

Supporting Information

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Virosaine A and Bubbialidine

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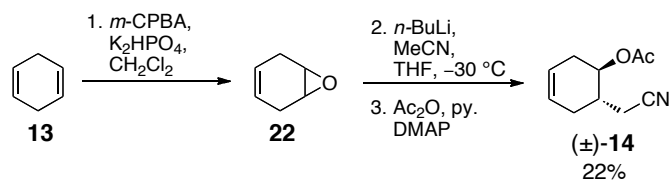
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General remarks

All reactions were performed in flame-dried round-bottomed flasks under a positive pressure of argon. The following anhydrous reaction solvents were obtained by filtration and passing through activated anhydrous alumina columns (Innovative Technology solvent purification system); THF, CH₂Cl₂, Et₂O, PhMe. All other solvents (DMF, MeOH, MeCN, CHCl₃, EtOH) and reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Syringes or stainless steel cannula were used to transfer air and moisture sensitive liquids and solutions. Analytical thin layer chromatography (Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates) was utilized for monitoring reactions and visualized by UV light (254 nm and 350nm) or by staining using vanillin or potassium permanganate solution followed by gentle heating with a heat gun. Flash Chromatography was performed using SiliCycle silica gel 60 (230-400 Mesh) and R_f values of compounds are indicated. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Gemini Bruker DPX 400 MHz or Bruker DRX 500 MHz spectrometers at 298K in the indicated deuterated solvent, unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the residual solvent peak (δ 7.26 ppm for CHCl₃, δ 3.31 ppm for MeOH). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with ¹H-decoupling on Varian Gemini Bruker DPX 100 MHz or Bruker DRX 125 MHz spectrometers at 298K in the indicated deuterated solvent, unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the residual solvent peak (δ 77.16 ppm for CHCl₃, δ 49.00 ppm for MeOH). Melting points (Mp) were determined using a Büchi B-545 apparatus in open capillaries and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Varian 800 FT-IR ATR spectrometer and data are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (ν , cm⁻¹). Optical rotations [α]_D were recorded at 24.5 °C on a Jasco P-2000 digital polarimeter with a path length of 1 dm, using the 589.3nm D-line of sodium. Concentrations (*c*) are quoted in g/100 mL. All mass spectra (HRMS-ESI) were recorded by the Mass spectrometry service of University of Bern on Sciex QSTAR Pulsar mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization.

Experimentals and Procedures

Synthesis of acetate (\pm)-**14**¹



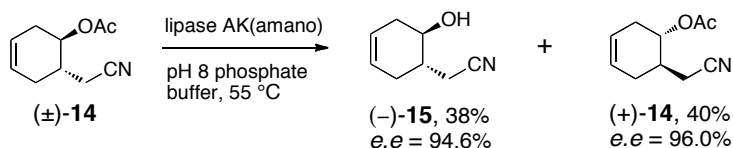
To a stirred solution of 1,4-cyclohexadiene (22 g, 267 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 L) at 0 °C, K₂HPO₄ (108 g, 600 mmol) was added followed by the portion-wise addition of *m*-CPBA (90 g, 353 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (800 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 1.5 L). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated to give epoxide **22** as a yellow liquid (13 g, 50%). This material was used in the following step without further purification.

n-BuLi in hexane (2.5 M; 73 mL) was added drop-wise to a solution of acetonitrile (10 mL, 196 mmol) in THF (300 mL) at -30 °C and the resulting yellow solution was stirred for 30 min. Epoxide **22** (13 g, 135 mmol) in THF (85 mL) was then added over 25 min and the resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (500 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 600 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated to give a crude alcohol (18 g) as a yellow-brown oil. This material was used in the following step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude alcohol (18 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (45 mL), pyridine (16 mL) and DMAP (82 mg) were added and stirred for 5 min. Acetic anhydride (25 mL) was then added drop-wise over 25 min and stirred for 20 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (800 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 800 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous CuSO₄ solution (2 x 500 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). Rotary evaporation followed by silica gel column chromatography (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 4 to 2 : 3) gave acetate (\pm)-**14** (8.8 g, 22% over three steps) as a colourless oil: **R_f** 0.65 (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 1); **IR (film)** 3035, 2927, 2246, 1729, 1436, 1372, 1234, 1035, 985 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 5.66 – 5.57 (m, 2H), 4.86 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.6, 124.7, 124.3, 118.2, 72.4, 35.2, 30.9, 30.3, 21.2, 20.3; ***m/z* (ESI)** 180 (M + H)⁺. The provided reference does not report the corresponding experimental data.

