

## Supporting information

# 12-Membered to strained 11-membered ring: First stereoselective total synthesis of (–)-asteriscunolide C

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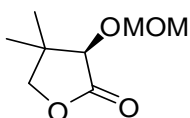
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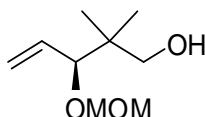
**General:** Flasks were oven or flame dried and cooled in a desiccator. Dry reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of Ar or N<sub>2</sub>. Solvents and reagents were purified by standard methods. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on EM 250 Kieselgel 60 F254 silica gel plates. The spots were visualized by either staining with KMnO<sub>4</sub> or under UV lamp. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on Bruker, AVANCE III 400 spectrometer and the chemical shifts are based on TMS peak at  $\delta = 0.00$  ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> peak at  $\delta = 77.00$  ppm (t) in <sup>13</sup>C NMR. IR spectra were obtained on Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with Jasco P-2000 digital polarimeter. HRMS was recorded with Micromass: Q-ToF micro (YA-105) spectrometer using positive electrospray ionization by TOF method.

**(R)-3-(Methoxymethoxy)-4,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2(3H)-one (13)**<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of D-(–)-pantolactone **12** (1.0 g, 7.68 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) at 0 °C were added DIPEA (3.32 mL, 19.21 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and MOMCl (9.60 mL, 19.21 mmol, 2 M solution in toluene, 2.5 equiv). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and refluxed for 24 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and the solution extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **13** (1.27 g, 95%) as colorless oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +123.15 (c 0.68, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2966, 2936, 2903, 2828, 1786, 1631, 1467, 1400, 1376, 1298, 1202, 1149, 1121, 1062, 1028, 1013, 995, 921, 944, 921, 892, 815, 710, 669, 643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.1, 96.1, 78.3, 76.1, 55.9, 40.2, 23.1, 19.4.

**(S)-3-(Methoxymethoxy)-2,2-dimethylpent-4-en-1-ol (14)**<sup>1</sup>

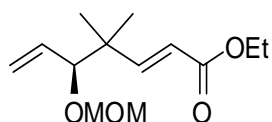


To a solution of **13** (0.5 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) at –78 °C was added DIBAL-H (1.97 mL, 3.44 mmol, 1.75 M solution in toluene, 1.2 equiv) dropwise over 10 min. The resulting solution was stirred at same temperature for 2 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. Rochelle salt (5 mL) and the solution extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give the lactol (0.505 g) as colorless oil.

To a white suspension of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.05 g, 5.74 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry THF (20 mL) at 0 °C was added *n*-BuLi (3.60 mL, 5.74 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then the solution of above

lactol (0.505 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise and stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 16 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **14** (0.425 g, 85%) as colorless oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +138.62 (*c* 0.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3460, 3079, 2962, 2886, 2825, 2780, 2066, 1642, 1473, 1423, 1365, 1274, 1149, 1099, 1041, 920, 969, 877, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.78–5.68 (m, 1H), 5.31 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.3, 119.6, 94.1, 84.2, 70.5, 55.9, 38.5, 22.3, 19.6.

**(*S,E*)-Ethyl 5-(methoxymethoxy)-4,4-dimethylhepta-2,6-dienoate (**15**)**

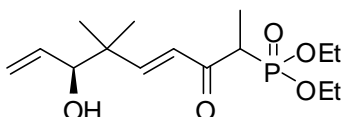


To a solution of DMSO (0.370 mL, 5.16 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) at -78 °C was added oxalyl chloride (0.220 mL, 2.58 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 15 min, and then the solution of alcohol **14** (0.3 g, 1.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added and stirring continued for 45 min. It was then quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.01 mL, 7.74 mmol, 4.5 equiv) and sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and the solution extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The crude aldehyde (0.296 g) was used without purification for next step.

To a solution of triethyl phosphonoacetate (0.578 g, 2.58 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dry THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (0.103 g, 2.58 mmol, 60% in mineral oil, 1.5 equiv) portionwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, and then a solution of above aldehyde (0.296 g) in dry THF (5 mL) was added and stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 16 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **15** (0.362 g, 87%) as colorless oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +85.6 (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3079, 2981, 2890, 2825, 1721, 1652, 1468, 1424, 1386, 1367, 1311, 1272, 1181, 1162, 1149, 1098, 1037, 996, 920, 894, 864, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,

$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.08 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.61–5.56 (m, 1H), 5.31 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.9, 155.3, 134.2, 120.3, 119.1, 93.6, 83.6, 60.2, 55.8, 40.5, 23.9, 22.3, 14.3; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4 + \text{H}]^+$  243.1596, found 243.1597.

### Diethyl (7*S*,*E*)-7-hydroxy-6,6-dimethyl-3-oxonona-4,8-dien-2-ylphosphonate (**11**)

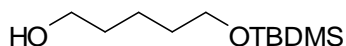


To a solution of diethyl ethylphosphonate (1.44 g, 8.67 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in dry THF (30 mL) at  $-78$  °C was added *n*-BuLi (5.42 mL, 8.67 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane, 3.0 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred at  $-78$  °C to 0 °C for 1 h, then cooled back to  $-78$  °C and a solution of ester **15** (0.7 g, 2.89 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at  $-78$  °C for 2 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (10 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The crude ketophosphonate was used without purification for the next step.

To a solution of above crude ketophosphonate in THF (20 mL) was added 4 N HCl (10 mL). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 2 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (20 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **11** (0.809 g, 88%) as colorless oil. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 3401, 2983, 2940, 2876, 1694, 1669, 1623, 1456, 1392, 1317, 1240, 1164, 1098, 1024, 970, 993, 869, 797, 667  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR data for one diastereomer:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.98 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.92–5.80 (m, 1H), 5.33–5.19 (m, 2H), 4.20–4.03 (m, 4H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 0.9, 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.45 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.26 (m, 9H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.2, 155.6, 136.4, 128.2, 117.3, 79.4, 62.8 (d), 62.5 (d), 44.3 (d), 41.7, 23.1, 21.6, 16.35, 16.31, 10.8 (d); HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_5\text{P} + \text{H}]^+$  319.1675, found 319.1671.

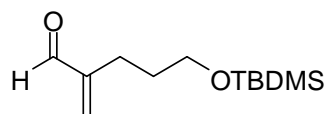


### 5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-pentan-1-ol (**17**)



To a stirred solution of 1,5-pentane diol **16** (1.0 g, 9.60 mmol) in dry THF (40 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (0.384 g, 9.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in portions over 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then cooled to 0 °C and TBDMSCl (1.45 g, 9.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. It was then quenched with ice cold water (10 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (9:1 to 4:1) as eluent to give **17** (1.78 g, 85%) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3370, 2933, 2859, 1472, 1389, 1362, 1256, 1100, 1040, 1006, 939, 919, 837, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.65–3.59 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.41 (m, 4H), 1.39–1.37 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 63.1, 62.9, 32.4, 25.9, 22.0, 18.3, –5.3.

### 5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-methylenepentanal (**18**)

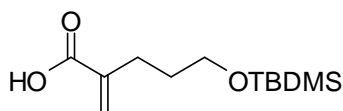


To a solution of DMSO (0.314 mL, 4.42 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) at –78 °C was added oxalyl chloride (0.190 mL, 2.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min, then a solution of alcohol **17** (0.322 g, 1.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added and stirring continued for 45 min. It was then quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.87 mL, 6.61 mmol, 4.5 equiv) and sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). The solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The crude aldehyde (0.319 g) was used without purification for next step.

To a solution of above aldehyde (0.319 g) and formalin (0.110 mL, 1.47 mmol, 37% formaldehyde in water, 1.0 equiv) in *i*-PrOH (0.2 mL) were added propionic acid (0.011 mL, 0.147 mmol, 10 mol%) and pyrrolidine (0.012 mL, 0.147 mmol, 10 mol%). The resulting mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 24 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) and the solution extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (9:1 to 4:1) as eluent to give **18** (0.316

g, 94%, over two steps) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2955, 2930, 2886, 1697, 1628, 1463, 1389, 1361, 1256, 1104, 1006, 958, 837, 814, 776, 713, 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.53 (s, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.67–1.63 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.7, 149.9, 134.1, 62.3, 30.7, 25.9, 24.2, 18.3, -5.4; **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup> 228.1546, found 228.1539.

#### 5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-methylenepentanoic acid (**10**)

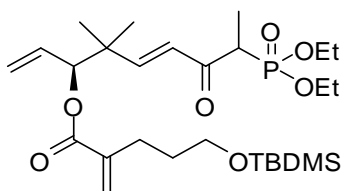


To a solution of aldehyde **18** (0.1 g, 0.438 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and cyclohexene (0.108 g, 1.31 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in *t*-BuOH (3 mL) at 5 °C was added a solution of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.137 g, 0.876 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NaClO<sub>2</sub> (0.091 g, 1.01 mmol, 2.3 equiv) in water (1.5 mL) dropwise over 10 min. The resulting yellow mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (4:1) as eluent to give **10** (0.094 g, 88%) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3439, 3019, 2956, 2931, 2900, 2858, 1714, 1628, 1472, 1464, 1448, 1300, 1257, 1158, 1074, 1021, 952, 911, 837, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.29 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.74–1.67 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.5, 139.7, 127.2, 62.3, 31.3, 27.9, 25.9, 18.3, -5.3; **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup> 245.1573, found 245.1565.

#### (3*S*,*E*)-8-(Diethoxyphosphoryl)-4,4-dimethyl-7-oxonona-1,5-dien-3-yl

#### 5-(*tert*-

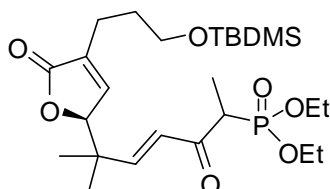
#### butyldimethyl silyloxy)-2-methylenepentanoate (**9**)



To a solution of acid **10** (0.170 g, 0.695 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in toluene (5 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.194 mL, 1.39 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and stirred at same temperature for 30 min. Then 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride (0.145 mL, 0.93 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min. After complete conversion of acid (judged by TLC) were added alcohol **11** (0.147 g, 0.461 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (5 mL) and DMAP (0.170 g, 1.39 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **9** (0.237 g, 94%) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2983, 2956, 2932, 2859, 1720, 1693, 1673, 1627, 1472, 1390, 1368, 1318, 1251, 1195, 1161, 1100, 1055, 1025, 969, 946, 837, 814, 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR data for one diastereomer: **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.95 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.77–5.68 (m, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.27–5.22 (m, 2H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.45–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 4.4 Hz, 6H), 1.11 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.8, 166.0, 152.2, 140.2, 132.6, 127.1, 125.0, 119.2, 80.2, 62.6 (d), 62.5 (d), 62.3, 45.4 (d), 40.7, 31.4, 28.2, 25.9, 23.0, 22.8, 18.3, 16.4, 16.3, 11.1 (d), -5.4; **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>49</sub>O<sub>7</sub>PSi + H]<sup>+</sup> 545.3063, found 545.3066.

