

A gram scale synthesis of a multi-¹³C-labelled anthocyanin, [6,8,10,3',5'-¹³C₅]cyanidin-3-glucoside, for use in oral tracer studies in humans

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Experimental Methods

General information

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 2000 (^1H 300 MHz, ^{13}C 75.45 MHz) or a Bruker Advance 400 (^1H 400 MHz, ^{13}C 100.16 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) in ppm are given relative to Me_4Si , coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FTIR spectrometer as KBr disc. Low resolution and high resolution electrospray mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass LC-T (time-of-flight). Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Analytical TLC was carried out on either Merck Silica 60 F₂₅₄ or Cellulose F or RP-18 F_{254S} plates. The components were observed under ultraviolet light (254 nm). [1,3- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]Acetone and diethyl [2- ^{13}C]malonate were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Diethyl [2- ^{13}C]malonate was dried over 4Å molecular sieve (flamed dried in advance) and distilled or dried over 4Å molecular sieve through a Soxhlet apparatus using anhydrous ethanol as azeotropic refluxing solvent. Anhydrous ethanol, *tert*-butanol, dichloromethane and acetonitrile were obtained by drying and distillation over calcium hydride and stored under argon. EtOAc was dried over calcium hydride. Other chemicals were used as delivered from Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa Aesar unless otherwise stated. All reactions were carried out in batches in the typical scales as described below under an argon atmosphere or in glassware flushed with argon in advance.

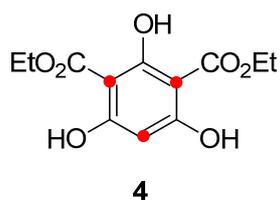
All labelled compounds show the expected coupling pattern in their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR. The enhanced peaks of the labelled carbons suppress the signals of other carbons so much that some of them, in particular the tertiary carbons coupled with the labelled one(s), are invisible in their ^{13}C NMR spectra. Only the observed resonances were listed.

HPLC analyses

HPLC analyses for the final reaction mixture and isolated fractions were carried out on a Waters HPLC system (Waters 600 pump), Waters 2700 Sample manager, Waters 2487 dual wavelengths absorbance detector. The HPLC system was operated using a Phenomenex Kingsorb C-18 analytical column (250 × 4.6 mm, 3 μm) equipped with a security guard cartridge. Mobile phase consisted of 5% formic acid in water (A) and 5% formic acid in acetonitrile (B). The program ran a linear gradient from 2 to 25% B in 15 min, 45% B in 20 min and 100% B in 30 min and 2% B in 35 min followed by isocratic conditions with 2% B for 5 min to equilibrate the column. Peaks were detected at 525 nm at a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min.

The purity of [¹³C₅]C3G **1** was analysed on a system optimised exclusively for anthocyanines. Column: Eclipse XDB-C18 4.6 × 150 μm; Mobile phase: 0.5% formic acid in water (A) and 0.5% formic acid in MeOH (B); Gradient: 2% B at 0 min, 20% B in 4 min, 80% B in 6 min, 90% B in 8 min, 100% B in 10–14 min, 0.5% B in 15–18 min; Flow rate: 1 ml/min; Injection volume: 5.0 μl; Sample concentration: 50 μM of [¹³C₅]C3G **1** in 0.01% DMSO in 0.01% formic acid vv 100% methanol. Wavelength: 525 nm.

Diethyl 2,4,6-trihydroxy-[1,3,5-¹³C₃]isophthalate **4**.¹

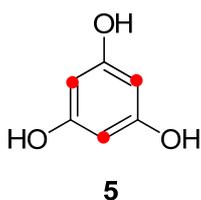


Diethyl [2-¹³C]malonate (31.5 g, 195 mmol) was added to a freshly prepared solution (63 mL) of sodium ethoxide prepared by the addition of sodium metal (2.58 g, 112 mmol) into anhydrous EtOH (63 mL). The mixture was heated at 135–138°C for 48 h, cooled and acidified with 15% of HCl. The solid precipitate was filtered, washed with cold EtOH and Et₂O and dried at 40°C for 16 h to give the product as off-white solid. Yield: 4.8 g, 27%. m. p. 101–103°C (unlabelled counterpart 108–109°C, Lit. for unlabelled² 106–107 °C). ν_{\max} (KBr disc) 3340 (OH), 1646 (C=O), 1577 (Ar C=C), 1249, 1166 (CO₂Et); δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 11.84 (br s, 1H, OH), 11.30 (v br s, 2H,

2 × OH), 6.06 (dt, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 166.6 Hz, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 5.4 Hz, H-5); 4.51 (q, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.2 Hz, 2 × CH₂), 1.46 (t, 6H, J 7.2 Hz, 2 × CH₃); δ_{C} (100.16 MHz, CDCl₃) 97.0 (t enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 3.3 Hz, ^{13}C -5), 94.8 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 3.0 Hz, ^{13}C -1 and ^{13}C -3), 62.6, 14.5, other carbon signals are suppressed. m/z (ES⁺) 296 [M + Na]⁺; HRMS (ES⁺) 296.0748, $^{13}\text{C}_3\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ requires 296.0738.

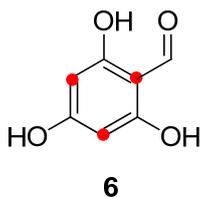
After collection of the product, the filtrate was saturated with sodium chloride and extracted into EtOAc (three times). The combined extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent removed. The opaque oil was diluted with diethyl ether and filtered to remove any solid particulate. The filtrate was evaporated to recover unreacted starting material (6.9 g, recovery rate 22%) as a brown oil, which could then be recycled.

1,3,5-Trihydroxy-[2,4,6- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]benzene **5**.¹



Diethyl 2,4,6-trihydroxy-[1,3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]isophthalate **4** (6.0 g, 21.96 mmol) was added to 60% aqueous potassium hydroxide (24.5 g of potassium hydroxide in 17 mL of water) solution. The mixture was heated at 130°C for 2 h. After cooling to RT, the mixture was acidified with ice cold aq. HCl (15%). The pinkish solid precipitate was collected by filtration and washed sequentially with water, cold ethanol and cold ether and then dried to give the product (2.7 g, 96%). An aliquot was further purified by chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc : Petroleum ether = 2 : 1) for analysis. m. p. 195-197 °C (Lit.³ for unlabelled 218-221°C); ν_{max} (cm⁻¹, KBr disc) 3273 (OH), 1603 (aromatic C=C), 1493 (aromatic C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, MeOD) 5.78 (dt, 3H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 158.7 Hz, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 4.6 Hz, H-2, H-4 and H-6); δ_{C} (75.45 MHz, MeOD) 95.6 (s enhanced, ^{13}C -2, ^{13}C -4 and ^{13}C -6); m/z (ES⁻) [M - H]⁻ 128; HRMS (ES⁻) 128.0338, $^{13}\text{C}_3\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ requires 128.0339.

2,4,6-Trihydroxy-[1,3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]benzaldehyde **6**.



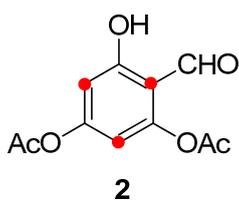
2,4,6-Trihydroxy-[1,3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]benzaldehyde **6** was prepared by a Vilsmeier-Haack reaction⁴ using oxalyl chloride in place of POCl_3 . A solution of oxalyl chloride (2.4 mL, 27.8 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added to a solution of anhydrous DMF (2.7 mL, 34.9 mmol) in acetonitrile (60 mL), dropwise over 10 min at room temperature. Gas evolved and a precipitate formed. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h to ensure complete conversion of the oxalyl chloride to the Vilsmeier iminium cation. The reaction mixture was then cooled in a dry-ice bath to -40°C and a solution of 1,3,5-trihydroxy-[2,4,6- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]benzene (3.0 g, 23.3 mmol) in acetonitrile was added through a cannular. A sticky gum formed immediately. After vigorous stirring and swirling for 20 min at -20°C , the sticky gum gradually solidified. Stirring was continued for another 30 min at this temperature and then the solution was allowed to warm up to ambient temperature and was stirred for 2 h. Filtration followed by washing with cold acetonitrile and hexane gave the imine chloride salt as a pink solid.

The imine chloride salt: 5.0 g, 97%. M.p. $>165^\circ\text{C}$ (decomp). δ_{H} (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) 11.32 (s, 1H, OH), 11.29 (s, 1H, OH), 10.77 (br 1H, OH), 8.78 (br s, 1H, CH=), 6.09 (m, 5.78 (dt, 3H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 166.8 Hz, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 5.2 Hz, H-3 and H-5), 3.71 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.34 (s, 3H, CH_3); δ_{C} (75.47 MHz, DMSO-d_6) 97.3 (t enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 3.5 Hz, $^{13}\text{C}-1$), 94.7 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 3.9 Hz, $^{13}\text{C}-3$ and $^{13}\text{C}-5$), 48.8 (CH_3), 45.1 (CH_3).

The salt was then dissolved in water (100 mL) and heated at 70°C for 30 min. Once cooled to 35°C , sodium thiosulfate solution (90 mM, 1.5 mL) was added to remove the resulting pink color. The mixture was then cooled to 5°C and the precipitate was filtered, washed with cold water and air dried to give the product as a pink solid (2.8 g, 77%). Due to difficult stirring in the process of imine chloride formation some batches (especially at a 6 g scale of [2,4,6- $^{13}\text{C}_3$]trihydroxybenzene) were contaminated with the diformylated product as indicated by ^1H NMR. Where diformylation had occurred, the product was purified by column chromatography

(SiO₂, DCM : EtOAc 4 : 1 to 1 : 1). Analytical data is reported for the purified 2,4,6-trihydroxy-[1,3,5-¹³C₃]benzaldehyde **6**. m.p. >210°C (dec.) [Sigma-Aldrich for unlabelled >195°C (dec.)]; ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹, KBr disc) 3550 (OH), 3329 (br s, OH), 1626 (C=O, hydrogen bonded), 1590 (C=C). δ_{H} (400 MHz, MeOD) 10.01 (d, 1H, ²J_{CH} 17.3 Hz, CHO), 5.77(m, 2H, ¹J_{CH} 161.0 Hz, ³J_{CH} 5.1 Hz, H-3 and H-5); δ_{C} (75.45 MHz, MeOD) 106.4 (t, enhanced, ²J_{CC} 2.8 Hz, ¹³C-1), 95.3 (d, enhanced, ²J_{CC} 2.8 Hz, ¹³C-3 and ¹³C-5); *m/z* (ES⁻) 156 [M - H]⁻; HRMS (ES⁻) 156.0284, ¹³C₃C₄H₅O₄ requires 156.0288.

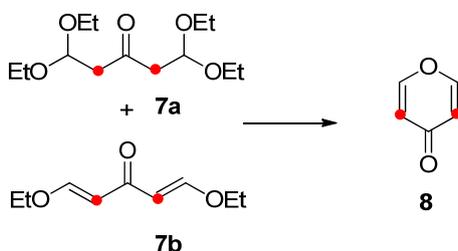
2,4-Diacetoxy-6-hydroxy-[2,4,6-¹³C₃]benzaldehyde **2**.¹³



Acetic anhydride (9.50 mL, 100.7 mmol) was added to a solution of **6** (7.9 g, 50.3 mmol) in anhydrous ethyl acetate (300 mL) and then 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.7 g (5.74 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated under reflux for 17 h before being cooled to RT. After passing through a pad of celite, the filtrate was washed with sat. bicarbonate solution. The aqueous layer was extracted into EtOAc (2 × 300 mL) and the organic layers were combined and dried (MgSO₄). The product was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc ; petroleum ether 1: 3 to 1: 2) and the resultant waxy residue was recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether to give the product as a white solid (4.73 g, 39%). M.p. 93-95°C (Lit. for unlabelled⁵ 93-95°C). ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹, KBr disc) 3108 (OH), 1775 (C=O), 1651 (C=O), 1605 (aromatic C=C), 1560 (C=C), 1208, 1180, 1128 (COO); δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 11.78 (dd, 1H, ³J_{CH} 7.6, 4.9 Hz, OH), 10.04 (m, 1H, ²J_{CH} 19.2, ³J_{CH} 2.0 Hz, CHO), 6.66 (ddt, ¹J_{CH} 167.6, ³J_{CH} 5.0, ⁴J_{HH} 2.1 Hz, H-3), 6.62 (m, 1H, ¹J_{CH} 170.5, ³J_{CH} 4.6, ⁴J_{HH} 2.1 Hz, H-5), 2.38, 2.37 (2 × s, 2 × 3H, 2 × Ac). δ_{C} (75.45 MHz, CDCl₃) 192.1 (d, ¹J_{CC} 56.8 Hz, CHO), 168.4 (C=O of Ac), 168.1 (C=O of Ac), 111.4 (t, enhanced, ²J_{CC} 2.0 Hz, ¹³C-1), 108.5 (br s, enhanced, ¹³C-3), 107.9 (br s, enhanced, ¹³C-5), 21.4 (s, CH₃ of Ac), 21.0 (s, CH₃ of Ac). *m/z*

(ES⁺) 264 [M + Na]⁺, 505 [2M + Na]; (HRESIMS⁺) 264.0473 [M + Na]⁺;
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4H-[3,5-¹³C₂]Pyran-4-one **8**.^{6,7}



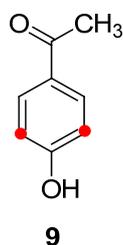
A solution of BF₃·OEt₂ (117.0 g, 100 mL, 824 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) was added dropwise over 60 min to triethylorthoformate (40 g, 43.8 mL, 263 mmol) at -40 to -30°C. The mixture was warmed to 0°C and kept at this temperature for 30 min. The mixture was then cooled to -78°C and [1,3-¹³C₂]acetone (7.8 g, 9.5 mL, 130 mmol) was added. Diisopropylethylamine (107 g, 143 mL, 824 mmol) was then added dropwise over 1.5 h with stirring at the very beginning and swirling later as the mixture became very sticky. The resulting mixture was kept at -78°C for 3 h with swirling before being poured into aq sodium bicarbonate solution (200 g dissolved in 2 L of water). The mixture was stirred vigorously until no more gas evolved and was then extracted into dichloromethane (3 × 800 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with ice cold 1M H₂SO₄ (850 mL), cold water (2 × 1.2 L) and brine (1.2 L) and then dried (MgSO₄). Removal of solvent at reduced pressure gave a dark red oil, which was a mixture of 1,1,5,5-tetraethoxy-[2,4-¹³C₂]pentan-3-one **7a** and (1E, 4E)-1,5-diethoxy-[2,4-¹³C₂]penta-1,4-dien-3-one **7b** in the ratio of *ca.* 55 : 45 according to ¹H NMR spectrum. The crude mixture was not separated but used directly in the next reaction.

1,1,5,5-Tetraethoxy-[2,4-¹³C₂]pentan-3-one **7a**. δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.91 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} 5.5 Hz, 2 × CH), 3.70-3.63 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃, ³J_{HH} 7.1 Hz), 3.57-3.50 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃, ³J_{HH} 7.1 Hz), 2.79 (ddd, 4H, ¹³CH₂, ¹J_{CH} 128.1 Hz, ³J_{CH} = ³J_{HH} 5.6 Hz).

(1E, 4E)-1,5-Diethoxy-[2,4-¹³C₂]penta-1,4-dien-3-one **7b**. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H, H-1 and H-5), 5.60 (m, 2H, ¹J_{CH} 158.7 Hz, H-2 and H-4), 3.91 (q, 4H, ³J_{HH} 7.1 Hz, 2 × CH₂), 1.31 (t, 6H, ³J_{HH} 7.1 Hz, 2 × CH₃).

