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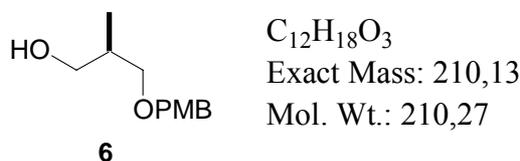
### A Highly Stereoselective Synthesis of the C10-C23 fragment of Dictyostatin

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#### General procedure:

All reactions were carried out in oven or flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere, unless otherwise noted. All commercially available reagents were used as received. The solvents were dried by distillation over the following drying agents and were transferred under nitrogen: CH<sub>3</sub>CN (CaH<sub>2</sub>), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (CaH<sub>2</sub>), (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl)<sub>2</sub> (CaH<sub>2</sub>), MeOH (CaH<sub>2</sub>), Et<sub>3</sub>N (CaH<sub>2</sub>), *i*Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN (CaH<sub>2</sub>), HN(TMS)<sub>2</sub> (CaH<sub>2</sub>), THF (Na), Et<sub>2</sub>O (Na), benzene (Na), toluene (Na), *n*-hexane (Na). Organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Reactions were magnetically stirred and monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> precoated glass plates (0.25 mm thickness) or basic alumina supported on aluminium foils. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel 60Å (particle size 0.040- 0.062 mm) following the procedure by Still and co-workers.<sup>1</sup> Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds, unless otherwise stated. Proton NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) with the solvent reference relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) employed as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26 ppm). The following abbreviations are used to describe spin multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal, dd = doublet of doublet. Carbon NMR spectra were recorded on 400 (100 MHz) spectrometers with complete proton decoupling. Carbon chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to TMS with the respective solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  77.0). Infrared spectra were recorded on a standard Infrared Spectrophotometer; peaks are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Optical rotation values were measured on an automatic polarimeter at the sodium D line. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on a hybrid quadrupole time of flight mass spectrometer equipped with an ESI ion source. A Reserpine solution 100 pg/ $\mu$ l (about 100 count/s), 0.1% HCOOH/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 1:1, was used as reference compound (Lock Mass).

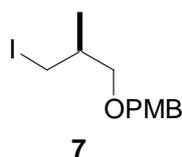


Alcohol **6** was prepared from methyl (*S*)-3-benzyloxy-2-methylpropionate following a procedure described by Smith III and co-workers.<sup>2,3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> L. -S. Deng, X. -P. Huang, G. Zhao, *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 4625, and references therein.



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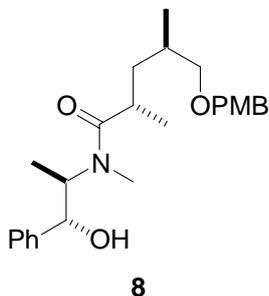
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### 1-((*S*)-3-Iodo-2-methyl-propoxymethyl)-4-methoxy-benzene (7).

Imidazole and triphenylphosphine were crystallized from ethanol prior to use.

Imidazole (769 mg, 11.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv), triphenylphosphine (2.96 g, 11.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and iodine (2.29 g, 9.04 mmol, 2 equiv)<sup>4</sup> were added sequentially to a solution of the alcohol (950 mg, 4.52 mmol, 1 equiv) in a mixture of diethyl ether : acetonitrile 2:1 (90 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature and then quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/diethyl ether 98/2) afforded the iodide **7** (1.37 g, 4.29 mmol, 95%) as a colorless liquid.<sup>5</sup>

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> = + 9.7 (c 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.90 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 4.47 (2H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 3.41-3.26 (4H, m), 1.82-1.74 (1H, m), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 131.1, 130.0, 114.5, 74.5, 73.6, 56.0, 35.8, 18.4, 14.9; FT-IR (film): ν = 2855, 1608, 1505, 1243, 1088, 808 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB<sup>+</sup>) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>I (M<sup>+</sup>) 320.0273. found 320.0272; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>INa: 343.01654 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 343.01625 (resolution 68400).



C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>  
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 Mol. Wt.: 413,55

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### (2*S*,4*R*)-5-(4-Methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4-dimethyl-pentanoic acid ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethyl)-methyl-amide (8).

Lithium chloride was flame dried under vacuum.<sup>6</sup>

A solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (1.6 M, 7.5 mL, 12 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was slowly added to a suspension of lithium chloride (1.6 g, 38.1 mmol, 12.7 equiv) and diisopropylamine (1.8 mL, 12.9 mmol, 4.3 equiv) in dry THF (16 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min at 0 °C, the suspension was cooled to -78 °C. An ice-cooled solution of the Myers amide (1.39 g, 6.3 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in THF (12 mL, followed by a 2-mL rinse) was added. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, at 0 °C for 15 min, and at 23 °C for 5 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and the iodide (0.96 g, 3 mmol, 1 equiv) was added neat to the reaction. After 5 minutes, the ice bath was removed and the suspension stirred for 18/20 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then treated with half-saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (20 mL), and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4

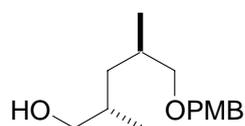
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<sup>6</sup> A. G. Myers, B. H. Yang, H. Chen, L. McKinstry, D. J. Kopecky, J. L. Gleason, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 6496; B. G. Vong, S. Abraham, A. X. Xiang, E. A. Theodorakis, *Org. Lett.* **2003**, 5, 1617; X. -T. Zhou, L. Lu, D. P. Furkert, C. E. Wells, R. G. Carter, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 7622-7626.

x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 65/35) afforded the amide **8** as a highly viscous, yellow oil containing mixture of rotamers (1.14 g, 2.74 mmol, 92%). (Minor resonances are denoted by an asterisk).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -43.02$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-6.85 (9H, m), 4.62 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.50-4.47 (1H, m), 4.43 (3H, s), 3.83 (2.7H, s), 3.81\* (0.3H, s), 3.36-3.21 (2H, m), 2.89\* (0.3H, s), 2.84 (2.7H, s), 2.79-2.74 (0.7H, m), 2.69-2.63\* (0.3H, m), 1.83-1.71 (2H, m), 1.13 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.10 (2.7H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.99\* (0.3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.95\* (0.3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.89 (2.7H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.8, 159.7, 143.2, 141.8\*, 131.4, 130.0\*, 129.8, 129.4\*, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7\*, 127.0, 114.4, 77.2, 76.8\*, 76.2, 75.9\*, 73.3, 58.8\*, 56.0, 39.7\*, 38.8, 34.9\*, 34.7, 32.6\*, 31.8, 27.6, 19.7, 19.0, 18.4, 18.3, 16.2, 15.1; FT-IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>):  $\nu = 3413, 3299, 2934, 2847, 1742, 1628, 1612, 1513, 1464, 1248, 1084, 1041$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NaNO<sub>4</sub>: 436.24583 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 436.24541 (resolution 53100).



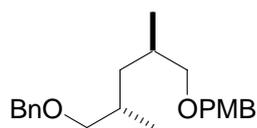
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Mol. Wt.: 252,35

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**(2*S*,4*R*)-5-(4-Methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4-dimethyl-pentan-1-ol (9).**

A solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (1.6 M, 6.6 mL, 10.6 mmol, 3.9 equiv) was added to a solution of diisopropylamine (1.6 mL, 11.4 mmol, 4.2 equiv) in dry tetrahydrofuran (11 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min at 0 °C, borane-ammonia complex (90%, 336 mg, 10.9 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added in one portion, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and then warmed up to 23 °C. After 15 min, the suspension was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of the amide (1.13 g, 2.72 mmol, 1 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL, followed by a 2-mL rinse) was added over 5 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to 23 °C, kept at that temperature for 2 h, and then cooled to 0 °C where excess hydride was quenched by the careful addition of 3 N aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (25 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and then extracted with four 60-mL portions of diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed sequentially with 3N aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (30 mL), 2 N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (20 mL), and brine (20 mL). The ether extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 60/40) afforded the alcohol **9** as a colorless oil (652 mg, 2.58 mmol, 95% yield).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.43$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.90 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.50-3.39 (2H, m), 3.32-3.21 (2H, m), 1.90 (1H, br. s), 1.89-1.82 (1H, m), 1.75-1.67 (1H, m), 1.52-1.45 (1H, m), 0.99-0.89 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7, 131.3, 129.8, 114.4, 76.3, 73.4, 68.5, 55.9, 38.3, 33.9, 31.7, 18.8, 18.3; FT-IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>):  $\nu = 3640, 3466, 2954, 2872, 1613, 1513, 1462, 1301, 1098, 1040$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 275.16177 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 275.16153 (resolution 84000).



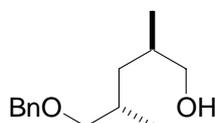
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**1-((2R,4S)-5-Benzyloxy-2,4-dimethyl-pentyl-oxymethyl)-4-methoxy-benzene (10).**

A solution of the alcohol (563 mg, 2.23 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL) was added to a suspension of NaH (178.4 mg of 60% in oil, 4.46 mmol, 2 equiv) in THF (12 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1.5 h, and then recooled to 0 °C before the addition of BnBr (397 μL, 3.34 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (24.7 mg, 0.067 mmol, 0.03 equiv).<sup>7</sup> The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred for 11 h. After the excess NaH was quenched by the addition of MeOH (1 mL), the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (20 mL), washed with a saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (2 x 20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 10/1) to afford the benzyl ether (633.9 mg, 1.85 mmol, 83%).

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -0.49 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40-7.26 (7H, m), 6.91 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 4.53 (2H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 4.46 (2H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.41-3.34 (2H, m), 3.27-3.20 (2H, m), 1.91 (2H, septet, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.55-1.48 (1H, m), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.7, 139.5, 131.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 114.4, 76.6, 76.3, 73.7, 73.3, 56.0, 38.9, 31.7, 18.8; FT-IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): ν = 3066, 3032, 2853, 2790, 1613, 1513, 1455, 1245, 1095, 1041 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 365.20872 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 365.20817 (resolution 63000).



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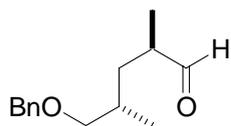
**(2R,4S)-5-Benzyloxy-2,4-dimethyl-pentan-1-ol (11).**

Ceric ammonium nitrate (2.66 g, 4.86 mmol, 3 equiv) was added at 0 °C, in four portions, to a solution of the PMB ether (555 mg, 1.62 mmol) in acetonitrile/water 4:1 (95 mL).<sup>8</sup> The temperature is maintained at 0 °C for 15 min, then the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and washed with brine (100 mL) and water (100 mL). After drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtration and concentration, flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 85/15) gave the product as a colourless oil (334.9 mg, 1.51 mmol, 93%).

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +6.85 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39-7.27 (5H, m), 4.52 (2H, d, *J* = 2 Hz), 3.54-3.42 (2H, m), 3.37-3.25 (2H, m), 1.93-1.83 (1H, m), 1.78-1.68 (1H, m), 1.54 (1H, br.s), 1.54-1.47 (2H, m), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.3, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 76.5, 73.7, 68.7, 38.3, 34.0, 31.7, 18.3, 17.7; FT-IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): ν = 3640, 3488, 2957, 2926, 2872, 1496, 1455, 1362, 1097, 1028 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 245.15120 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 245.15070 (resolution 94400).

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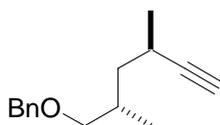


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#### (2R,4S)-5-Benzyloxy-2,4-dimethyl-pentanal

Pyridine (270  $\mu$ L, 3.34 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and DMP (681 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv)<sup>9</sup> were added to a 0 °C solution of the alcohol (298 mg, 1.34 mmol) in dichloromethane (7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, and stirred for 1 h. The proceeding of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and on disappearance of the alcohol the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2.4 g, 9.76 mmol, 7.3 equiv). After stirring for 30 min, the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 30 mL). Combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude aldehyde was used without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 7.38-7.28 (5H, m), 4.51 (2H, s), 3.32 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.51-2.44 (1H, m), 1.95-1.83 (2H, m), 1.25-1.16 (1H, m), 1.08 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 0.94 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).



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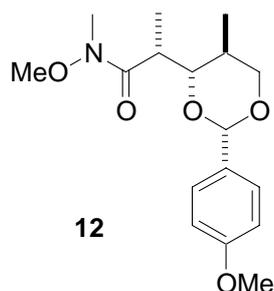
#### ((2S,4R)-2,4-Dimethyl-hex-5-ynyl-oxymethyl)-benzene (4).

A solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (1.6 M, 1.17 mL, 1.87 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added to a solution of diisopropylamine (262  $\mu$ L, 1.87 mmol, 1.4 equiv) in dry tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min at 0 °C, the mixture was cooled to -78 °C, and trimethylsilyldiazomethane (2.0 M in diethyl ether, 935  $\mu$ L, 1.87 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added.<sup>10</sup> After 30 min, a solution of the aldehyde (1.34 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3.5 mL) was slowly added. After 1 h at -78 °C, the temperature was raised to 23 °C, and stirring was maintained overnight. The mixture was then poured into ice-cooled water, and extract with diethyl ether (3 x). Combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 100/1) to afford the product as a yellow oil (176.9 mg, 0.82 mmol, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.26 (5H, m), 4.54 (2H, s), 3.39-3.30 (2H, m), 2.62-2.50 (1H, m), 2.20-2.08 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.68-1.58 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.22-1.17 (1H, m), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 139.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 89.4, 76.5, 73.3, 68.8, 41.2, 32.0, 23.8, 22.0, 16.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO: 239.14064 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 239.14059 (resolution 97800).

<sup>9</sup> D. B. Dess, J. C. Martin, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 7277-7287.

<sup>10</sup> K. Miwa, T. Aoyama, T. Shioiri, *Synlett* **1994**, 107-108.

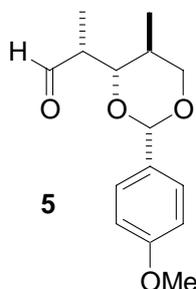


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**(R)-N-Methoxy-2-[(2S,4S,5S)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxinan-4-yl]-N-methyl-propionamide (12).<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 5.46 (1H, s), 4.03 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 11.3 Hz, 4.7 Hz), 3.82 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 6.4 Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.51 (1H, t,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz), 3.21-3.14 (1H, m), 3.18 (3H, s), 2.00-1.89 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 0.75 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 175.8, 159.7, 131.2, 127.2, 113.5, 100.7, 82.8, 72.8, 61.3, 55.2, 38.9, 33.7, 32.6, 13.0, 12.4.



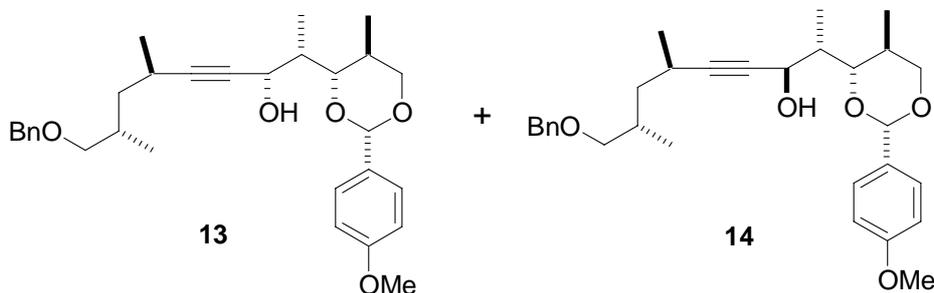
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Mol. Wt.: 264,32

Aldehyde **5** was prepared according to Smith III and co-workers.<sup>2</sup>

**(R)-2-[(4S,5S)-2-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxinan-4-yl]-propionaldehyde (5).**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.79 (1H, s), 7.36 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 6.88 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 5.51 (1H, s), 4.17 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 4.09 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.61 (1H, t,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz), 2.62-2.58 (1H, m), 2.14-2.10 (1H, m), 1.27 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 0.84 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz).



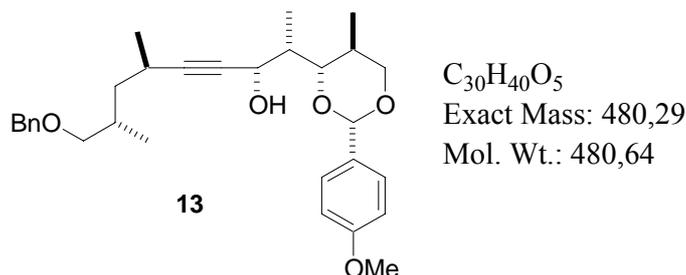
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$C_{30}H_{40}O_5$   
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*n*-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 940  $\mu$ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added slowly to a stirred solution of alkyne **4** (25.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78$  °C. The yellowish solution was stirred for 90 min at  $-78$  °C. A solution of aldehyde **5** (26.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (0.35 mL) was added dropwise and the solution became colorless. The reaction was stirred overnight at  $-78$  ON. A saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution was then added, the layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted with ether (3x4 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-

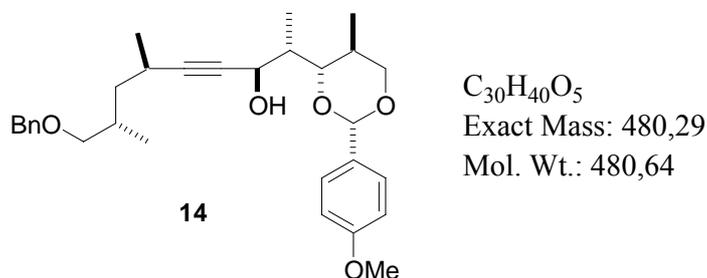
hexane/EtOAc 9/1) afforded a mixture of distereomeric propargylic alcohols **13** and **14** in a 7:3 ratio (29.3 mg, 0.061 mmol, 61%) as a colorless oil. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by NMR.



