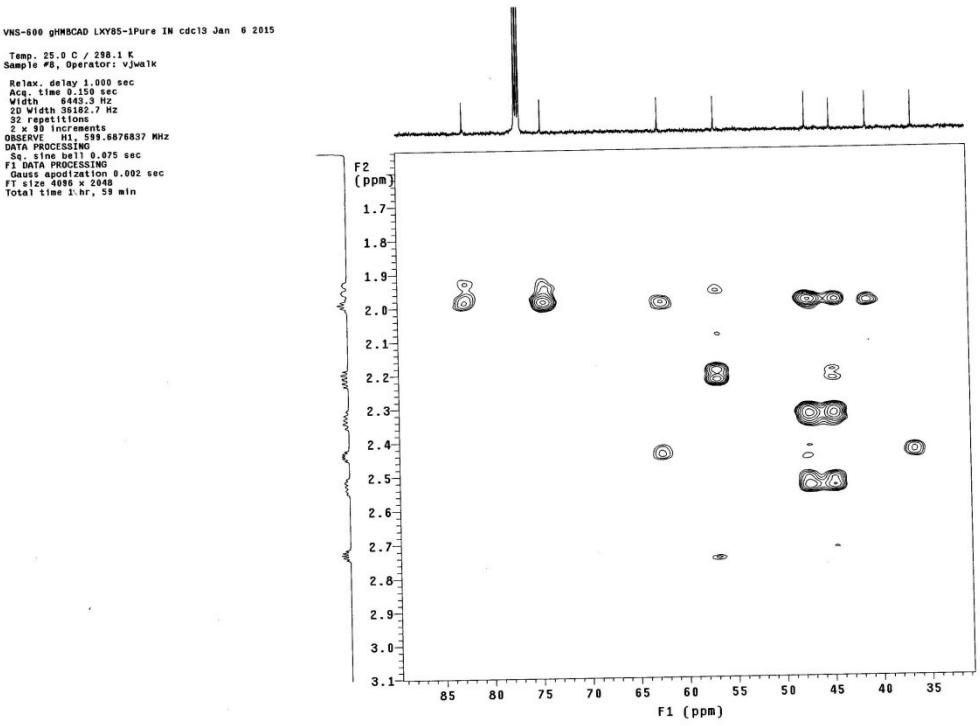

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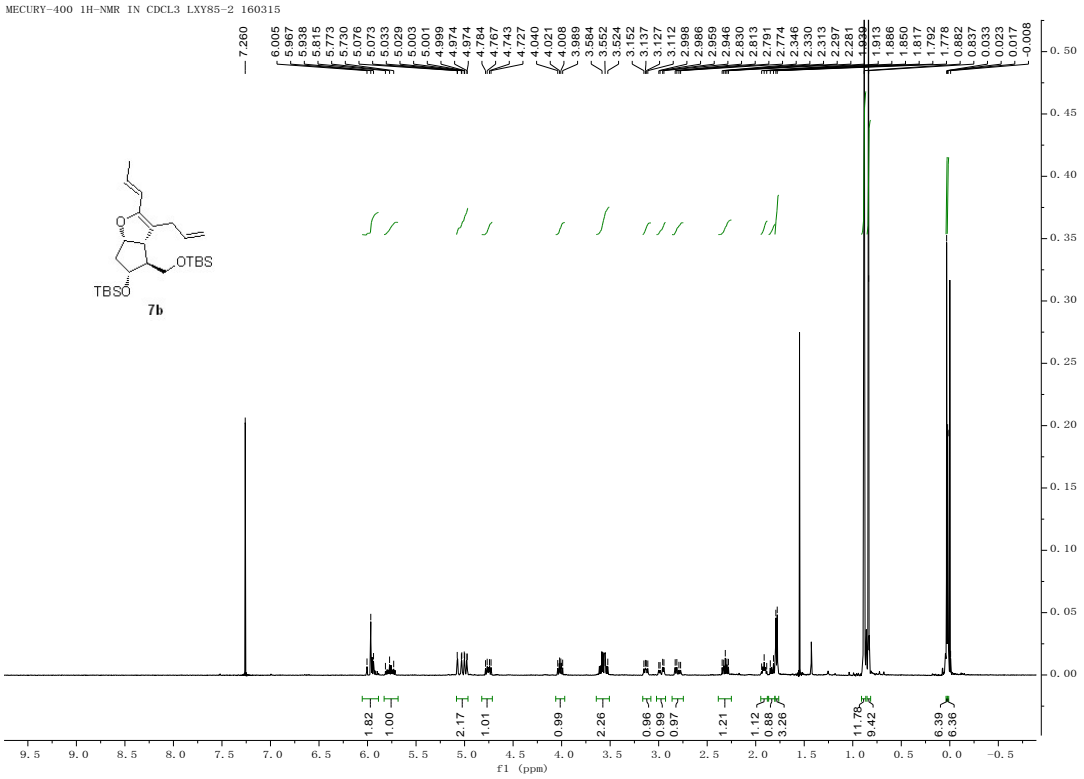

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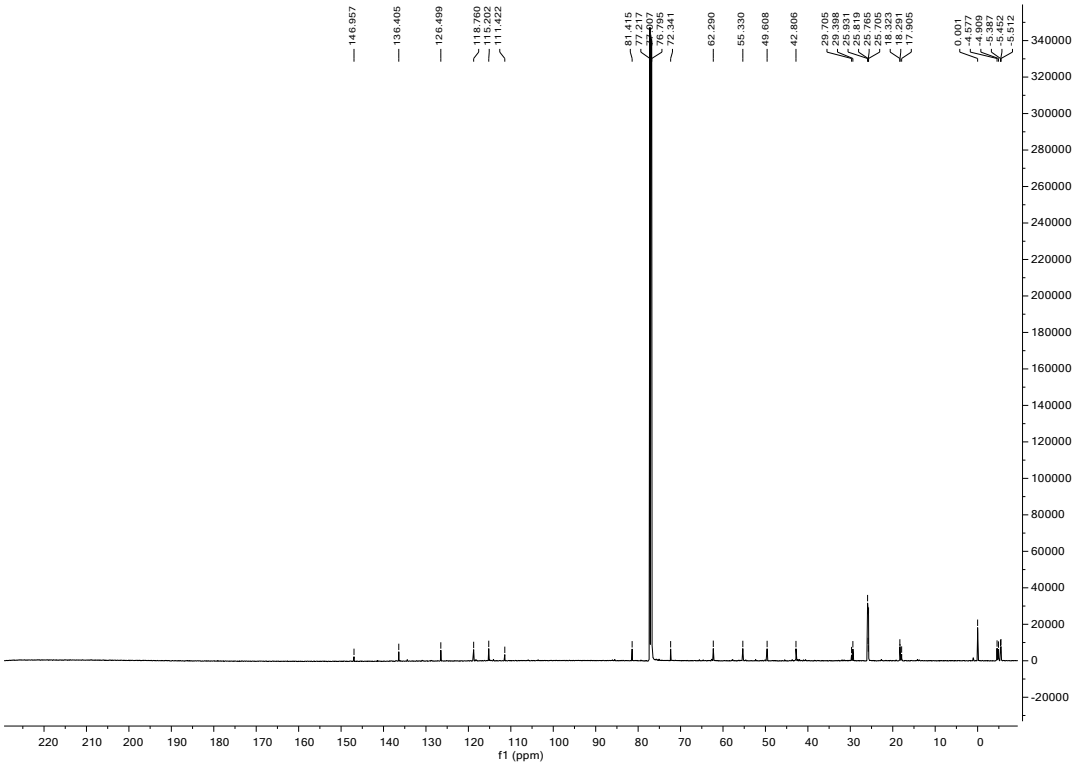