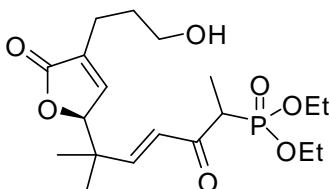
**Diethyl (E)-6-[(S)-4-(3-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxypropyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl]-6-methyl-3-oxohept-4-en-2-ylphosphonate (**19**)**



To a solution of **9** (0.1 g, 0.183 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry and degassed toluene (20 mL) was added Grubb's II-generation catalyst (15.6 mg, 10 mol%). The resulting solution was refluxed for 36 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **19** (87 mg, 92%) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2945, 2858, 1760, 1697, 1673, 1629, 1472, 1391, 1366, 1317, 1252, 1188, 1104, 1064, 1025, 166, 872, 838, 777, 665 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR data for one diastereomer: **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.98 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.61 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.41–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.27 (m, 9H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.5, 173.2, 150.3, 144.9, 136.2, 127.9, 86.2, 62.7 (d), 62.6 (d), 62.1, 45.6 (d), 40.7, 30.5,

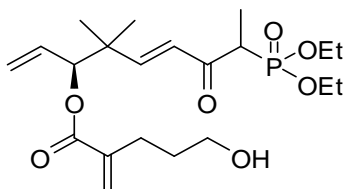
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**Diethyl (E)-6-[(S)-4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl]-6-methyl-3-oxohept-4-en-2-ylphosphonate (20)**



To a solution of **19** (80 mg, 0.155 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was added 4 N HCl (1 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq.  $NaHCO_3$  (5 mL) and MeOH was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **20** (53 mg, 85%) as colorless oil. **IR** ( $CHCl_3$ ): 3433, 2979, 2938, 2874, 1753, 1671, 1696, 1628, 1458, 1391, 1363, 1319, 1239, 1160, 1097, 1062, 1022, 969, 912, 875, 795, 733, 669  $cm^{-1}$ ; NMR data for one diastereomer:  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.11–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.06 (m, 4H), 3.65–3.56 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.32 (m, 1H), 2.41 (dt,  $J = 7.1, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.41–1.29 (m, 9H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H);  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  194.5, 173.7, 149.9, 146.0, 135.6, 128.2, 86.4, 62.9 (d), 62.6 (d), 60.9, 45.7 (d), 40.7, 30.1, 23.6, 22.1, 21.4, 16.4, 16.3, 10.9 (d); **HRMS**  $m/z$  calcd for  $[C_{19}H_{31}O_7P + H]^+$  403.1886, found 403.1900.

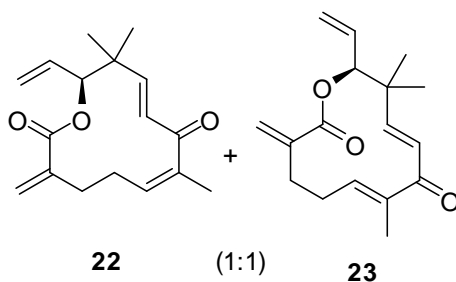
**(3S,E)-8-(Diethoxyphosphoryl)-4,4-dimethyl-7-oxonona-1,5-dien-3-yl 5-hydroxy-2-methylenepentanoate (21)**



To a solution of **9** (0.1 g, 0.183 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was added 4 N HCl (1 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq.  $NaHCO_3$  (5 mL) and MeOH was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with

brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give **21** (73 mg, 92%) as colorless oil. **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3422, 2984, 2939, 2874, 1718, 1627, 1455, 1388, 1366, 1318, 1240, 1184, 1160, 1140, 1048, 1024, 971, 668, cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR data for one diastereomer: **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.95 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.77–5.68 (m, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28–5.23 (m, 2H), 5.17–5.14 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.04 (m, 4H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.43–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.21 (m, 12H), 1.11 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.0, 166.2, 152.3, 140.3, 132.4, 127.2, 125.6, 119.6, 80.5, 62.7 (d), 62.6 (d), 61.7, 45.2 (d), 40.6, 31.9, 28.2, 23.8, 22.7, 16.34, 16.3, 11.1 (d); **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>7</sub>P + H]<sup>+</sup> 431.2199, found 431.2192.

**(*S*,6*Z*,9*E*)-7,11,11-Trimethyl-3-methylene-12-vinyloxacyclododeca-6,9-diene-2,8-dione (22) (1:1) mixture with (*S*,6*E*,9*E*)-7,11,11-Trimethyl-3-methylene-12-vinyloxacyclododeca-6,9-diene-2,8-dione (23)**

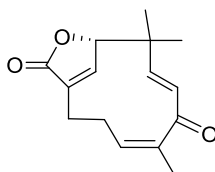


To a solution of alcohol **21** (45 mg, 0.104 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinate (98 mg, 0.23 mmol, 2.2 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. It was then quenched with a solution of 10% aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1:1, 2 mL) and the solution extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was passed through a short pad of silica gel and washed with petroleum ether/EtOAc (1:1) to give the aldehyde which was used for next step.

To a solution of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (86.2 mg, 0.624 mmol, 6.0 equiv) and 18-crown-6 (0.330 g, 1.25 mmol, 12.0 equiv) in toluene (40 mL) at 60 °C was added a solution of above aldehyde (45 mg) in toluene (12 mL) over a period of 4 h. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. It was then quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL) and the solution extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (4:1) as eluent to give a mixture of **22:23** (1:1, by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, 19 mg, 66%) as

colorless oil. Data of mixture: **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3016, 2926, 2854, 1720, 1646, 1464, 1369, 1300, 1283, 1182, 1146, 1100, 1021, 989, 938, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.67 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28–6.21 (m, 3H), 6.03–5.99 (m, 3H), 5.96–5.77 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.51–5.47 (m, 2H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37–5.30 (m, 4H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.62–2.10 (m, 7H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.9, 200.3, 168.3, 166.0, 153.7, 153.6, 143.6, 141.8, 140.4, 138.0, 137.8, 131.8, 131.75, 130.6, 129.6, 127.3, 125.0, 123.7, 119.5, 119.0, 81.7, 81.0, 41.3, 40.6, 33.0, 30.0, 29.8, 29.0, 23.5, 23.0, 20.9, 20.4, 19.7. 12.0; **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 275.1647, found 275.1655.

### (-)-Asteriscunolide C (**3**)



To a stirred mixture of **22** and **23** (12 mg, 0.044 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry and degassed toluene (10 mL) was added Grubb's II<sup>nd</sup> generation catalyst (3.7 mg, 10 mol%). The resulting solution was refluxed for 24 h and more Grubb's II<sup>nd</sup> generation catalyst (1.9 mg, 5 mol%) was added and stirred for another 48 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (7:3) as eluent to give (-)-**3** (4.85 mg, 90% based on the proportion of **22** in substrate mixture) as white solid. **mp** 159–160 °C, (lit.<sup>2</sup> 164 °C); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -252.9 (*c* 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), [lit.<sup>2</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = -260 (*c* 0.90)]; **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3020, 2928, 2855, 1760, 1652, 1462, 1453, 1369, 1317, 1180, 1067, 1053, 894, 856, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (bd, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 2.52–1.76 (m, 4H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.6, 173.7, 156.4, 149.7, 138.6, 135.6, 129.5, 128.5, 85.6, 40.7, 33.8, 24.6, 22.8, 21.1, 21.0; **HRMS** *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 247.1334, found 247.1326.

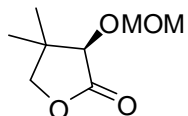
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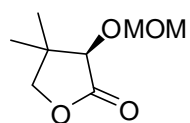
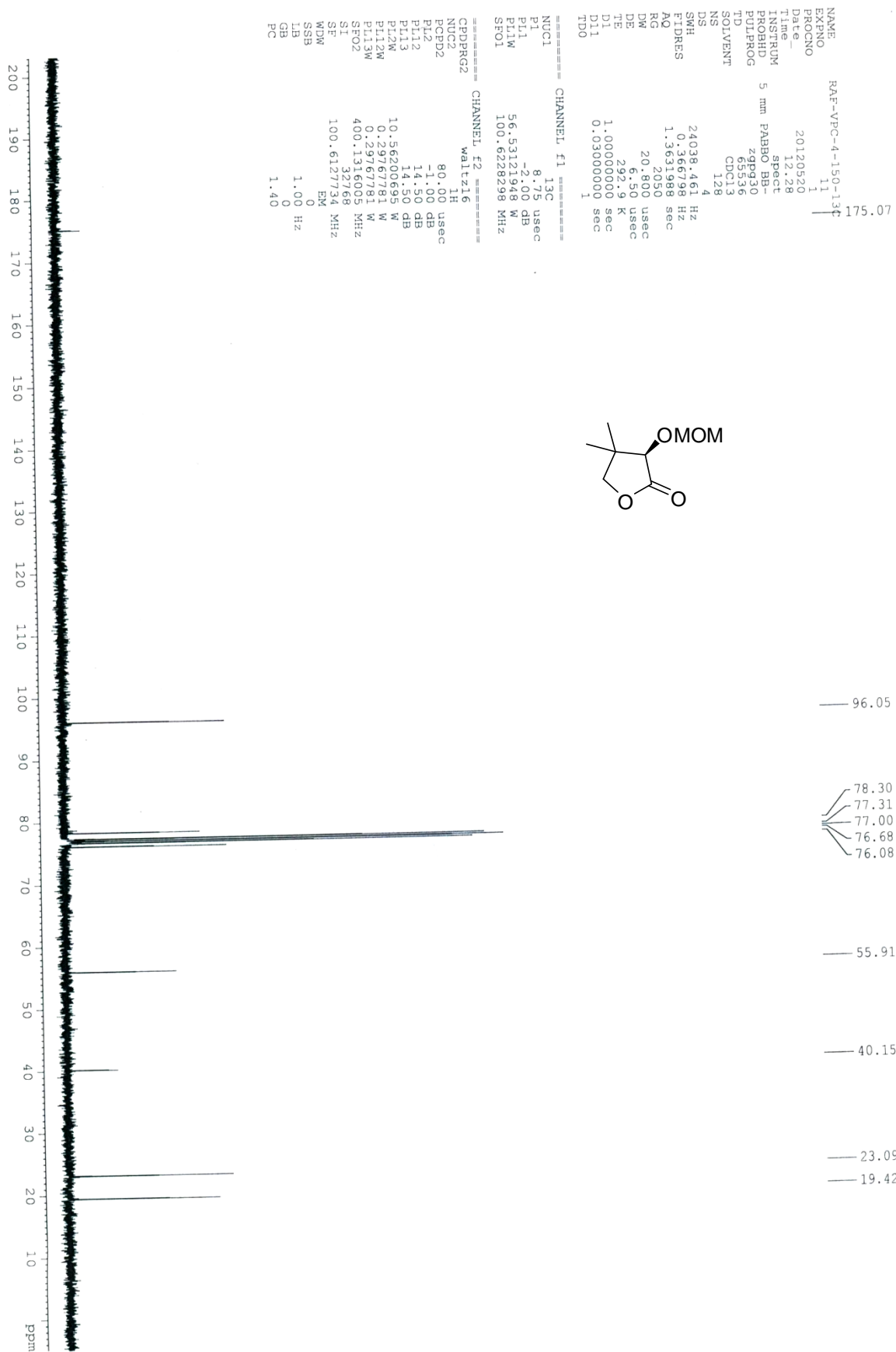
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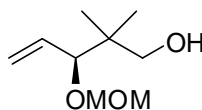
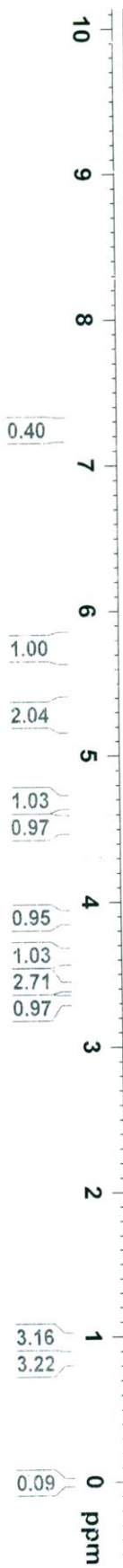