The dark oil (**7a** + **7b**) obtained above was dissolved in ethanol (500 mL) and 10% aqueous hydrochloric acid (50 mL). The mixture was heated at 80°C for 24h before solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in water (500 mL) and washed with toluene (500 mL) and the toluene layer was then washed with water (2 × 500 mL). The combined aqueous layers was decoloured using activated charcoal and filtered through a bed of celite. Removal of water at reduced pressure gave 4H-[2,6-¹³C₂]pyran-4-one **2** as a brown semi-solid. The semi-solid was then dissolved in minimum volume of EtOH and the solution was triturated with Et₂O. The off-white solid (10.2 g, 80%) that precipitated was filtered, washed with Et₂O, dried and used for analysis. In other batches, the reaction mixture was simply decoloured by activated carbon and filtered through a pad of celite. Removal of the solvents under reduced pressure gave the product (quantitative, solid or semi-solid) which could be used for next step of reaction without further purification. m. p. 31-33°C (Sigma-Aldrich catalogue for unlabelled 32-34°C); (ν_{max} (KBr disc) 1601 (C=O), 1495 (C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, MeOD) 8.13 (m, 2H, H-2 and H-6), 6.30 (m, 2H, ¹J_{CH} 171.7 Hz, H-3 and H-5); δ_{C} (75.45 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 117.5 (s, enhanced, ¹³C-3, ¹³C-5), 156.9 (d, ²J_{CC} 68.9 Hz, C-2, C-4), C=O not observed due to the suppression from the enhanced the signal; *m/z* (ES⁺) 99 [M + H]⁺, 121 [M + Na]⁺; HRMS (ES⁺) 121.0174, ¹³C₂C₃H₄O₂Na requires 121.0176.

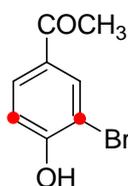
4-Hydroxy-[3,5-¹³C₂]acetophenone **9**.⁸



1M potassium *tert*-butoxide solution (freshly made from dissolving 10.0 g potassium metal in 256 mL of dry *tert*-butanol) was added to a refluxing solution of **8** (13.5 g, 138 mmol) and acetylacetone (35 g, 349 mmol) in dry *tert*-butanol (500 mL). The

reaction was kept at reflux for 24 h before 2 M HCl (165mL) was added. The acidified mixture was refluxed for another 2 h and then the *tert*-butanol was removed at reduced pressure. The aqueous residue was extracted into EtOAc (3 × 200 mL) and the combined extracts were washed with water (× 2) and brine and dried (MgSO₄). Solvent removal gave the product as deep red liquid which was subject to column chromatography (SiO₂, Petroleum ether : EtOAc = 4 : 1 to 1 : 1). The fractions containing the product were combined and solvent removed to give a dark solid. Recrystallization from DCM led to the product as an off-white solid (9.0 g, 47%). m. p. 107-109°C, (Lit. for unlabelled⁹ 106-107°C); ν_{\max} (KBr disc) 3309 (OH), 1660 (C=O), 1587, 1564 (Ar C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.12 (br s, 1H, OH), 7.93 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} 8.8 Hz, H-2 and H-6), 6.47 (m, 2H, ¹J_{CH} 165.5, ³J_{HH} 8.8 Hz, H-3 and H-5); δ_{C} (100.16 MHz, CDCl₃) 199.1 (br s, C=O), 161.2 (t, ²J_{CC} 65.0 Hz, C-4), 131.5 (dd, ²J_{CC} 59.1, ³J_{CC} 5.2 Hz, C-2, C-6), 129.6 (br s, C-1), 115.8 (s enhanced, ¹³C-3 and ¹³C-5), 26.50 (CH₃). *m/z* (ES⁺) 139 [M + H]⁺, 161 [M + Na]⁺; (ES⁻) 137 [M - H]⁻; HRMS (ES⁺) 161.0490, ¹³C₂C₆H₈O₂Na requires 161.0489.

3-Bromo-4-hydroxy-[3,5-¹³C₂]acetophenone **10**.

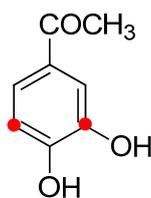


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Bromine (2.2 mL, 42.82 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 4-[3,5-¹³C₂]hydroxyacetophenone (5.0 g, 36.16 mmol) in DCM (180 mL) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 40 min before ice cold water (180 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with three portions of DCM (200 mL) and the combined extracts were washed with saturated sodium metabisulfite (×2) and brine successively and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed to give the product which contained *ca.* ~76% mol of the expected product **10**, *ca.* 13% mol of 3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxy-[3,5-¹³C₂]acetophenone and *ca.* 10% mol of starting material **9**. An aliquot of this product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, DCM) for analysis. The rest was

treated directly without further purification. Purified **10**. m.p. 103-105°C (unlabelled 104-106°C, Lit. for unlabelled¹⁰ 108-110°C); ν_{\max} (KBr disc) 3081 (OH), 1651 (C=O), 1581, 1547 (Ar C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.14 (ddd, 1H, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 4.2, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 1.2, $^4J_{\text{HH}}$ 2.1 Hz, H-2), 7.86 (m, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.5 Hz, H-6), 7.08 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 164.1, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 7.8, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.5 Hz, H-5), 6.17 (dd, 1H, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 7.3, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 3.8 Hz, OH), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH₃); δ_{C} (75.12 MHz, CDCl₃) 196.9 (C=O), 159.9 (very weak, C-4), 133.2 (dd, $^1J_{\text{CC}}$ 67.7, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.4 Hz, C-2), 131.7 (s, C-1), 130.2 (dd, $^1J_{\text{CC}}$ 59.8, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 6.3 Hz, C-6), 116.1 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -5), 11.8 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 26.5 (CH₃). m/z (ES⁻) 214.9/216.9 [M-H⁺]; HRMS (ES⁻) 214.9619/216.9607, $^{13}\text{C}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6^{79}\text{BrO}_2$ / $^{13}\text{C}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6^{81}\text{BrO}_2$ requires 214.9618/216.9598.

3,4-Dihydroxy-[3,5-¹³C₂]acetophenone **11**⁷

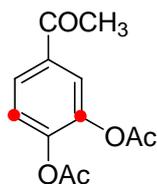


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CuSO₄·5H₂O (9.78 g, 4 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium hydroxide (155 g, 3.875 mol) in water (1000 mL) and the reaction was stirred under reduced pressure for 4 h. The resulting suspension was transferred by cannula to a flask containing **10** (20 g, ca. 92.2 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h, cooled and acidified with conc. HCl. The aqueous mixture was extracted into EtOAc (800 mL × 6), the combined extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed at reduced pressure to yield a dark red solid which contained ca. 88% mol of **11**, ca. 10% mol of starting material **9** and a small amount of 3,4,5-trihydroxy-[3,5-¹³C₂]acetophenone based on ¹H NMR analysis. An aliquot of this product was subject to chromatography to provide a sample of **11** for characterization. m. p. 115-117°C (Lit. for unlabelled¹¹ 117-119°C. ν_{\max} (KBr disc, cm⁻¹) 3370 (OH), 1665 (C=O), 1573 (Ar C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, MeOD) 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H, H-2, H-6); 6.82 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 159.2, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 7.0, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.5 Hz, H-5), 2.50 (s, 3H, CH₃); δ_{C} (100.16 MHz, MeOD) 199.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.2 Hz, COCH₃), C-4 not observed, 146.5 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 6.5 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 130.8

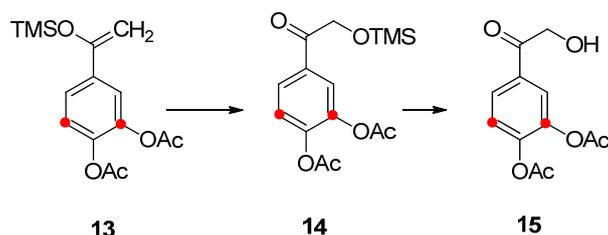
(s, C-1), 123.7 (dd, $^1J_{CC}$ 58.6, 5.8 Hz, C-6), C-2 overlapped by C-5, 115.9 (d enhanced, $^2J_{CC}$ 6.1 Hz, ^{13}C -5), 26.4 (CH₃). *m/z* (ES⁻) 153 [M-H]⁻; (HRESIMS⁻) 153.0461 [M-H]⁻, $^{13}C_2C_6H_7O_3$ requires 153.0462. The majority of the crude product was used for the next reaction without further purification.

3,4-Diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}C_2$]acetophenone **12**.



A crude preparation of **11** (15.6 g, *ca* 97.2 mmol, resulted from 21.2 g of crude **10**) was suspended in EtOAc (220 mL) and acetic anhydride (40 mL, 424 mmol) and DMAP (3.66 g, 30 mmol) were added and the mixture was heated under N₂ at reflux for 44 h. After cooling to RT, the mixture was filtered through a pad of celite to remove any tar formed during the reaction. The filtrate was washed with saturated aq. sodium bicarbonate until no more gas evolved. The aqueous layer was extracted into EtOAc (×2) and the organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed. The residue was purified by chromatography to afford **11** as white flakes (14.0 g, *ca.* 50% over three steps from **9**). *m. p.* 79-81°C (Lit. for unlabelled¹² 84-85°C); ν_{max} (cm⁻¹, KBr disc) 1773 (C=O of ester), 1683 (C=O conjugated with the aromatic ring), 1215, 1200 (COO); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.87 (m, 1H, $^3J_{HH}$ 8.4 Hz, H-6); 7.78 (m, 1H, $^3J_{HH}$ 2.0 Hz, H-2), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{CH}$ 165.9, $^3J_{CH}$ 8.0, $^3J_{HH}$ 8.0 Hz, H-5), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.33 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.327 (s, 3H, Ac); δ_C (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) 196.1 (t, $^3J_{CC}$ 5.1 Hz, COCH₃), 168.2 (d, $^2J_{CC}$ 3.6 Hz, 3-CO of Ac), 167.9 (4-CO of Ac), C-4 very weak, 142.4 (d enhanced, $^2J_{CC}$ 5.3 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 135.8 (s, C-1), 127.3 (dd, $^1J_{CC}$ 58.0 Hz, $^3J_{CC}$ 5.1 Hz, C-6), C-2 overlapped by C-5, 123.8 (d enhanced, $^2J_{CC}$ 5.3 Hz, ^{13}C -5), 26.7 (COCH₃), 20.8 (CH₃ of 4-OAc), 20.7 (d, $^3J_{CC}$ 2.0 Hz, CH₃ of 3-OAc,); *m/z* (ES⁺) 261 [M + Na]⁺; HRMS (ES⁺), 261.0648, $^{13}C_2C_{10}H_{12}O_5Na$ requires 261.0650.

α -Hydroxy-3,4-diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]acetophenone **15**.^{13,14}

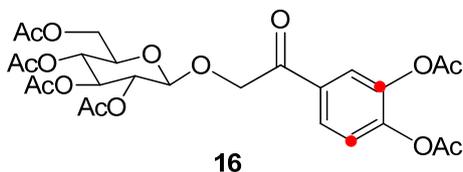


Triethylamine (11.8 mL, 84.8 mmol) and trimethylsilyl chloride (6.6 mL, 52.0 mmol) were added to a solution of **12** (5.0 g, 20.99 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL) and the reaction was heated to 70°C for 24 h and then cooled. The mixture was diluted with ice-cold solvent (EtOAc : Petroleum ether = 1 : 2, 300 mL) and washed with ice-cold aqueous sat. sodium bicarbonate (200 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed to give silylenol ether **13** as an orange wax. δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.47(ddd, 1H, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 3.5, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 1.7, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.4 Hz, H-6); 7.38 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 171.8, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 8.0, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.4 Hz, H-5), 4.88 (d, H, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ 2.1 Hz, H of =CH₂), 4.43 (d, H, $^2J_{\text{HH}}$ 2.1 Hz, H of =CH₂), 2.31 (d, 3H, 3-OAc CH₃, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 0.4 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H, 4-OAc CH₃), 0.29 (s, 9H, TMS). δ_{C} (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) 142.0 (d enhanced, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.9 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 123.1 (d enhanced, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.8 Hz, ^{13}C -5).

α -Trimethylsilyloxy-3,4-diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]acetophenone **14**. Anhydrous MgSO₄ was added to a solution of silylenol ether **13** in DCM (300 mL). The suspension was cooled to -20°C and *m*CPBA (<77%, 6.0 g, 29.9 mmol) was added portionwise. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 5 h and then aqueous sodium sulphite solution was added and stirring continued for another 30 min. The resulting three-phase mixture was filtered and the residue washed several times with DCM. The filtrate was separated by layers. The organic layer was washed successively with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (\times 3) and brine and dried (MgSO₄). Solvent removal afforded **14** as a white wax. δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.85 (m, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.4 Hz, H-6); 7.79 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 166.0, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 7.7, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.4 Hz, H-5), 4.87 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.33 (d, 3H, 3-OAc CH₃, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 0.44 Hz), 2.235 (s, 3H, 4-OAc CH₃); δ_{C} (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) 142.5 (d enhanced, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 123.9 (d enhanced, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -5).

α -Hydroxy-3,4-diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]acetophenone **15**. A solution of product **14** in methanol (100 mL) was heated to reflux for 30 min. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , $\text{DCM} : \text{EtOAc} = 8 : 1$ to $4 : 1$) and the recovered product was recrystallized from EtOAc and Et_2O to give a white solid (2.35 g, 44% over 3 steps). m. p. $90\text{-}92^\circ\text{C}$. (Lit. for unlabelled¹⁵ $86\text{-}87^\circ\text{C}$); ν_{max} (KBr disc, cm^{-1}) 3535 (OH), 1761 (Ac C=O), 1701 (C=O), 1251, 1203, 1149, 1090 (CO-O); δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.83 (m, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.8 Hz, H-6), 7.79 (ddd, $^2J_{\text{CH}}$ 4.6, $^4J_{\text{CH}}$ 0.9, $^4J_{\text{HH}}$ 2.1 Hz, H-2), 7.37 (ddd, 1H, $^1J_{\text{CH}}$ 166.4, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 8.3, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.7 Hz, H-5), 4.85 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 4.7 Hz, CH_2), 3.41 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 4.7 Hz, OH), 2.34 (d, 3H, $^3J_{\text{CH}}$ 0.3 Hz, 3-OAc), 2.33 (s, 3H, 4-OAc). δ_{C} (75.47 MHz, CDCl_3) 196.8 (t, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 4.9 Hz, C=O), 168.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 3.6 Hz, C=O of 3-OAc), 167.8 (s, C=O of 4-OAc), C-4 not observed, 142.8 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -3), 131.9 (s, C-1), 126.3 (dd, $^1J_{\text{CC}}$ 58.7, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 6.9 Hz, C-6), 124.4 (d enhanced, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 5.5 Hz, ^{13}C -5), 123.3 (dd, $^1J_{\text{CC}}$ 64.8, $^3J_{\text{CC}}$ 4.9 Hz, C-2), 65.7 (s, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 20.9 (s, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$ of 4-OAc), 20.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CC}}$ 57.8, $^2J_{\text{CC}}$ 1.98 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$ of 3-OAc). m/z (ES^+) 277 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; (HRESIMS⁺) 277.0591 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; $^{13}\text{C}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ requires 277.0599.