**(2S,3S,6R,8S)-9-Benzyloxy-2-[(4S,5S)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxinan-4-yl]-6,8-dimethyl-non-4-yn-3-ol (**13**).**<sup>11,12</sup>

Zinc triflate (474 mg, 1.3 mmol, 4.3 equiv) was flame-dried under vacuum; (-)-*N*-methylephedrine (179.3 mg, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv) was added, and the flask was purged with nitrogen for 15 min. Toluene (6.6 ml) was added, followed by triethylamine (140  $\mu$ l, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv). After 2 hours, a solution of the alkyne (220 mg, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv) in toluene (0.4 ml) was added. After 30 min, a solution of the aldehyde (79.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1 ml) was slowly added through a syringe pump over 6 hours.<sup>13</sup> The reaction mixture was left under stirring overnight. The reaction was monitored by TLC (benzene/diethyl ether 95/5). On disappearance of the aldehyde, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride (12 ml), and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 ml). The combined organic extracts are dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded diastereoisomerically pure propargylic alcohol **13** (96.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 67%) as a colorless oil.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +35.89$  (*c* 1.03, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.43-7.18 (5H, m), 6.89 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 5.61 (1H, s), 4.75 (1H, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 4.46 (2H, s), 4.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 3.43-3.34 (1H, m), 3.34 (3H, s), 3.31-3.16 (2H, m), 2.69-2.62 (1H, m), 2.43-2.38 (1H, m), 2.25 (1H, br. s), 2.05-1.97 (2H, m), 1.84-1.77 (1H, m), 1.38 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.25 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.22-1.12 (1H, m), 1.07 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.45 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 161.2, 136.7, 132.4, 129.0, 114.3, 102.0, 89.7, 85.8, 82.7, 76.7, 73.6, 67.0, 55.2, 41.8, 41.7, 32.8, 31.2, 24.5, 22.6, 17.1, 12.1, 9.2; FT-IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  = 3501, 3040, 3024, 2969, 2933, 2874, 2851, 1732, 1615, 1518, 1462 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na: 503.27680 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 503.27575 (resolution 45700).



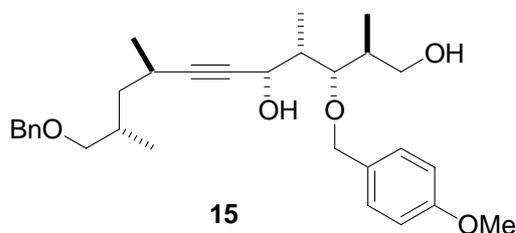
<sup>11</sup> D. E. Frantz, R. Fässler, E. M. Carreira, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 1806–1807; E. El-Sayed, N. K. Anand, E. M. Carreira, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 3017-3020; D. Boyall, D. E. Frantz, E. M. Carreira, *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *4*, 2605-2606, and references therein.

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**(2*S*,3*R*,6*R*,8*S*)-9-Benzyloxy-2-[(4*S*,5*S*)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxinan-4-yl]-6,8-dimethyl-non-4-yn-3-ol (14).**<sup>11</sup>

Zinc triflate (474 mg, 1.3 mmol, 4.3 equiv) was flame-dried under vacuum; (+)-*N*-methylephedrine (179.3 mg, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv) was added, and the flask was purged with nitrogen for 15 min. Toluene (6.6 ml) was added, followed by triethylamine (140  $\mu$ l, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv). After 2 hours, a solution of the alkyne (220 mg, 1 mmol, 3.3 equiv) in toluene (0.4 ml) was added. After 30 min, a solution of the aldehyde (79.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1 ml) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was left under stirring overnight. The reaction was monitored by TLC (benzene/diethyl ether 95/5). On disappearance of the aldehyde, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride (12 ml), and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 ml). The combined organic extracts are dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded a mixture of distereomeric propargylic alcohols **13** and **14** in a 7:93 ratio (7.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 5%) as a colorless oil. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by NMR.

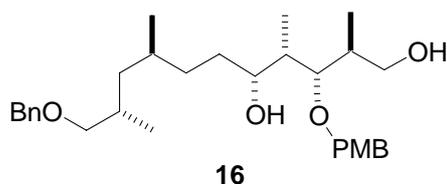


$C_{30}H_{42}O_5$   
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**(2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,8*R*,10*S*)-11-Benzyloxy-3-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4,8,10-tetramethyl-undec-6-yne-1,5-diol (15).**

A solution of PMP acetal (96.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) is cooled to  $-20^{\circ}C$ ; DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexane, 2.0 mL, 2 mmol, 10 equiv)<sup>2</sup> is added over 10 min. After 30 min, the temperature is raised to  $0^{\circ}C$ , and the reaction mixture is stirred for additional 2 hours. On completion of the reaction (TLC *n*-hexane/EtOAc 75/25) the mixture is quenched with saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle's salt (2.5 ml). After 1 hour under vigorous stirring, the reaction mixture is diluted with diethyl ether (190 ml) and washed with a saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle's salt and brine, dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 85/25) to afford the product as a pale yellow oil (72.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%).

$[\alpha]_D^{28} = +12.55$  (*c* 1.04,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.19 (7H, m), 6.90 (2H, d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 4.74 (2H, AB system,  $\nu_A = 4.77$ ,  $\nu_B = 4.71$ ,  $J_{AB} = 10.8$  Hz), 4.52 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 4.03-3.97 (1H, m), 3.81 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.8$  Hz,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 3.69 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.8$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 3.41 (3H, s), 3.31-3.22 (2H, m), 2.66-2.60 (1H, m), 2.42-2.34 (2H, m + bs), 2.10-2.04 (2H, m), 1.81-1.74 (1H, m), 1.34 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.24 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.18-1.10 (1H, m), 1.06 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 0.97 (3H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ) 160.1, 139.7, 131.9, 130.0, 129.0, 114.6, 90.6, 83.9, 82.9, 76.8, 75.0, 73.7, 66.6, 66.0, 55.2, 43.8, 41.8, 39.2, 32.8, 24.5, 22.5, 17.1, 15.1, 10.9; FT-IR ( $CHCl_3$ ):  $\nu = 3048, 3024, 2963, 2932, 2874, 1730, 1613, 1514, 1455, 1263$   $cm^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{30}H_{42}O_5Na$ : 505.29245 [ $M+Na$ ]<sup>+</sup>; found: 505.29115 (resolution 45400).

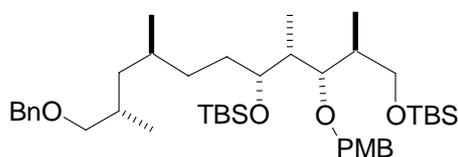


$C_{30}H_{46}O_5$   
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**(2S,3S,4S,5R,8S,10S)-11-Benzyloxy-3-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4,8,10-tetramethyl-undecane-1,5-diol (16).**

Wilkinson's catalyst  $Rh(PPh_3)_3Cl$  (13.9 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv)<sup>14</sup> was added to a degassed solution of diol **15** (72.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) in dry benzene (6 mL) in an autoclave. The reaction mixture was purged with hydrogen, and stirred overnight with 60 psi hydrogen pressure (approximately 4 bar  $H_2$  pressure). Silica gel was added to the reaction mixture and the solvent was evaporated. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 7/3) afforded diol **16** (51.1 mg, 0.105 mmol, 70%) as a yellowish oil.

$[\alpha]_D^{28} = +14.50$  (*c* 1.00,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.44-7.19 (7H, m), 6.88 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 4.65 (2H, AB system,  $\nu_A = 4.65$ ,  $\nu_B = 4.59$ ,  $J_{AB} = 10.6$  Hz), 4.47 (2H, d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 3.82-3.78 (2H, m), 3.69-3.63 (2H, m), 3.40 (3H, s), 3.35 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 3.26 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 2.14-2.00 (2H, m), 1.86-1.56 (7H, m), 1.24-1.02 (1H, m), 1.16 (3H, d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.12 (3H, d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 1.04 (3H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 1.01 (3H, d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ) 160.3, 140.0, 131.4, 130.2, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 114.7, 86.2, 76.5, 75.5, 74.7, 73.6, 65.6, 55.2, 42.4, 40.4, 38.6, 34.1, 33.3, 31.9, 31.1, 21.1, 18.7, 15.2, 8.6; FT-IR (film):  $\nu = 3442$ , 2955, 2928, 2871, 1738, 1613, 1514, 1455, 1374, 1301, 1247  $cm^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{30}H_{46}O_5Na$ : 509.32375 [ $M+Na$ ]<sup>+</sup>; found: 509.32290 (resolution 46200).



$C_{42}H_{74}O_5Si_2$   
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Mol. Wt.: 715,20

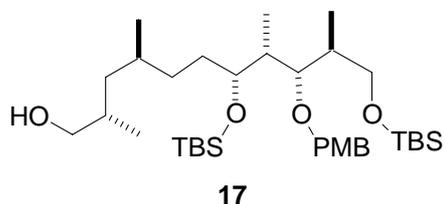
**1-[(1S,2R,3R,6S,8S)-9-Benzyloxy-3-(tert-butyl-dimethyl-silyloxy)-1-[(S)-2-(tert-butyl-dimethyl-silyloxy)-1-methyl-ethyl]-2,6,8-trimethyl-nonyloxymethyl]-4-methoxy-benzene.**

Freshly distilled 2,6-lutidine (93  $\mu$ l, 0.8 mmol, 8 equiv) and TBSOTf (69  $\mu$ l, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv) were added to a stirred solution of diol **16** (48.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.5 mL) at -20  $^{\circ}C$ . The proceeding of the reaction was monitored by TLC *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 8/2. On completion of the reaction (approximately 1.5 hours), the mixture was quenched with a saturated  $NH_4Cl$  aqueous solution. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and evaporated. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded the product (69.4 mg, 0.097 mmol, 97%) as a colorless oil.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = +1.23$  (*c* 1.05,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.48-7.19 (7H, m), 6.95 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 4.78 (2H, AB system,  $\nu_A = 4.82$ ,  $\nu_B = 4.75$ ,  $J_{AB} = 10.8$  Hz), 4.48 (2H, d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 3.99-3.93 (2H, m), 3.85-3.77 (2H, m), 3.42 (3H, s), 3.37 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 3.28 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 2.14-2.05 (3H, m), 1.90-1.59 (6H, m), 1.35-1.29 (1H, m), 1.34 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.21 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.18 (9H, s), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.12 (9H, s), 1.07 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 0.40 (3H, s), 0.26 (6H, s), 0.19 (3H, s);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ) 160.0, 140.0, 132.6,

<sup>14</sup> D. J. Nelson, R. Li, C. Brammer, *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *70*, 761-767, and references therein; G. L. Nattrass, E. Diez, M. M. McLachlan, D. J. Dixon, S. V. Ley, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 580-584.

129.4, 129.0, 114.5, 81.5, 76.5, 75.4, 74.7, 73.6, 65.5, 55.2, 42.3, 40.6, 39.8, 32.8, 32.2, 32.0, 31.3, 26.8, 26.7, 26.3, 21.2, 18.9, 18.7, 16.0, 11.0, 1.8, -3.4, -3.6, -4.7; FT-IR (film):  $\nu = 2955, 2928, 2856, 1613, 1586, 1514, 1462, 1360, 1251 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{74}\text{O}_5\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ : 737.49670  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ; found: 737.49705 (resolution 31200).

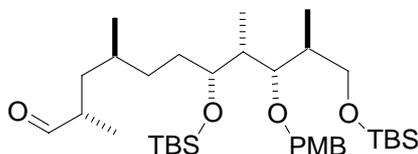


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**(2*S*,4*S*,7*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*)-7,11-Bis-(*tert*-butyl-dimethyl-silanyloxy)-9-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4,8,10-tetramethyl-undecan-1-ol (17).**

Raney-Nickel<sup>15</sup> was washed with water until the washings were pH neutral and then rinsed five times with absolute EtOH. A solution of substrate (69.4 mg, 0.097 mmol) in absolute EtOH (6.5 mL) was added, the mixture was accurately degassed and then purged three times with hydrogen. After stirring for 24 h, the Raney-Nickel was removed by filtration and the filtrate purified by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 9/1) to afford alcohol **17** (49.1 mg, 0.078 mmol, 81%) as a colorless oil.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{18} = -4.72$  (*c* 1.10,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 6.95 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 4.77 (2H, AB system,  $\nu_{\text{A}} = 4.81$ ,  $\nu_{\text{B}} = 4.73$ ,  $J_{\text{AB}} = 11.2$  Hz), 4.00-3.91 (2H, m), 3.84-3.76 (2H, m), 3.44 (3H, s), 3.43-3.39 (1H, m), 3.32-3.27 (1H, m), 2.15-2.09 (2H, m), 1.90-1.42 (5H, m), 1.29 (3H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 1.20 (3H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 1.20-1.10 (2H, m), 1.17 (9H, s), 1.12 (9H, s), 1.04 (3H, d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 1.01 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.04-0.93 (1H, m), 0.25 (6H, s), 0.19 (6H, s);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) 160.0, 132.6, 129.5, 114.5, 81.4, 75.3, 74.7, 68.5, 65.5, 55.2, 41.8, 40.6, 39.8, 33.9, 32.7, 32.1, 31.3, 26.7, 21.2, 19.0, 18.9, 18.0, 16.0, 11.0, -3.4, -3.6, -4.7; FT-IR (film):  $\nu = 3377, 2954, 2928, 2857, 1614, 1587, 1515, 1471, 1463, 1387, 1360, 1301, 1250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{69}\text{O}_5\text{Si}_2$ : 625.46780  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 625.46921 (resolution 35500); calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{68}\text{O}_5\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ : 647.44975  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ; found: 647.44807 (resolution 35500).



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Mol. Wt.: 623,07

**(2*S*,4*S*,7*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*)-7,11-Bis-(*tert*-butyl-dimethyl-silanyloxy)-9-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-2,4,8,10-tetramethyl-undecanal.**

Solid TPAP (2.4 mg, 0.0068 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added to a stirred solution of alcohol (84.4 mg, 0.135 mmol) and NMO (23.7 mg, 0.202 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (270  $\mu\text{L}$ ), in presence of 4Å molecular sieves (500 mg/mmol), at room temperature, under nitrogen.<sup>16</sup> On completion of

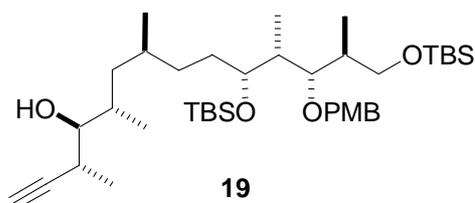
<sup>15</sup> K. Horita, T. Yoshioka, T. Tanaka, Y. Oikawa, O. Yonemitsu, *Tetrahedron* **1986**, *42*, 3021; D. A. Evans, W. C. Trenkle, J. Zhang, J. D. Burch, *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 3335; D. R. Williams, K. Shamin, *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 4161.

<sup>16</sup> W. P. Griffith, S. V. Ley, G. P. Whitcombe, A. D. White, *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1987**, 1625; S. V. Ley, J. Norman, W. P. Griffith, S. P. Marsden, *Synthesis* **1994**, 639-666.



Triphenylphosphine (recrystallized from ethanol prior to use, 1.2 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 0.05 equiv), the crude aldehyde (56.0 mg, 0.09 mmol) and (*R*)-mesyl-butynol (20.0 mg, 0.135 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were subsequently added to a cooled (-78°C) solution of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (0.9 ml). Diethylzinc (1.0M in hexane, 270 μl, 0.27 mmol, 3 equiv) was added over 15 min. After 10 min., the temperature was raised to -20°C, and the reaction mixture was left overnight under stirring at -20°C. The mixture was then quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/Et<sub>2</sub>O 1/1. The Et<sub>2</sub>O layer was washed with brine, dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 95/5) to afford the product as a yellow oil (50.2 mg, 0.074 mmol, 82% over two steps) with very high diastereoselectivity (>98:2).

$[\alpha]_D^{22} = -4.51$  (*c* 0.605, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.49 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 4.80 (2H, AB system, *v*<sub>A</sub> = 4.83, *v*<sub>B</sub> = 4.77, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 10.8 Hz), 4.00-3.92 (2H, m), 3.87-3.80 (2H, m), 3.43 (3H, s), 3.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.67-2.62 (1H, m), 2.19-2.11 (2H, m), 1.95-1.62 (9H, m), 1.31 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.22 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.18 (9H, s), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.13 (9H, s), 1.06 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.04 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.27 (6H, s), 0.20 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 160.0, 132.6, 129.5, 114.5, 86.6, 81.4, 77.5, 75.5, 74.6, 71.7, 65.5, 55.2, 42.1, 40.7, 39.9, 33.6, 32.7, 32.1, 31.7, 31.0, 26.8, 26.7, 21.2, 18.9, 18.0, 16.0, 14.5, 11.1, -3.4, -3.6, -4.7; FT-IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): *v* = 3306, 2956, 2930, 2882, 2857 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na: 699.48105 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 699.48154 (resolution 32600).