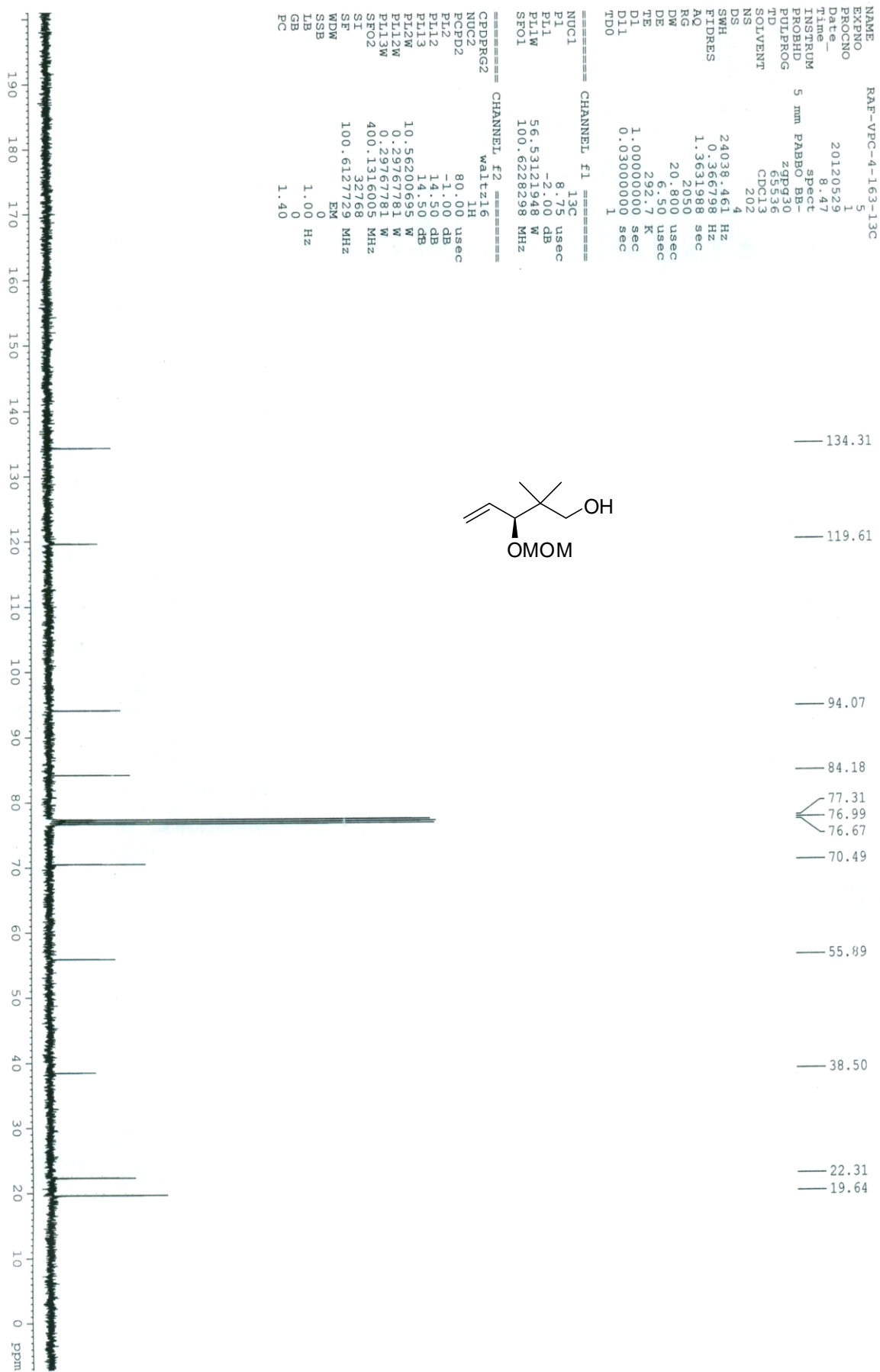
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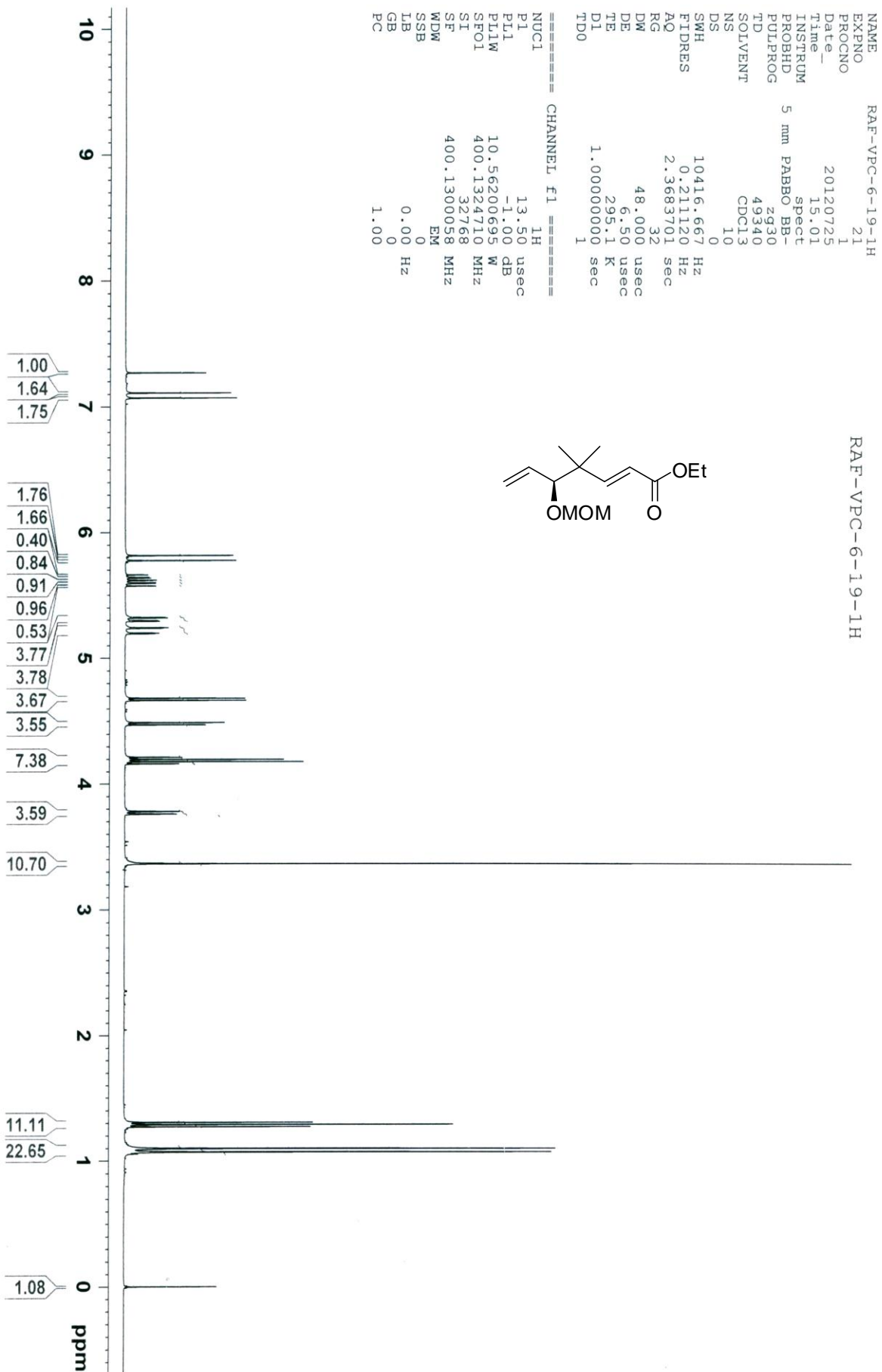
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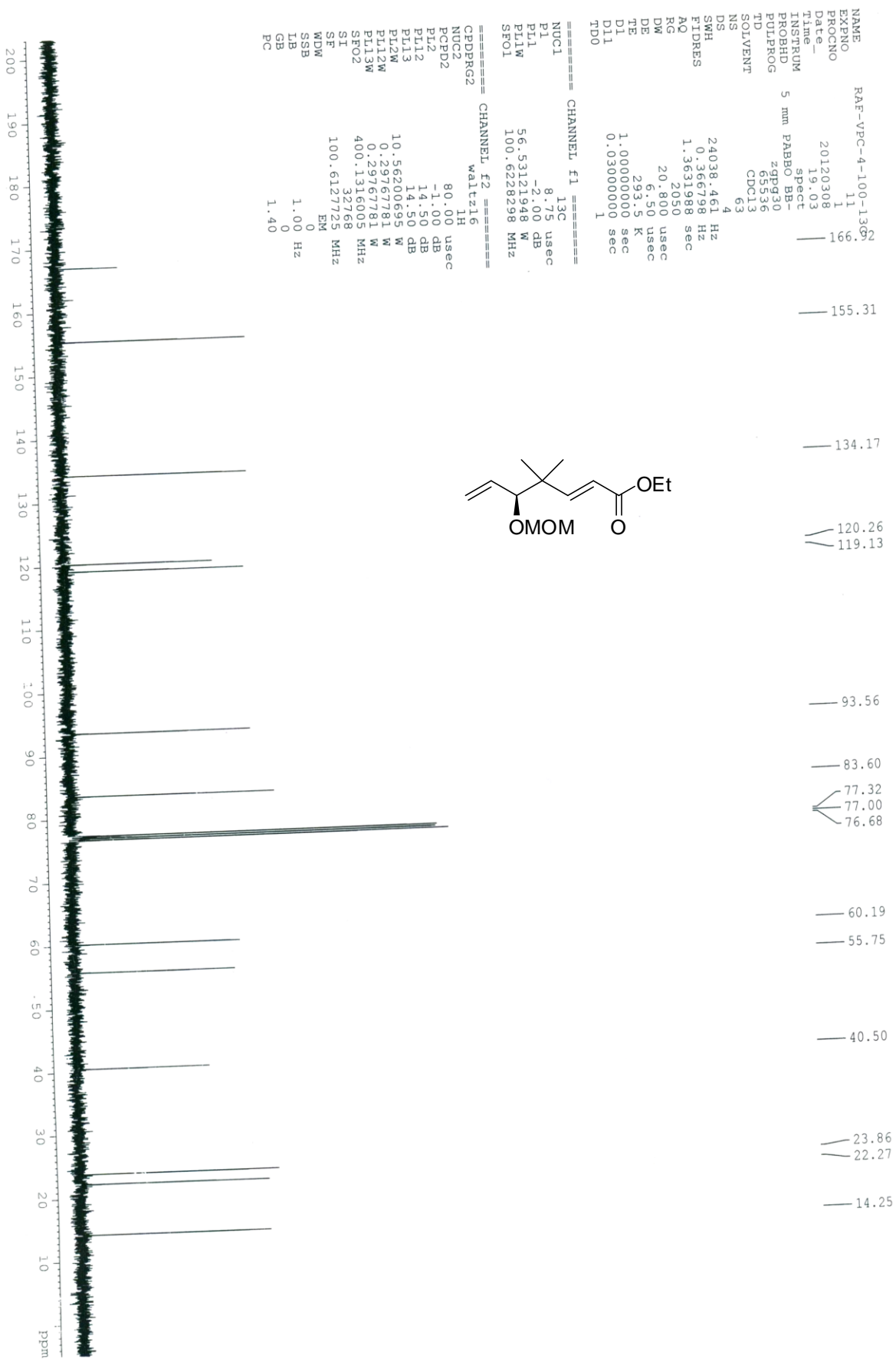
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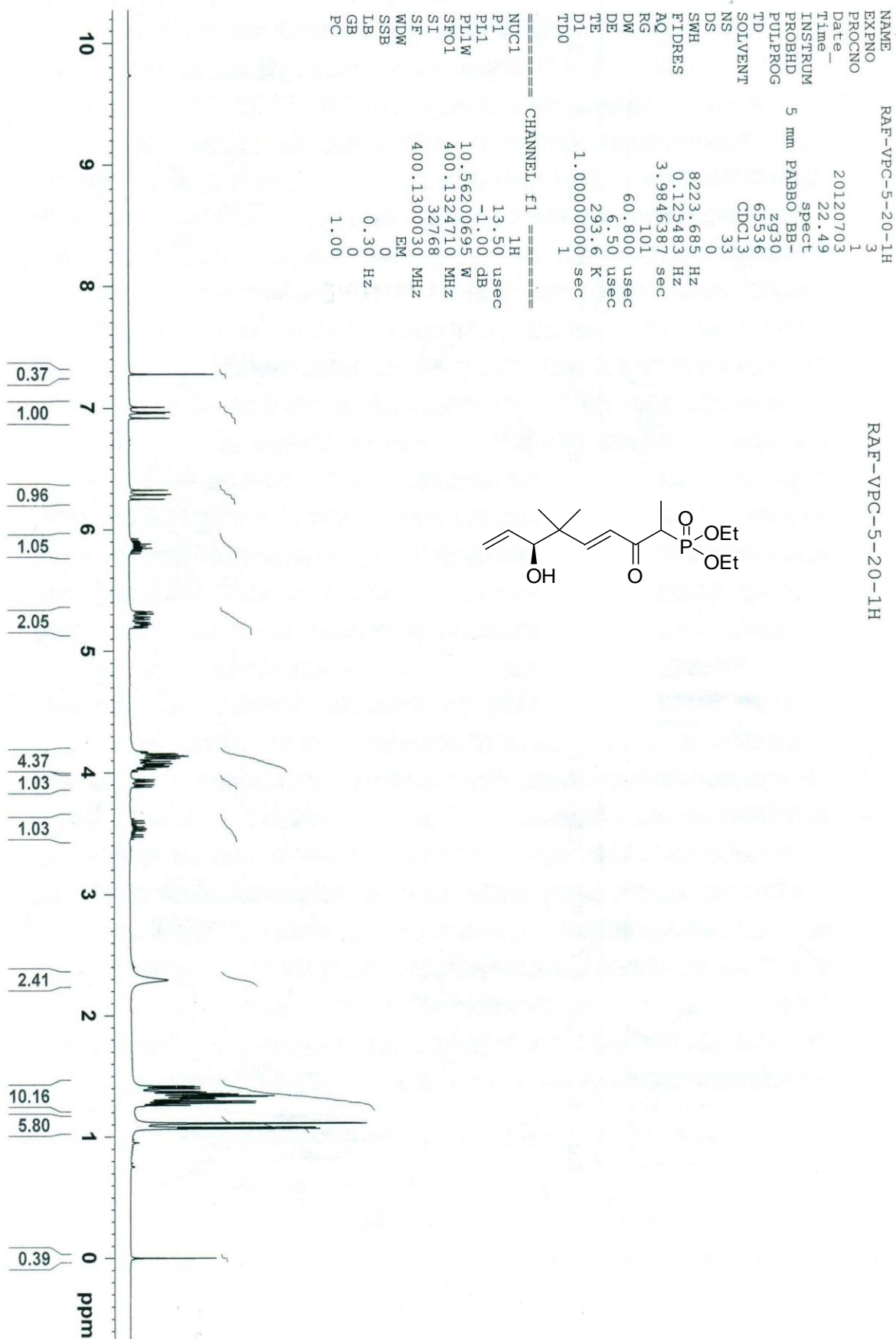
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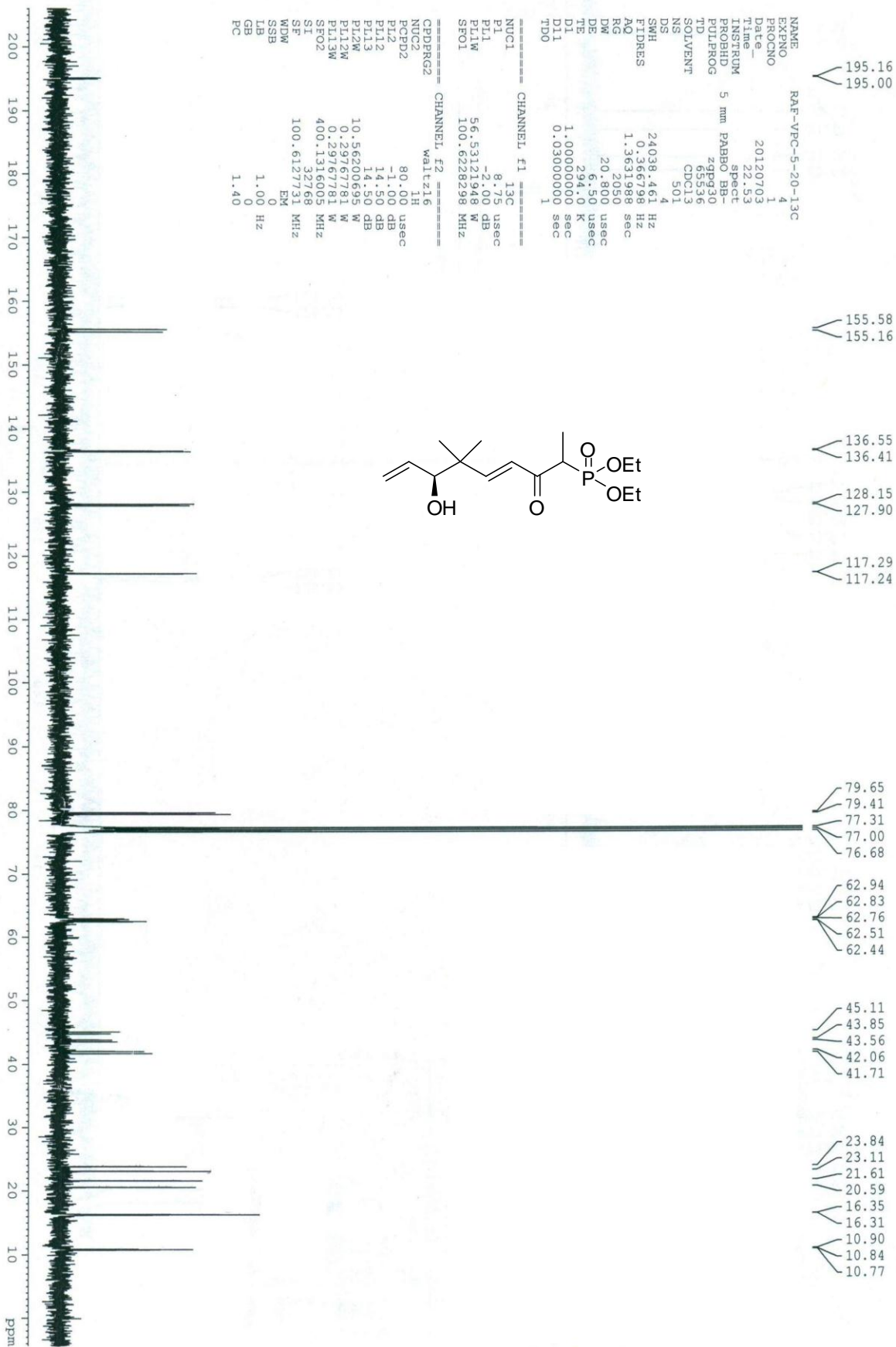