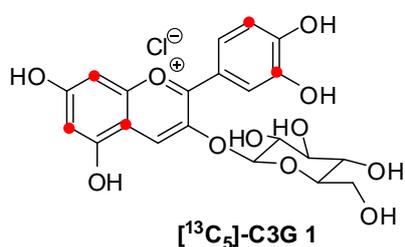
α -*O*-Tetraacetyl- β -*D*-glucosidoxy-3,4-diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]acetophenone **16**.¹⁶



Powdered 4Å molecular sieve (2 g) were added to a solution of α -hydroxy-3,4-diacetoxy-[3,5- $^{13}\text{C}_2$]acetophenone (1.64 g, 6.44 mmol) and 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -*D*-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate¹⁶ (4.80 g, 9.74 mmol) in dry DCM (40 mL). The mixture was cooled to -20°C and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (0.4 mL, 3.24 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to warm gradually to 15°C and stirring was continued for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with triethylamine and the mixture was then filtered through a pad of celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , Petroleum ether: EtOAc 3 : 1 to 2.5 : 2) and this gave **16** as white foam which could be powdered after drying under a high vacuum (1.8 g, 46%). m. p. $95\text{-}97^\circ\text{C}$, (Lit. for unlabelled¹⁵ $105\text{-}105.5^\circ\text{C}$); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -28^\circ$

(CHCl₃, c = 0.5), ν_{\max} (KBr disc, cm⁻¹) 1760-1753 (C=O), 1701 (C=O), 1320, 1194, 1041 (COO); δ_{H} (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.83 (m, 1H, ³J_{HH} 8.0 Hz, aromatic H-6), 7.78 (m, 1H, ²J_{CH} 4.67, ⁴J_{CH} 1.0, ⁴J_{HH} 2.0 Hz, aromatic H-2), 7.38 (ddd, ¹J_{CH} 166.4, ³J_{CH} 7.8, ³J_{HH} 8.0 Hz, aromatic H-5), 5.24 (dd, ³J_{HH} 9.6, 9.5 Hz, Glu H-3), 5.12-5.07 (m, 2H, Glu H-2 + H-4), 4.90, 4.86 (2 × d, 2 H, AB, ²J_{HH} 16.3 Hz, COCH₂O), 4.67 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} 7.8 Hz, Glu H-1), 4.24, 4.23 (dd, AB, 1H, ²J_{HH} 12.3, ³J_{HH} 4.6 Hz, Glu H-6a), 4.15-4.12 (m, 1H, Glu H-6b), 3.68 (ddd, ³J_{HH} 10.0, 4.7, 2.2 Hz, Glu H-5), 2.333 (d, ⁴J_{CH} 0.4 Hz, 3H, aromatic 3-OAc), 2.325 (s, 3H, aromatic 4-OAc), 2.09, 2.05, 2.03, 2.02 (4 × s, 12H, Glu 4 × OAc). δ_{C} (75.45 MHz, CDCl₃) 170.9, 170.4, 169.9, 169.6, 142.6 (d enhanced, ²J_{CC} 5.5 Hz, aromatic ¹³C-3), 124.1 (d enhanced, ²J_{CC} 5.5 Hz, aromatic ¹³C-5), 100.4, 72.6, 72.2, 71.1, 70.9, 68.4, 61.0, 20.9, 20.9, 20.84, 20.8 (overlapped). m/z (ES⁺) 607 [M + Na]⁺, (HRESIMS⁺) 607.1536 [M + Na]⁺, ¹³C₂C₂₄H₃₀O₁₅Na requires 607.1550.

[6, 8, 10, 3', 5'-¹³C₅]Cyanidin-3-glucoside chloride [¹³C₅]C3G **1**^{13,15}



Hydrogen chloride was bubbled into a solution of **3** (1.02 g, 1.745 mmol) and **2** (0.42 g, 1.745 mmol) in dry ethyl acetate (22 mL) at -20°C. A deep red colour gradually developed. The mixture was then stirred at 4°C until all of the starting materials were consumed as monitored by TLC. The solvent was evaporated and the residue dissolved in acidic MeOH (0.1% HCl, 12 mL) and then aq. KOH (0.77 g, 13.7 mmol in 12 mL of water) was added. The mixture was stirred at RT for 3 h and then carefully acidified to pH 2.6 with 2N HCl. The solvents were removed under vacuum (40°C) and the residue was taken into acidic MeOH (0.1% HCl). The suspension was passed through a pad of celite to remove the majority of the precipitated KCl and then the filtrate was evaporated and the residue re-dissolved in water (0.1% HCl). The aqueous solution was then loaded onto Amberlite XAD-7 resin and eluted with a solvent gradient [from H₂O (0.1% HCl) to ethanol (0.1% HCl) :

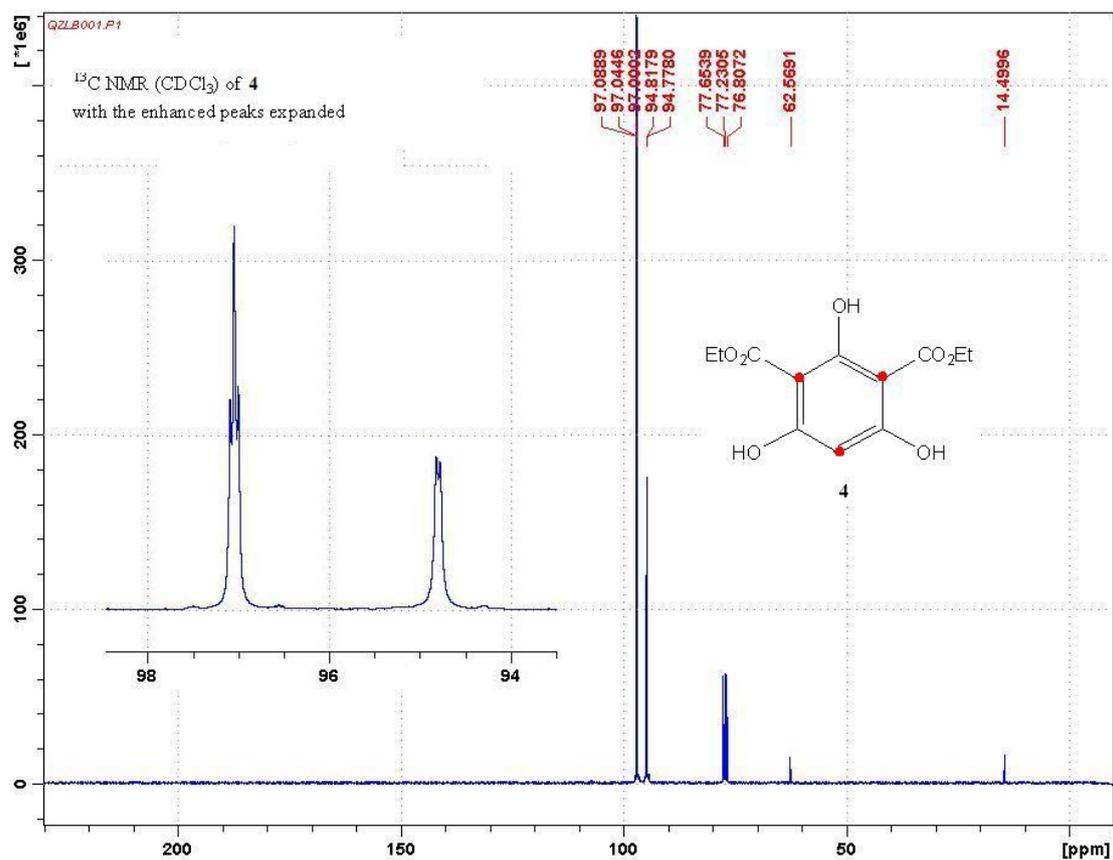
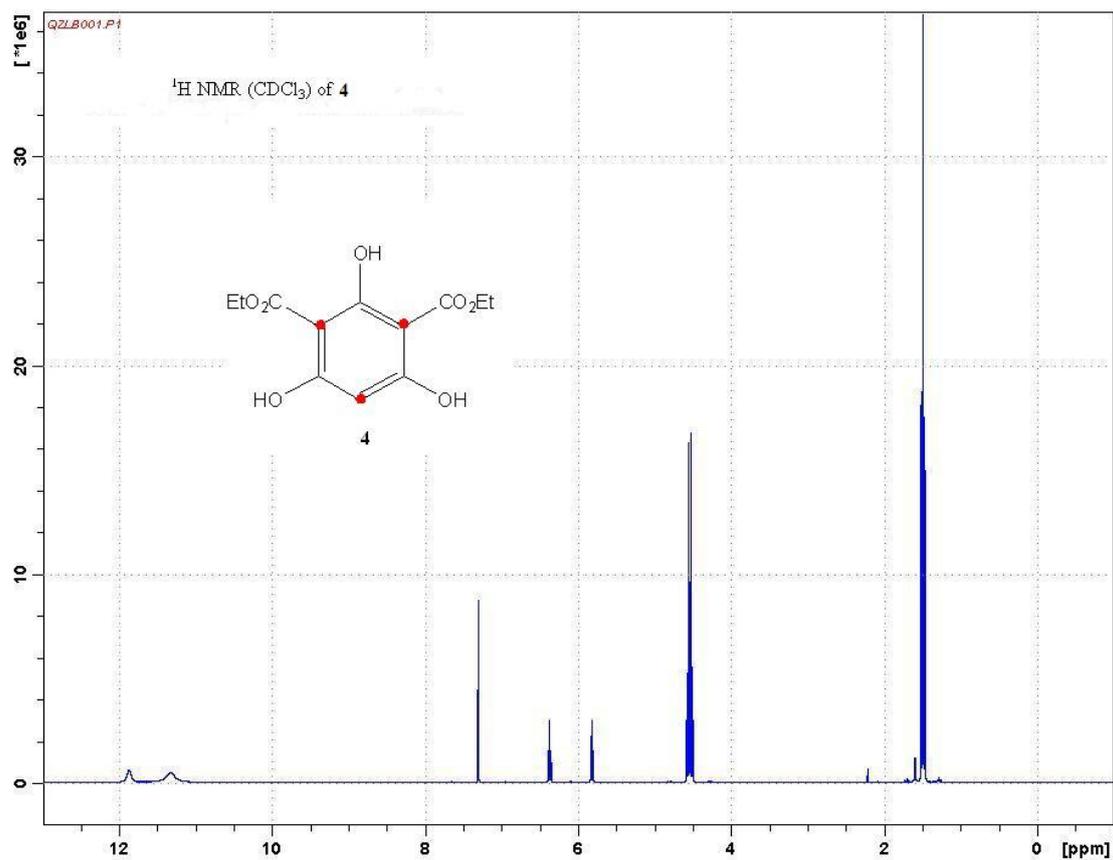
H₂O (0.1% HCl) = 2 : 3]. The fractions were monitored variously by reverse phase TLC, cellulose TLC and by HPLC. The less pure fractions, after concentration, were further purified by cellulose microcrystalline (0.1% HCl) and C-18 reverse phase column chromatography [0.1% HCl : CH₃CN (+0.1% HCl) = 35 : 5]. The pure fractions were combined and evaporated in vacuum (40°C) and the residue was taken up in small amount of EtOH (0.1% HCl) and the mixture was sonicated. Trituration of the EtOH (0.1% HCl) solution with acetonitrile (0.1% HCl) led to precipitation of a dark red product. Filtration followed by washing with acetonitrile (0.1% HCl), diethyl ether and drying *in vacuo* afforded the product as a dark red solid (360 mg, 42%). m. p. 194°C (dec.) (unlabelled 192-194°C dec.) [α]_D²⁰ could not be recorded due to the highly coloured solution (0.1% HCl, c = 0.3); ν_{\max} (KBr disc, cm⁻¹) 3374 (OH), 1618 (C=O⁺); δ_{H} (400 MHz, MeOD : CF₃CO₂D = 98 : 2) 9.03 (d, 1H, ²J_{CH} 1.2 Hz, H-4), 8.25 (ddd, 1H, ³J_{HH} 8.5, ⁴J_{HH} 2.1, ²J_{CH} 1.3 Hz, H-6'), 8.06 (dd, 1H, ²J_{CH} 4.1, ⁴J_{HH} 2.5 Hz, H-2'), 7.01 (ddd, 1H, ¹J_{CH} 161.7, ²J_{CH} 7.0, ³J_{HH} 8.6 Hz, H-5'), 6.87 (m, 1H, ¹J_{CH} 168.5 Hz, H-8, correlated with H-4), 6.67 (m, 1H, ¹J_{CH} 163.4 Hz, H-6), 5.30 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} 7.8 Hz, Glu-H-1), 3.92 (dd, 1H, ²J_{HH} 12.1, ³J_{HH} 2.2 Hz, Glu-H-6a), 3.72 (dd, 1H, ²J_{HH} 12.3, ³J_{HH} 6.0 Hz, Glu-H-6b), 3.68 (dd, 1H, ³J_{HH} 9.0, 7.9 Hz, Glu-H-2), 3.58 (m, 1H, Glu-H-5), 3.55 (dd, 1H, ³J_{HH} 8.8 Hz, Glu-H-3), 3.45 (dd, 1H, ³J_{HH} 9.6, 8.9 Hz, Glu-H-4); δ_{C} (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) 147.6 (d enhanced, ³J_{CC} 6.4 Hz, ¹³C-3'), 117.6 (d enhanced, ²J_{CC} 6.4 Hz, ¹³C-5'), 113.6 (br s enhanced, ¹³C-10), 103.6 (br s enhanced, ¹³C-8), 95.3 (br s enhanced, ¹³C-6). *m/z* (ES⁺) 454 [M-Cl]⁺, (HRESIMS⁺) 454.1235 [M-Cl]⁺; ¹³C₅C₁₆H₂₁O₁₁ requires 454.1252.