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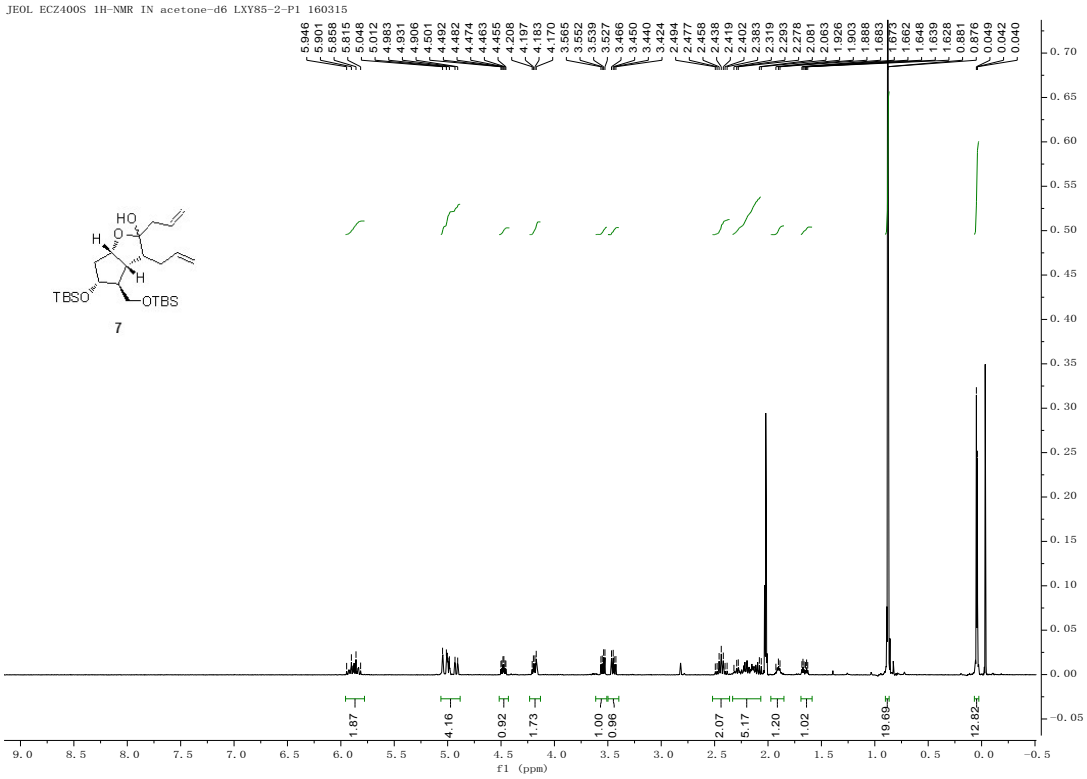

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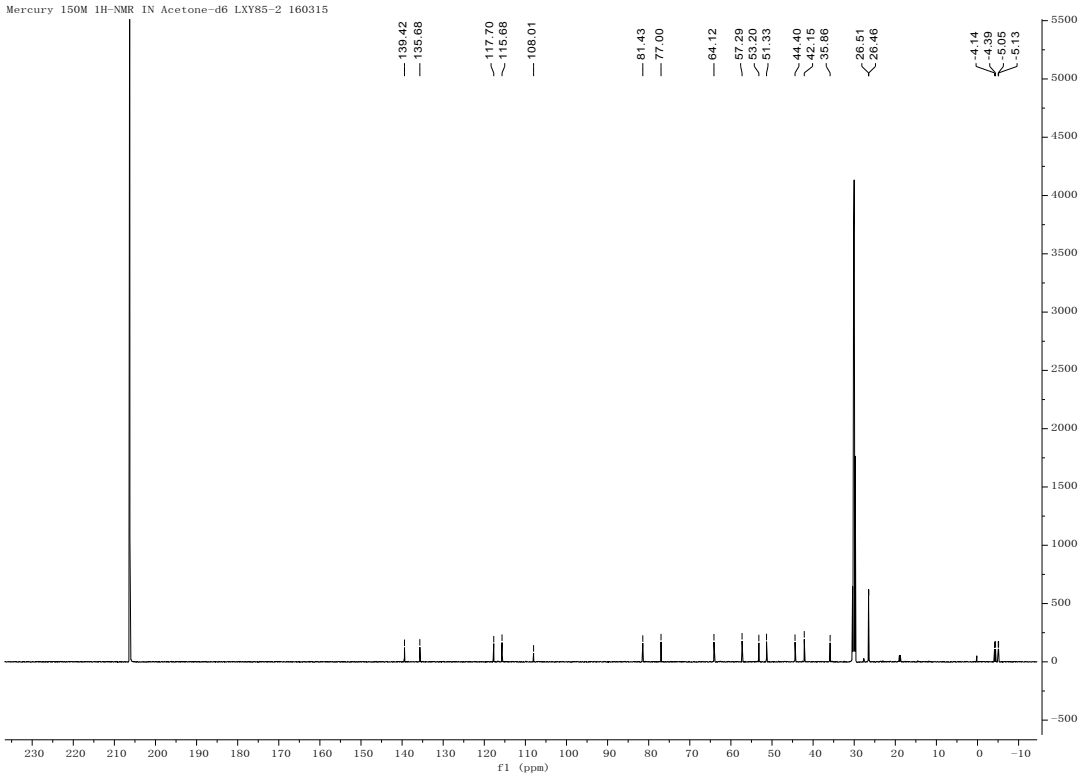

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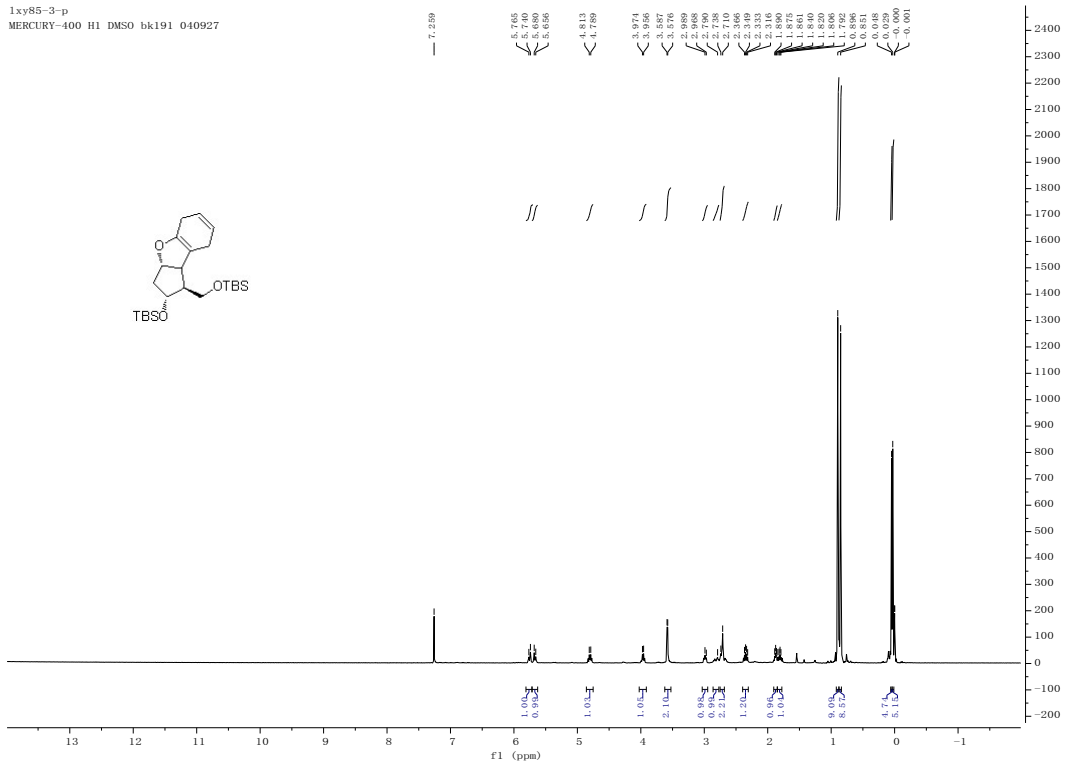

