

Supporting Information

Probing a Sialyltransferase's Recognition Domain to Prepare $\alpha(2,8)$ -Linked Oligosialosides and Analogs

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General methods

Optical rotations were determined in a 5 cm cell at $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ values are given in units of $10^{-1} \text{ deg cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$. Analytical TLC was performed on Silica Gel 60-F₂₅₄ (Merck, Darmstadt) with detection by quenching of fluorescence and/or by charring with 5% sulfuric acid in water or with a ceric ammonium molybdate dip. All commercial reagents were used as supplied unless otherwise stated. Column chromatography was performed on Silica Gel 60 (Silicycle, Ontario). HPLC purification was conducted using a UV absorbance detector. Separations were performed on a reverse phase C18 semi-preparative silica gel column with combinations of water and methanol as eluent (flow rate 0.5–2.0 mL/min). Size exclusion chromatography was performed using either Sephadex G-15 resin and water as eluent or Sephadex LH-20 resin using methanol as eluent. Molecular sieves were stored in an oven at 100°C and flame-dried under vacuum before use. Organic solutions from extractions were dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 prior to concentration under vacuum at $< 40^\circ\text{C}$ (bath). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 300, 400 and 600 MHz on Bruker spectrometers. The first order proton chemical shifts δ_{H} and δ_{C} are reported in δ (ppm) and referenced to either residual CHCl_3 (δ_{H} 7.24, δ_{C} 77.0, CDCl_3) or residual CD_2HOD (δ_{H} 3.30, δ_{C} 49.5, CD_3OD). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were assigned with the assistance of GCOSY, GHSQC spectra. Microanalyses and Electrospray Ionization (ESI) Mass Spectroscopy were performed by the analytical services of the Department of Chemistry, University of Calgary. For high resolution mass determination, spectra were obtained by voltage scan over a narrow range at a resolution of approximately 10000 and recorded by the analytical services of the Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta.

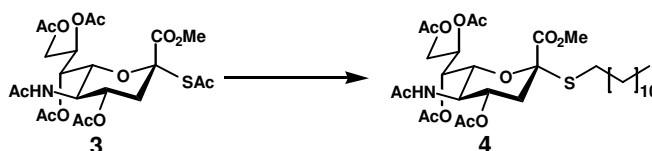
Experimental Procedures

CMP-NeuNAc synthetase from *Neisseria meningitides* (NYS-05). The enzyme was expressed in *Escherichia coli* AD202 and isolated according to published procedure.¹

CSTII (α -2,8-sialyltransferase) from *Campylobacter jejuni* OH4384 was expressed in *Escherichia coli* AD202 according to published procedure.¹

Cytidine 5'-monophosphate *N*-acetylneuraminic Acid (CMP-NeuNAc) was prepared according to published procedure.¹

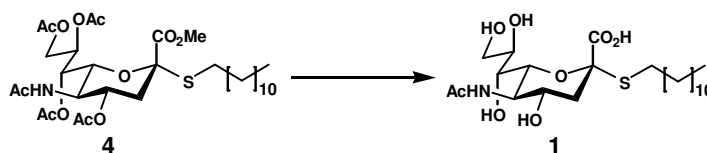
Methyl (Dodecyl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (4):



Thioacetate **3**² (1.00 g, 1.82 mmol) was placed in a flame dried flask under an argon atmosphere. Iodododecane (0.9 mL, 3.64 mmol) was added dropwise followed by anhydrous DMF (7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for ten minutes at room temperature and diethylamine (0.9 mL) was added dropwise. After stirred for 24 hrs, ethyl acetate (~ 50 mL) was added and the organic solution was washed with water (4 × 50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of AcOEt – toluene (20% → 30%) as the eluent to afford the desired thioglycoside **4** (838 mg, 68% yield) as a foam. $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: -16.5° (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ_H 5.32 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.6, 5.0, 10.8 Hz, H-8), 5.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.8, 7.9 Hz, H-7), 5.22 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.2 Hz, NH), 4.82 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 4.7, 10.5, 11.7 Hz H-4), 4.27 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 12.3 Hz H-9a), 4.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.7, 12.6 Hz, H-9b), 4.03 (ddd, 1H, 10.2, 10.2, 10.2 Hz, H-5), 3.79 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 10.8 Hz, H-6), 3.76 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.70 (overlapped, 1H, SCHaHb), 2.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.4, 12.3 Hz, H-3eq), 2.49 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.7, 7.9, 12.0 Hz, SCHaHb), 2.13 (Ac), 2.10 (Ac), 2.00 (Ac), 2.00 (Ac), 1.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 12.0 Hz, H-3ax), 1.84 (Ac), 1.55-1.37 (m, 2H, SCHaHbCH₂), 1.34-1.13 (m, 18H, 9 × CH₂-dodecyl), 0.84 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH₃-dodecyl). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ_C 170.92 (CO), 170.56 (CO), 170.11 (CO), 170.09 (CO), 170.01 (CO), 168.51 (CO), 83.18 (C-2), 74.18 (C-6), 69.72 (C-4), 68.89 (C-

8), 67.41 (C-7), 62.16 (C-9), 52.85 (OMe), 49.40 (C-5), 38.10 (C-3), 31.89, 29.64, 29.60, 29.57, 29.46, 29.32 (6 × CH₂_dodecyl), 29.20 (2 × CH₂_dodecyl), 28.91, 28.79 (2 × CH₂_dodecyl), 23.18 (Ac), 22.65 (CH₂_dodecyl), 21.13 (Ac), 20.83 (2 × Ac), 20.74 (Ac), 14.08 (CH₃_dodecyl).

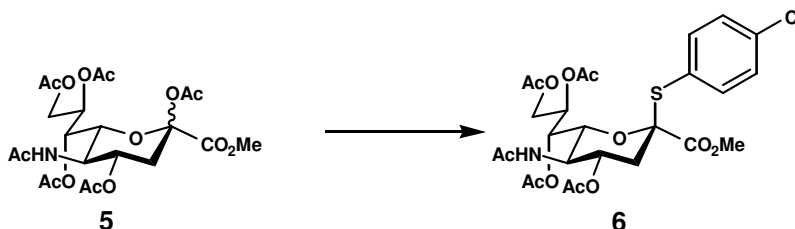
(Dodecyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onic acid (1):



Thioglycoside **4** (200 mg, 0.30 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous MeOH (5 mL) and a small amount of KO*Bu-t* (70 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 45 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and residue was re-dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) and H₂O (300 μ L) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and neutralized with one drop of acetic acid. After concentration under high vacuum, the residue was purified by reverse phase column chromatography on C18 silica gel using a gradient of MeOH – H₂O (33% \rightarrow 75%) as the eluent. The product **1** was obtained as a white solid after lyophilization (111.0 mg, 76% yield). $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: +19.2° (*c* 0.24, MeOH). ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz): δ_H 3.84 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.8, 5.6, 8.8 Hz, H-8), 3.81 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 11.2 Hz, H-9a), 3.72 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 4.4, 9.6, 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.4, 10.4 Hz, H-5), 3.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, H-9b), 3.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 9.2 Hz, H-7), 3.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 10.4 Hz, H-6), 2.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.4, 12.0 Hz, H-3eq), 2.82 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.4, 8.4, 12.4 Hz, SCHaHb), 2.66 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 8.0, 12.4 Hz, SCHaHb), 2.00 (s, 1H, Ac), 1.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8, 12.4 Hz, H-3ax), 1.50-1.66 (m, 2H, 1 × CH₂_dodecyl), 1.20-1.40 (m, 18H, 9 × CH₂_dodecyl), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH₃_dodecyl). ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz) δ 174.04 (NHAc), 173.71 (CO₂H), 85.71 (C-2), 75.18 (C-6), 71.63 (C-8), 68.85 (C-7), 68.27 (C-4), 63.04 (C-9), 52.65 (C-5), 41.86 (C-3), 31.66 (SCH₂), 29.51, 29.39 (2 × CH₂_dodecyl), 29.35 (2 × CH₂_dodecyl), 29.33,

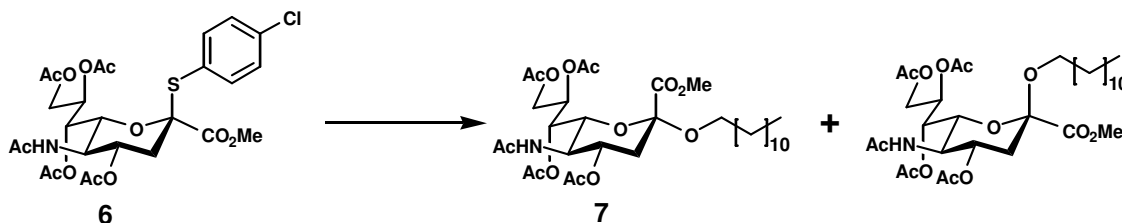
29.12, 29.06, 29.01, 28.89, 22.32 (6 × CH₂_dodecyl), 21.55 (NHAc), 13.03 (CH₃_dodecyl).

Methyl (p-chlorophenyl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (6)



To a solution of compound **5**³ (533 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-chlorothiophenol (159 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) was added boron trifluoride etherate (300 μL, 2.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was kept overnight at room temperature. After diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL), the mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed using dichloromethane : acetone (6:1) as the eluent to give target compound (**6**) as a white powder (500 mg, 81%). $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: -140° (c 1.1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ_H 7.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ClPh), 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ClPh), 5.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz, H-7), 5.38 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 4.7, 10.8, 11.5 Hz, H-4), 5.33 (br d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz, NH), 4.93 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0, 8.6 Hz, H-8), 4.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.5, 10.6 Hz, H-6), 4.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.5, 12.3 Hz, H-9a), 4.14 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 12.3 Hz, H-9b), 3.65 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.1, 13.9 Hz, H-3e), 2.10-2.17 (m, 4H, H-3ax + Ac), 2.10, (s, 3H, Ac), 2.06 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.92 (s, 3H, Ac). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ_C 171.24, 170.96, 170.39, 170.25, 170.16, 168.04 (CO), 137.40, 136.41, 129.35, 127.22 (Ar), 88.98 (C-2), 73.33 (C-6), 73.16 (C-8), 68.89 (C-7 + C-4), 62.64 (C-9), 52.73 (OMe), 49.37 (C-5), 37.43 (C-3), 23.17 (Ac), 21.07 (Ac), 20.88 (Ac), 20.72 (× 2, Ac × 2). ESI MS *m/z* calc'd for C₂₆H₃₂ClNO₁₂SNa (M+Na)⁺: 640.1; found: 640.2.

Methyl (dodecyl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-*D*-glycero- α -*D*-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (7) and Methyl (dodecyl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-*D*-glycero- β -*D*-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate



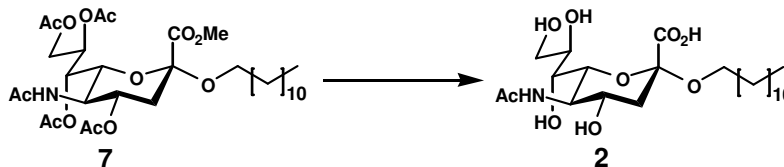
Thioglycoside **6** (798 mg, 1.29 mmol) and 1-dodecanol (481 mg, 2.401 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous dichloromethane (3.0 mL) and acetonitrile (6.0 mL) under an atmosphere of argon; 4 Å molecular sieves (300 mg) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The temperature was cooled to -50 °C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (508 mg, 2.14 mmol) was added. After stirring for 10 minutes, a catalytic amount of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (5 µL) was added dropwise and the reaction was slowly warmed to room temperature. TLC (CH₃CN : toluene 2 : 3) revealed that there were still starting material left. The temperature was cooled again to -50 °C and more *N*-iodosuccinimide (300 mg, 1.26 mmol) was added; subsequently another portion of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (3 µL) was added and the reaction was slowly warmed to room temperature. TLC showed that all the starting material had been consumed. Et₃N (1.0 mL) was added and mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL). After filtration, the organic solution was washed with a 1 : 1 mixture of 10% Na₂S₂O₃ and sat. NaHCO₃, dried and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of acetone – CH₂Cl₂ (10 : 90) as eluent to afford sequentially the pure β -sialoside (**8**, 101.0 mg, yield: 11.9%), and the desired pure α -sialoside (**7**, 501.8 mg, yield 58.9%).

Data for the α -anomer (7): $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: -14.0° (*c* 0.47, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ_H 5.38 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 5.7, 2.7 Hz, H-8), 5.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz, NHAc), 5.32 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, H-7), 4.83 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 12.4, 9.7, 4.6 Hz, H-4), 4.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.4, 2.6 Hz, H-9a), 4.01-4.13 (m, 3H, H-9b + H-5 + H-6), 3.77 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.73 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9.3, 6.6, 6.6 Hz, OCHaCHb), 3.21 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9.3, 6.6, 6.6 Hz, OCHaCHb),

2.57 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.8, 4.8$ Hz, H-3eq), 2.13 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.12 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.01 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.93 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6, 12.6$ Hz, H-3ax), 1.86 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.46-1.55 (m, 2H, OCHaCHbCH₂), 1.19-1.34 (m, 18H, 9 × CH₂_dodecyl), 0.86 (t, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CH₃_dodecyl). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ_C 171.00 (CO), 170.61 (CO), 170.22 (CO), 170.13 (CO), 170.05 (CO), 168.58 (CO), 98.75 (C-2), 72.47 (C-6), 69.26 (C-4), 68.86 (C-8), 67.45 (C-7), 65.09 (OCHaHb), 62.38 (C-9), 52.59 (OMe), 49.42 (C-5), 38.11 (C-3), 31.91, 29.68, 29.63, 29.62, 29.59 (× 2), 29.34, 29.33, 25.87 (9 × CH₂_dodecyl), 23.18 (Ac), 22.68 (1 × CH₂_dodecyl), 21.10 (Ac), 20.86 (Ac), 20.83 (Ac), 20.77 (Ac), 14.11 (CH₃_dodecyl). HRMS m/z calc'd for C₃₂H₅₃NO₁₃Na (M+Na⁺): 682.34091; found: 682.34115.

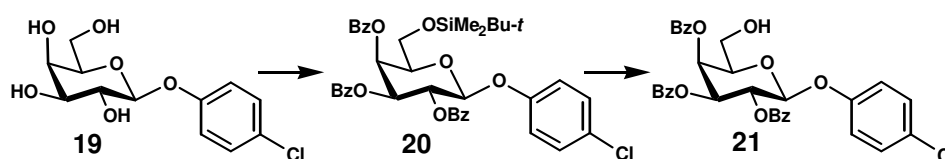
Data for the β -anomer: $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: -12.2° (*c* 0.51, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ_H 5.39 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.4, 3.5$ Hz, H-7), 5.37 (d, 1H, $J = 10.2$ Hz, NHAc), 5.25 (ddd, 1H, $J = 4.8, 11.0, 11.0$ Hz, H-4), 5.18 (ddd, 1H, $J = 2.6, 3.6, 7.5$ Hz, H-8), 4.79 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.4, 2.4$ Hz, H-9a), 4.06-4.16 (m, 2H, H-9b + H-5), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.0, 10.6$ Hz, H-6), 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.44 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9.3, 6.4, 6.4$ Hz, OCHaCHb), 3.30 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9.3, 6.8, 6.8$ Hz, OCHaCHb), 2.45 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.8, 4.9$ Hz, H-3eq), 2.13 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.07 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.01 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.87 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.85 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6, 11.5$ Hz, H-3ax), 1.49-1.60 (m, 2H, OCHaCHbCH₂), 1.20-1.37 (m, 18H, 9 × CH₂_dodecyl), 0.86 (t, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CH₃_dodecyl). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ_C 171.08 (CO), 170.69 (CO), 170.51 (CO), 170.22 (CO), 170.17 (CO), 167.62 (CO), 98.48 (C-2), 72.23 (C-8), 71.72 (C-6), 69.04 (C-4), 68.49 (C-7), 64.26 (OCHaHb), 62.44 (C-9), 52.61 (OMe), 49.42 (C-5), 37.48 (C-3), 31.92, 29.67, 29.65 (× 2), 29.61, 29.56, 29.45, 29.35, 26.08 (9 × CH₂_dodecyl), 23.17 (Ac), 22.69 (1 × CH₂_dodecyl), 21.03 (Ac), 20.90 (Ac), 20.80 (2 × Ac), 14.12 (CH₃_dodecyl). HRMS m/z calc'd for C₃₂H₅₃NO₁₃Na (M+Na⁺): 682.34091; found: 682.34132.

Dodecyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid (2)



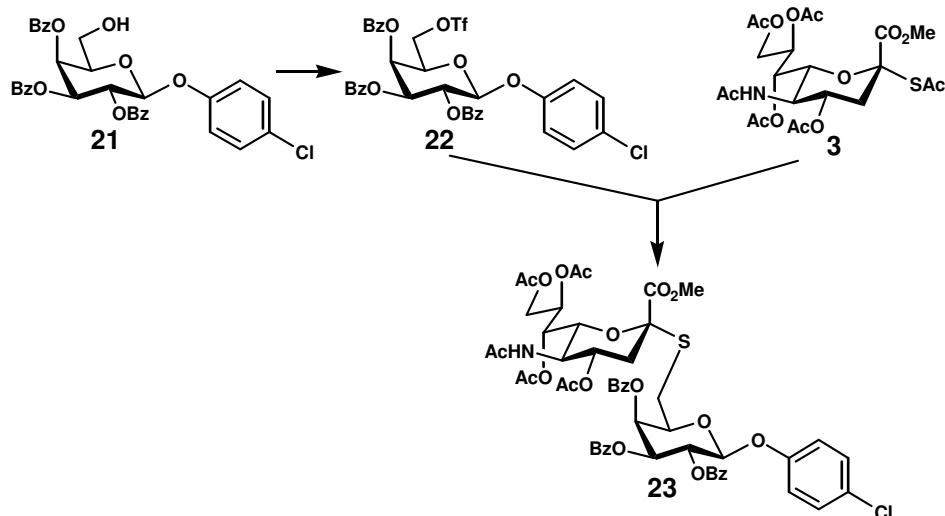
The fully protected α -sialoside (245.0 mg, 0.371 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous methanol (20 mL), and a solution of 0.5 M NaOMe in MeOH (500 μ L) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in an 1 : 1 H₂O – MeOH mixture (10 mL) and the saponification was continued at room temperature overnight. The pH of the solution was neutralized with acetic anhydride and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was finally purified by HPLC on a reverse phase silica gel column using a gradient of H₂O – MeOH (0% \rightarrow 100%) as eluent to afford the desired **2** as white solid after lyophilization (162 mg, 91% yield). $[\alpha]_{25}^D$: +3.5° (*c* 0.17, MeOH). ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz): δ_H 3.87 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.5, 5.4, 8.9 Hz, H-9), 3.83 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.2, 11.4 Hz, H-9a), 3.76 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.9, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, -OCHaHb), 3.59-3.71 (m, 4H, H-4 + H-5 + H-9b + OCHaHb), 3.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 10.2 Hz, H-6), 3.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.9, 1.6 Hz, H-7), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9.2, 6.7, 6.7 Hz, -OCHaHb), 2.84 (high order dd, 1H, *J* = 4.1, 12.0 Hz, H-3eq), 2.02 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.57 (high order dd, 1H, *J* = 11.8, 11.8 Hz, H-3ax), 1.48-1.56 (m, 2H, OCHaHbCH₂), 1.17-1.38 (m, 18H, 9 \times CH₂_dodecyl), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₃_dodecyl). ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz): δ_C 175.59 (CO), 174.71 (CO), 101.87 (C-2), 74.35 (C-6), 73.07 (C-8), 70.41 (C-7), 69.59 (C-4), 65.33 (OCH₂_dodecyl) 64.57 (C-9), 54.34 (C-5), 42.84 (C-3), 33.12, 31.10, 30.86, 30.81 (\times 3), 30.72, 30.52, 27.71, 23.78 (10 \times CH₂_dodecyl), 22.64 (NHAc), 14.49 (CH₃_dodecyl). HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₂₃H₄₂NO₉ (M-H)⁻: 476.28541; found: 476.28551.

4-Chlorophenyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzoyl-1-thio- β -D-galactopyranoside (**21**)



To a solution of 4-chlorophenyl 1-thio- β -D-galactopyranoside (**19**)⁴ (1.0 g, 3.25 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (3.0 mL) was added tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (573 mg, 3.9 mmol) and 4-*N,N*-dimethylaminopyridine (cat. amount). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. TLC shows a single product was formed ($R_f = 0.6$, 10:1 DCM/MeOH). The mixture was diluted with more anhydrous pyridine (10.0 mL) and benzoyl chloride (1.7 mL, 14.65 mmol) was added. The mixture was continued to stir at 40 °C overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the organic solution was washed with 2N HCl, saturated NaHCO₃, and brine and evaporated. The crude mixture was dissolved in the mixture of MeCN and water (9:1, 20 mL), and *p*-TsOH (1.37 g, 7.95 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃, and extracted with dichloromethane, The organic layer was washed with brine and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (4:1 toluene/ ethyl acetate) to give the desired product **21** as a white solid (1.69 g, 75% yield for three steps): $R_f = 0.3$ (3:1 toluene/ethyl acetate); $[\alpha]_D^{25} : +53.0^\circ$ (*c* 1.97, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ_H 7.23–8.02 (m, 19H, ArH), 5.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.2, \approx 1.0 Hz, H-4), 5.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 3.2 Hz, H-3), 4.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, $<$ 1.0 Hz, H-5), 3.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 6.8 Hz, H-6a), 3.64 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0, 6.8 Hz, H-6b); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ_C 166.3 (CO), 165.6 (CO), 165.2 (CO), 136.1, 135.1, 133.8, 133.4, 133.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 84.7 (C-1), 77.9 (C-5), 73.2 (C-3), 68.8 (C-4), 67.9 (C-2), 60.7 (C-6); ESI HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₃₃H₂₇O₈SClNa (M+Na)⁺: 641.10074; found: 641.10089.

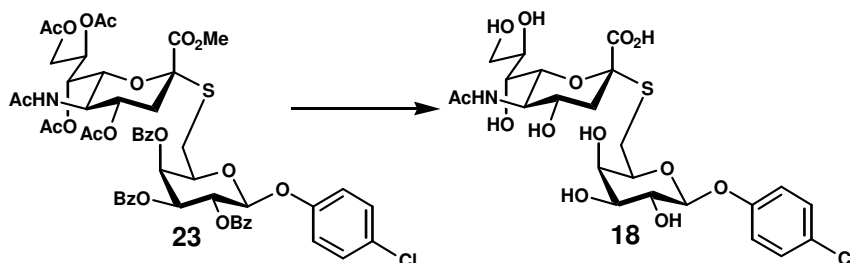
4-Chlorophenyl (methyl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonate)-(2 \rightarrow 6)-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzoyl-6-deoxy-1,6-dithio- β -D-galactopyranoside (23)



Compound **21** (200 mg, 0.32 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (2.0 mL) and pyridine (0.1 mL, 1.24 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) with stirring under argon. After cooling the solution to $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (0.065 mL, 0.38 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise over approximately one minute. After stirring at constant temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with more dichloromethane (60 mL), and washed successively with cold 1M HCl, saturated NaHCO_3 solution, and ice-cold water; the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated at $18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ under high vacuum. The crude triflate **22** was combined with **3** (260 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), and the mixture was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (2.0 mL) under argon. After cooling the solution to $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, diethylamine (0.33 mL, 3.2 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduce pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of methanol - dichloromethane (1: 99) to afford **23** (100 mg, 30% yield) as amorphous solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (2:98 MeOH/DCM); $[\alpha]_D^{25}: +89.6^{\circ}$ (c 5.0, CHCl_3). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ_{H} 7.99 (m, 2H, Bz), 7.80 (m, 2H, Bz), 7.73 (m, 2H, Bz), 7.58-7.65 (m, 3H, 1H_{Bz} + 2H_{PhCl}), 7.52 (m, 1H, Bz), 7.32-7.50 (m, 7H, 5H_{Bz} + 2H_{PhCl}), 7.23 (m, 2H, Bz), 6.11 (dd, 1H, $J = 3.2, \sim 1.0$ Hz, H-4), 5.71 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.0, 3.2$ Hz, H-3), 5.63 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.0, 10.0$ Hz, H-2), 5.44 (ddd, 1H, $J = 2.9, 5.1, 9.5$ Hz, H-8'), 5.32 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.8, \sim 1.0$ Hz, Hz, H-7'), 5.30 (d, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz, H-1), 5.18 (high order d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz, NHAc), 4.95 (high order m, 1H, H-4'), 4.40 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.4, 2.4$ Hz, H-9a'), 4.34 (ddd, 1H, $J = 6.8, 6.8, \sim 1.0$ Hz, H-5), 4.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.4, 4.2$ Hz, H-9b'),

3.90-4.00 (m, 2H, H-5' + H-6'), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.97 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.6, 6.7 Hz, H-6a), 2.79 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.6, 7.9 Hz, H-6b), 2.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.7, 4.7 Hz, H-3eq'), 2.25 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.19 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.03-2.07 (m, 4H, H-3ax' + Ac), 2.00 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.92 (s, 3H, Ac); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ_H 170.87 (CO), 170.72 (CO), 170.61 (CO), 170.07 (CO), 169.94 (CO), 168.23 (CO), 165.25 (CO), 165.22 (CO), 165.05 (CO), 135.65, 134.48, 133.36, 133.23, 132.98, 129.81, 129.68, 129.45, 129.37, 129.25, 129.06, 128.77, 128.51, 128.37, 128.16, 84.13 (C-2'), 83.81 (C-1), 76.18 (C-5), 73.90 (C-6'), 73.19 (C-3), 69.12 (C-4'), 68.83 (C-3), 68.01 (C-8'), 67.80 (C-2), 66.93 (C-7'), 62.46 (C-9'), 53.18 (CO₂Me), 49.71 (C-5'), 38.32 (C-3'), 30.25 (C-6), 23.26 (Ac), 21.15 (Ac), 20.87 (Ac), 20.85 (Ac), 20.75 (Ac); ESI HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₅₃H₅₄NO₁₉S₂ClNa (M+Na)⁺: 1130.23122; found: 1130.23111.