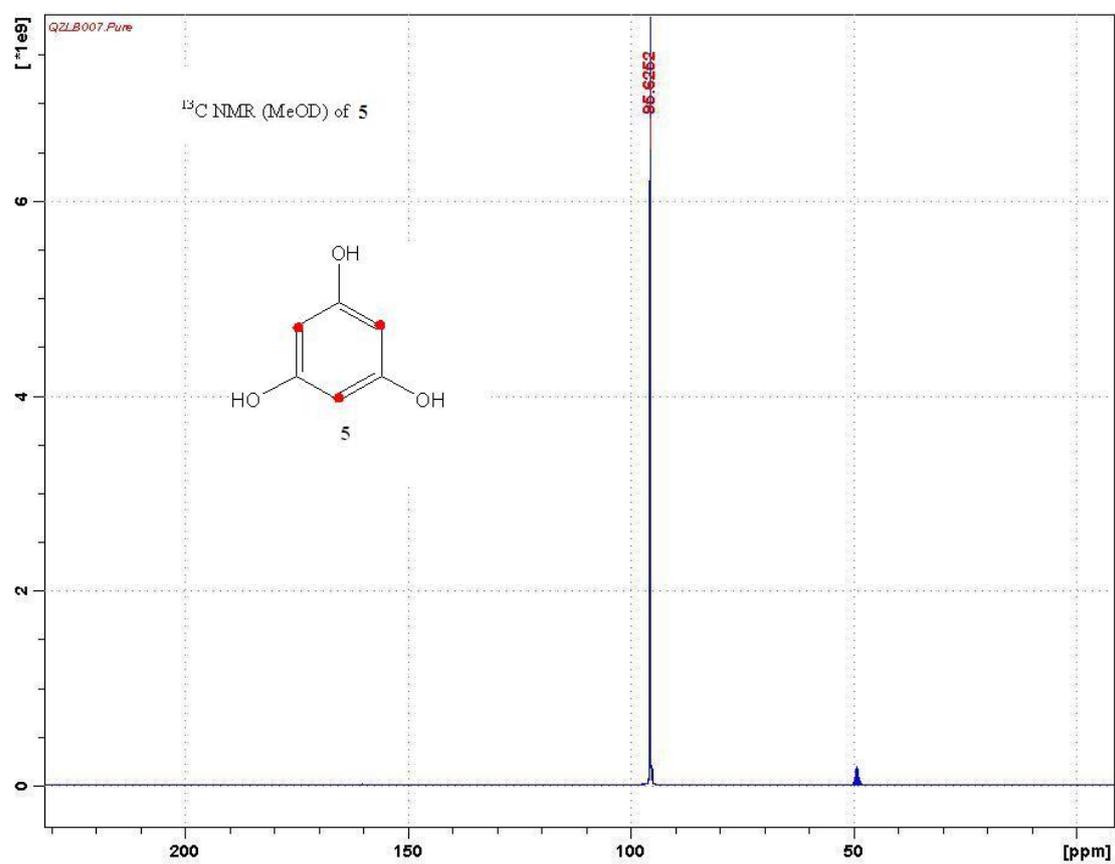
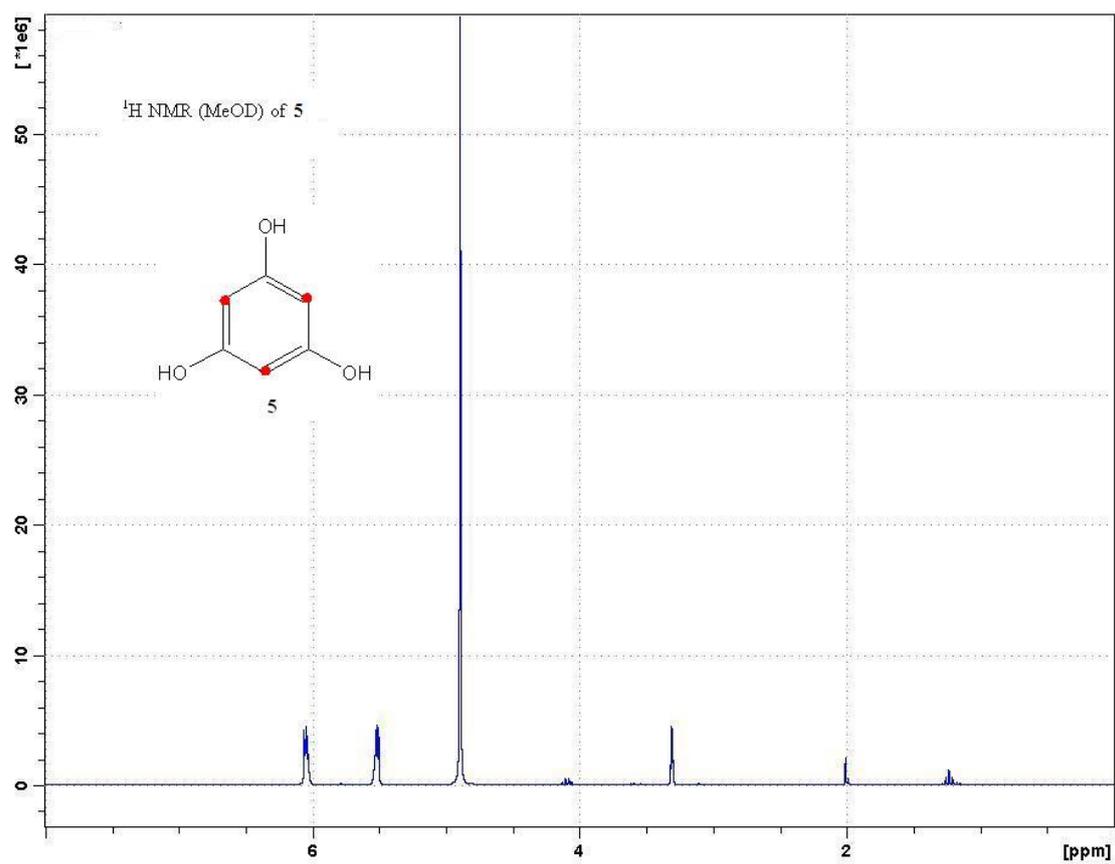
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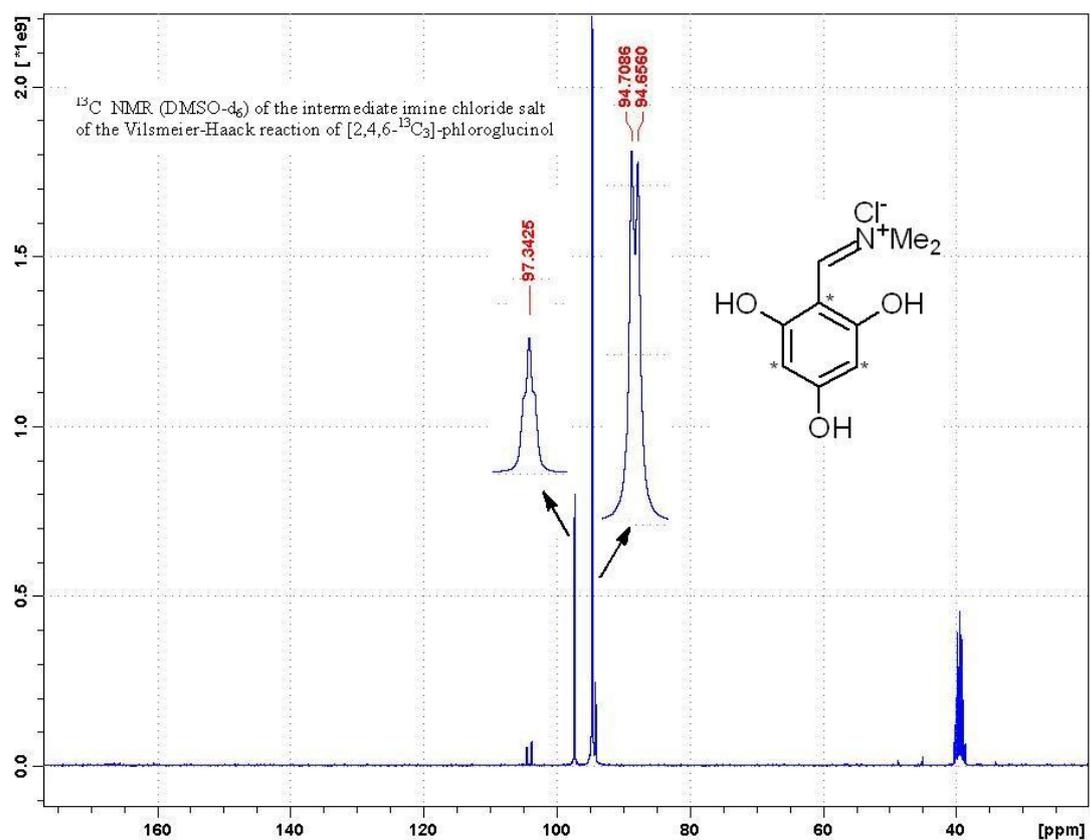
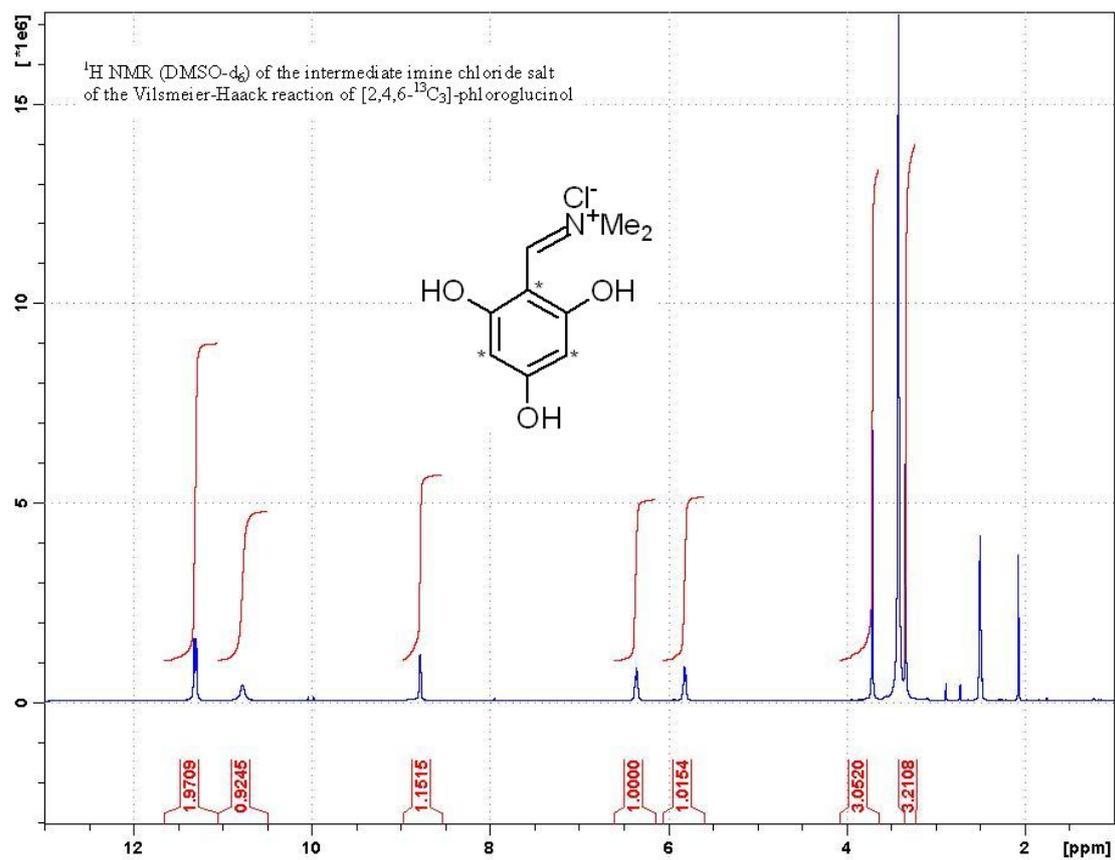
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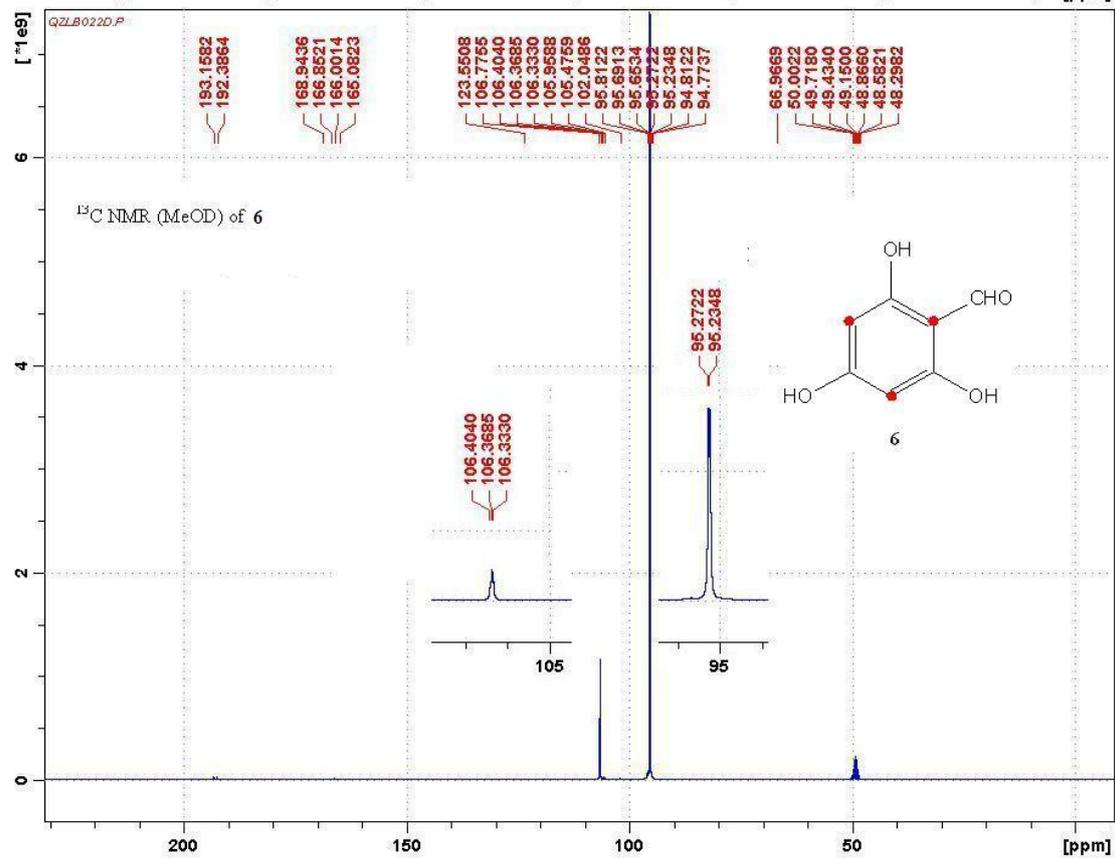
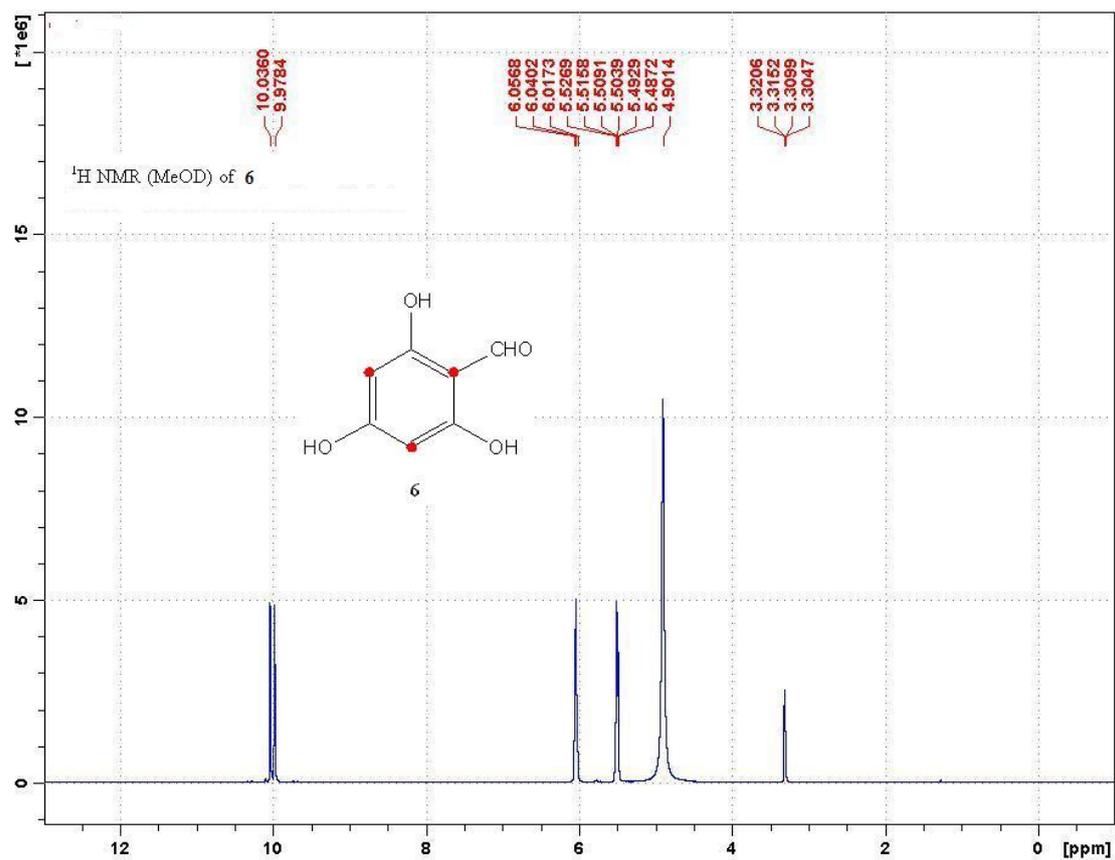
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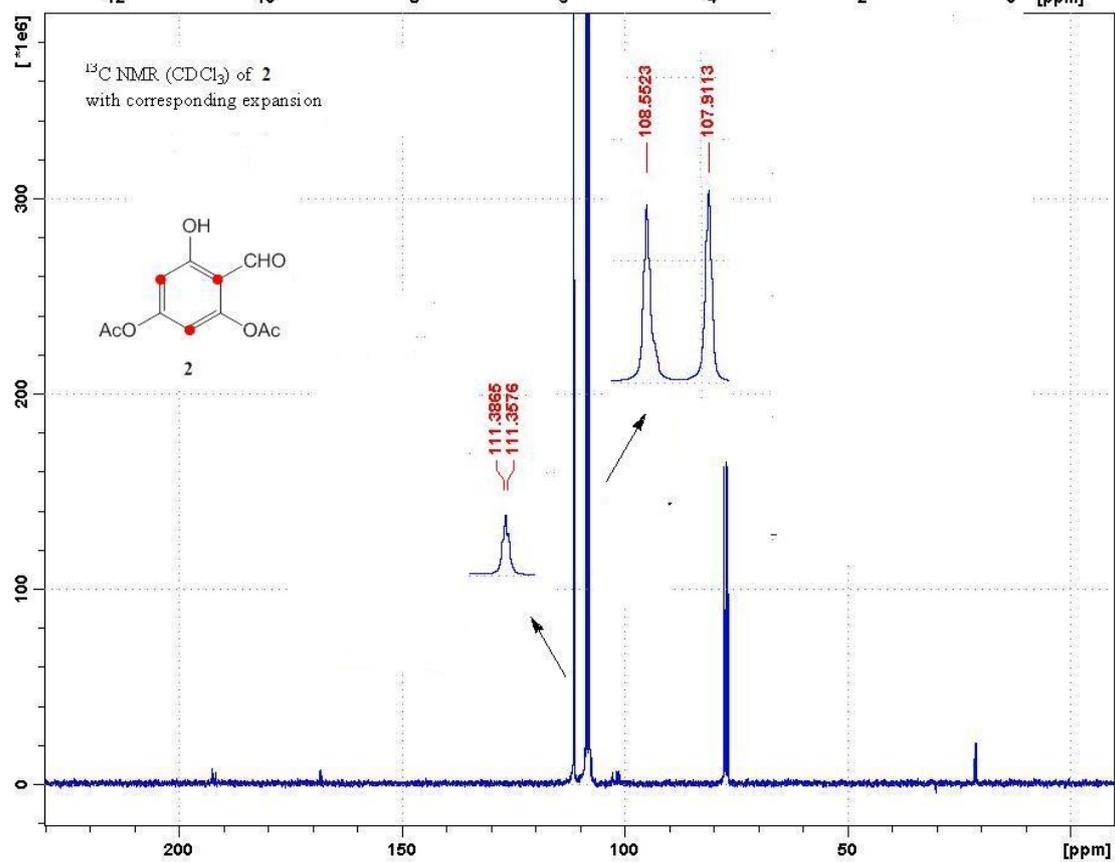
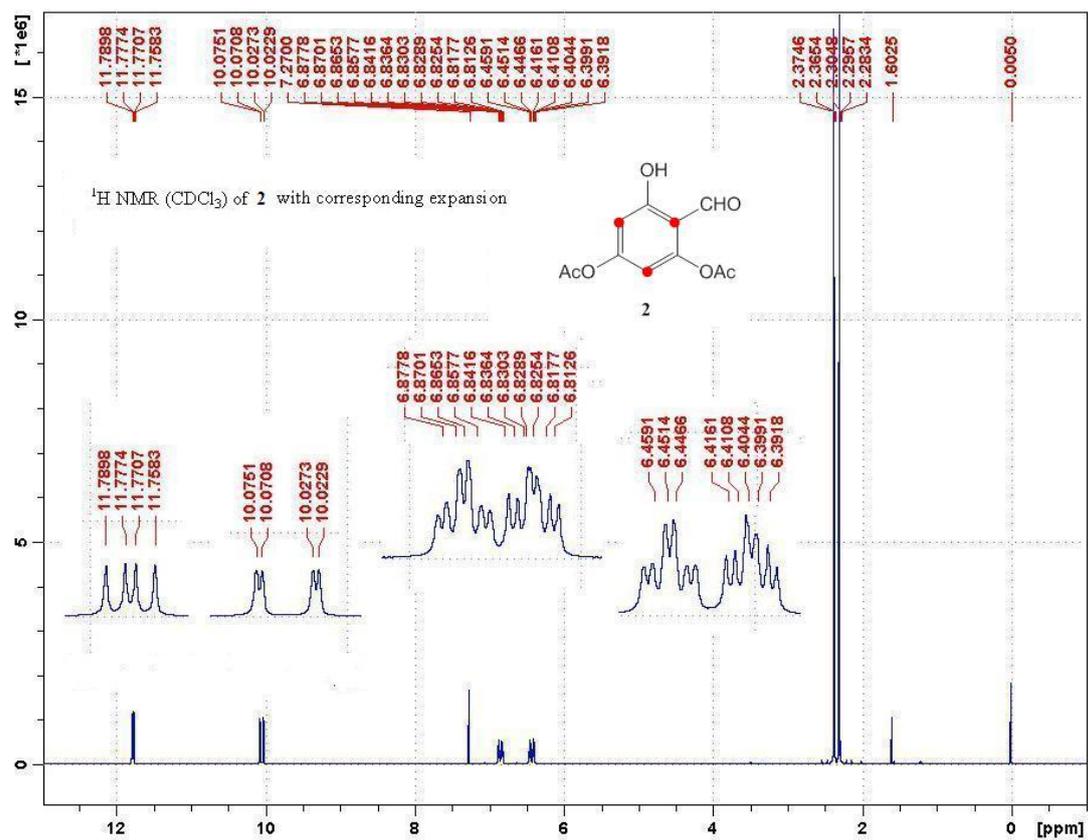
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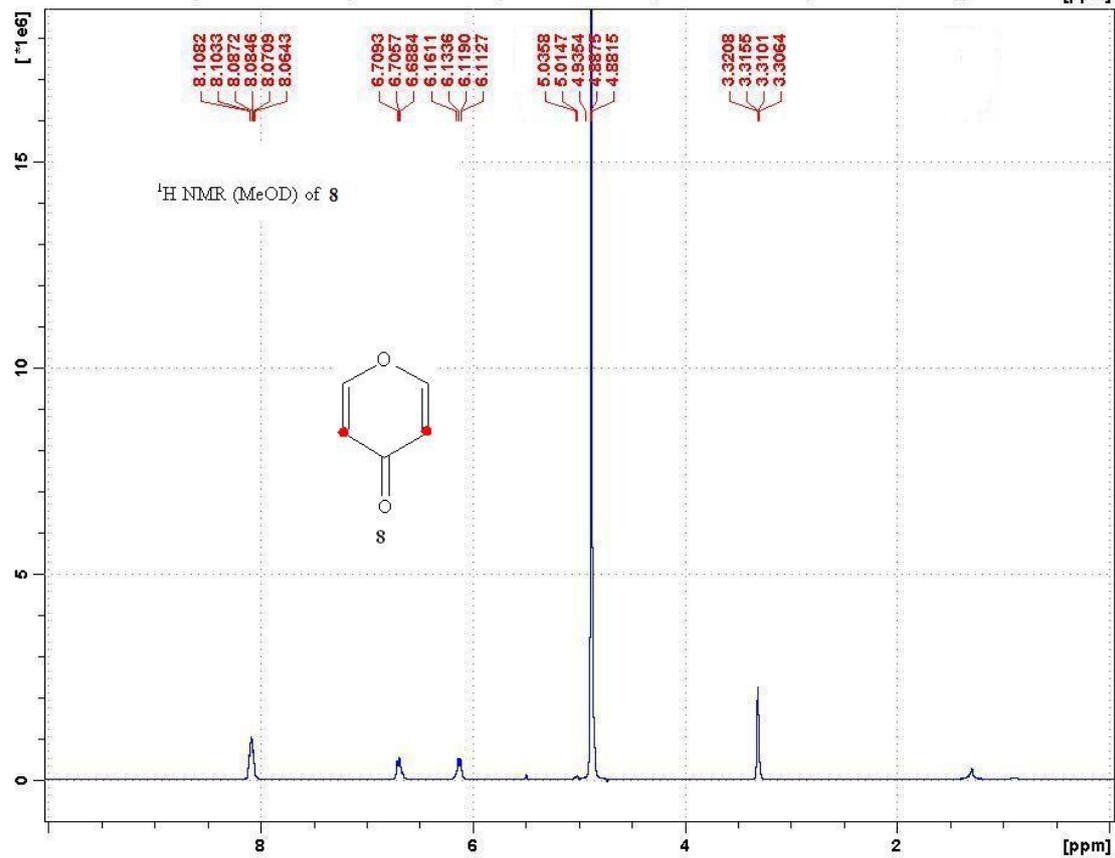
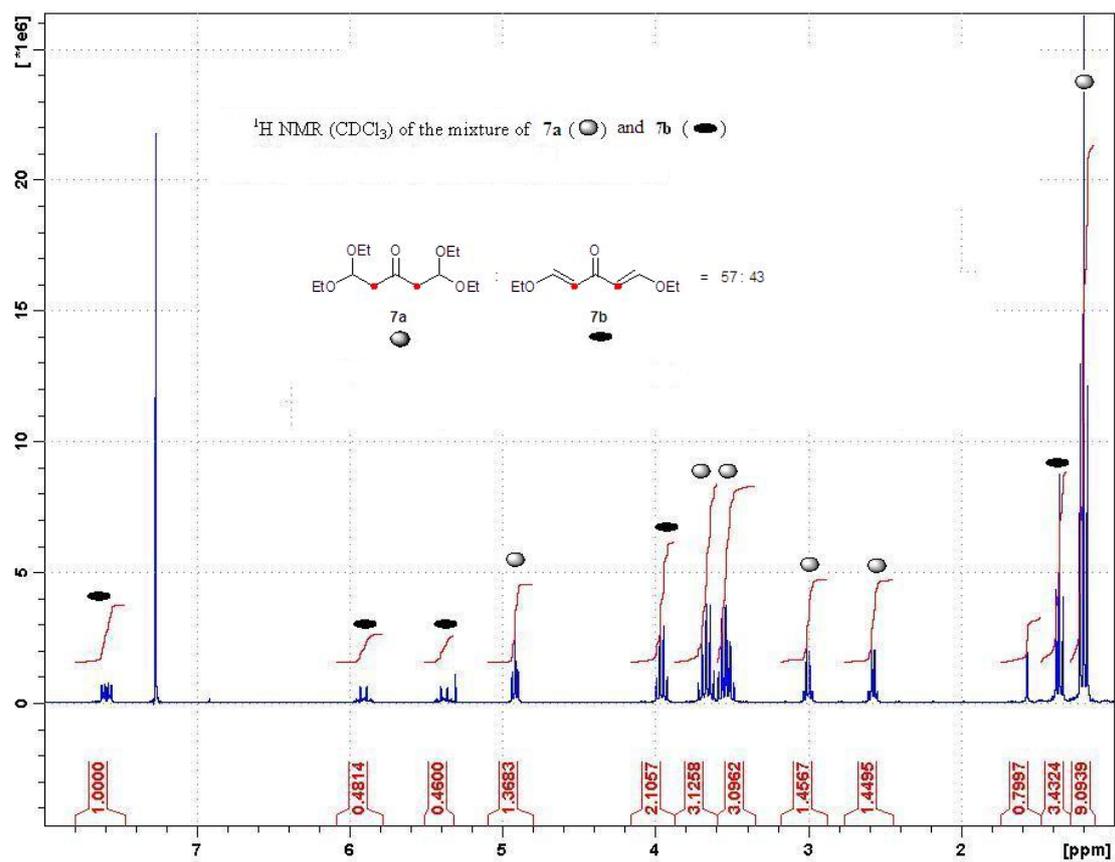