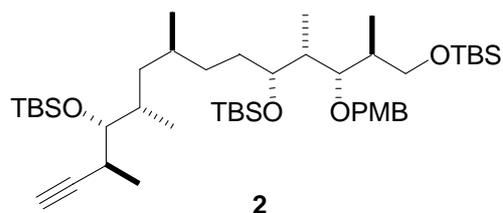


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Triphenylphosphine (recrystallized from ethanol prior to use, 0.6 mg, 0.00225 mmol, 0.05 equiv), the crude aldehyde (28.0 mg, 0.045 mmol) and (*S*)-mesyl-butynol (10.0 mg, 0.0675 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were subsequently added to a cooled (-78°C) solution of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mg, 0.00225 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (0.45 ml). Diethylzinc (1.0M in hexane, 135 μl, 0.135 mmol, 3 equiv) was added over 15 min. After 10 min., the temperature was raised to -20°C, and the reaction mixture was left overnight under stirring at -20°C. The mixture was then quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/Et<sub>2</sub>O 1/1. The Et<sub>2</sub>O layer was washed with brine, dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 95/5) to afford the product as a yellow oil (25.6 mg, 0.0378 mmol, 84% over two steps), with high diastereoselectivity (95:5).

$[\alpha]_D^{23} = -4.61$  (*c* 0.505, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.48 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.96 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.79 (2H, AB system, *v*<sub>A</sub> = 4.82, *v*<sub>B</sub> = 4.76, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 11.2 Hz), 4.00-3.79 (4H, m), 3.43 (3H, s), 3.15-2.94 (1H, m), 2.74-2.61 (1H, m), 2.20-2.06 (3H, m), 1.95-1.46 (11H, m), 1.30 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.26 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.22 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.18 (9H, s), 1.13 (9H, s), 1.15-1.03 (1H, m), 1.10 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.26 (6H, s), 0.20 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 160.0, 132.6, 129.5, 114.5, 81.4, 79.6, 75.6, 74.6, 71.8, 65.6, 55.2, 40.8, 40.6, 39.9, 35.7, 32.1, 32.0, 31.5, 31.0, 21.9, 18.9, 18.8, 17.3, 16.0, 11.1, -3.4, -3.6, -4.7; FT-IR (film): *v* = 3309, 2960, 2933, 2850, 2663, 2655, 1727, 1613, 1514, 1470, 1462, 1386, 1360, 1301, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na: 699.48105 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 699.47937 (resolution 33400).



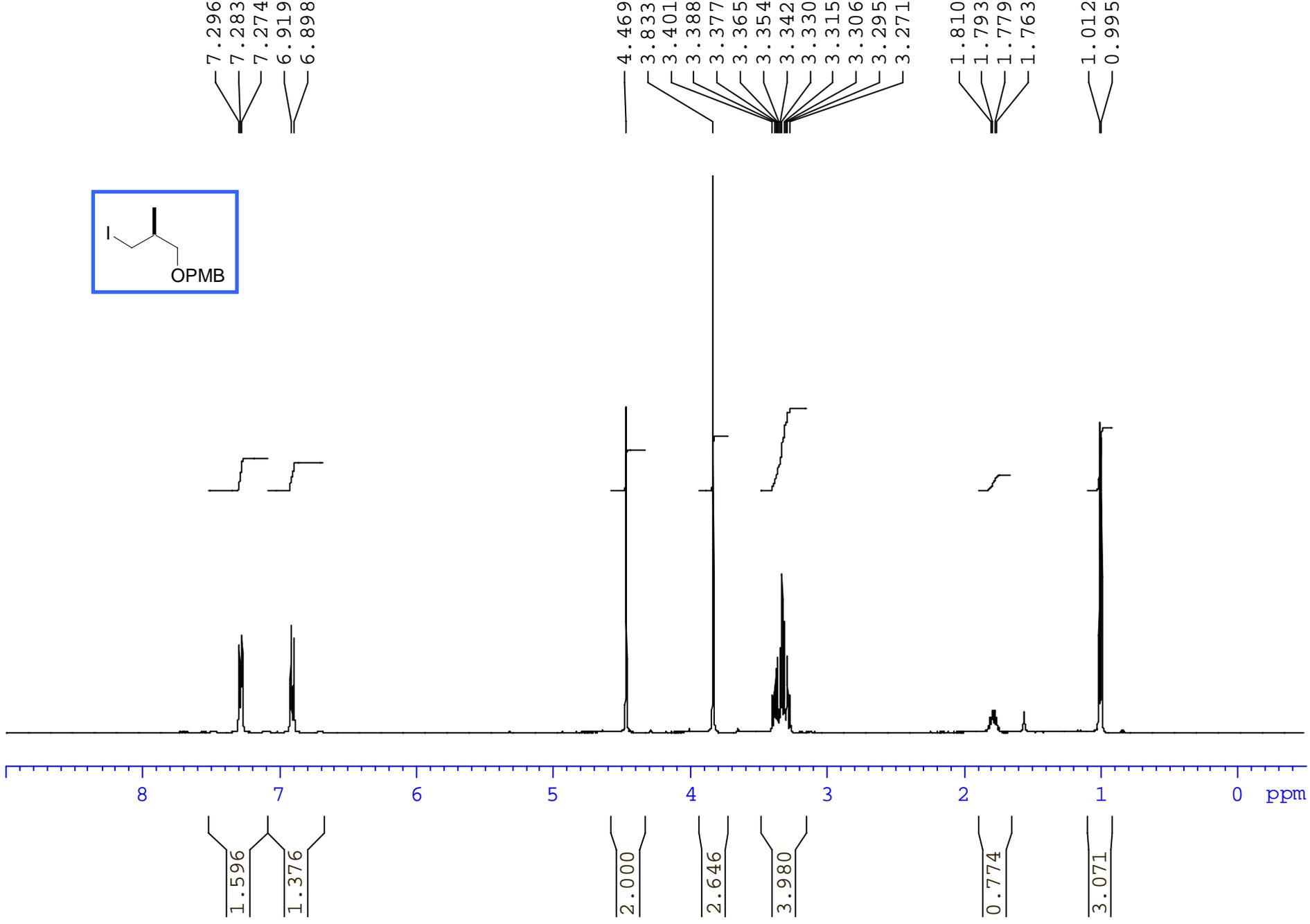
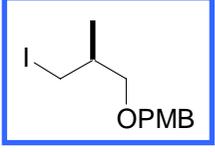
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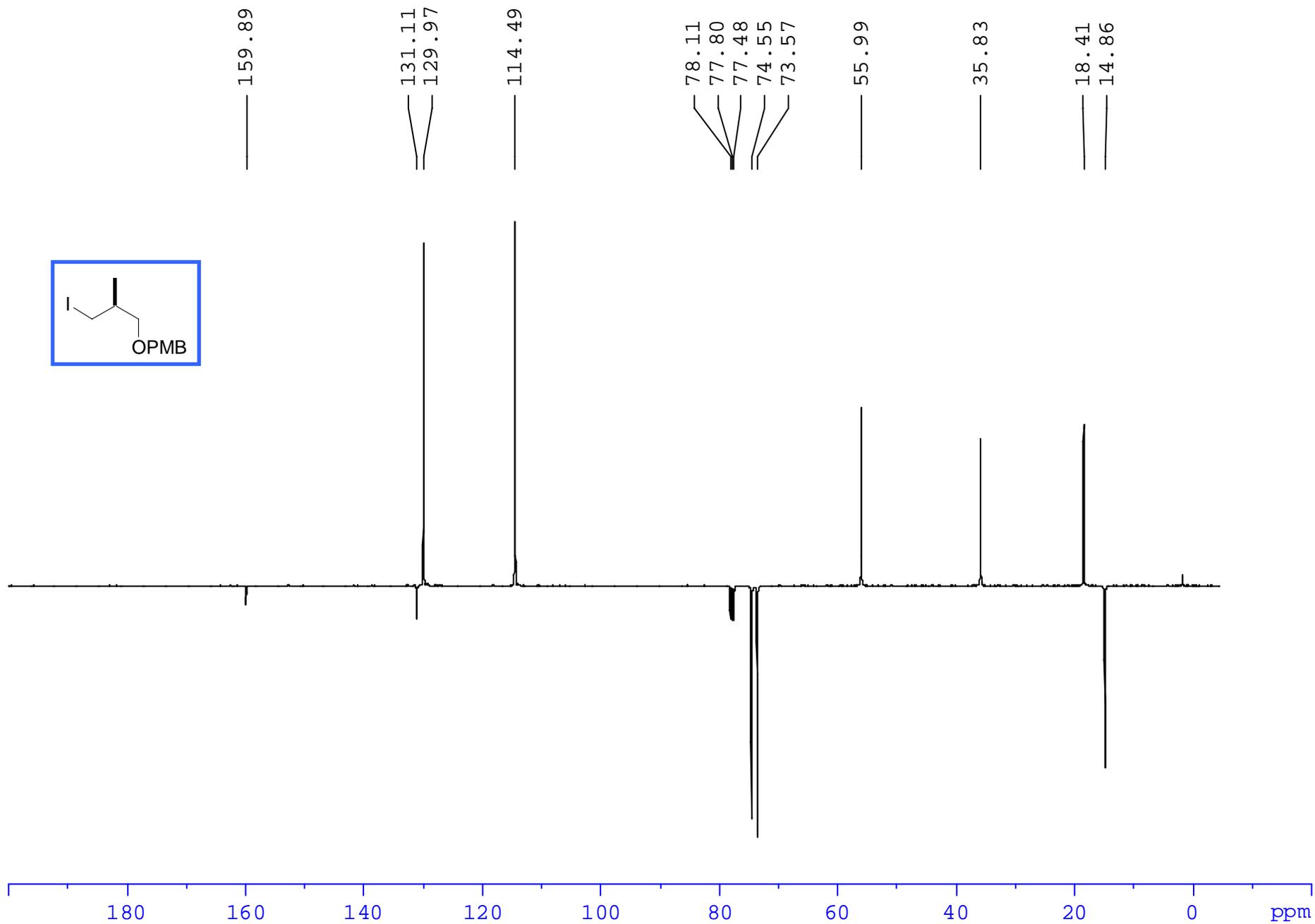
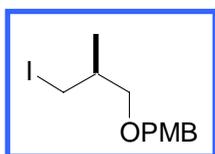
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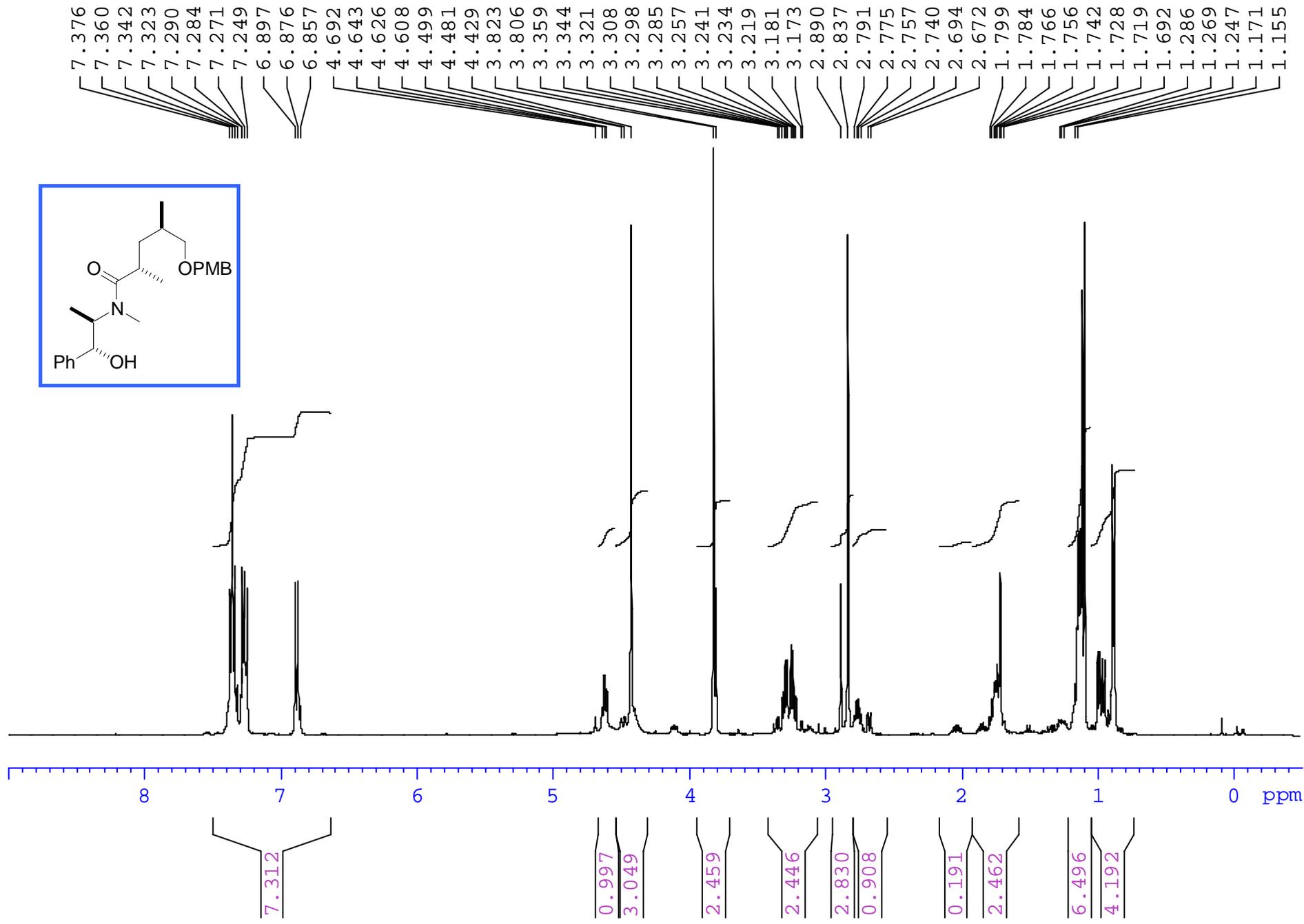
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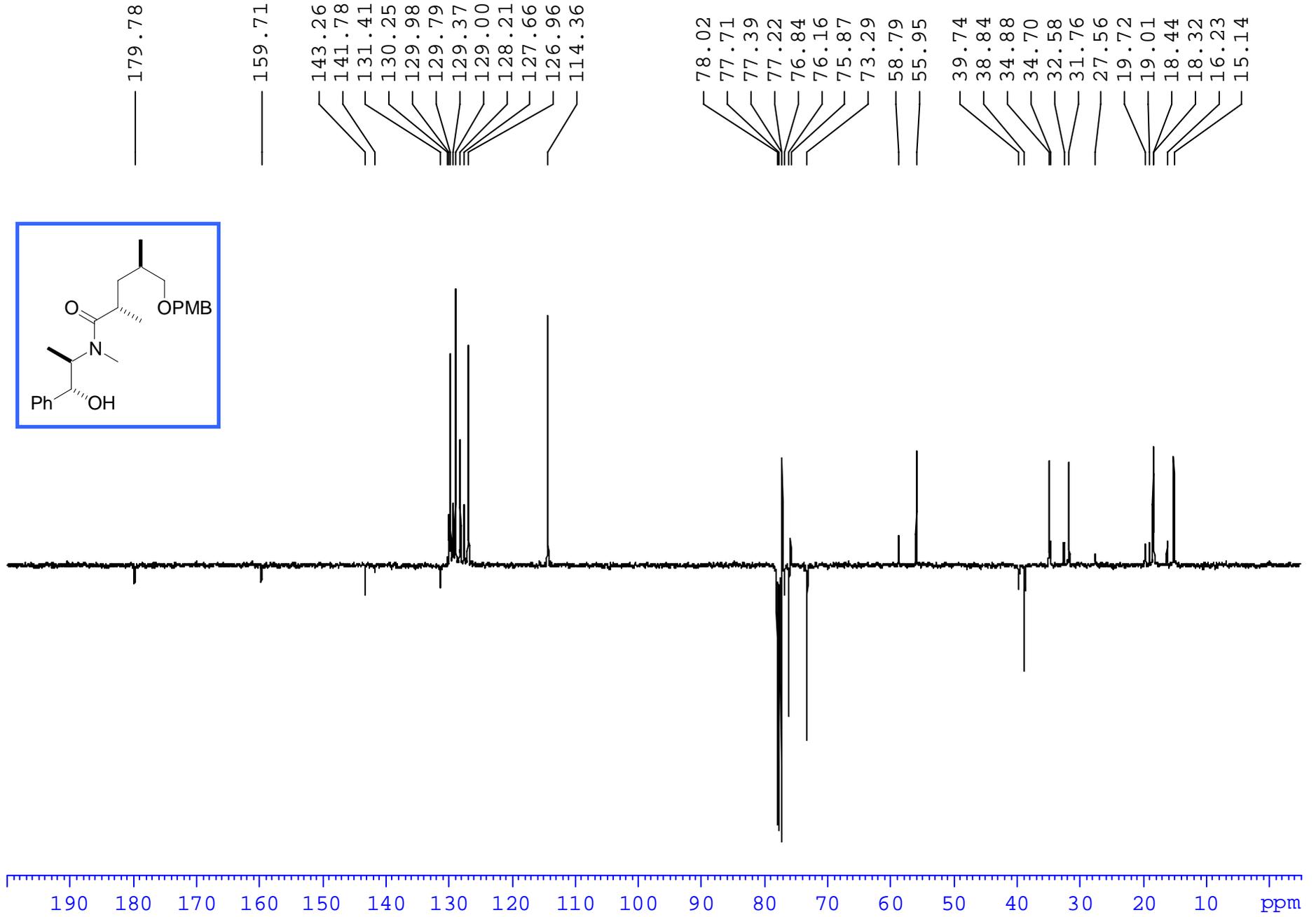
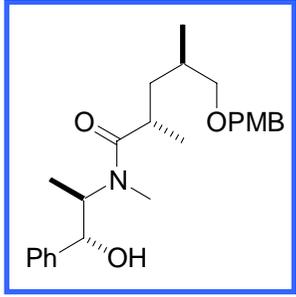
Freshly distilled 2,6-lutidine (9.3  $\mu$ l, 0.08 mmol, 4 equiv) and TBSOTf (6.9  $\mu$ l, 0.03 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a stirred solution of compound **18** (13.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) at -20 °C. The proceeding of the reaction was monitored by TLC *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 8/2. On completion of the reaction (approximately 2 hours), the mixture was quenched with a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 7/3) afforded compound **2** (11.7 mg, 0.0148 mmol, 74%) as a colorless oil.