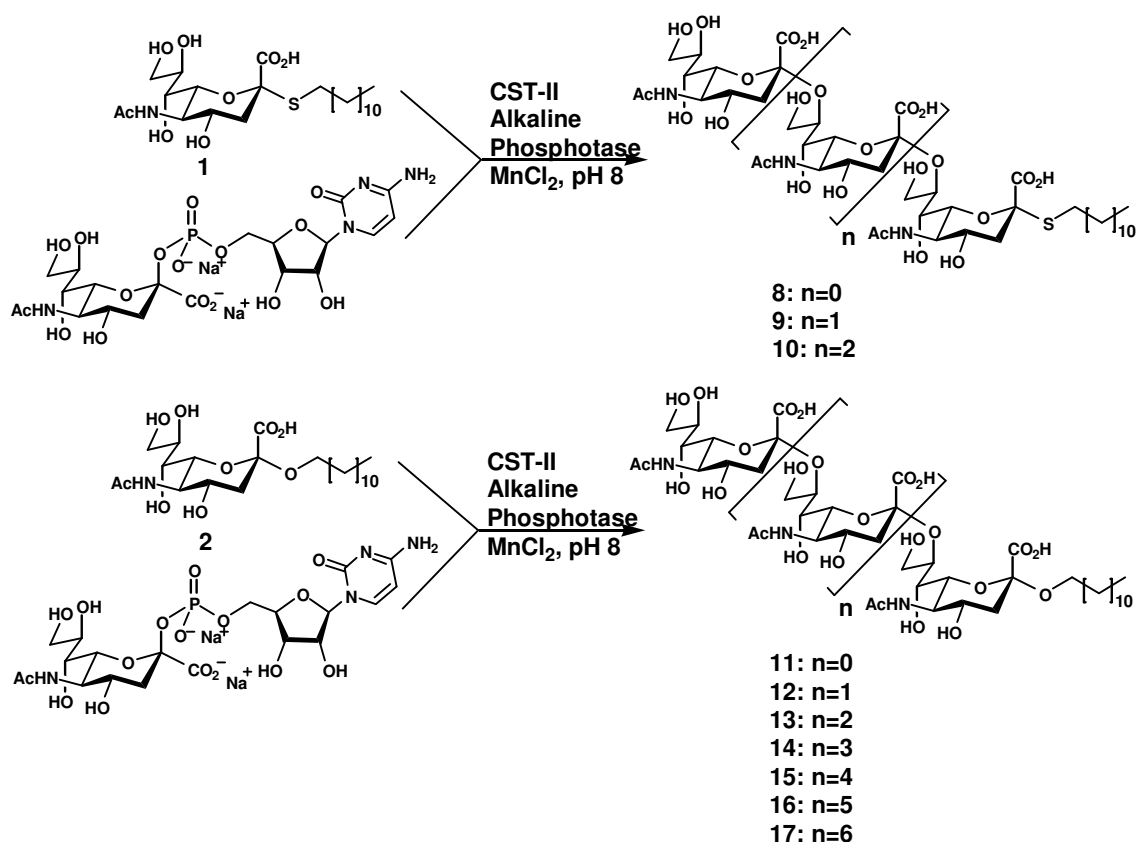
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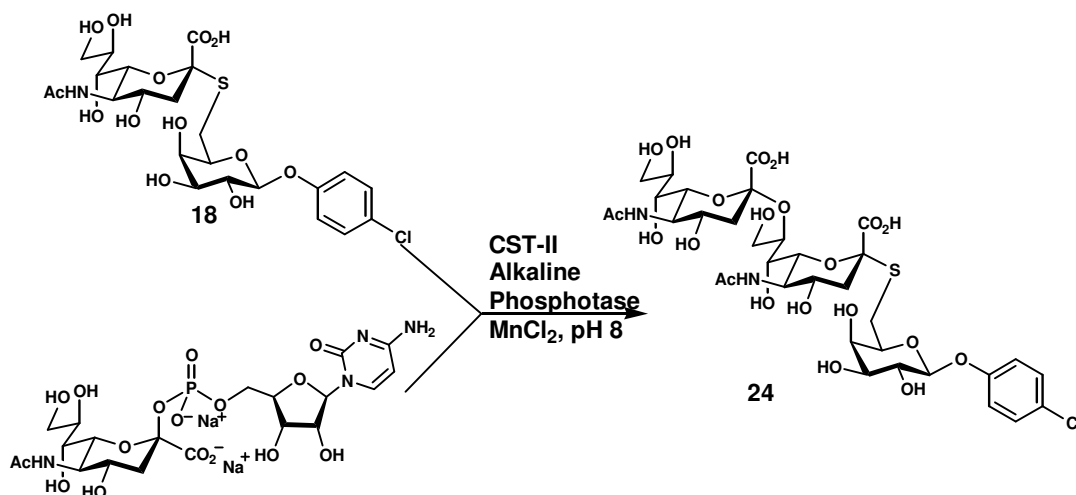


Compound **23** (160 mg, 1.36 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous methanol (5.0 mL) and a solution of NaOMe in anhydrous methanol (2.0 M, 1.2 mL) was added under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was redissolved in a 1:1 mixture of methanol- H₂O (4.0 mL) and the stirring was continued overnight. Several drops acetic anhydride was added to neutralize the solution and the mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by reverse-phase C₁₈ silica gel HPLC (elute 100% water) to afford compound **18** (65 mg, 75% yield) which was lyophilized as a white solid. *R_f* = 0.4 (65:35:5:0.1, DCM/MeOH/H₂O/HOAc); [α]_D²⁵: +20.8° (*c* 2.4, MeOH). ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400 MHz): δ_H 7.86 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhCl), 7.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhCl), 5.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, H-1), 4.37 (dd, 1H, *J* =

2.8, ~1.0 Hz, H-4), 3.88– 4.09 (m, 10H, H-5 + H-3 + H-9a' + H-4' + H-8' + H-7' + H-6' + H-5' + H-9b' + H-2), 3.31 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.0, 7.3$ Hz, H-6a), 3.24 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.0, 6.0$ Hz, H-6b), 3.13 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.8, 4.8$ Hz, H-3_{eq}'), 2.36 (s, 3H, NHAc), 2.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.7, 11.4$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (D₂O, 100 MHz): δ_H 174.90 (CO), 174.25 (CO), 173.18 (CO), 132.93, 132.13, 131.74, 129.20, 87.75 (C-1), 85.80 (C-2'), 78.03, 74.87, 73.94, 72.11, 69.05, 68.50, 68.00, 62.14 (C-9'), 52.14 (C-5'), 40.74 (C-3'), 29.56 (C-6), 22.13 (NHAc); ESI HRMS m/z calc'd for C₂₃H₃₁NO₁₂S₂Cl (M-H)⁻: 612.09817; found: 612.09841.

General procedure for enzymatic synthesis of oligosialosides 8-17 and 24 using α-thiosialoside 1, α-sialoside 2 and disaccharide 18 as substrates:





Procedure A: To a mixture of monosialoside (~0.061 mmol) and crude CMP-NeuNAc (2.8 equiv) was added a solution of MnCl₂ (0.5 M, 172 μL) and a solution of alkaline phosphatase (30 μL). A solution of crude CST-II (0.3 U/mL, 10.5 U) was added and the mixture was gently tumbled for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was extracted with MeOH and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was suspended in H₂O (5 mL), and the solution was recovered by centrifugation. The solid was extracted two more times (2 × 5 mL) as above, and the aqueous solutions were combined and concentrated (~ 3 mL). The mixture was purified on Sephadex G-25 using H₂O as eluent. The fractions containing oligomers were combined and concentrated and the residue was purified by HPLC on a reverse phase C18 column using a gradient of MeOH-H₂O (0→100%) as eluent to afford a(2,8)-linked oligosialosides up to tetramers.

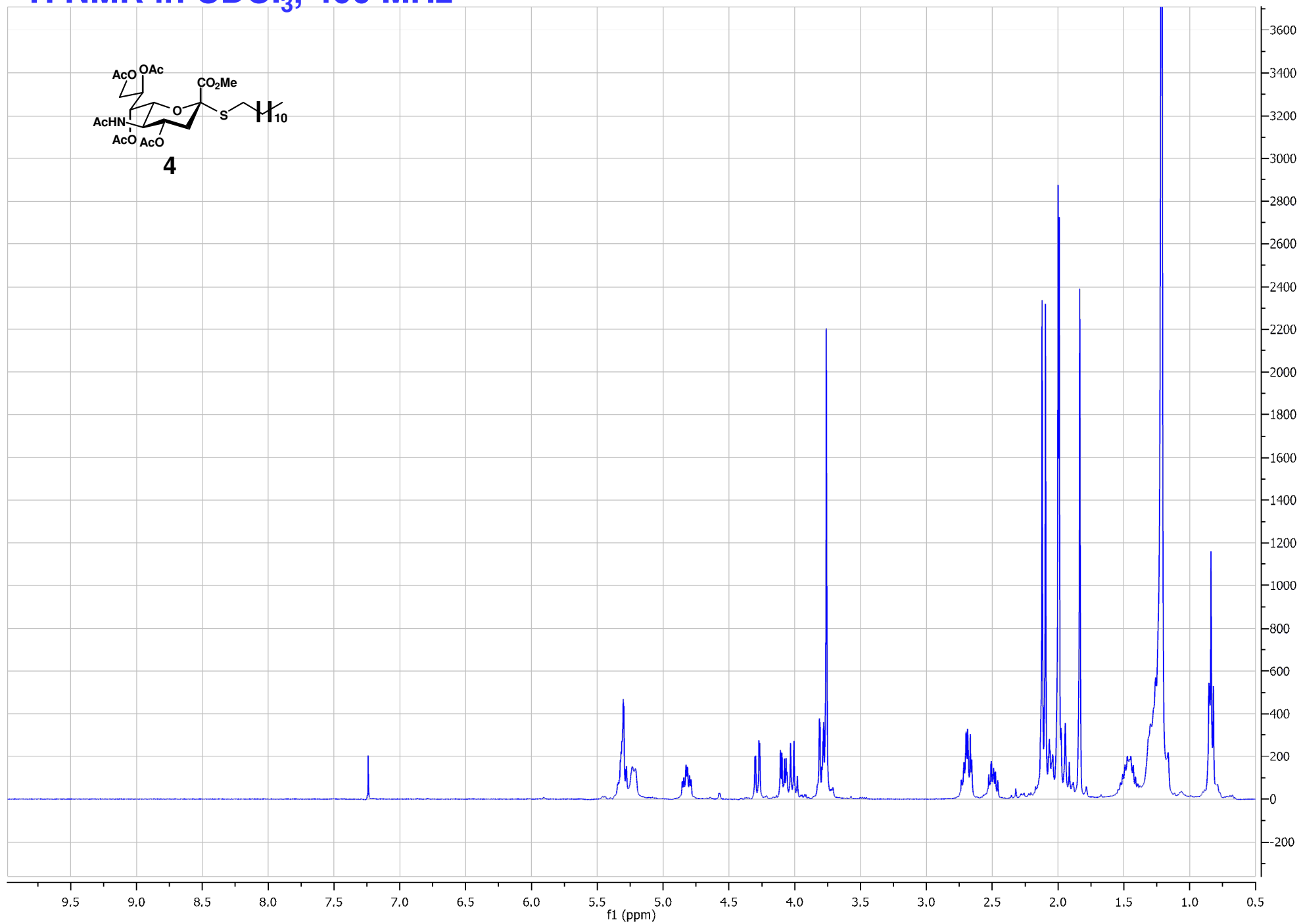
Procedure B: To a mixture of monosialosides (0.088 mmol) and crude CMP-NeuNAc (2.0 equiv) was added a solution of MnCl₂ (0.5 M, 200 μL) and a solution of alkaline phosphatase (20 μL). A solution of crude CST-II (0.3 U/mL, 10 mL, 3U) was added and the mixture was gently tumbled overnight at room temperature. Another batch of CST-II (0.3 U/mL, 10 mL, 3U), crude CMP-NeuNAc (2.0 equiv) and of alkaline phosphatase (20 μL) was added and the reaction was continued for another 24 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOH (50 mL) and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue was suspended in H₂O (5 mL), and the solution was recovered by centrifugation. The solid was extracted two more times (2 x 5 mL) as above, and the aqueous solutions were

combined and concentrated (~ 5 mL). The mixture was purified on Sephadex G-25 using H₂O as eluent. The fractions containing oligomers were combined and concentrated. The residue was purified by HPLC on a reverse phase C18 column using a gradient of MeOH-H₂O (0%→100%) as eluent to afford $\alpha(2,8)$ -disialoside – $\alpha(2,8)$ -octasialoside.