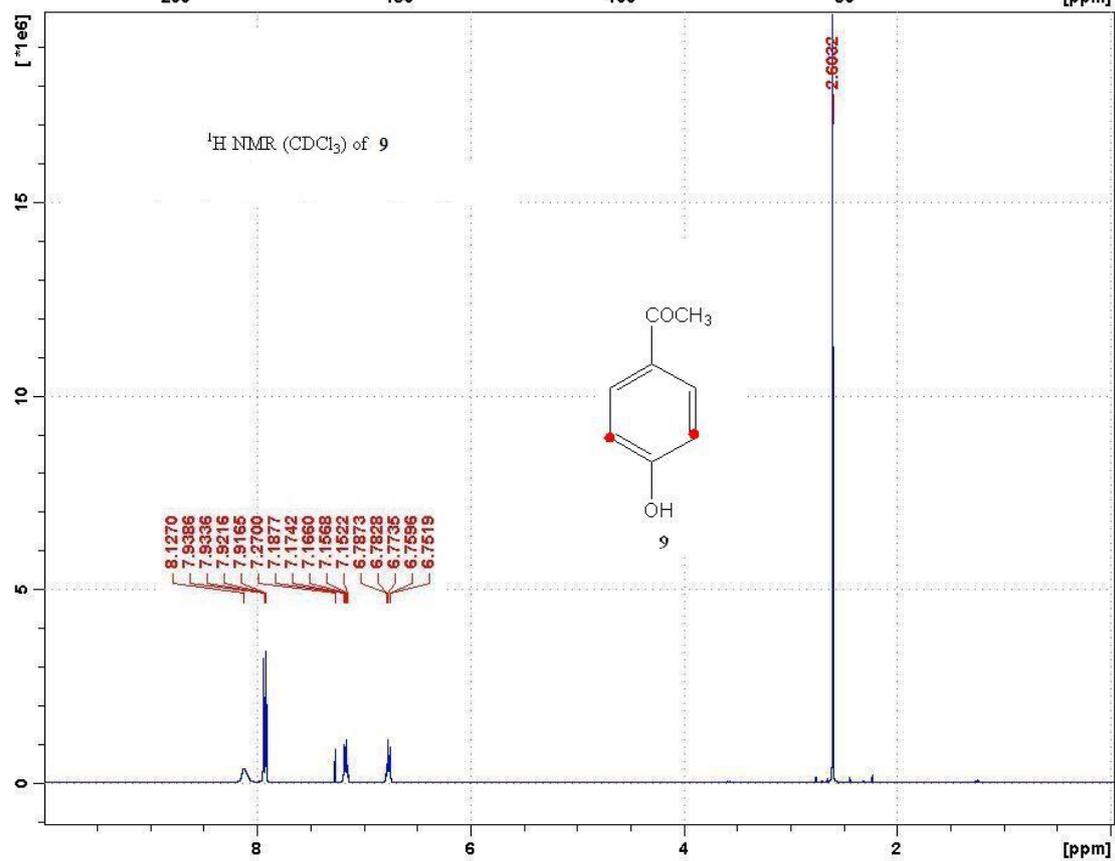
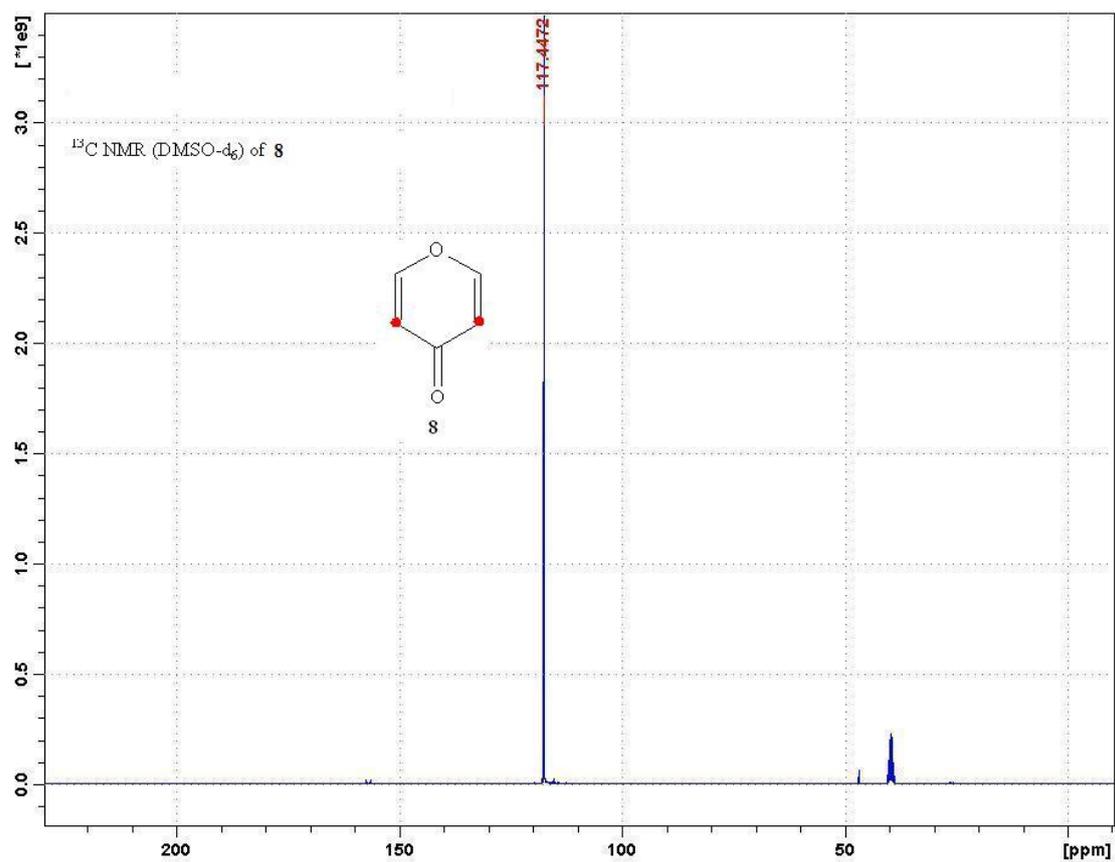