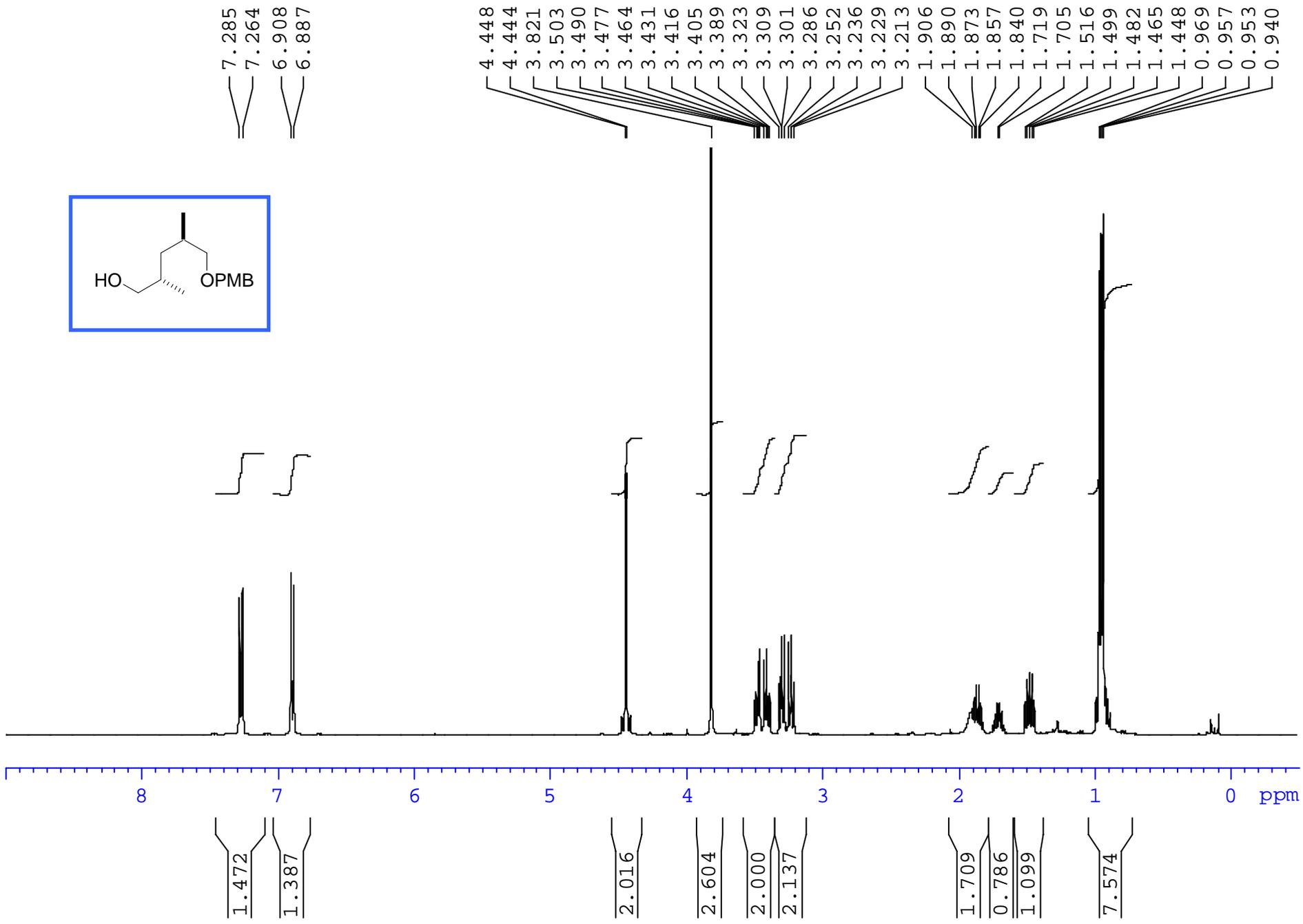
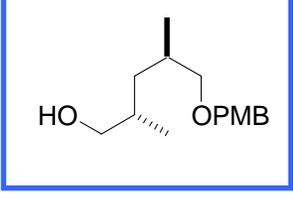
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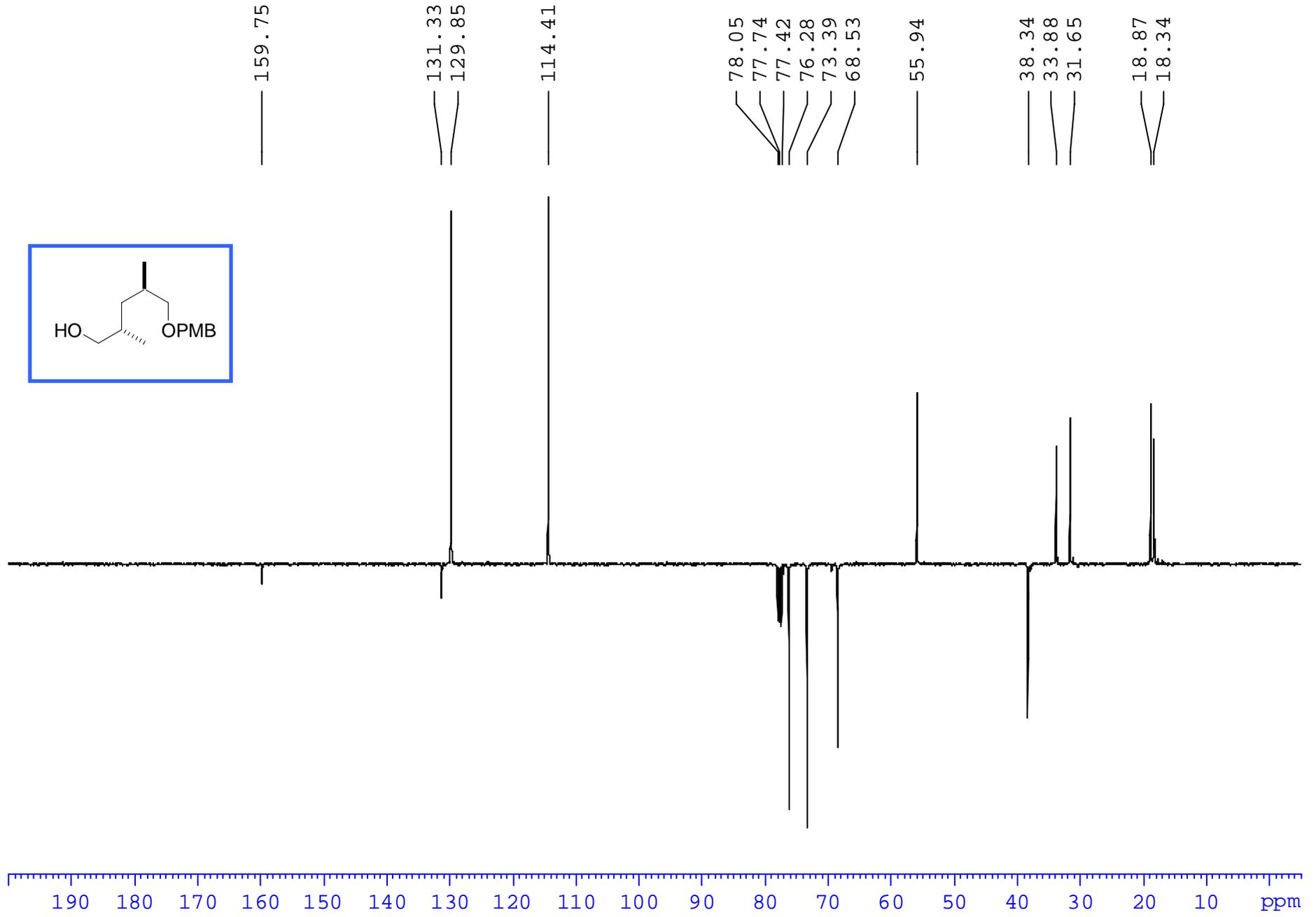
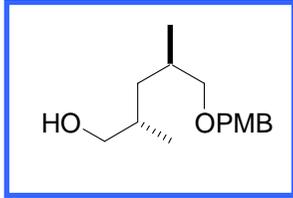


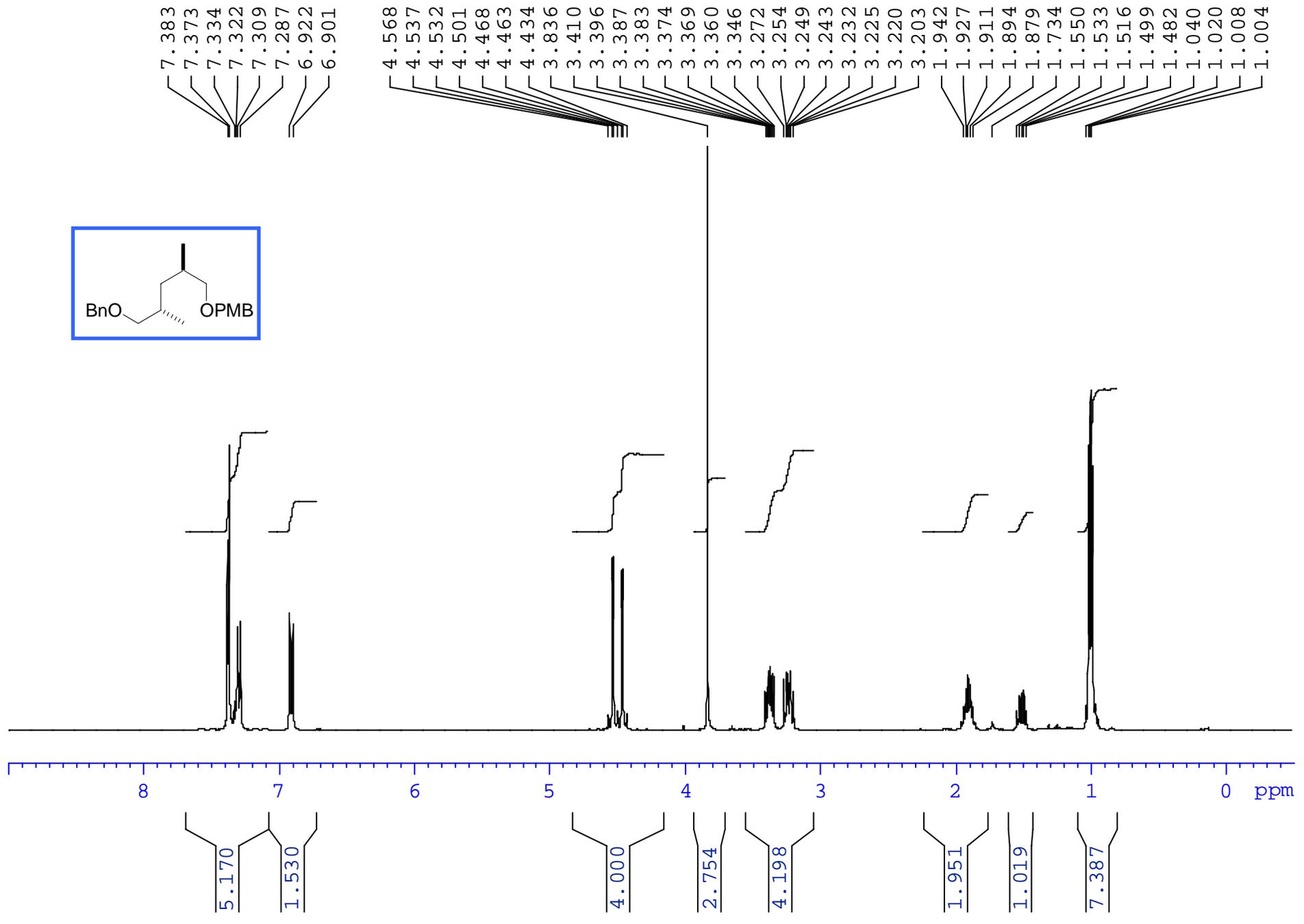
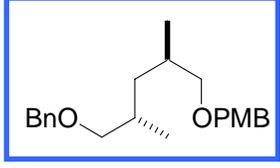


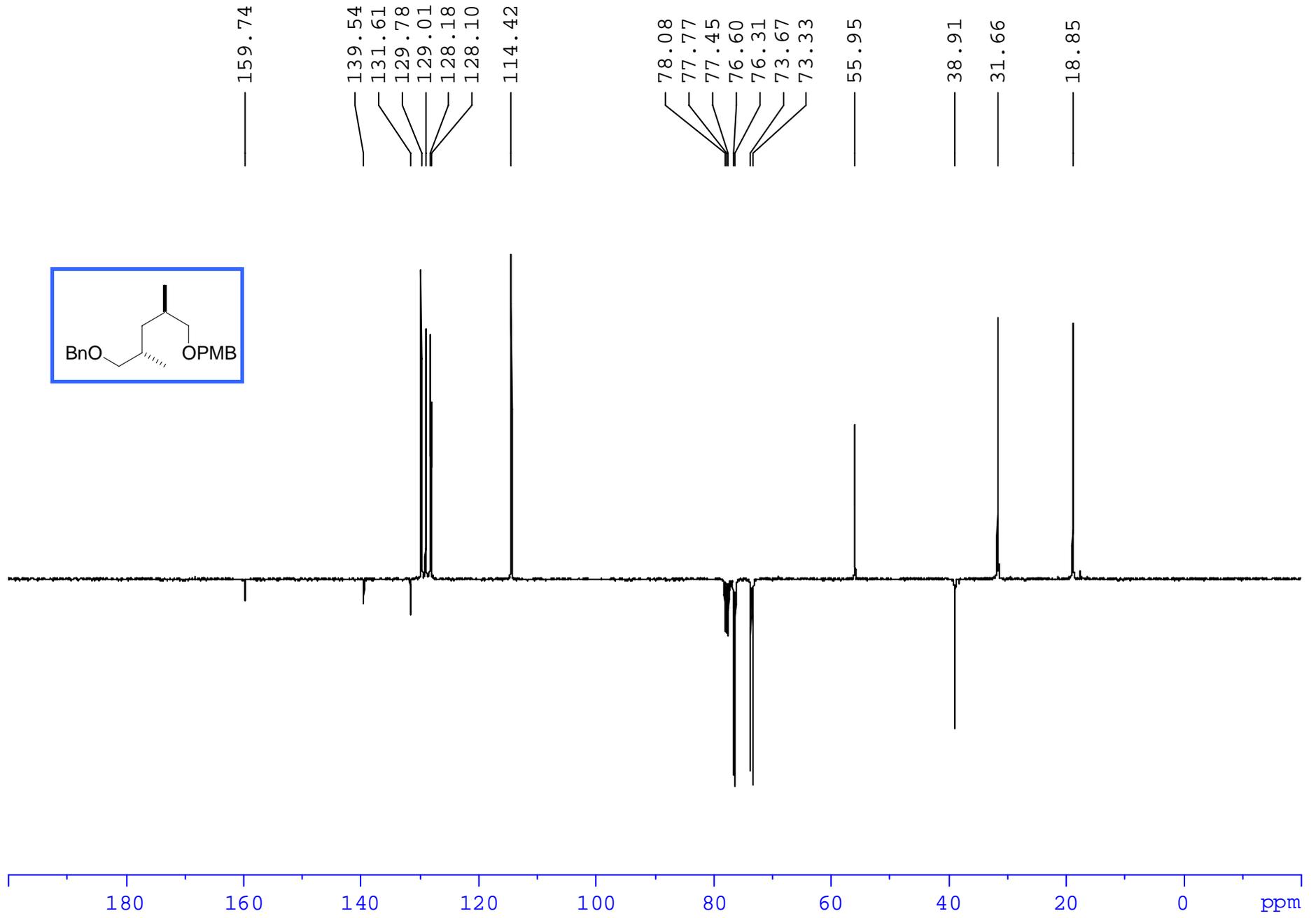
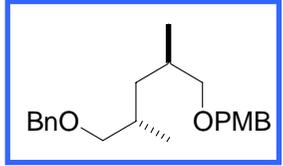