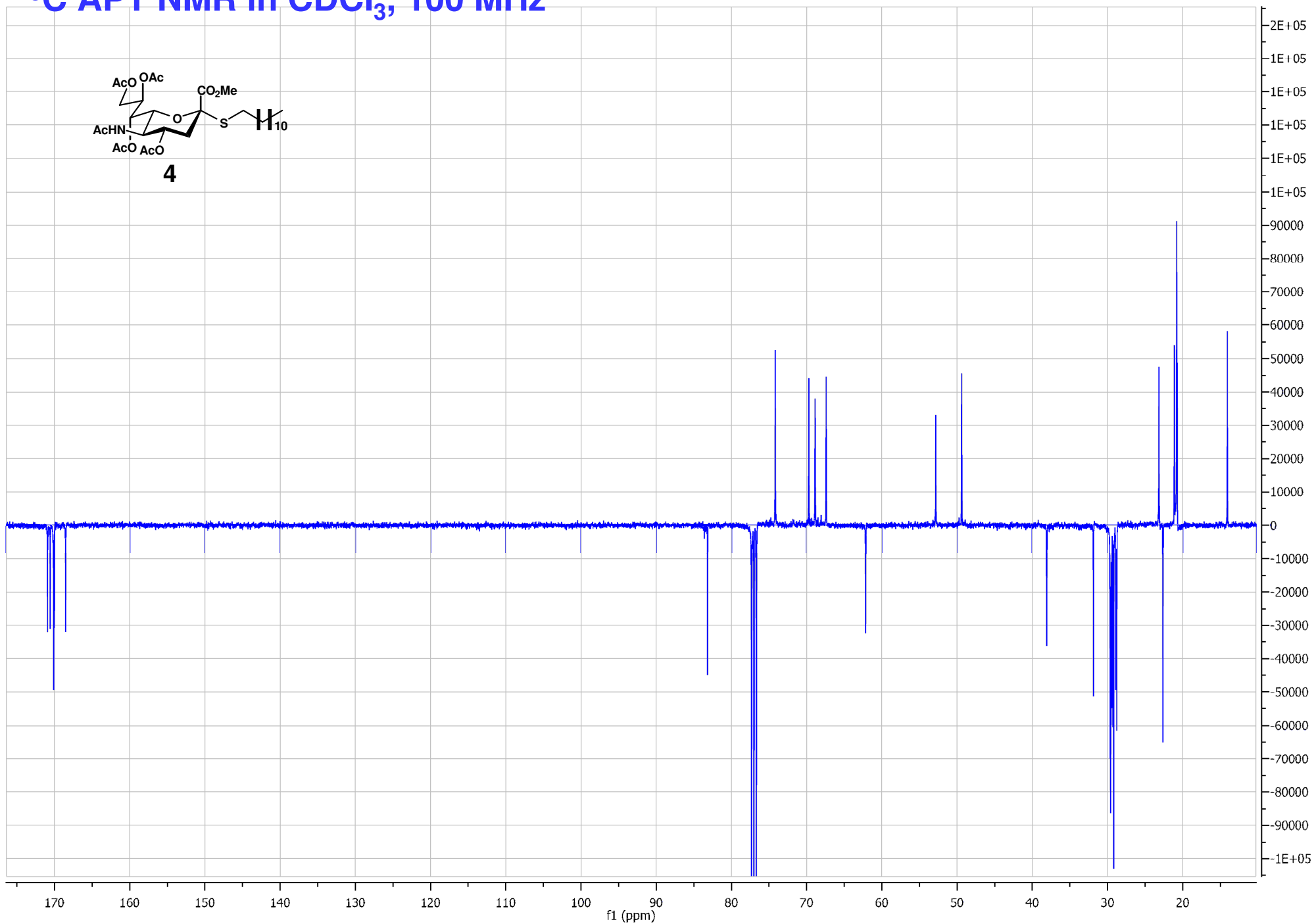
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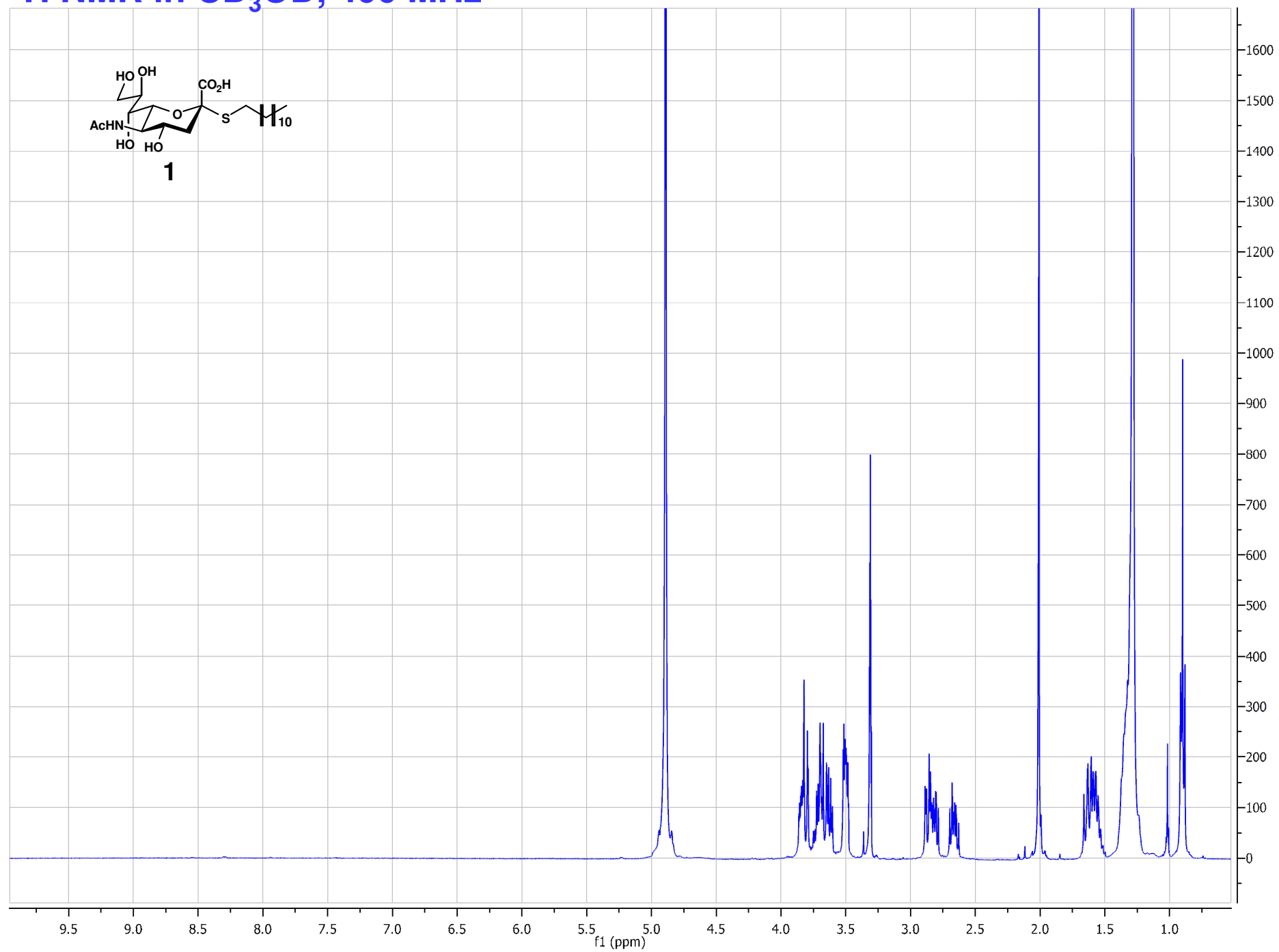
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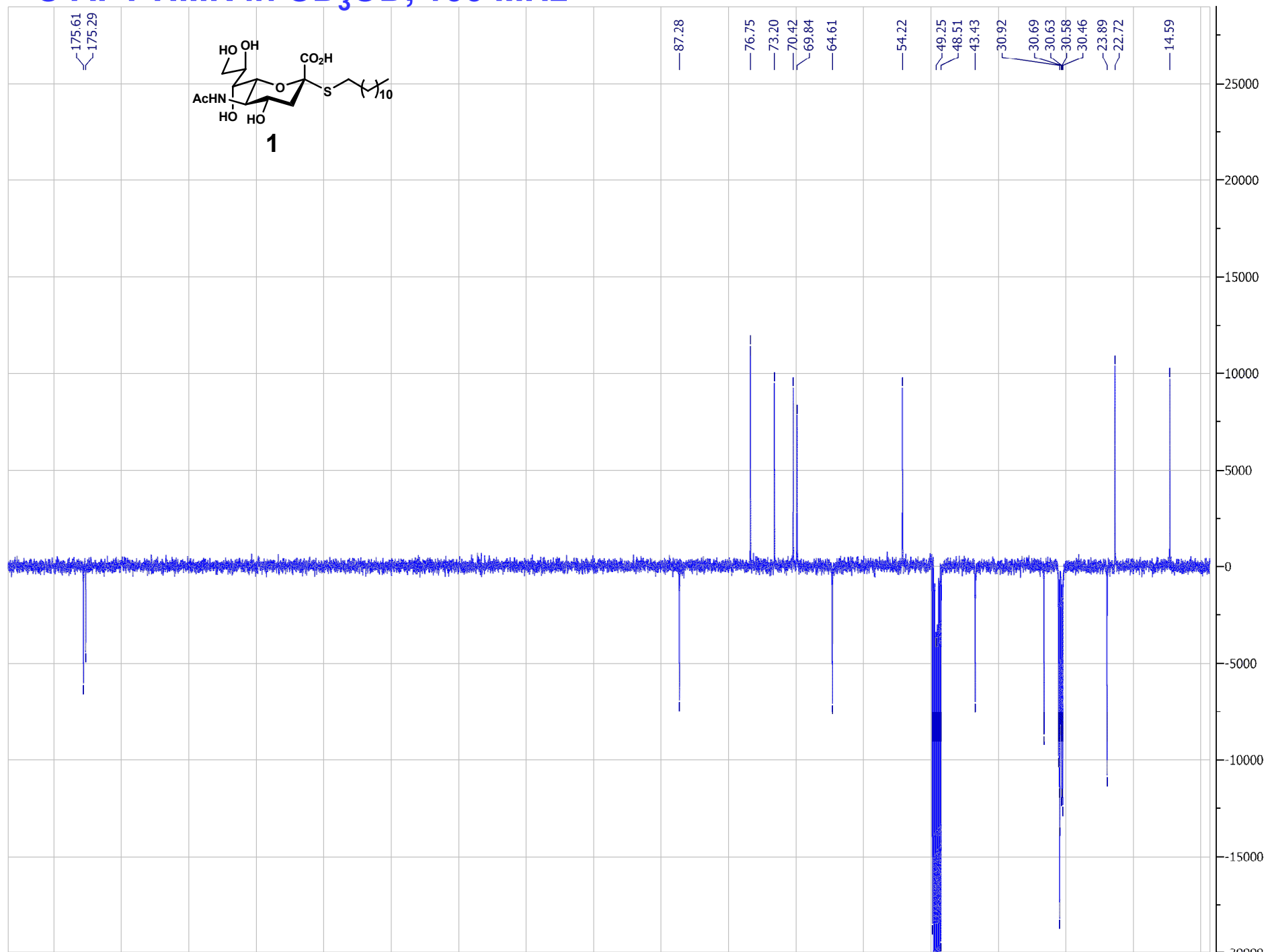
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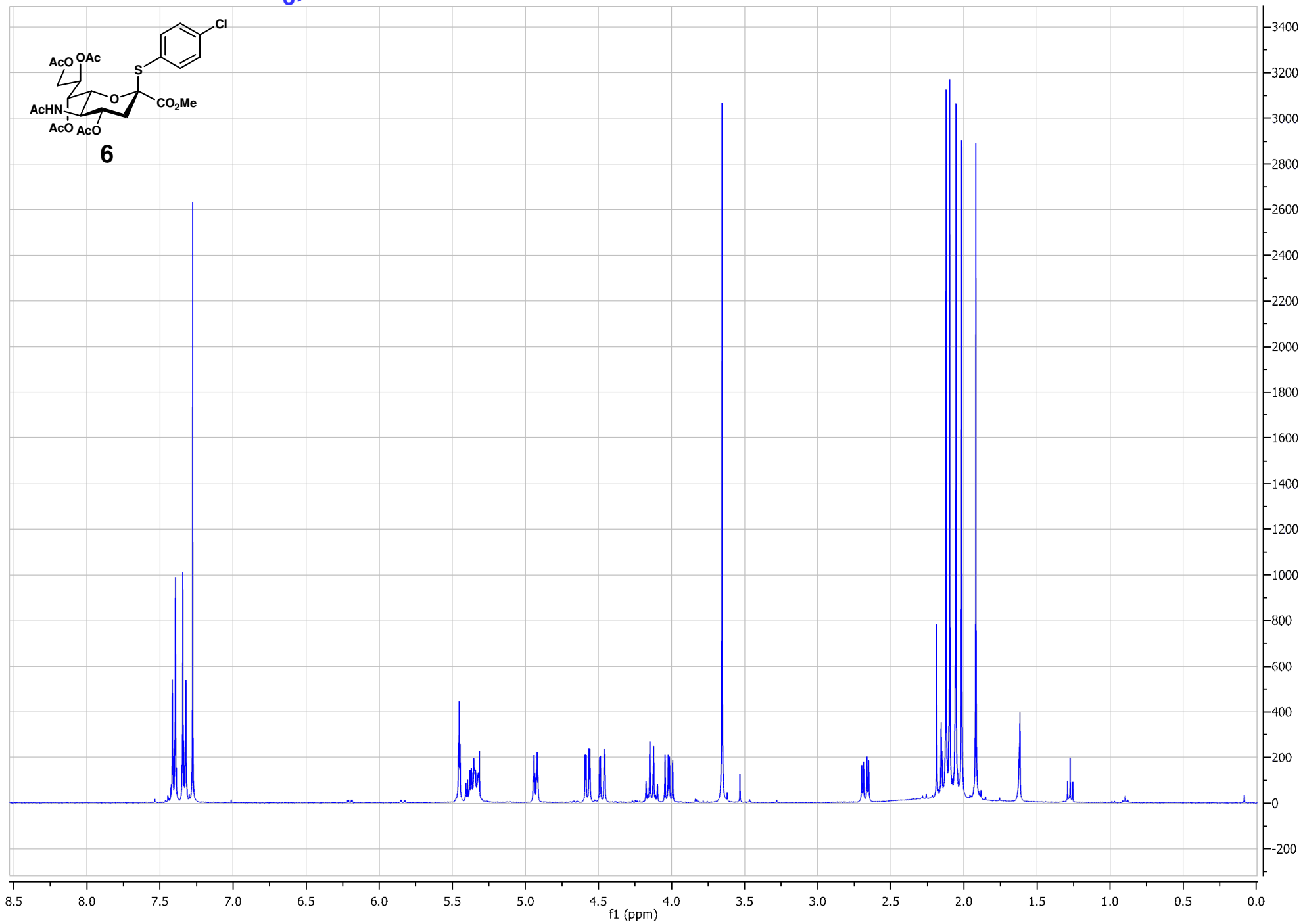
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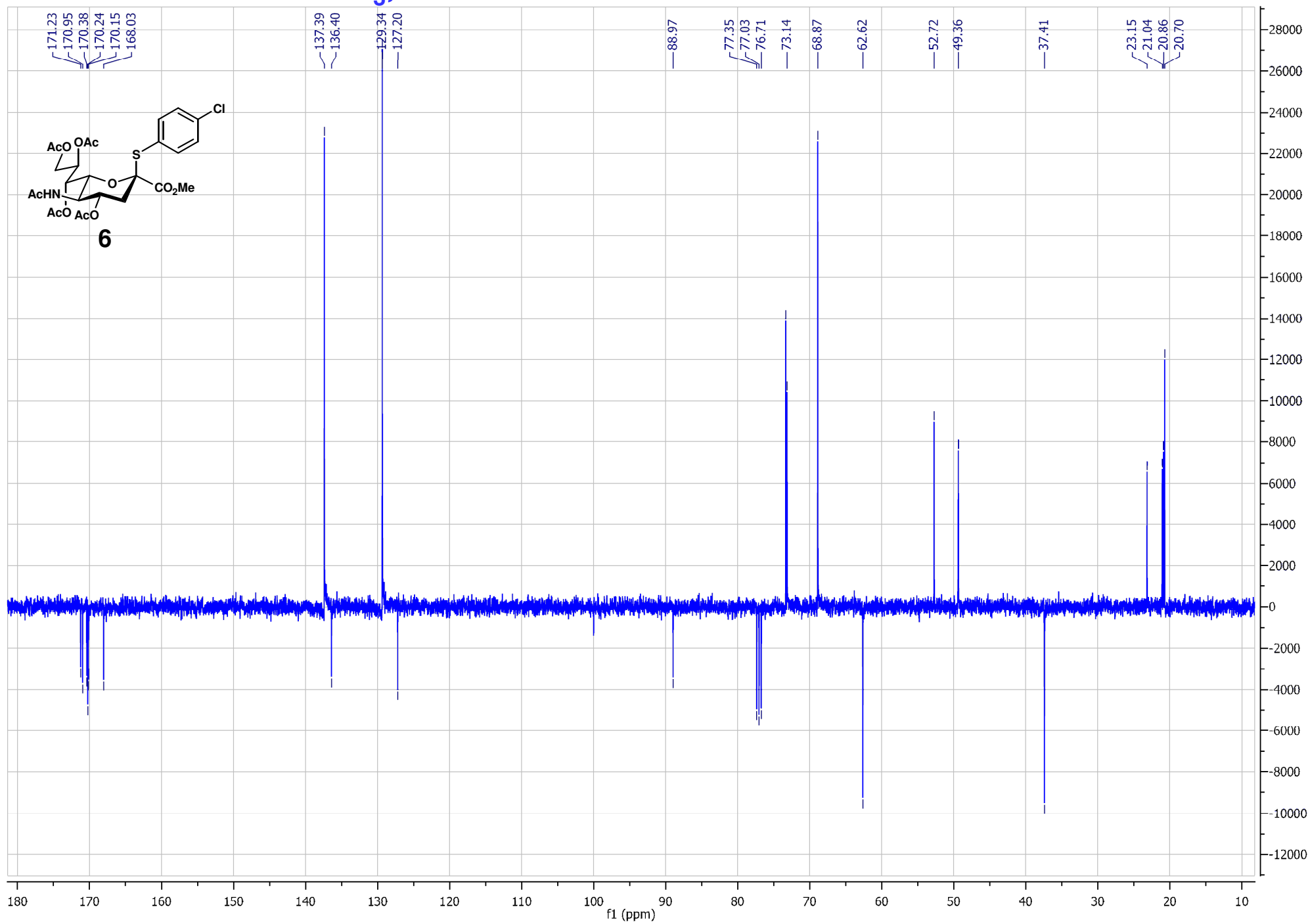
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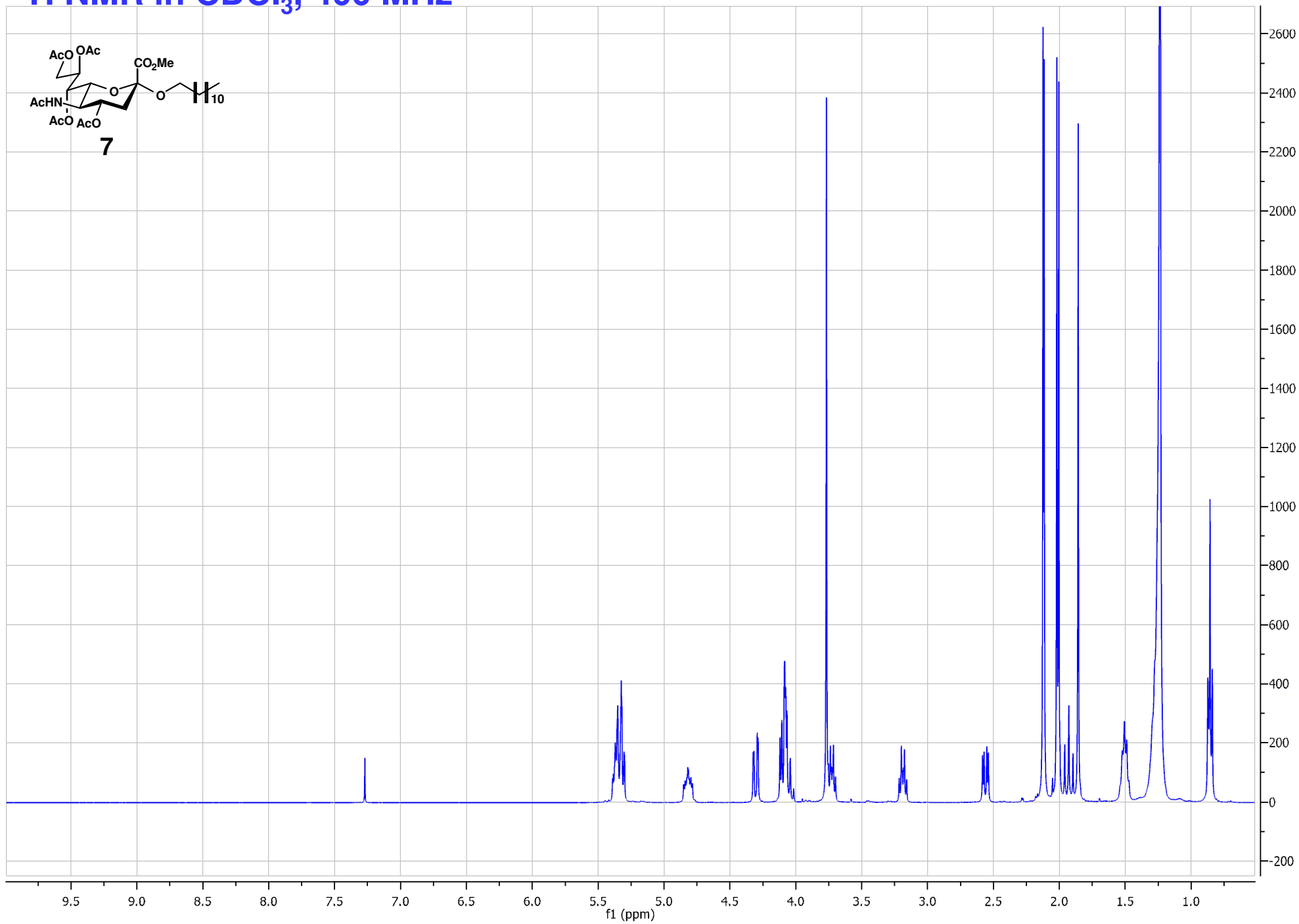
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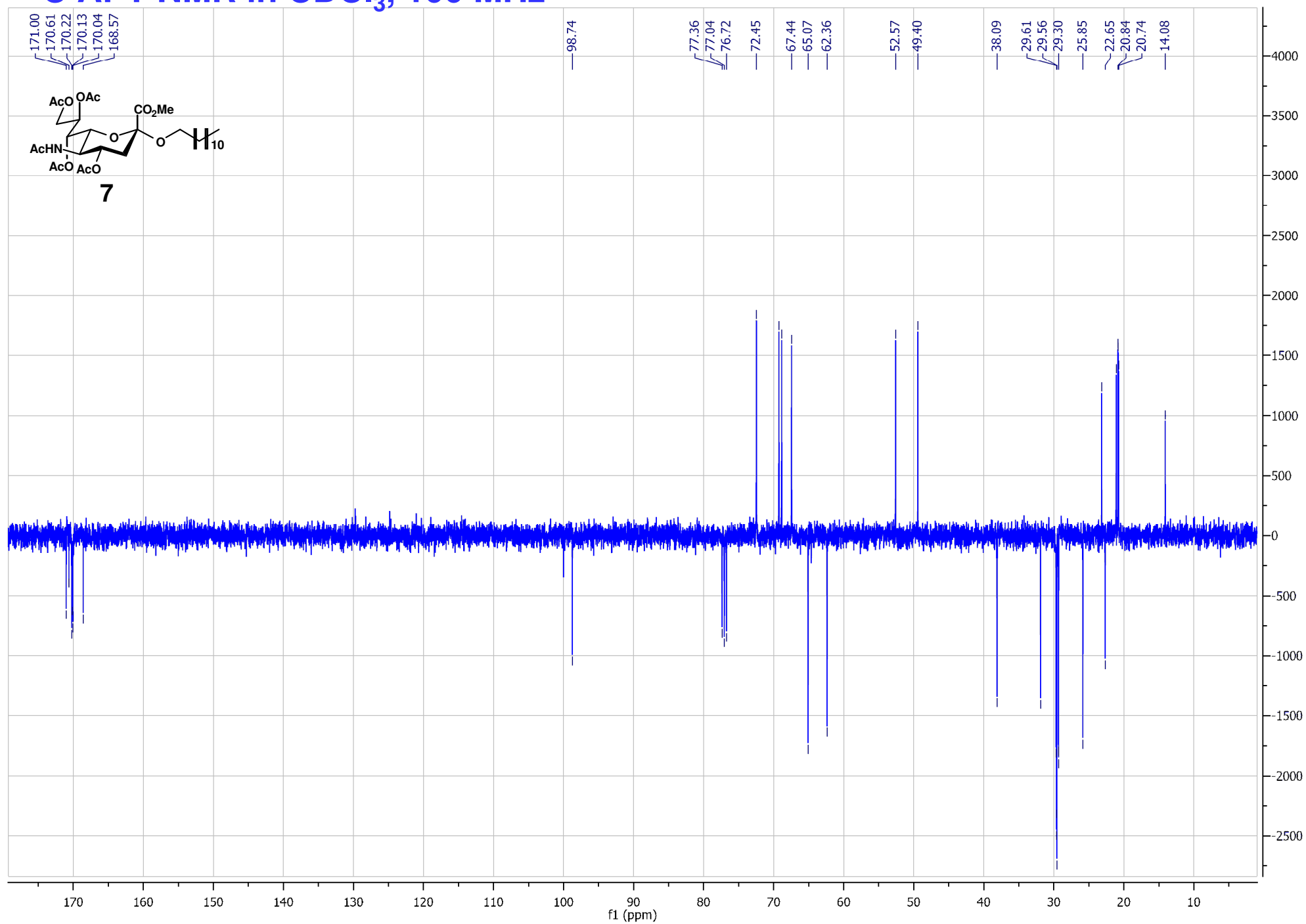
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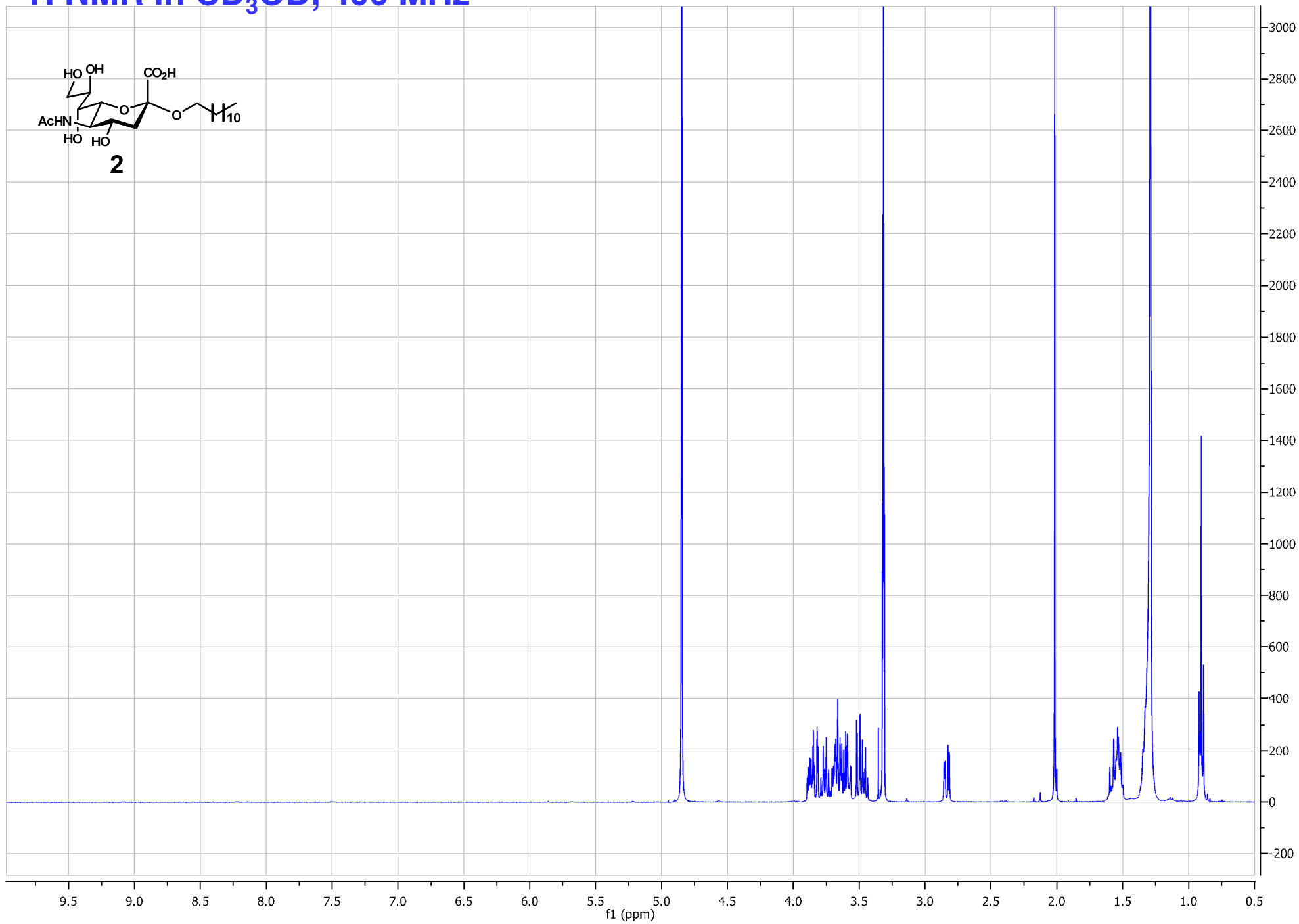
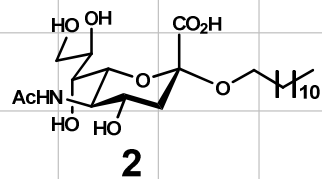
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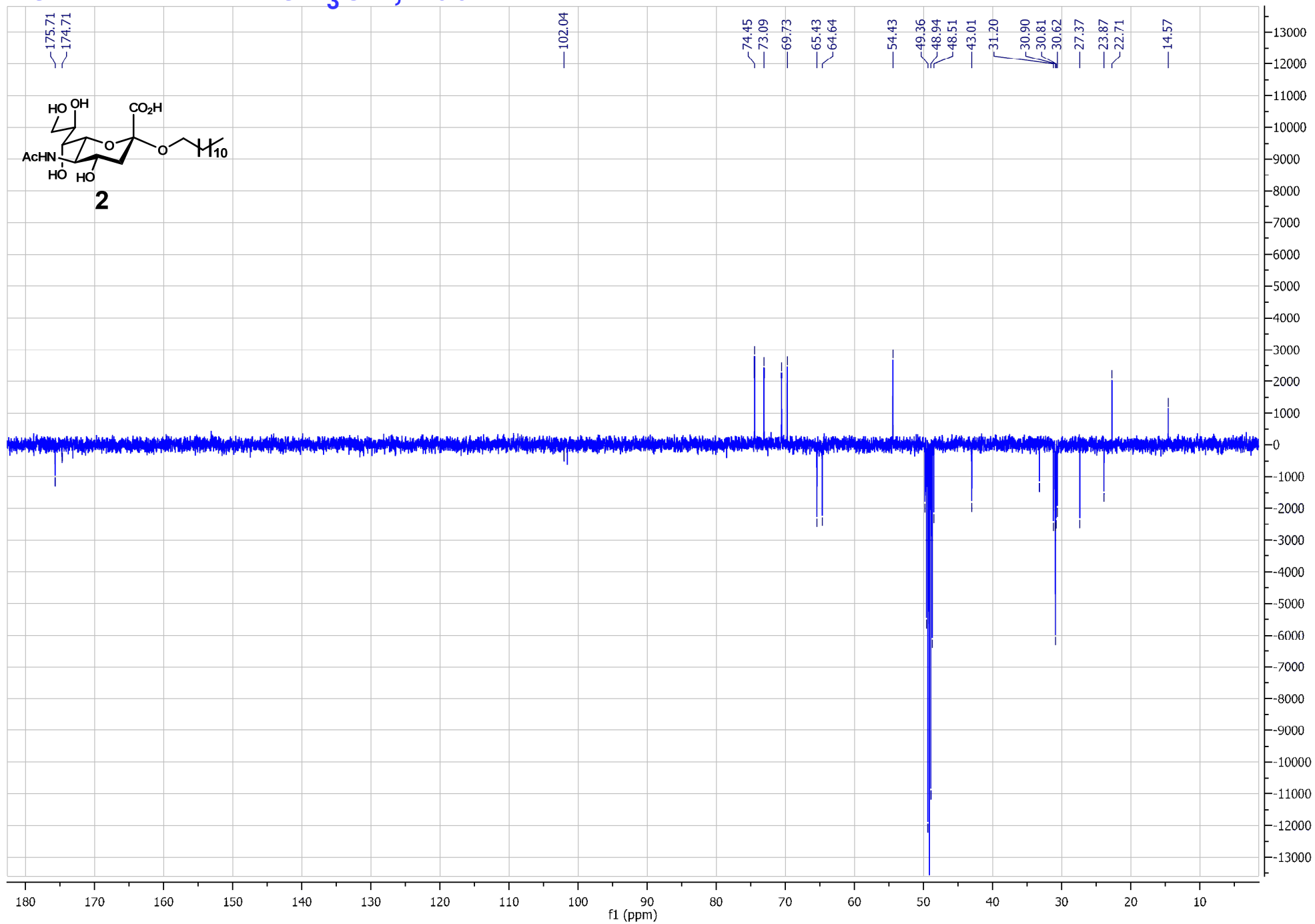
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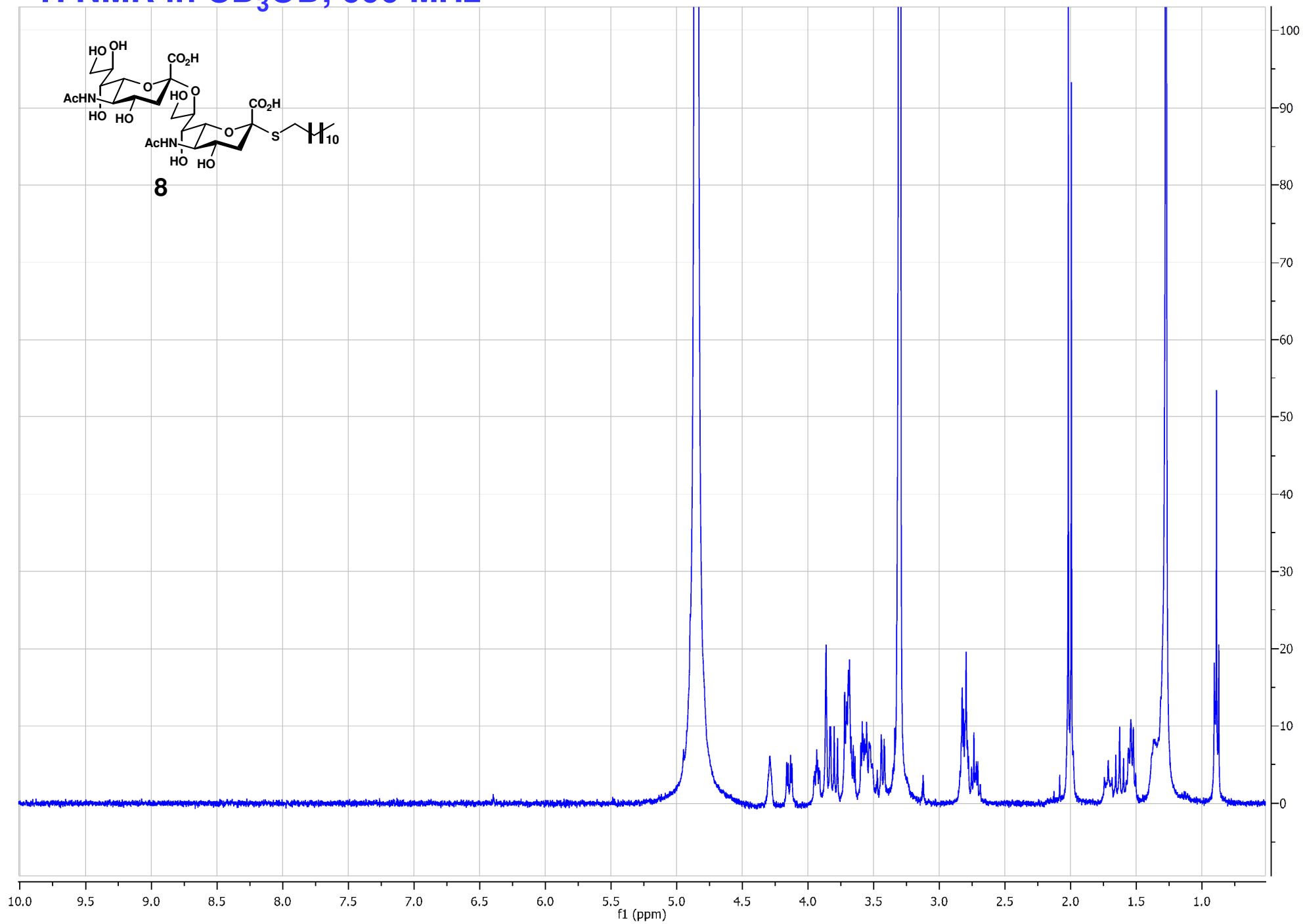
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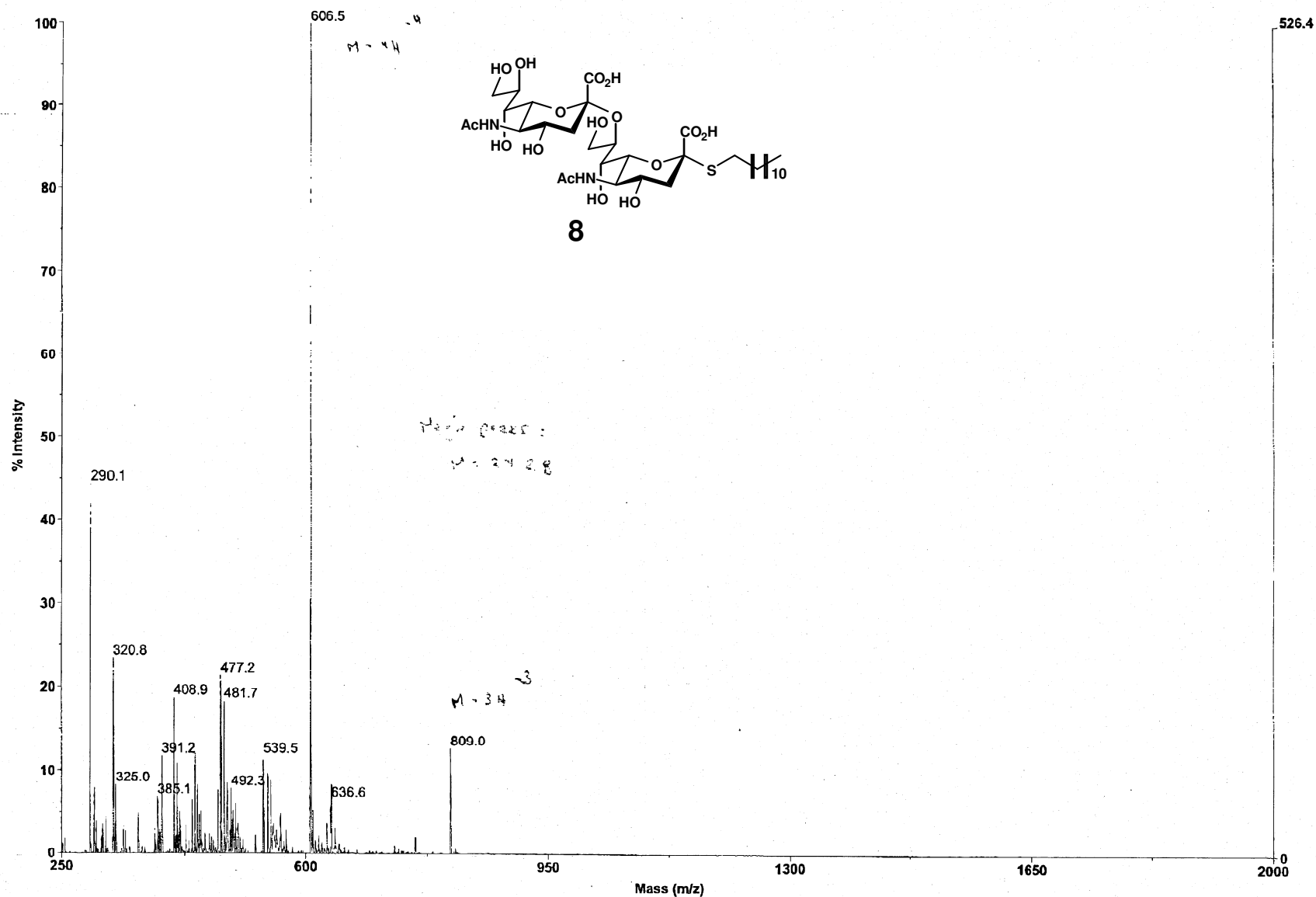