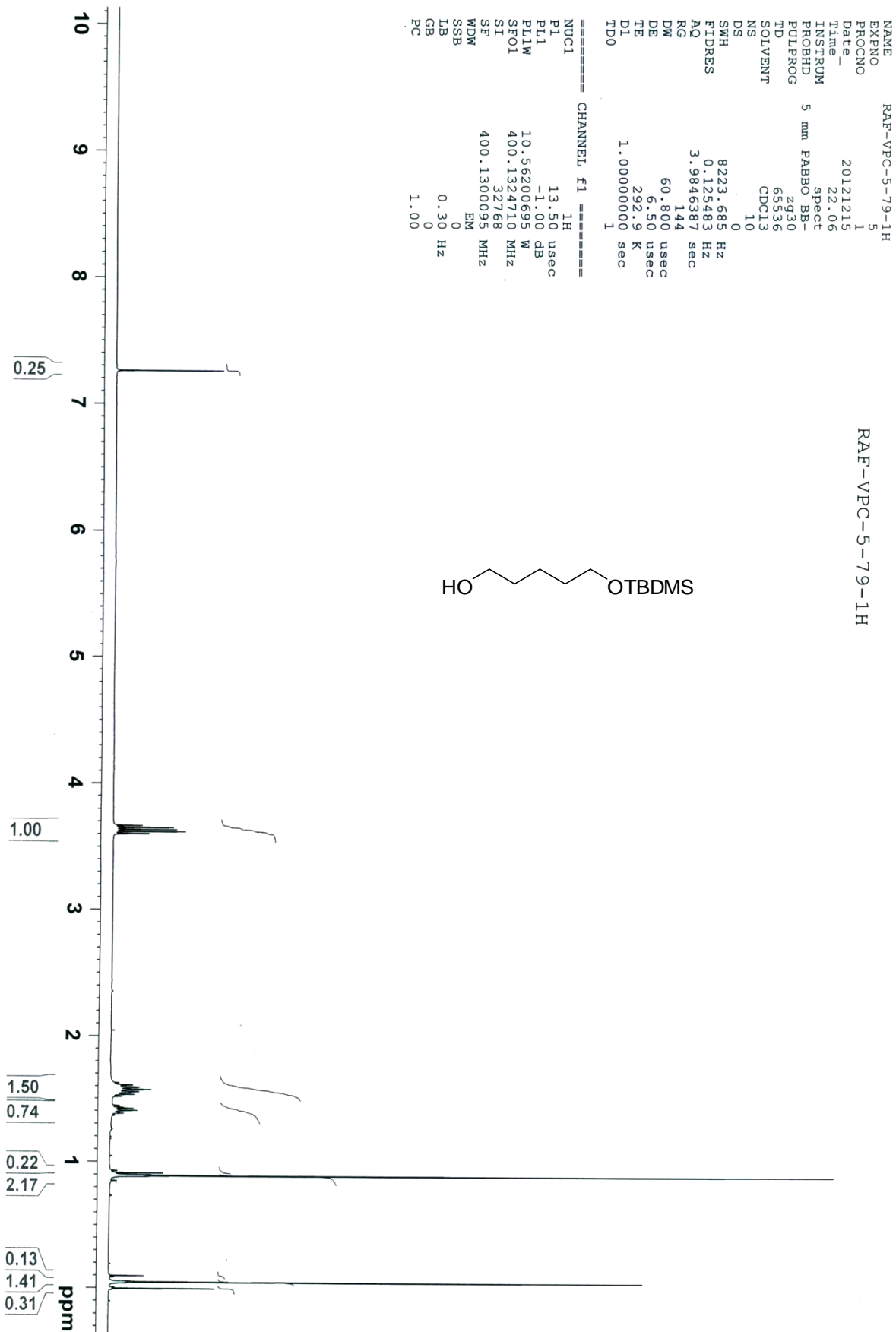




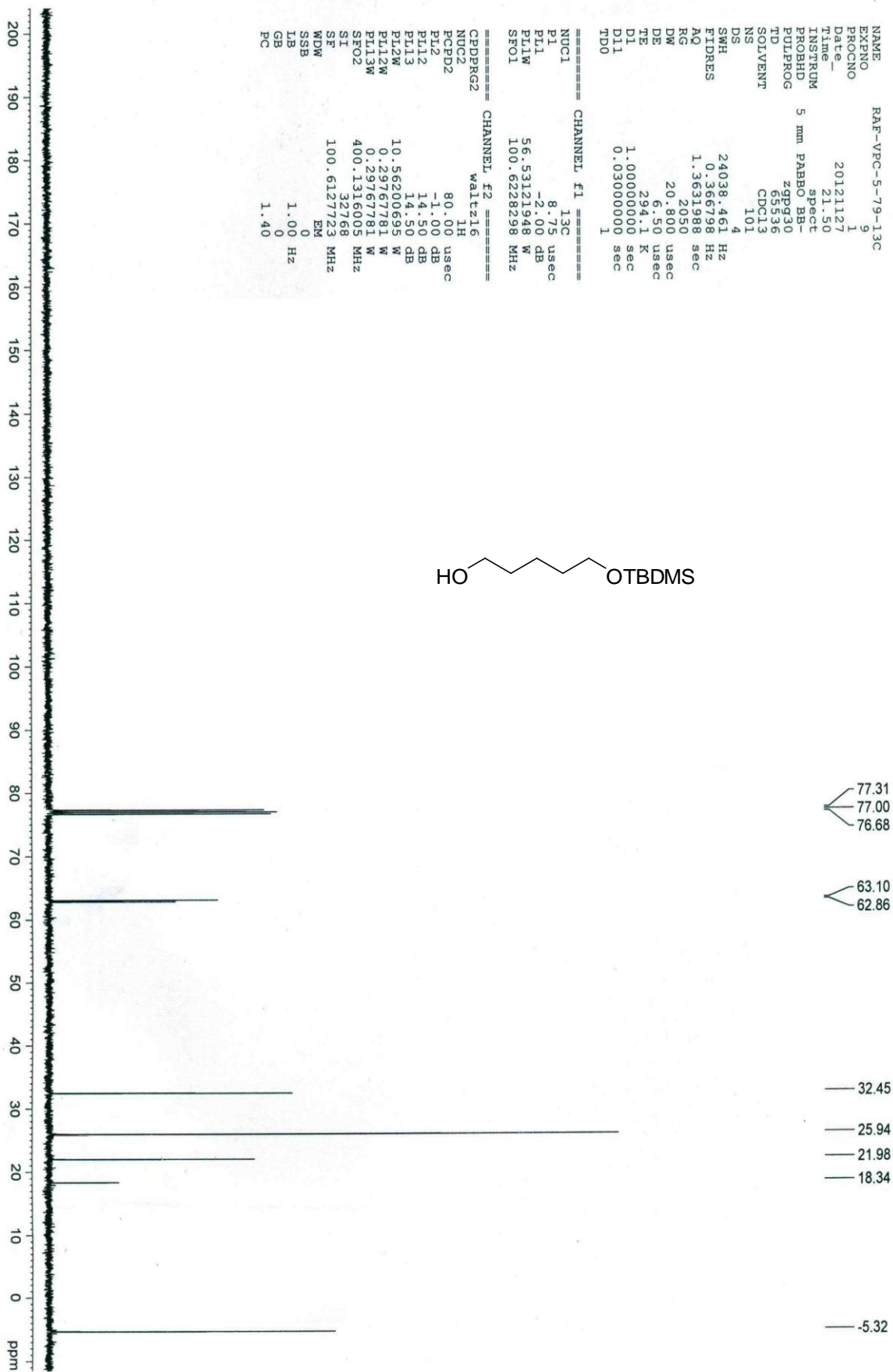




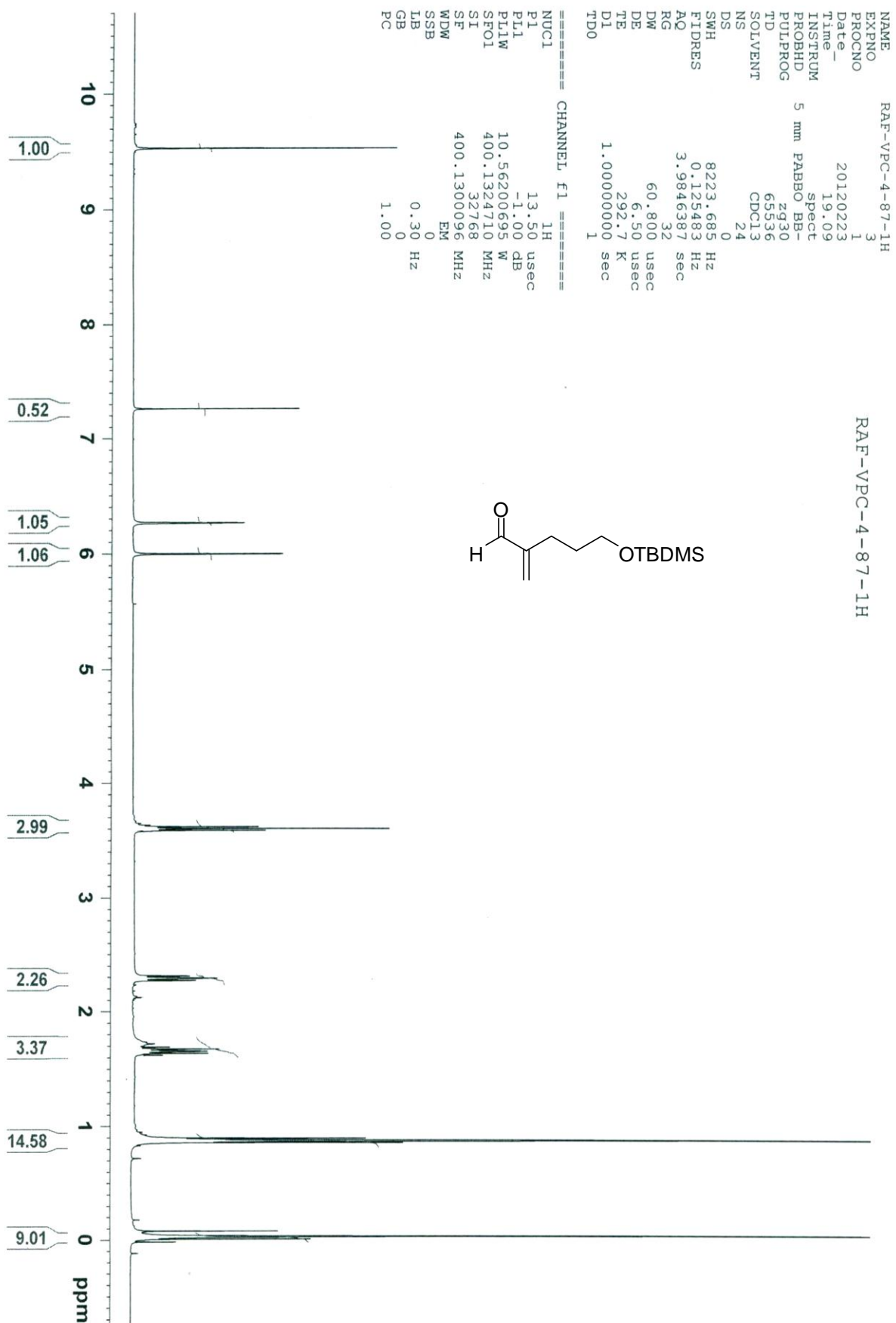




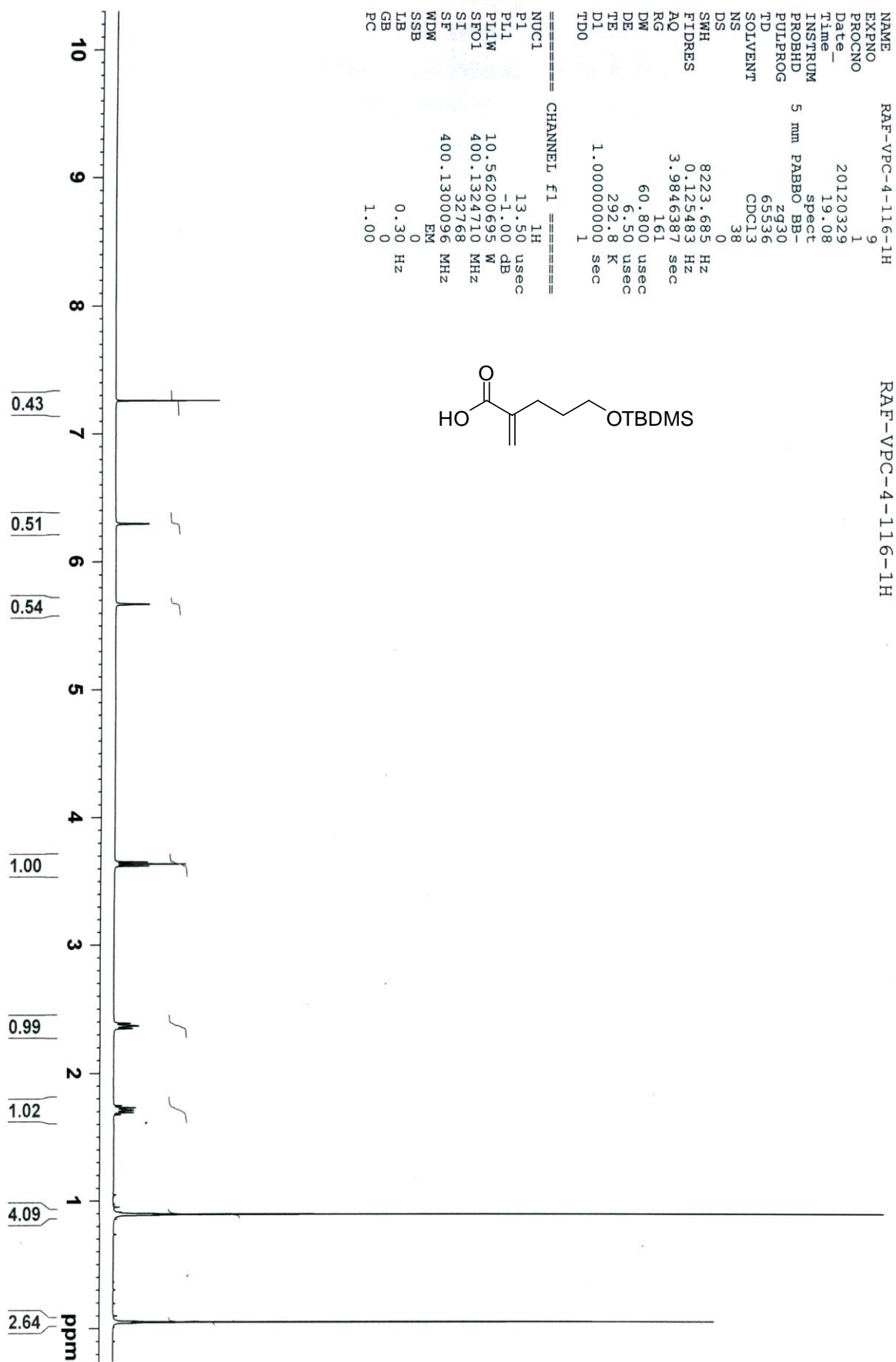


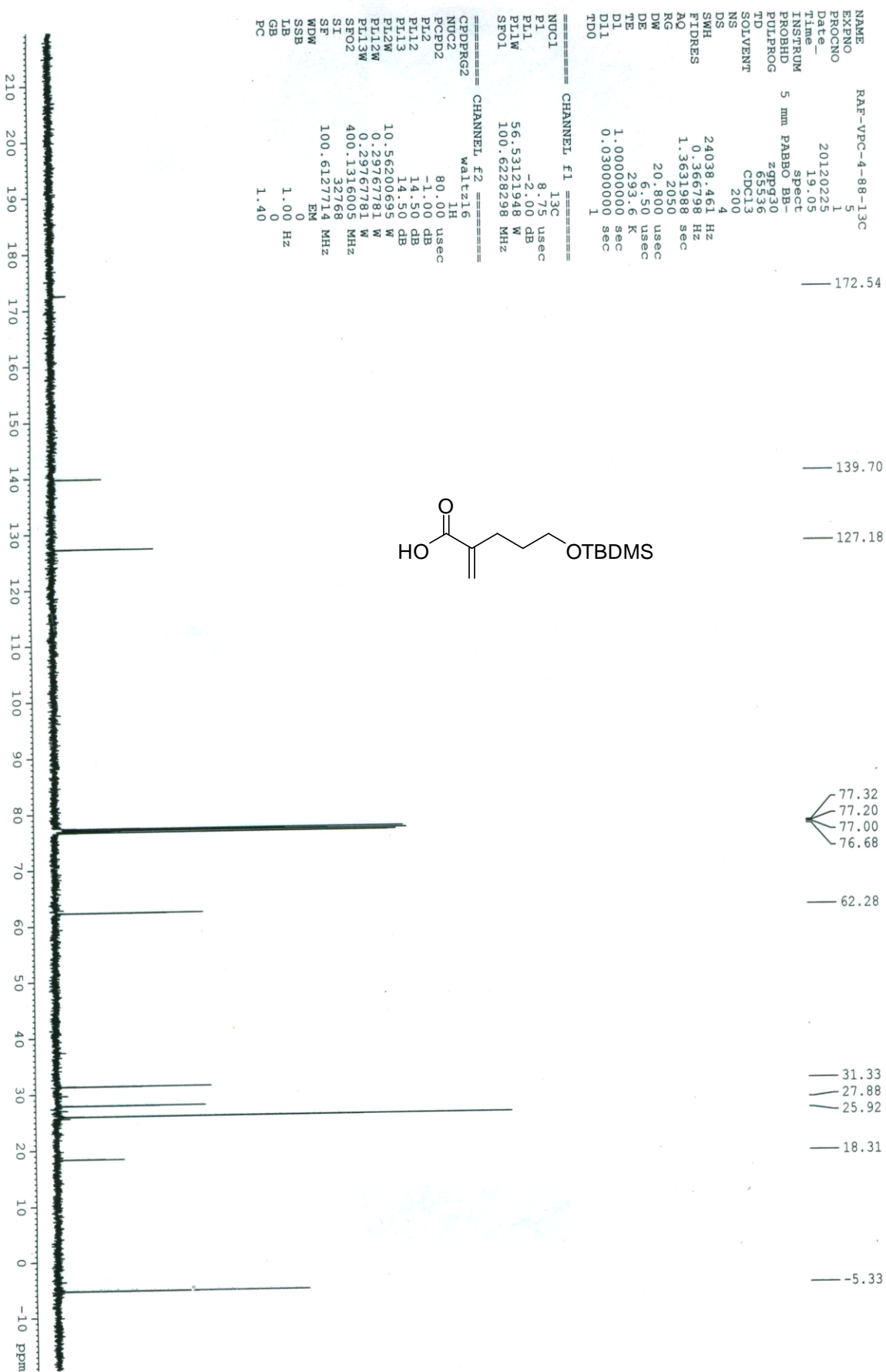