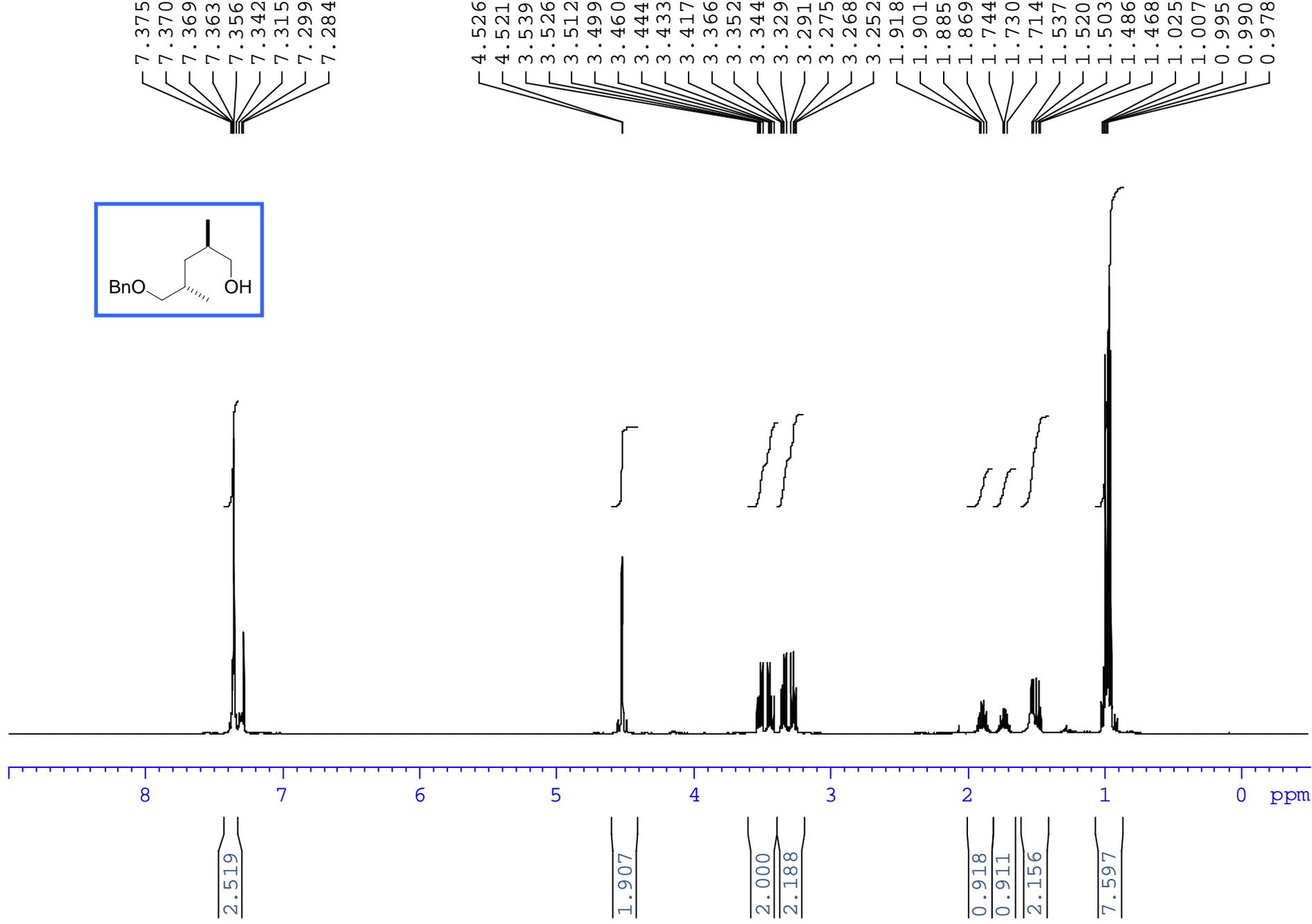
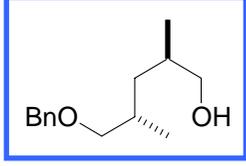


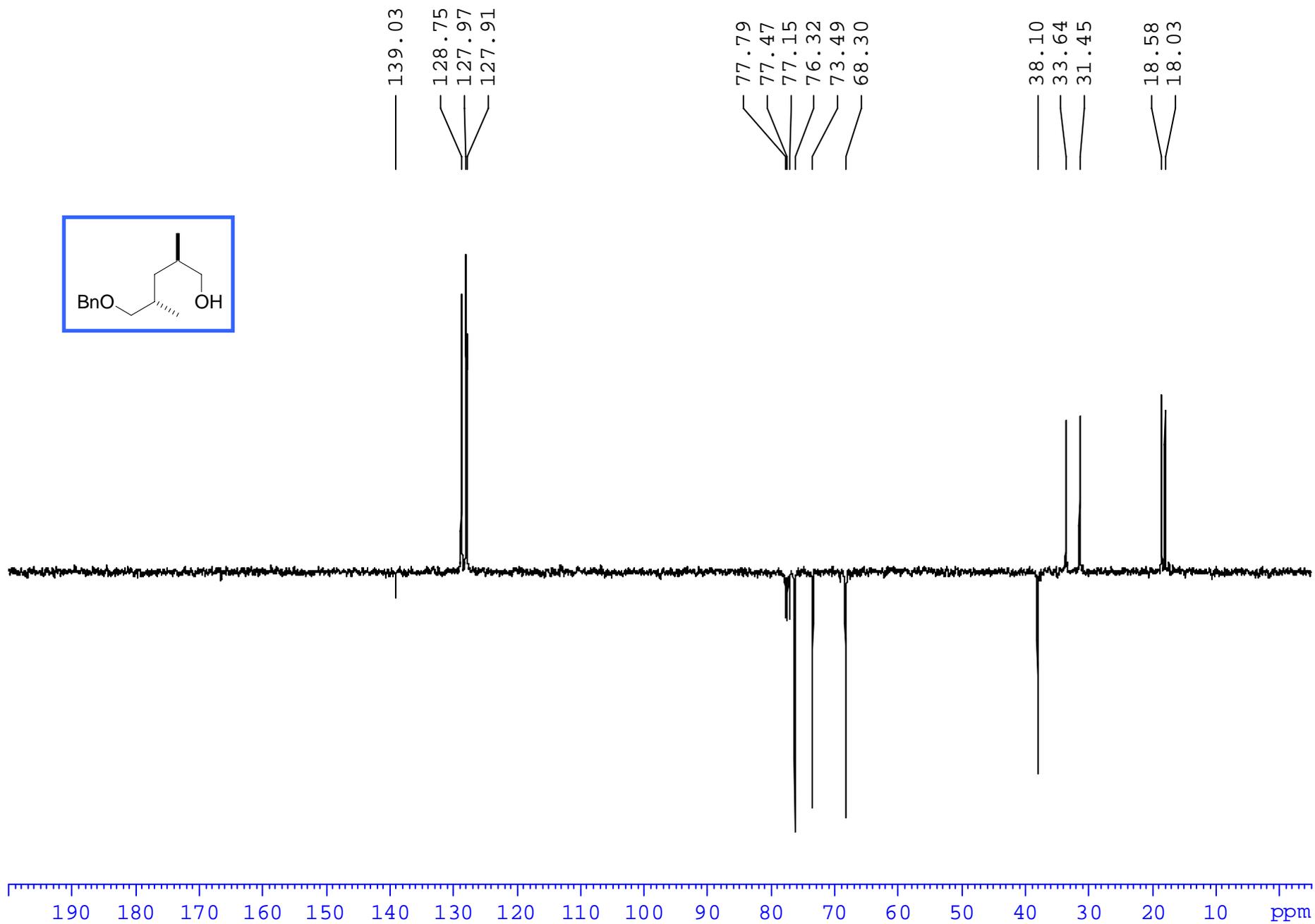
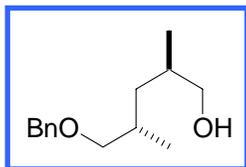


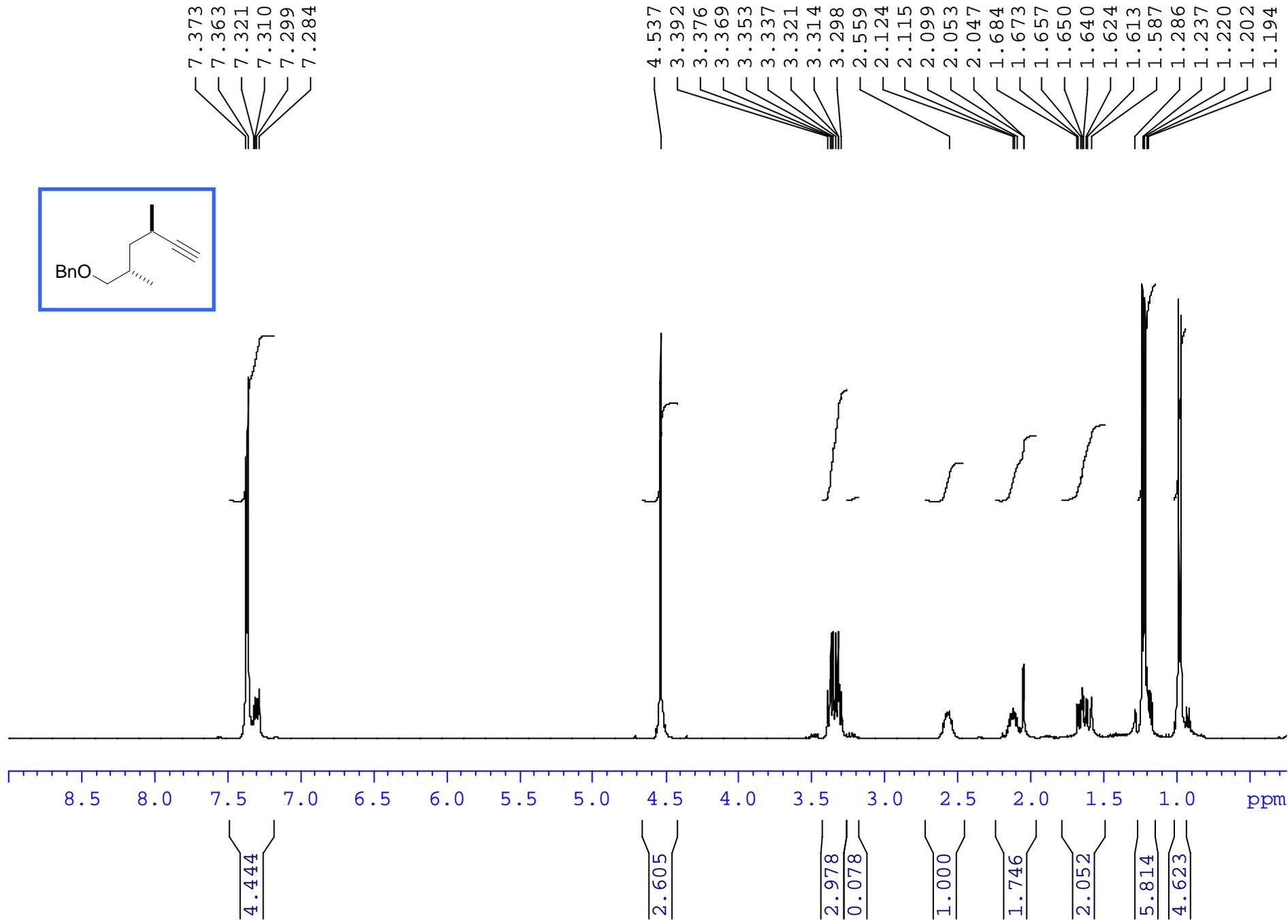
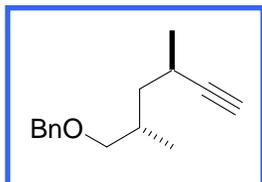


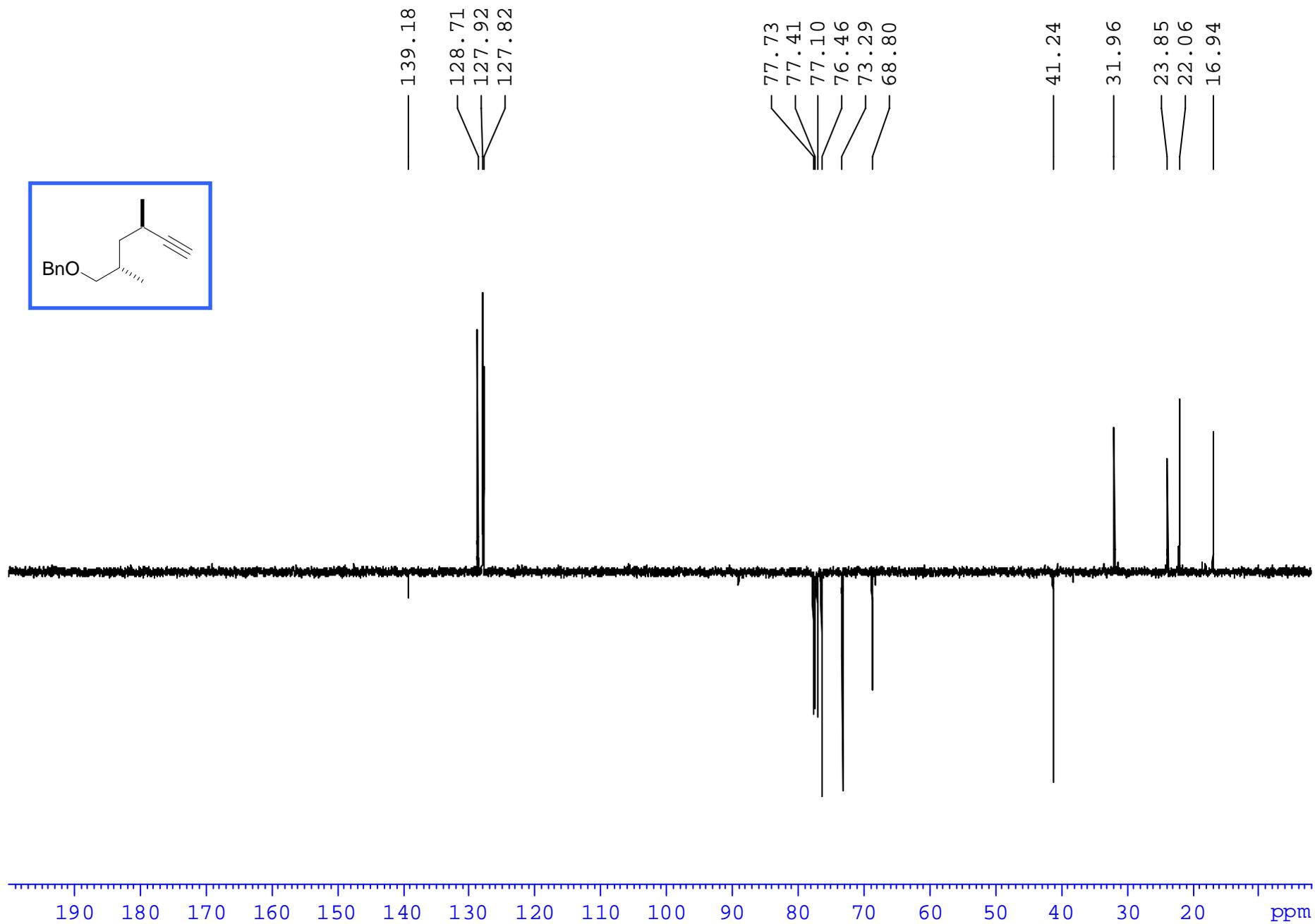
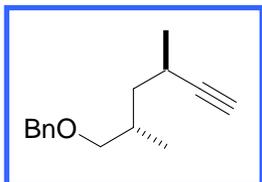