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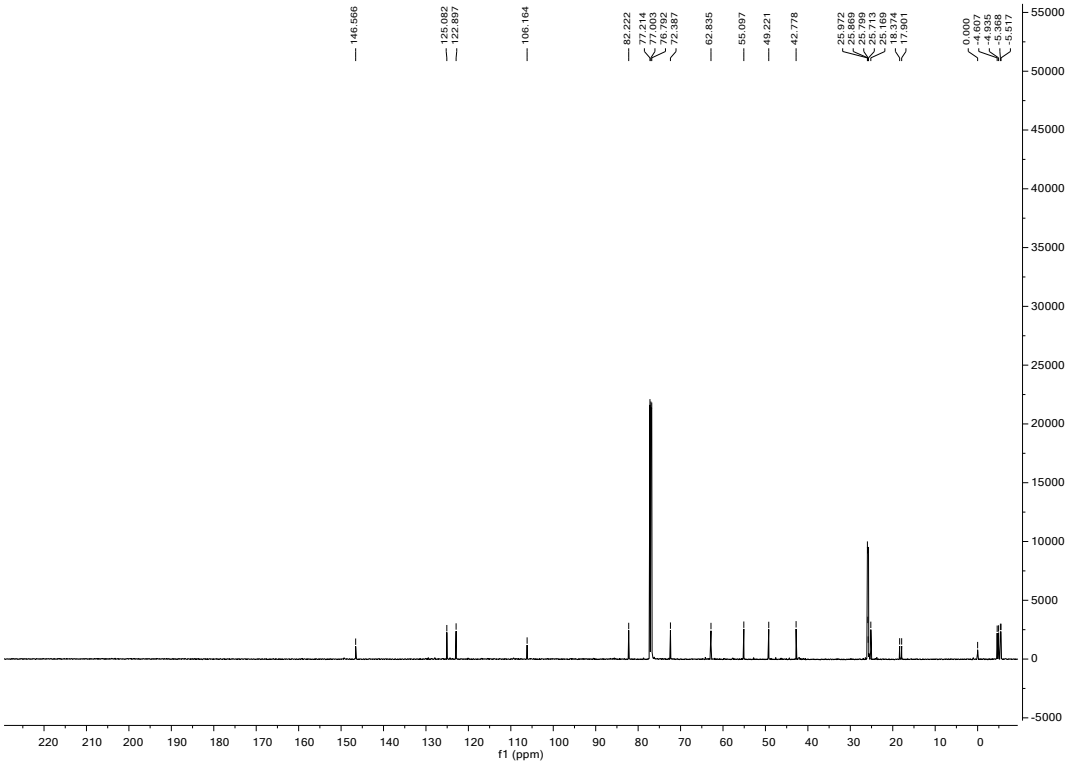

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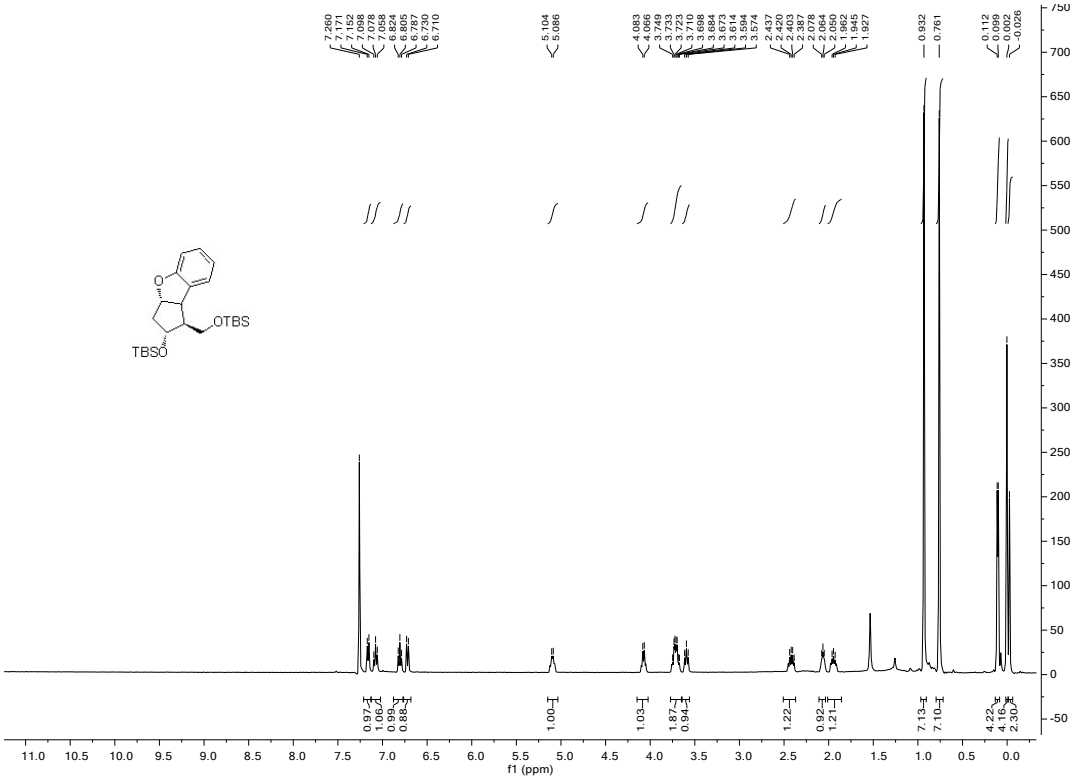

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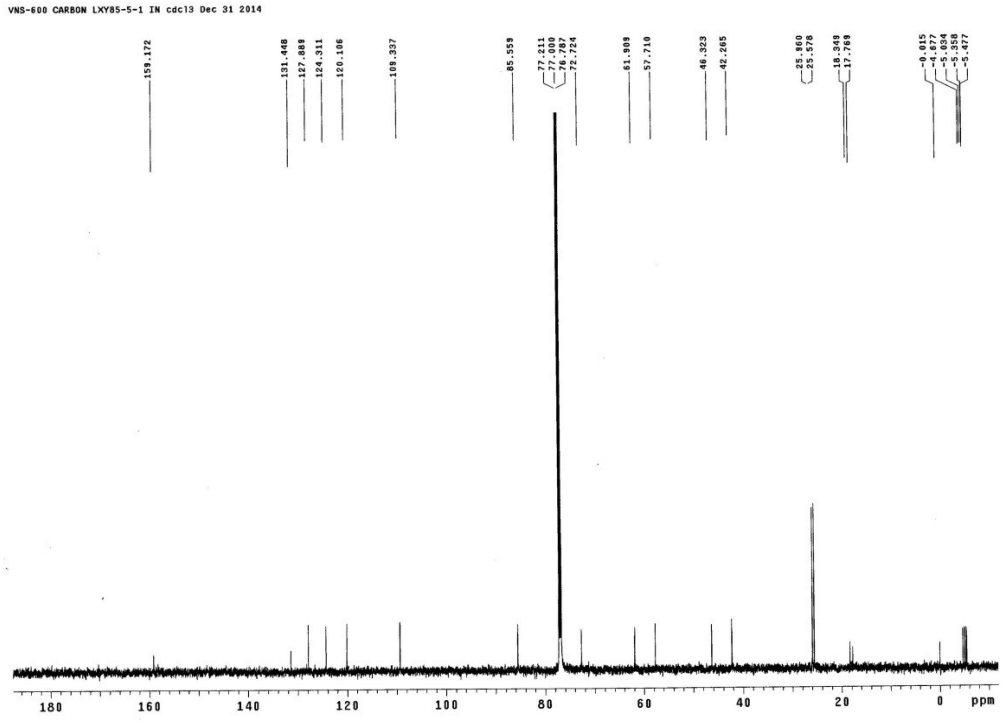