¹ Kato, N.; Inada, M.; Sato, H.; Ito, S.; Shoji, M.; Ueda, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2007**, *48*, 7702.

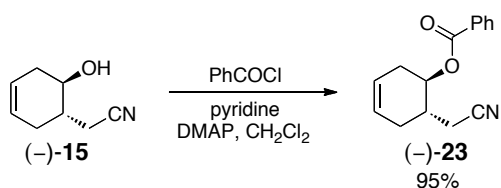
Synthesis of alcohol (-)-**15** and acetate (+)-**14**¹



A stirred solution of acetate (\pm)-**14** (8.8 g, 49.1 mmol) and amanolipase AK (2.87 g) in phosphate buffer solution (pH-8; 176 mL) was heated at 55 °C for 21 h. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (300 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 300 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 2 : 3 to 1 : 1) to give alcohol (-)-**15** (2.56 g, 38%, e.e = 94.6%) and acetate (+)-**14** (4.40 g, 49%, e.e = 77%) as colourless oil. Acetate (+)-**14** (4.40 g, e.e = 77%) was re-submitted to enzymatic kinetic resolution conditions (44 h at 55 °C) to give acetate (+)-**14** (3.54 g, 40%, e.e = 96.0%): alcohol (-)-**15** - *R_f* 0.48 (EtOAc : pentane 1 : 1); [α]_D -135.8° (*c* 0.52, MeOH); IR (film) 3426, 3031, 2912, 2247, 1435, 1342, 1068, 1050, 968 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.64 – 5.57 (m, 2H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.92 (*br. s.*, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 125.3, 124.6, 118.8, 69.6, 37.7, 34.9, 30.5, 20.1; *m/z* (ESI) 138 (M + H)⁺. For acetate (+)-**14** - [α]_D +111.4° (*c* 0.53, MeOH). The provided reference does not report the corresponding experimental data.

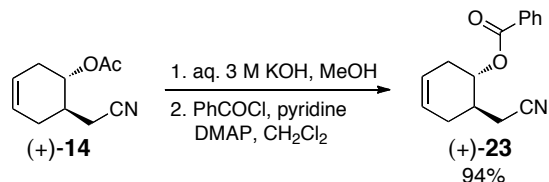
Enantiomeric excess determination

The enantiomeric excess was determined on their benzoate derivatives as followed.



To a stirred solution of alcohol (-)-**15** (25 mg, 0.18 mmol) and pyridine (0.045 mL, 0.57 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), benzoyl chloride (0.037 mL, 0.32 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 15 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (3 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 3 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous CuSO₄ solution (2 x 3 mL), dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 4 to 2 : 3) to give benzoate (-)-**23** (42 mg, 95%) as a colourless oil: *R_f* 0.63 (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 1); [α]_D -153.9° (*c* 0.54, MeOH); IR (film) 3034, 2922, 2246, 1714, 1601, 1451, 1312, 1268, 1111, 1026 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.59 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 5.72 – 5.63 (m, 2H), 5.13 – 5.07 (m,

1H), 2.71 – 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.43 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.37 (dd, $J = 13.7, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.09 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 133.4, 129.9, 129.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 124.8, 124.3, 118.2, 72.8, 35.4, 30.9, 30.3, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2^+$: (M + H) $^+$, 242.1176; Found: (M + H) $^+$, 242.1182.

