

Supporting Information

Sustainable Catalytic Protocols for the Solvent Free Epoxidation and (*anti*)-Dihydroxylation of the Alkene Bonds of Biorenewable Terpene Feedstocks Using H₂O₂ as Oxidant

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1 General Information

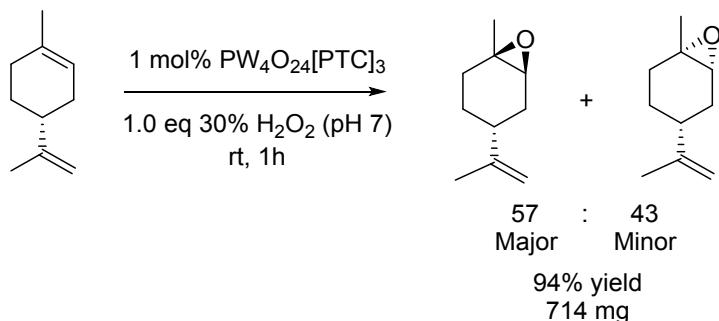
Reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers or prepared in our laboratory. All reactions were performed under air in oven-dried apparatus, with anhydrous solvents obtained from an Innovative Technology Inc. PS-400-7 solvent purification system. Flash chromatography was performed using chromatography grade silica and alumina, 60 Å particle size 35-70 microns from Fisher Scientific. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz, 400 MHz, 300 MHz or 250 MHz and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra were recorded at 125 MHz, 100 MHz or 75 MHz on Brüker Avance 500, 400 or 300 spectrometers respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and are referenced to the residual solvent peak. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Brüker Daltonics microTOF spectrometer with an electrospray source and external calibration. Long spin lattice relaxation times and quadrupolar broadening effects resulted in low intensity (or missing) resonances for the isocyanide and alkene carbon atoms in some of the ^{13}C NMR spectra of the vinyl isocyanides.¹ Masses were recorded in positive electrospray ionisation mode with samples introduced by flow injection. Masses are accurate to 5 ppm with data processed using Data Analysis software from Brüker Daltonics. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer using a Universal ATR accessory for sampling, with only selected absorbances reported as ν in cm^{-1} . Optical rotations were recorded on an Optical Activity Ltd AA-10 automatic polarimeter with a path length of 1 dm; with concentrations (c) quoted in g/100 mL.

2 Synthesis and characterization data for products

2.1 Epoxidation conditions used to prepare terpene epoxides and their corresponding spectroscopic data

(*R*)-(+)1,2-Limonene oxides (**1a/b**) – mixture of Major- and Minor- epoxides

(1*R,4R,6S*)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane and (1*S,4R,6R*)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane



(1*R,4R,6S*)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (major)

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 1.14 – 1.22 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (s, 3H, CHCH_3) 1.47 – 1.53 (m, 1 H), 1.61 – 1.70 (m, 4 H), 1.75 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 1H, C(O)CHCH_2), 4.65 (m, 2H, CCH_2).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 21.2, 24.4, 26.1, 28.8, 30.9, 36.4, 57.5, 60.7, 109.2, 149.2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[1]

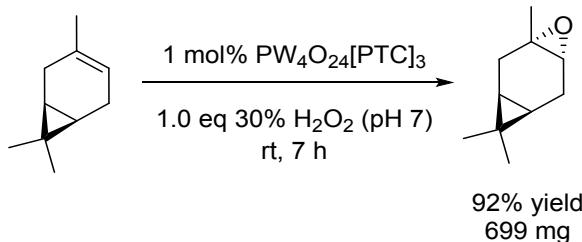
(1*S,4R,6R*)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane (minor)

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 1.32 (s, 3H, CHCH_3) 1.35 – 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.66 – 1.74 (m, 5 H), 1.82 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.98 – 3.00 (m, 1H, C(O)CHCH_2), 4.67 (m, 2H, CCH_2).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 20.4, 23.3, 24.5, 30.0, 30.9, 40.9, 57.7, 59.4, 109.2, 149.4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[1]

3-Carene oxide (2)

(1*S*,3*S*,5*R*,7*R*)-3,8,8-trimethyl-4-oxatricyclo[5.1.0.03,5]octane

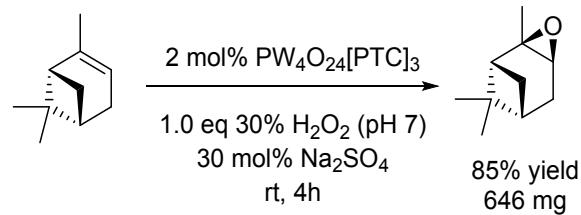


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.44 (m, 1 H), 0.52 (m, 1 H), 0.72 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.00 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.25 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.26 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (s, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}$).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 13.8, 14.6, 16.0, 19.2, 19.1, 23.1, 23.3, 27.7, 55.8, 58.2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[1]

α -Pinene oxide (3)

(1*R*,2*R*,4*S*,6*R*)-2,7,7-trimethyl-3-oxatricyclo[4.1.1.0^{2,4}]octane

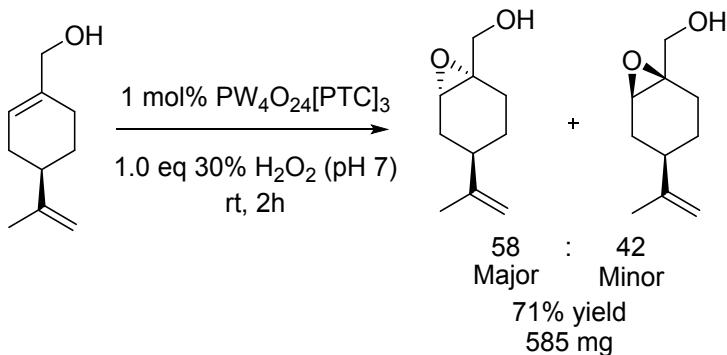


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.92 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.27 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.34 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.61 (m, 1 H), 1.71 – 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.86 – 2.05 (m, 4 H), 3.06 (s, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}$).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 20.1, 22.5, 25.8, 26.7, 27.6, 39.7, 40.5, 45.2, 56.9, 60.4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[1]

2,3-Epoxyperillyl alcohol (4a/b) – mixture of Major and Minor epoxides

(1*S*,4*R*,6*S*)-(4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-1-yl)methanol and (1*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-(4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-1-yl)methanol

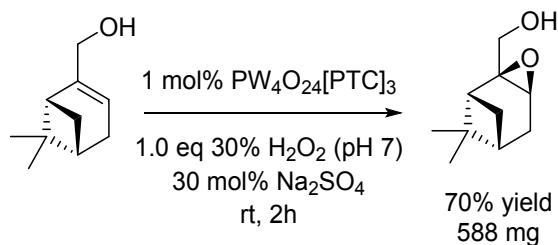


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 1.15 - 1.27 (m, 1 H), 1.34 - 1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.54 - 1.95 (m, 6 H), 2.01 - 2.25 (m, 3 H), 3.27 (0.41 H, d, $J = 3.27$ Hz, Minor-epoxide C(O)CH), 3.34 (s, 0.59 H, Major-epoxide C(O)CH), 3.53 - 3.72 (m, 2 H, CCH_2OH), 4.66 (s, 1.36 H, Major-epoxide CCH_2), 4.71 (s, 0.64 H, Minor-epoxide CCH_2).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 20.4, 21.1, 24.0, 24.9, 26.0, 26.1, 29.5, 30.4, 37.0, 41.0, 55.9, 56.9, 60.1, 60.4, 64.4, 64.6, 109.3, 109.4, 148.8, 149.0. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[2]

Myrtenol oxide (5)

(1*R*,2*S*,4*S*,6*R*)-(7,7-dimethyl-3-oxatricyclo[4.1.1.0^{2,4}]octan-2-yl)methanol

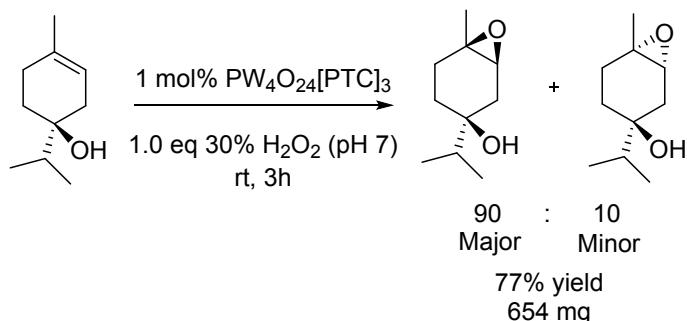


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.89 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.27 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.71 - 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.84 - 2.09 (m, 4 H), 2.37 (m, 1 H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 4.14, 1.32$ Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH), 3.57 (m, 1 H, CH_2OH), 3.75 m, 1 H, CH_2OH).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 20.0, 25.5, 26.4, 27.1, 40.1, 40.5, 40.5, 53.2, 62.9, 63.9. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[3]

4-Carvomenthenol epoxides (6a/b) - mixture of Major and Minor epoxides

(1S,3S,6R)-3-isopropyl-6-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-ol and (1R,3S,6S)-3-isopropyl-6-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-ol



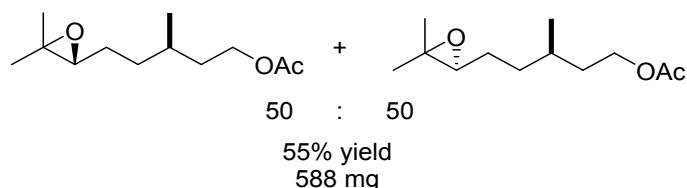
Major diastereomer data.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.90 (t, $J = 6.69$ Hz, 6 H, CH_3), 1.28 – 1.42 (m, 4 H), 1.47 – 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.70 – 2.24 (m, 4 H), 3.21 (s, 1 H, Major-epoxide $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}$), 3.54 (s, 1 H, OH).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 16.6, 16.9, 24.0, 25.8, 29.4, 31.9, 37.1, 58.8, 62.3, 72.0. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[4]

(*rac*)-*O*-Acetyl- β -citronellol epoxides (7a/b)

6,7-Epoxy-3,7-dimethyloctylacetate – mixture of *syn*- and *anti*- diastereoisomers

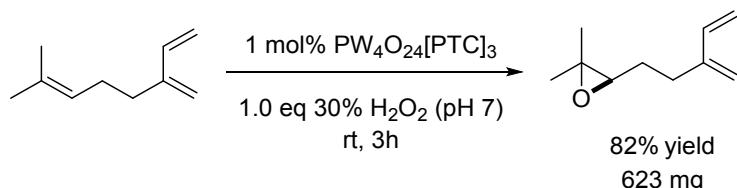


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.90 – 0.96 (m, 3 H, CH_3), 1.25 – 1.32 (m, 6 H, CH_3), 1.39 – 1.72 (m, 7 H), 1.97 – 2.08 (m, 3 H, CH_3), 2.65 – 2.74 (m, 1 H, $\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{C}$), 4.02 – 4.17 (m, 2 H, CH_2OAc).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 19.2, 19.3, 21.0, 24.9, 26.3, 29.7, 29.7, 35.4, 62.9, 64.4, 64.5, 171.4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[5]

6,7-Myrcene oxide (8)

(*rac*)-2,2-dimethyl-3-(3-methylenepent-4-en-1-yl)oxirane

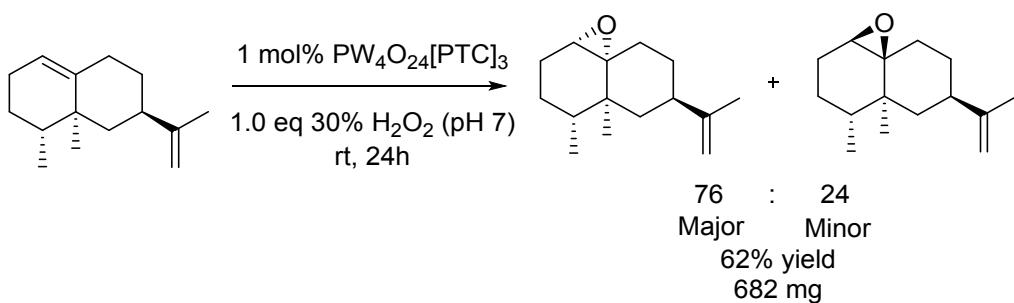


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 1.25 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.30 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.65 - 1.79 (m, 2 H), 2.24 – 2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.76 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H, C(O)H), 5.01 - 5.11 (m, 3 H), 5.24 (d, J = 17.7, 1 H), 6.38 (m, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 18.3, 24.4, 27.1, 27.6, 58.0, 63.6, 113.0, 115.7, 138.1, 144.9. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[1]

Valencene epoxides (9a/b) - mixture of Major- and Minor- epoxides

(1a*S*,4*R*,4a*S*,6*R*,8a*R*)-4,4a-dimethyl-6-(prop-1-en-2-yl)octahydro-1a*H*-naphtho[1,8a-b]oxirene and (1a*R*,4*R*,4a*S*,6*R*,8a*S*)-4,4a-dimethyl-6-(prop-1-en-2-yl)octahydro-1a*H*-naphtho[1,8a-b]oxirene.



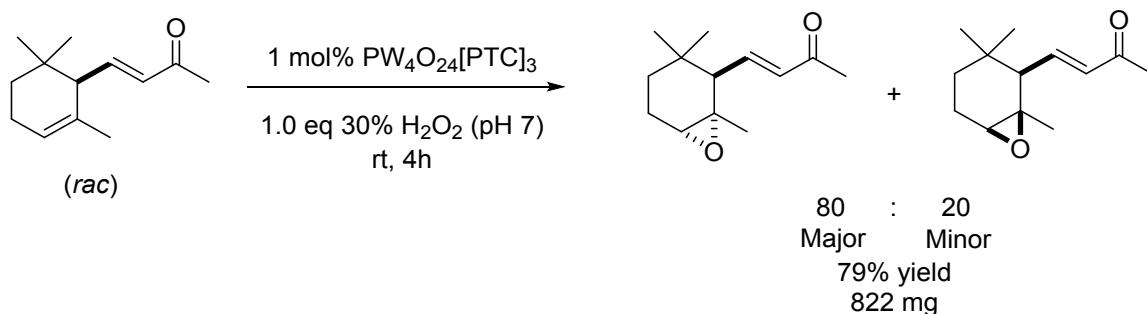
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.81 – 0.92 (m, 3 H), 0.96 - 1.07 (m, 3 H), 1.44 – 1.10 (m, 6 H), 1.71 - 2.18 (m, 9 H), 2.93 (d, 0.28 H, J = 4.0 Hz, Minor-epoxide CH₂CH(O)C), 3.03 (s, 0.72 H, Major-epoxide CH₂CH(O)C), 4.72 (m, 1.44 H, Major-epoxide C=CH₂), 4.73 (s, 0.56 H, Minor-epoxide C=CH₂).

¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 15.03, 15.22, 16.17, 16.94, 20.87, 21.21, 22.59, 24.63, 24.68, 25.82, 27.27, 28.68, 30.83, 30.90, 33.31, 33.57, 36.08, 40.22, 40.39,

40.64, 41.66, 46.01, 60.62, 63.78, 64.22, 108.68, 108.90, 111.32, 120.62, 150.11. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[6]

(*rac*)- α -Ionone epoxides (10a/b) – mixture of Major and Minor epoxides

(*rac*)-4-(2,3-epoxy-2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-buten-2-one – mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers

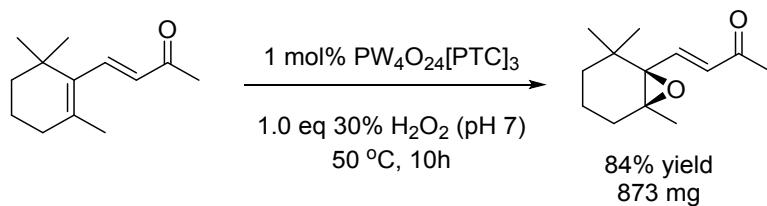


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.68 – 1.07 (m, 7 H), 1.10 – 1.26 (m, 3 H), 1.29 – 1.47 (m, 1 H), 1.70 – 2.13 (m, 3 H), 2.20 – 2.35 (m, 3 H), 2.98 (m, 0.26 H, β -epoxide, C(O)CH), 3.08 (t, 0.74 H, J = 2.52 Hz, α -epoxide C(O)CH), 6.10 (m, 1 H), 6.69 (m, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 21.52, 21.77, 23.55, 23.64, 24.09, 26.49, 27.56, 27.76, 27.90, 28.49, 29.55, 31.24, 31.76, 32.57, 52.47, 54.11, 57.85, 58.82, 59.51, 59.83, 134.03, 134.17, 145.22, 146.45, 197.73, 198.82. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[7]

(*rac*)- β -Ionone epoxide (11)

(*rac*)-4-(1,2-epoxy-2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-buten-2-one

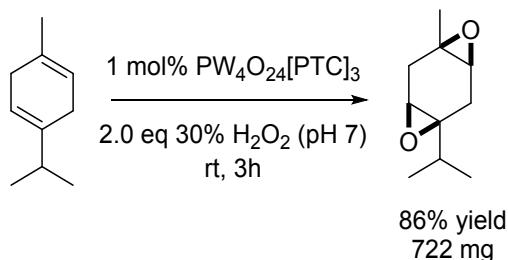


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.89 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.10–1.30 (m, 6 H), 1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.75 (m, 4 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 6.23 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1 H, $\text{CCH}=\text{CH}$), 6.98 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1 H, $\text{CCH}=\text{CH}$).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 16.7, 20.6, 25.7, 27.3, 29.6, 33.4, 33.5, 35.3, 65.7, 70.4, 132.37, 142.5, 197.4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[8]

(*rac*)- γ -Terpinene bis-epoxide (12)

(*rac*)-(*syn*)-1-isopropyl-5-methyl-4,8-dioxatricyclo[5.1.0.03,5]octane

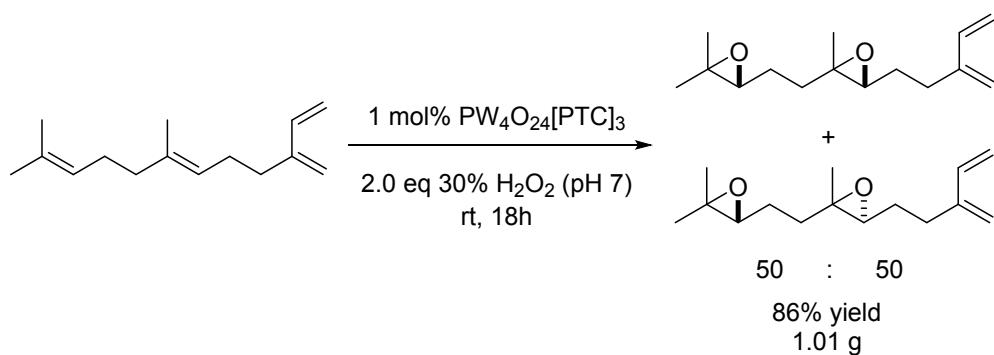


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.91 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 2.32 (m, 4H), 2.85 (dt, $J = 4.1, 0.9$ Hz, 1H, C(O)H), 2.93 (dt, $J = 3.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, C(O)H).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 17.2, 18.17, 23.4, 24.8, 30.1, 34.9, 55.2, 56.1, 57.3, 61.1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxide.^[9]

(*rac*)-Farnesene bis-epoxides (13a/b) - mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-epoxides

(*rac*)-2-(2-(3,3-dimethyloxiran-2-yl)ethyl)-2-methyl-3-(3-methylenepent-4-en-1-yl)oxirane - mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-epoxides



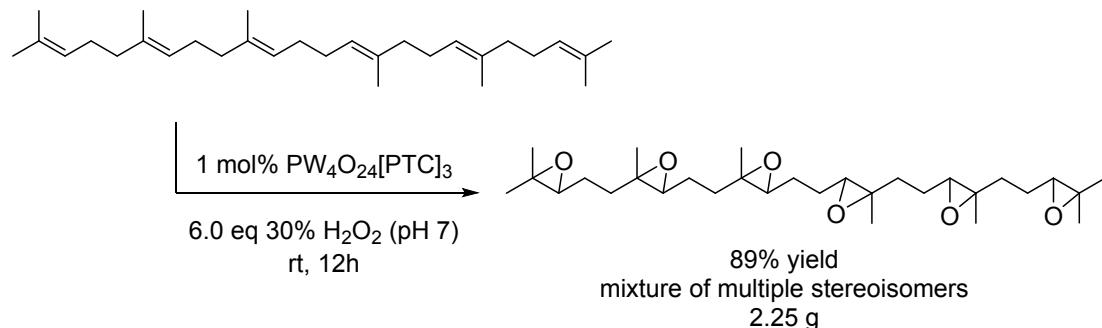
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 1.23 – 1.28 (m, 9 H), 1.51 – 1.73 (m, 6 H), 2.22 – 2.48 (m, 2 H), 2.68 (m, 1 H, C(O)CH), 2.75 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH), 5.02 (m, 3 H), 5.21 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.33 (m, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 16.2, 18.3, 24.2, 24.4, 26.95, 27.8, 35.3, 57.9, 60.2, 63.0, 63.6, 113.1, 115.8, 138.2, 145.0. I.R (thin film) ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): C-H (2962),

C=C (1595), C-O (1249). HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated. C₁₅H₂₄O₂: requires 259.1674 for [M+Na]⁺; found: 259.1692.

(*rac*)-Squalene epoxides (14) – mixture of all possible stereoisomeric epoxides

(rac)-Hexaepoxysqualene

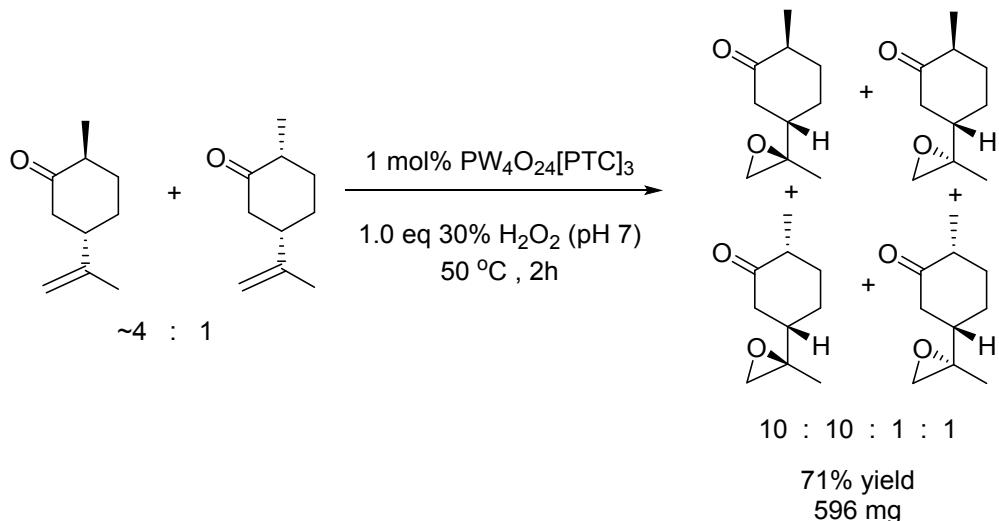


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 1.22 - 1.26 (m, 24 H), 1.34 - 1.68 (m, 20 H), 2.65 - 2.76 (m, 6 H, C(O)H).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 16.3, 16.3, 16.3, 16.5, 16.5, 18.5, 18.6, 24.2, 24.4, 24.5, 24.6, 24.7, 25.6, 25.8, 25.9, 35.1, 35.4, 35.4, 35.5, 58.3, 58.3, 60.2, 60.3, 60.4, 60.4, 62.5, 62.7, 63.0, 63.2, 63.7, 63.9. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[10]

Dihydrocarvone epoxides (15a-d) - mixture of 4 diastereomeric epoxides

(2*S*,5*S*)-2-methyl-5-((*R*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexan-1-one, (2*S*,5*S*)-2-methyl-5-((*S*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexan-1-one, (2*R*,5*S*)-2-methyl-5-((*R*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexan-1-one and (2*R*,5*S*)-2-methyl-5-((*S*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexan-1-one

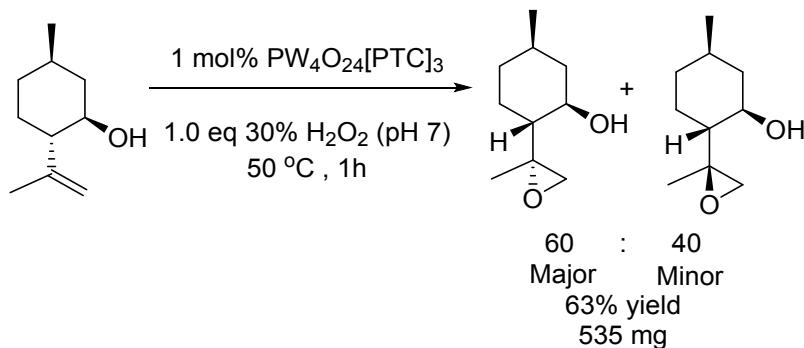


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 1.27 - 1.32 (m, 3 H), 1.49 - 1.81 (m, 3 H), 1.90 – 1.97 (m, 1 H), 2.08 - 2.20 (m, 2 H), 2.28 - 2.38 (m, 1 H), 2.41 - 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH₂), 2.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH₂).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 14.40, 14.41, 16.38, 18.07, 18.77, 18.77, 19.00, 23.03, 27.38, 27.65, 30.99, 34.51, 34.57, 40.56, 43.47, 43.61, 44.04, 44.30, 44.90, 45.04, 45.37, 46.06, 52.80, 53.00, 53.44, 58.39, 58.51, 58.56, 211.81, 211.89, 214.13. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[11]

(-)-Isopulegol epoxides (16a/b) – mixture of two diastereomeric epoxides

(1*R*,2*R*,5*R*)-5-methyl-2-((*R*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexanol and (1*R*,2*R*,5*R*)-5-methyl-2-((*S*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)cyclohexanol



Major Diastereomer data (~96% purity with 4% Minor diastereomer).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.81 – 0.97 (m, 5 H), 1.02 – 1.16 (m, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.39 – 1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.63 – 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.81 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH₂), 2.92 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1 H, C(O)CH₂), 3.27 (td, J = 10.5, 4.4 Hz, 1 H, CH(OH)), 3.36 (br s, 1 H, OH).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 21.1, 22.2, 27.8, 31.3, 34.0, 42.9, 49.0, 52.3, 60.5, 70.6.