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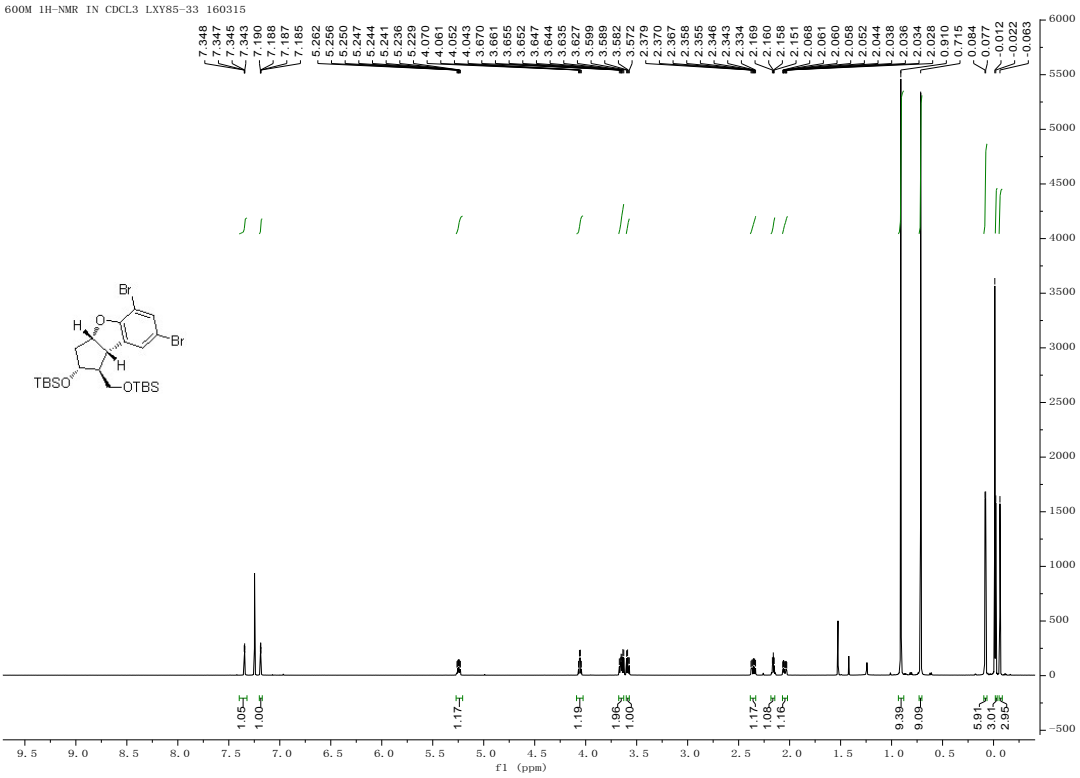

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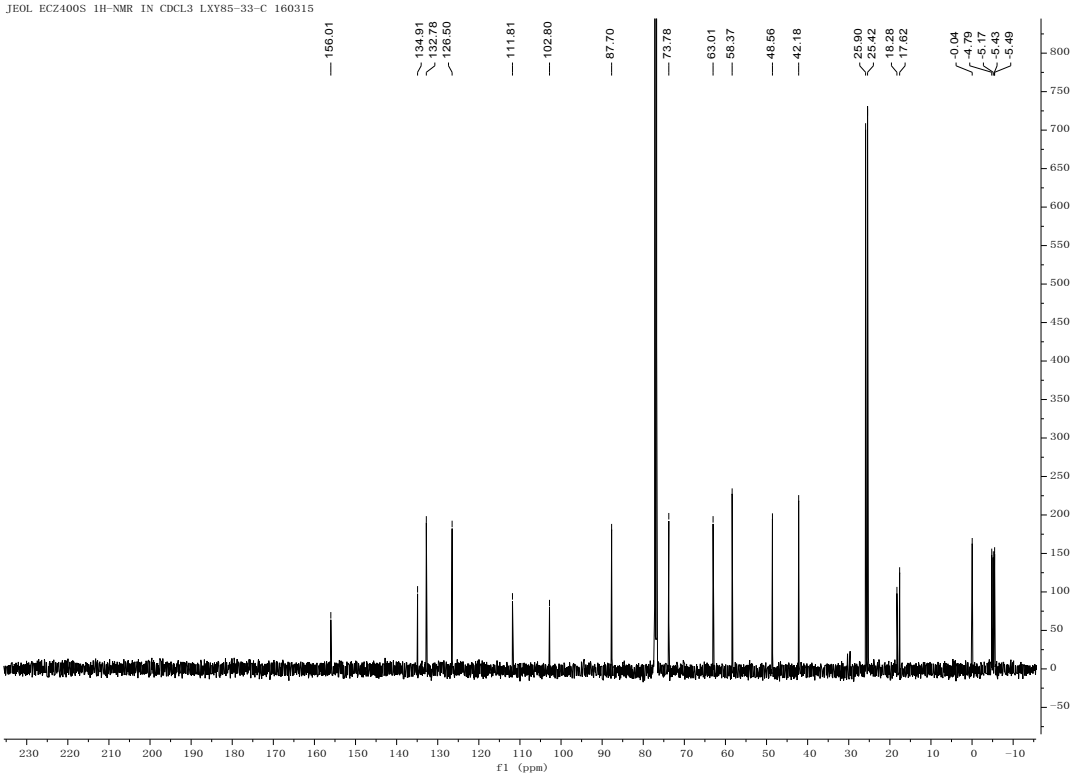

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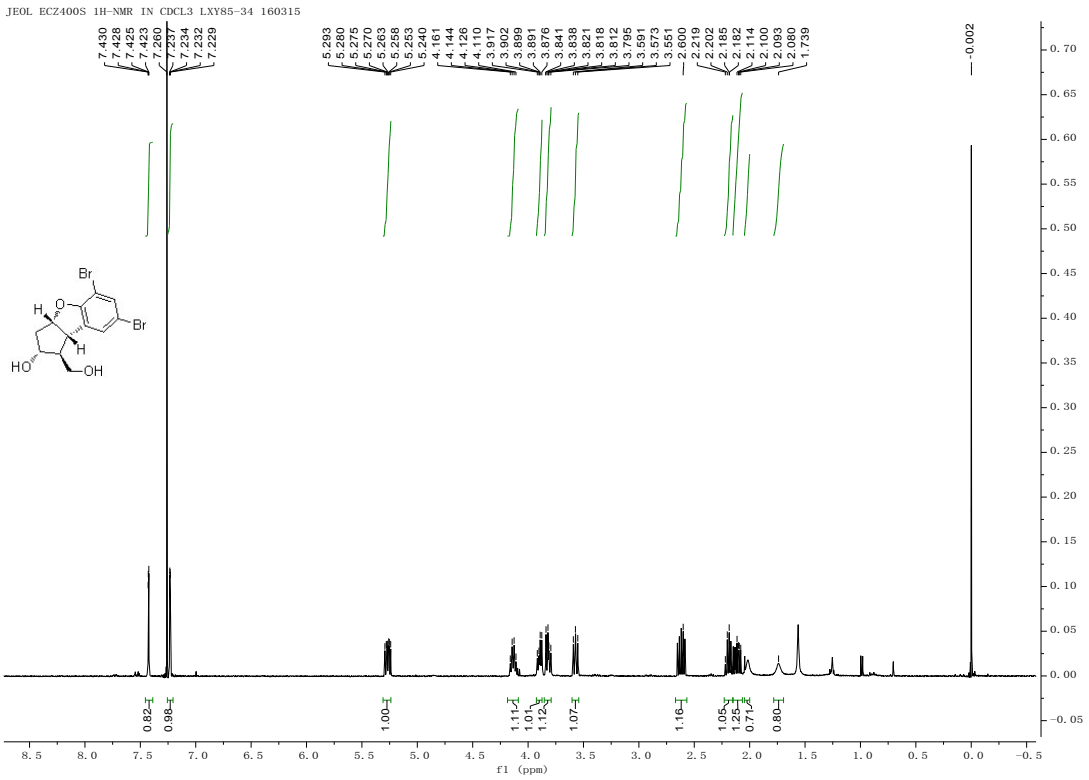

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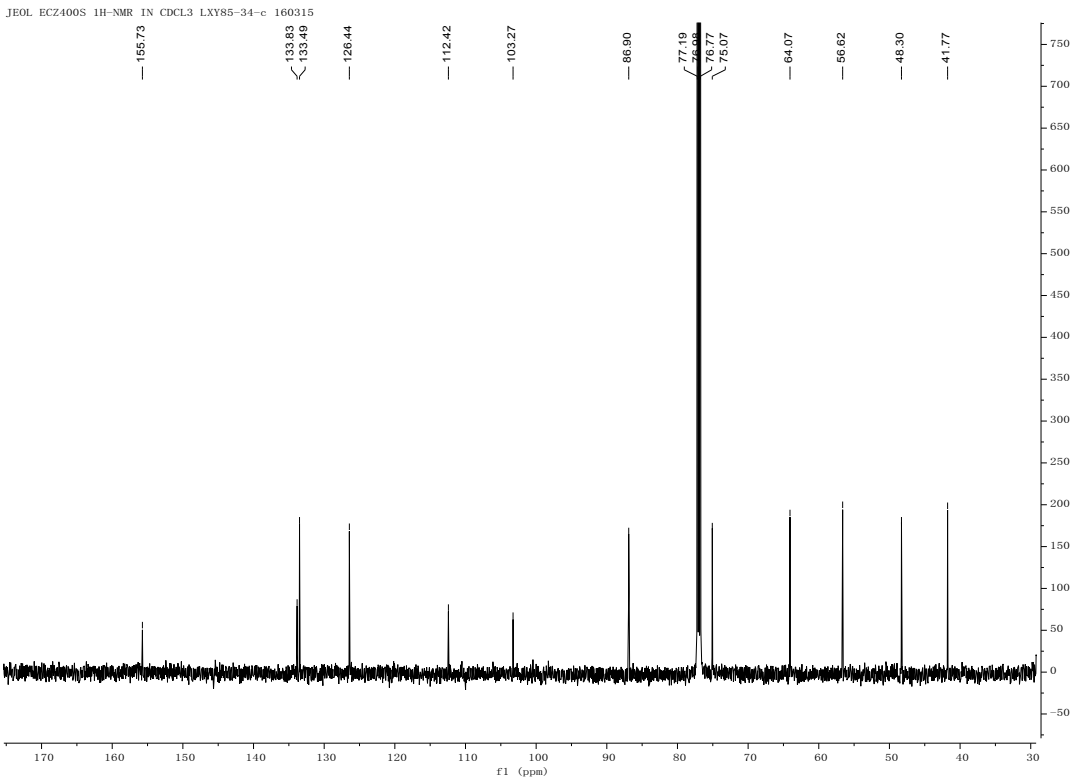