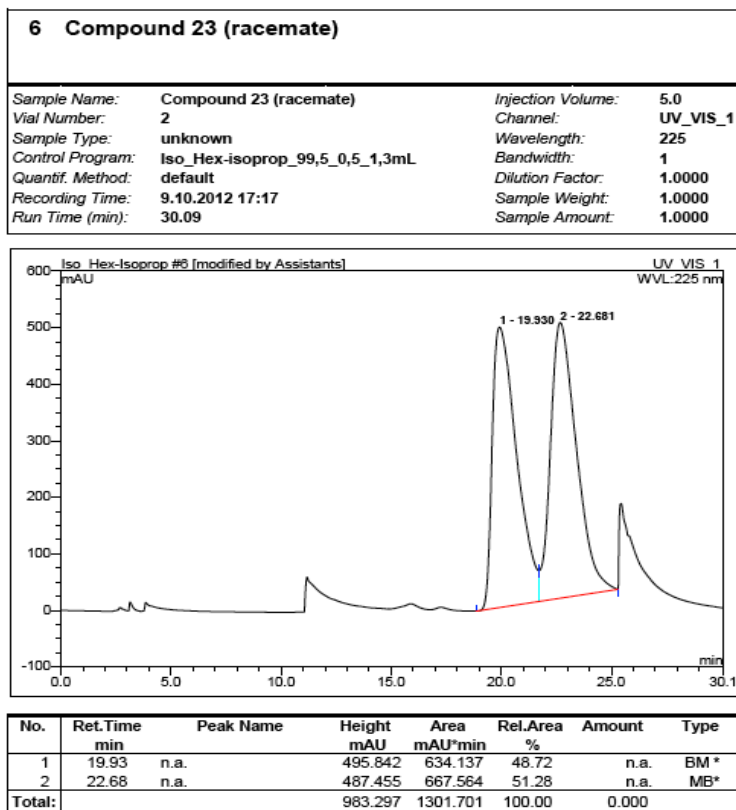


To a stirred solution of acetate (+)-**14** (50 mg, 0.28 mmol) in MeOH (0.3 mL), aqueous KOH (3 M; 0.65 mL) was added and stirred for 40 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (3 mL) and the organic layer was washed with H₂O (3 mL) and brine (3 mL). The organic layer was then dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated to give the corresponding alcohol. The crude material was used in the next step following identical protocol described in the previous page to furnish benzoate (+)-**23** as a colourless oil: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +175.9^\circ$ (c 0.51, MeOH)

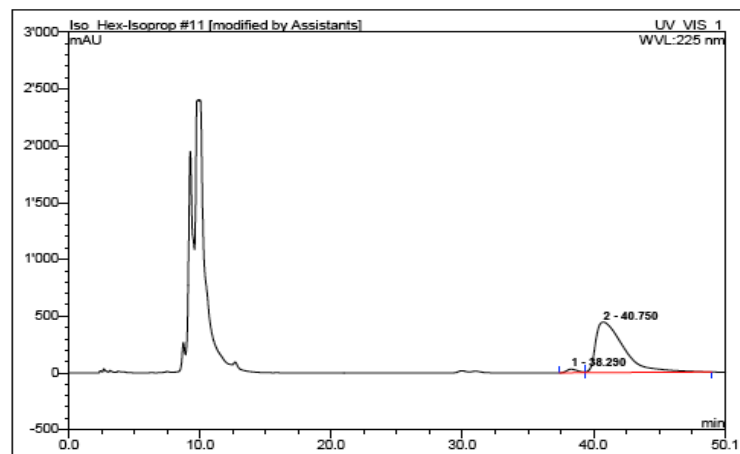
Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Dionex HPLC with a UV-detector using a Chiralpak IA column with isocratic solvent mixture of *n*-hexane:*i*-PrOH 99.5:0.5, with a flowrate of 1.3 mL/min at 25 °C where UV = 254 nm.

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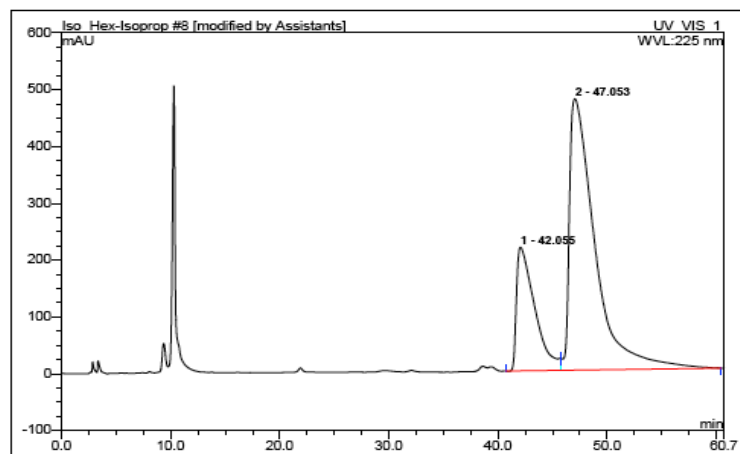