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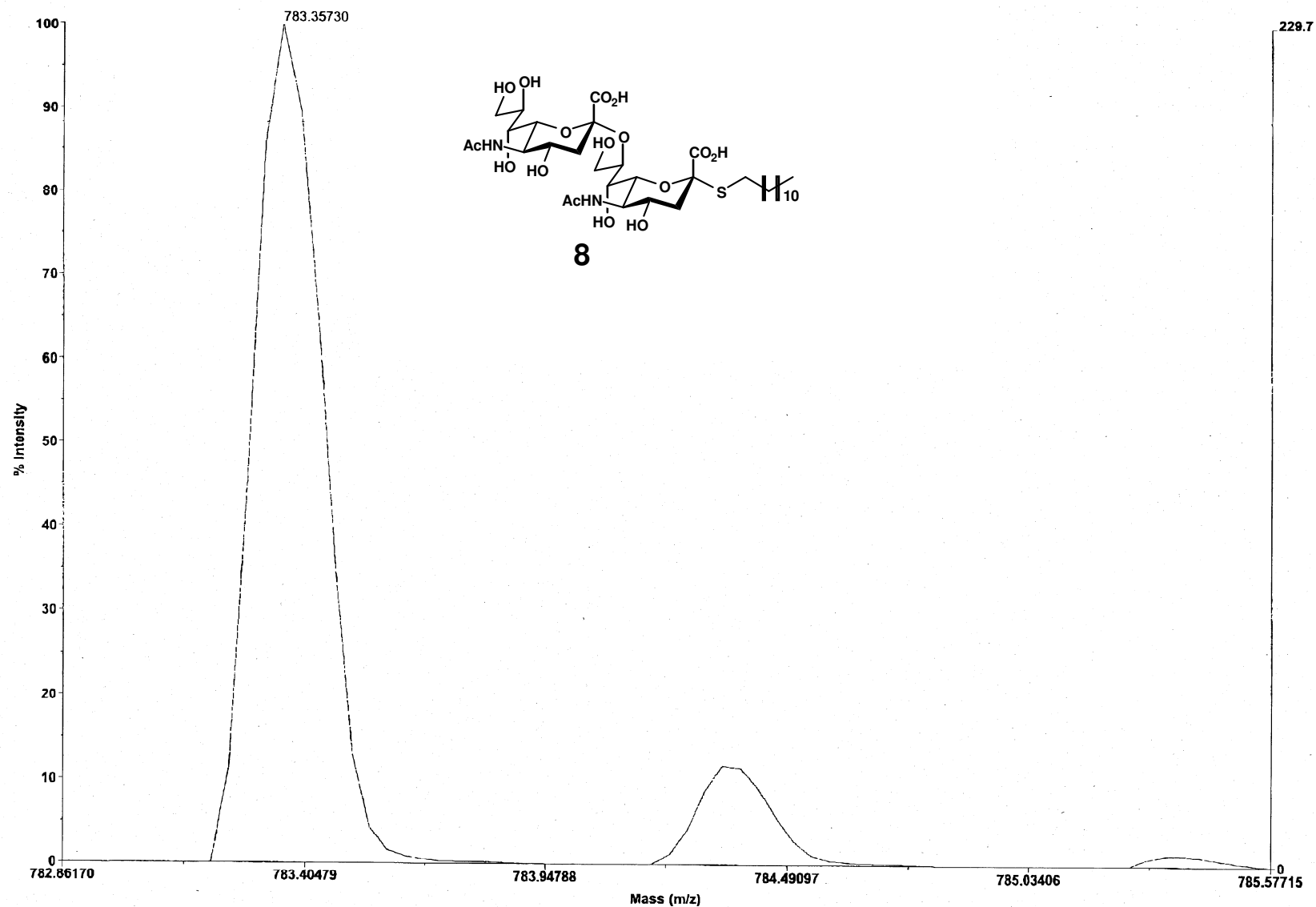
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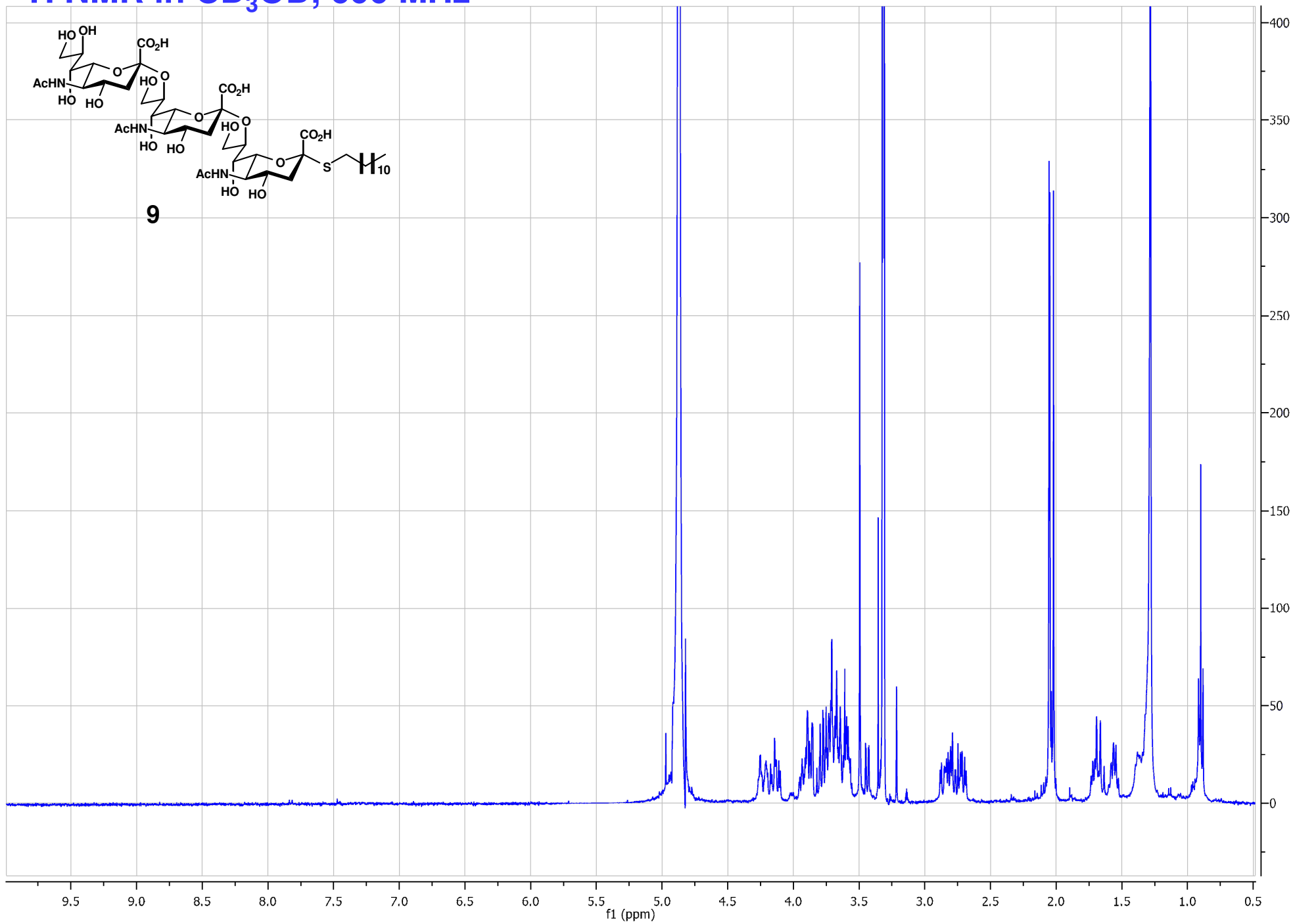
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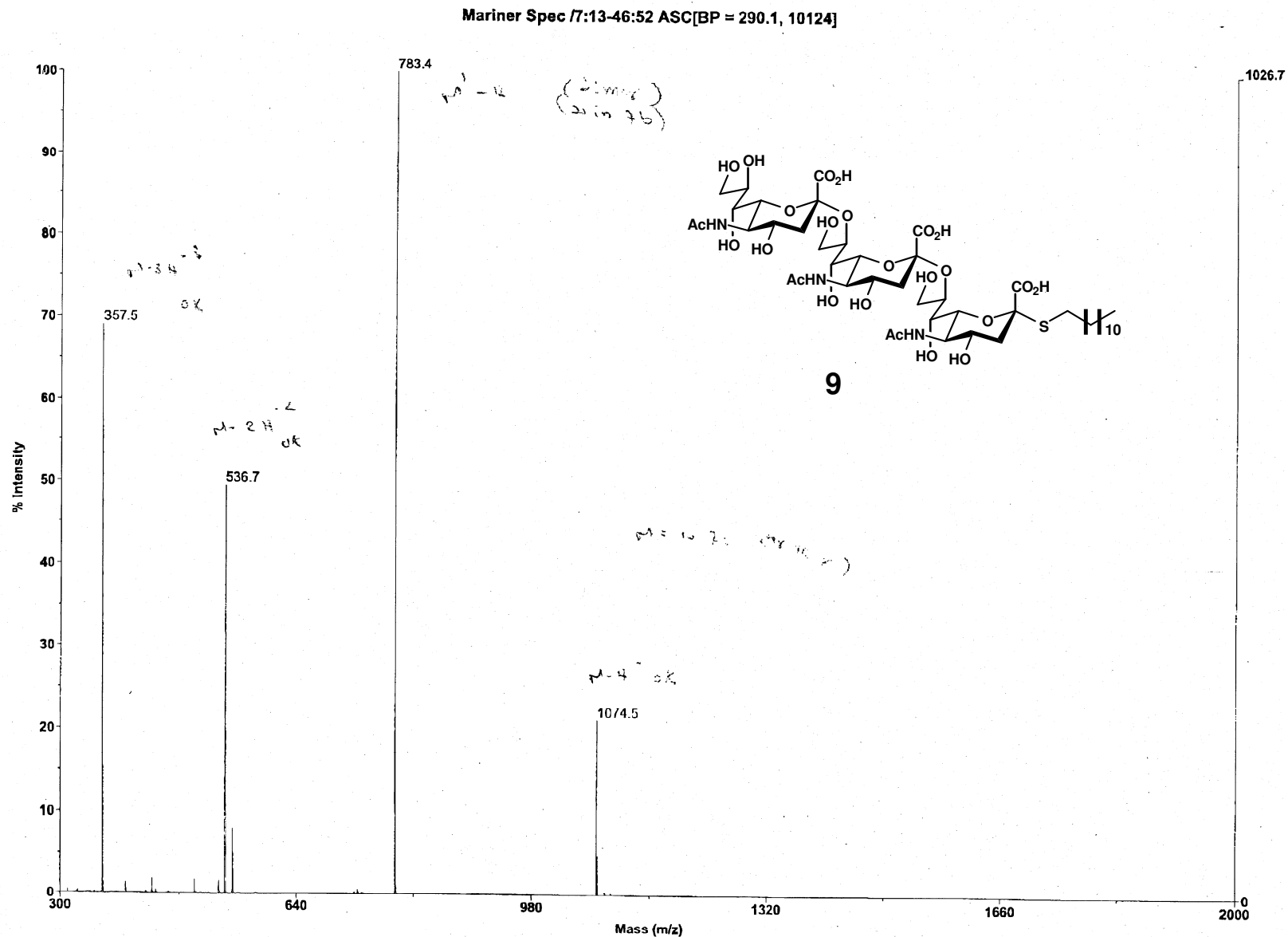


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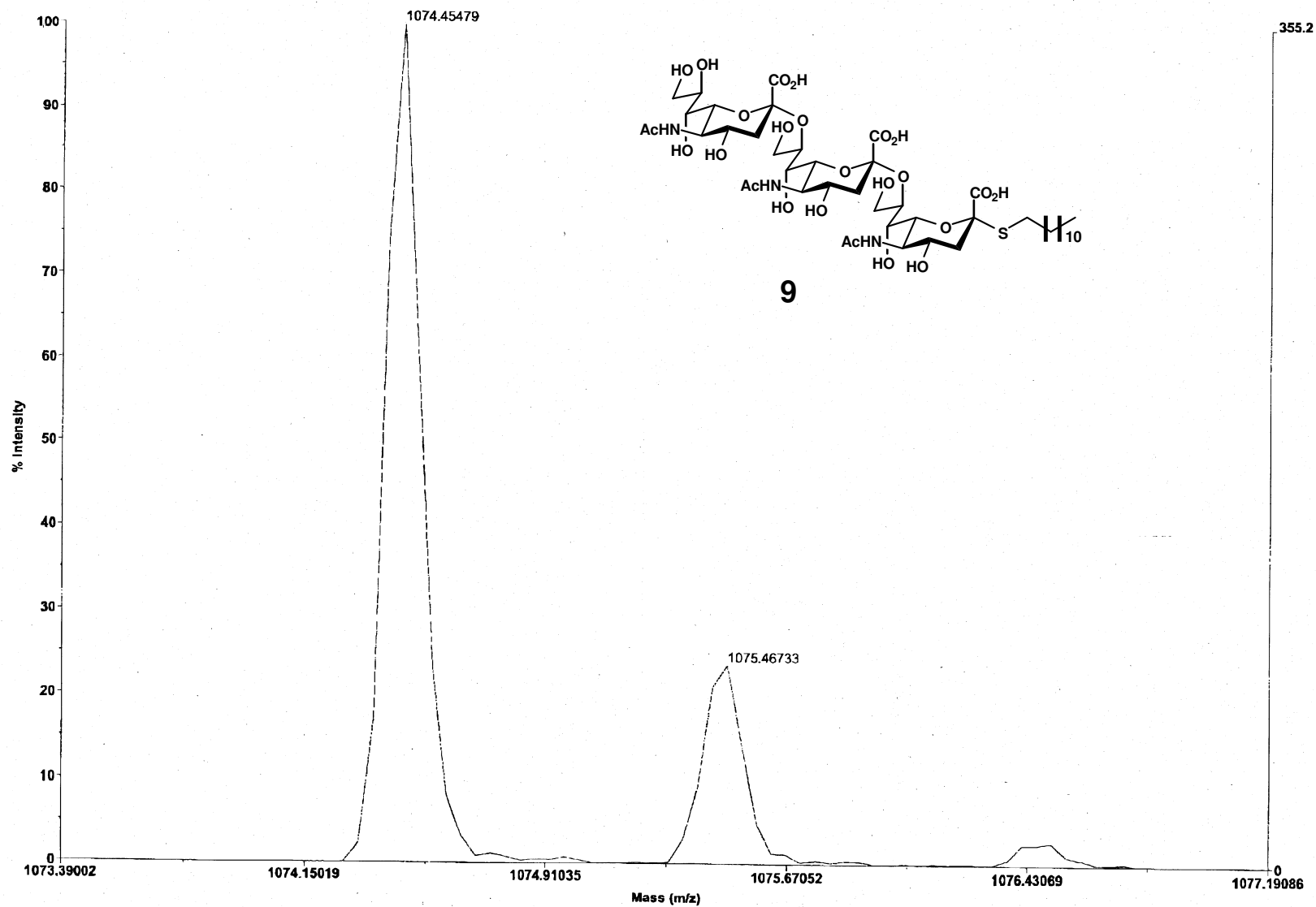
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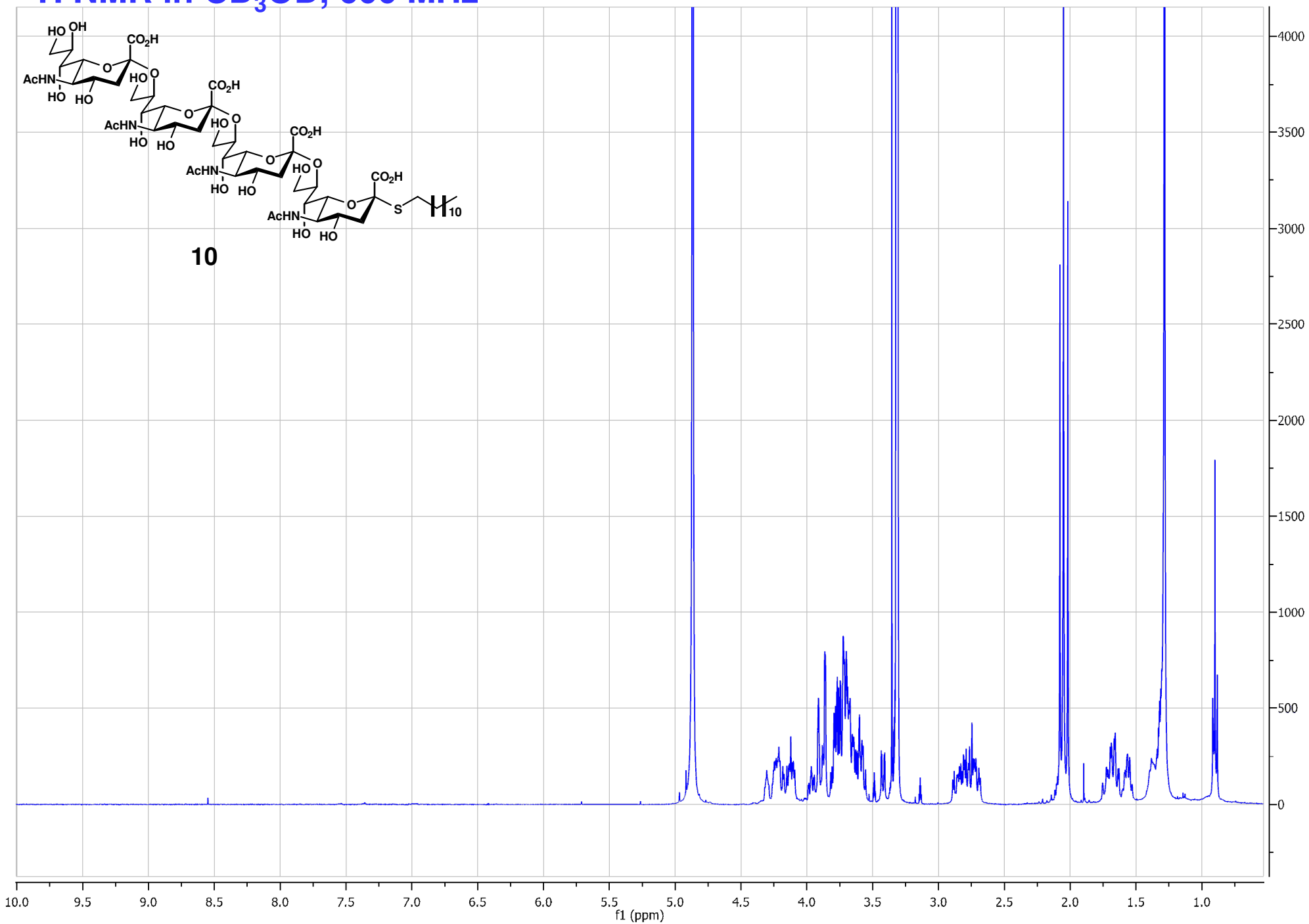
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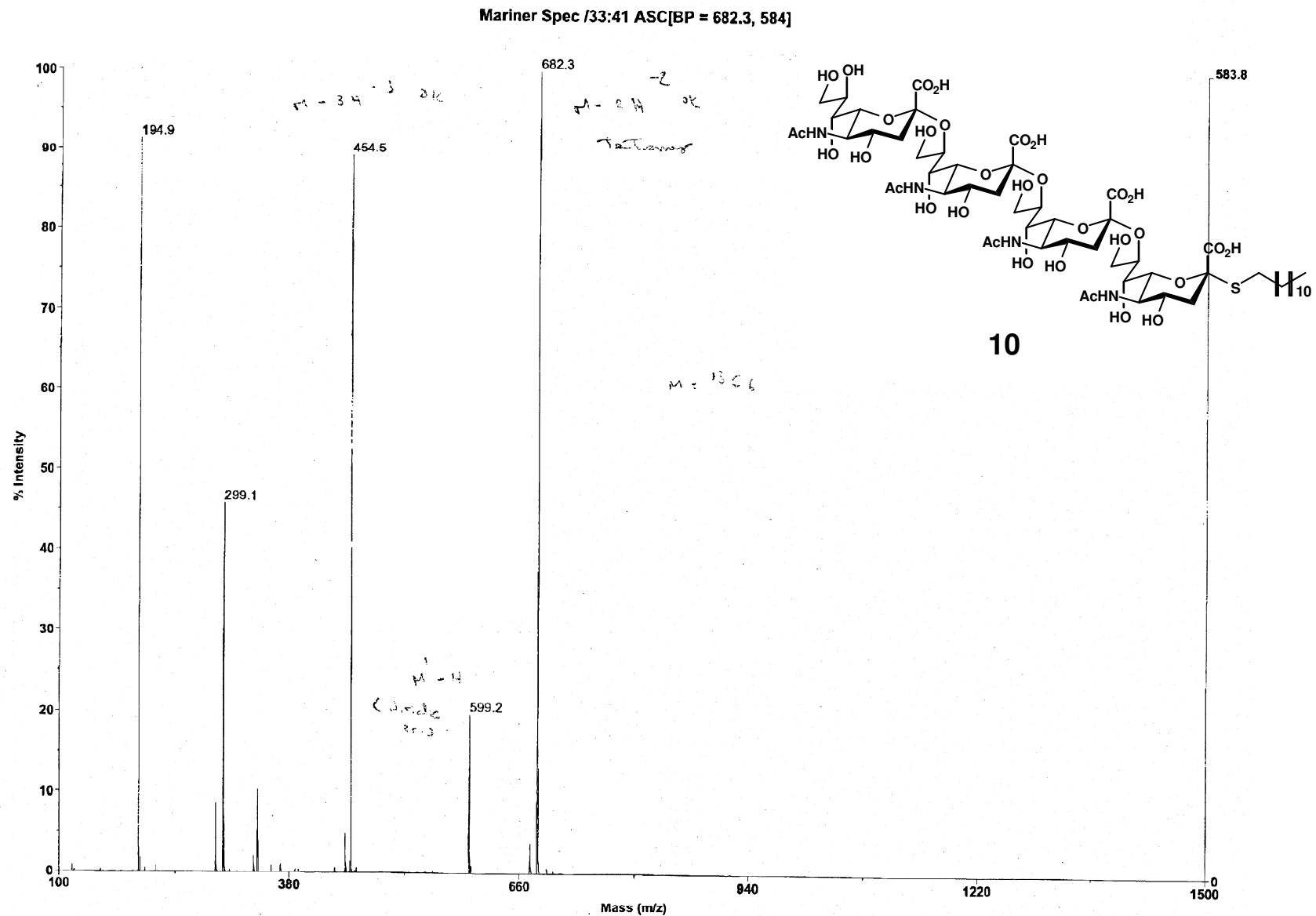