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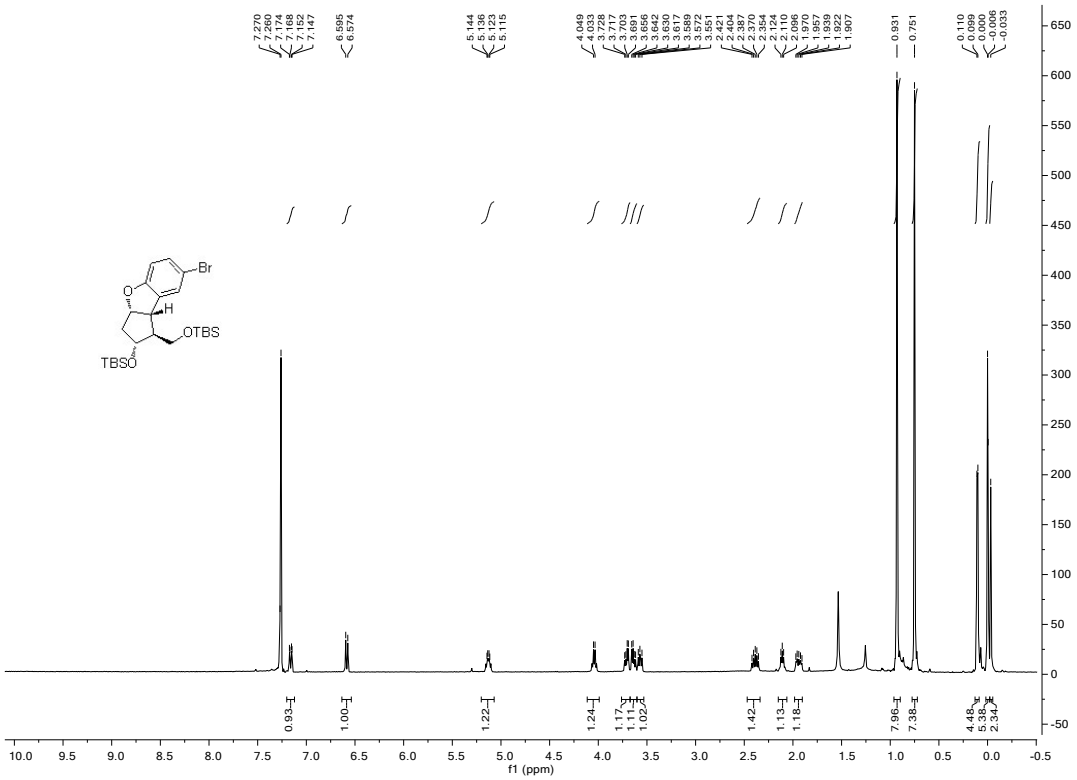

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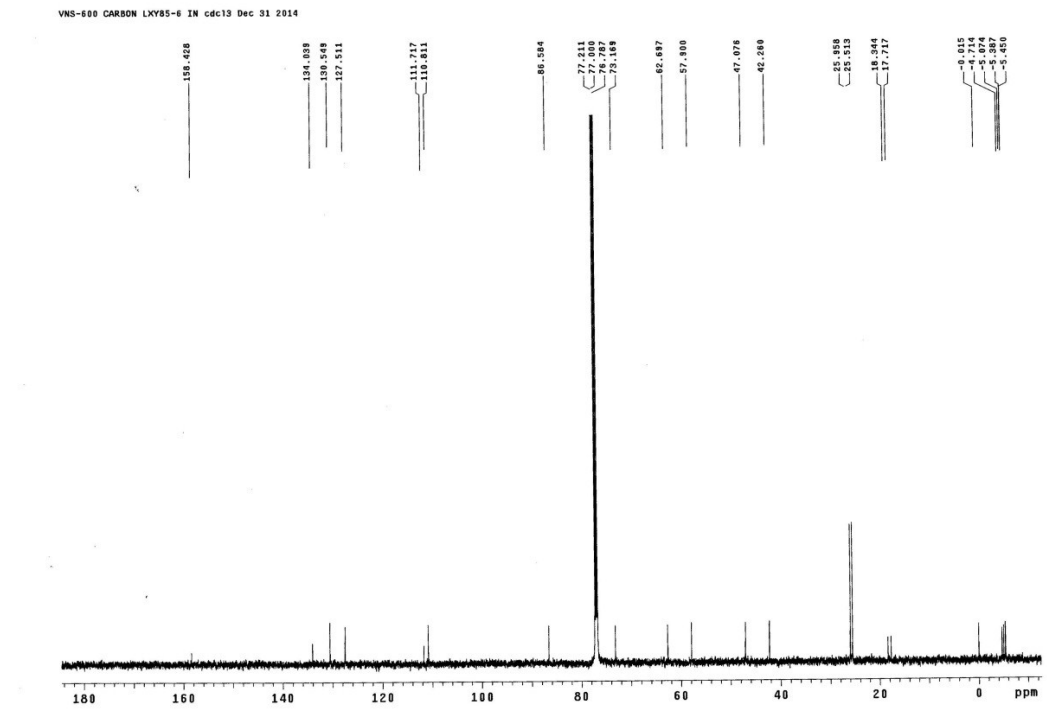

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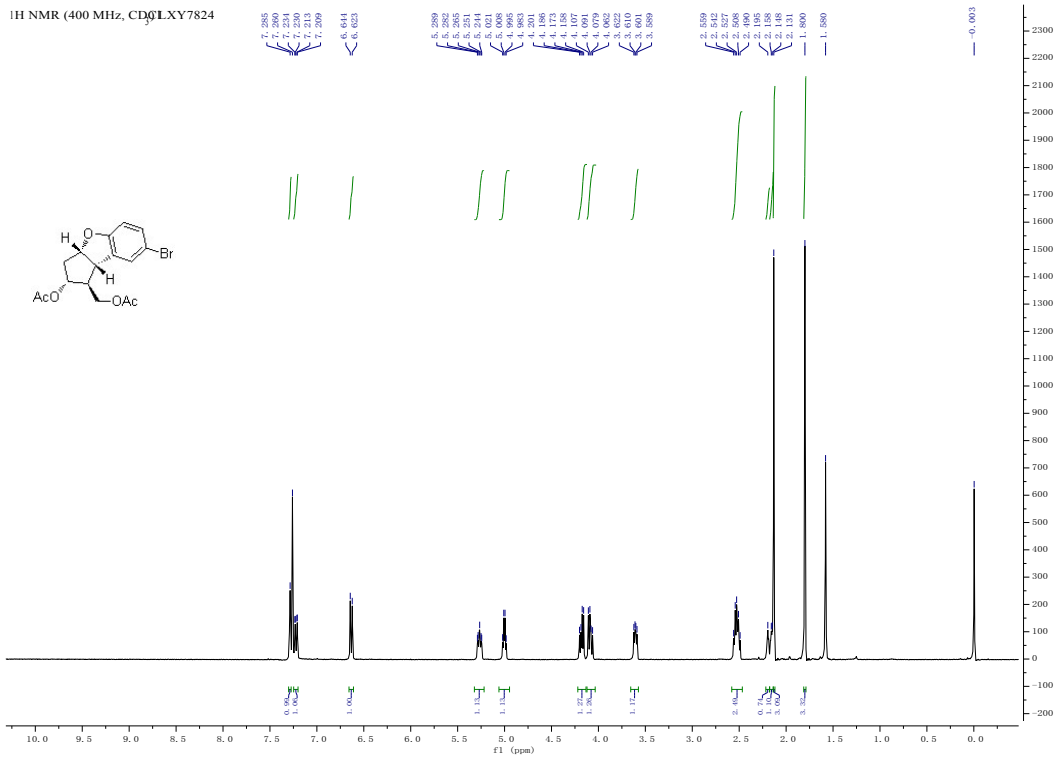