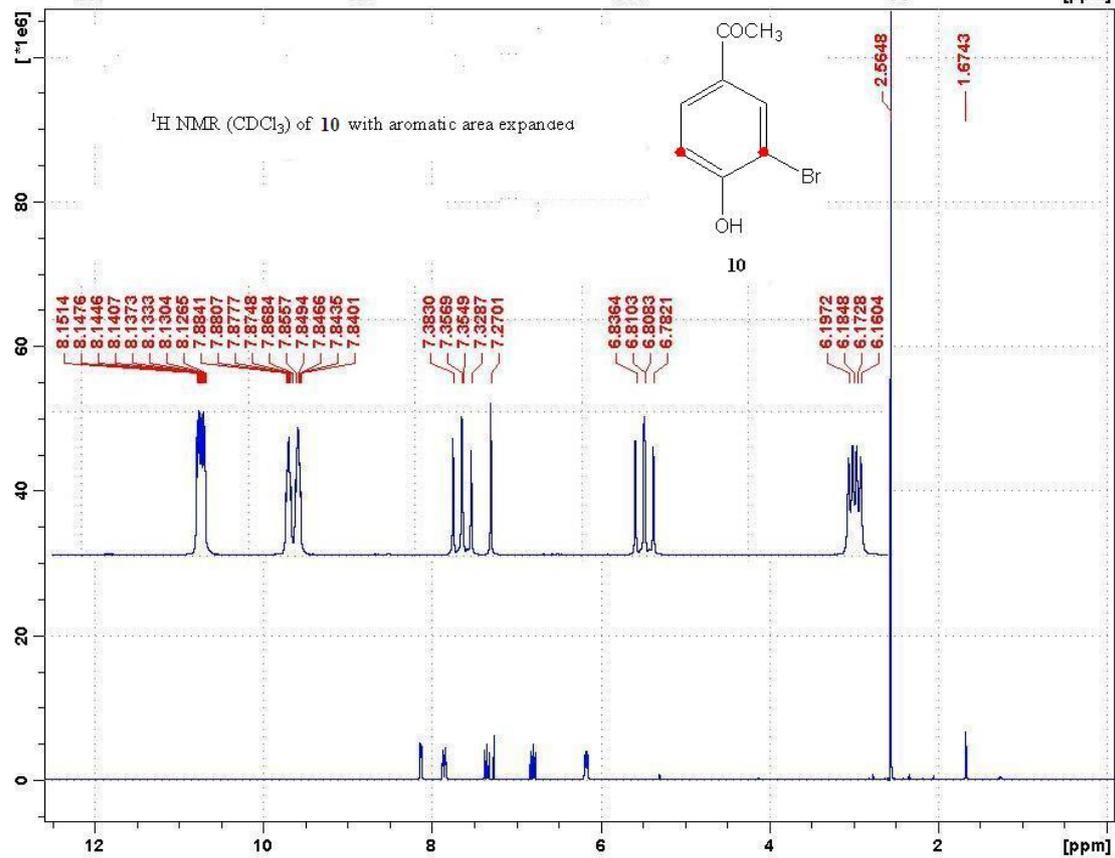
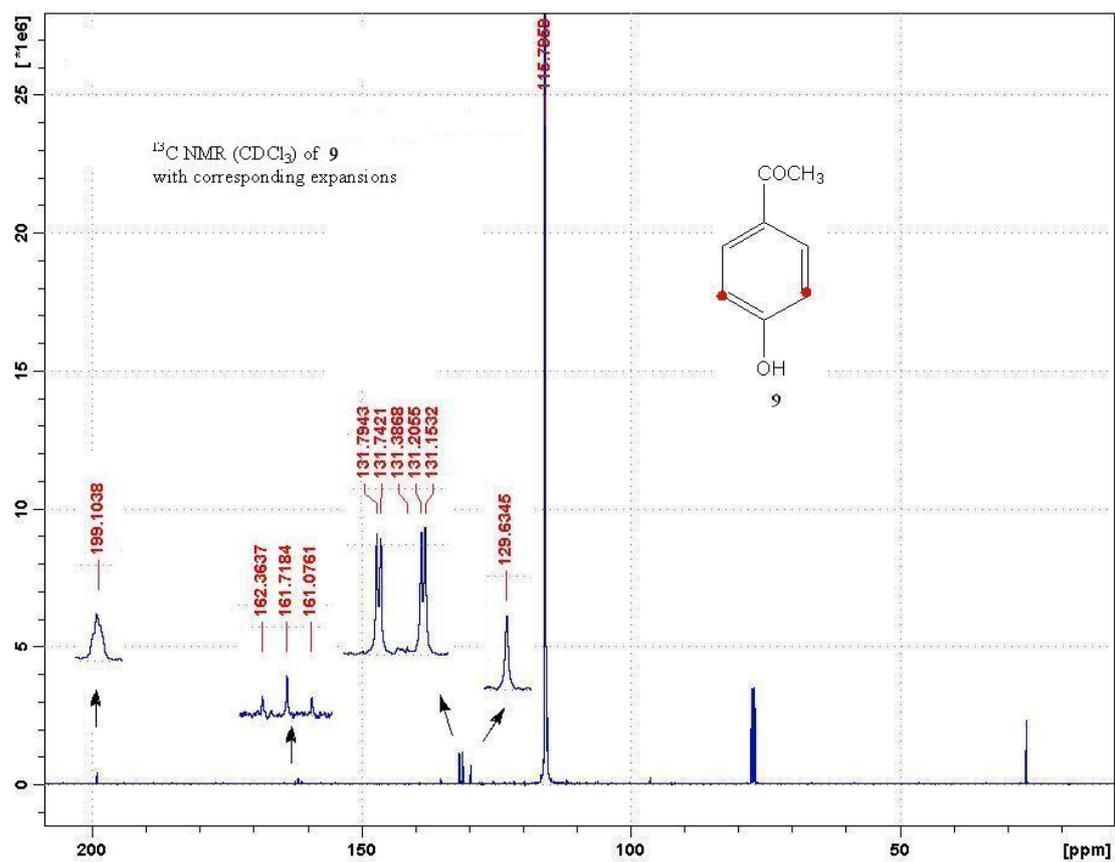


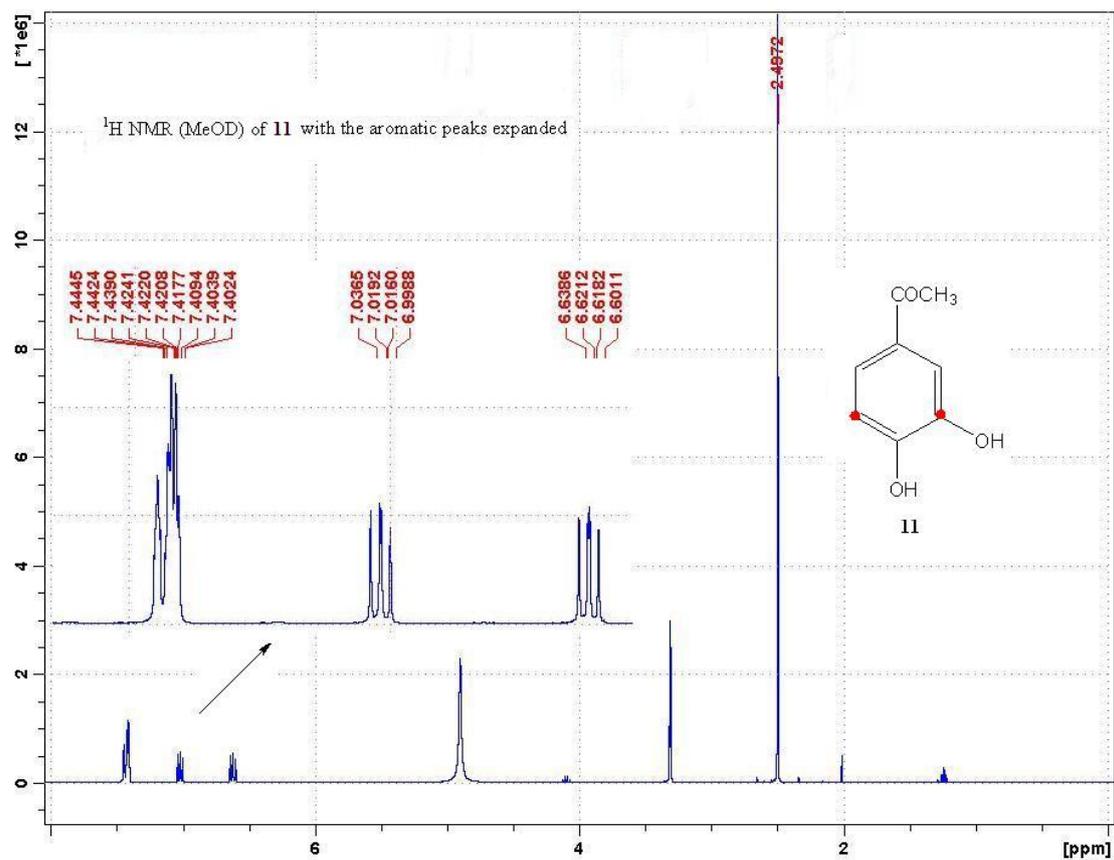
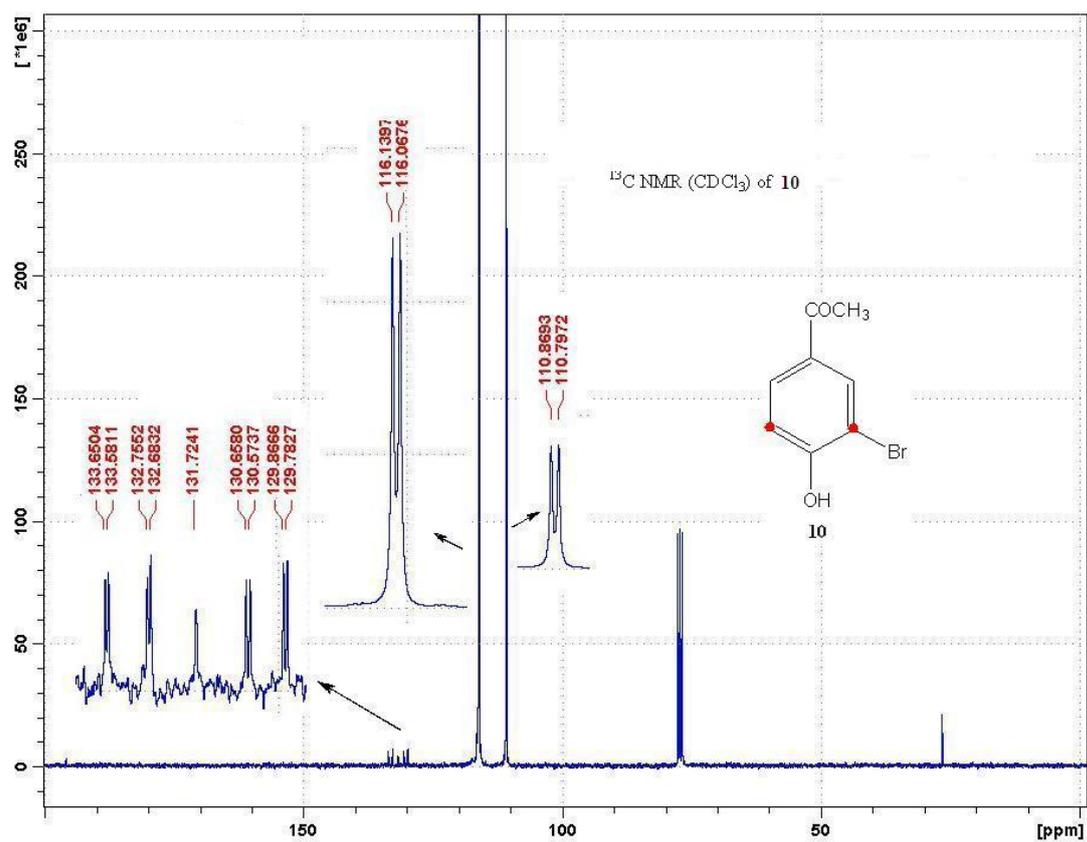


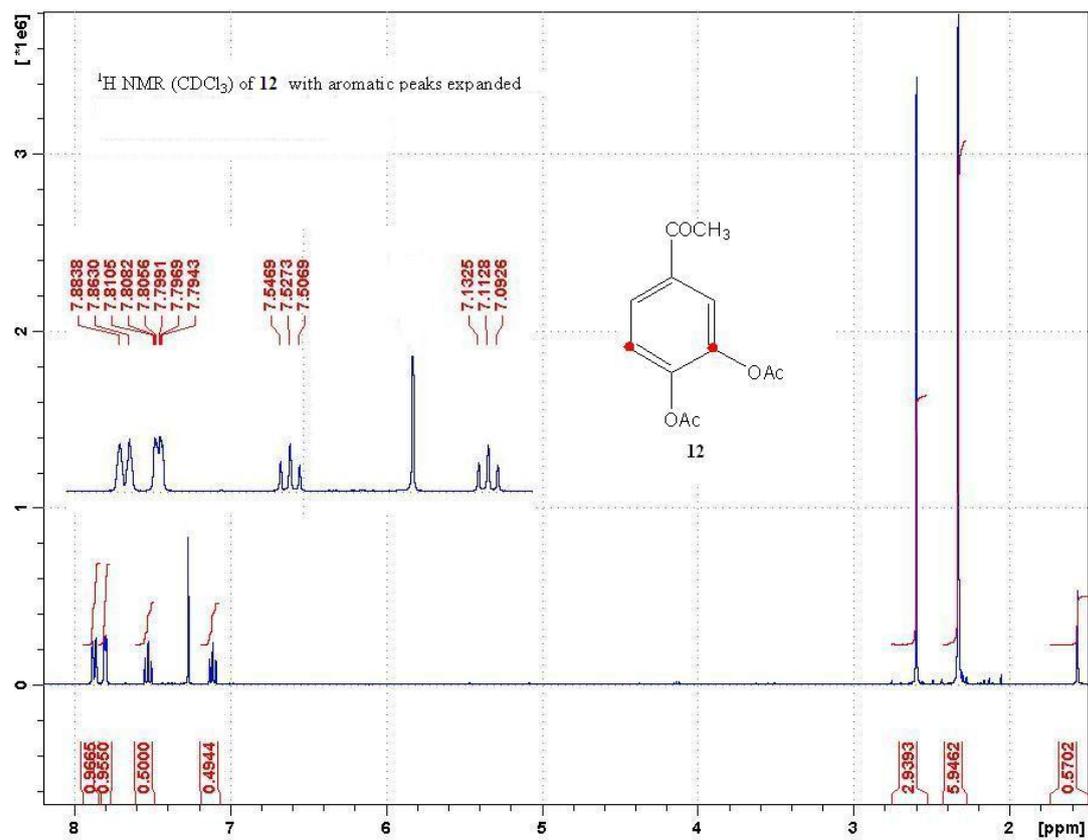
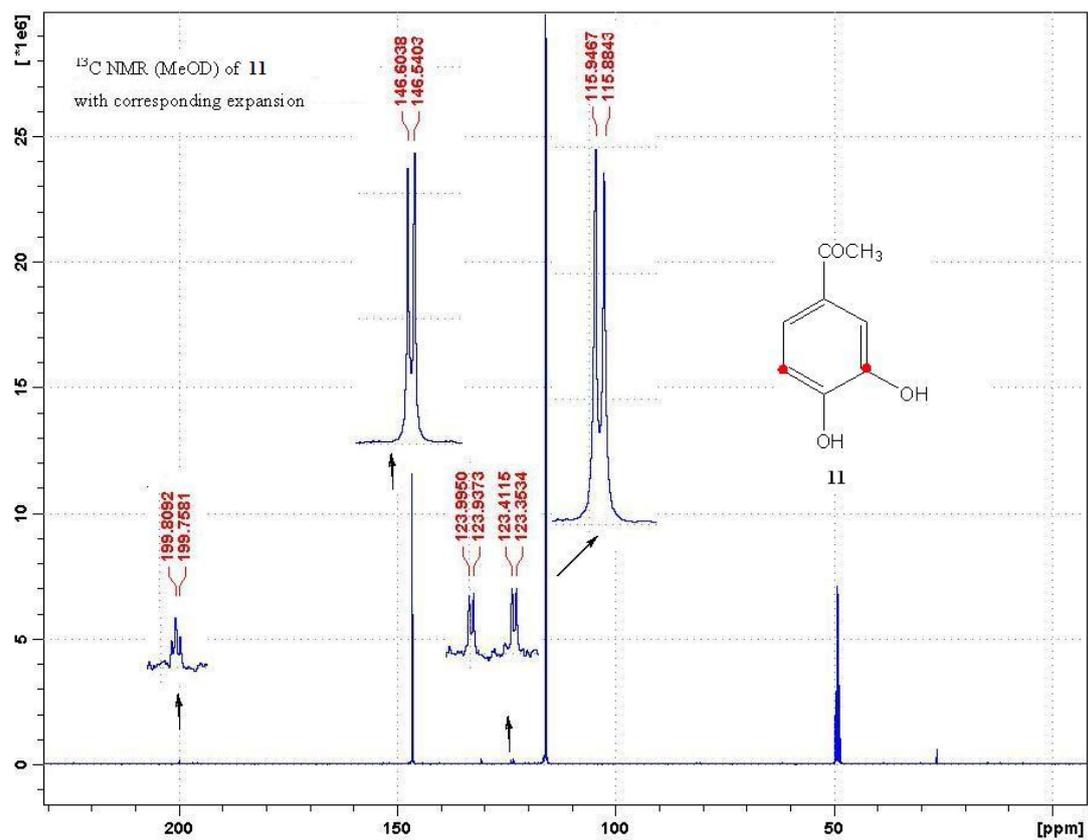