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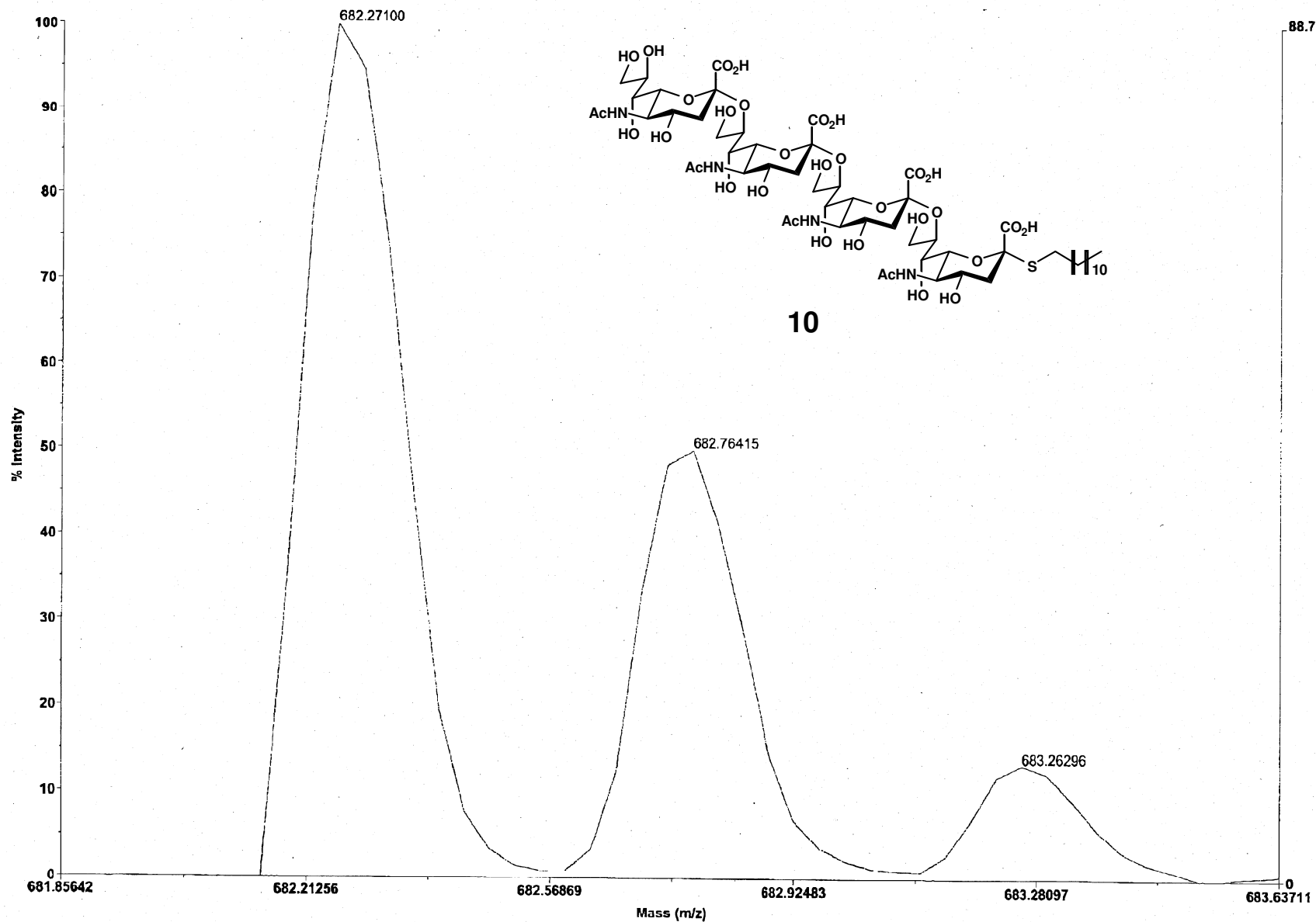
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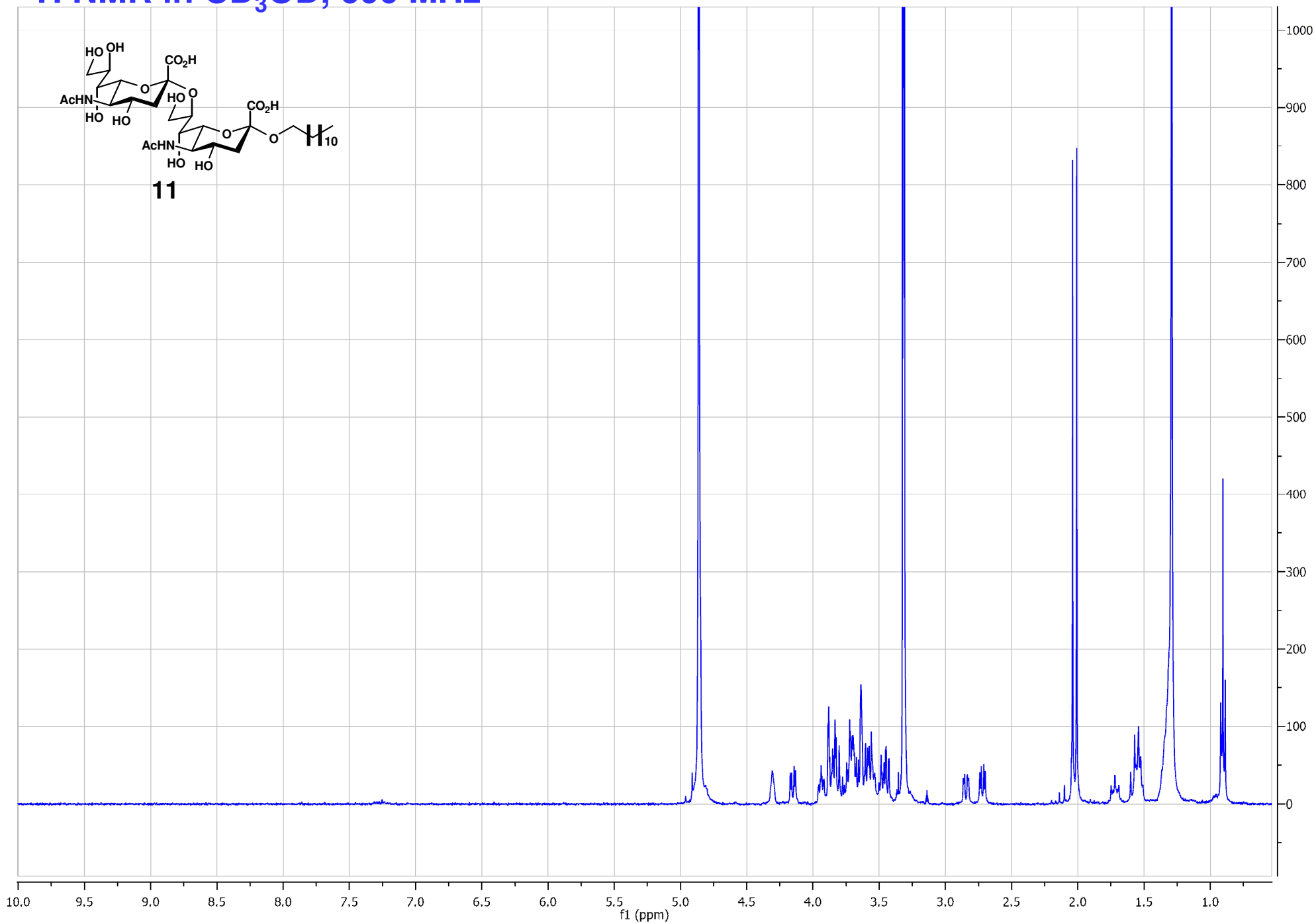
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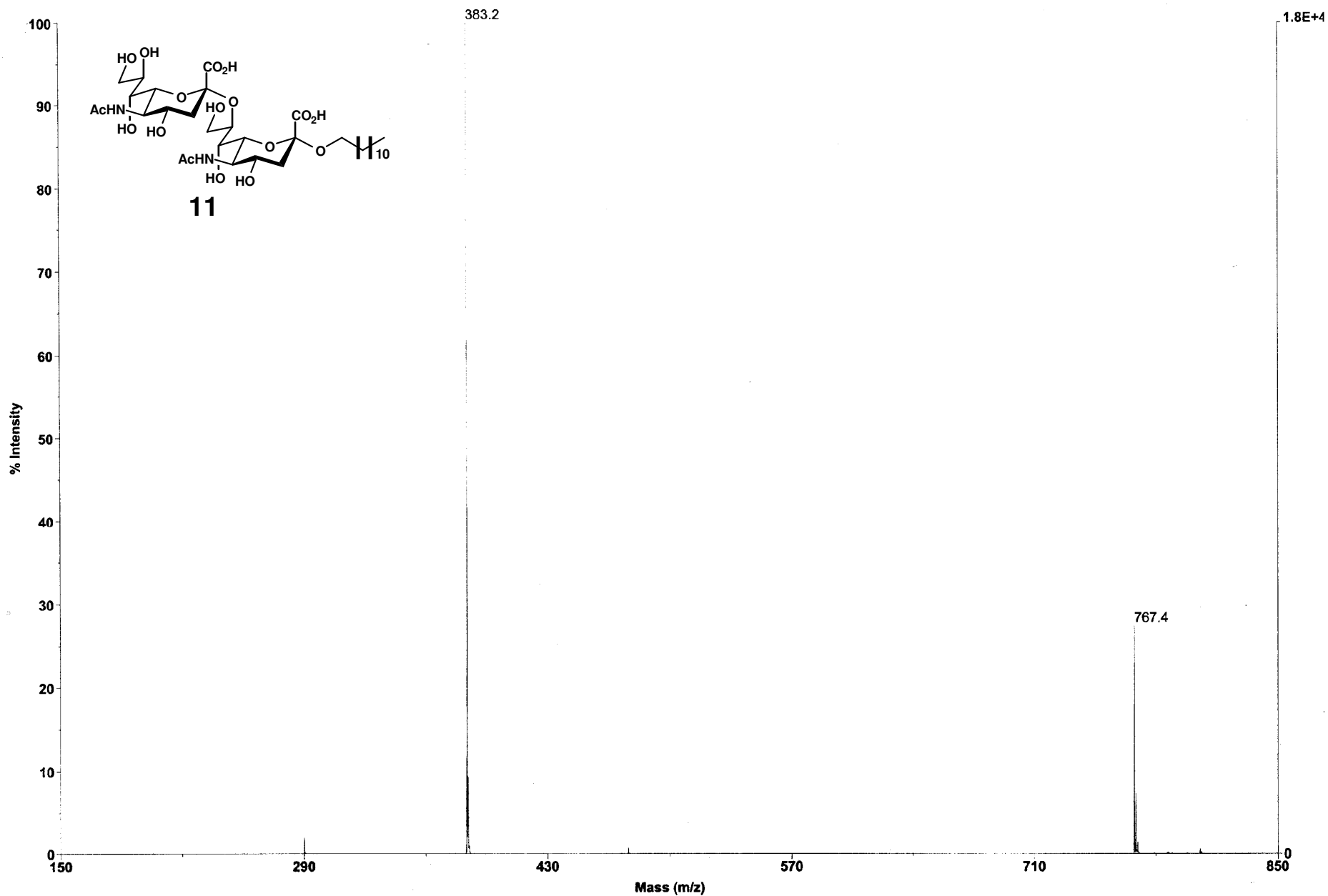
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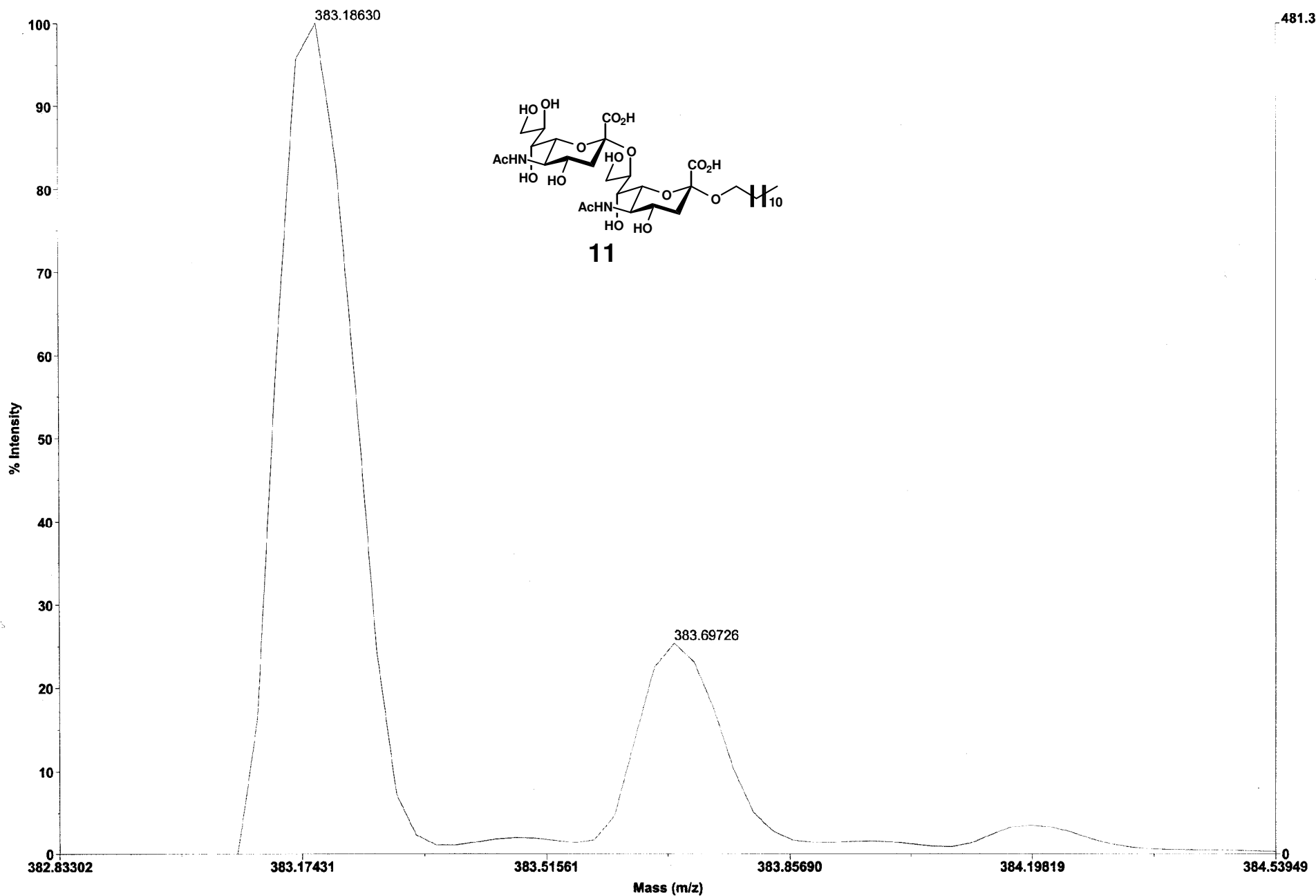
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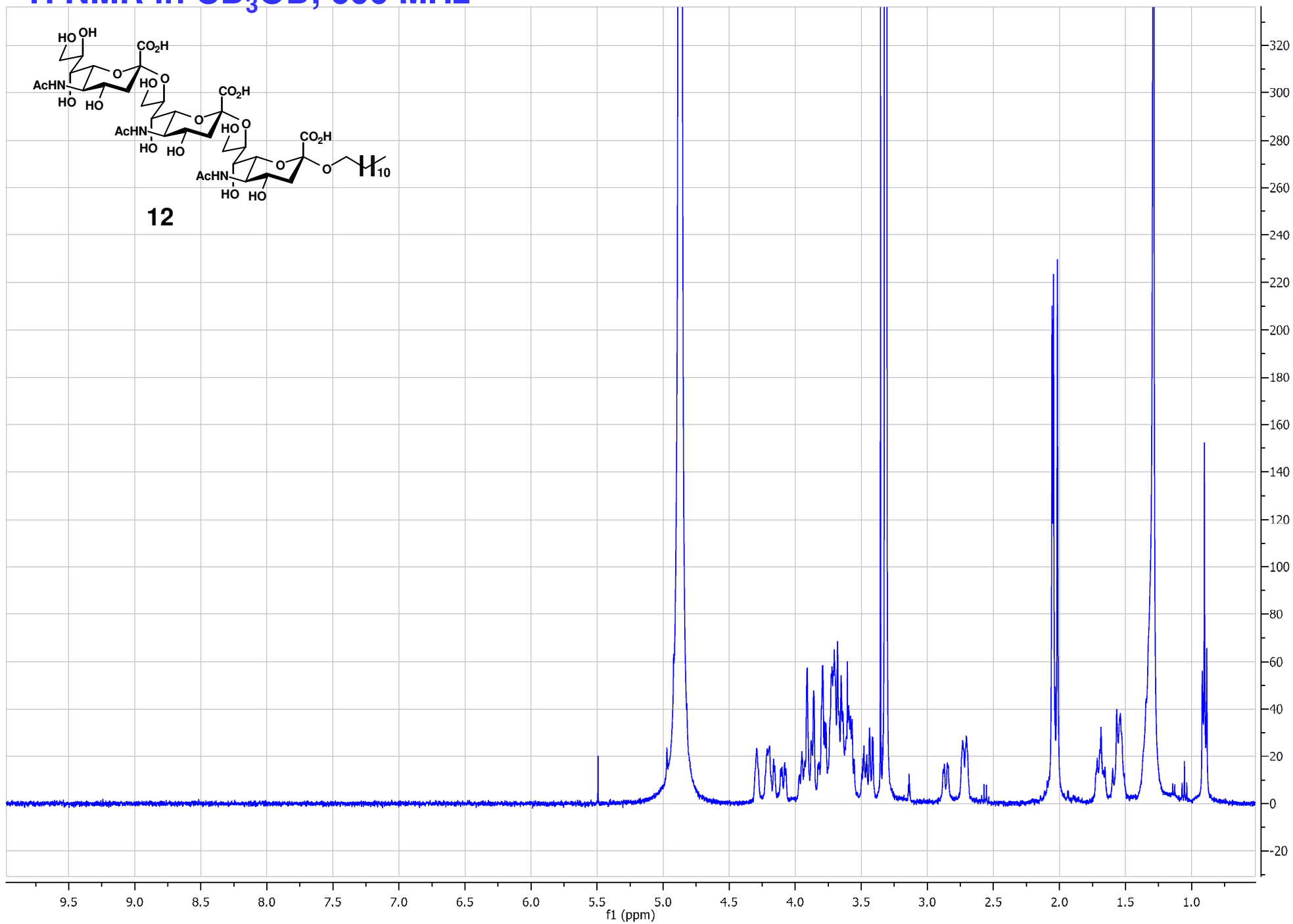
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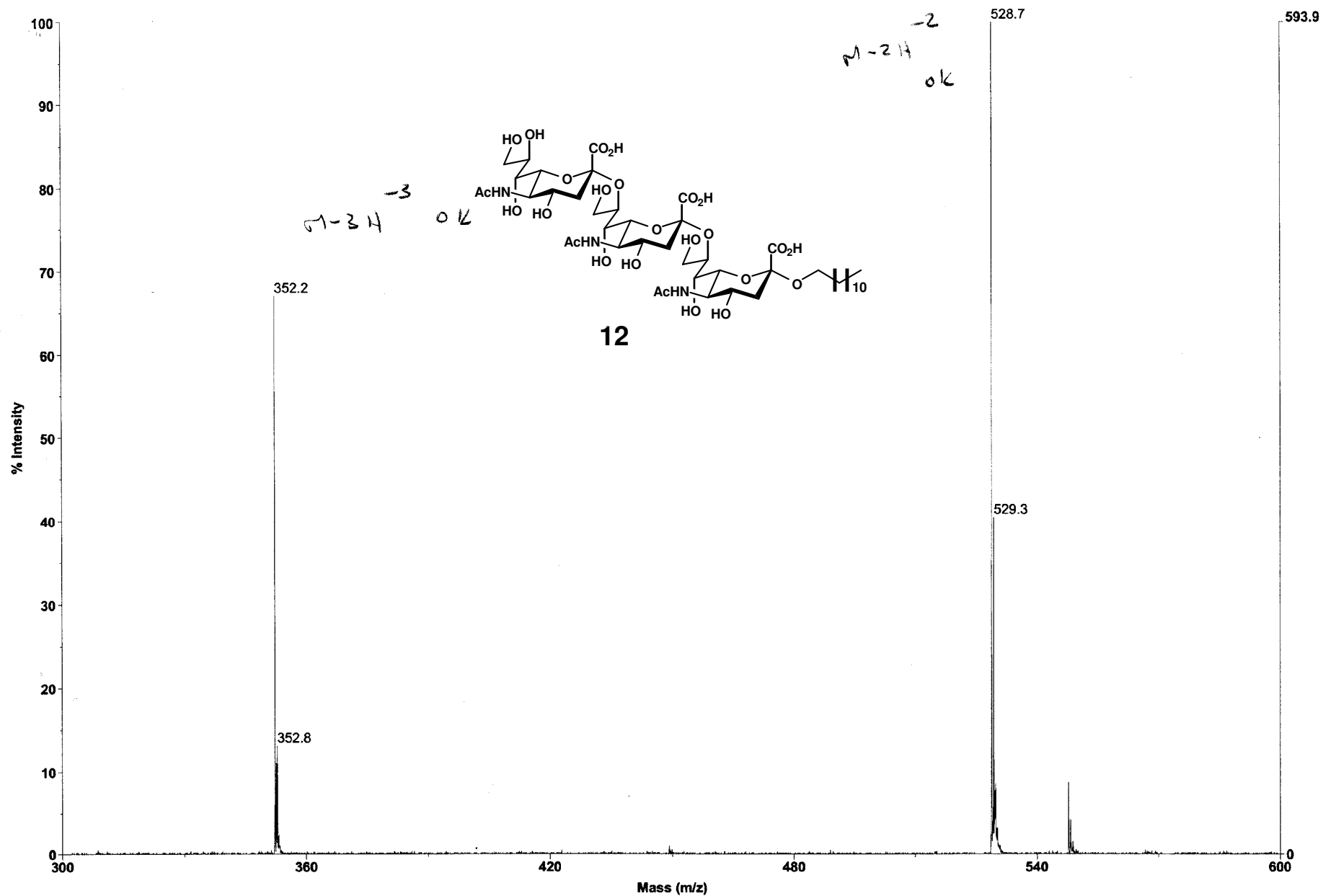
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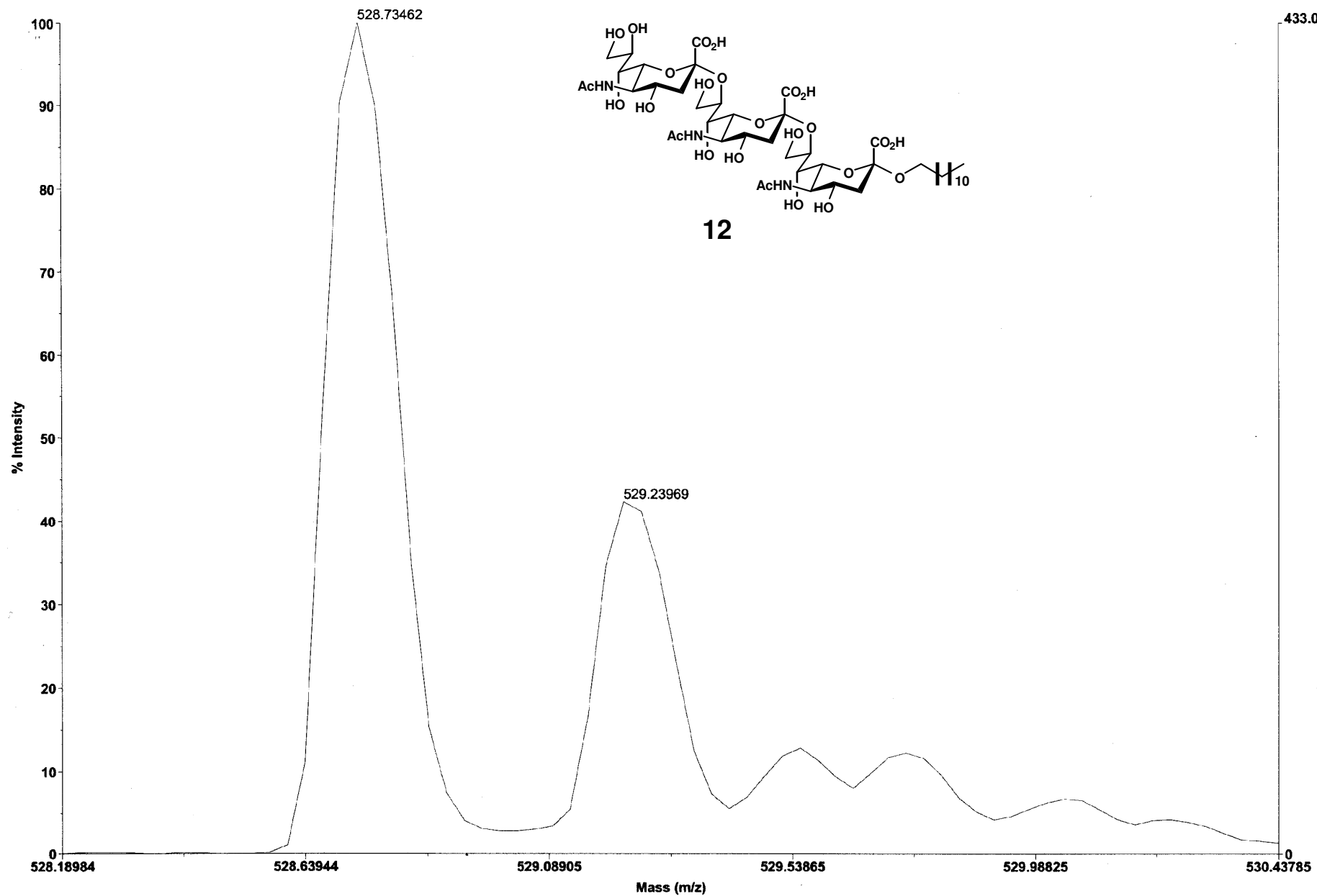
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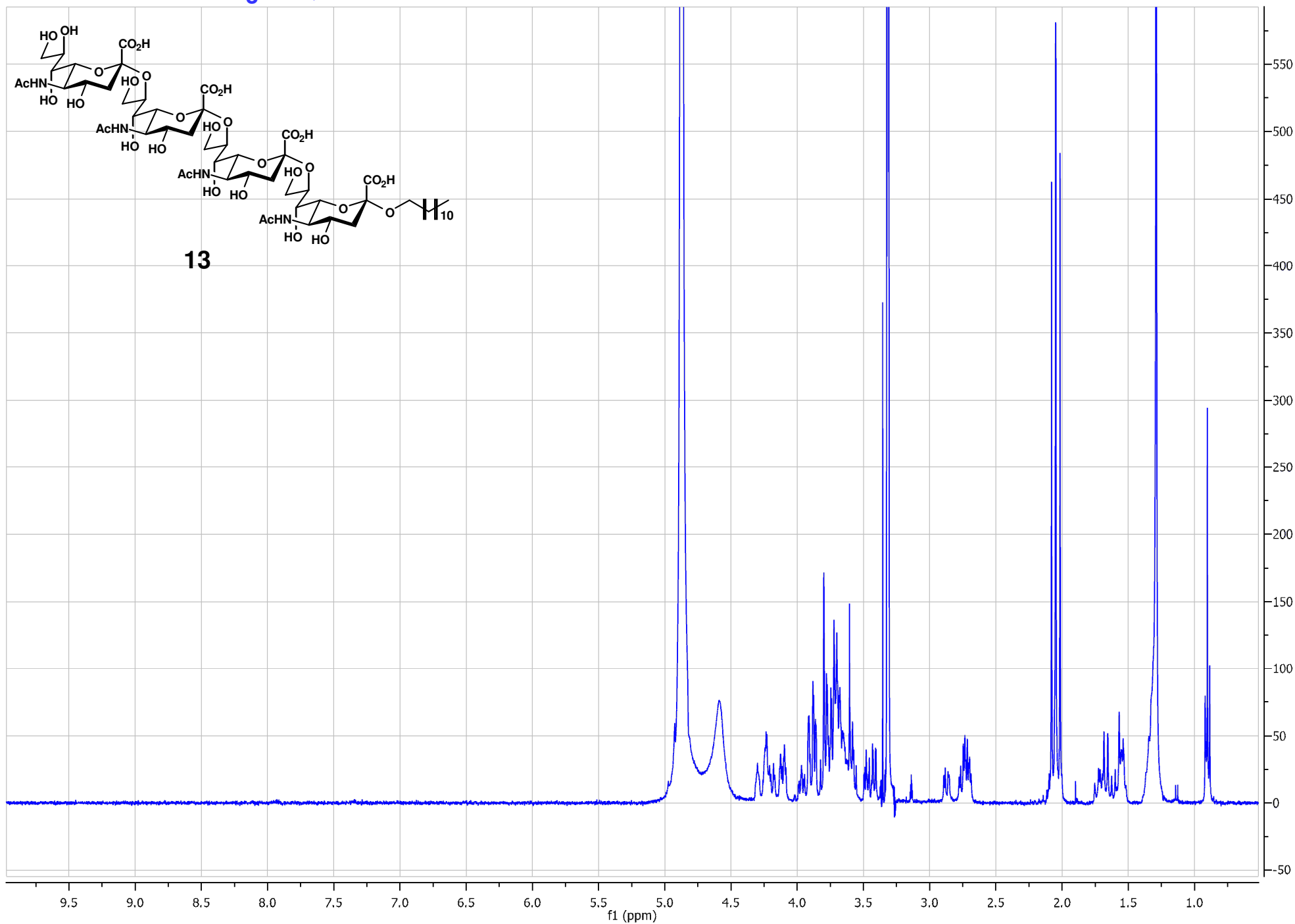
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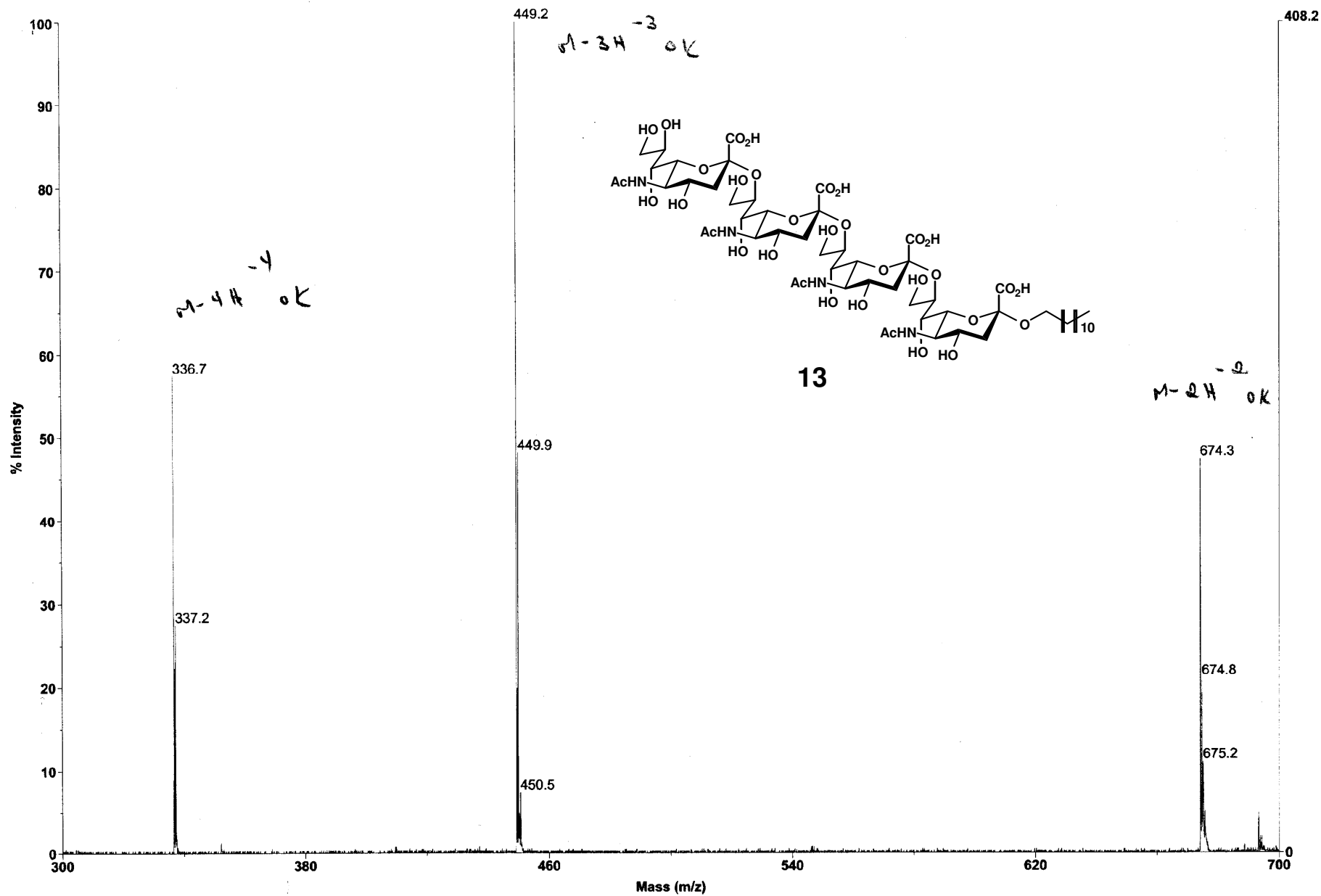
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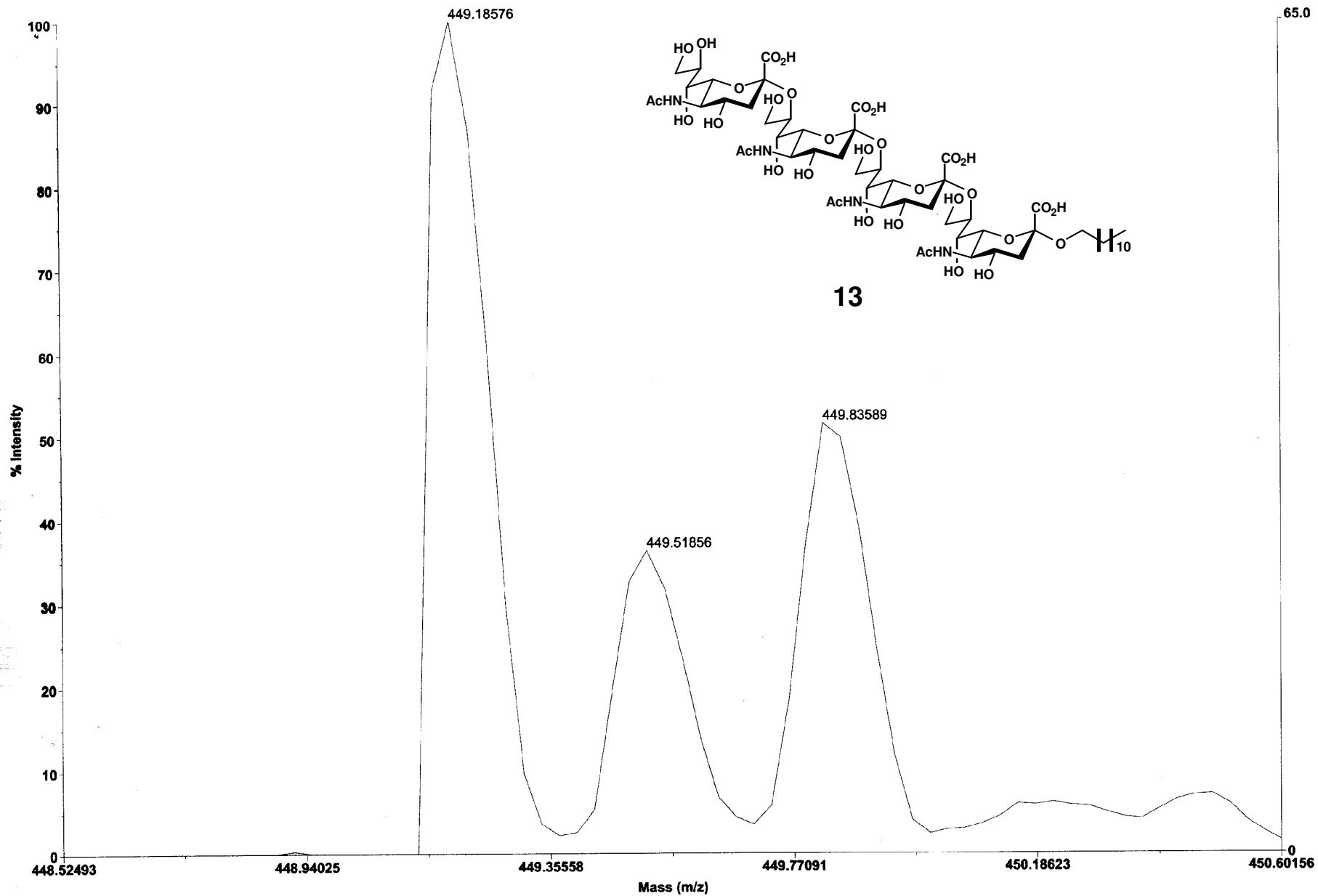
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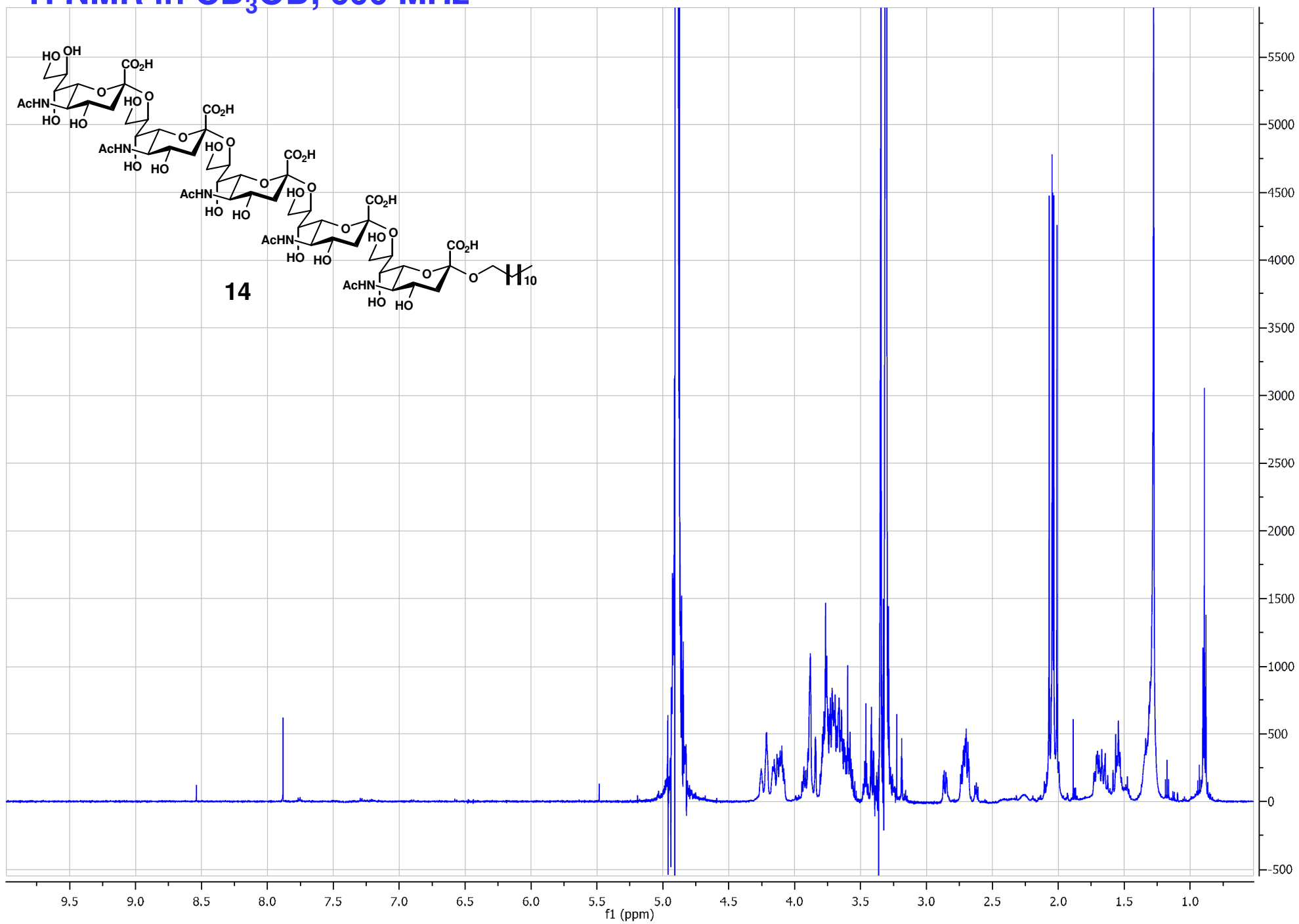
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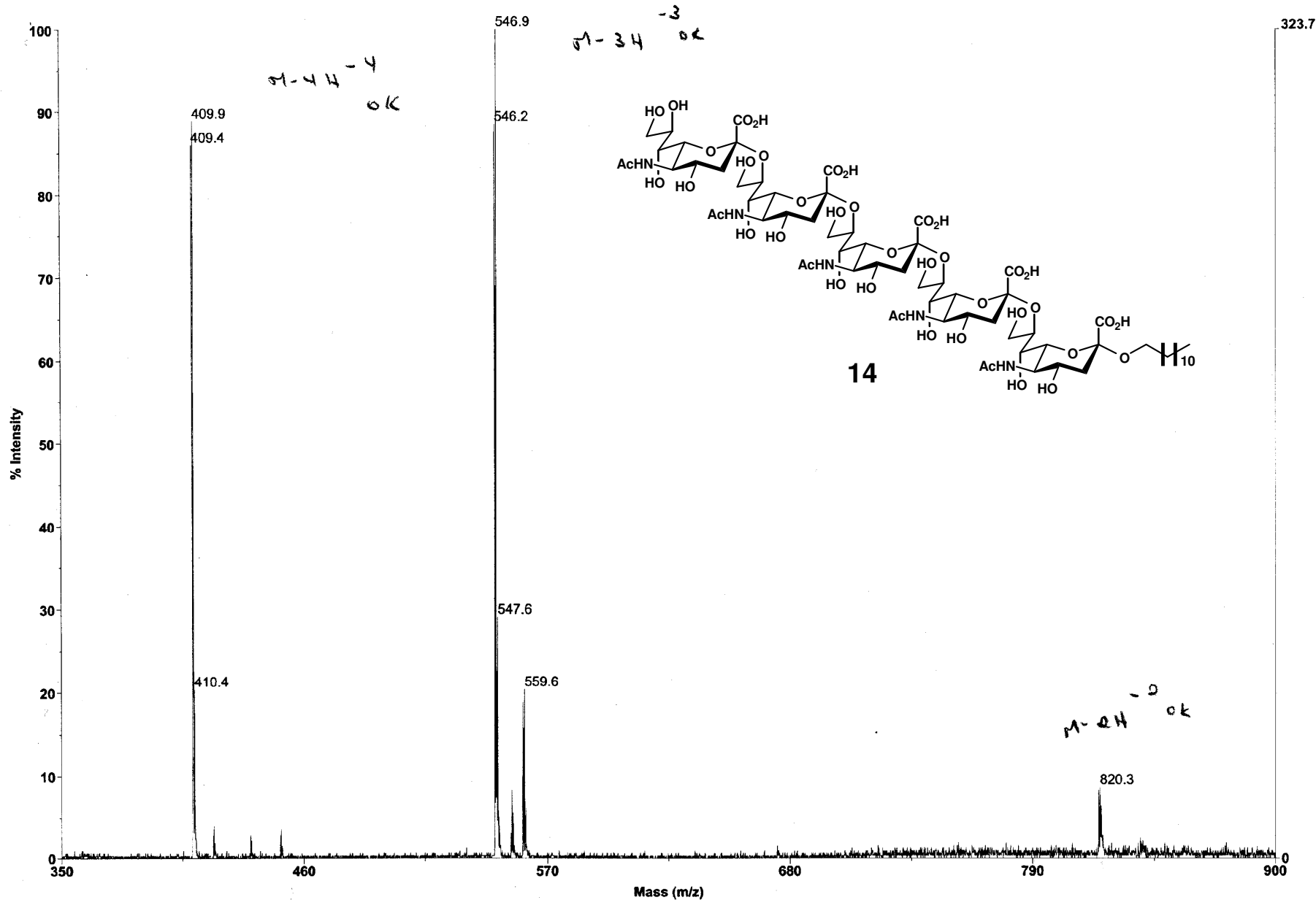
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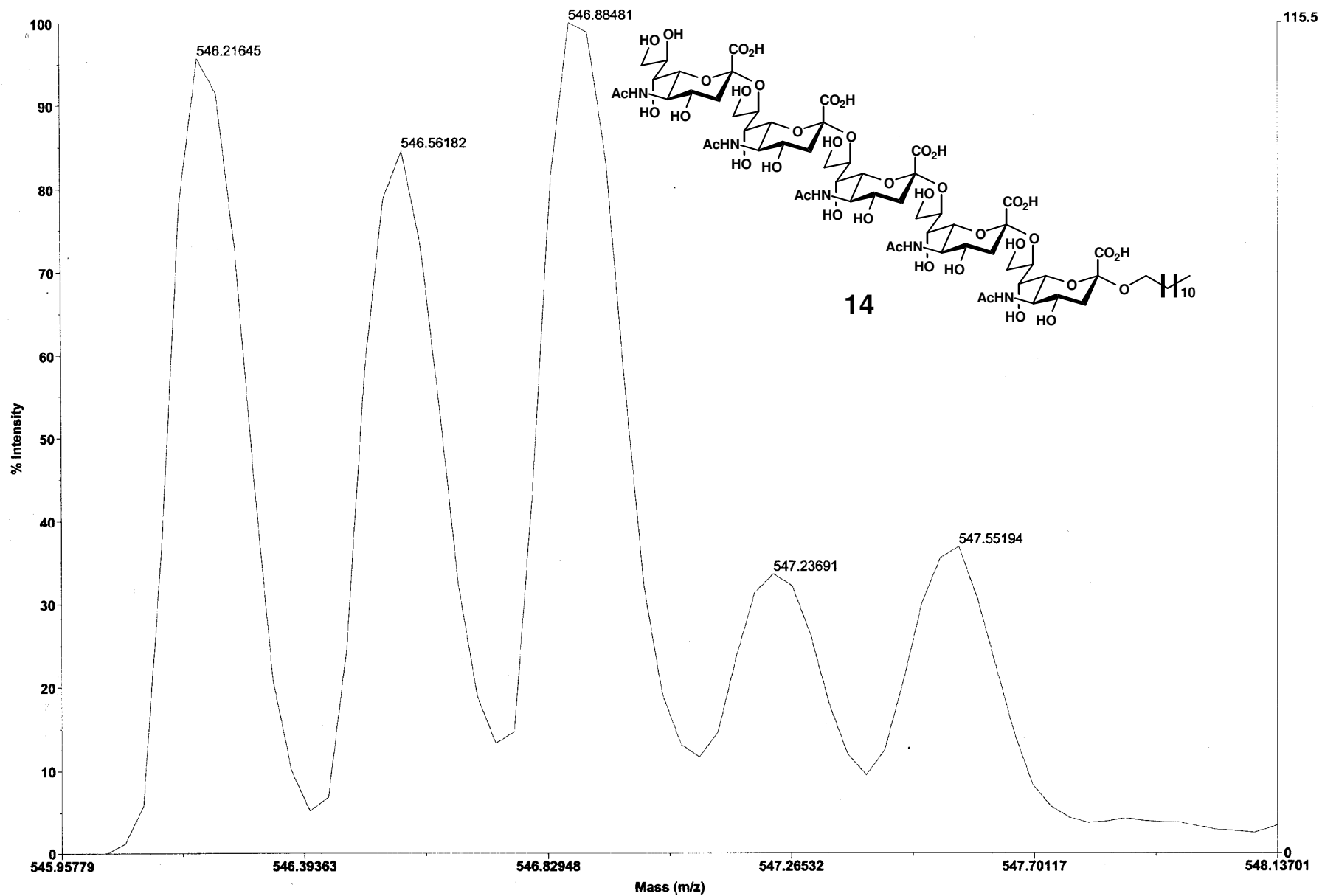
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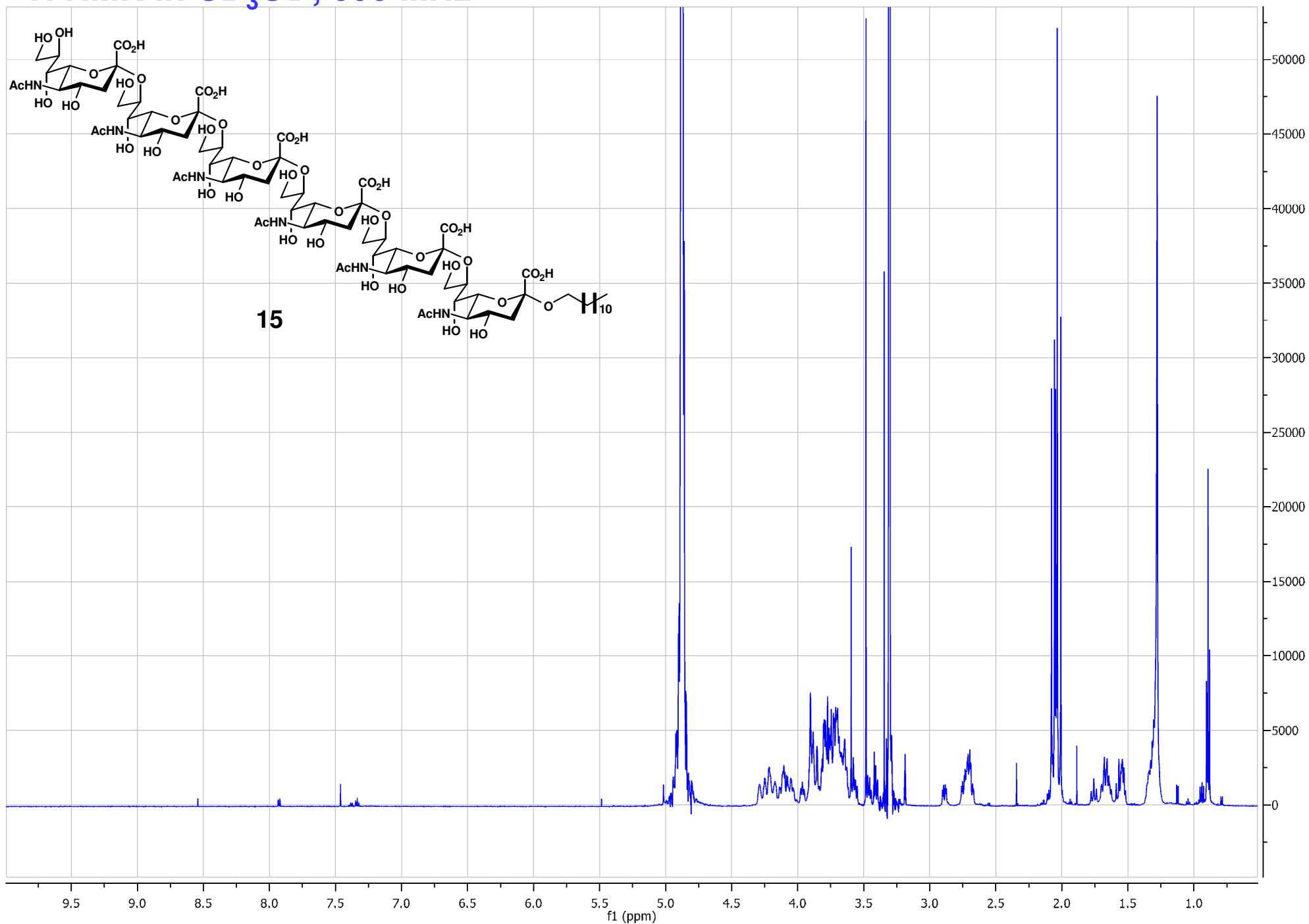
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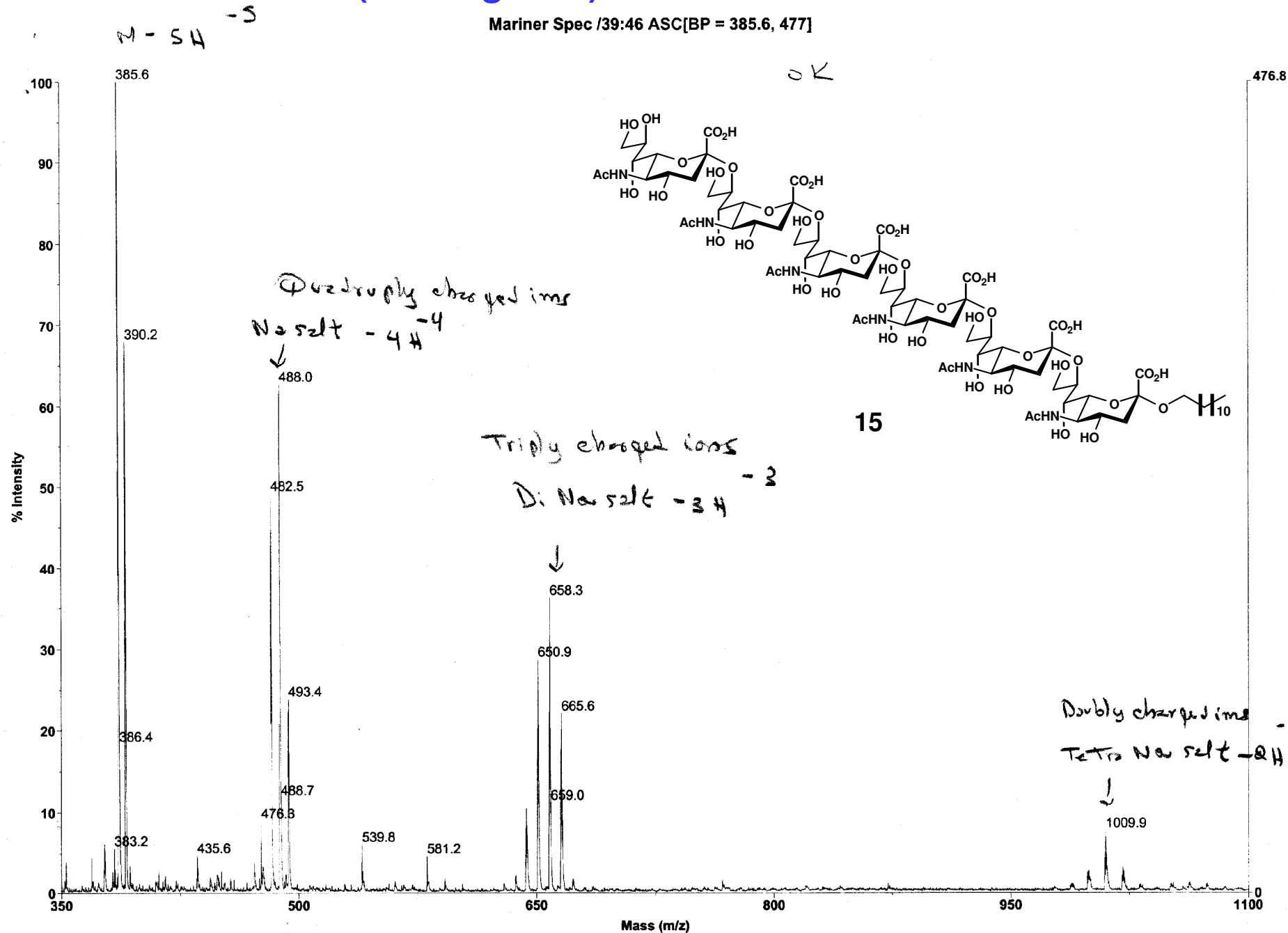