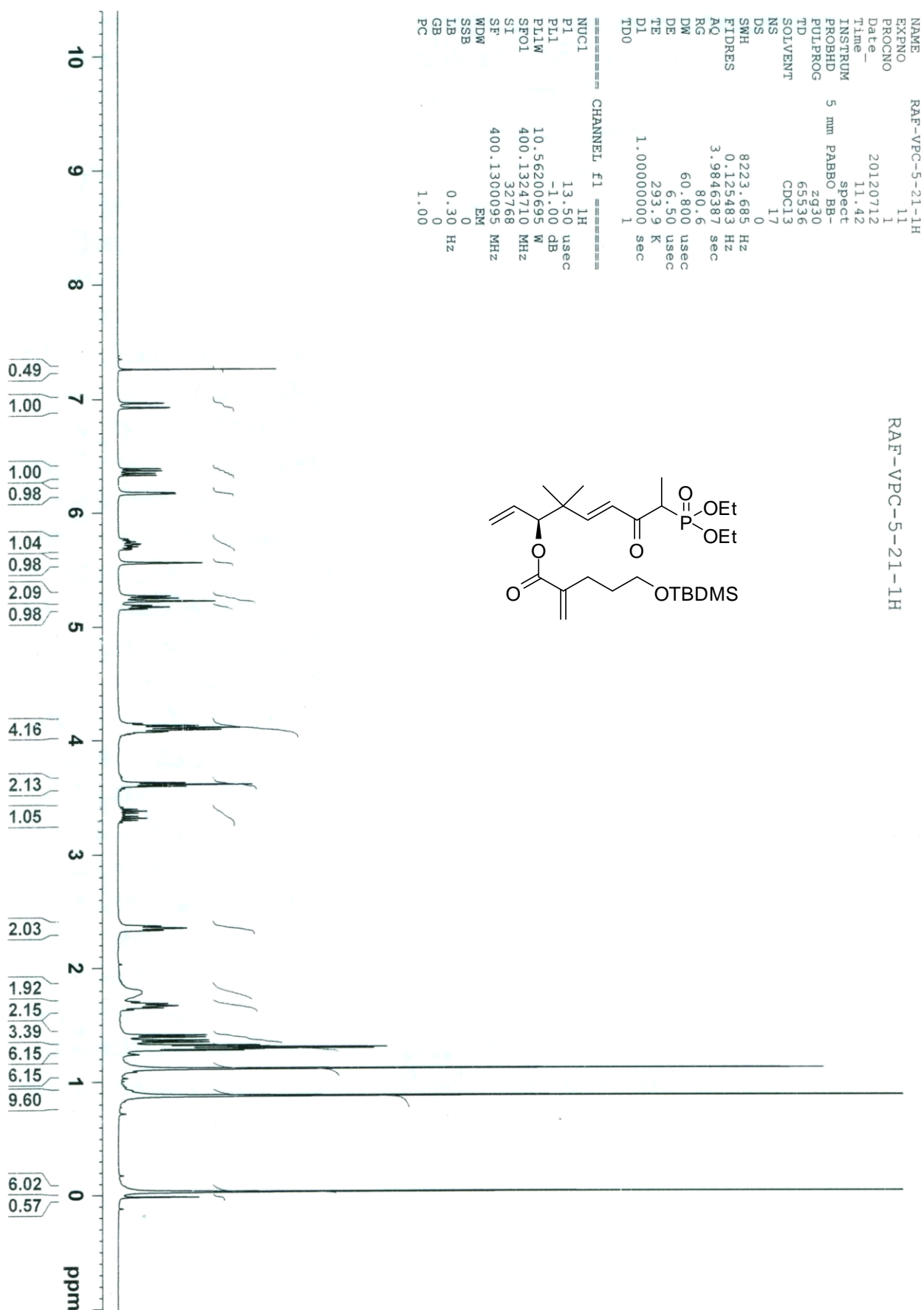












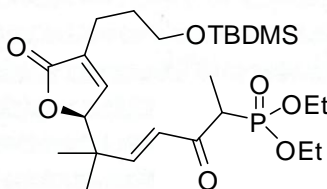
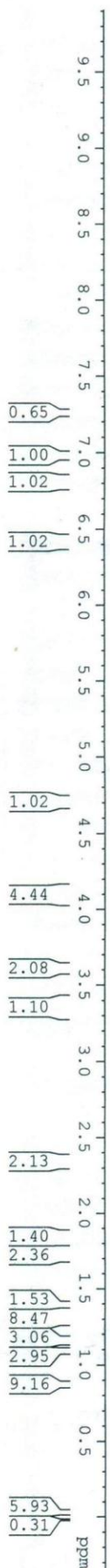


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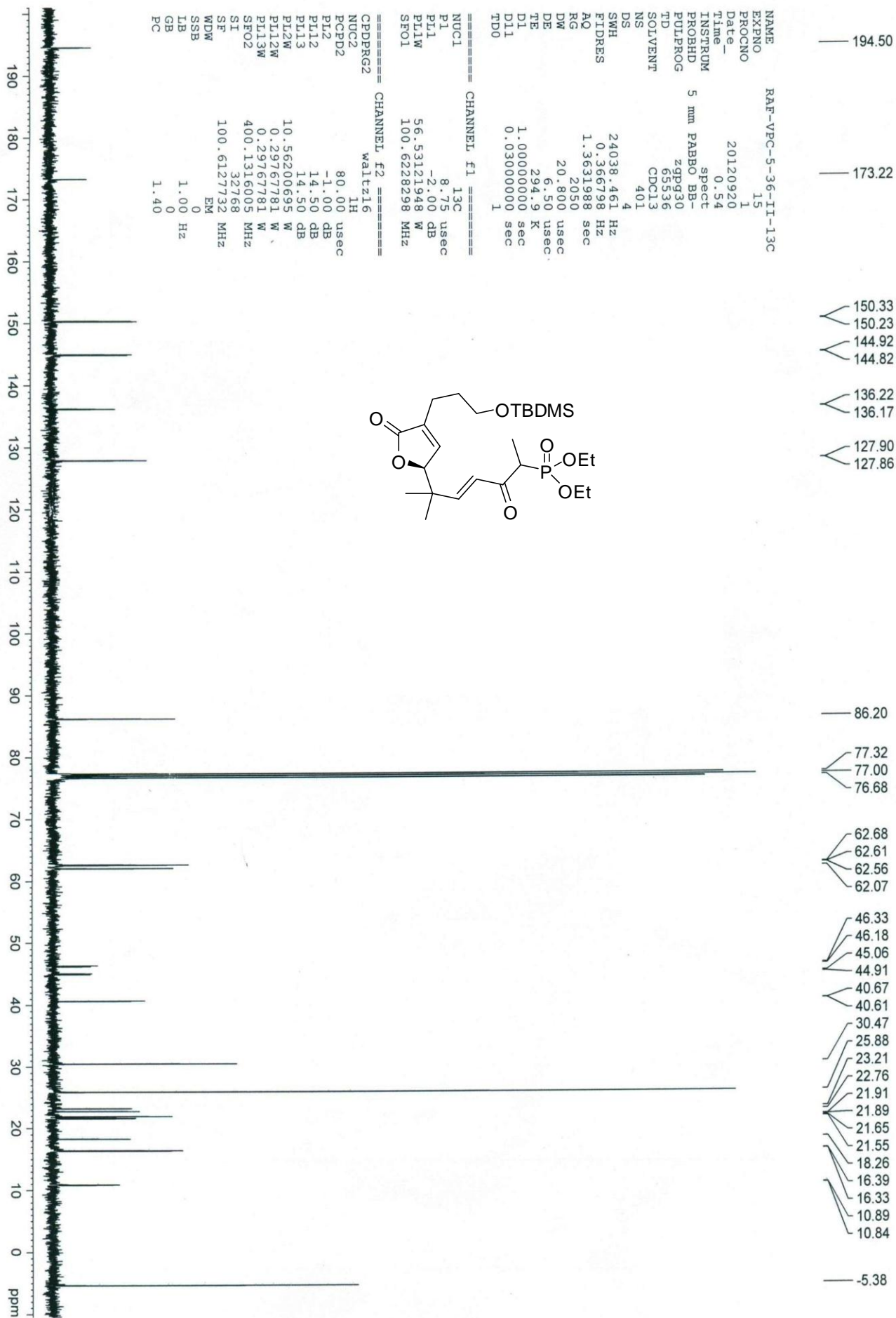