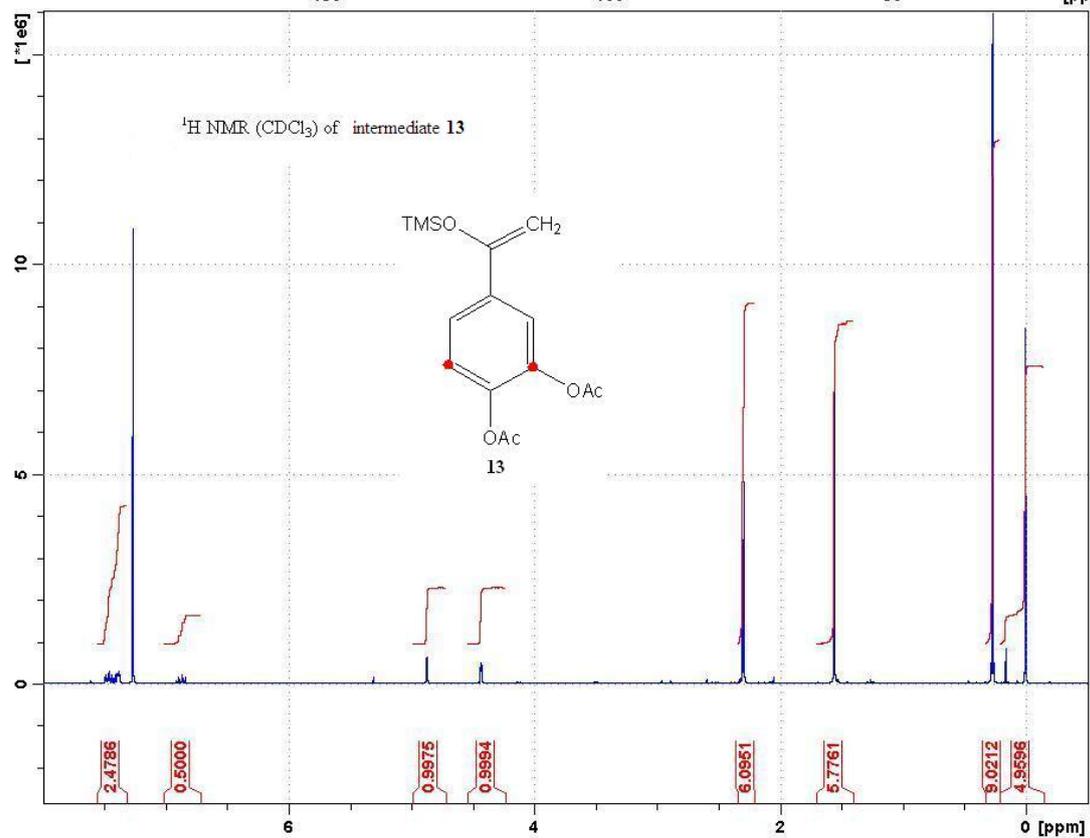
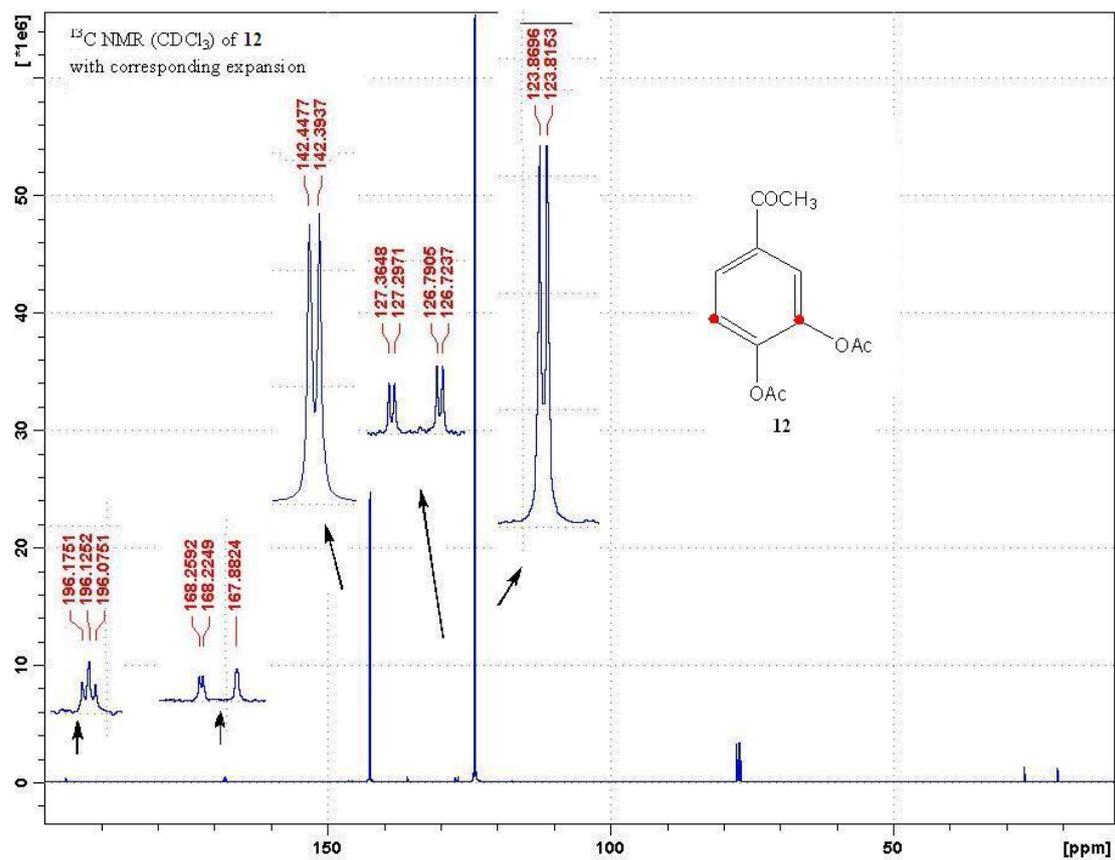


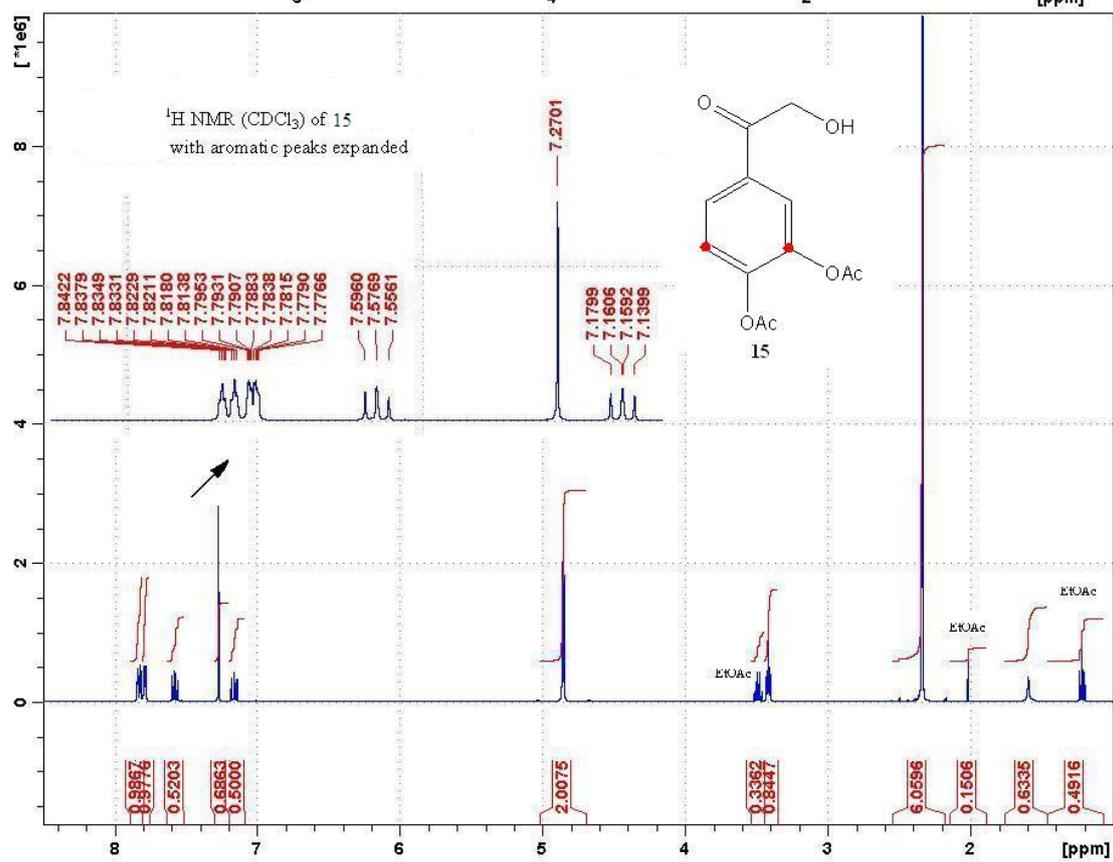
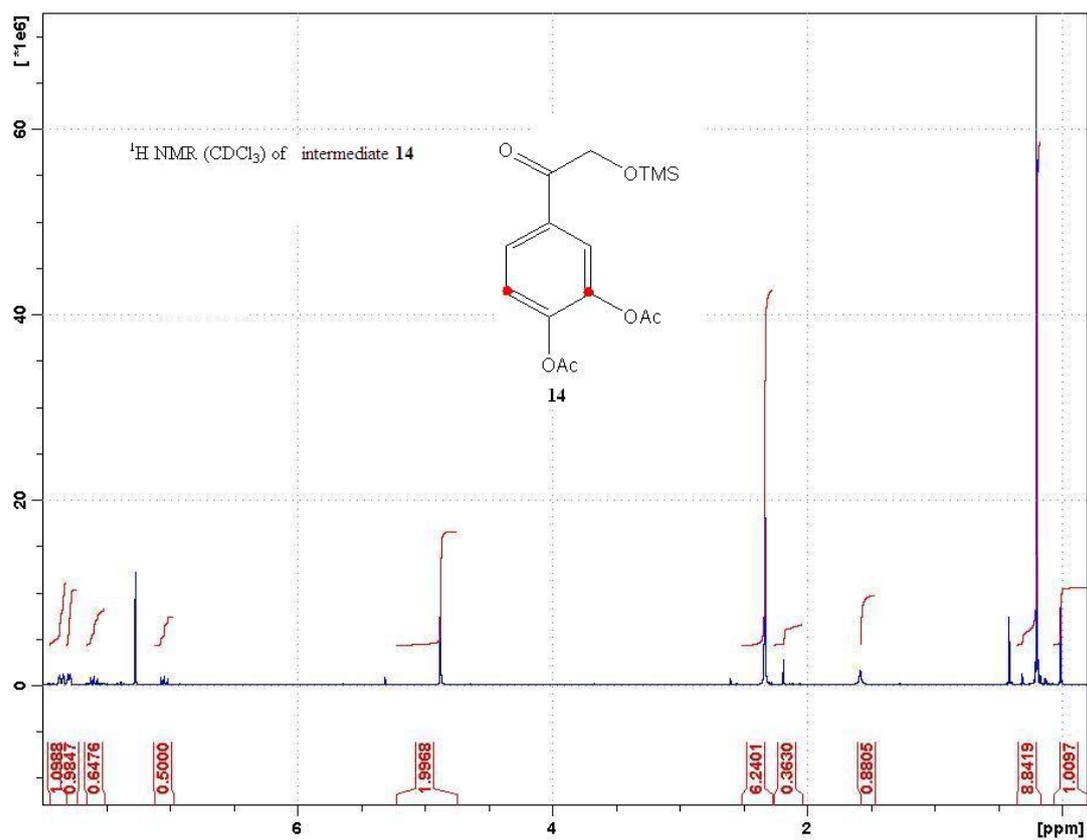