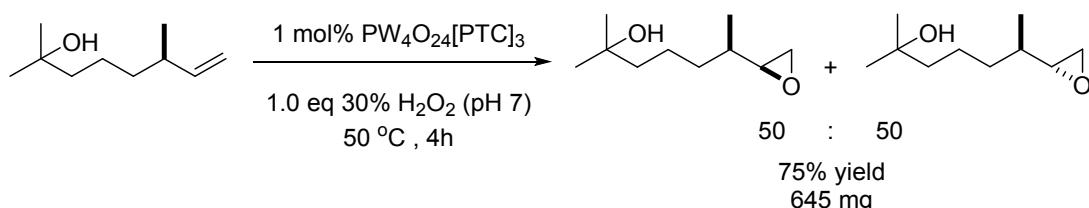
Minor Diastereomer data.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.82 – 0.97 (m, 6 H), 1.20 (m, 1 H), 1.29 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.62 – 1.72 (m, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 2.51 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 2.56 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 2.60 – 2.76 (br s, 1 H, OH), 3.68 (td, $J = 10.5, 4.5$ Hz, 1 H, $\text{CH}(\text{OH})$).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 16.9, 22.0, 27.6, 30.9, 33.9, 43.5, 51.1, 52.7, 59.1, 71.2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[4]

(rac)-Dihydromyrcenol epoxides (17a/b) – mixture of two diastereomeric epoxides

(*rac*)-(*syn*)-2-methyl-6-(oxiran-2-yl)heptan-2-ol and (*rac*)-(*anti*)-2-methyl-6-(oxiran-2-yl)heptan-2-ol

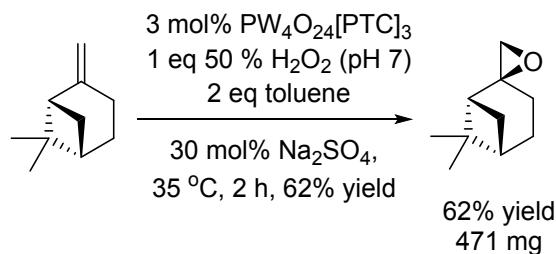


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.89 - 1.04 (m, 3 H, CH_3), 1.19 (s, 6 H, CH_3), 1.23 - 1.61 (m, 8 H), 2.42 - 2.56 (m, 1 H, $\text{CH}_2(\text{O})\text{CH}$), 2.64 - 2.77 (m, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2(\text{O})\text{CH}$).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 15.7, 21.7, 29.0, 29.2, 35.0, 44.0, 46.9, 57.0, 57.0, 70.8. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these epoxides.^[12]

β -Pinene oxide (18)

(1*R*,2*S*,5*S*)-6,6-dimethylspiro[bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane-2,2'-oxirane]

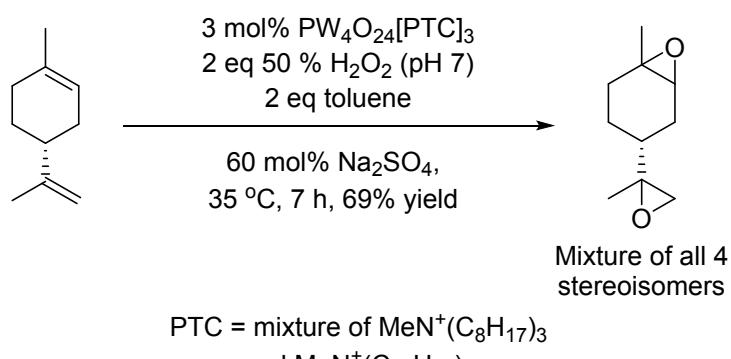


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.90 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.23 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.50 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1 H), 1.64 – 2.00 (m, 5 H), 2.13 – 2.30 (m, 2 H), 2.59 (dt, $J = 4.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 2.76 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1 H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 21.1, 22.2, 23.5, 25.1, 26.0, 40.0, 40.7, 48.8, 56.5, 61.6. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this epoxides.^[13]

Limonene bis-epoxide (**19**) - mixture of four stereoisomers

(4R)-1-methyl-4-(2-methyloxiran-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 1.22 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 3H, CH_3), 1.30 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.30 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.69 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.46 – 2.64 (m, 2H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 2.93 – 3.07 (m, 1H, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}$)

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 60.6, 60.2, 59.2, 58.9, 58.9, 58.8, 57.9, 57.8, 57.5, 57.4, 53.4, 53.3, 53.0, 52.8, 40.1, 39.5, 35.5, 35.0, 30.4, 30.3, 28.9, 28.6, 27.9, 27.9, 26.8, 26.7, 24.5, 24.4, 23.7, 23.5, 23.5, 23.1, 23.1, 21.6, 21.6, 21.5, 19.0, 18.4, 18.3, 17.7.

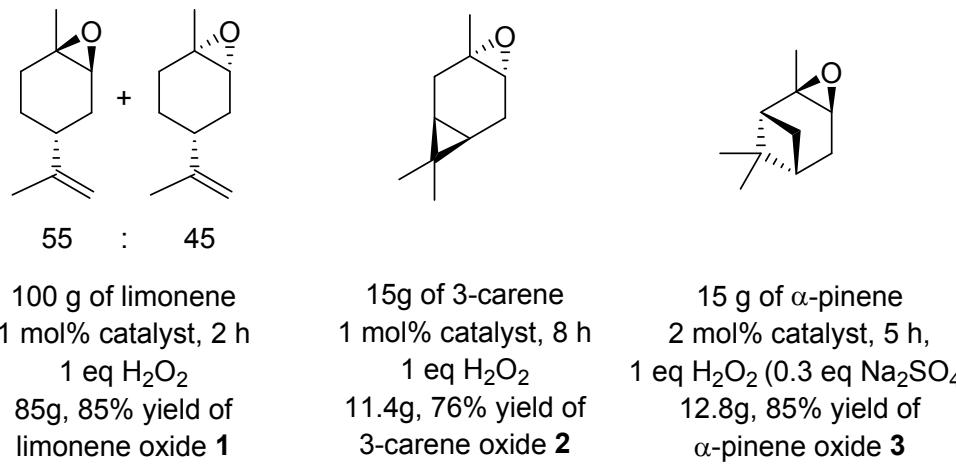
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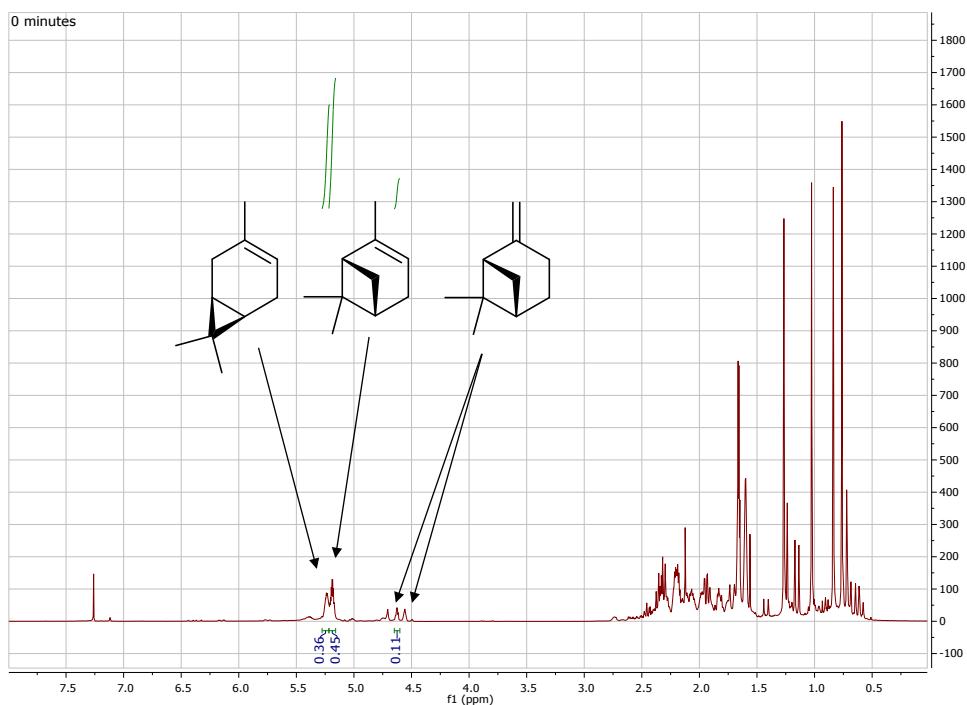
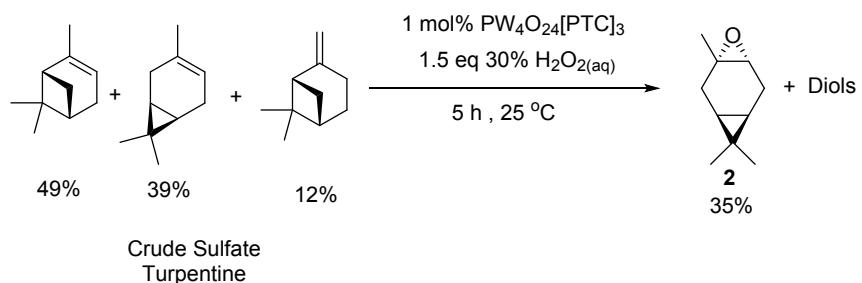
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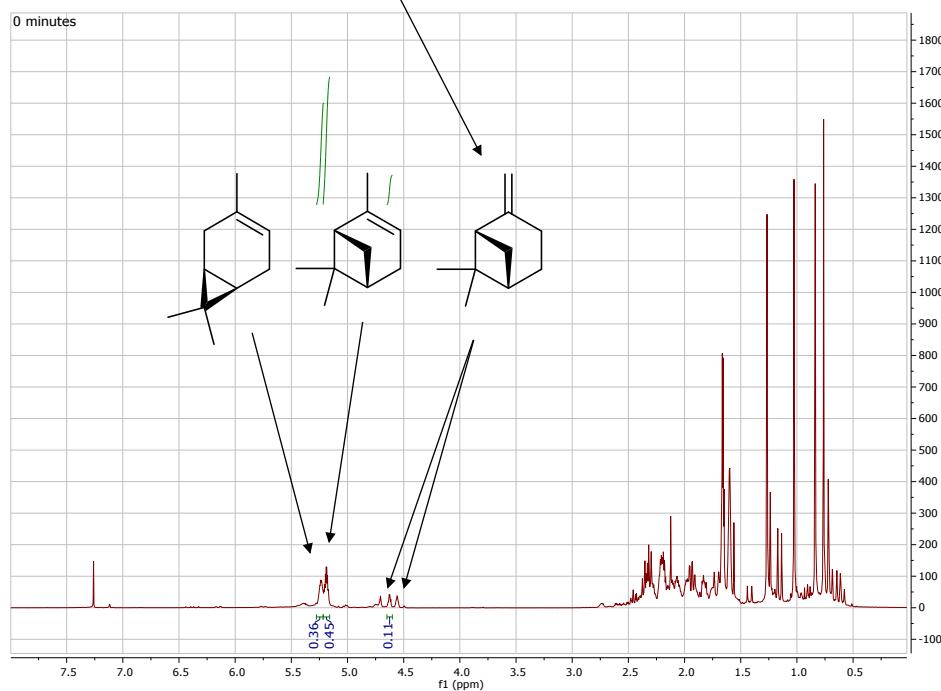
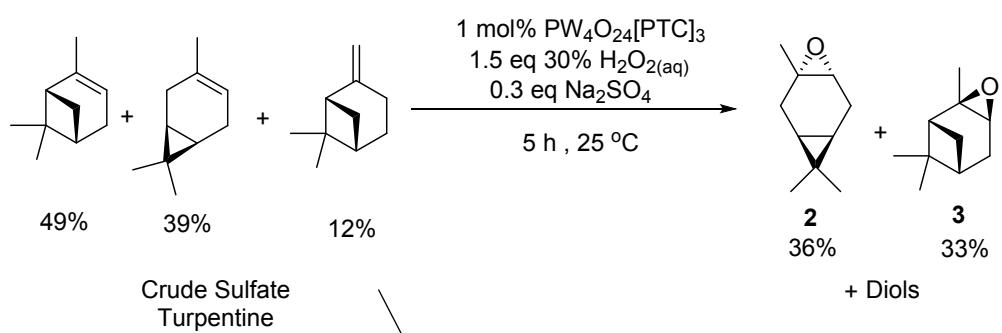
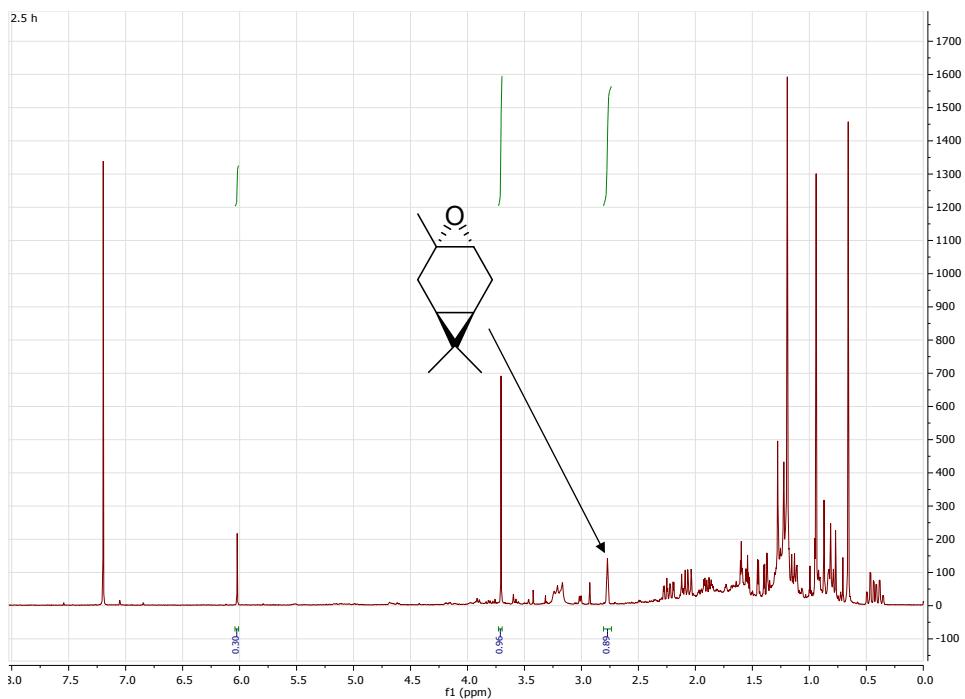
2.1.1 Large scale solvent free epoxidation of limonene, α -pinene and 3-carene using a modified Ishii-Venturello tungsten catalyst and H_2O_2 as oxidant

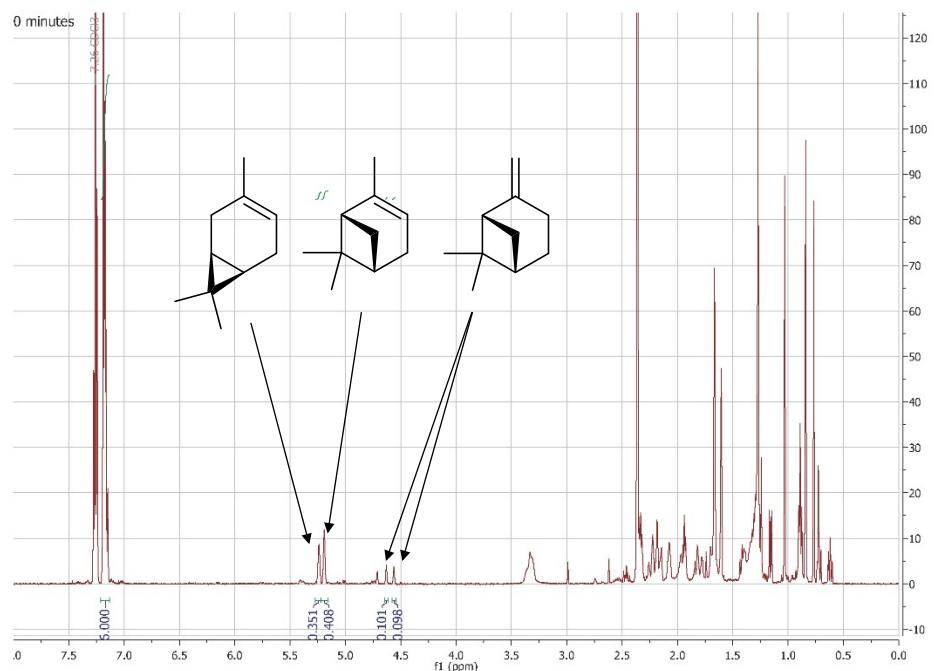
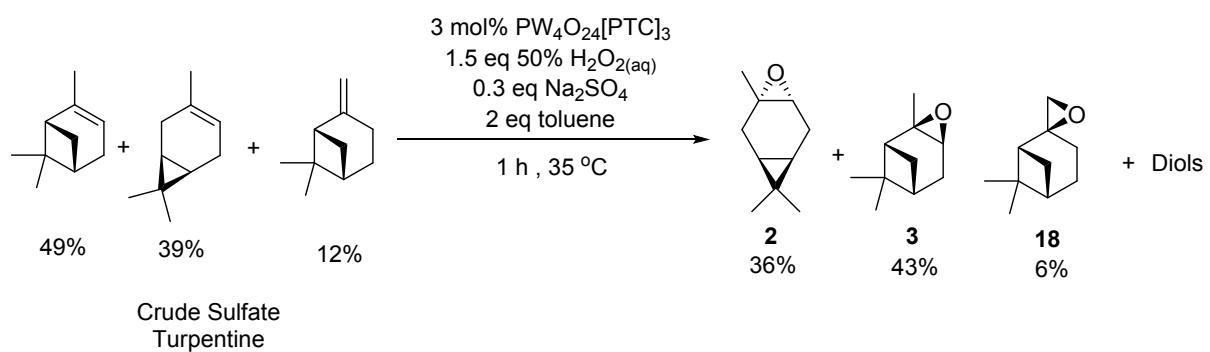
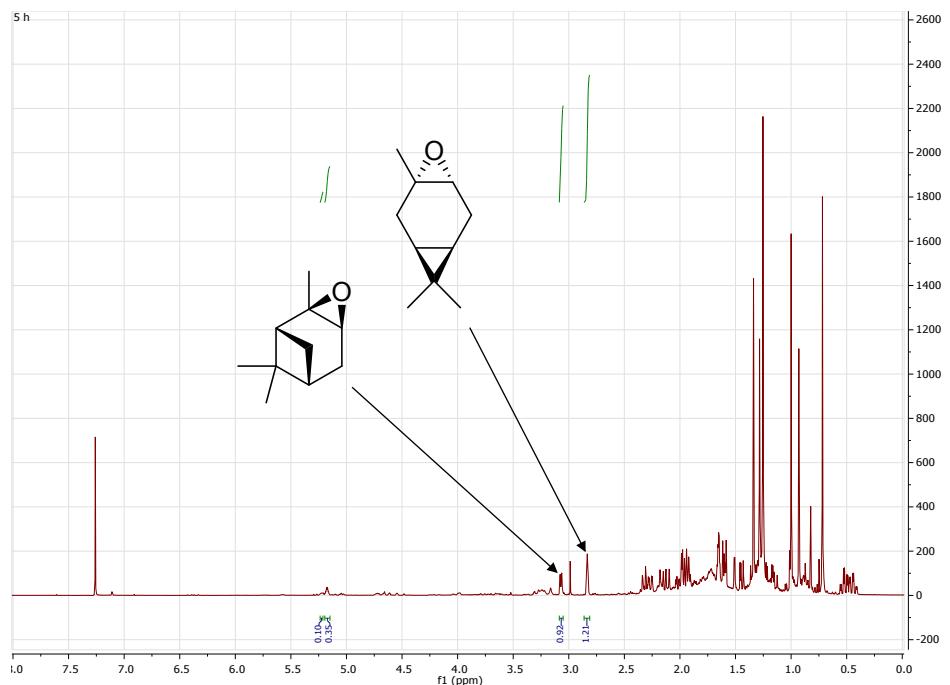
A terpene substrate (15g or 100g) and $PW_4O_{24}[PTC]_3$ (1 mol%) was added to an open 1 L three necked round bottom flask immersed in a water bath fitted with a condenser and thermometer, with the resultant suspension then stirred for 10 minutes to fully dissolve the catalyst. The terpene/catalyst mixture was then stirred at ~100 rpm, with 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution [1 equivalent, buffered to pH 7 with 0.5 M NaOH, (with or without Na_2SO_4)] added in a dropwise manner (5 mL portions). The rate of addition of hydrogen peroxide was adjusted to ensure that the temperature of the reaction mixture remained between 35-50 °C to prevent thermal runaway. **Caution – too rapid addition of the H_2O_2 solution can result in a vigorous exotherm which can lead to the reaction mixture exiting the reaction flask in an uncontrolled manner.** The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature (2 - 8 h) until the epoxidation reaction was judged to be complete by tlc analysis. The top yellow organic layer of the resultant biphasic mixture was then separated off and purified via distillation to produce the desired epoxides as clear yellow oils.

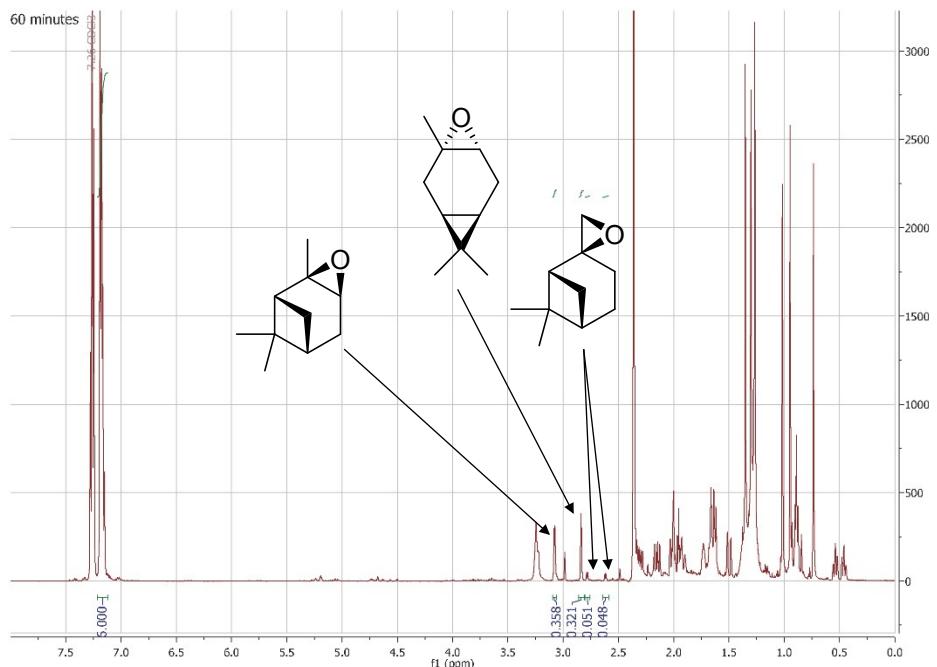


2.1.2 Epoxidation conditions used to prepare epoxides of 3-carene, α -pinene and β -pinene from crude sulfate turpentine





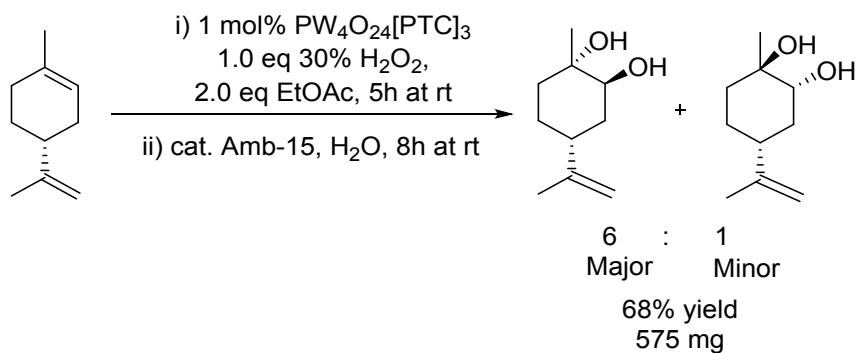




2.1.3 Epoxidation conditions used to prepare terpene-(anti)-diols and their corresponding spectroscopic data

Limonene 1,2-anti-diols (20a/b)

(1S,2S,4R)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexane-1,2-diol and (1R,2R,4R)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexane-1,2-diol



Major diastereomer data.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 1.26 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.46 - 1.68 (m, 4 H), 1.72 (m, 3 H), 1.92 (m, 2 H), 2.20 - 2.33 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (t, J = 3.49 Hz, 1 H, CHOH), 4.64 - 4.77 (m, 2 H, C=CH₂).

¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 21.1, 26.1, 26.5, 33.6, 33.9, 37.4, 71.4, 73.8, 109.0, 149.2.

Minor diastereomer data.

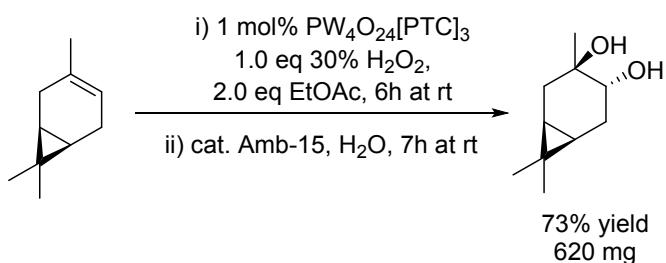
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 1.21 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.25 - 1.35 (m, 3 H), 1.46 – 1.52 (m, 1 H), 1.66 – 1.75 (m, 4H) 1.77 – 1.82 (m, 1H) 1.88 - 1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.98 – 2.12 (m, 2 H), 3.58 (dd, J = 4.4, 11.5 Hz, 1 H, CHOH), 4.71 (m, 2 H, C=CH₂).

¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 19.1, 28.8, 36.2, 38.7, 43.8, 148.6, 74.1, 77.4, 109.2, 148.6.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[14]

Carene-3,4-anti-diol (21)

(1*S*,3*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-3,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[4.1.0]heptane-3,4-diol

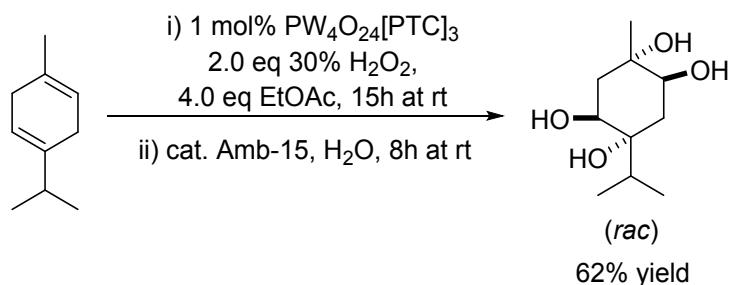


¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.61 - 0.75 (m, 2 H), 0.95 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 0.97 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.18 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.24 (m, 1 H), 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.94 (m, 1 H), 2.06 (m, 1 H), 2.72 – 3.14 (br s., 2 H, OH), 3.32 (m, 1 H, CHOH).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 15.7, 17.6, 18.9, 19.9, 20.9, 27.8, 28.6, 33.6, 73.3, 74.3. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this diol.^[15]

(*rac*)-γ-Terpinene-anti-tetrol (22)

(*rac*)-1-isopropyl-4-methylcyclohexane-1,2-(*anti*)-4,5-(*anti*)-tetrol

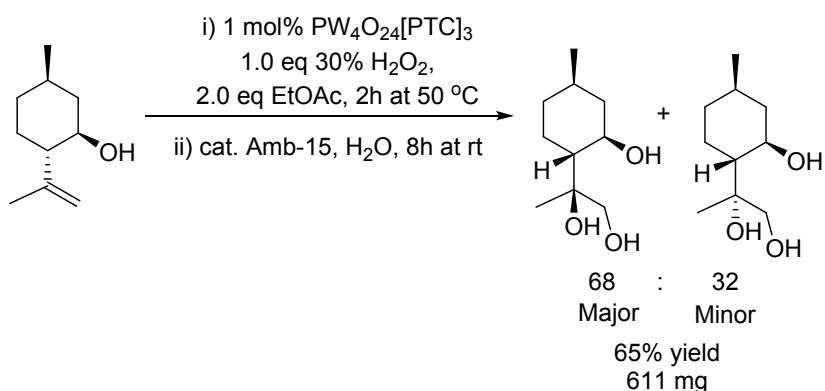


¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.85 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.85 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 1.10 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.42 - 1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.79 - 1.88 (m, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 3.42 - 3.50 (m, 1 H, CHOH), 3.63 - 3.70 (m, 1 H, CHOH), 4.57 (s, 1 H, OH), 5.03 (d, *J* = 7.34 Hz, 1 H, OH), 5.12 (s, 1 H, OH), 5.38 (d, *J* = 6.36 Hz, 1 H, OH).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) 15.6, 16.2, 26.8, 31.1, 31.9, 34.2, 70.4, 71.9, 73.7, 74.2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for this tetrol.^[16]

(-)-Isopulegol-8,9-anti-diols (23a/b) mixture of two diastereomeric diols

(S)-2-((1*R*,2*R*,4*R*)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol and (R)-2-((1*R*,2*R*,4*R*)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol



Major diastereomer data. 80% pure (20% minor diastereomer).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.83 – 0.94 (m, 4 H), 0.97 – 1.05 (m, 2 H), 1.18 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.40 – 1.49 (m, 1 H), 1.49 – 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.91 (m, 1 H), 3.13 (br s, 3 H, OH), 3.44 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, CH₂OH), 3.75 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, CH₂OH), 3.81 (dt, *J* = 10.7, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, CH(OH)).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 22.0, 24.5, 26.5, 31.6, 34.7, 45.3, 52.2, 67.0, 72.9, 76.4.

Minor diastereomer data. 82% pure (18% Major diastereomer).

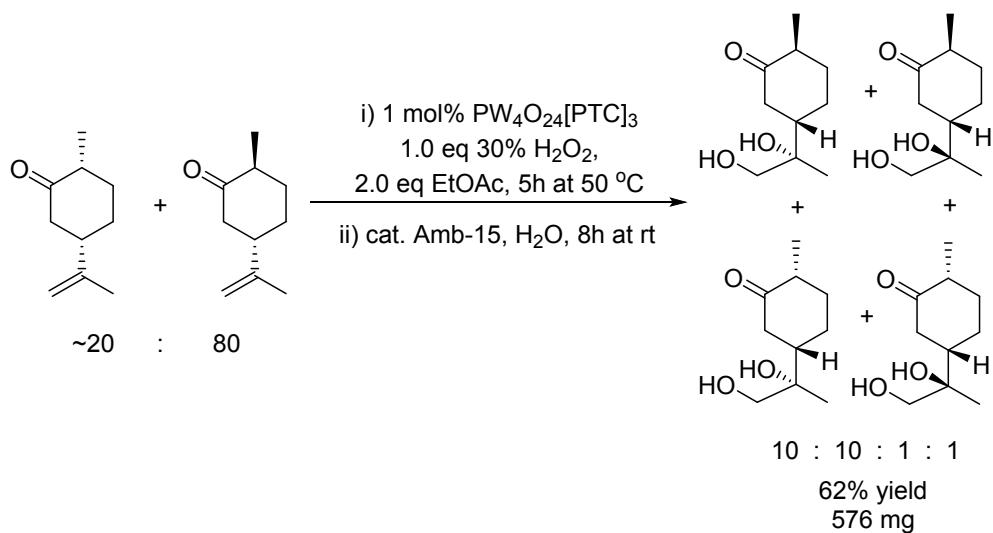
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.89 – 0.97 (m, 5 H), 1.06 (td, J = 12.2, 10.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.14 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.44 (m, 1 H), 1.59 – 1.70 (m, 3 H), 1.95 (m, 1 H), 3.31 (br s, 3 H, OH), 3.36 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1 H, CH_2OH), 3.52 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1 H, CH_2OH), 3.78 (td, J = 10.5, 4.3 Hz, 1 H, $\text{CH}(\text{OH})$).

^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 19.5, 22.1, 26.4, 31.4, 34.3, 44.9, 47.9, 68.8, 72.4, 76.7.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[17]

Dihydrocarvone-8,9-anti-diols (24a-d)

(2S,5S)-5-((S)-1,2-dihydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-methylcyclohexanone, (2S,5S)-5-((R)-1,2-dihydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-methylcyclohexanone, (2R,5S)-5-((S)-1,2-dihydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-methylcyclohexanone and (2R,5S)-5-((R)-1,2-dihydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-methylcyclohexanone



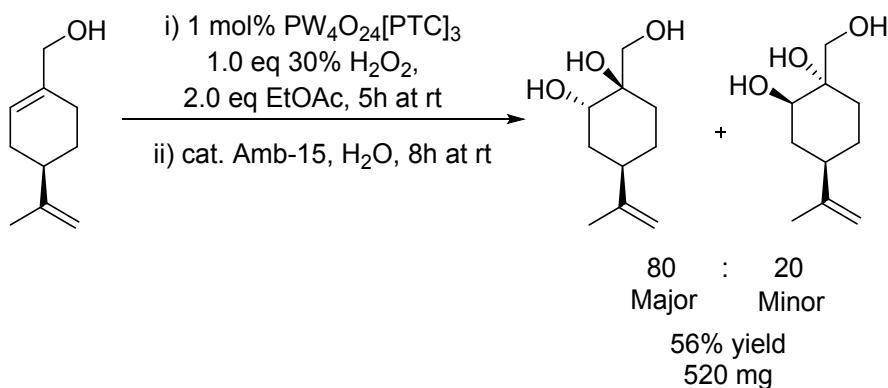
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 0.94 (d, J = 1.51 Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 1.01 – 1.09 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.15 – 1.32 (m, 1 H), 1.39 – 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.72 – 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.00 – 2.23

(m, 2 H), 2.23 - 2.41 (m, 2 H), 3.34 (m, 1 H, C(OH)CH₂OH), 3.43 - 3.53 (m, 1 H, C(OH)CH₂OH), 3.56 - 3.70 (br s, 2 H, OH).

¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 14.1, 19.7, 25.5, 34.6, 43.3, 44.7, 46.2, 67.7, 73.8, 213.8. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[18]

Perillyl alcohol 1,2-anti-diols (25a/b)

(1*R*,2*S*,4*R*)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexane-1,2-diol and
(1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexane-1,2-diol



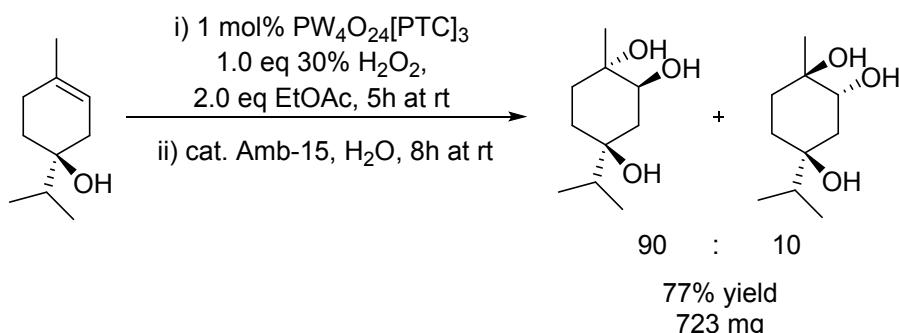
Major diastereomer data.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) 1.09 - 1.39 (m, 2 H), 1.39 - 1.54 (m, 3 H), 1.64 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.73 (m, 1 H), 2.15 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 3.20 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂OH), 3.38 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂OH), 3.56 (s, 1 H, CHOH), 4.00 (br. s., 1 H, OH), 4.50 (br. s., 2 H, OH), 4.59 - 4.67 (s, 2 H, C=CH₂).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) 20.9, 25.5, 28.4, 33.8, 37.6, 67.7, 68.8, 71.3, 108.3, 150.4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[19]

4-Carvomenthenol-anti-diols (26a/b)

(1*S*,2*S*,4*S*)-4-isopropyl-1-methylcyclohexane-1,2,4-triol and (1*R*,2*R*,4*S*)-4-isopropyl-1-methylcyclohexane-1,2,4-triol



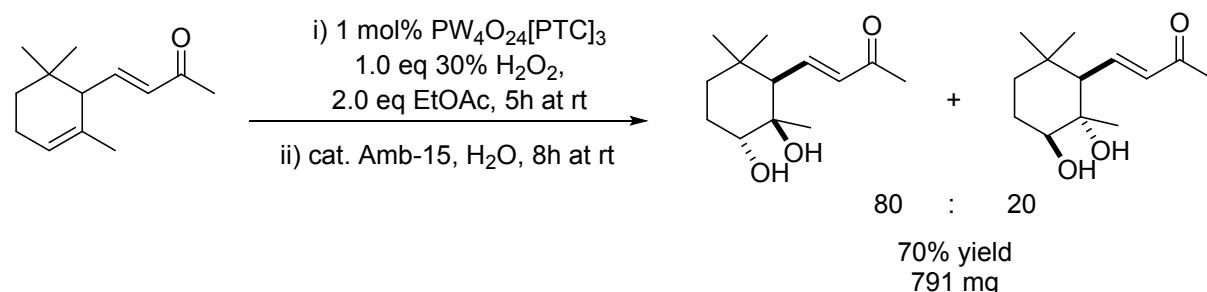
Major diastereomer data.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.93 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 6 H, CH₃), 1.34 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.39 - 1.53 (m, 3 H), 1.58 - 1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.79 - 1.83 (d, J = 3.91 Hz, 2 H), 1.92 - 1.97 (m, 2 H), 2.03 (s, 1 H), 3.51 - 3.56 (m, 1 H, CHOH).

^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 16.6, 16.7, 27.7, 29.2, 29.6, 33.8, 38.5, 71.6, 74.8, 75.3. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[20]

(*rac*)- α -Ionone-anti-diols (27a/b)

(*rac*)-(E)-4-(*syn,anti*)-2,3-dihydroxy-2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexylbut-3-en-2-one and (*rac*)-(E)-4-(*anti,anti*)-2,3-dihydroxy-2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexylbut-3-en-2-one

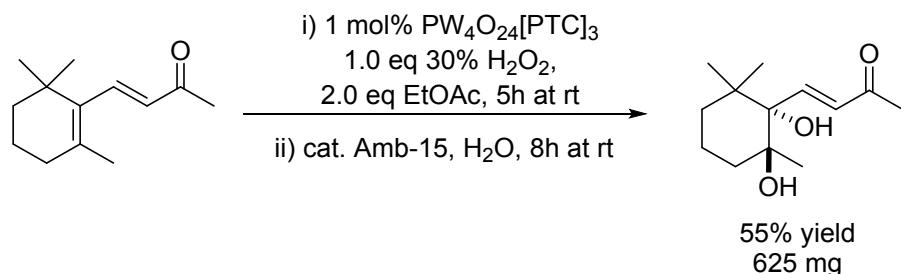


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.83 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.06 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.16 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.25 (m, 2 H), 1.58 (s, 1 H), 1.66 (m, 2 H), 2.10 (s, 1 H), 2.21 (s, 1 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.58 (s, 1 H, CHOH), 6.09 (d, J = 16.14 Hz, 1 H, C=CH), 6.96 (m, 1 H, C=CH).

¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 22.2, 25.2, 27.0, 28.0, 32.2, 33.6, 33.9, 53.2, 73.4, 74.4, 134.8, 146.6, 198.6. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match data reported previously for these diols.^[21]

(rac)-β-Ionone-anti-diols (28)

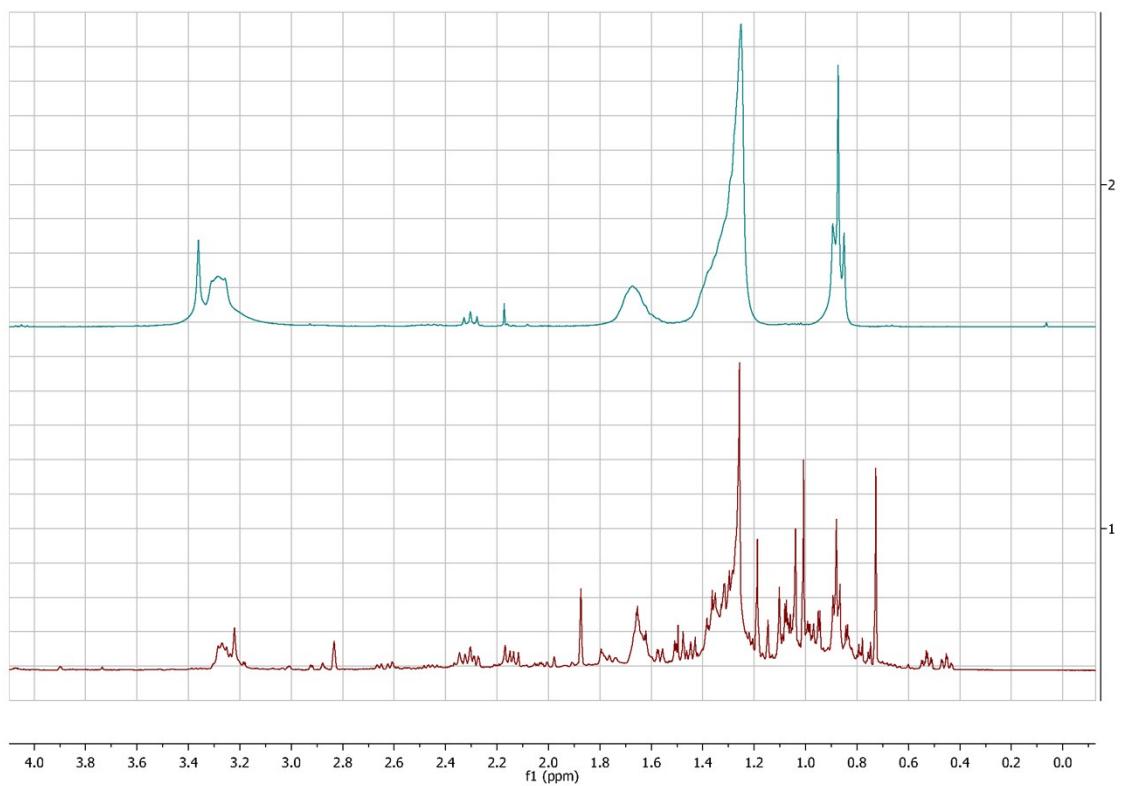
(rac)-(E)-4-(1,2-dihydroxy-2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)but-3-en-2-one



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 0.73 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.03 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.13 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.40 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (m, 3 H), 1.73 (m, 2 H), 2.21 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 6.24 (d, *J* = 6.14 Hz, 1 H, CH=CH), 7.22 (m, 1 H, CH=CH).

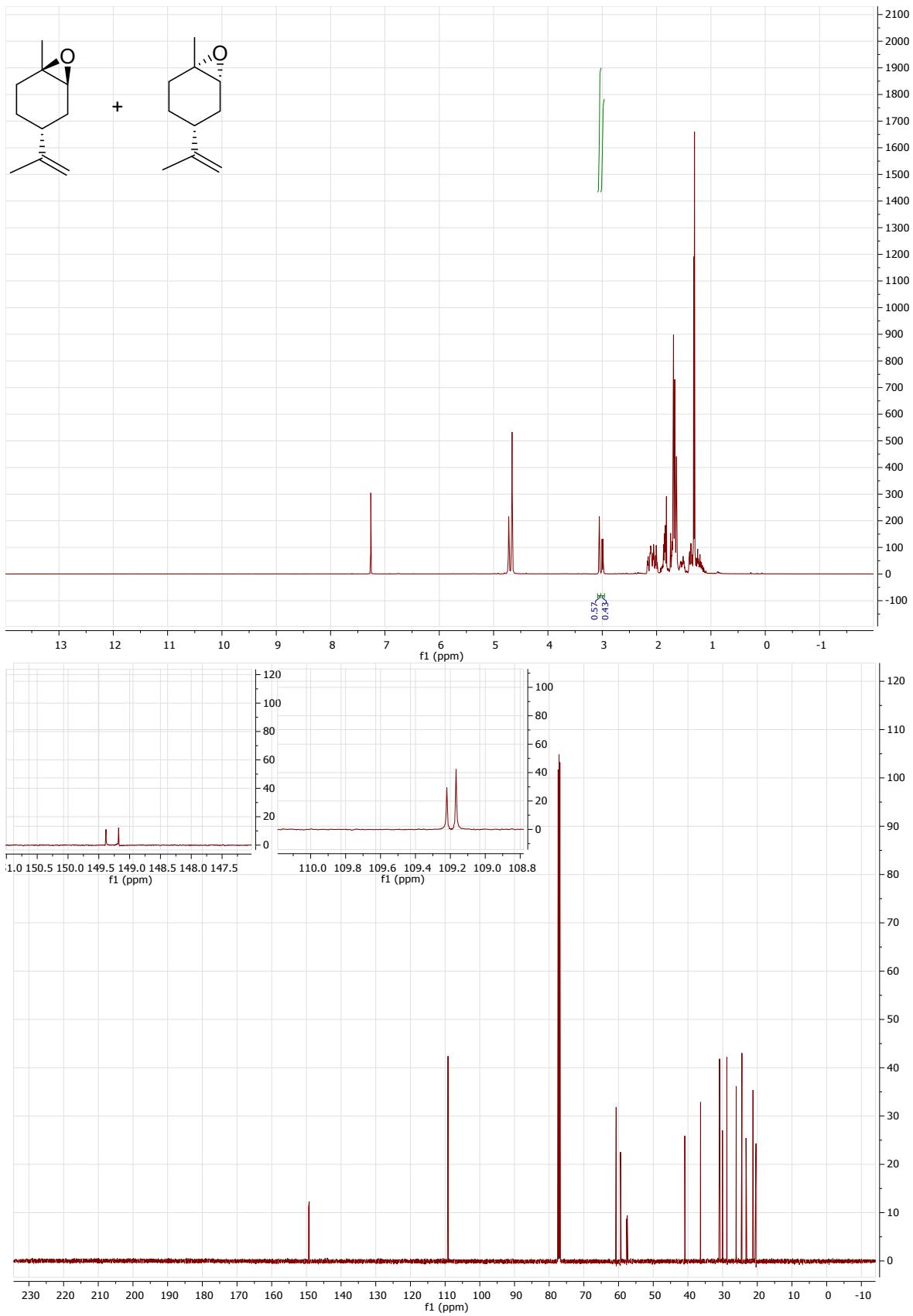
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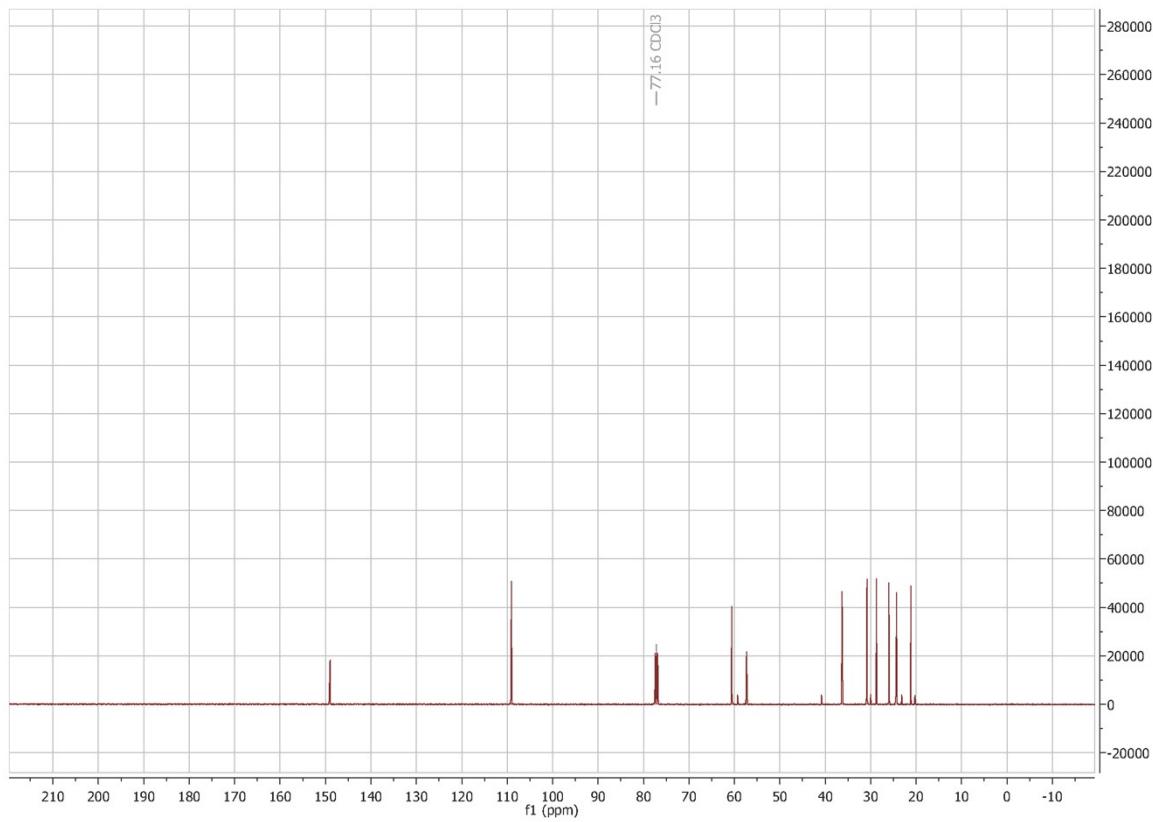
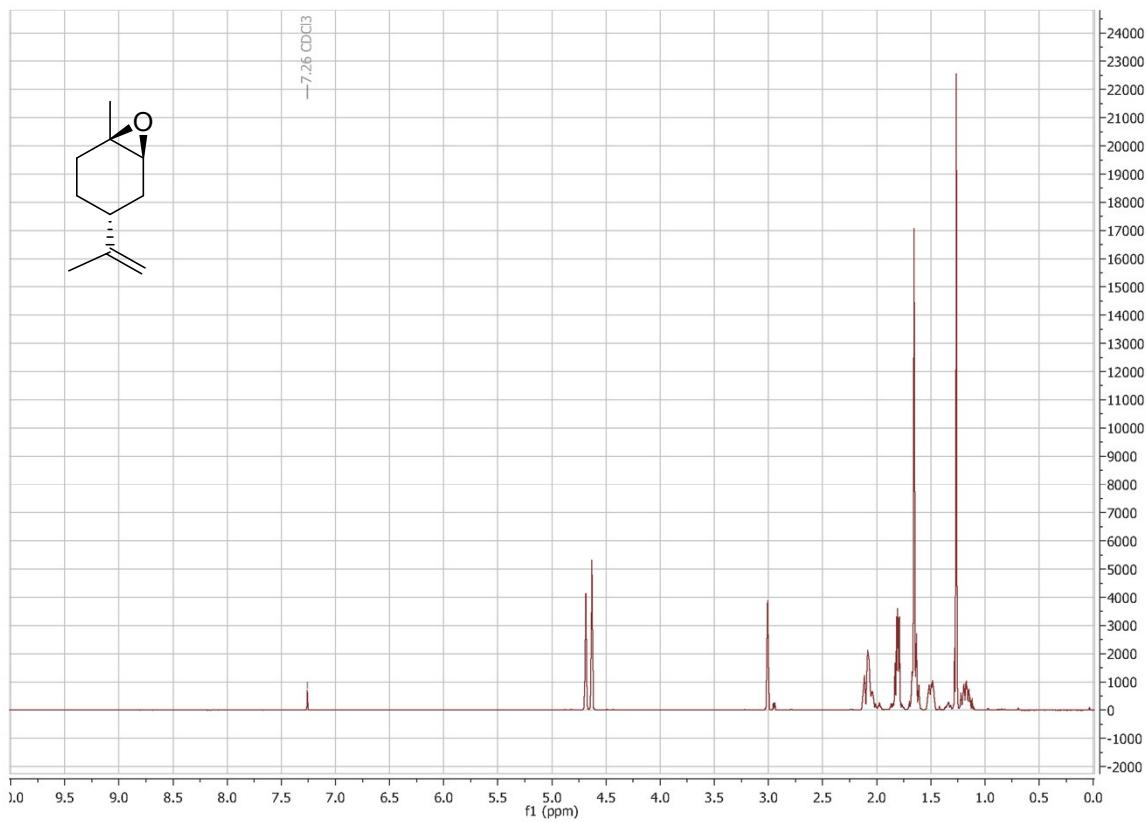
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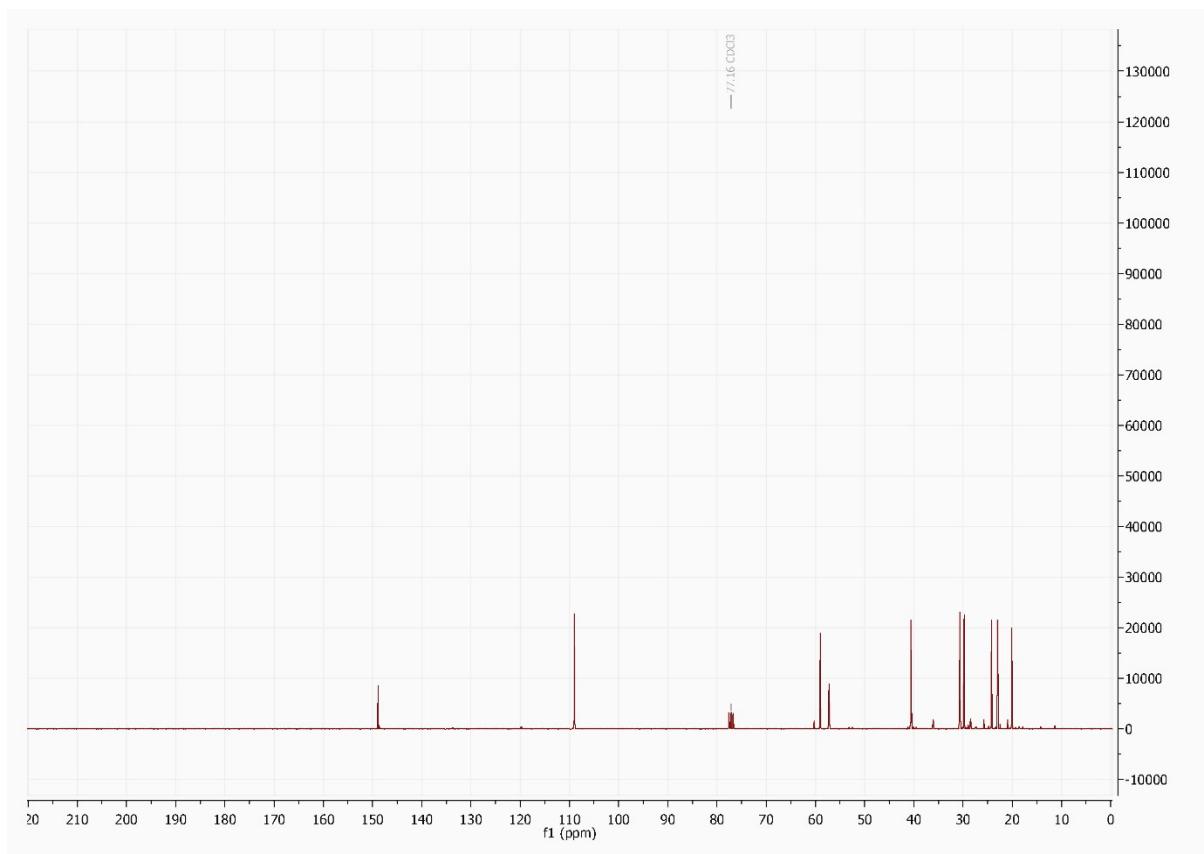
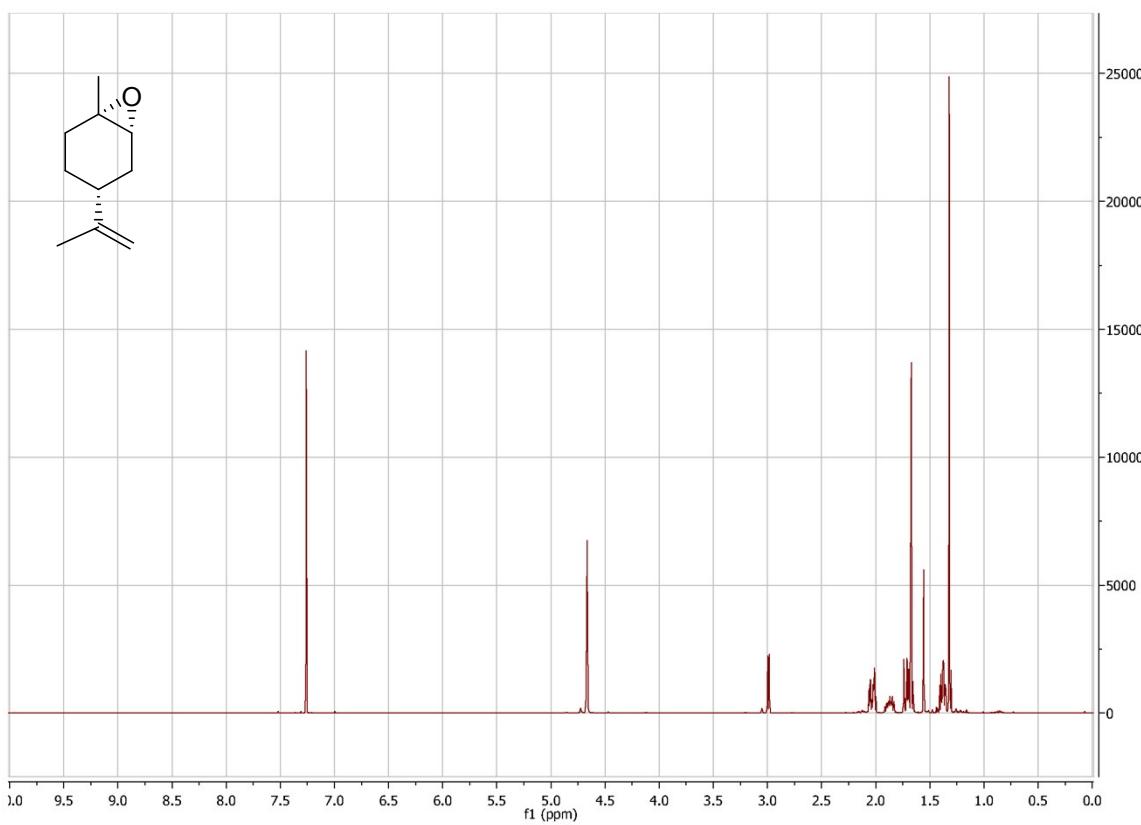