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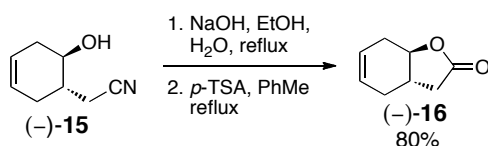
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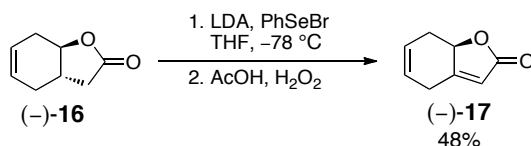
Synthesis of lactone (-)-**16**¹



To a stirred solution of NaOH (6 g, 145 mmol) in EtOH/H₂O (144 mL; 3 : 1) was added alcohol (-)-**15** (2.3 g, 16.8 mmol) in EtOH (12 mL). The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 18 h and then cooled to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was acidified using aqueous HCl solution (1 M) and volatiles were removed by rotary evaporation. The remaining solution was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 350 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give the corresponding carboxylic acid. This material was subsequently used in the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude carboxylic acid in benzene (120 mL) was added *p*-TSA (96 mg, 0.5 mmol) and the resulting mixture was heated at reflux with azeotropic removal of H₂O using a Dean-Stark apparatus for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the volatiles were removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 4 to 1 : 1) to give lactone (-)-**16** (1.83 g, 80 % over 2 steps) as a white solid: **R_f** 0.68 (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 1); **Mp** 54.8 – 55.5 °C; [**α**]_D -101.2° (*c* 0.53, MeOH); **IR (film)** 2919, 1763, 1432, 1292, 1237, 1191, 1122, 1019 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 5.74 – 5.65 (m, 2H), 4.10 (td, *J* = 10.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.45 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.5, 127.1, 124.4, 81.5, 40.3, 35.6, 30.8, 29.9; **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for C₈H₁₁O₂⁺: (M + H)⁺, 139.0754; Found: (M + H)⁺, 139.0755. The provided reference does not report the corresponding experimental data.

Synthesis of butenolide (–)-**17**²

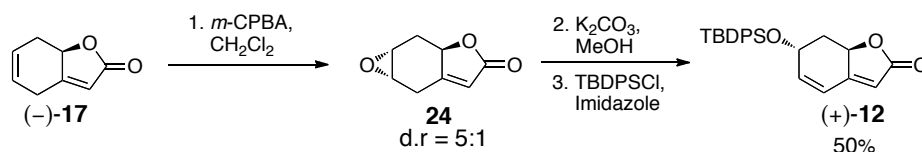


A solution of lactone (–)-**16** (1.6 g, 11.6 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added drop-wise to a solution of freshly prepared lithium di-*isopropyl*amide (15.6 mmol) in THF (26 mL) at –78 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. PhSeBr (3.55 g, 15.1 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was then added and further stirred for an hour. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with aqueous HCl solution (1 M; 64.5 mL) and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed sequentially with H₂O (80 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (80 mL) and brine (80 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated to give an amber oil (3.4 g). This crude material was used in the following step without further purification.

To an iced-cooled solution of selenide intermediate (3.4 g as a crude) and AcOH (0.60 mL) in THF (80 mL), 35% H₂O₂ solution (4.13 mL, 51 mmol) was added at 4 °C. After 2 h of stirring, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (90 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for an hour. Precipitate was formed and the solution was diluted with Et₂O (150 mL). The solid was decanted and the filtrate was partitioned. The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 9 to 2 : 3) to give butenolide (–)-**17** (750 mg, 48% over 2 steps) as an amber oil. Unreacted starting material (–)-**16** (200 mg, 13%) was recovered: *R_f* 0.47 (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 1); [α]_D –269.5° (*c* 0.42, MeOH); IR (film) 2919, 2851, 1742, 1648, 1282, 1130, 1031, 840 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.76 – 5.68 (m, 2H), 4.97 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 168.2, 123.8, 123.2, 113.5, 78.5, 32.7, 28.3; *m/z* (ESI) 137 (M + H)⁺.