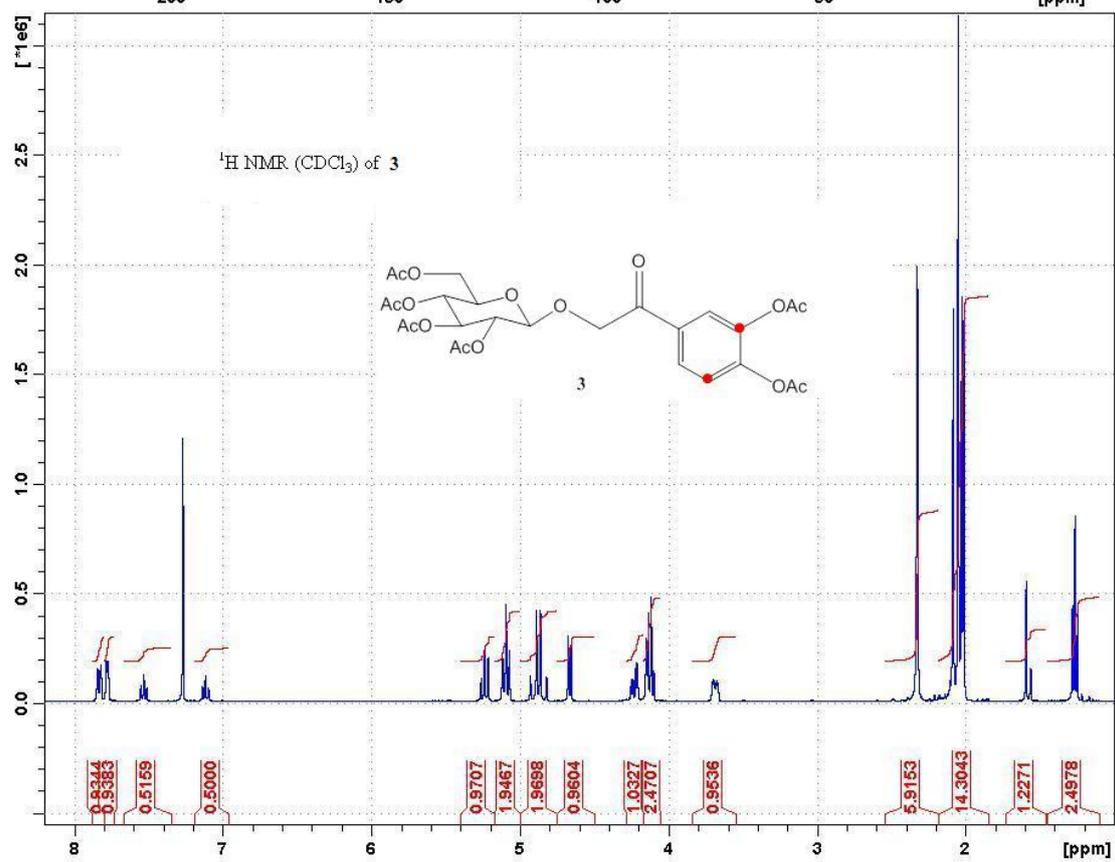
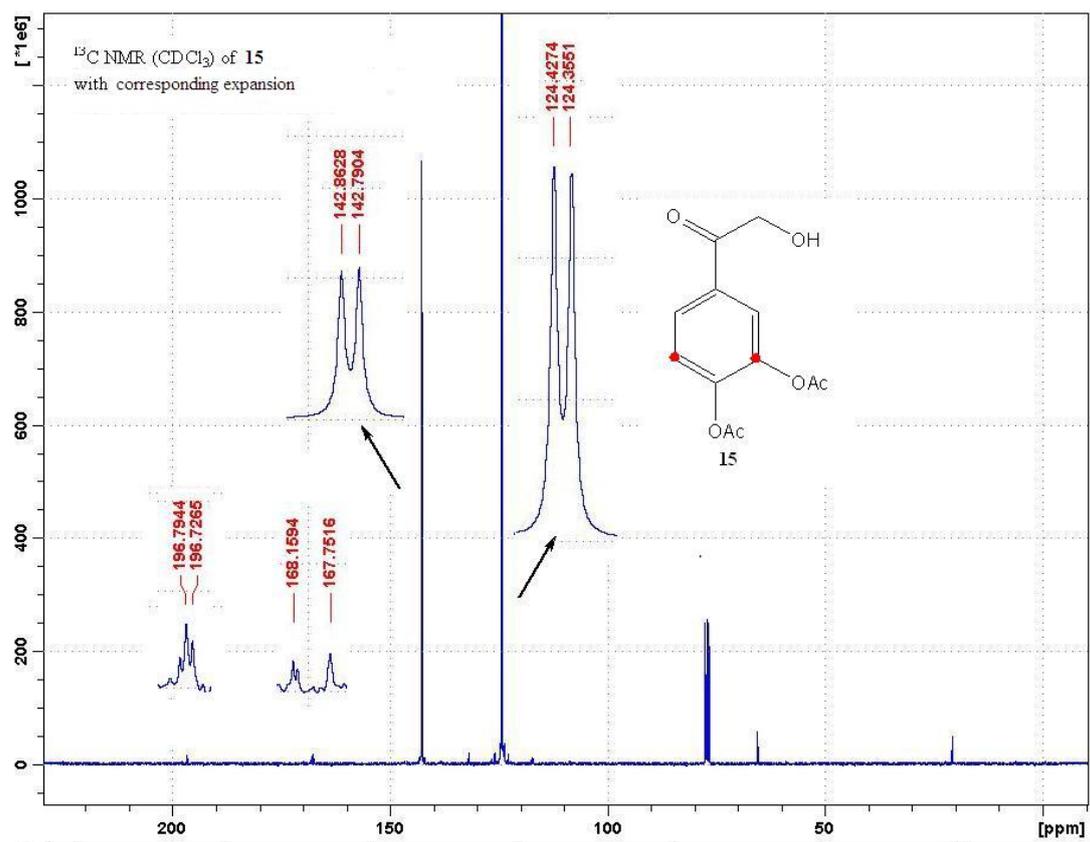


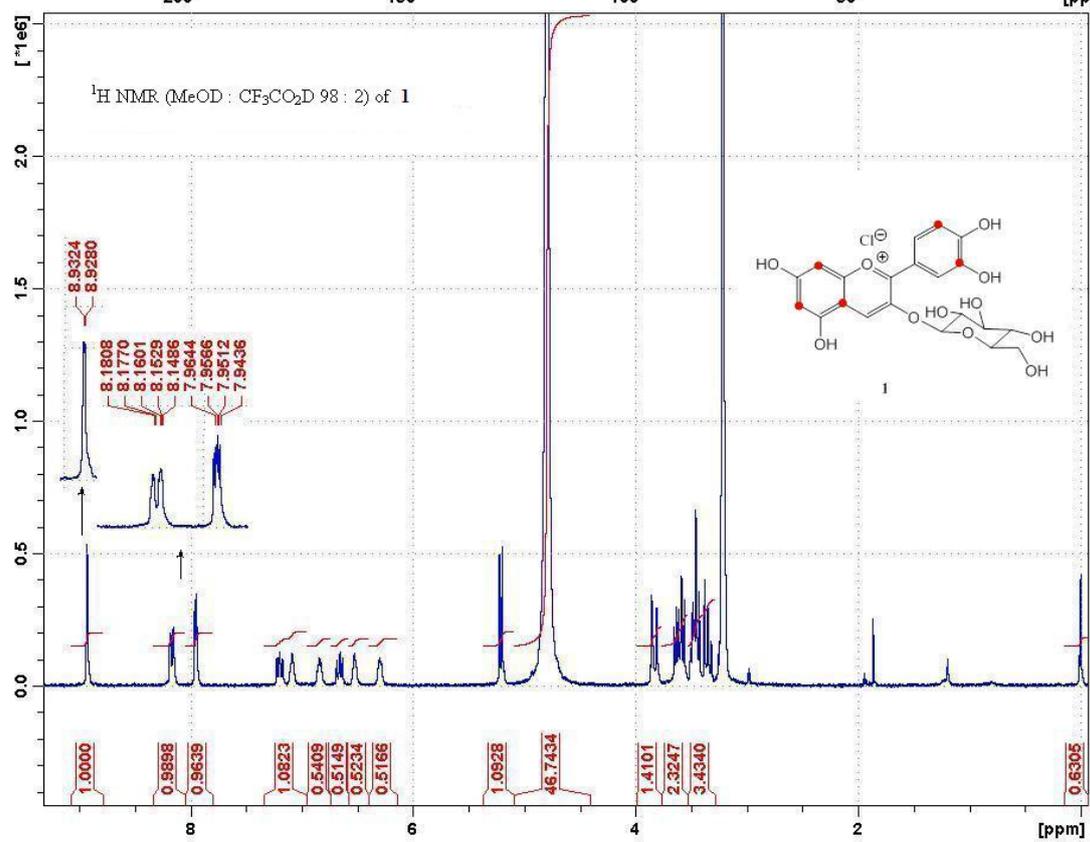
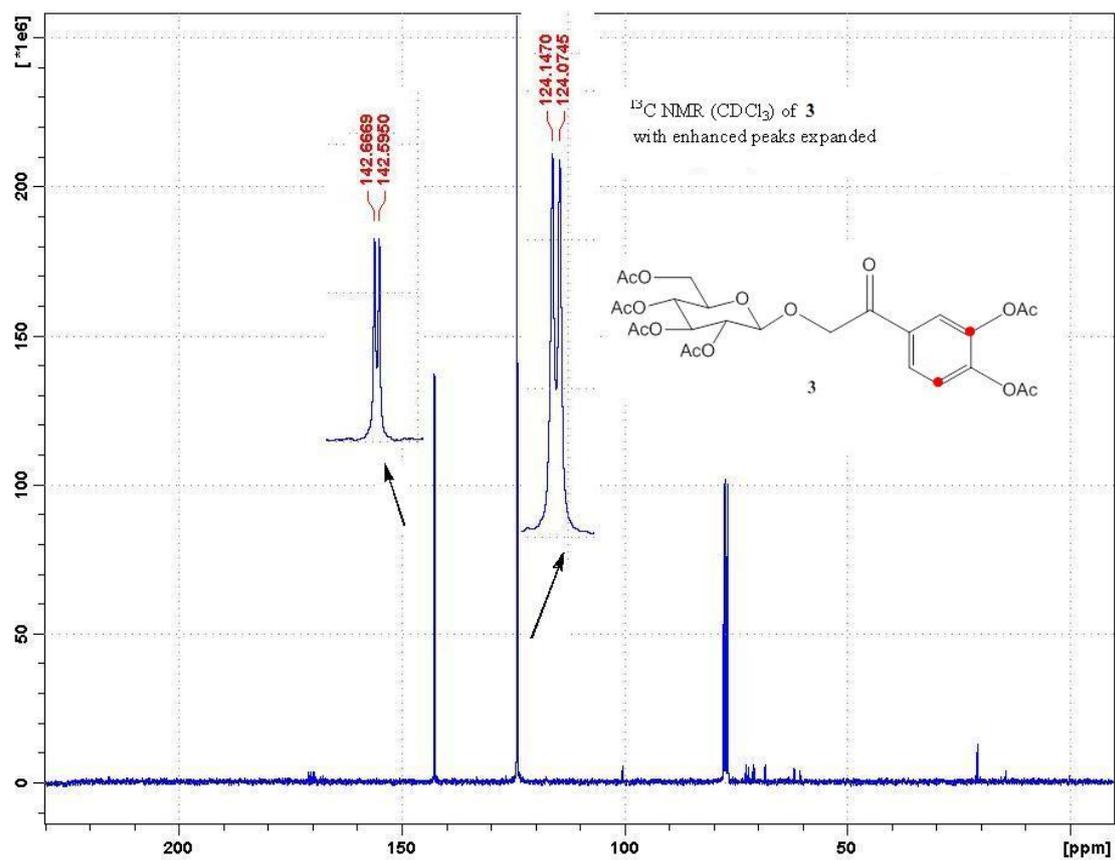


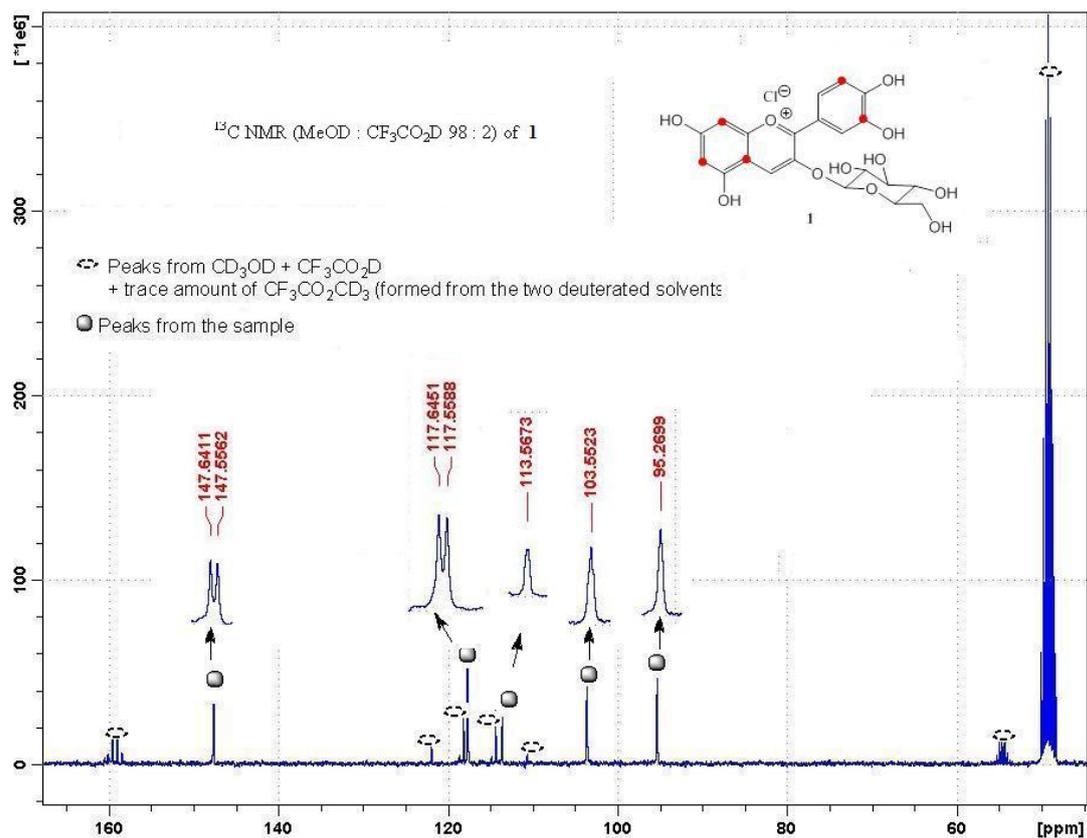












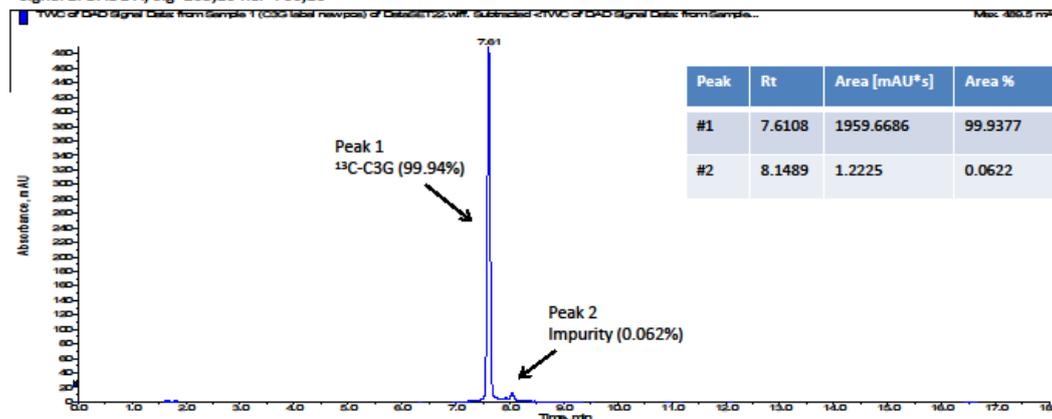
HPLC spectrum [¹³C₅]C3G

50uM labelled ¹³C-Labelled C3G (Matrix: <0.01%DMSO in 0.01% formic acid vv 100% methanol)

Acq. Instrument : Instrument 1 Location : P1-C-01
 Injection Date : 4/1/2011 10:23:38 AM Inj : 1 Inj Volume : 5.0 µl Flow 1ml/min
 Acq. Method : C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\AM01\AM01_010411 A) 0.5% FA in H2O B) 0.5% Fa in MeOH
 Analysis Method : C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\AM01\AM01_010411 Gradient mins - %B
 Method Info : AM01_pH differential of anthocyanins 0 - 2%
 Column: Eclipse XDB-C18 4.6 x 150 µM 4 - 20%
 Code: pn993967-902 6 - 80%
 Serial Number: USKH054260 8 - 90%
 10 - 100%
 14 - 100%
 15 - 0.5%
 18 - 0.5%

Area Percent Report

Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=265,10 Ref=700,10



*** End of Report ***