3 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of terpene epoxides and terpene-*anti*-diols

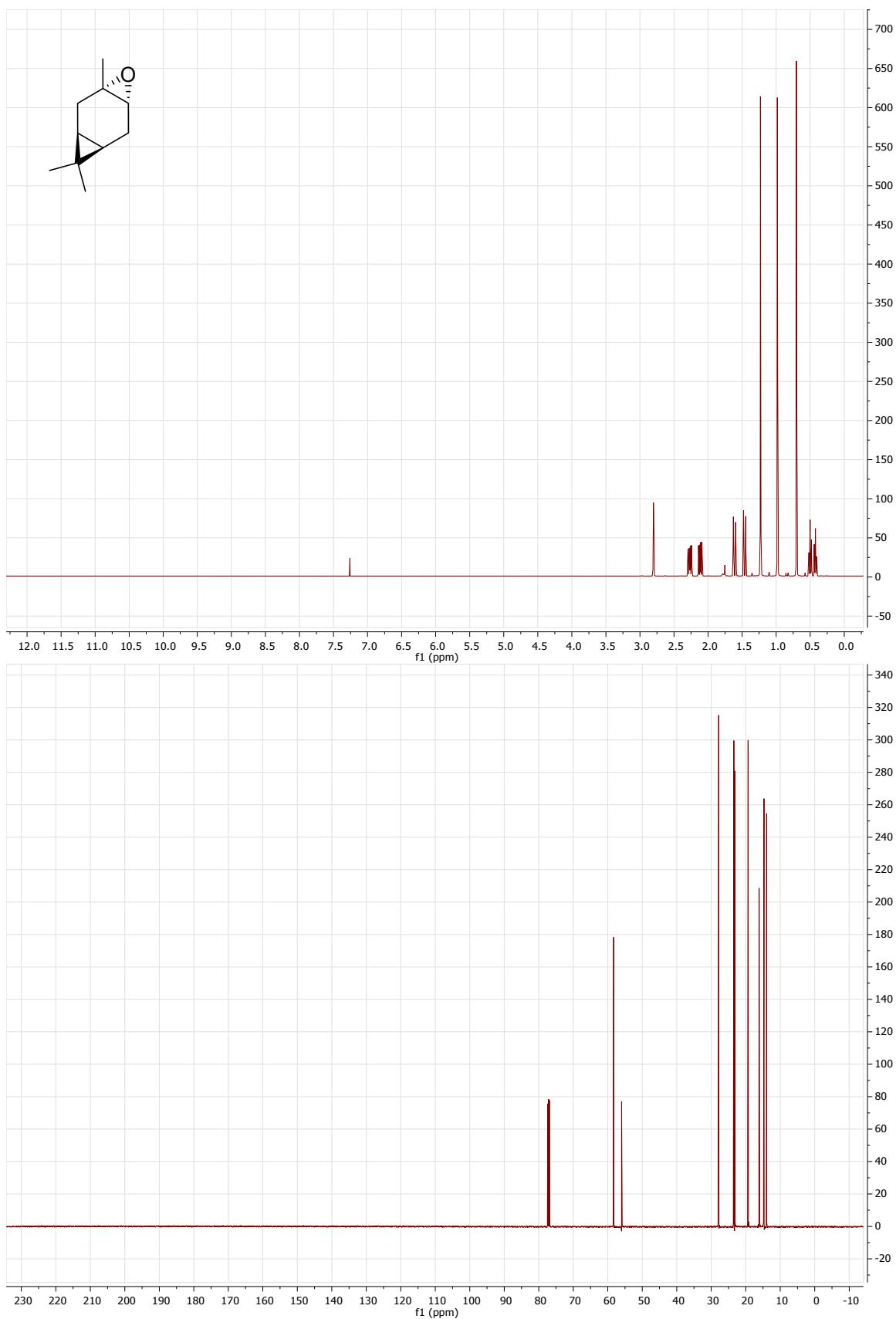
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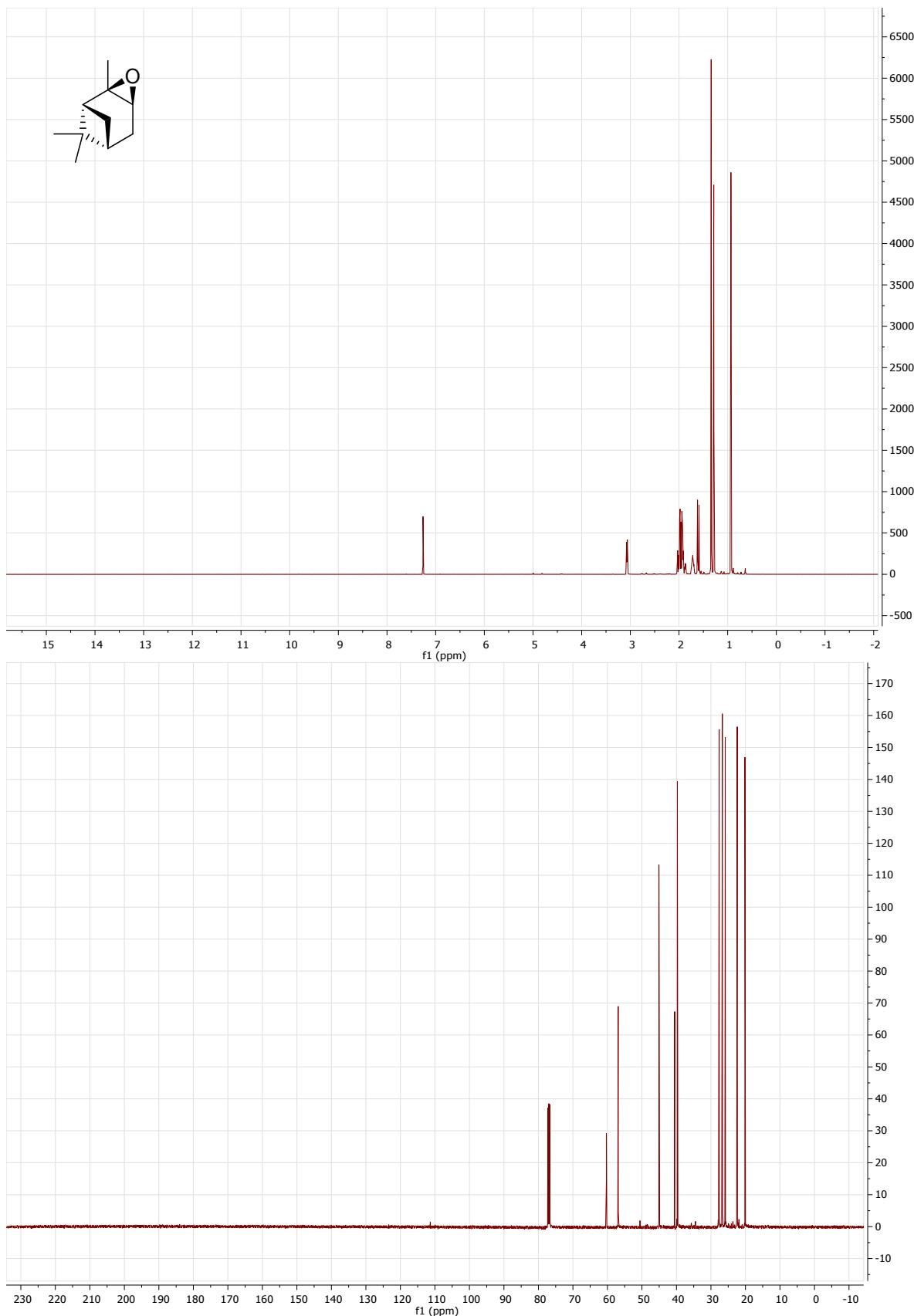




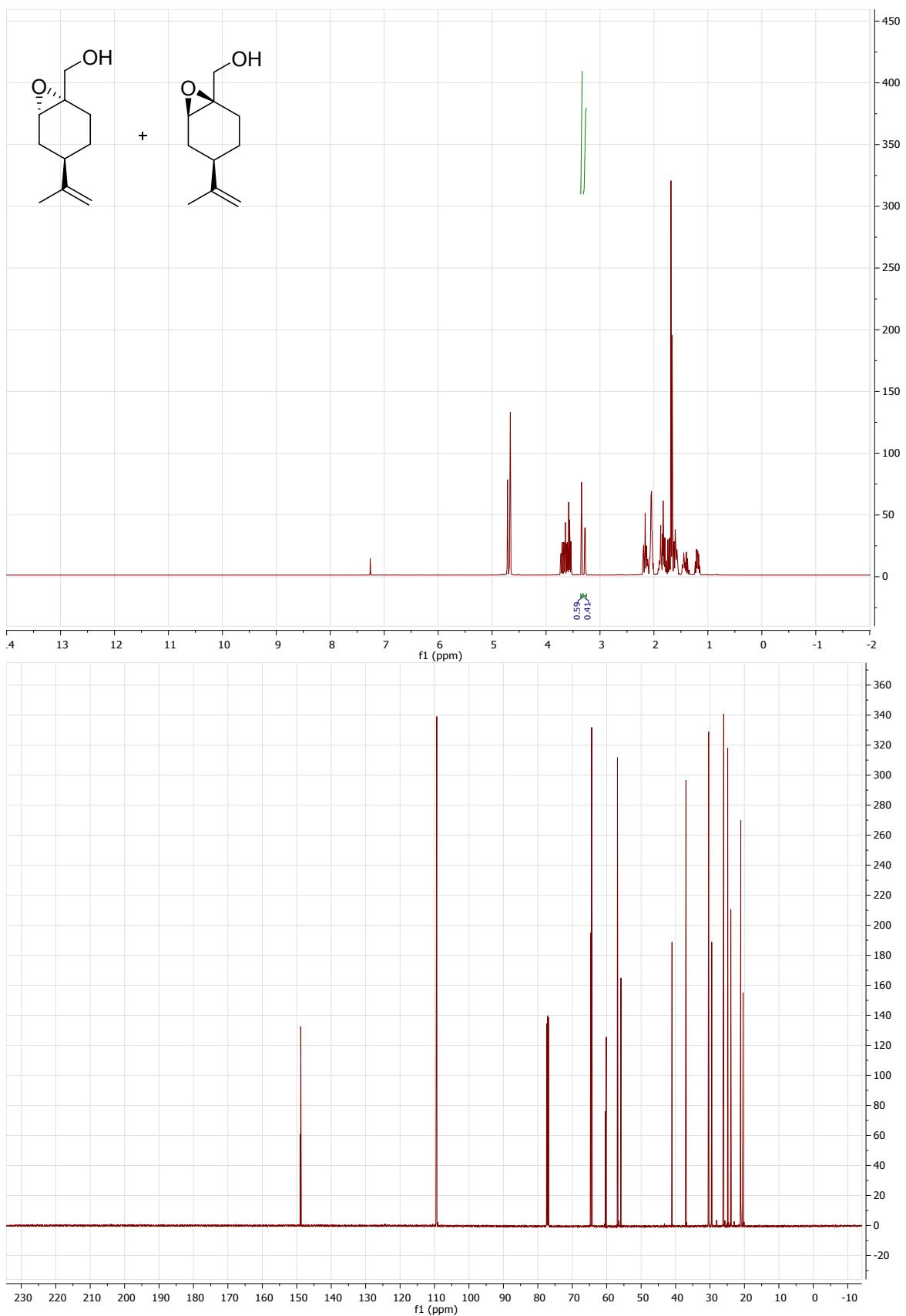
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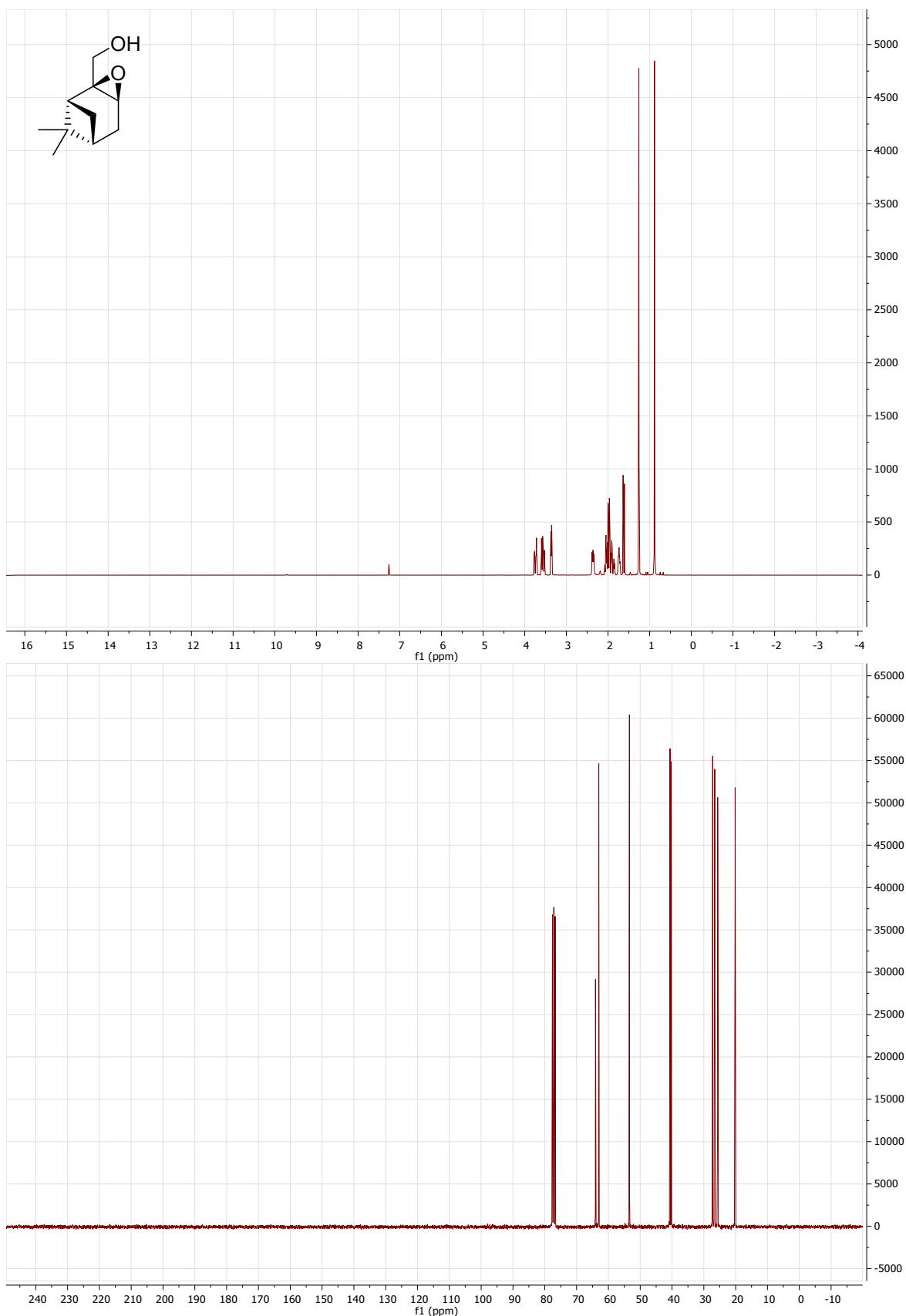
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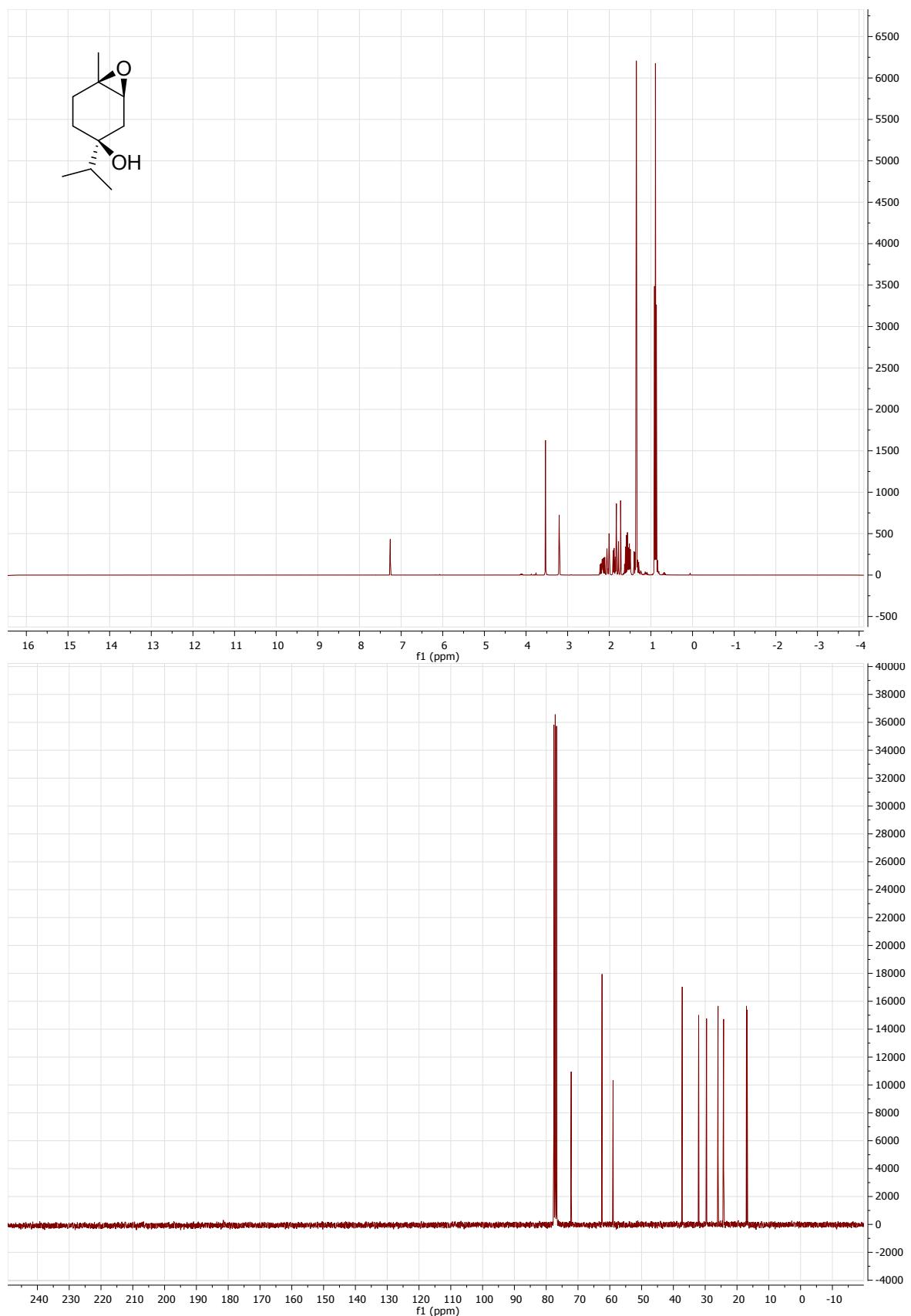
2,3-Epoxyperillyl alcohol (4a/b)