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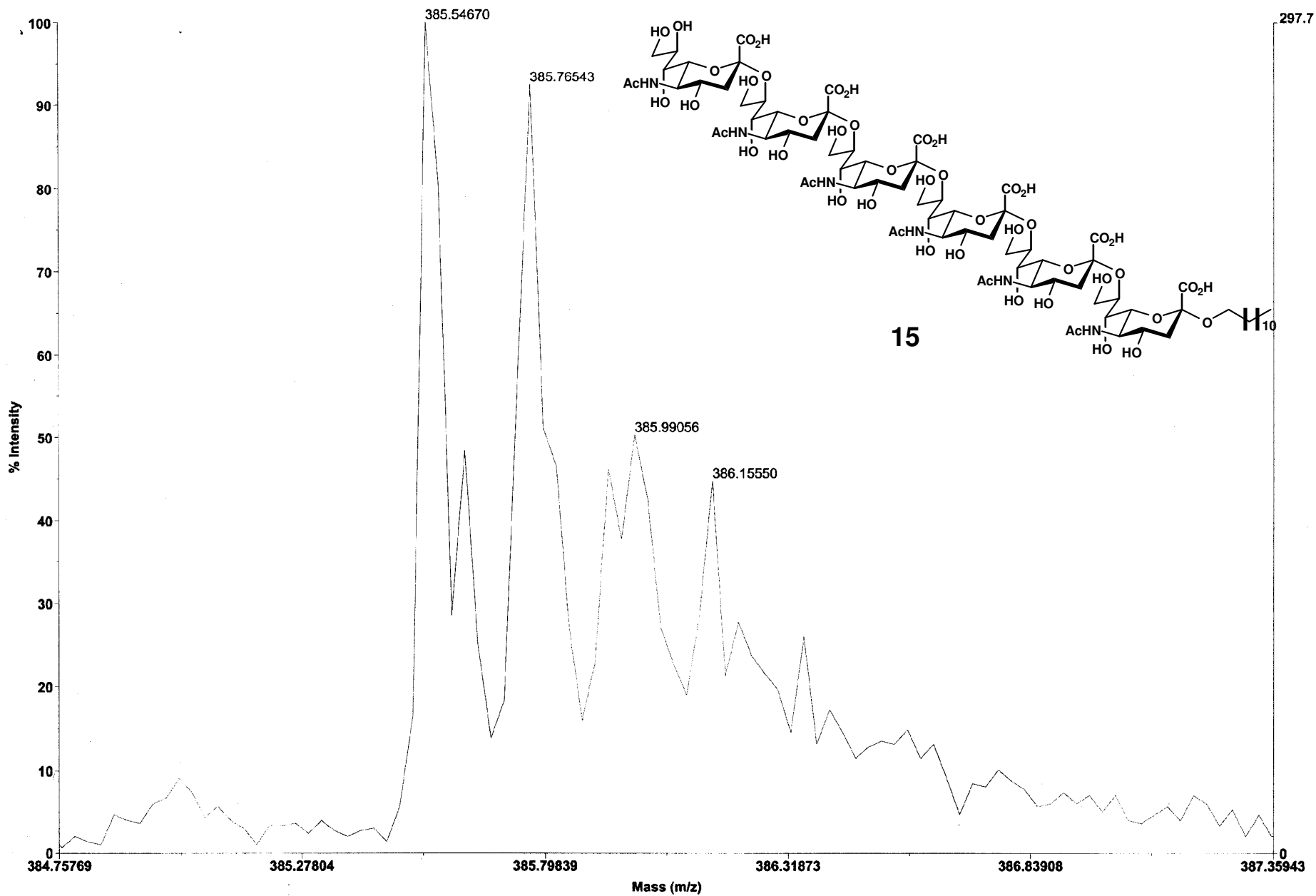
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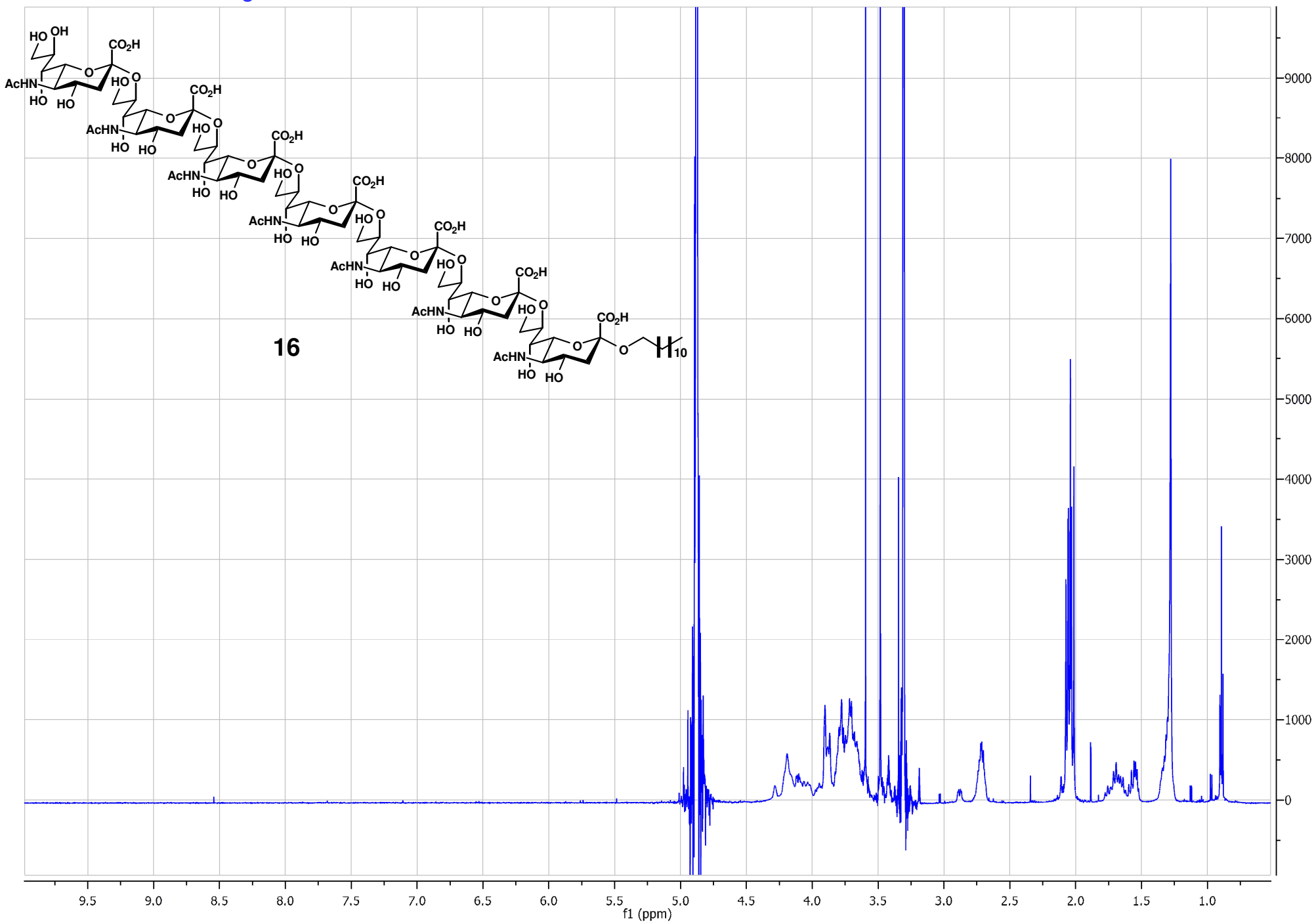
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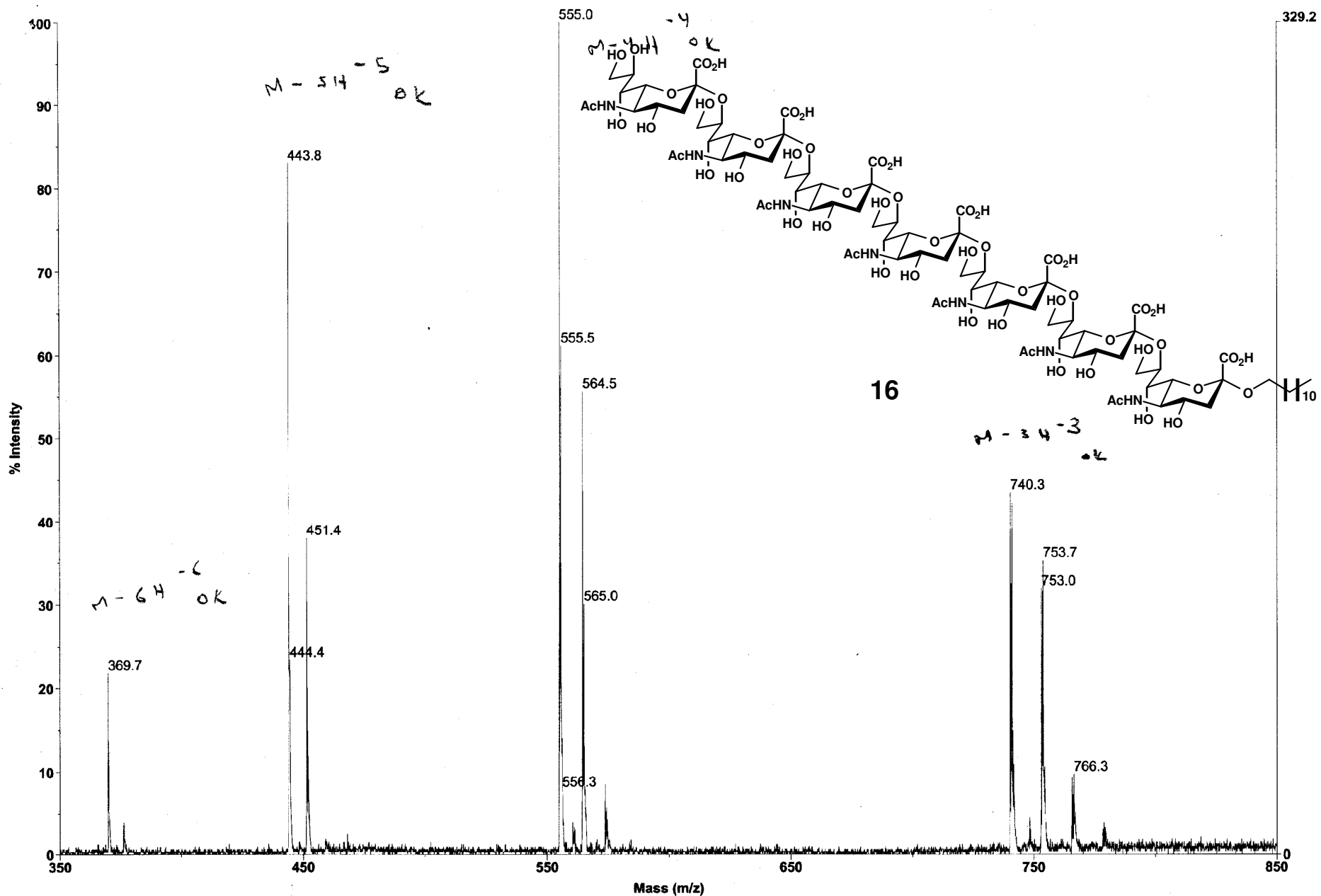
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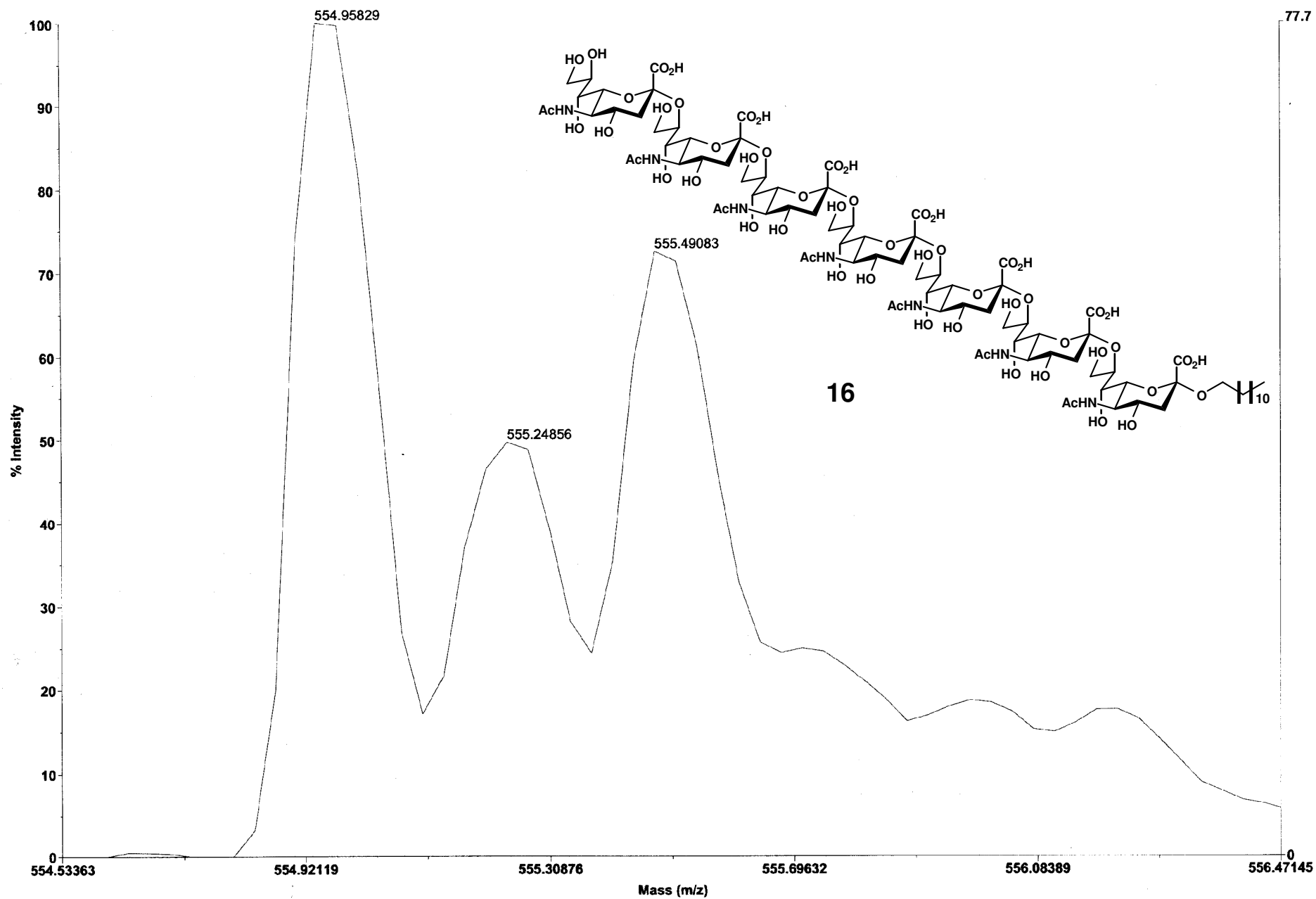
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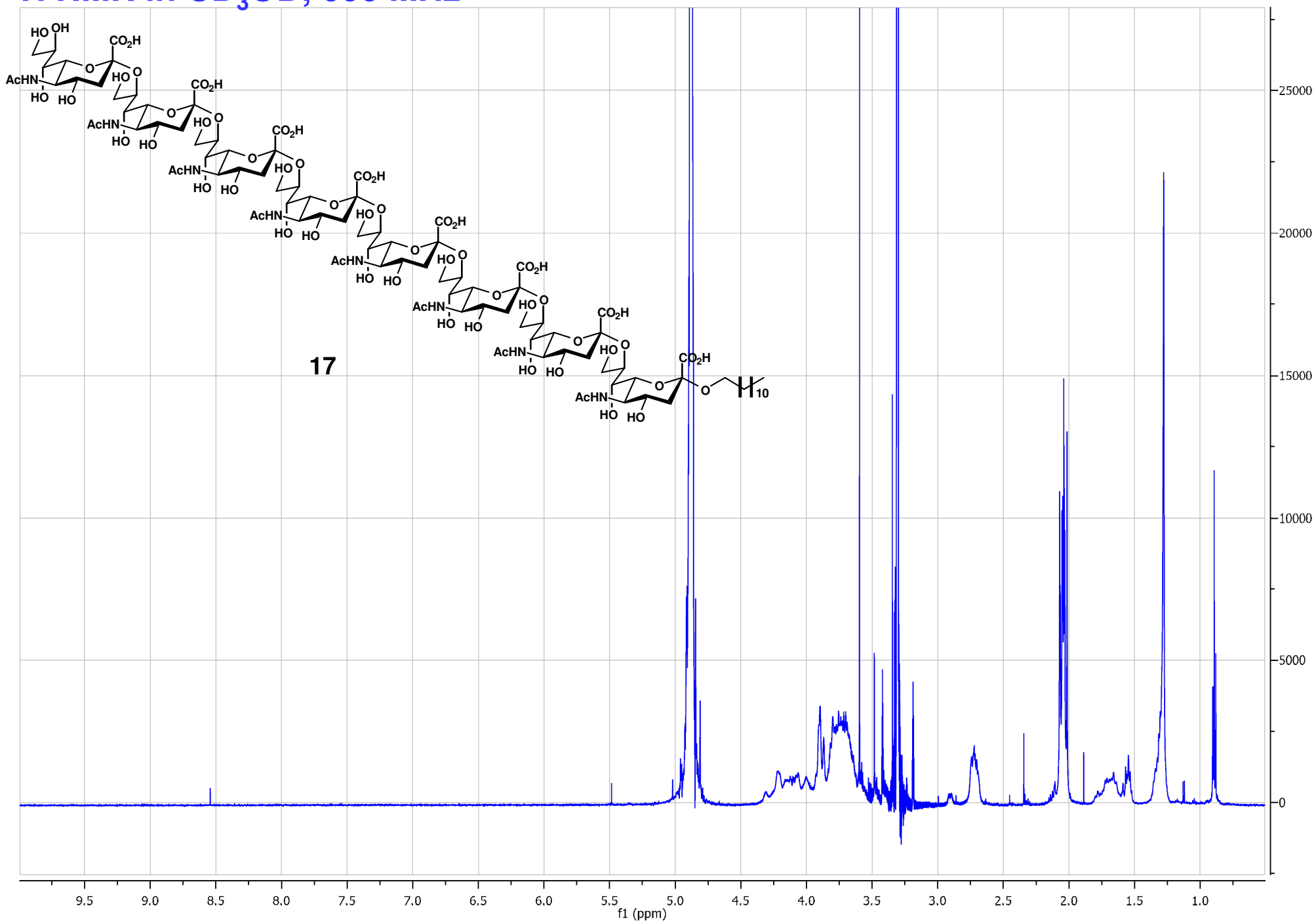
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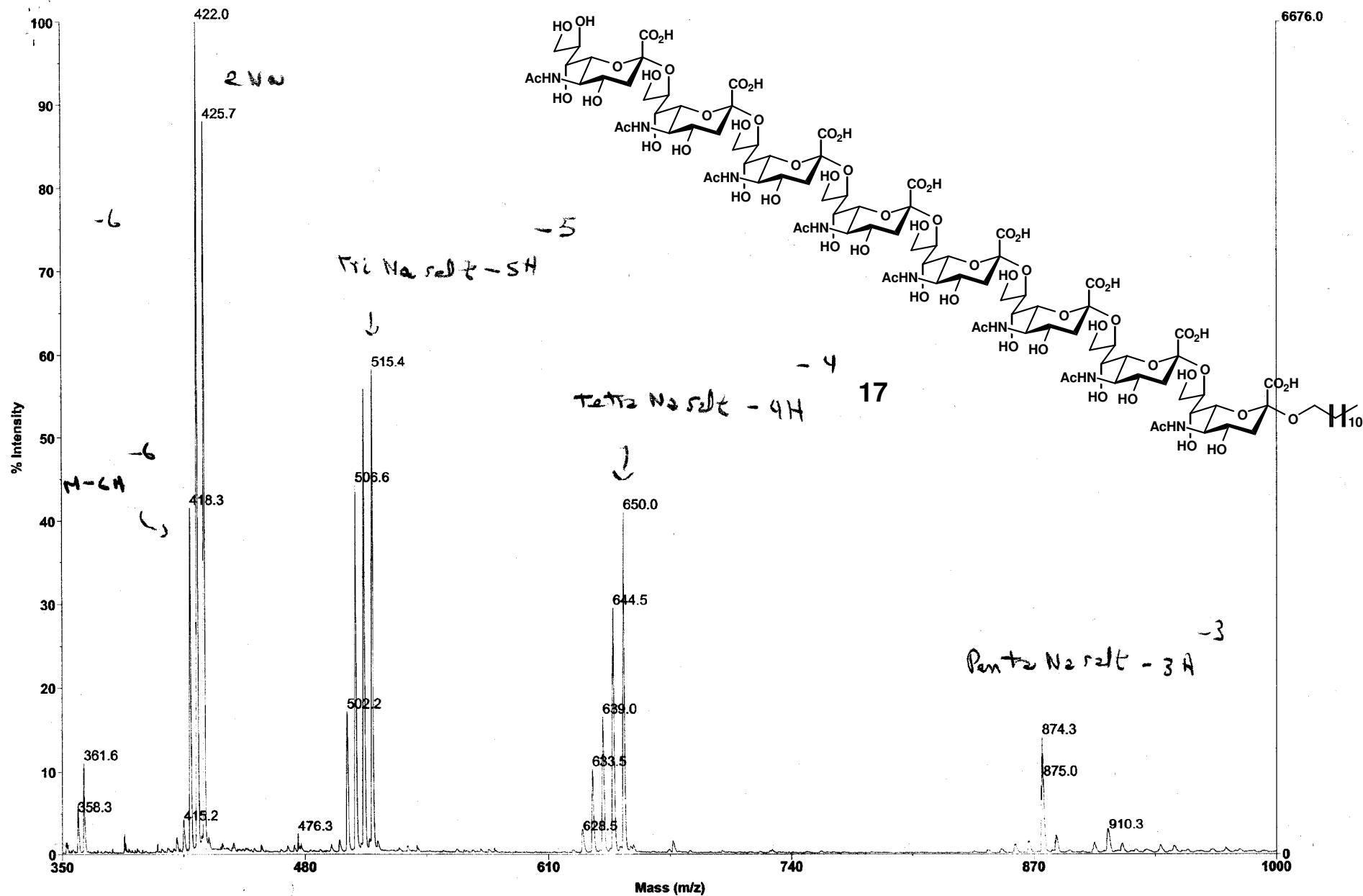
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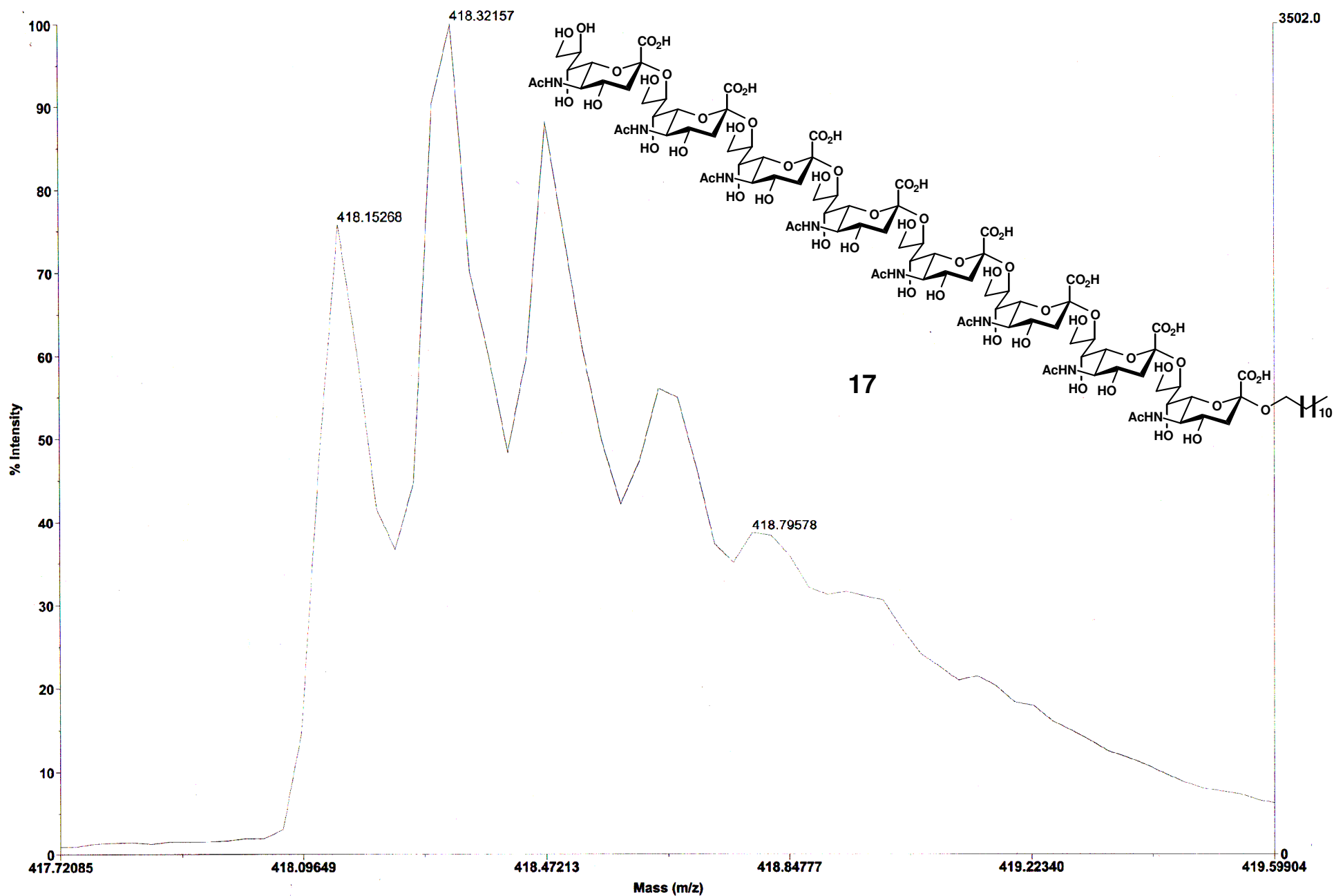
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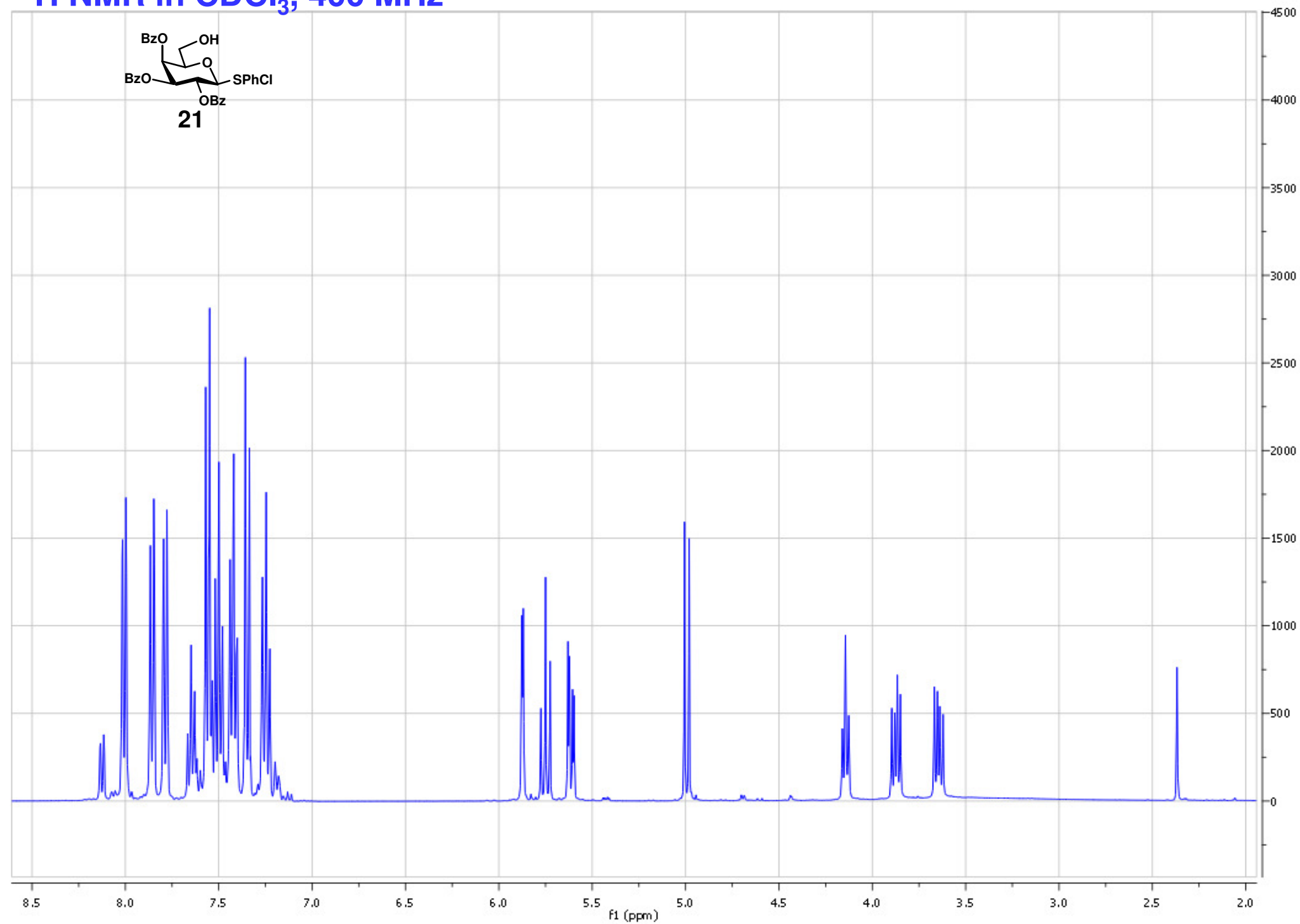
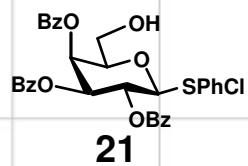
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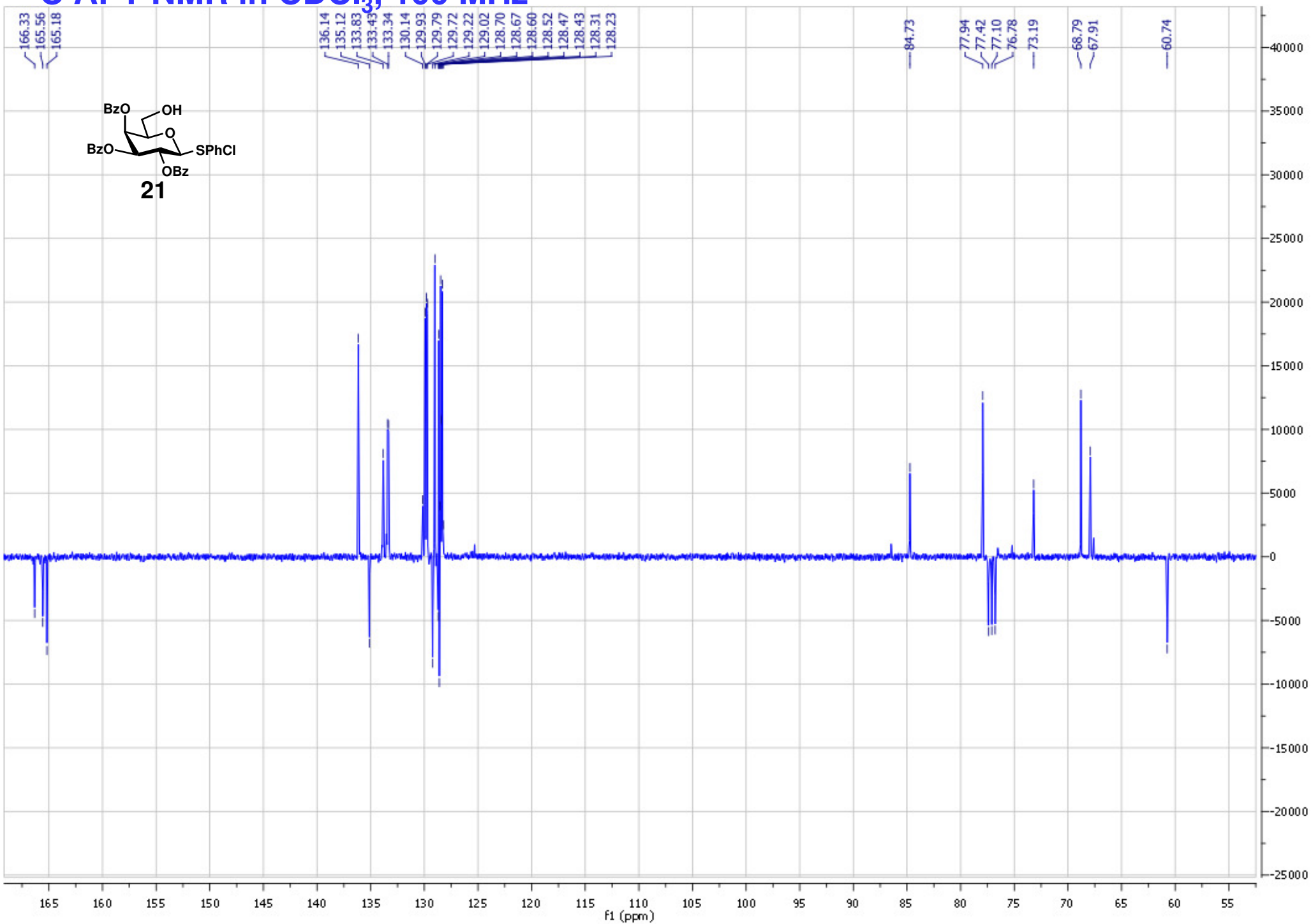