² Audran, G.; Mori, K. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 57.

Synthesis of silyl-protected aquilegiolide (+)-**12**^{2,3}



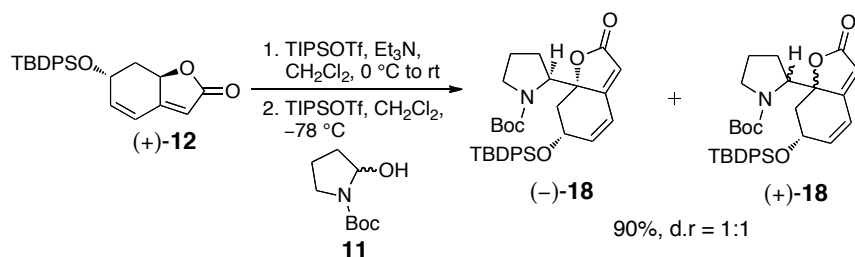
To a solution of *m*-CPBA (1.9 g, 7.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) at 0 °C, butenolide (-)-**17** (700 mg, 5.14 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) was added and stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 1 to 1 : 0) to give the *trans*-epoxide **24** (530 mg, 67%, white solid) and the *cis*-epoxide (110 mg, 14%, colourless oil). The spectra data of these compounds were identical to those reported in the literature.²

To a stirred solution of epoxide **24** (500 mg, 3.29 mmol) in MeOH (35 mL) at 4 °C, K₂CO₃ (68 mg, 0.49 mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at 4 °C. The reaction was quenched with excess of NH₄Cl (powder). The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the crude product was suspended in CH₂Cl₂. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was rotary evaporated to give aquilegiolide as a white solid. This material was subsequently used in the following step.

To a stirred solution of aquilegiolide (3.29 mmol), imidazole (784 mg, 11.5 mmol) and DMAP (80.4 mg, 0.66 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), TBDPSCI (1.71 mL, 6.58 mmol) was added and stirred for 32 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (80 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et₂O : pentane 1 : 9 to 2 : 3) to give silyl-protected aquilegiolide (+)-**12** (1 g, 50% over 3 steps) as a colourless solid. This compound can be easily re-crystallized from Et₂O/pentane to give colourless needles: **R_f** 0.52 (CH₂Cl₂ : pentane 1 : 1); **Mp** 103 – 105 °C; [**α**]_D +217.3° (*c* 0.52, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3066, 2961, 2858, 1743, 1639, 1426, 1332, 1108, 1062, 1020, 897 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (ddd, *J* = 12.6, 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 173.5, 163.2, 138.2, 135.9 (2C), 135.8 (2C), 133.5, 133.0, 130.3, 130.2, 128.1 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 121.2, 112.3, 76.8, 65.8, 37.8, 27.0 (3C), 19.3; ***m/z* (ESI)** 391 (M + H)⁺.

³ Bardaji, G. G.; Canto, M.; Alibes, R.; Bayon, P.; Busqué, F.; De March, P.; Figueredo, M.; Font, J. J. *Org. Chem.* **2008**, *73*, 7657.

Synthesis of pyrrolidinyl-furanone (-)-18



To a stirred solution of (+)-**12** (890 mg, 2.28 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at 0 °C, triethylamine (0.93 mL, 6.61 mmol) was added drop-wise and the resulting mixture was stirred for 45 min. TIPSOTf (0.7 mL, 2.51 mmol) was then added and further stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and aminol **11**⁴ (640 mg, 3.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) was added. TIPSOTf (1.43 mL, 5.13 mmol) was then added drop-wise and stirred further for 1.5 h at aforementioned temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (45 mL) and allowed to warm to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 40 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc : pentane 10 : 1 : 10) to give solely two diastereoisomers.