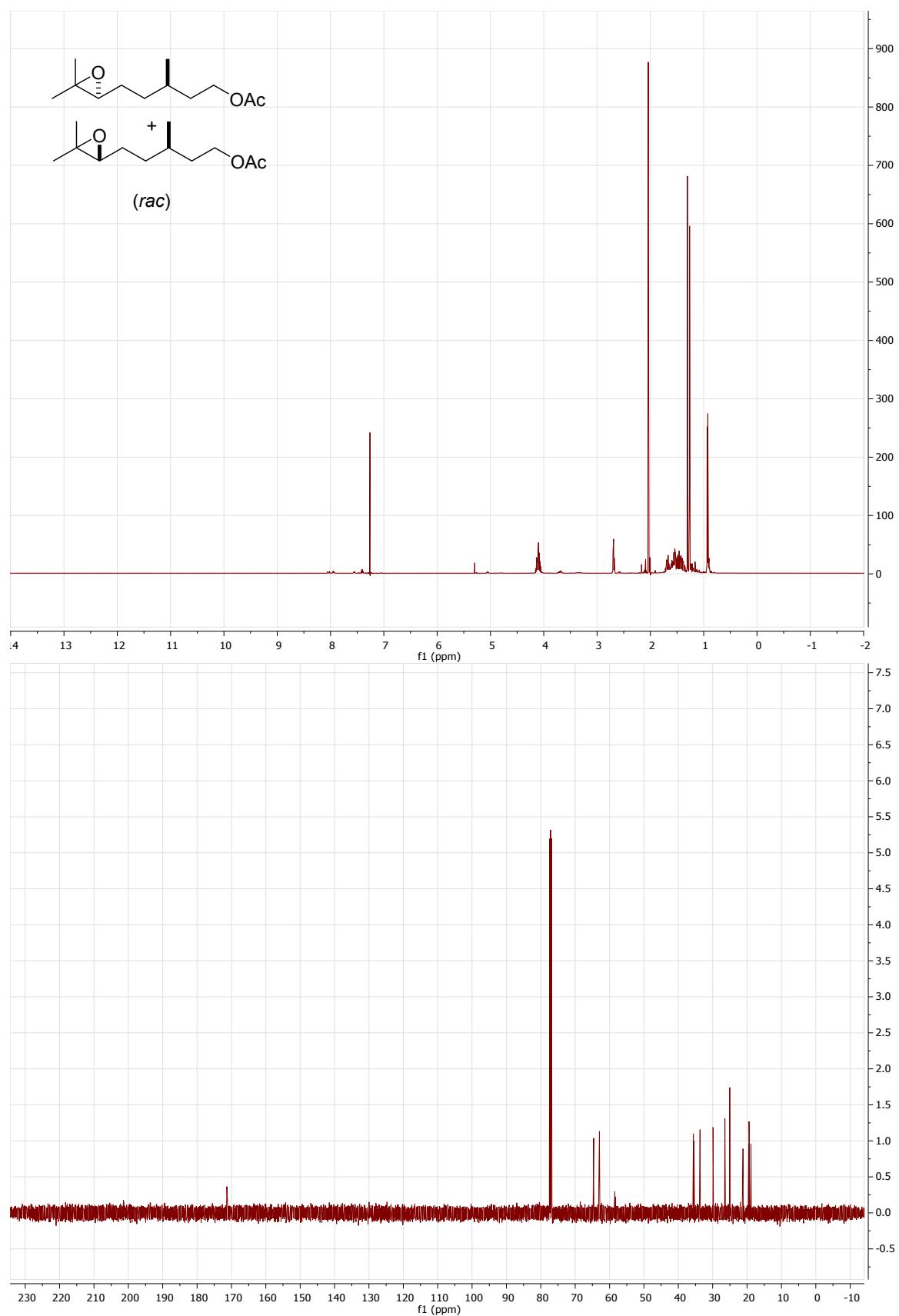
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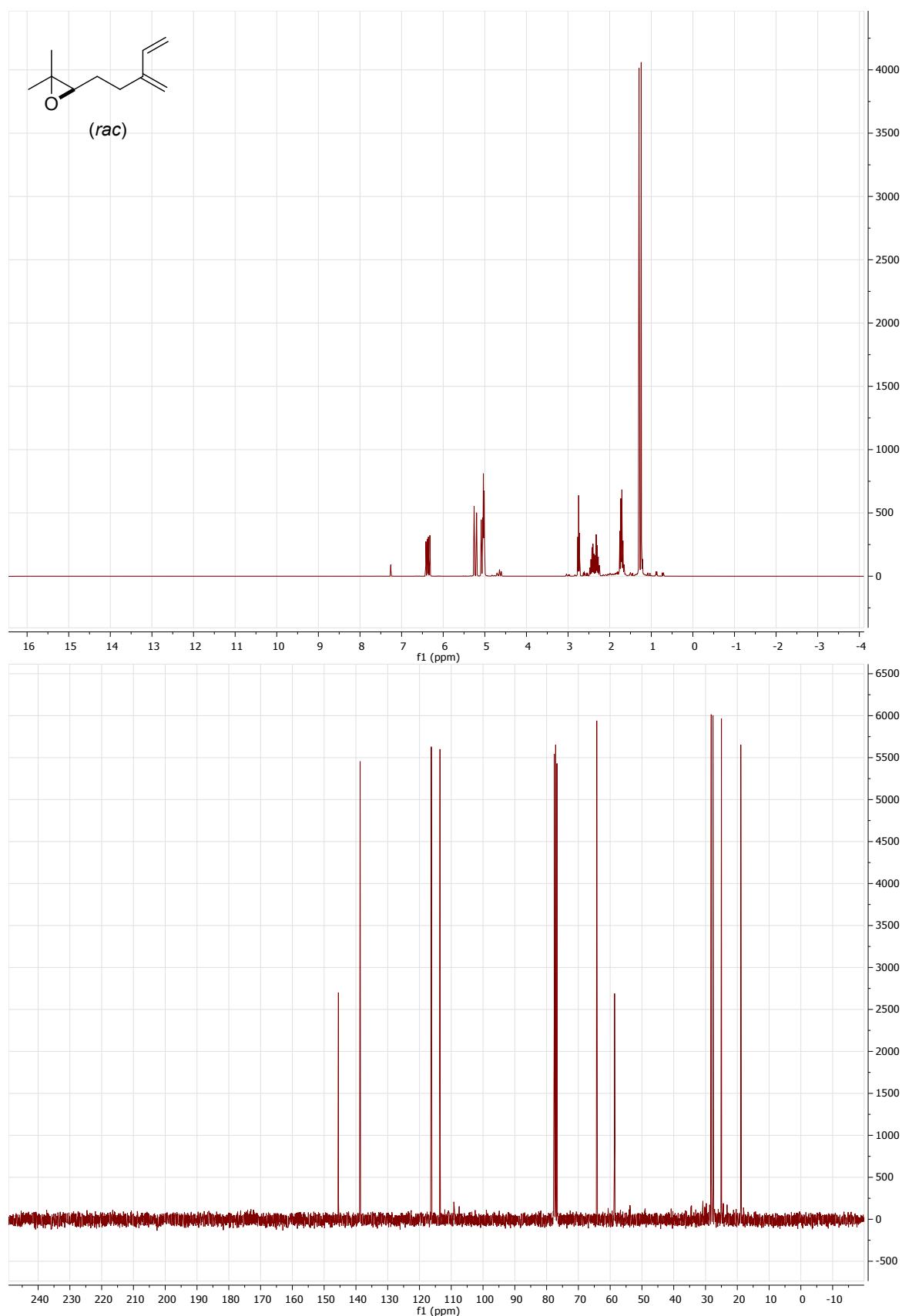
4-Carvomenthenol epoxides (6a/b)



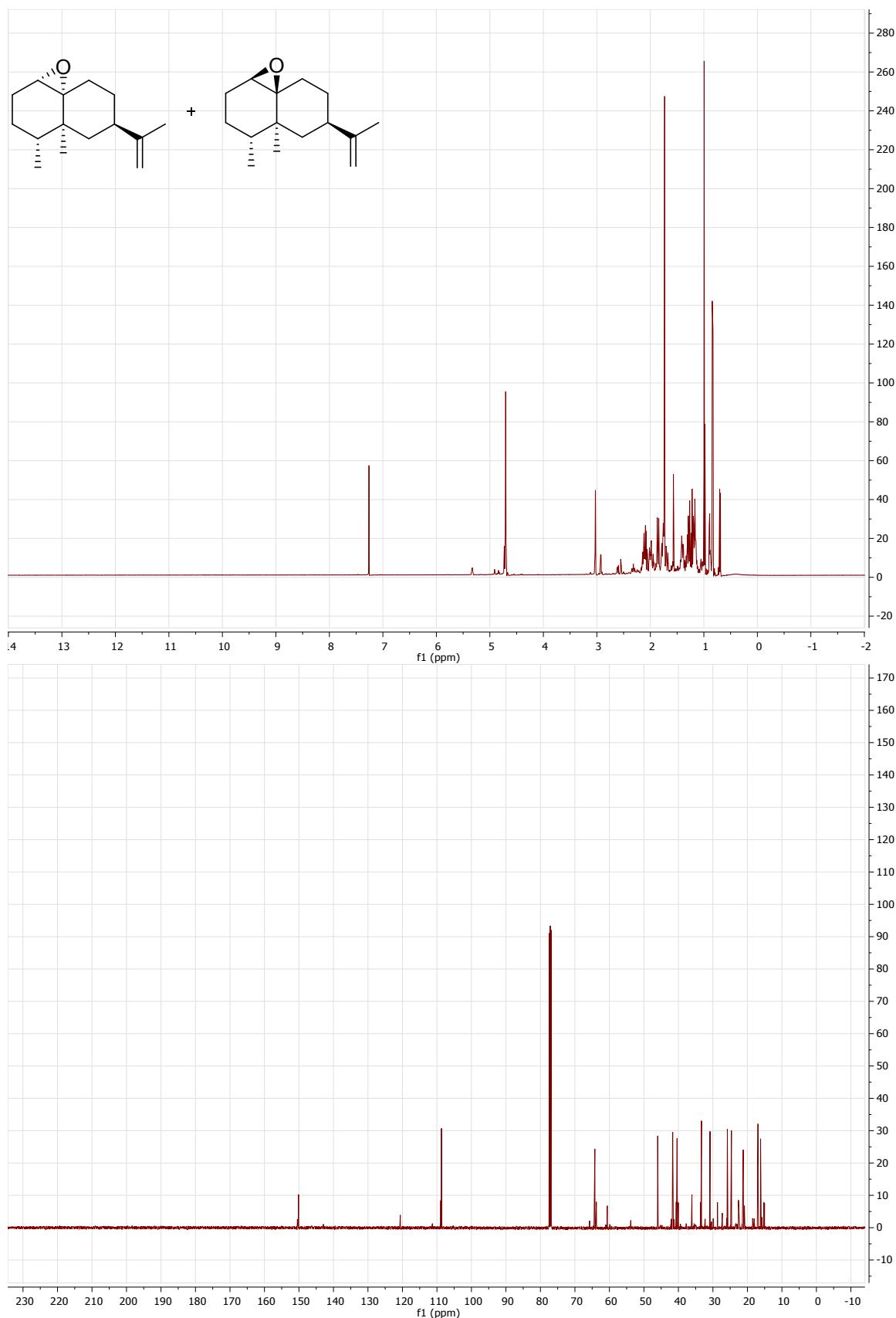
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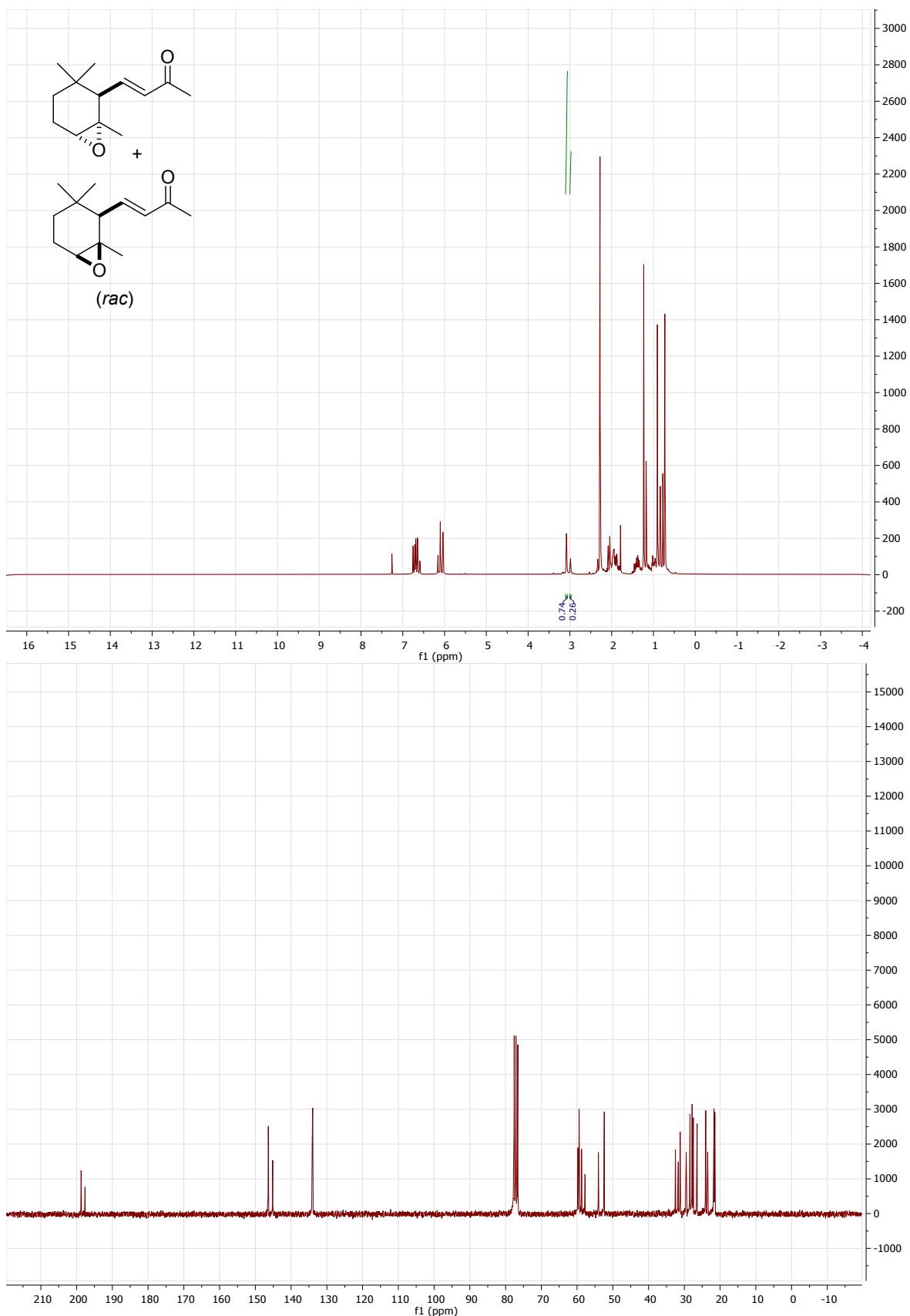
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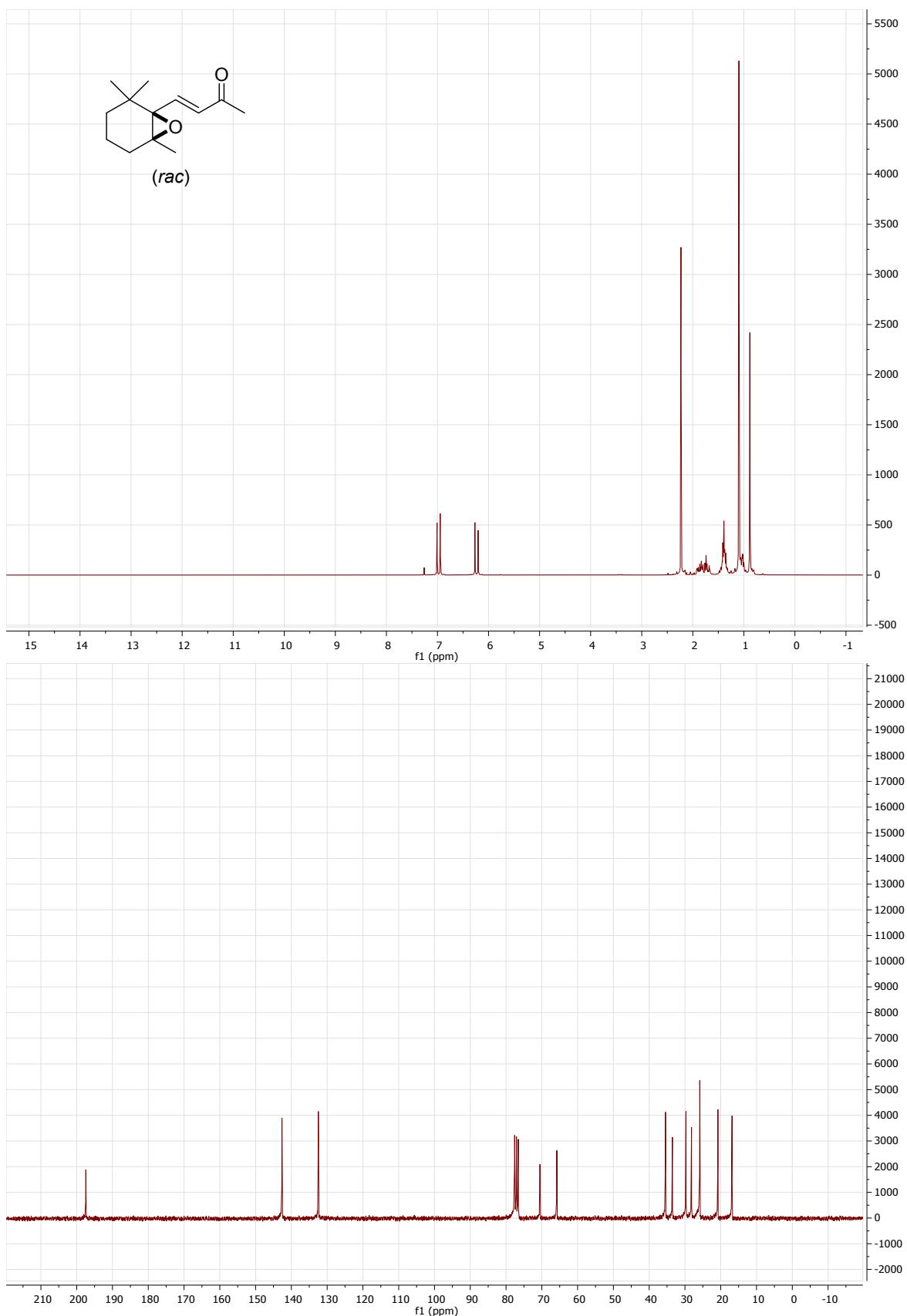
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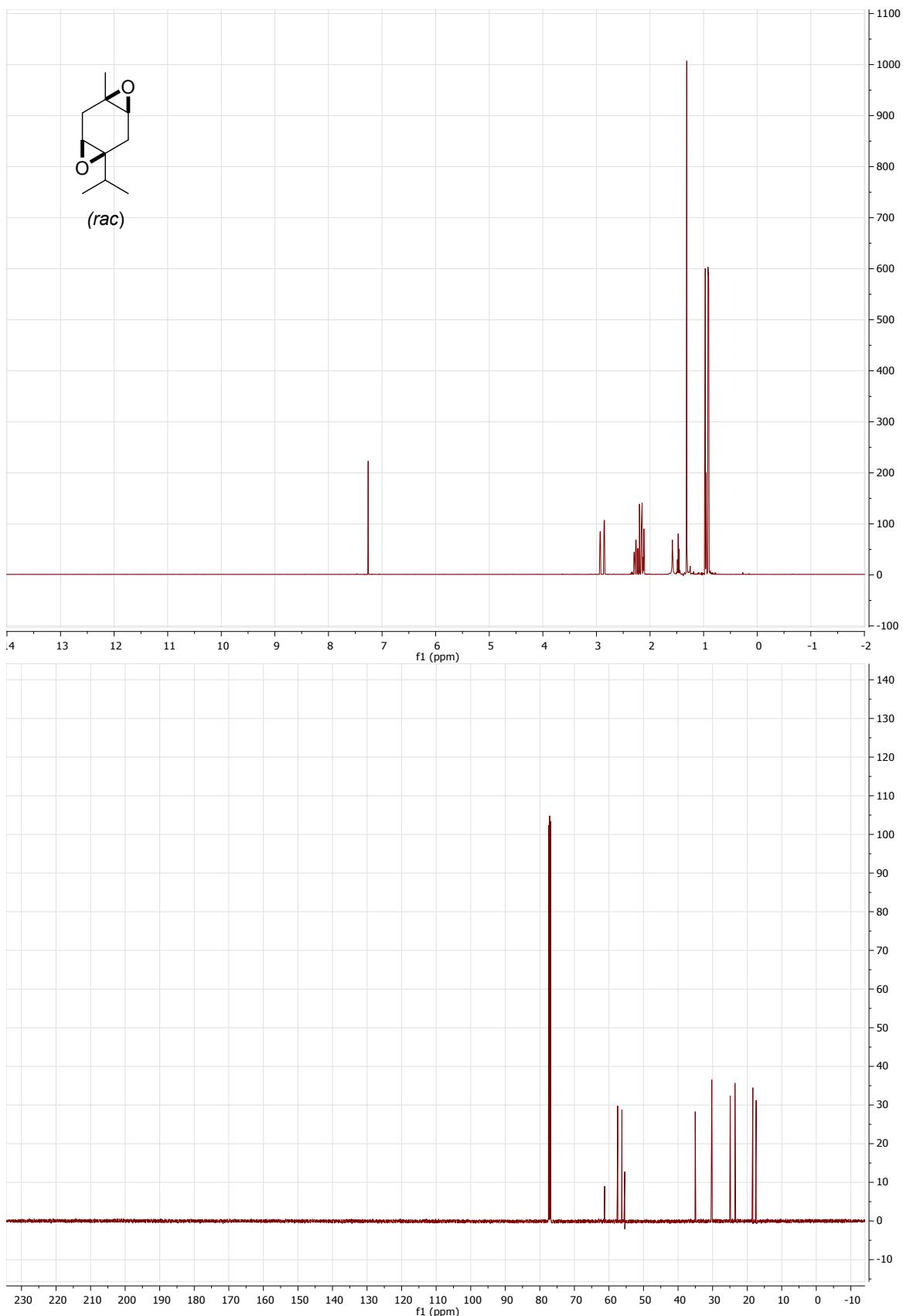
(*rac*)- α -Ionone epoxides (10a/b)



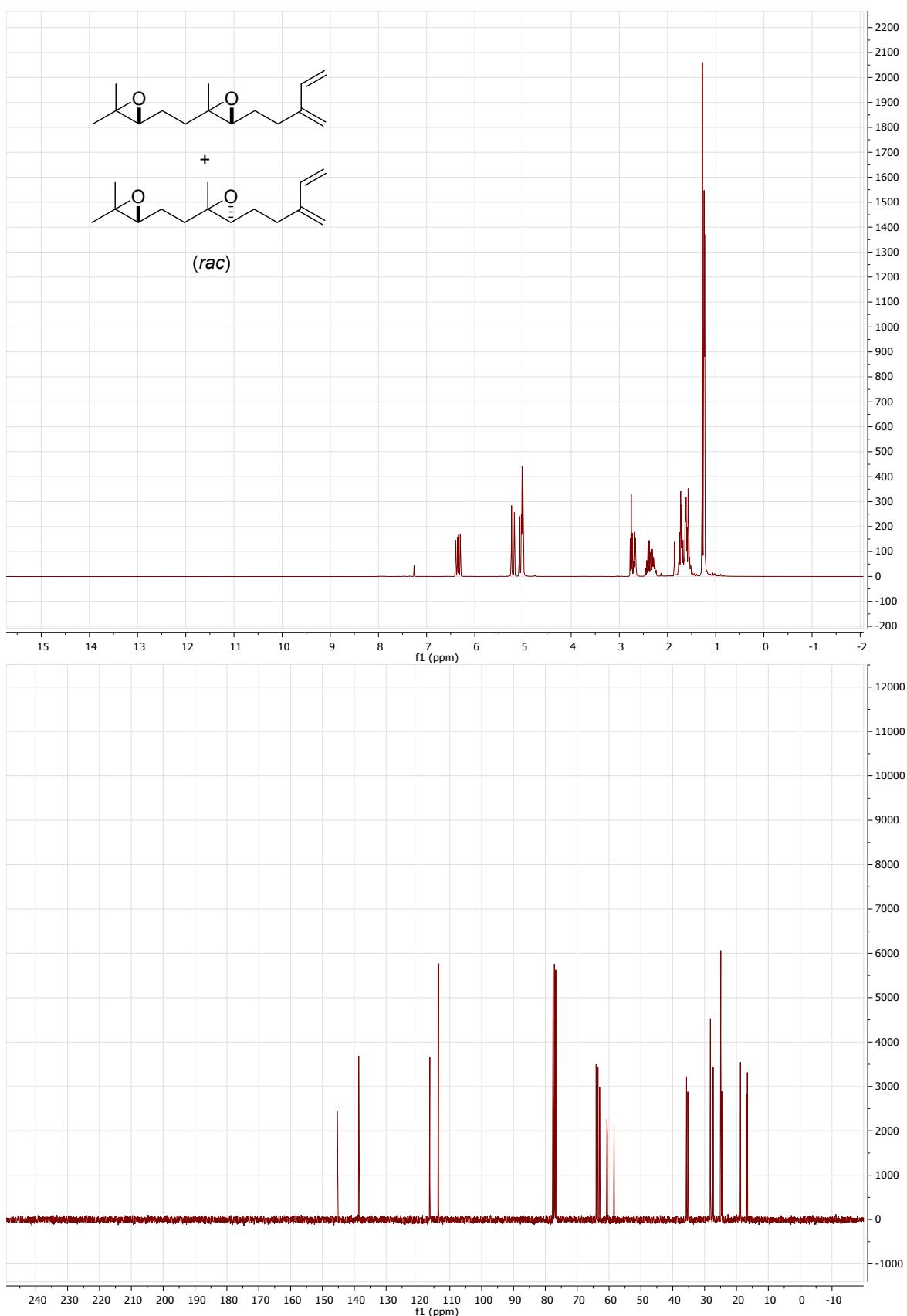
(*rac*)- β -Ionone epoxide (11)