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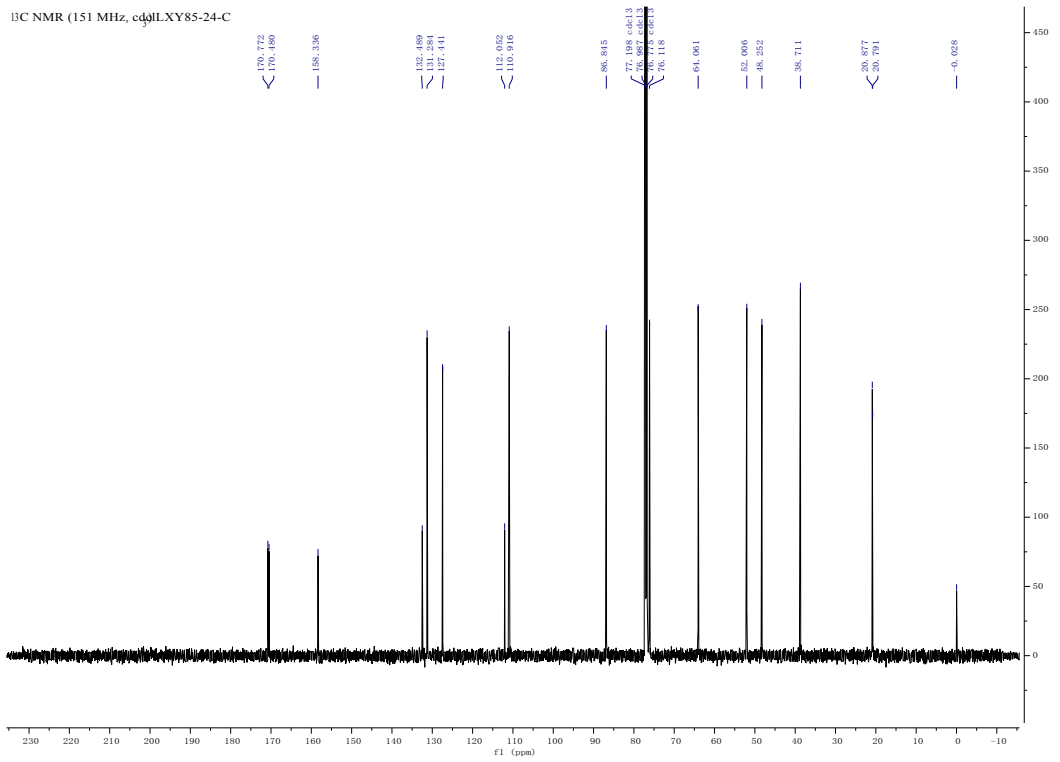

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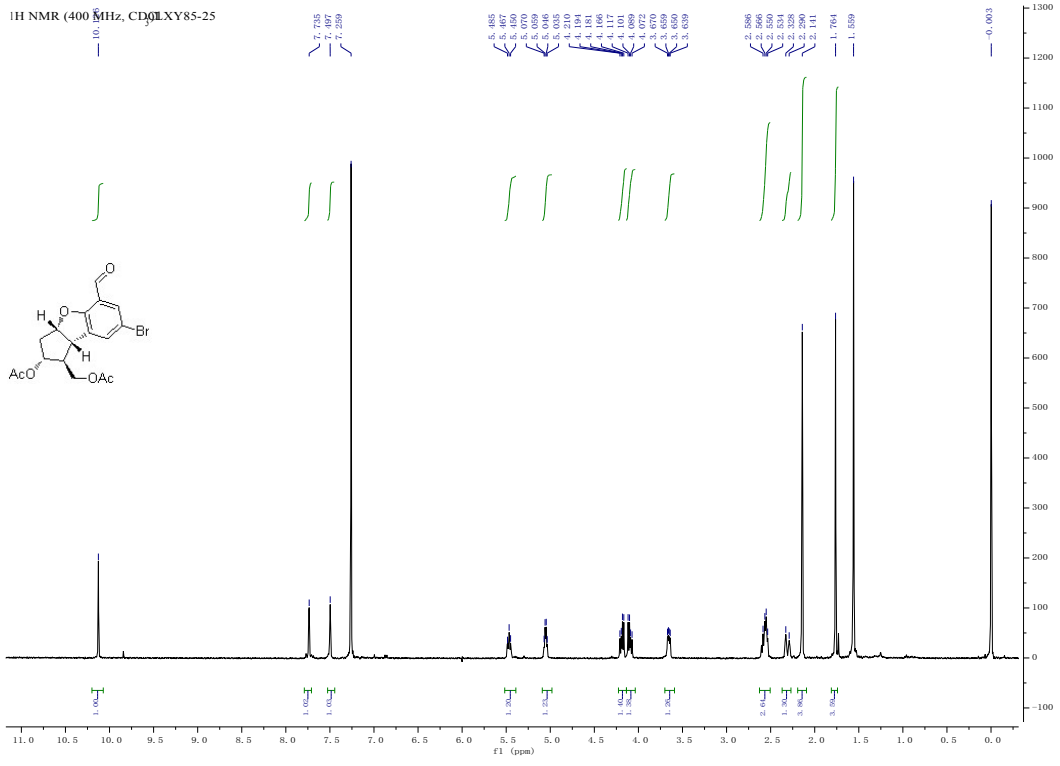

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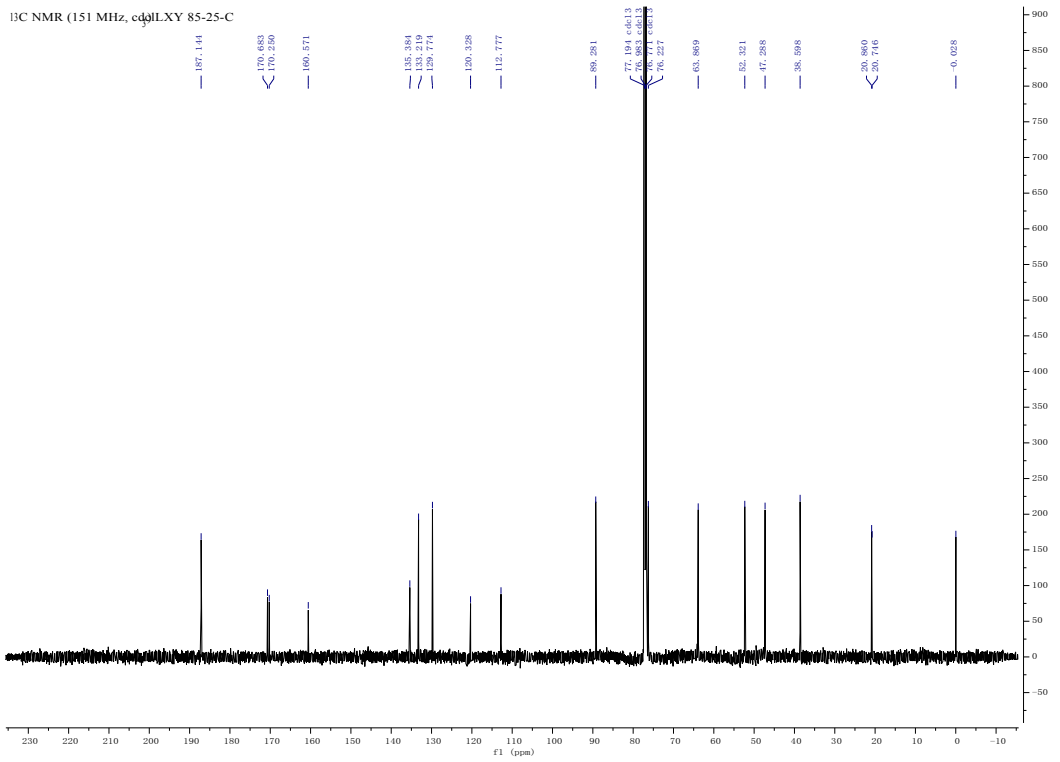