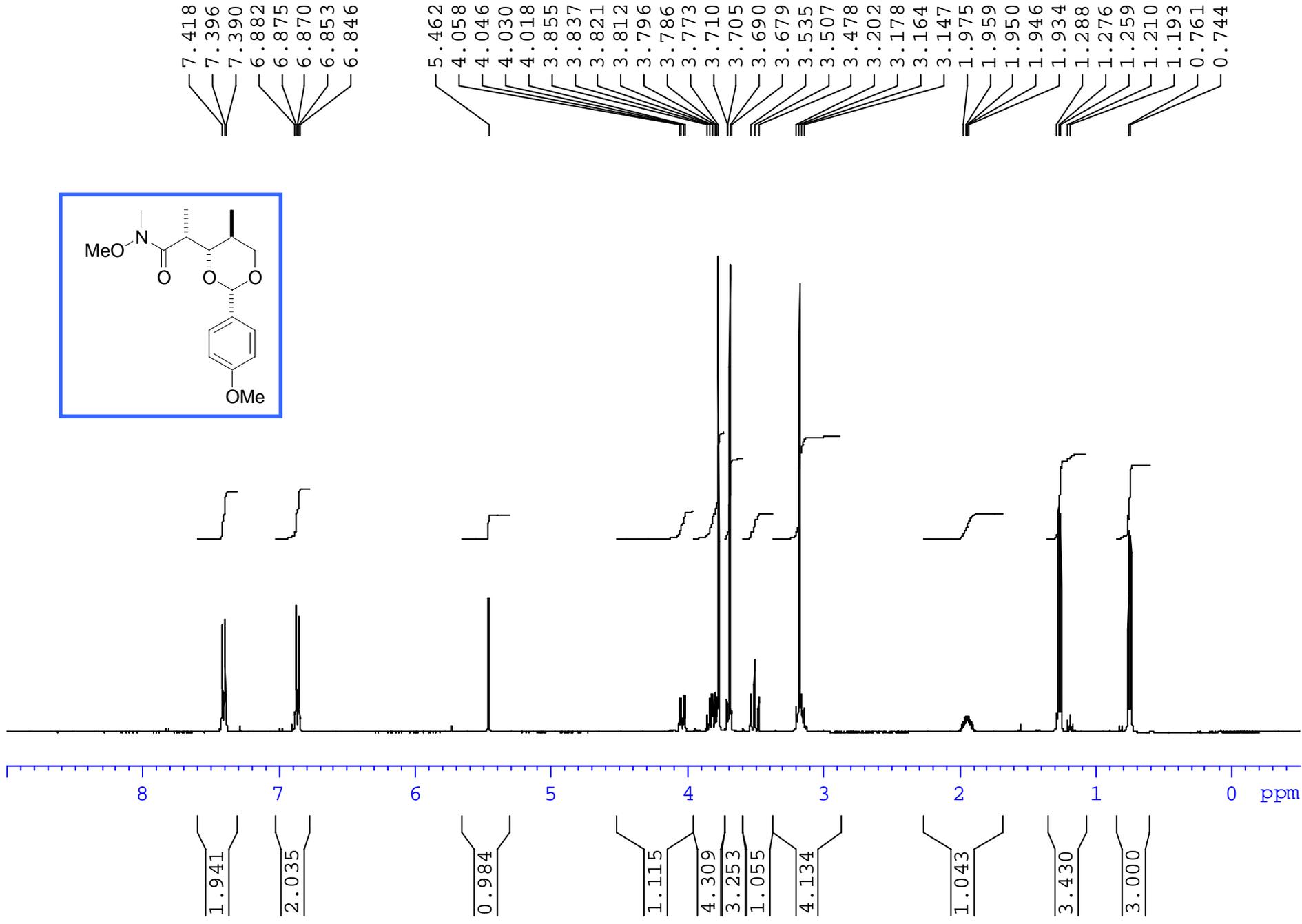
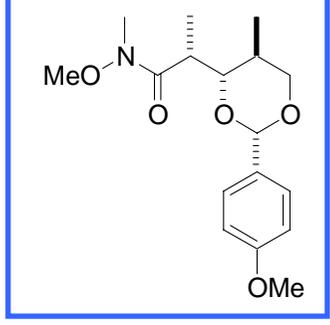


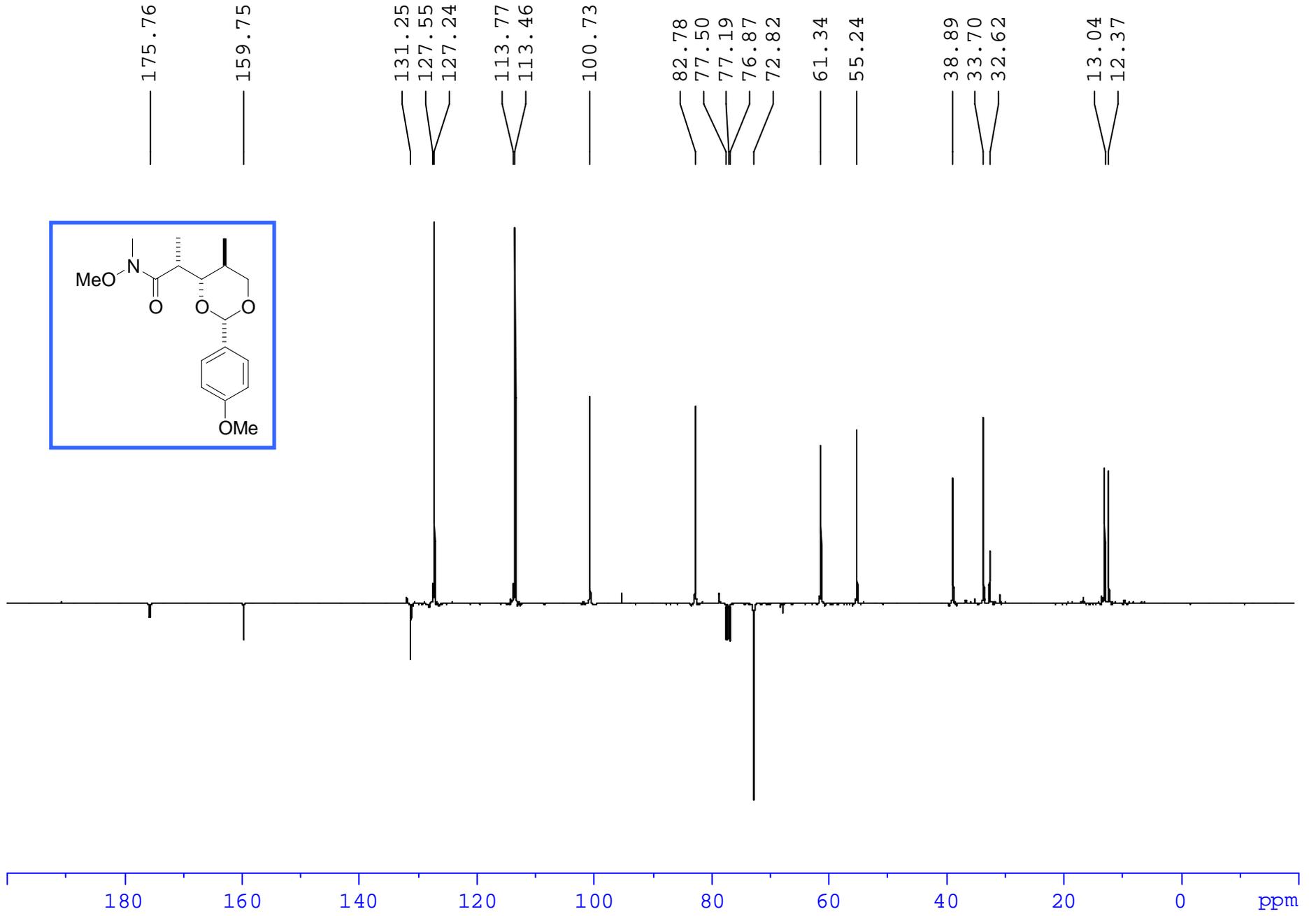
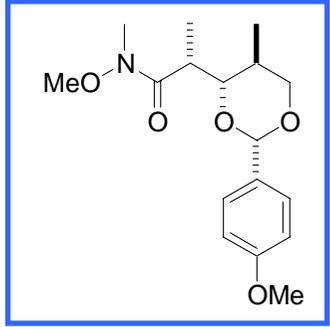




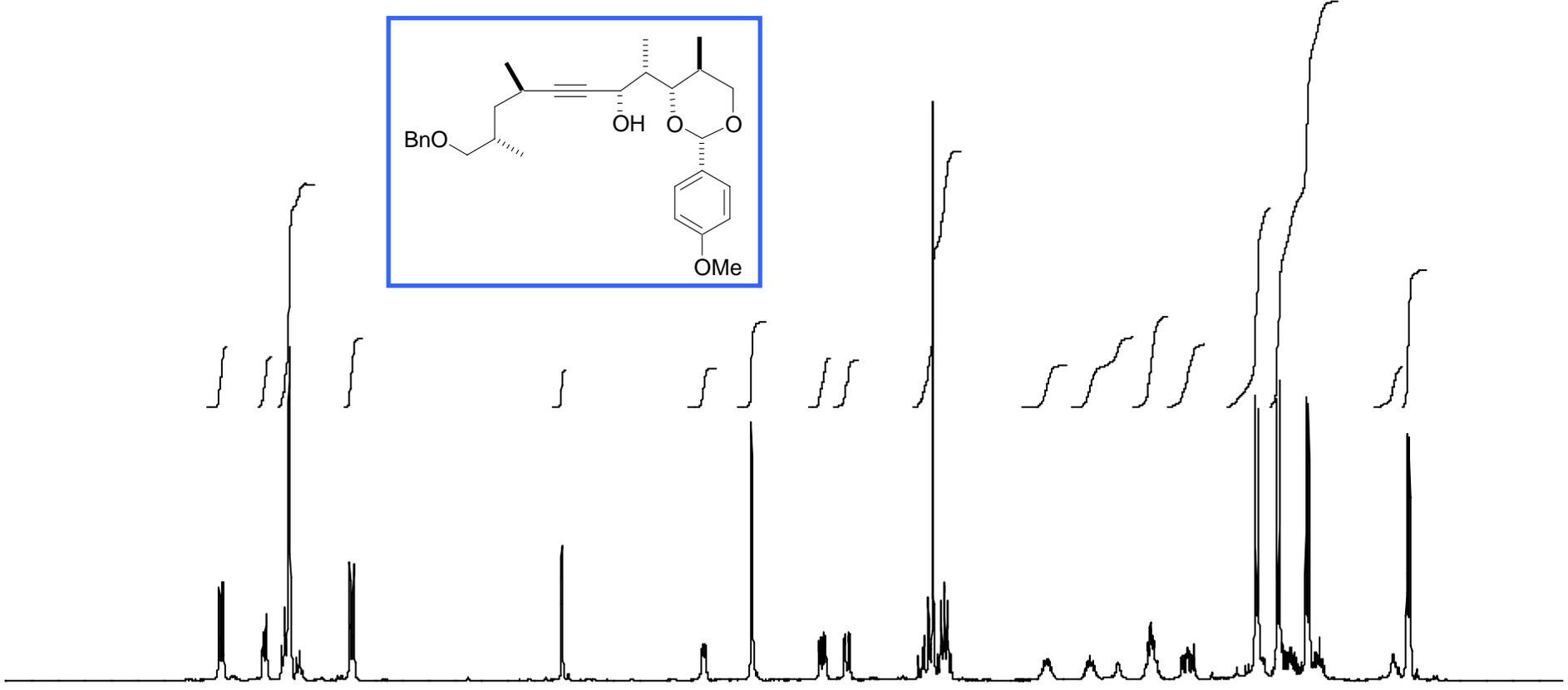
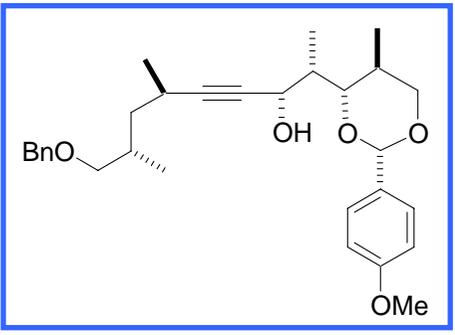