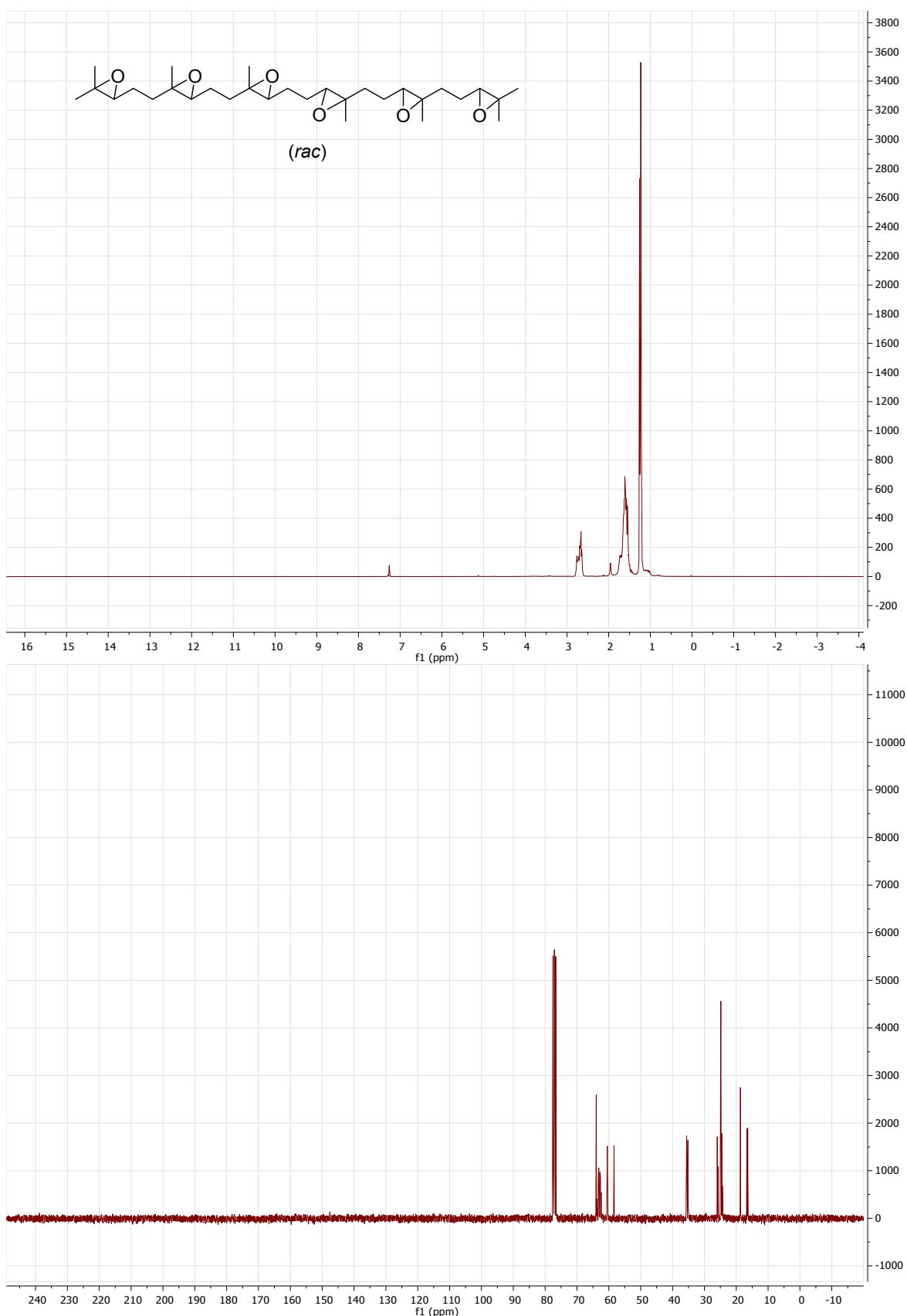
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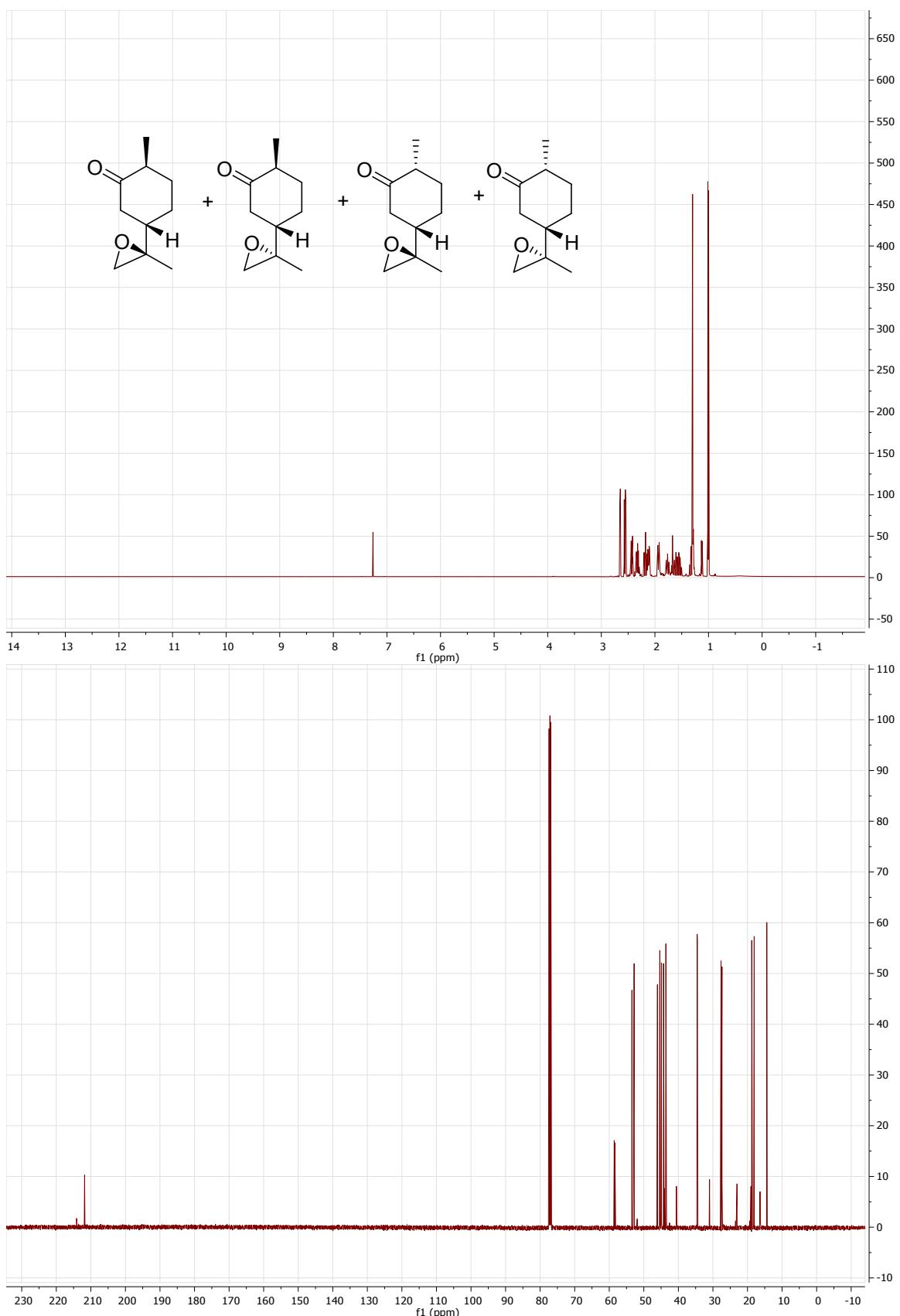
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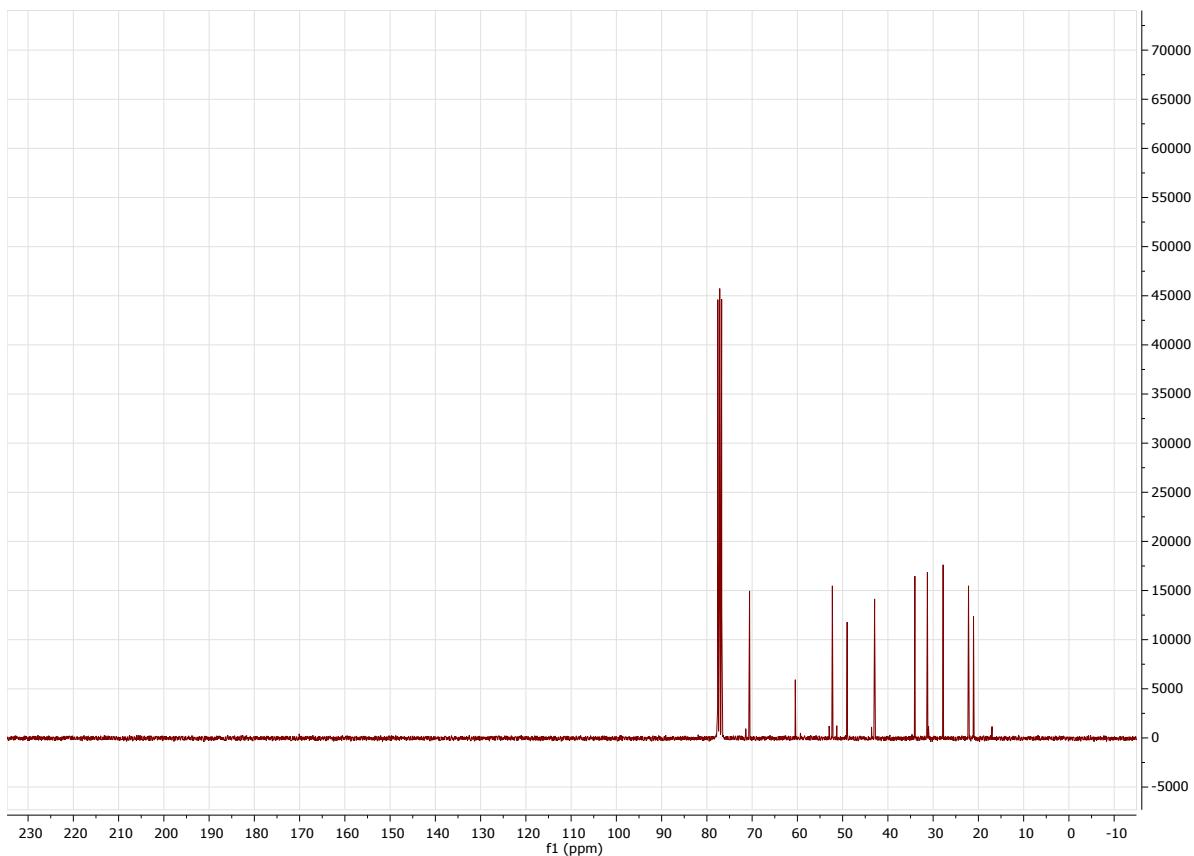
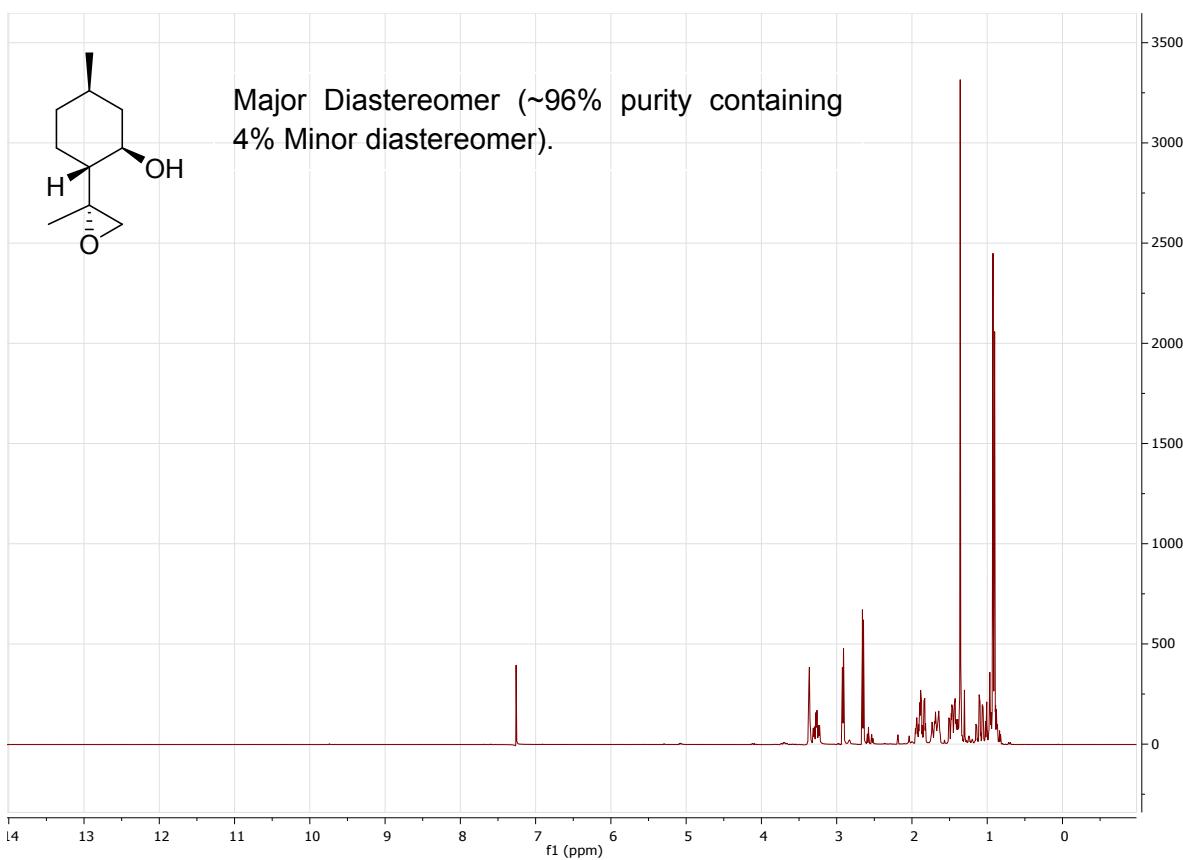
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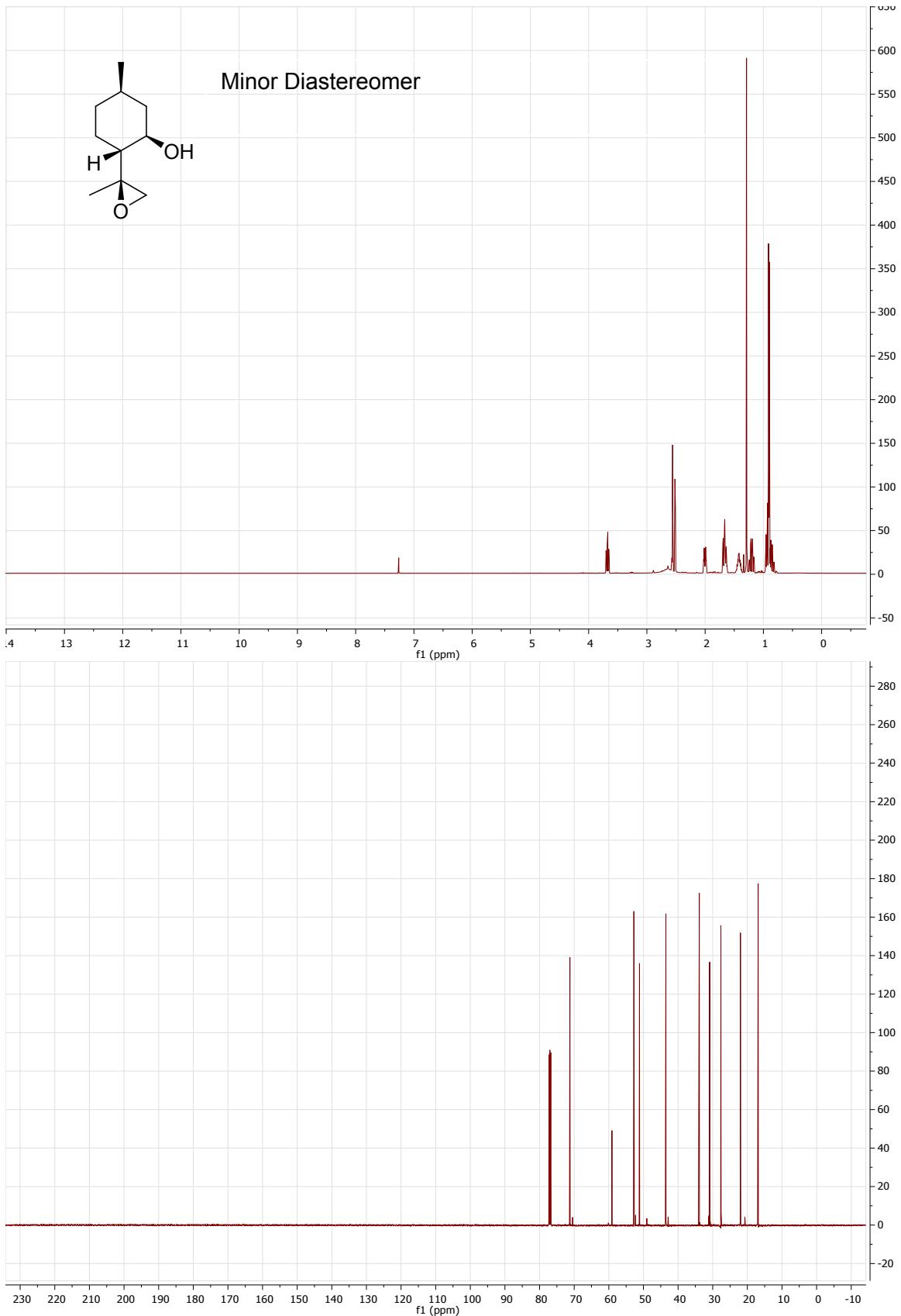


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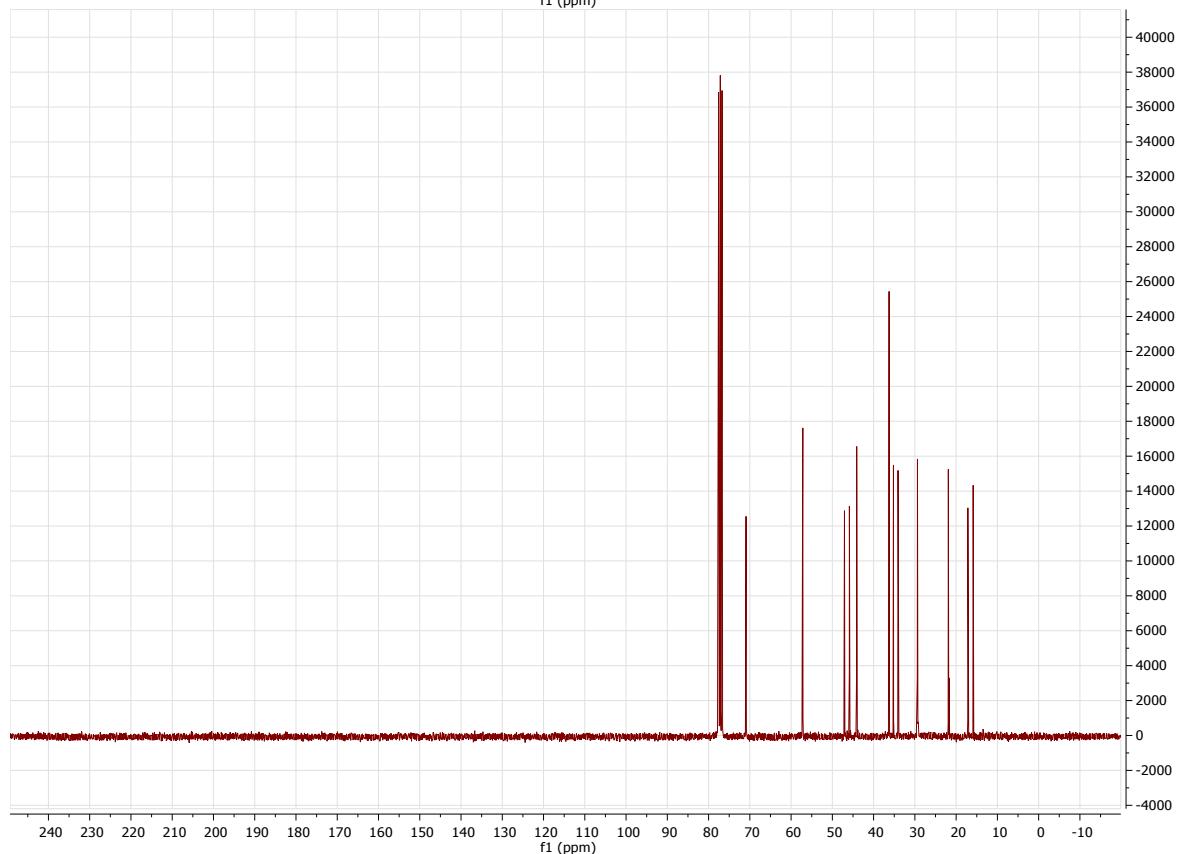
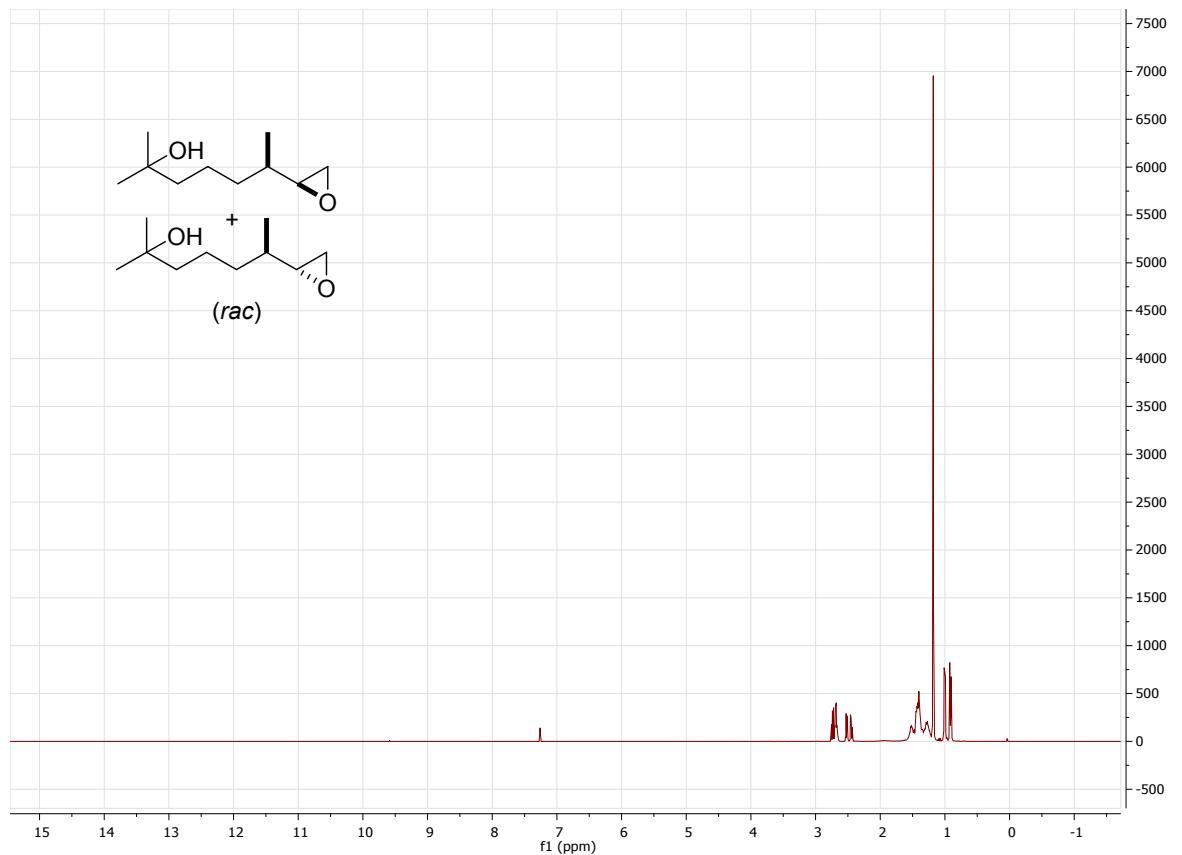


(-)-Isopulegol epoxides (16a/b)