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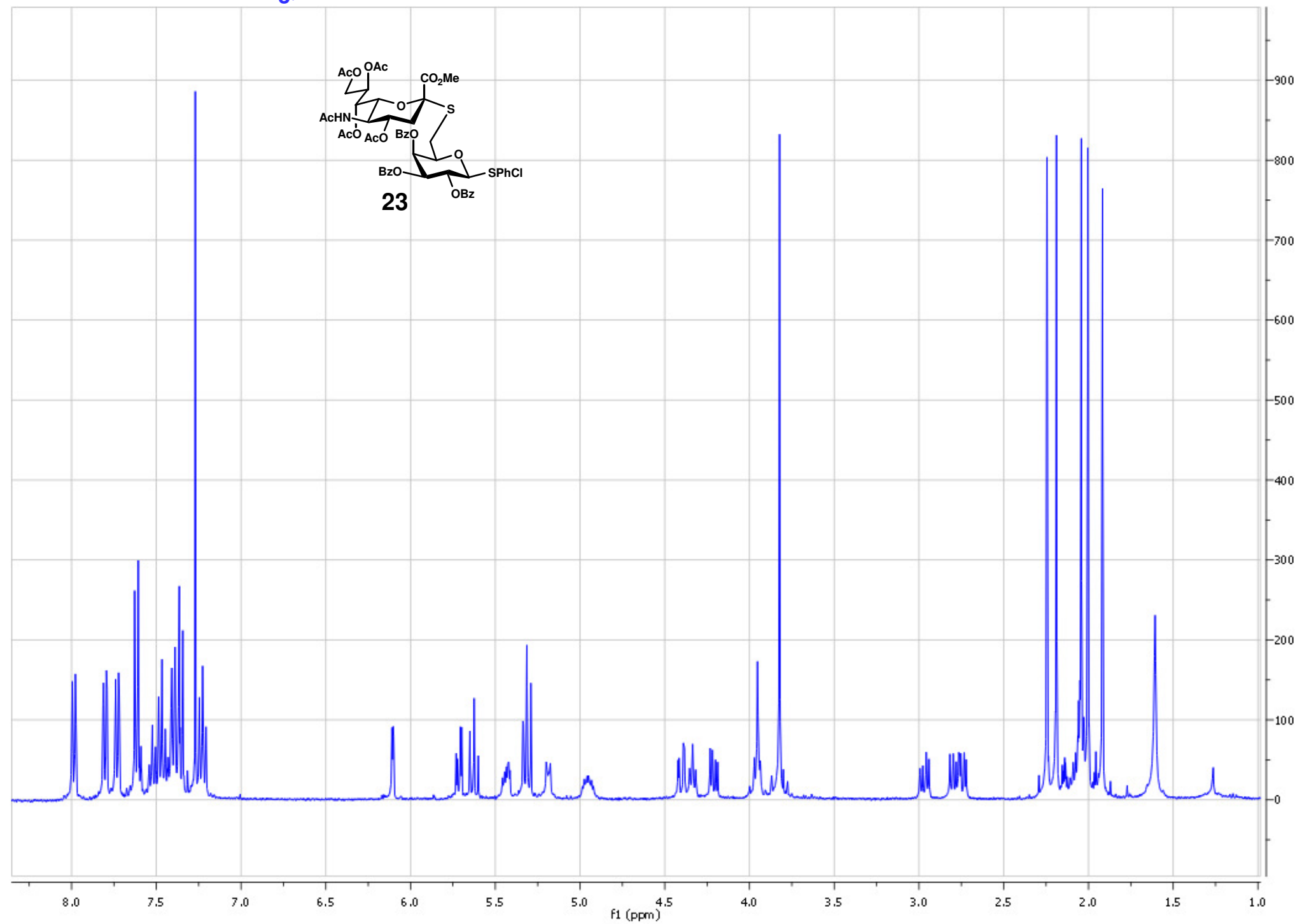
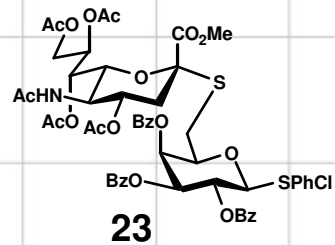
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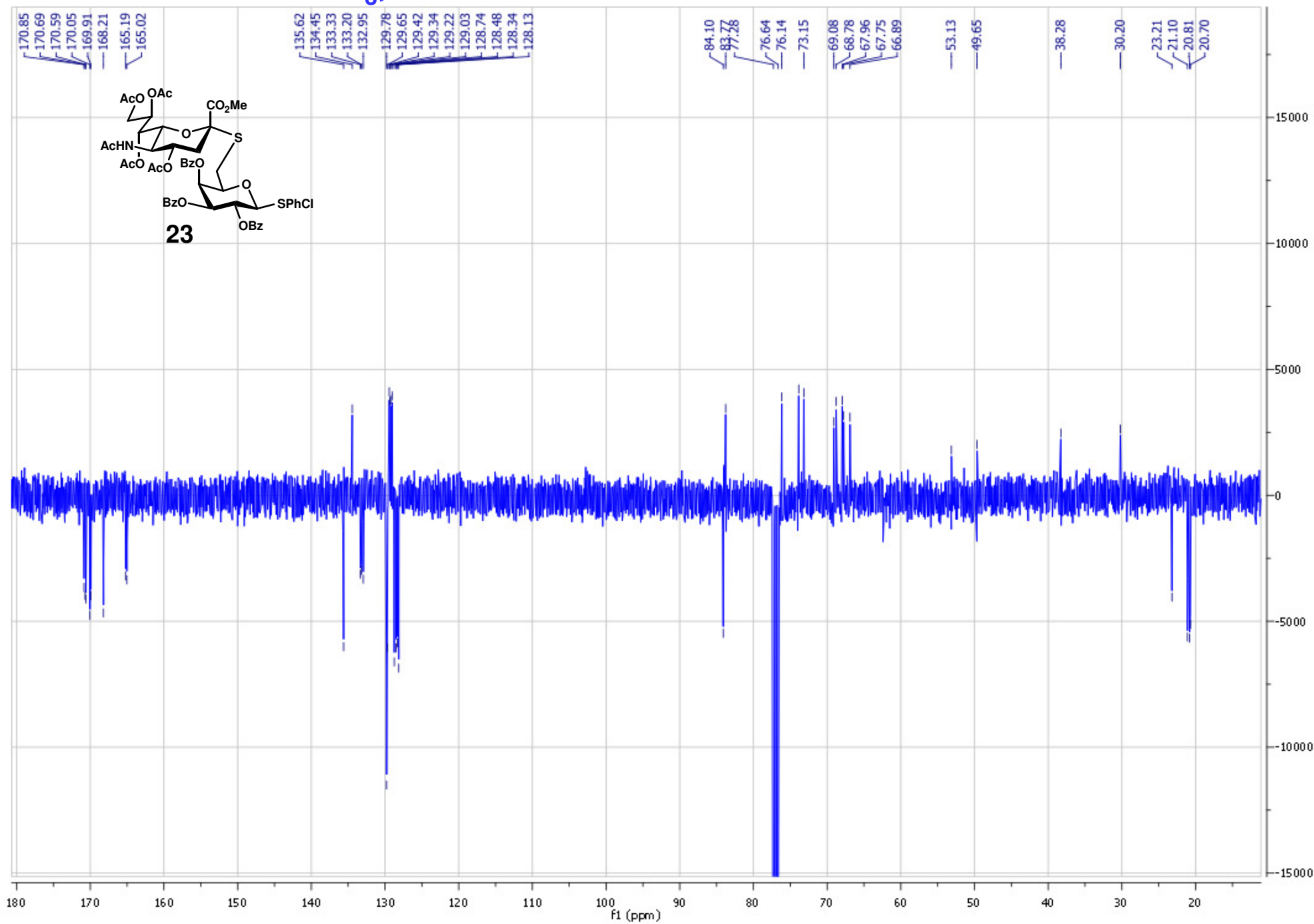
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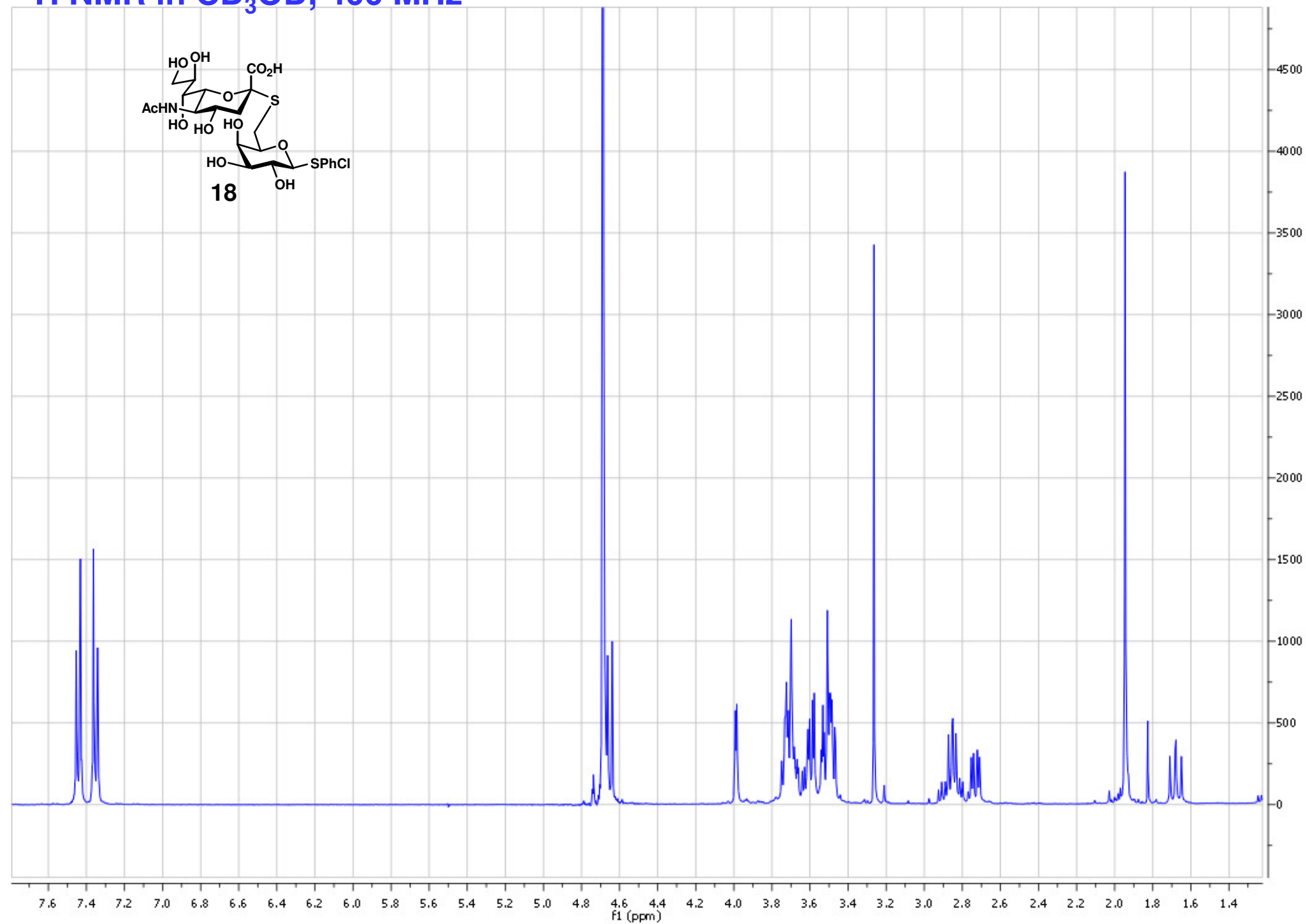
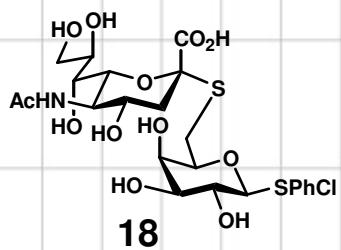
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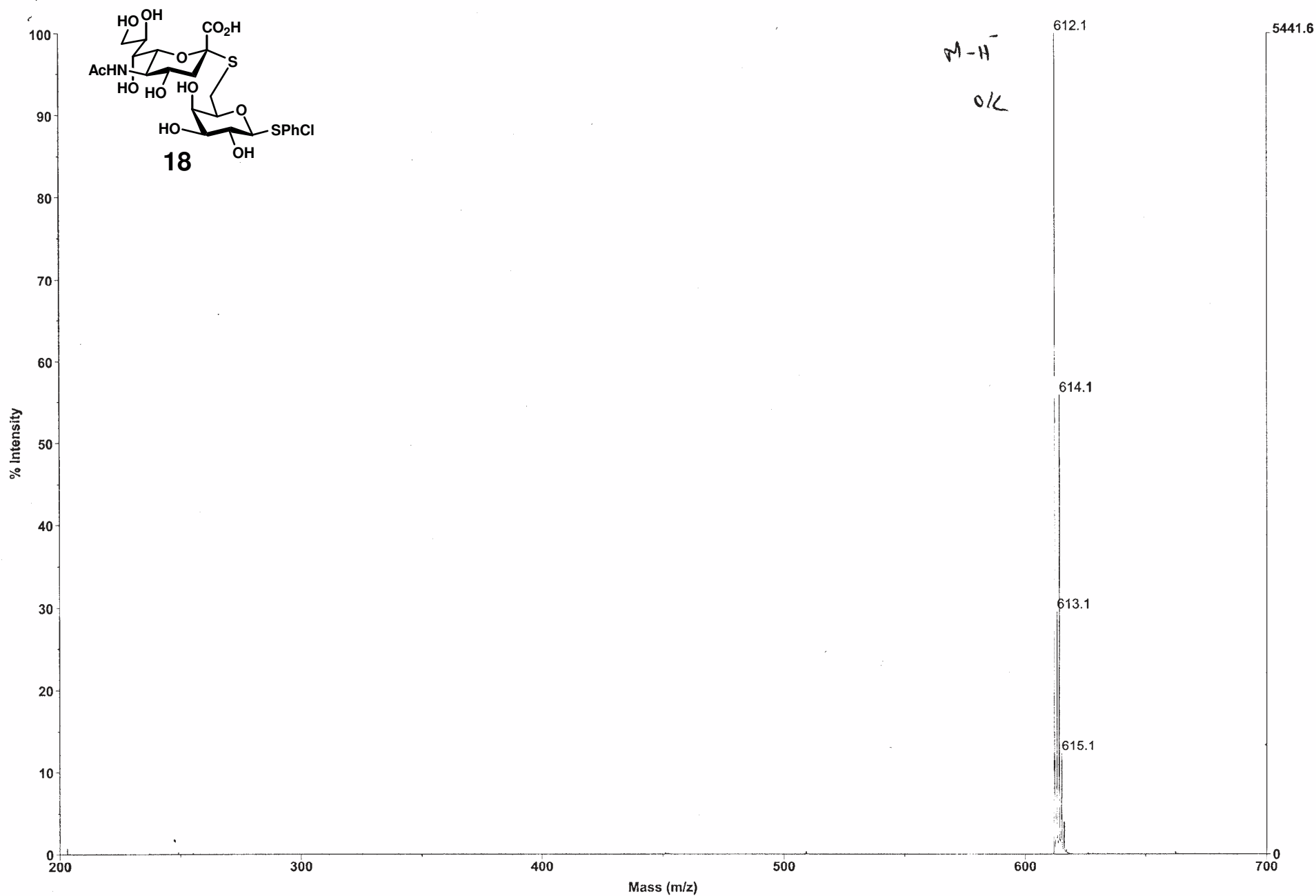