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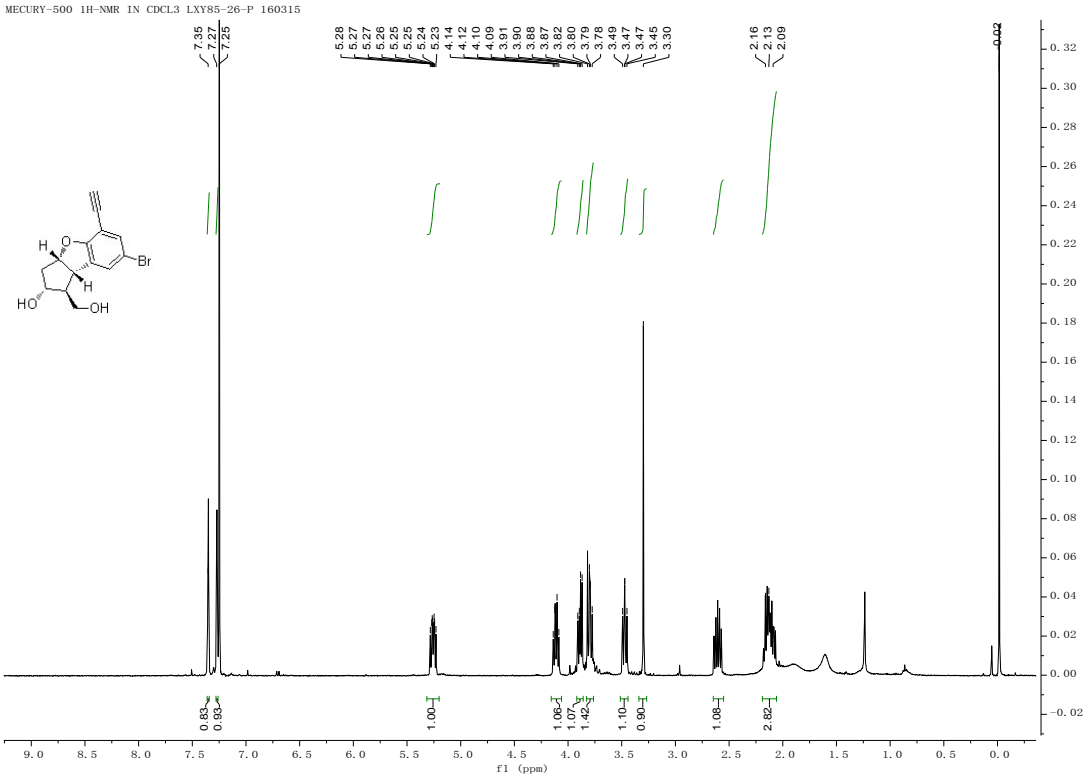

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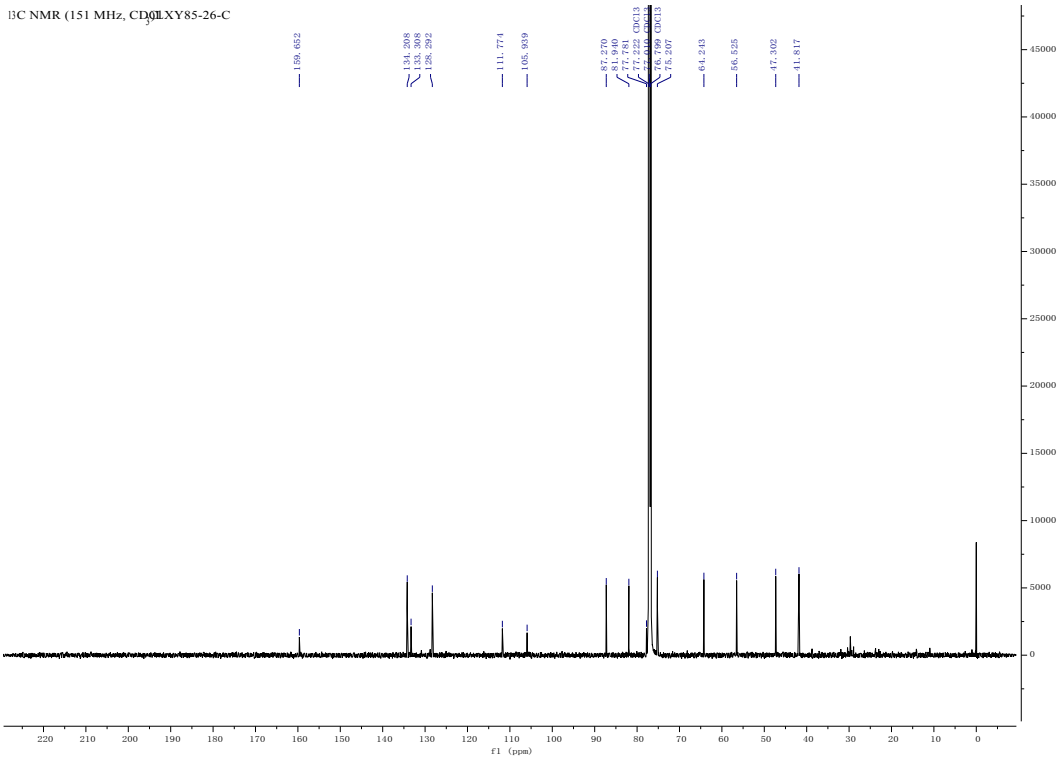

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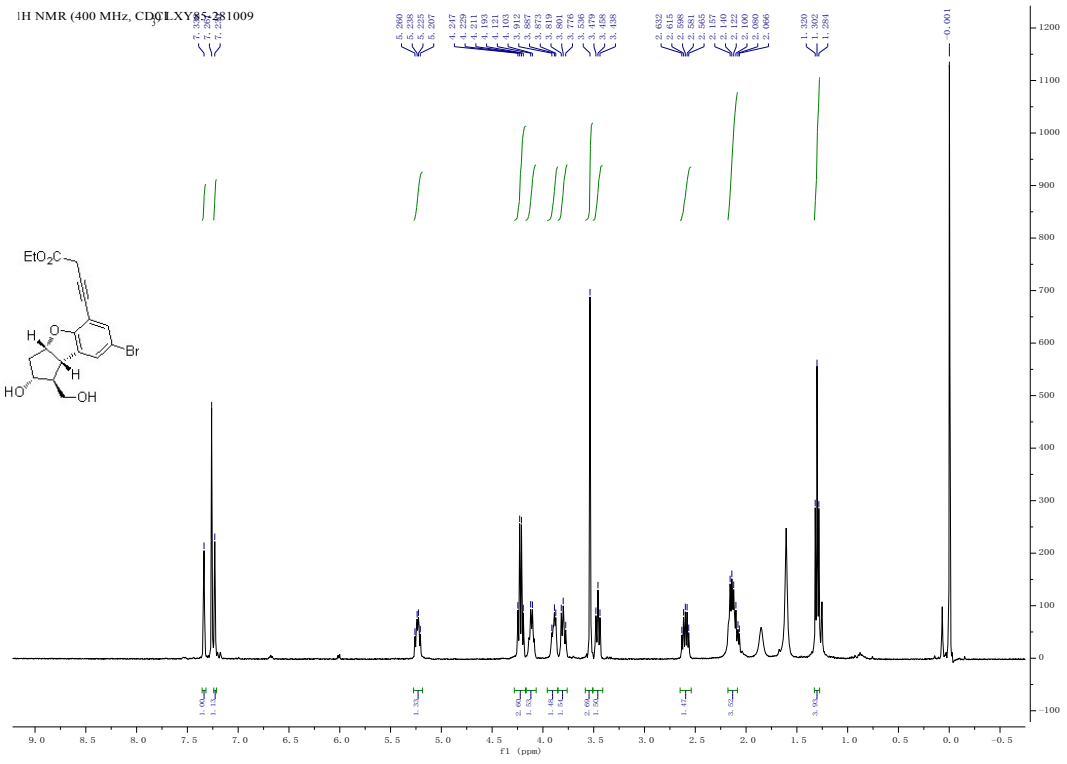