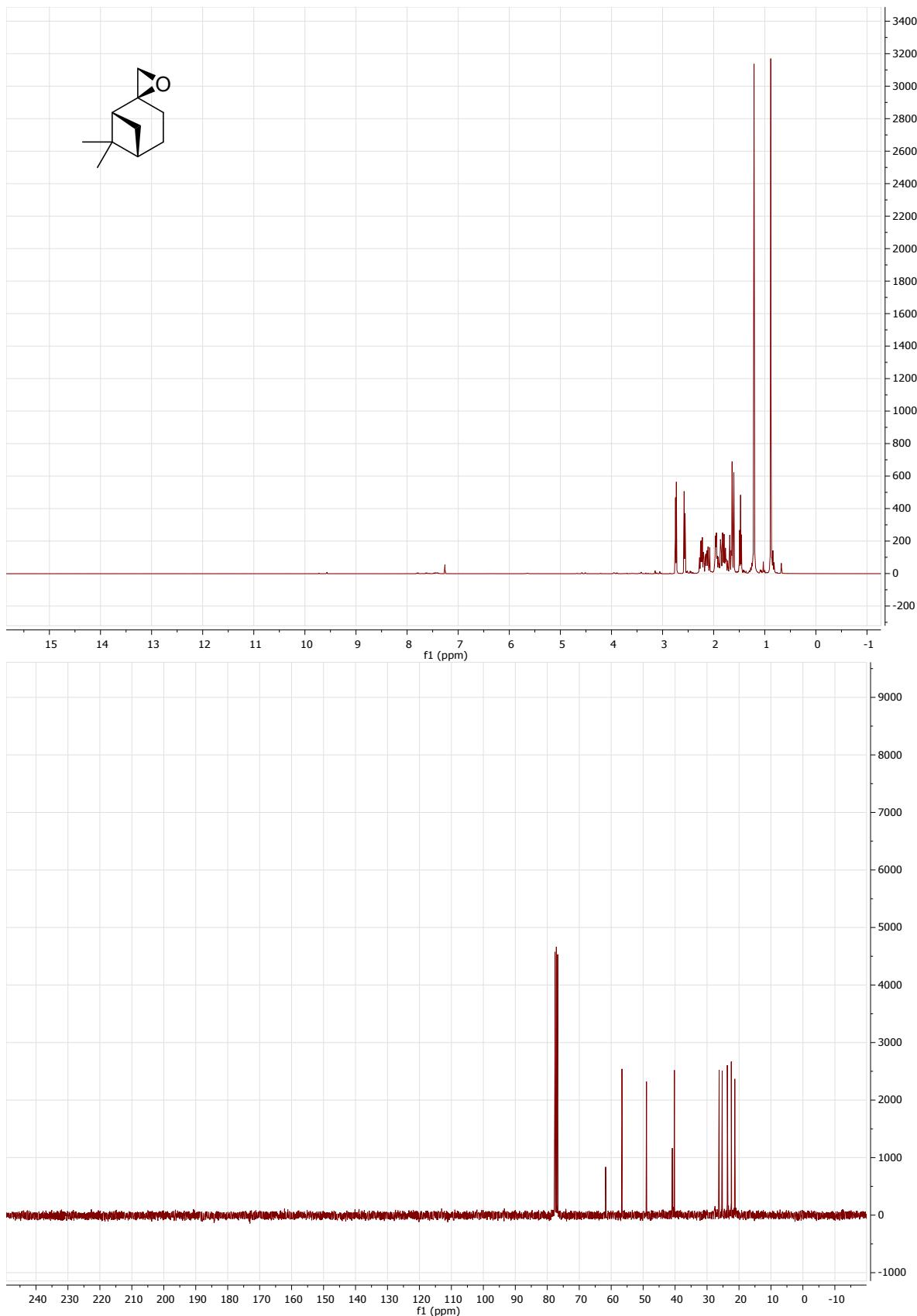




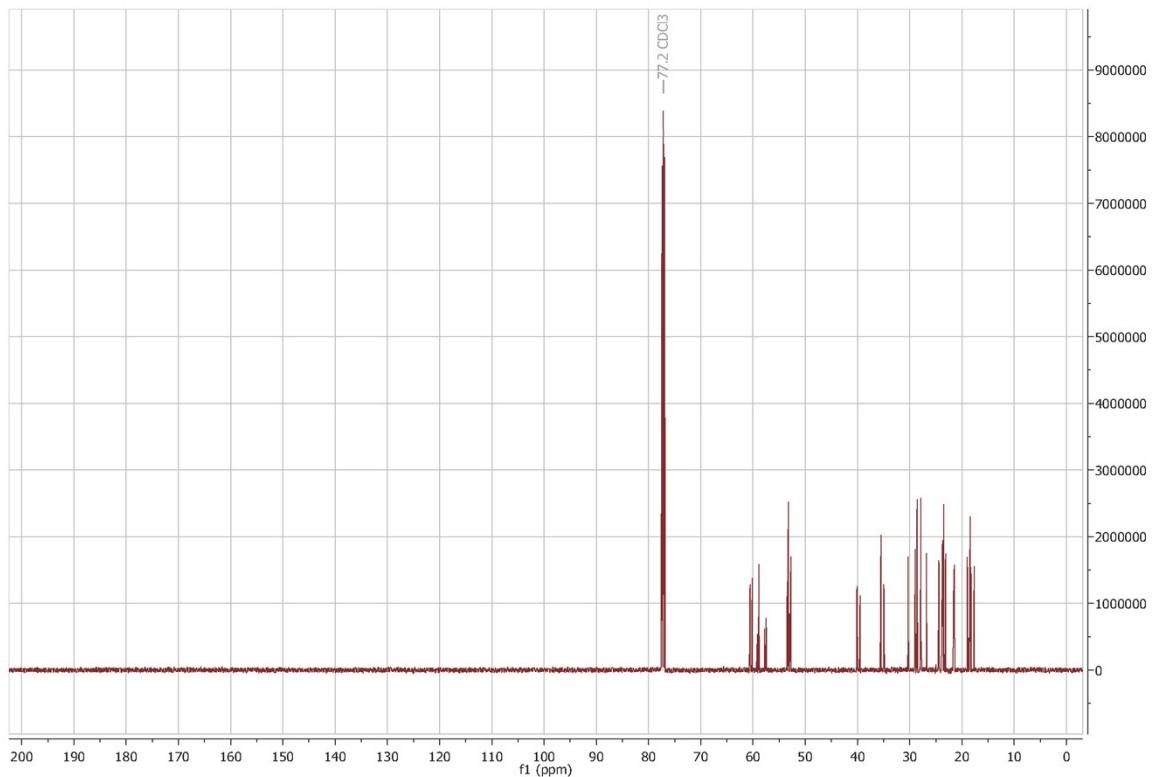
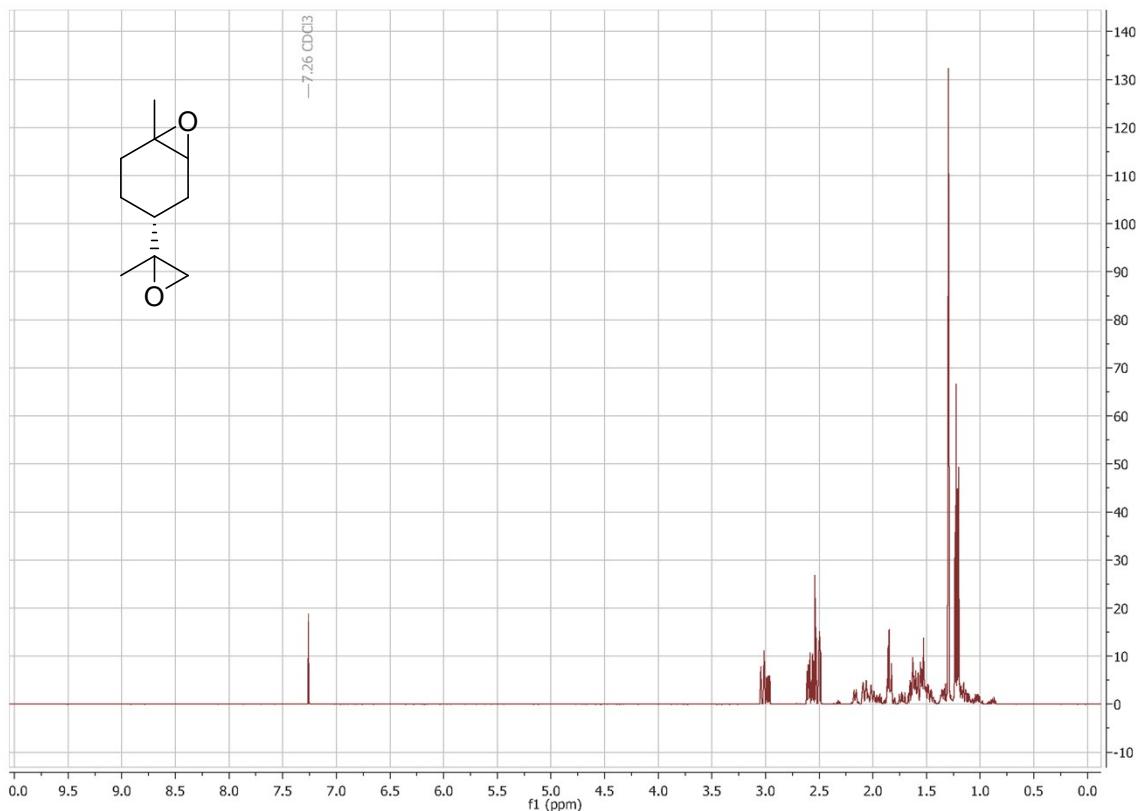
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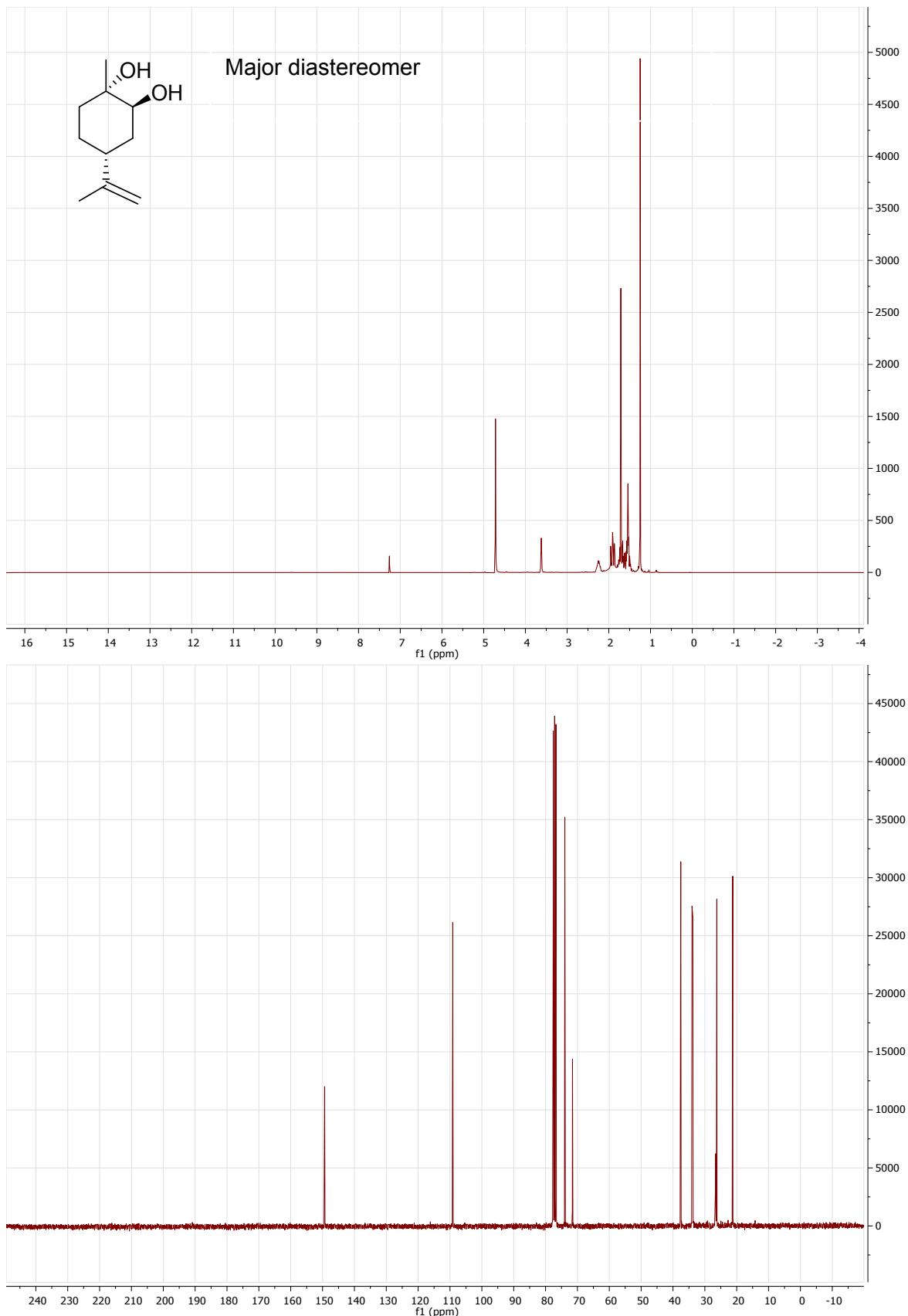
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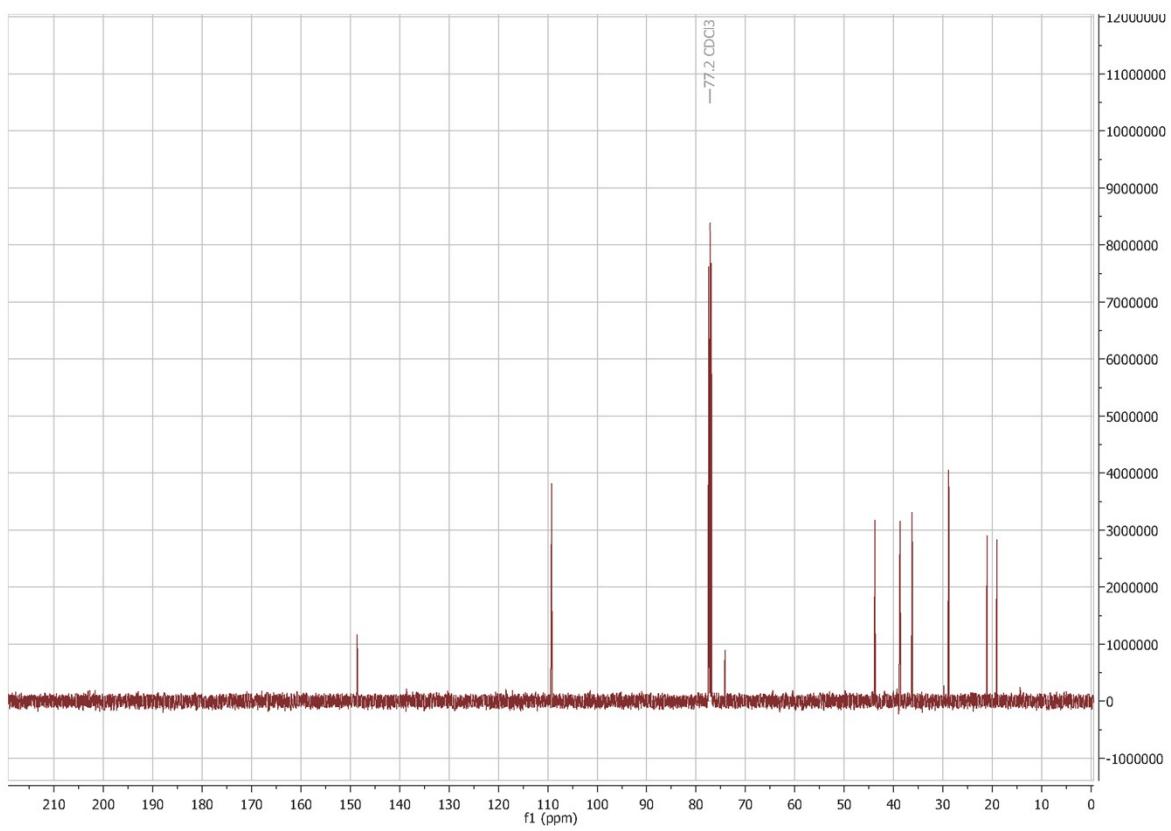
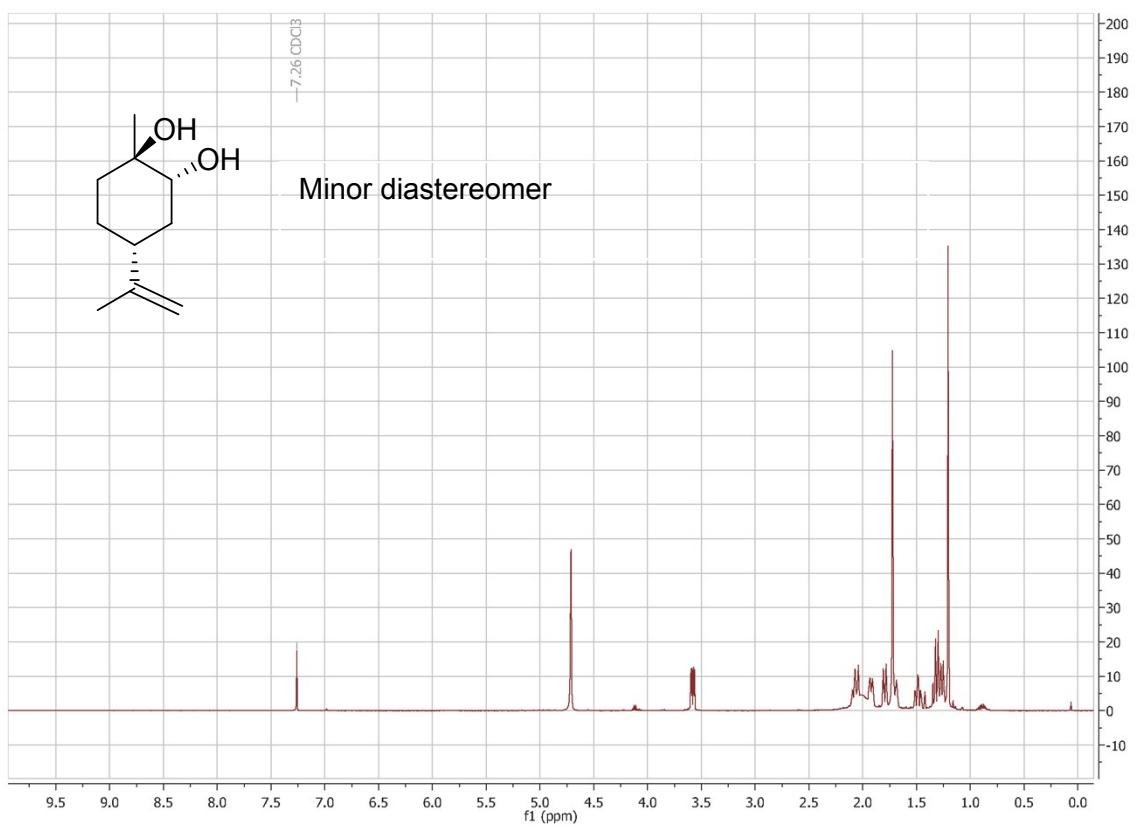


Limonene bis-epoxide (19)

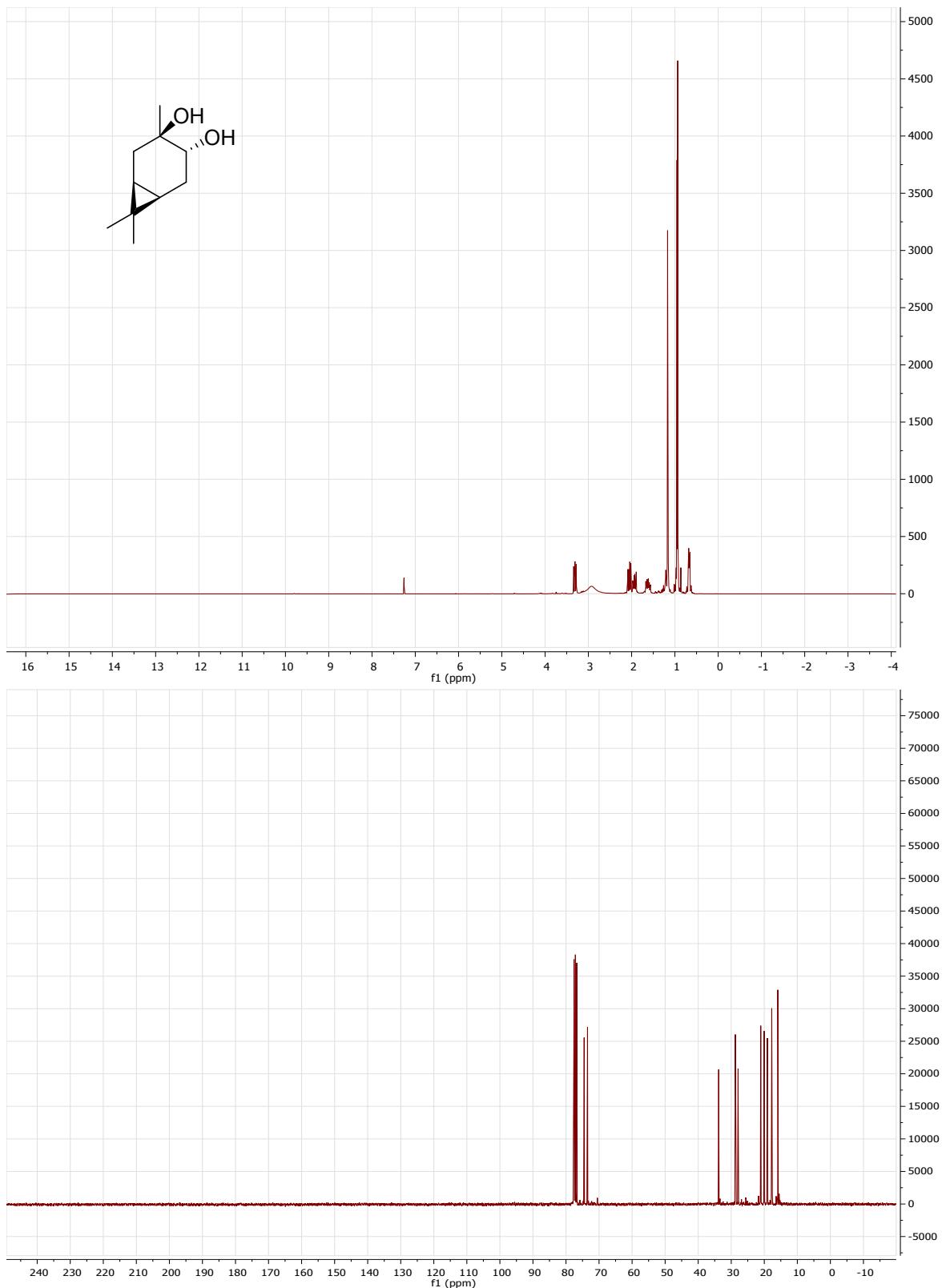


Limonene 1,2-*anti*-diols (20a/b)