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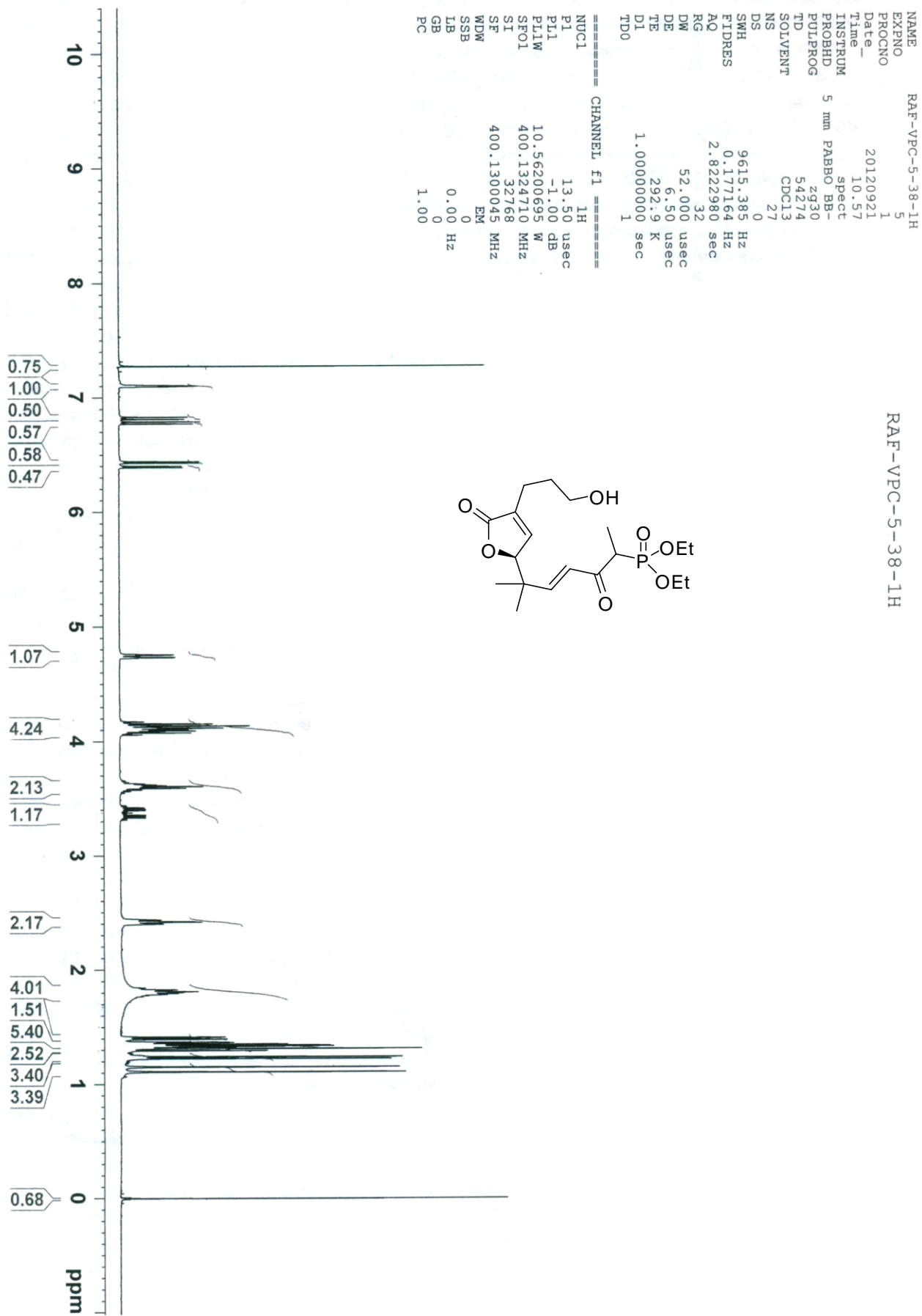
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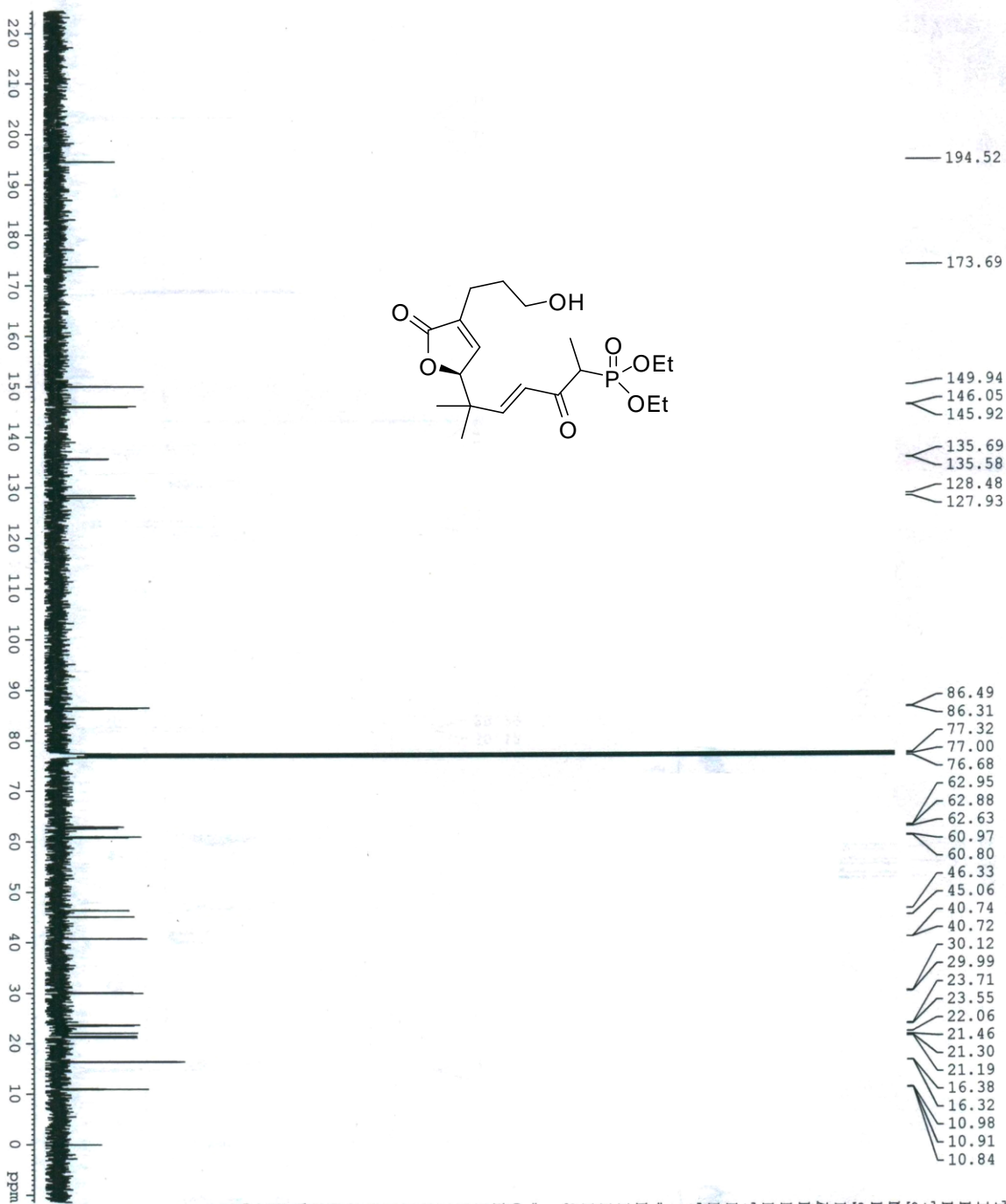