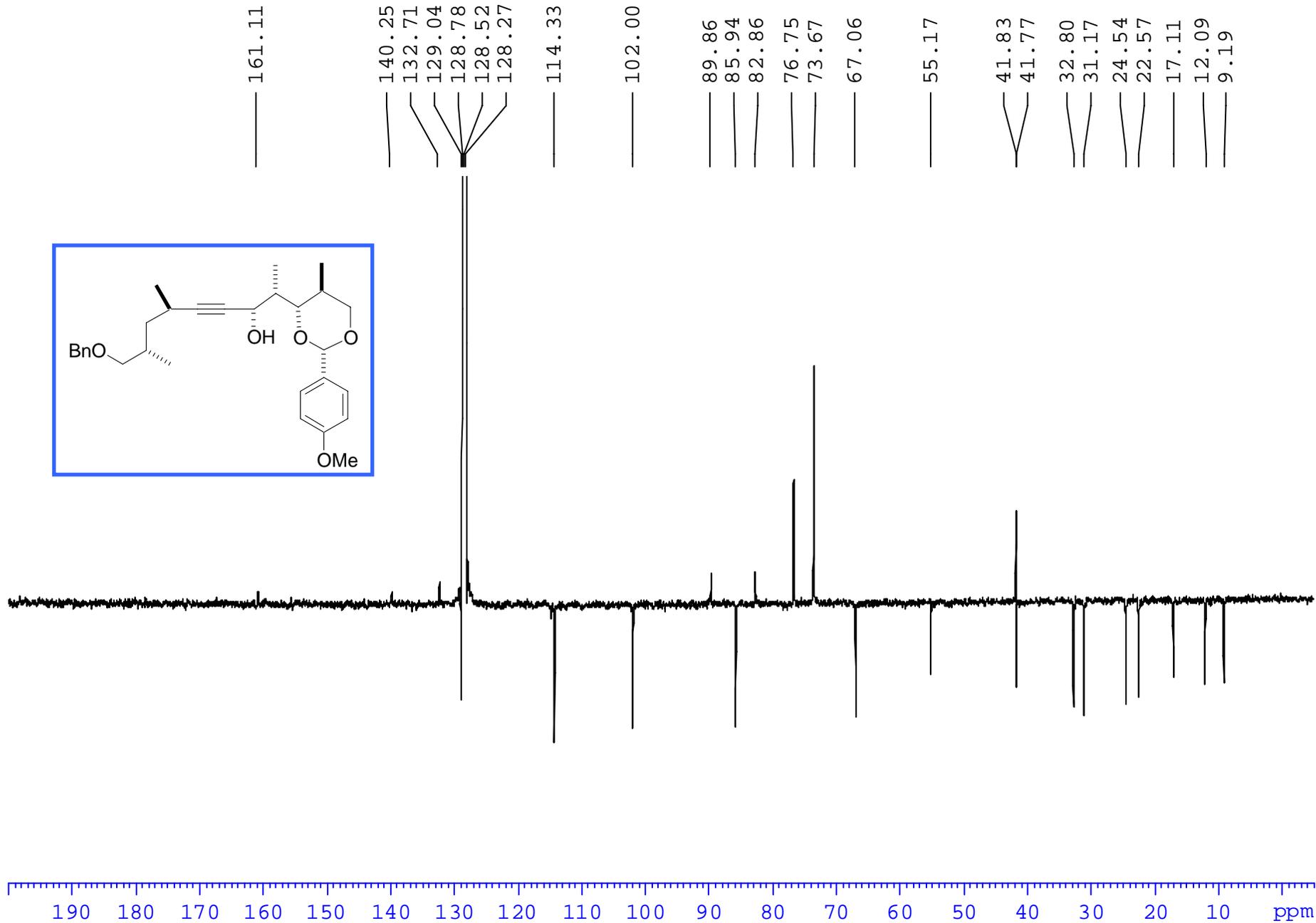


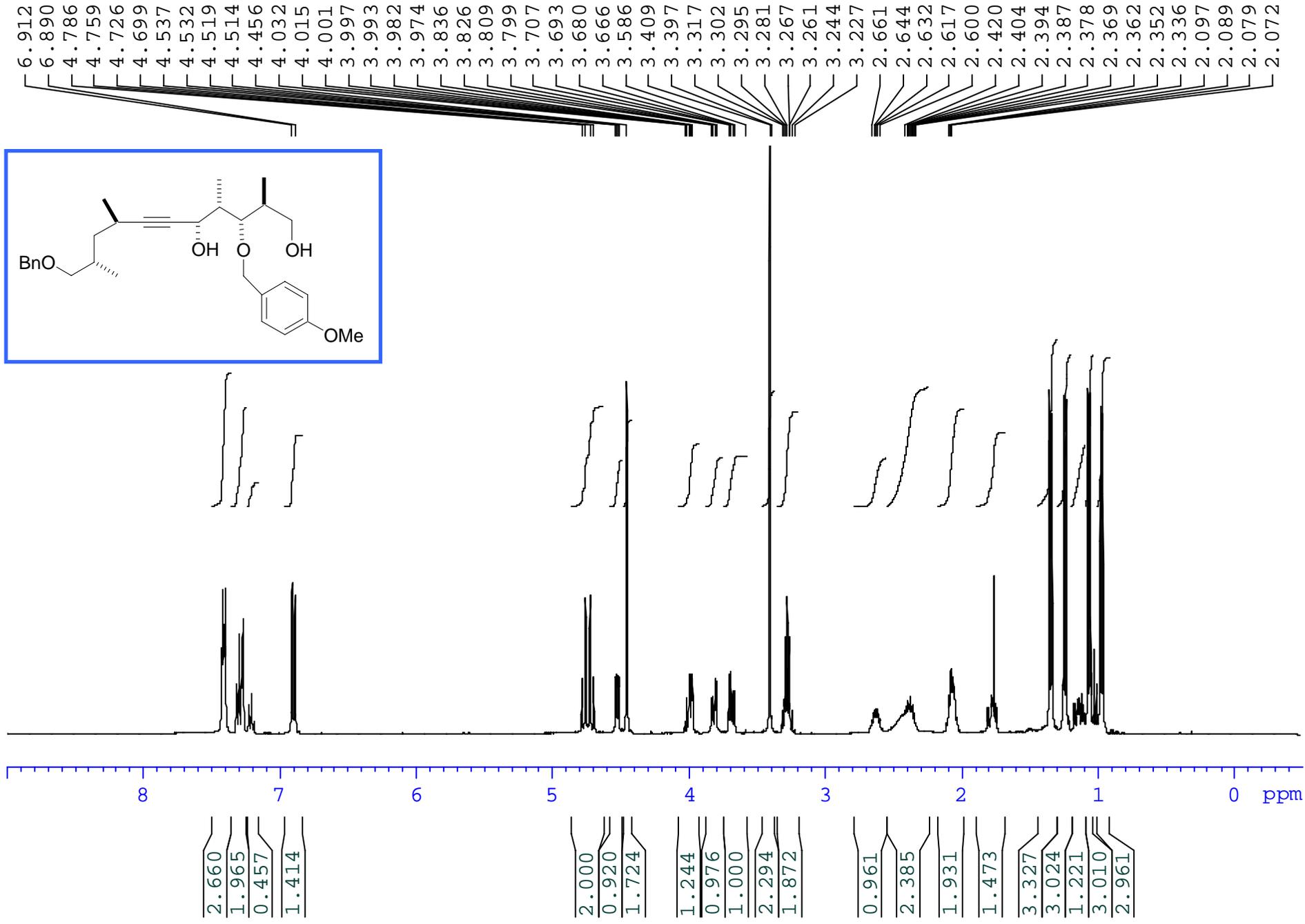
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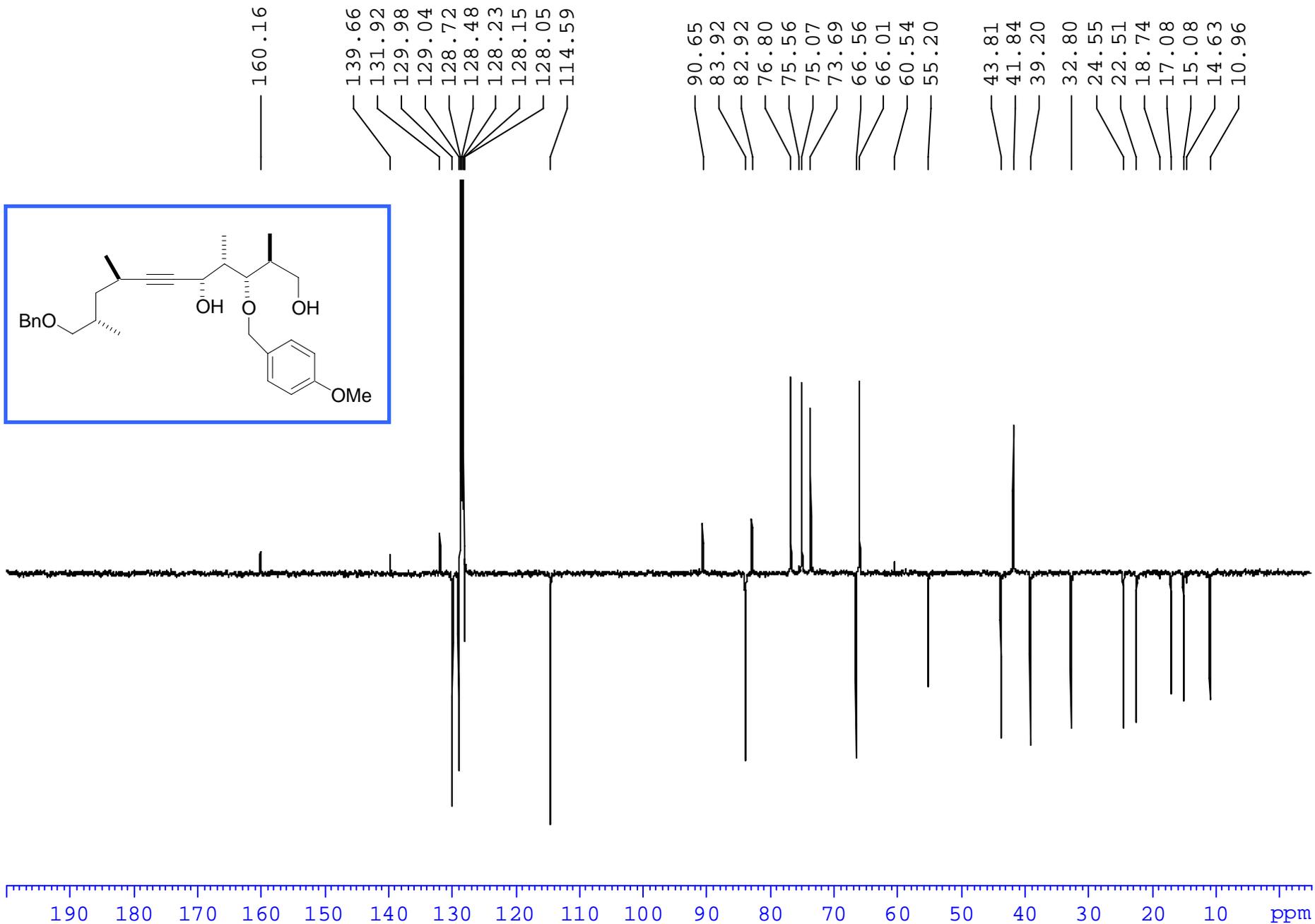
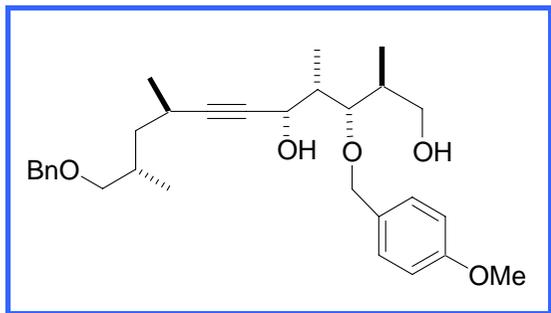


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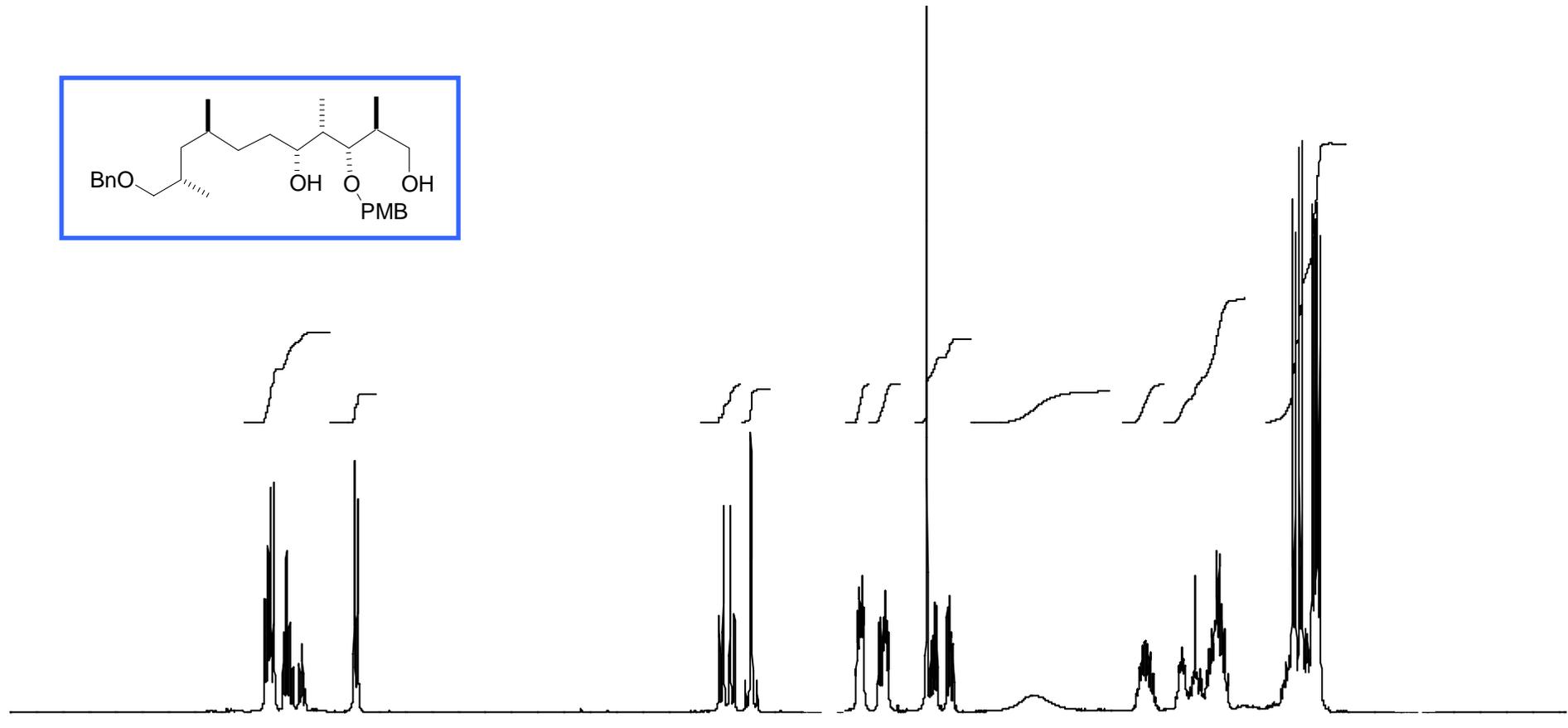
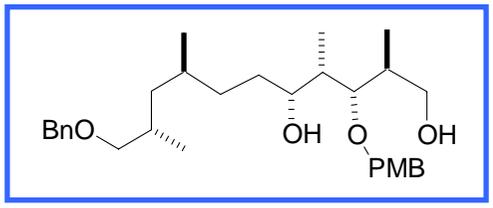
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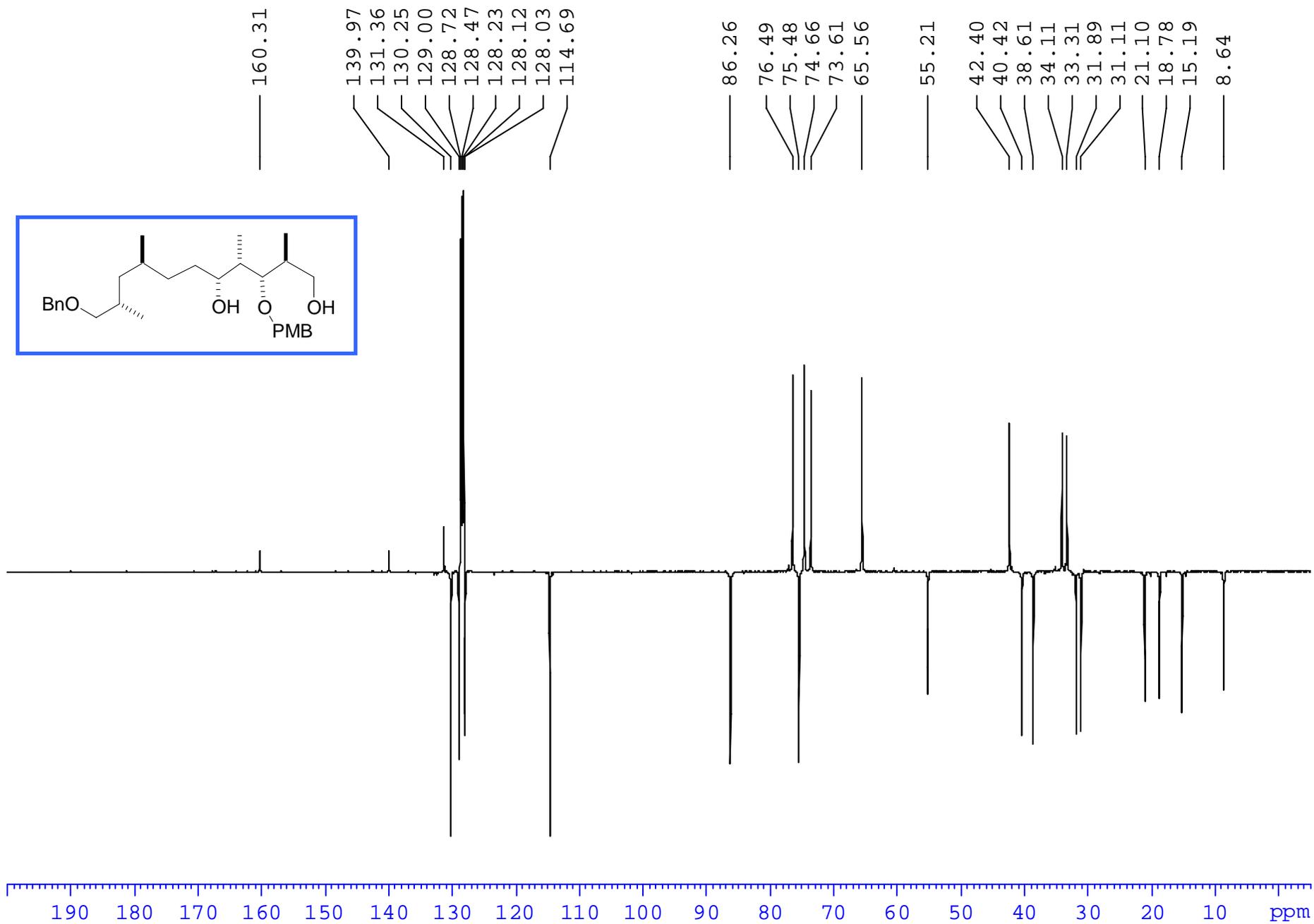


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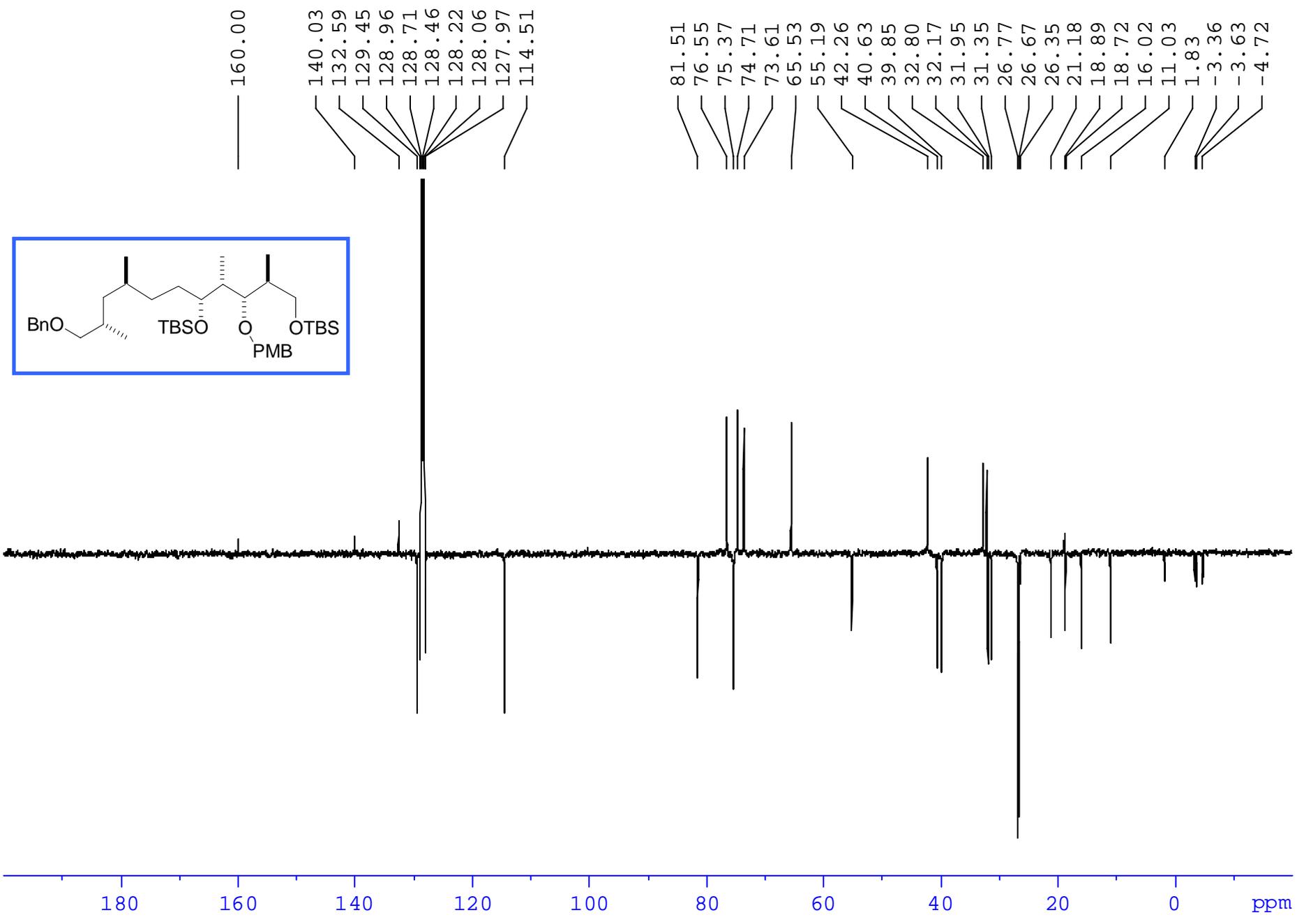