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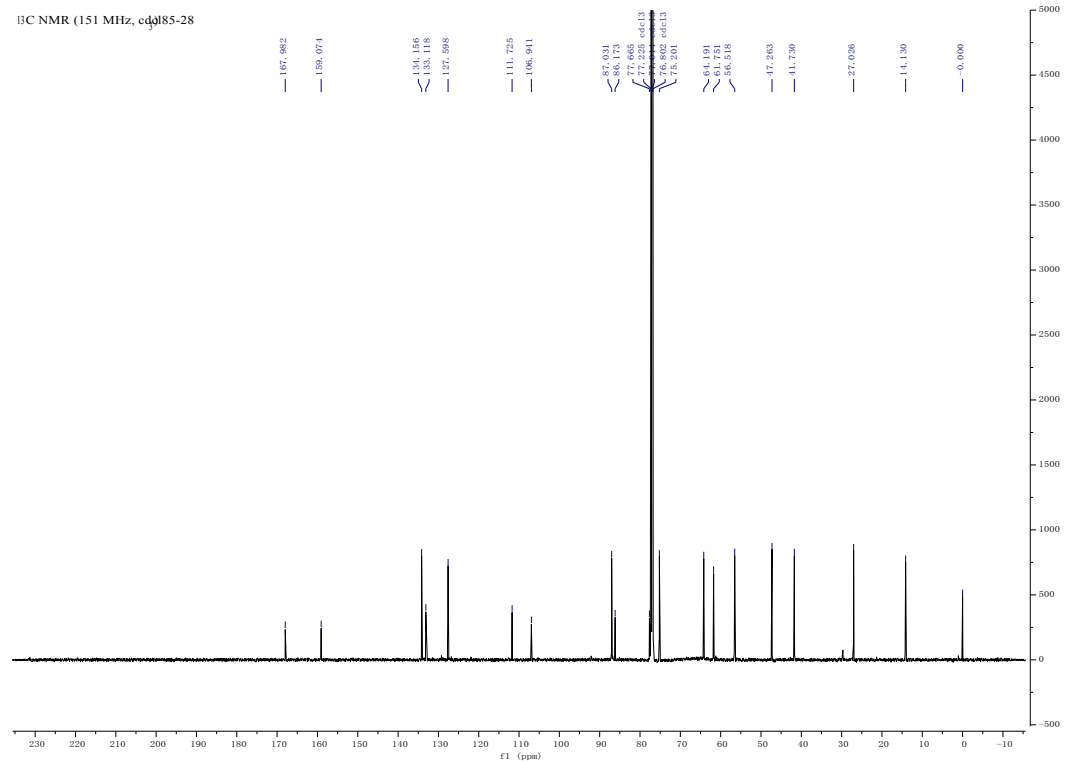

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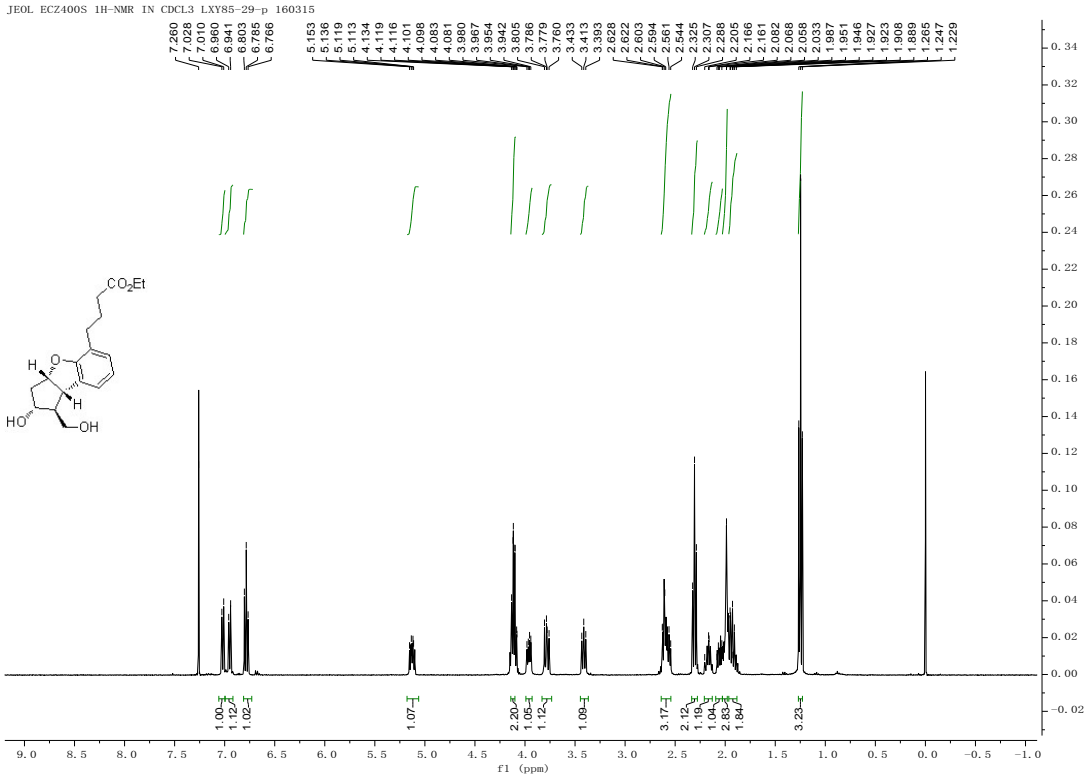

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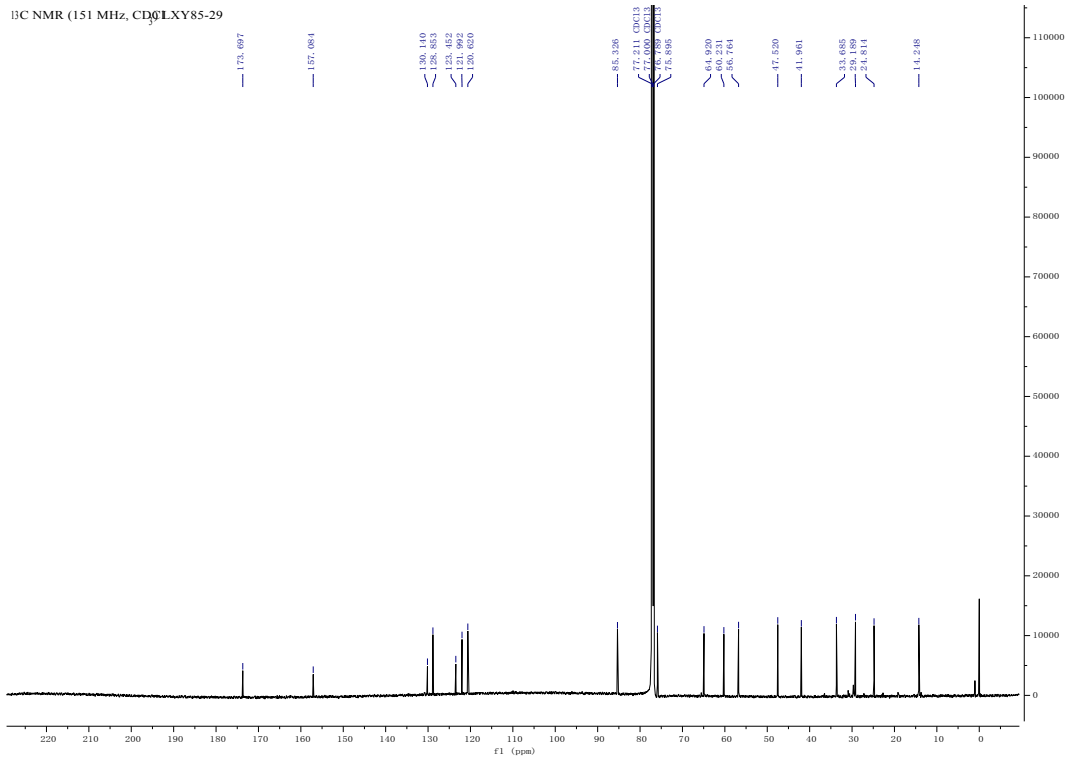

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