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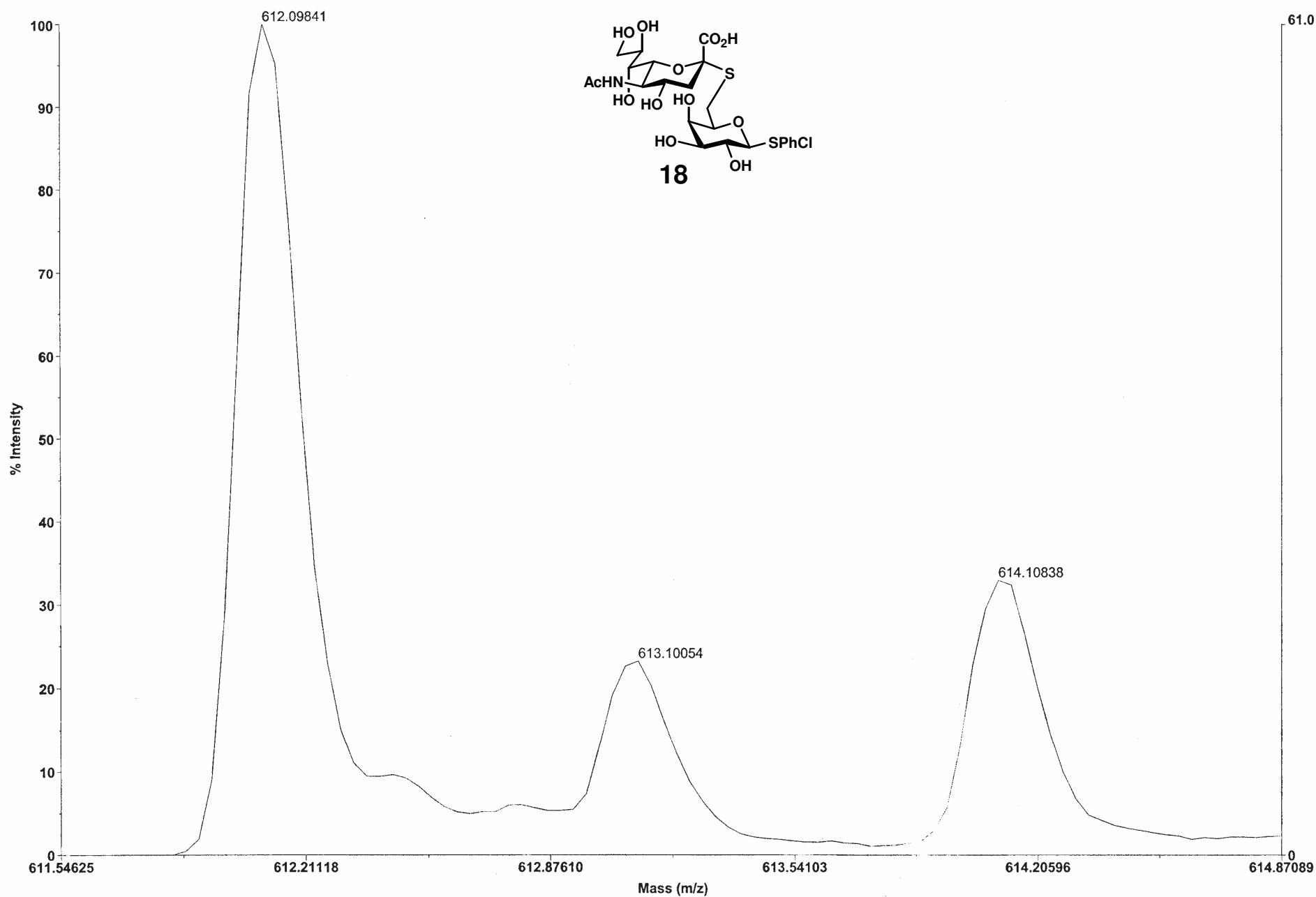
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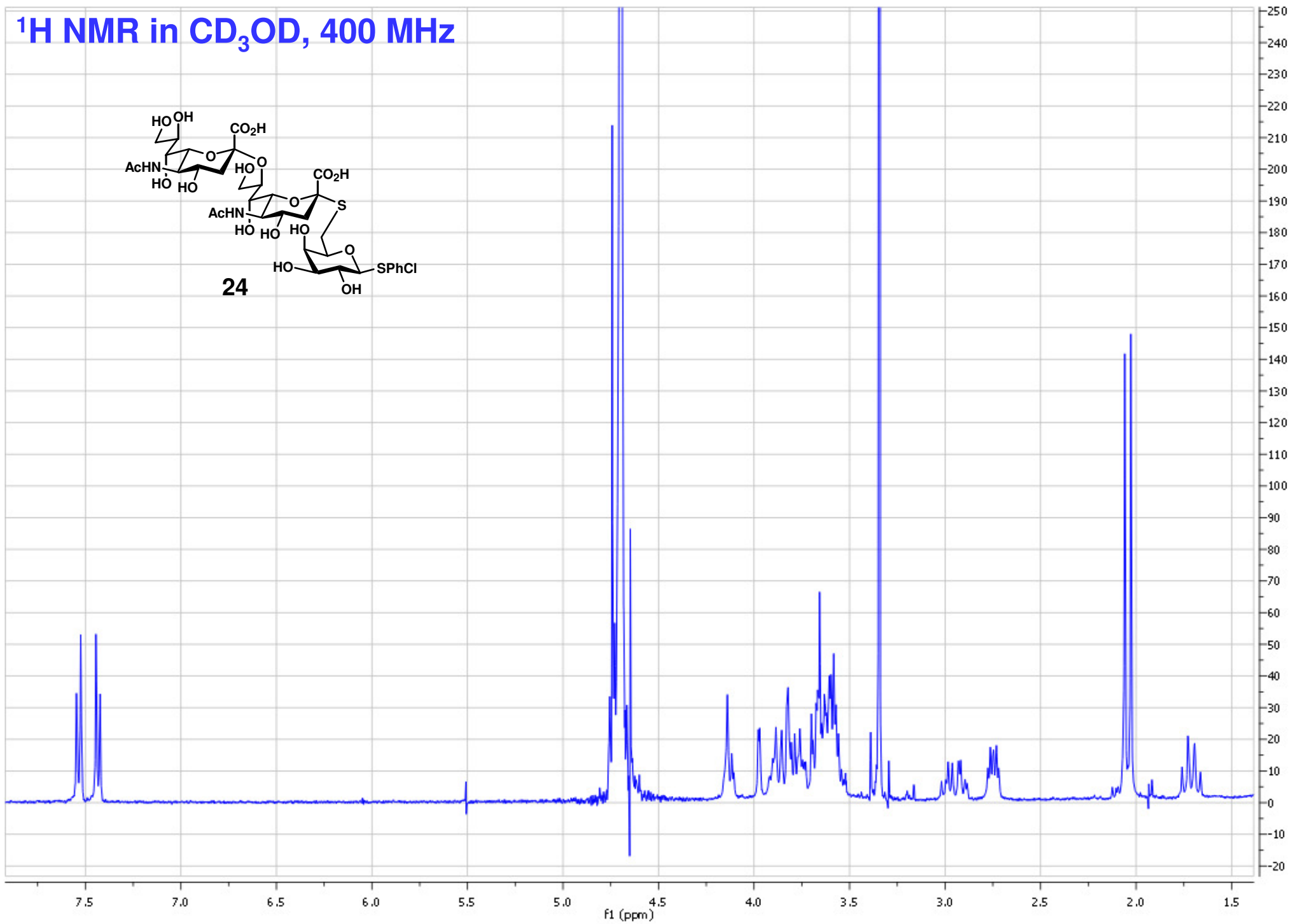
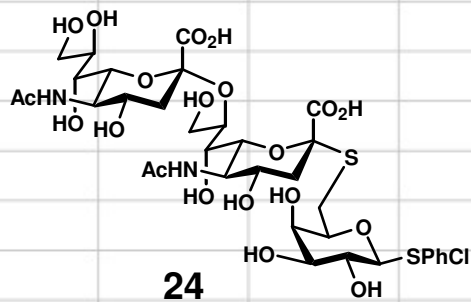
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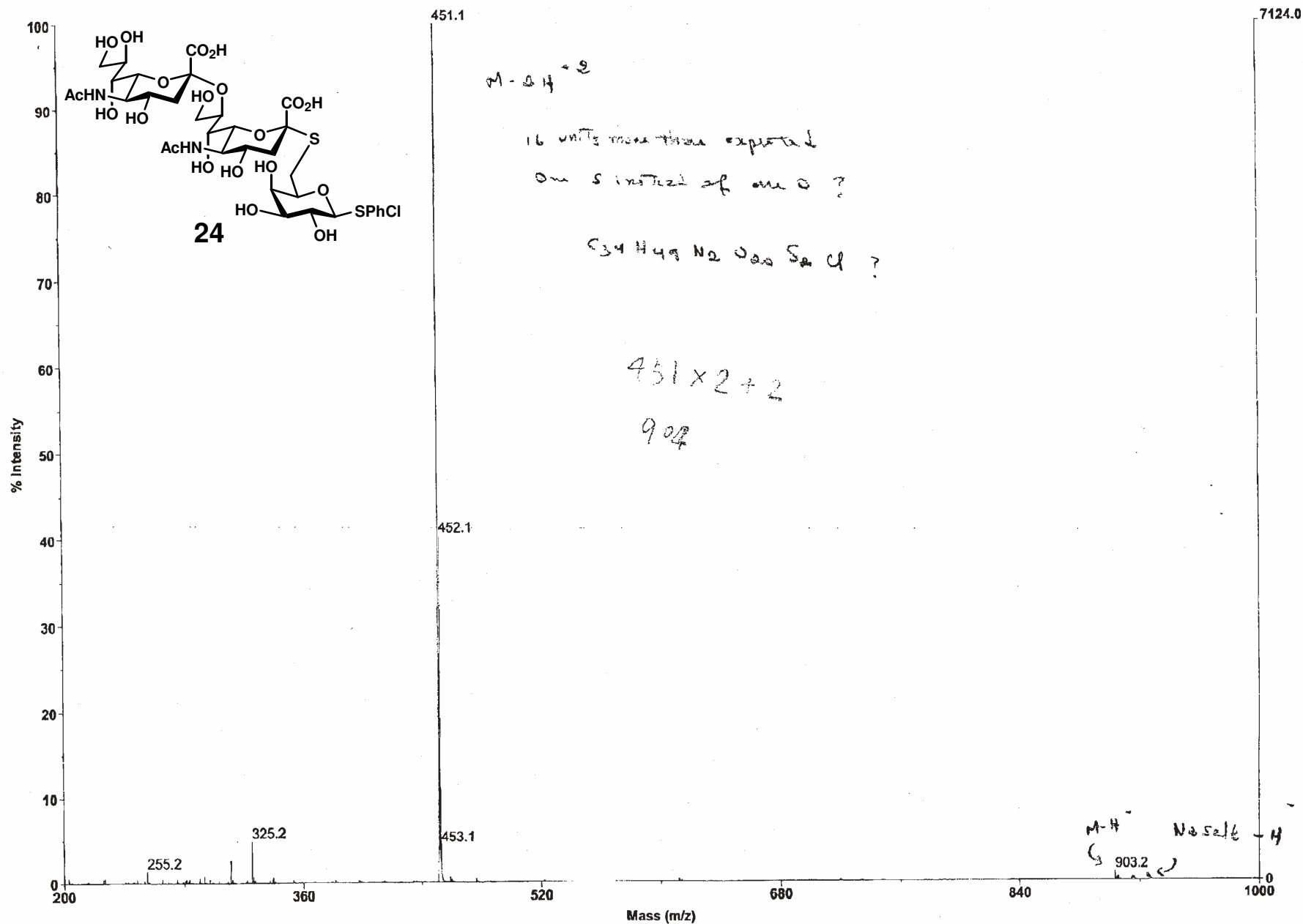
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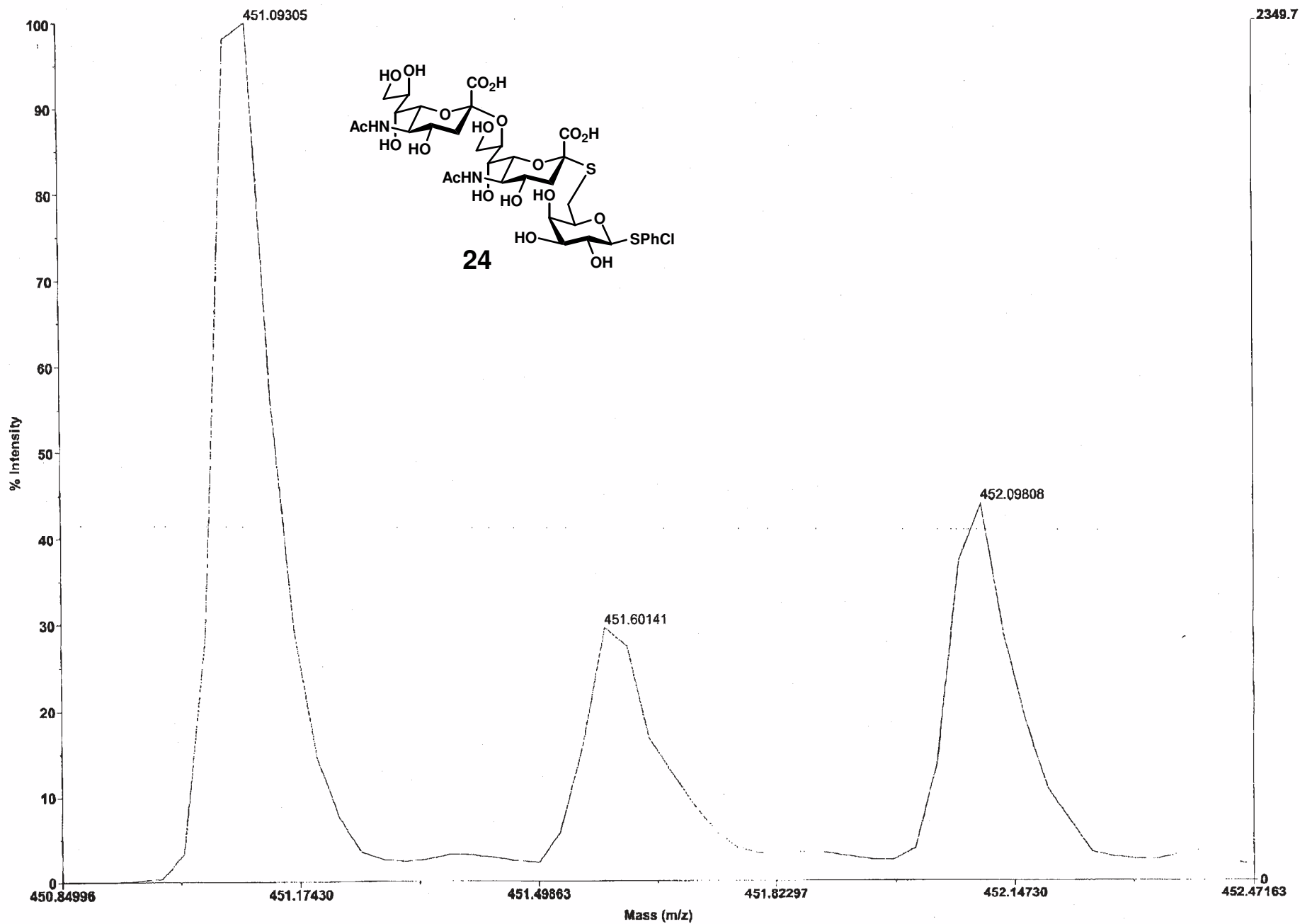
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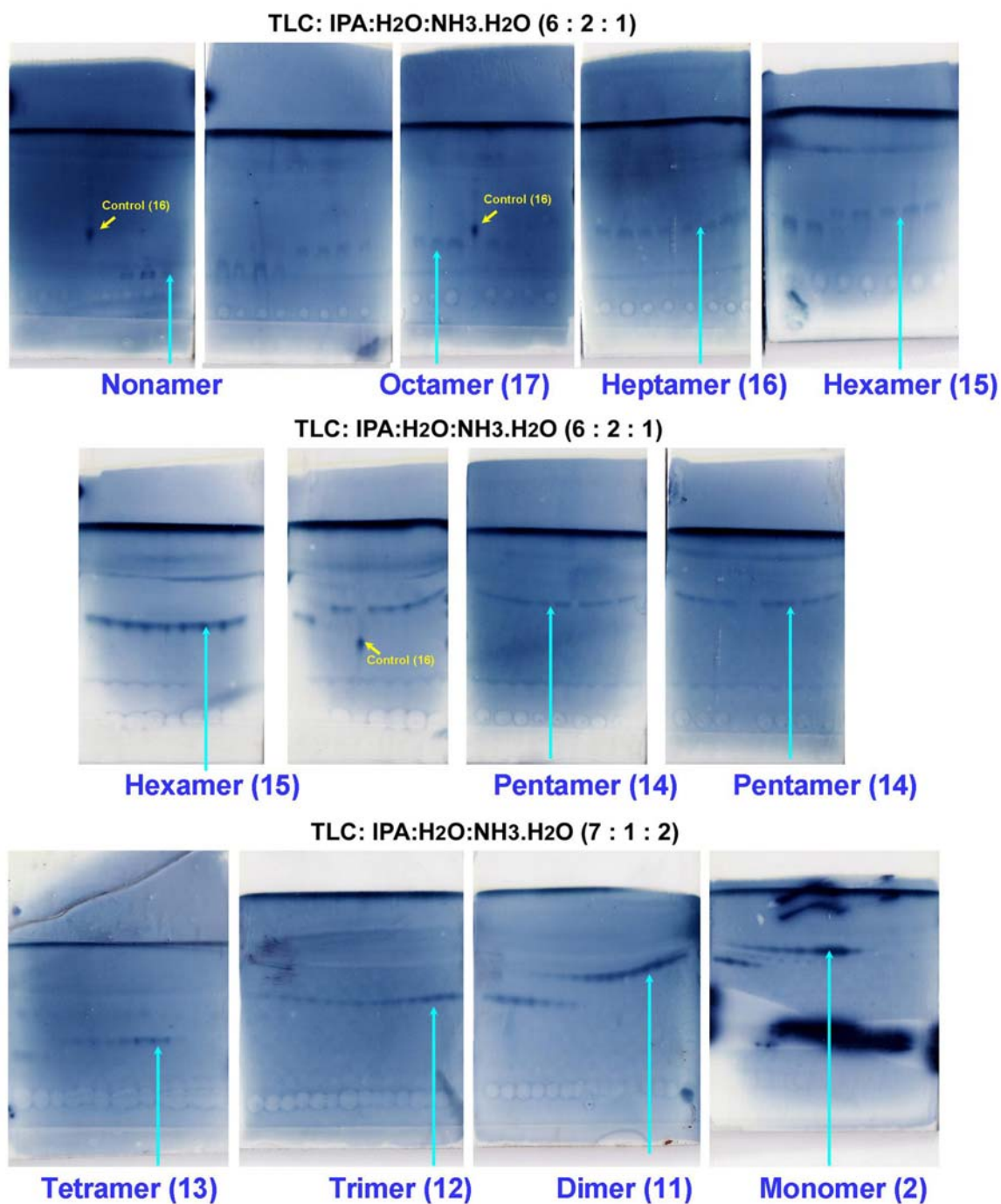
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TLC Profiles of Fractions from a Preparative Reverse Phase HPLC (C18)

Chemoenzymatic synthesis of $\alpha(2,8)$ -oligosialosides (11-17) using substrate 2.



All TLC's were visualized by immersion in a ceric ammonium molybdate dip and charred on a hot plate.