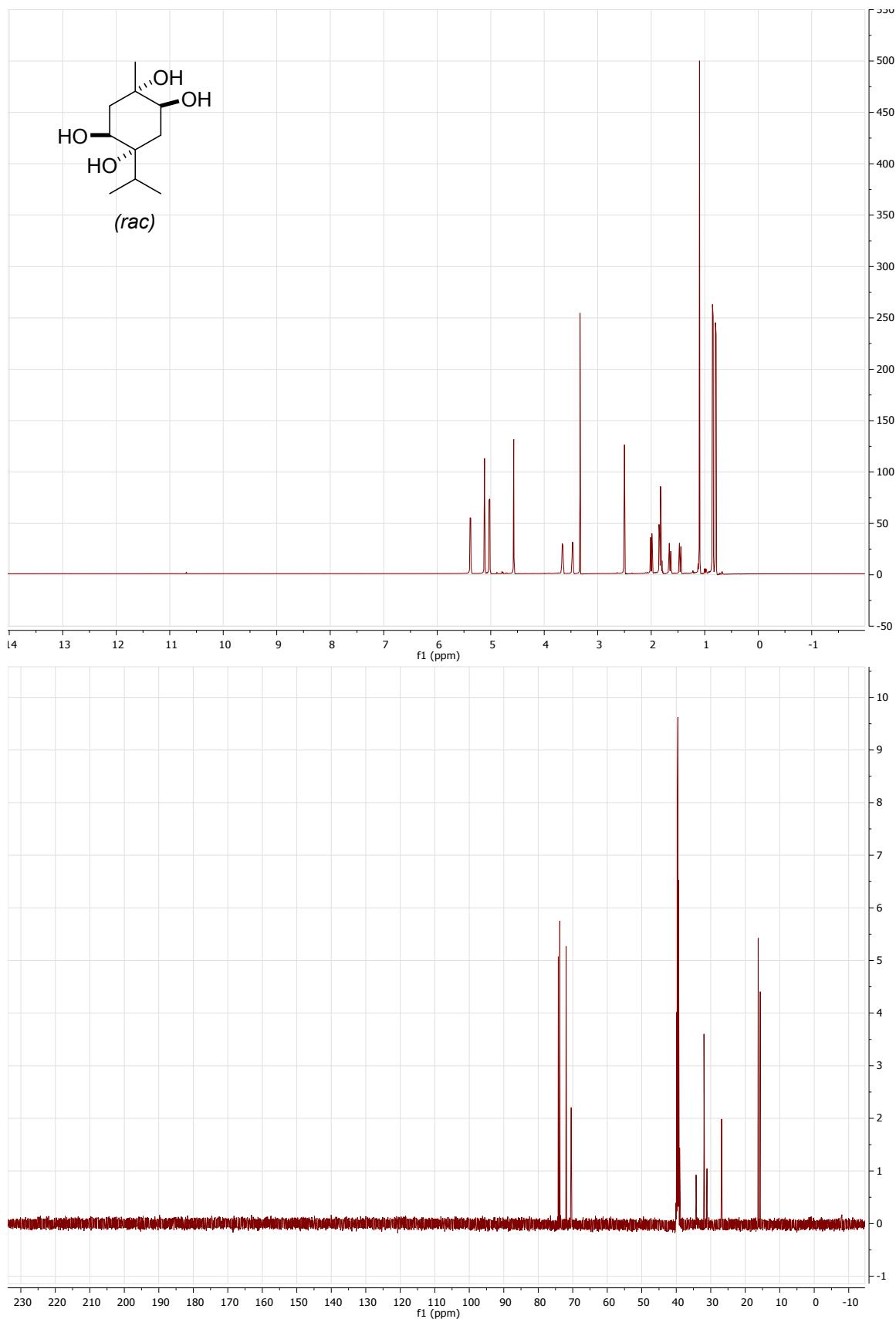




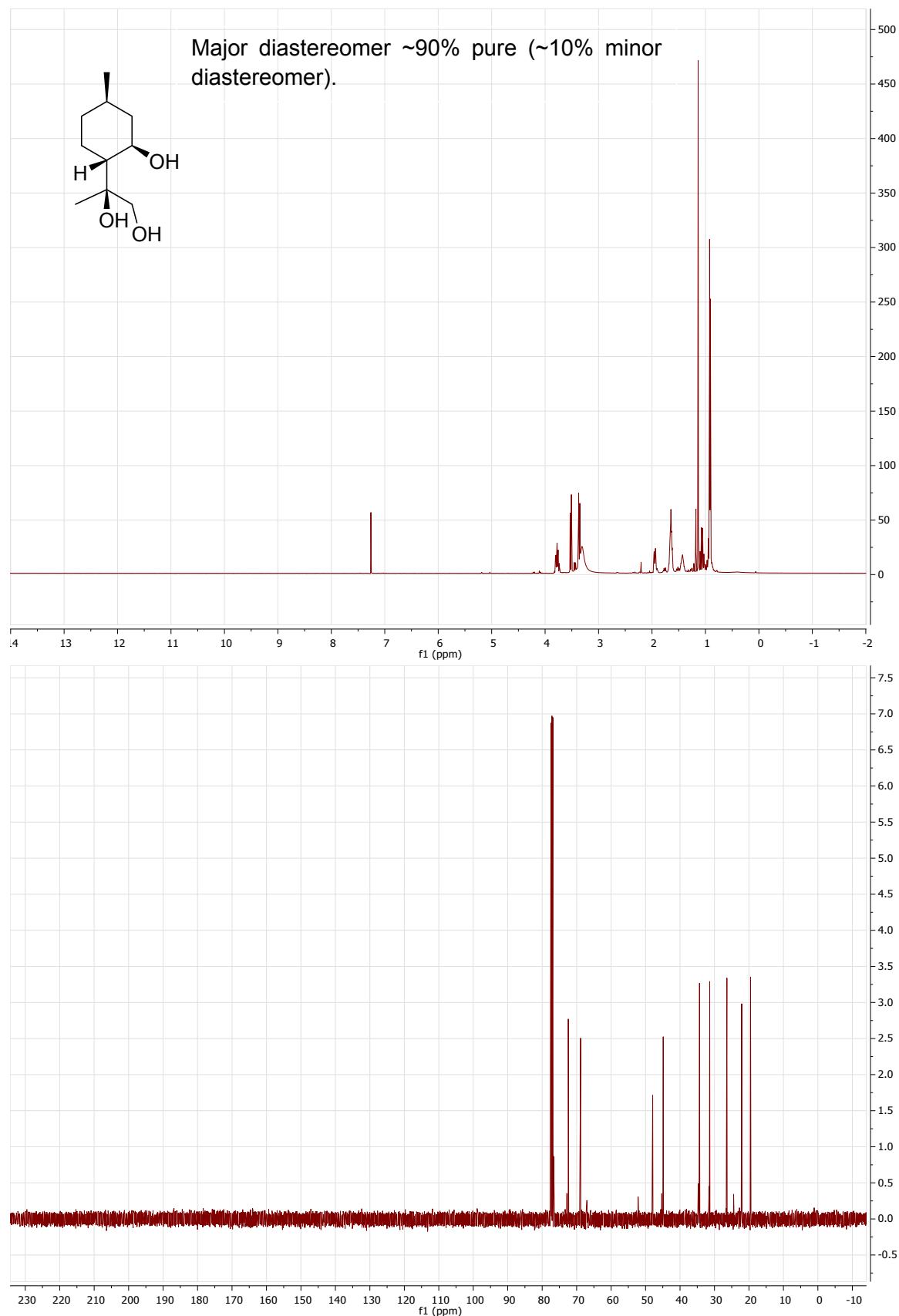
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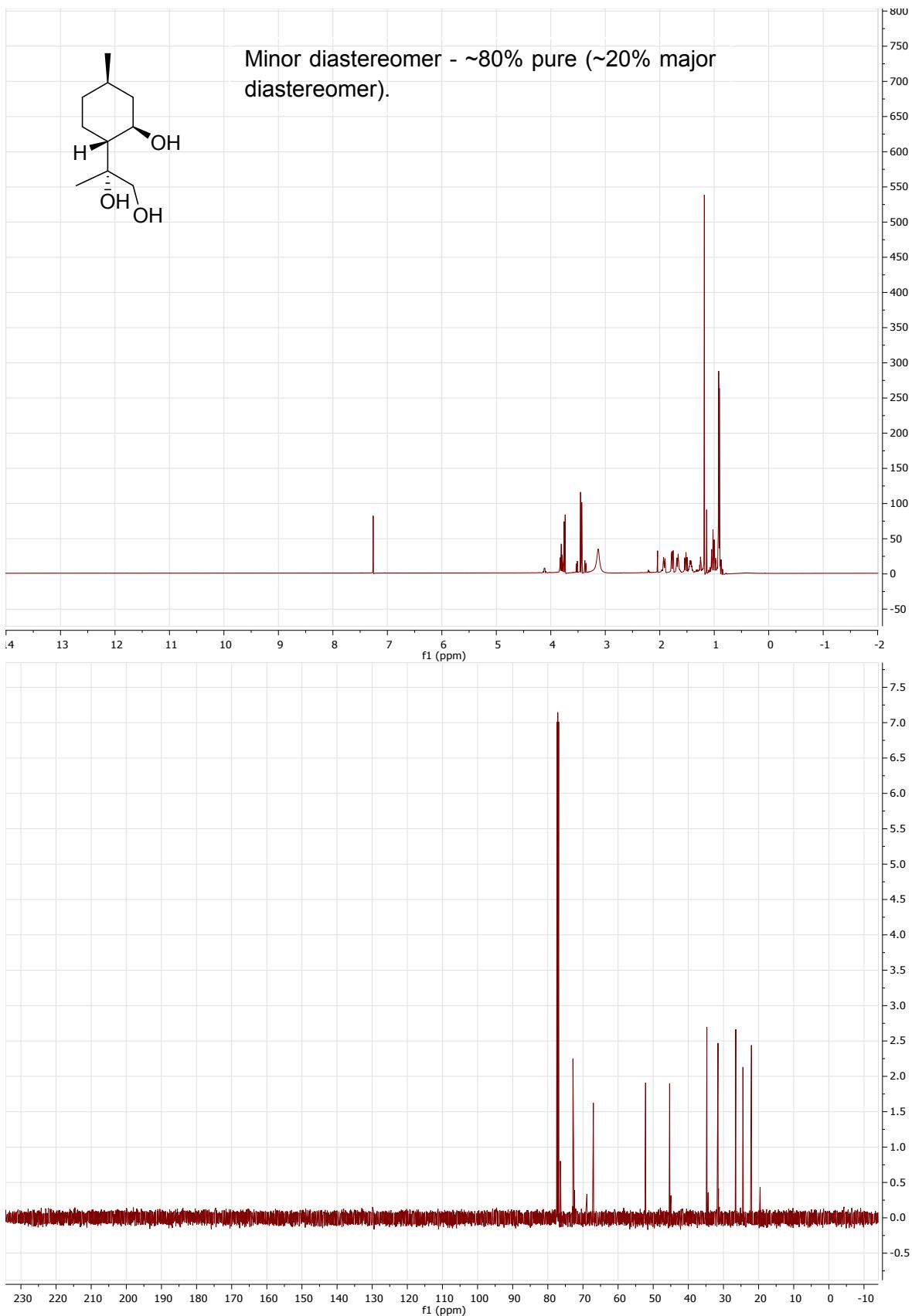


(rac)- γ -Terpinene-anti-tetrol 22

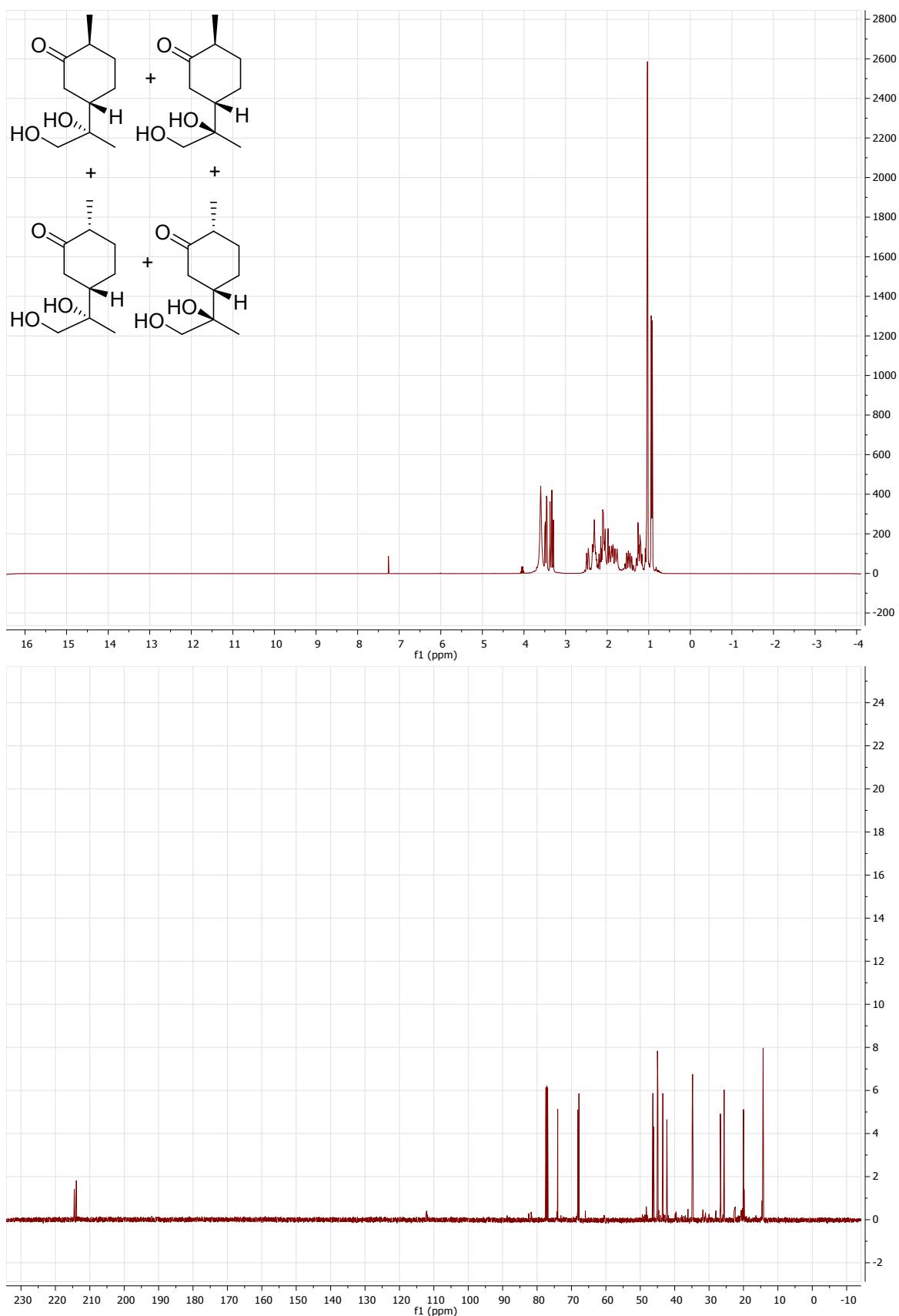


(-)Isopulegol-8,9-*anti*-diols (23a/b)

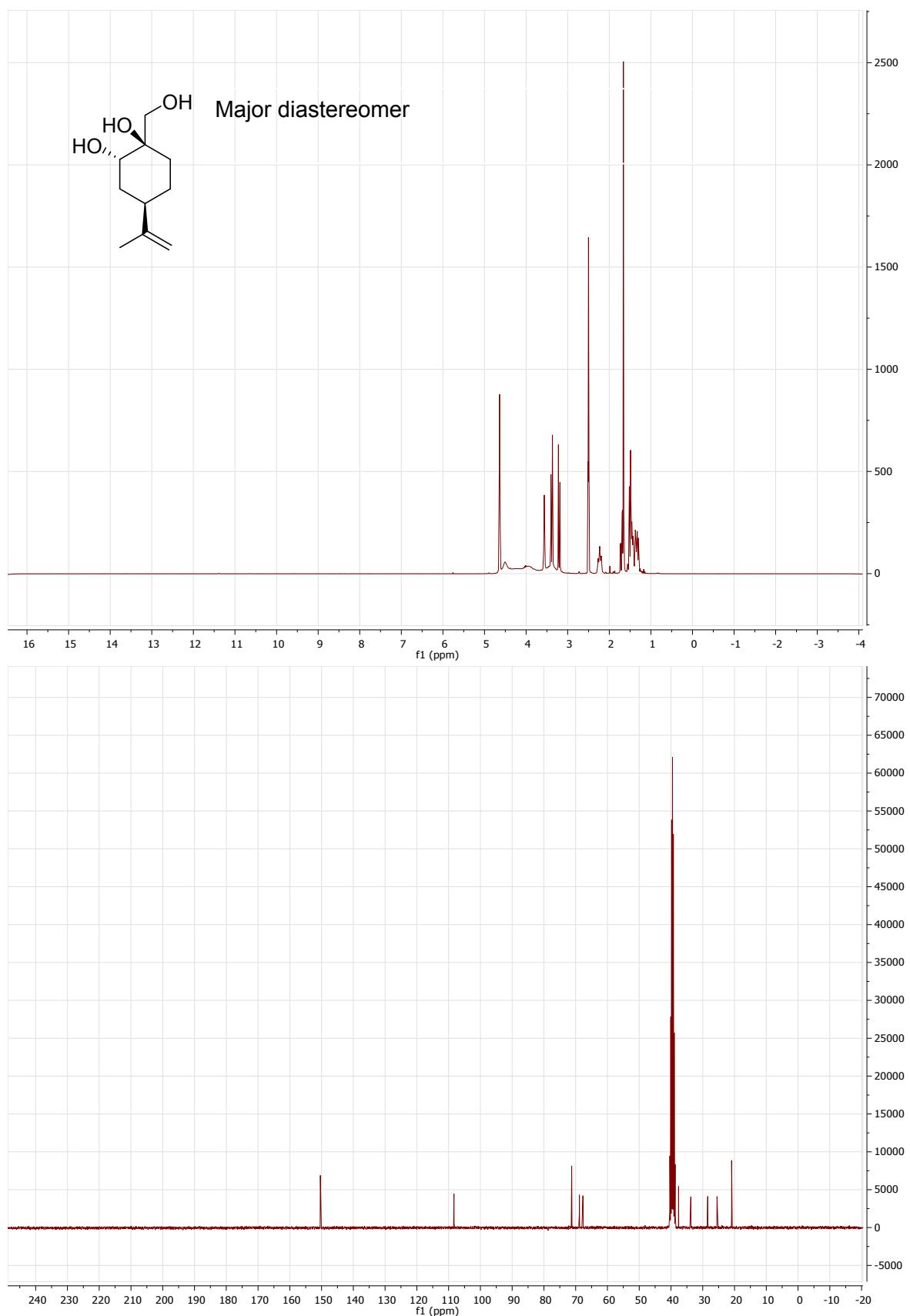




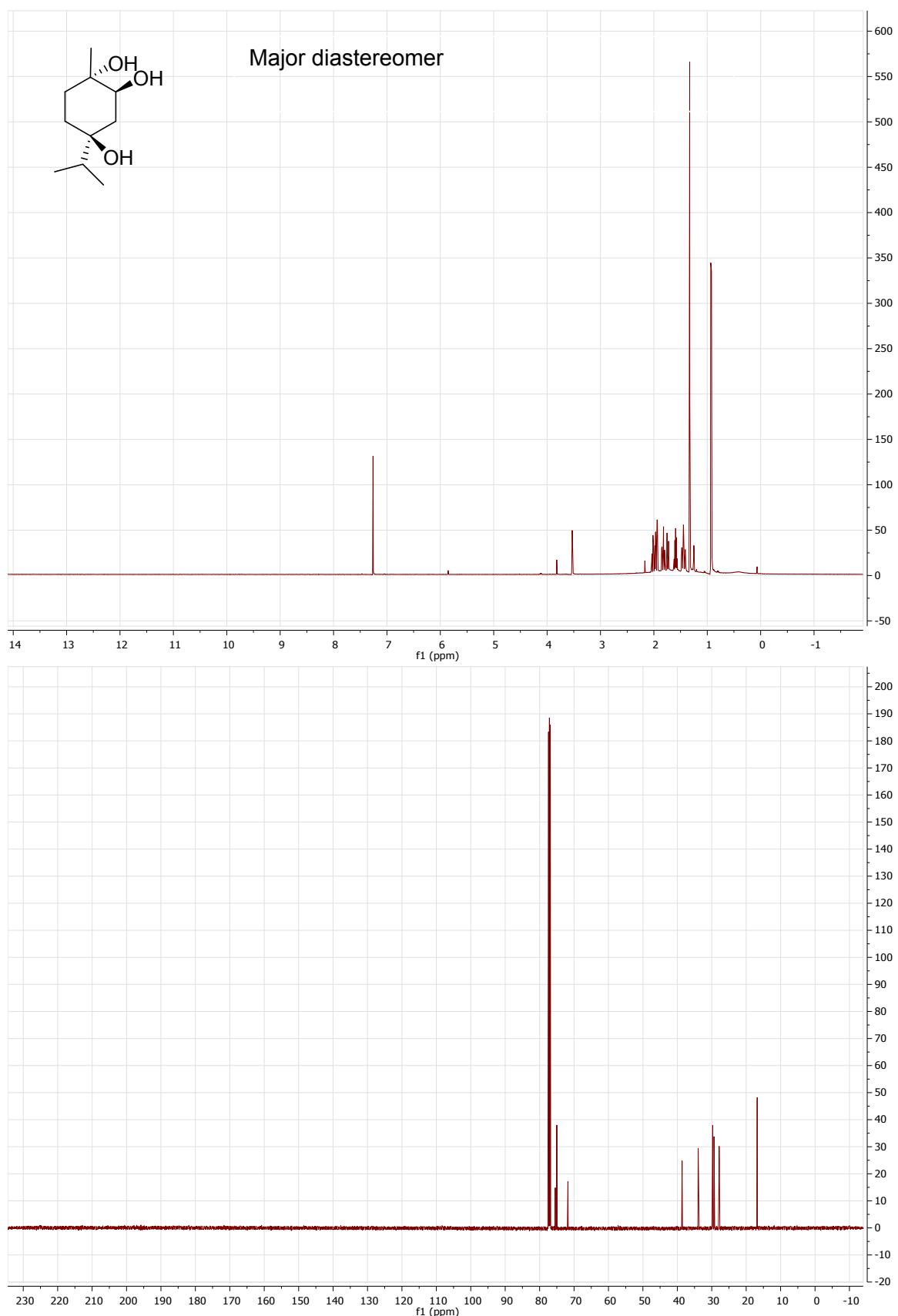
Dihydrocarvone-8,9-anti-diols (24a-d)



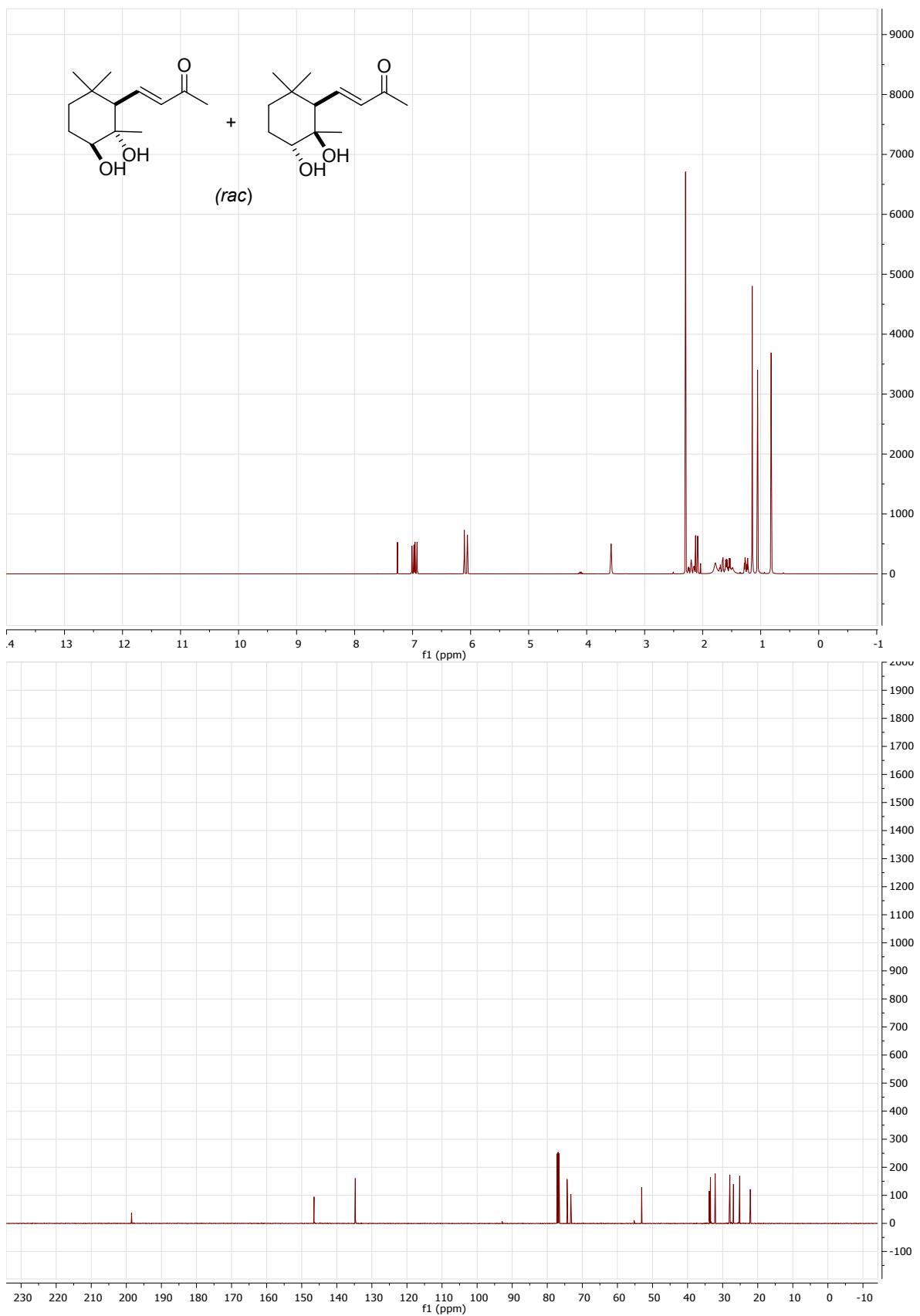
Perillyl alcohol 1,2-*anti*-diols (25a/b)



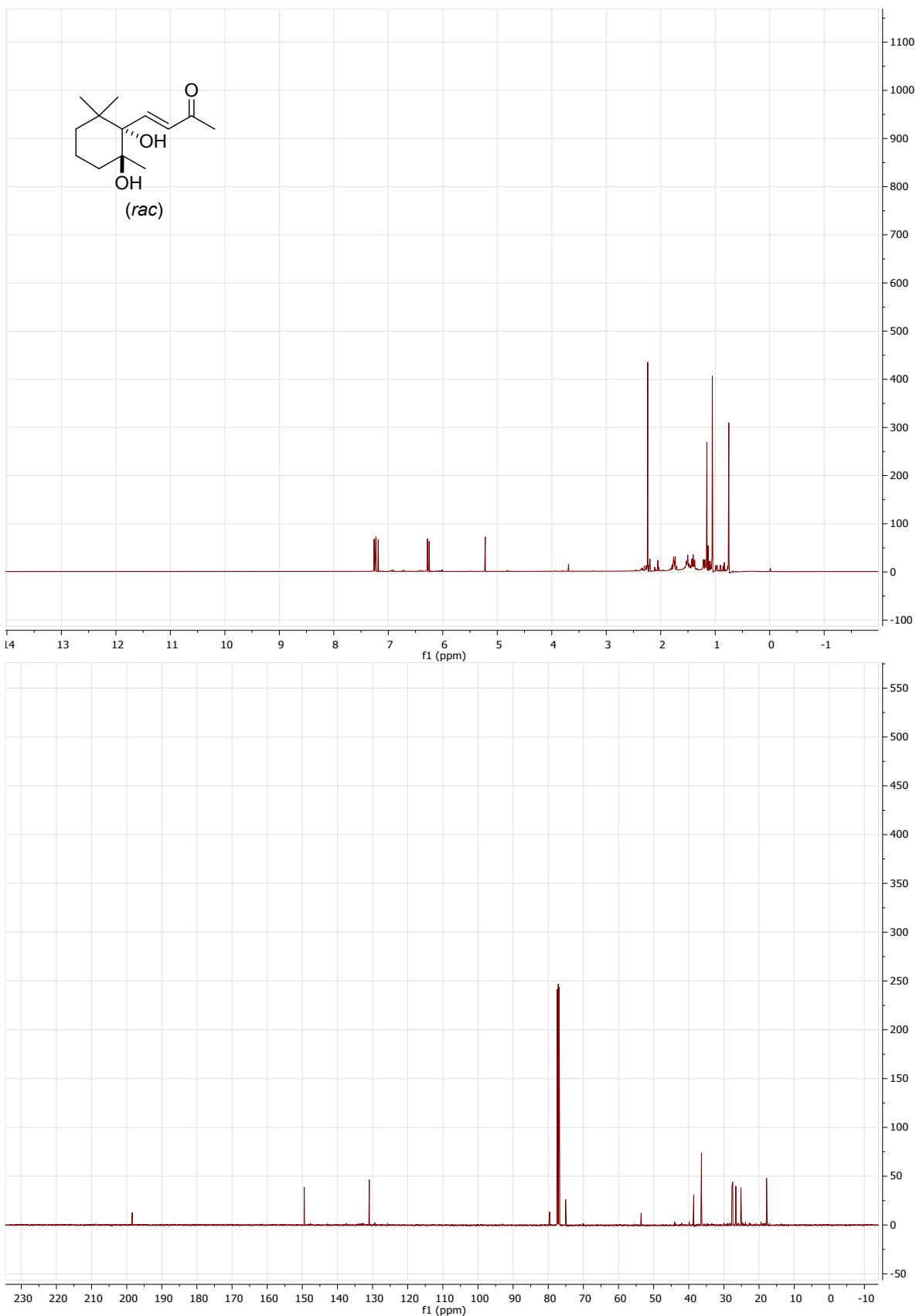
4-Carvomenthenol-anti-diols (26a/b)



(*rac*)- α -Ionone-*anti*-diols (27a/b)



(*rac*)- β -Ionone-*anti*-diols (28)



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