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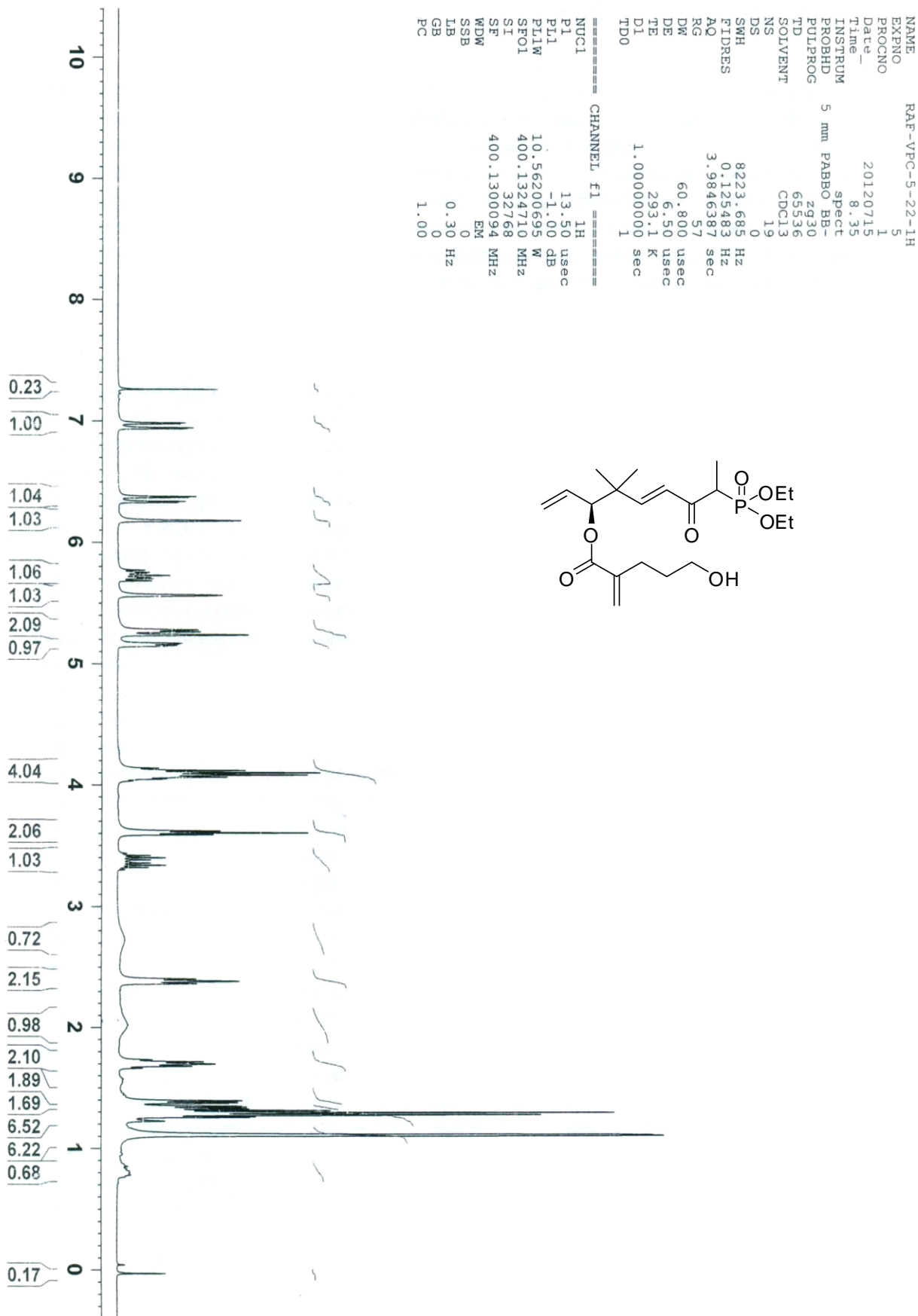