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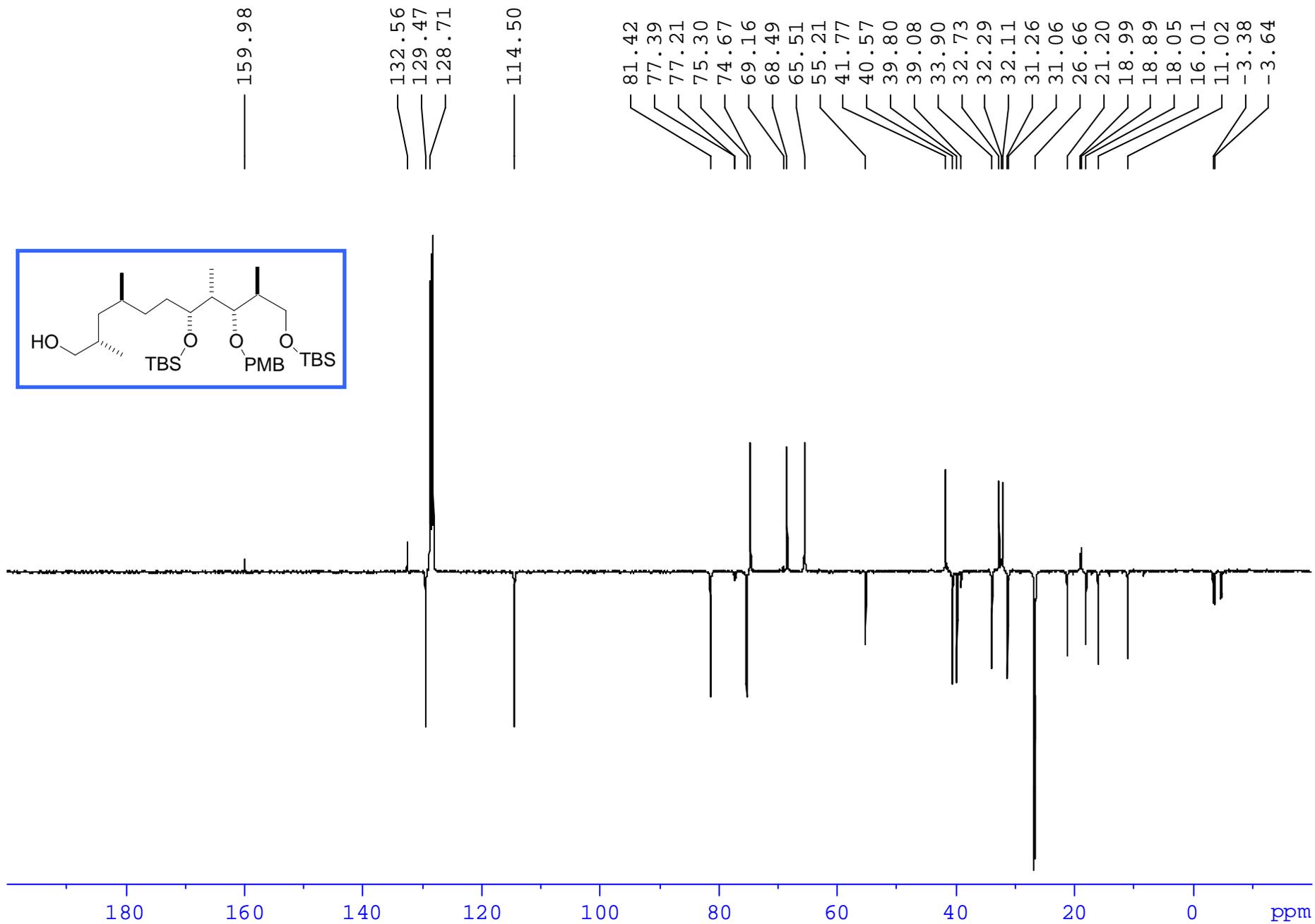
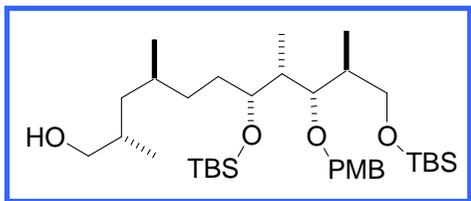
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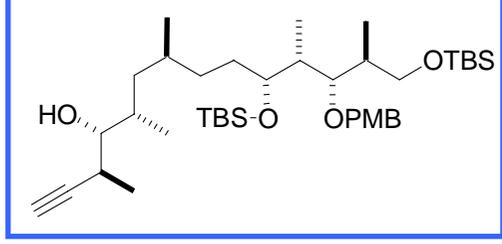




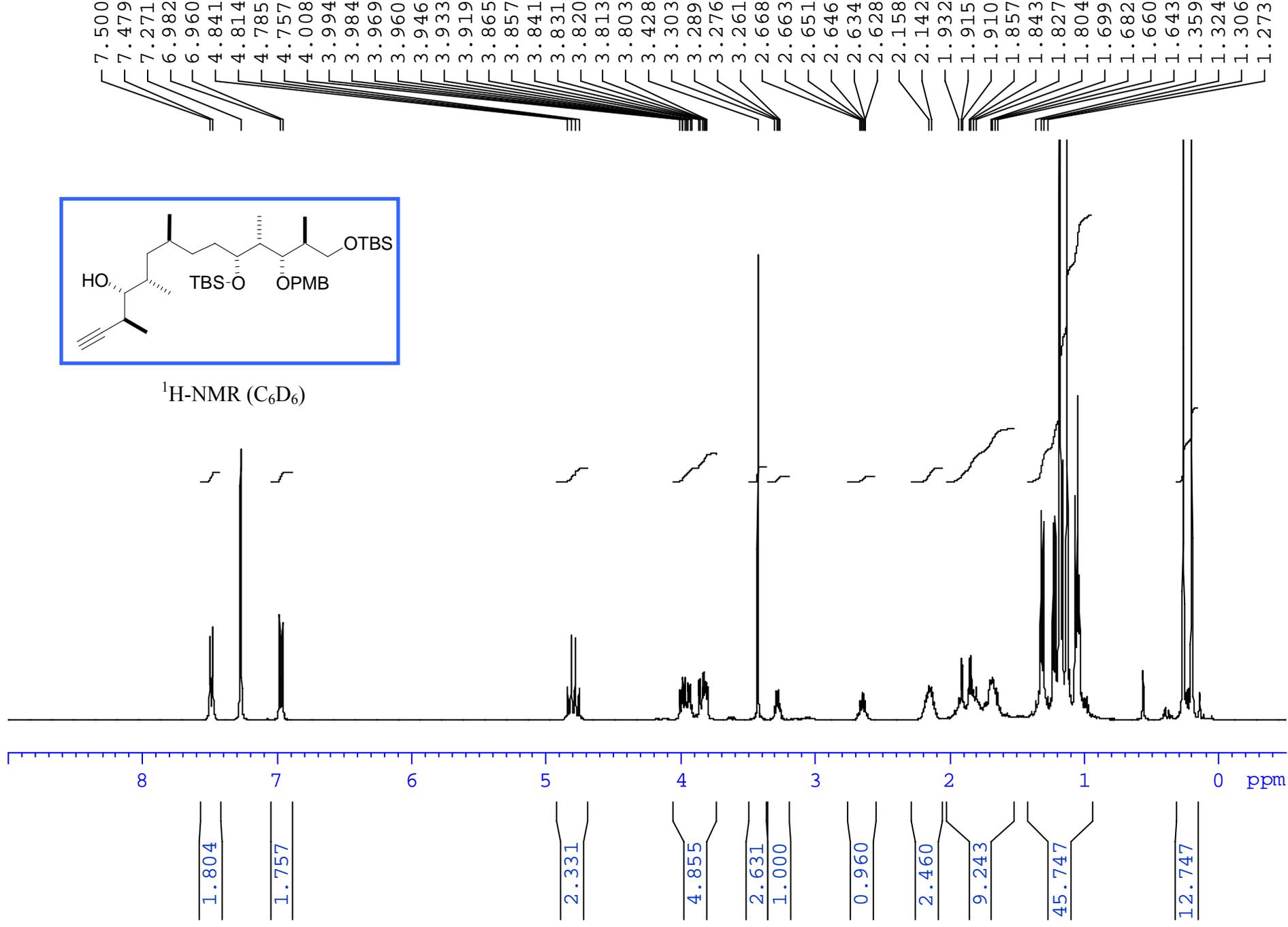


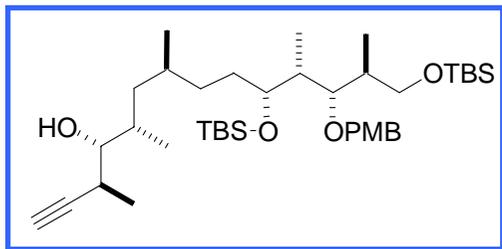




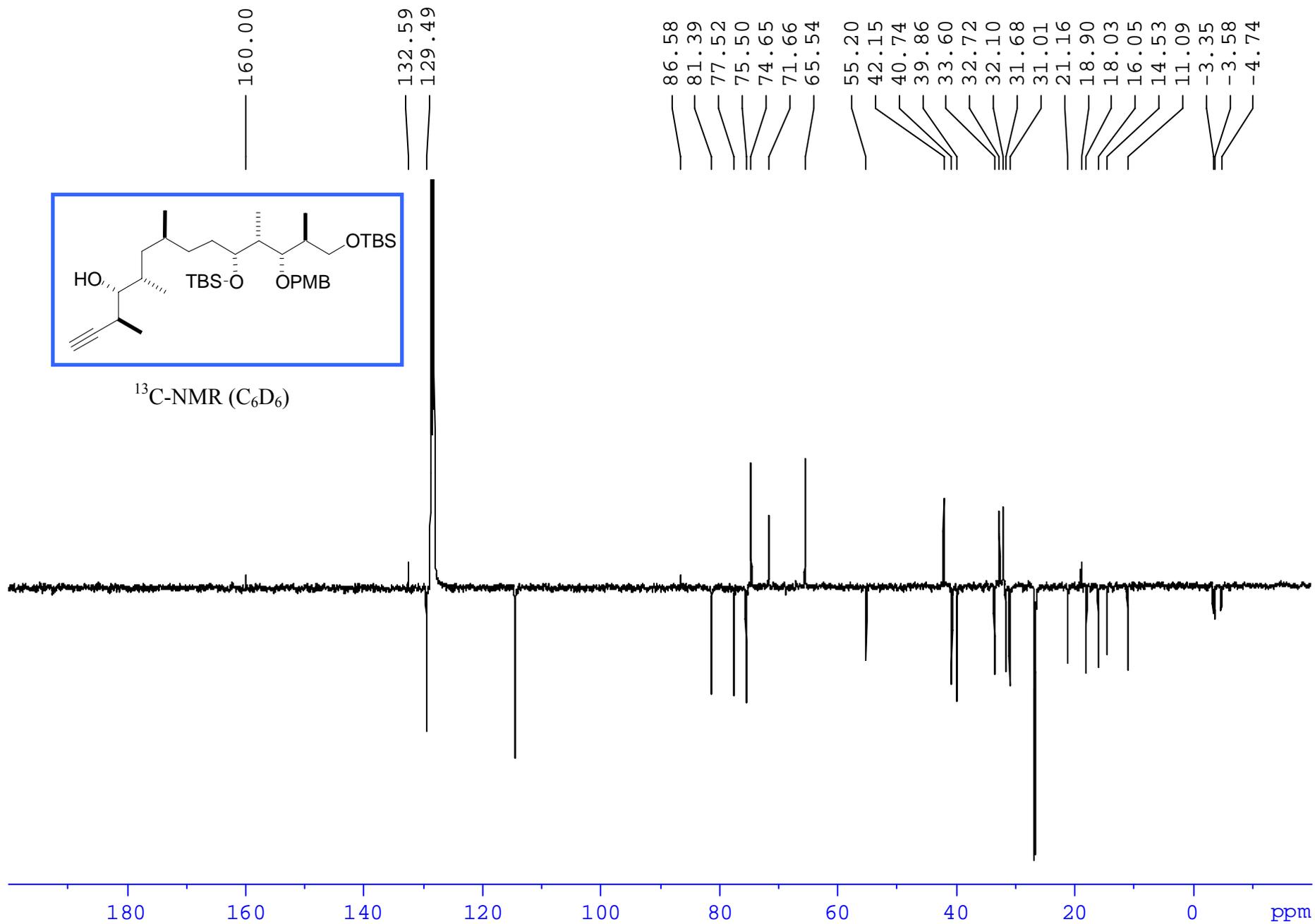


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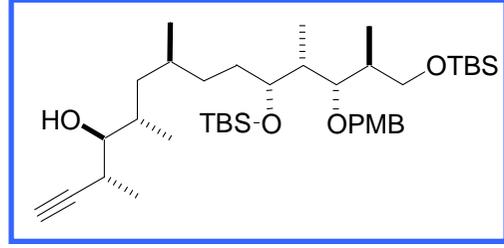




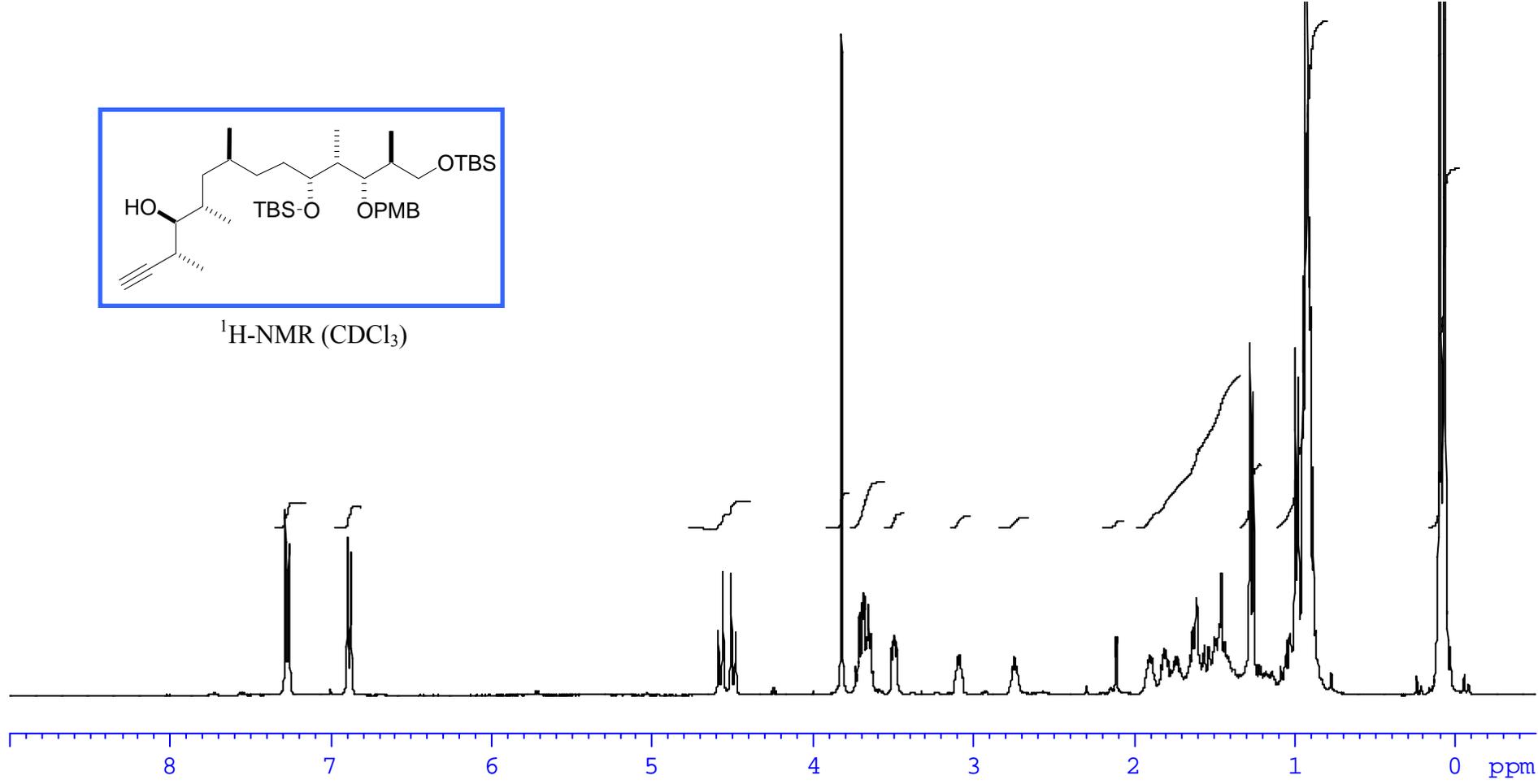




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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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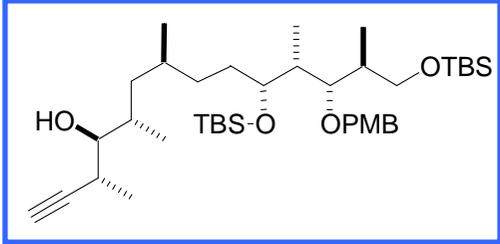
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$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