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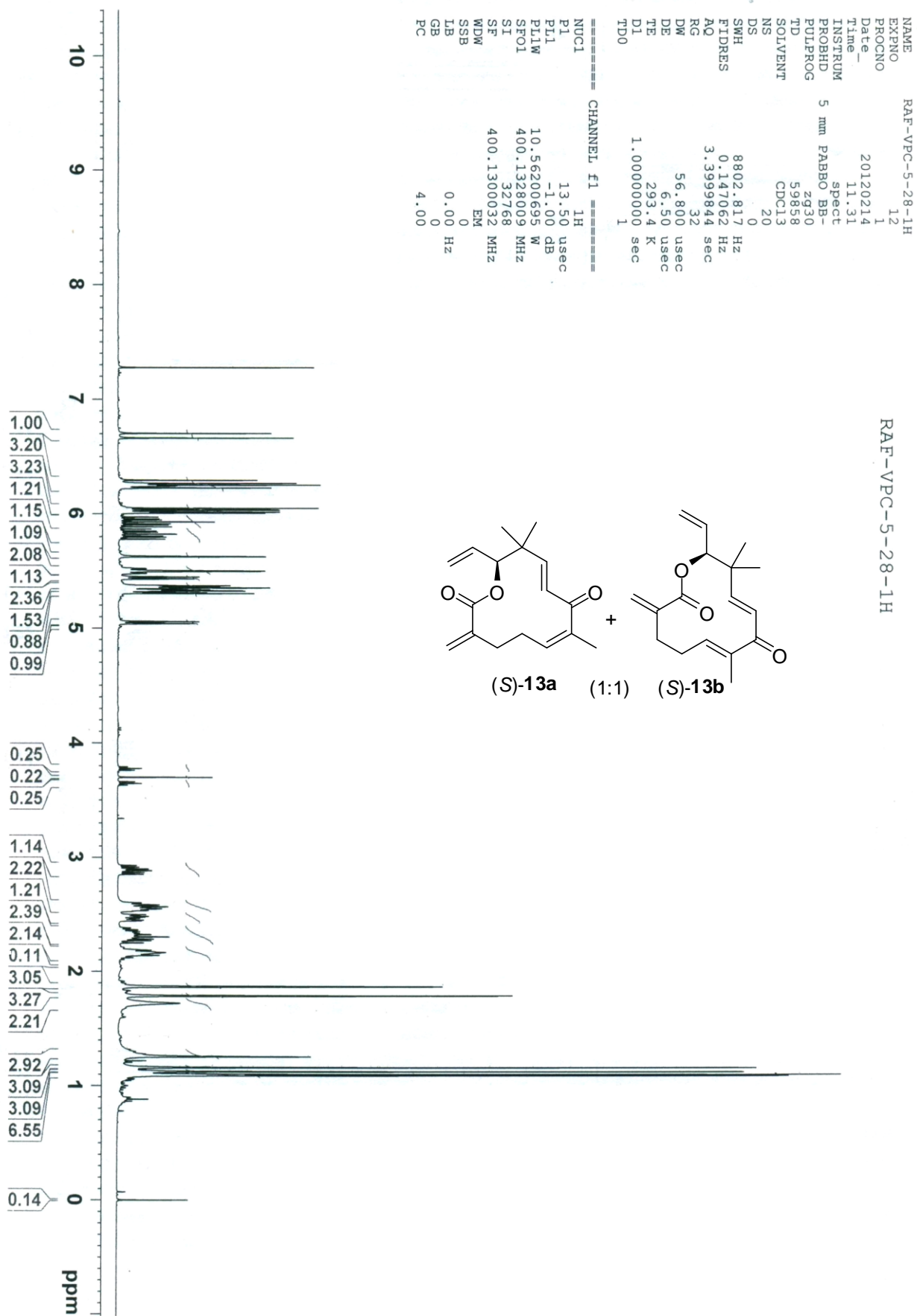
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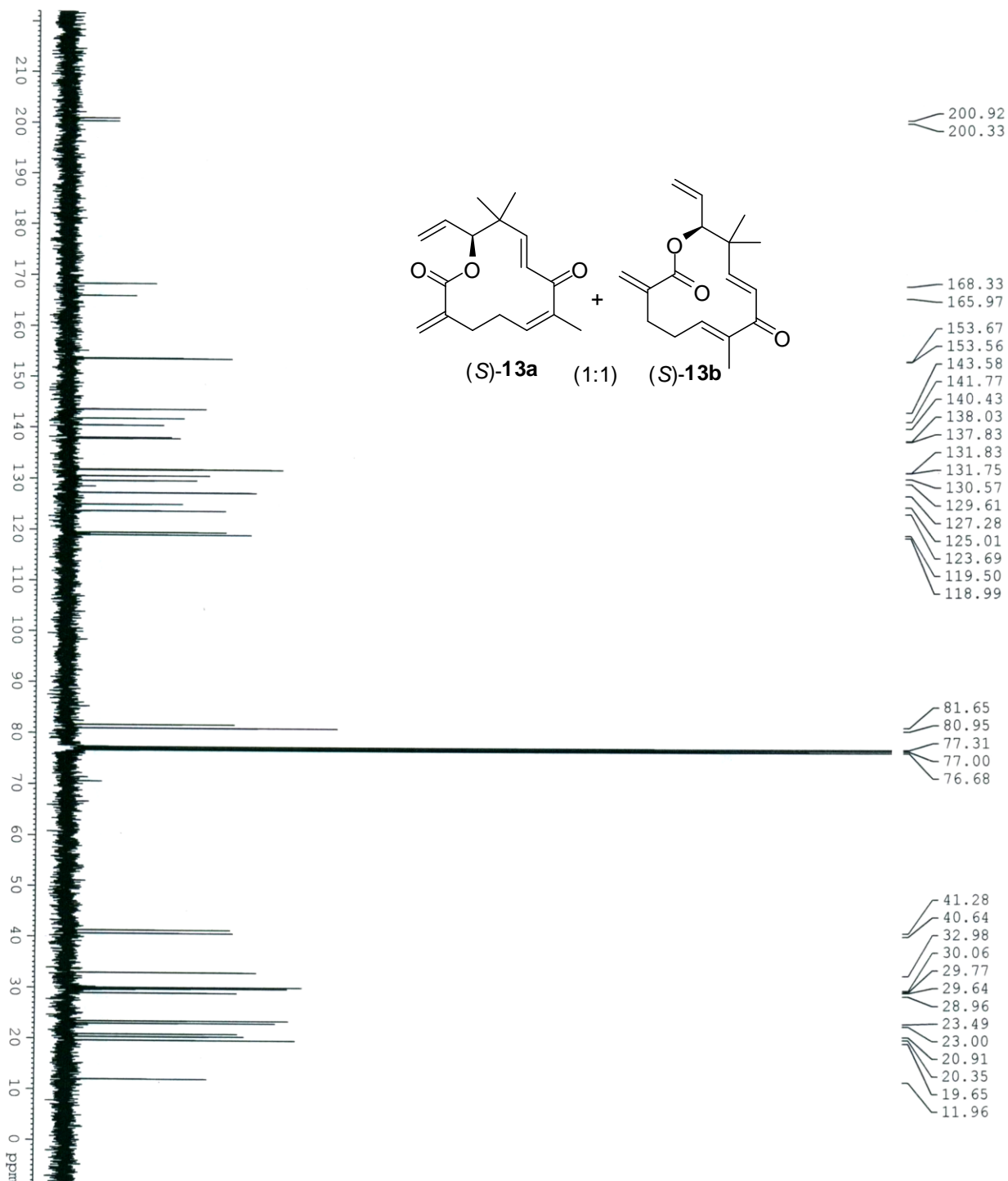
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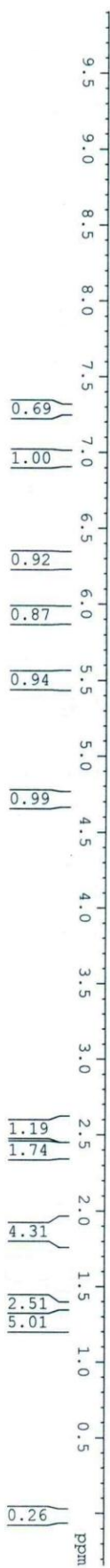
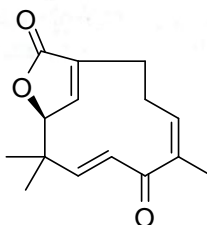
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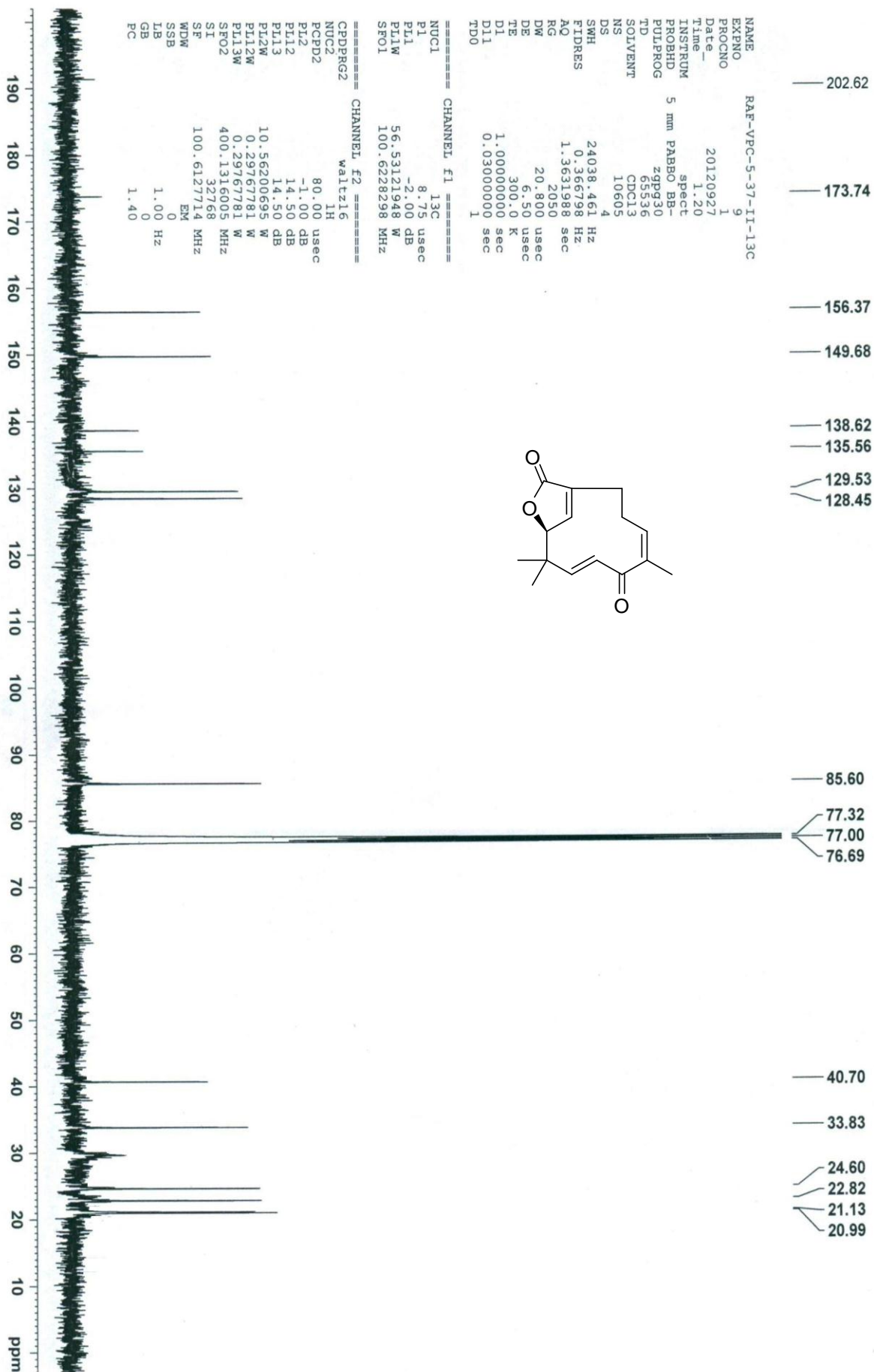
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### HPLC Chromatogram of (-)-asteriscunolide C 3

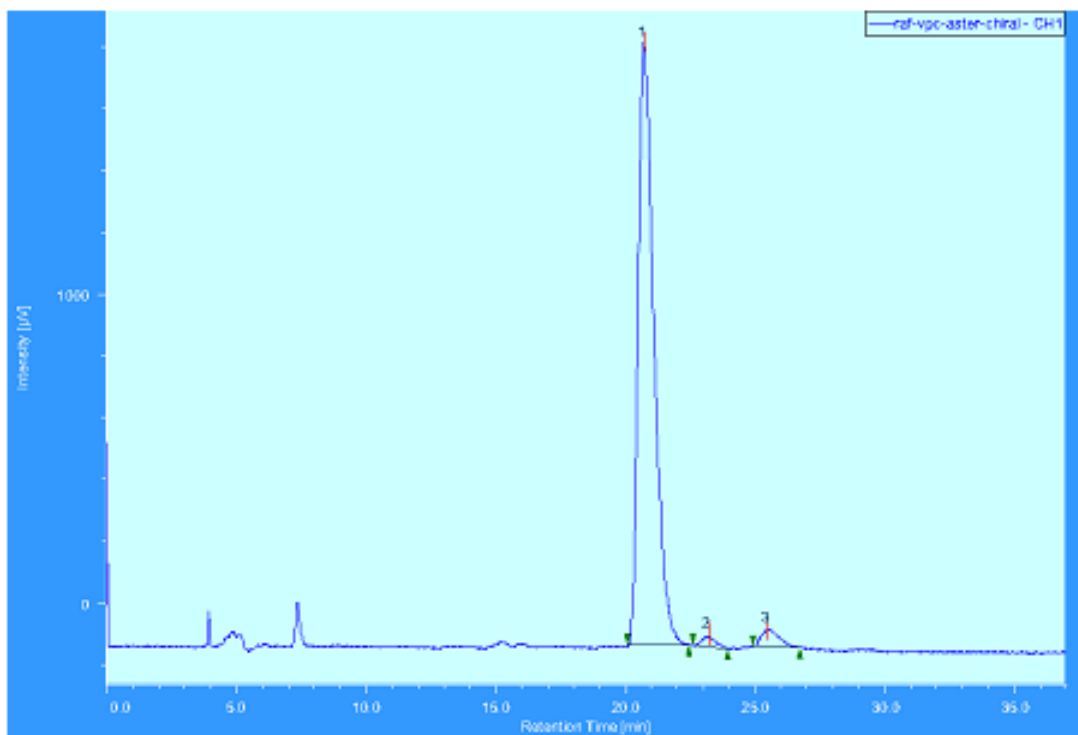
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Sample Name: raf-vpc-aster-chiral 20/02/2013

Solvent Composition: *n*-Hexane:IPA (88:12)

Flow rate: 0.8ml/min

$t_R$  = 20.692 min, chemical purity ~96%



#	Peak Name	CH	tR	Area	Height	Area%	Height%
1	Unknown	1	20.692	82874	1951	95.751	95.590
2	Unknown	1	23.158	1064	34	1.229	1.666
3	Unknown	1	25.442	2614	56	3.020	2.744