(-)-**18** (573 mg, 45%, colourless foam);

R_f 0.45 (CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc : pentane 10 : 1 : 10); **Mp** 62 – 65 °C; [**α**]_D -33.5° (*c* 0.35, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3070, 2933, 2858, 1756, 1692, 1644, 1472, 1386, 1162, 1108, 1077, 1010, 844 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.54 – 4.50 (*br. m*, 1H), 3.71 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.39 – 3.33 (*br. m*, 1H), 3.12 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.07 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 172.6, 165.7, 155.1, 139.7, 135.9 (2C), 135.8 (2C), 133.5, 133.1, 130.2 (2C), 128.0 (4C), 122.2, 110.9, 88.4, 79.7, 67.3, 59.1, 47.4, 41.4, 28.3 (3C), 27.0 (3C), 26.0, 24.6, 19.2; **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for C₃₃H₄₂NO₅Si⁺: (M + H)⁺, 560.2827; Found: (M + H)⁺, 560.2836.

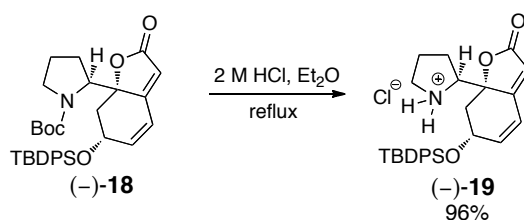
(+)-**18** (575 mg, 45%, colourless foam);

R_f 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc : pentane 10 : 1 : 10); **Mp** 75 – 78 °C; [**α**]_D +112.6° (*c* 0.35, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3049, 2932, 2858, 1755, 1691, 1472, 1387, 1166, 1107, 1059, 1002, 925, 856 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 – 5.67 (*br. m*, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.81 – 4.72 (*br. m*, 1H), 4.56 – 4.53 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.69 (m, 0.2H), 3.51 – 3.49 (m, 0.8H), 3.27 – 3.23 (*br. m*, 1H), 2.44 (*br. d*, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10

⁴ Peixoto, S.; Nguyen, T. M.; Crich, D.; Delpech, B.; Marazano, C. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 4760.

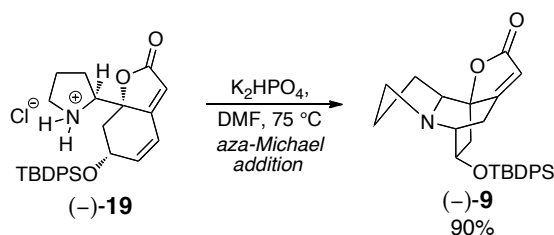
(m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.10 (s, 9H) – rotamers present in 4:1 ratio; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.9, 165.8, 155.0, 136.1 (2C), 135.9 (2C), 134.3, 133.4, 133.1, 130.3, 130.2, 128.1 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 123.0, 111.4, 87.6, 79.3, 65.8, 60.6, 47.8, 38.1, 28.4 (3C), 27.4, 27.2 (3C), 24.5, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) calc. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{42}\text{NO}_5\text{Si}^+$: (M + H) $^+$, 560.2827; Found: (M + H) $^+$, 560.2835.

Synthesis of HCl salt (-)-19



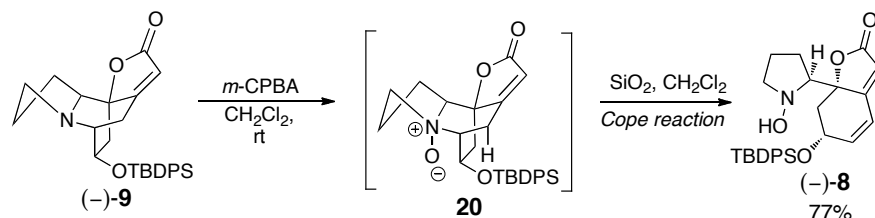
A stirred solution of Boc-pyrrolidine (-)-18 (230 mg, 0.41 mmol) in HCl in Et_2O (2 M; 5.2 mL) was heated at reflux for 15 h. The volatiles were removed by rotary evaporation and the resulting white solid was triturated with pentane to give the hydrochloride salt (-)-19 (195 mg, 96%) as a white powder: **Mp** 209 °C (decomp.); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -7.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.34, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3048, 2932, 2856, 1759, 1643, 1410, 1361, 1113, 1047, 1020, 912 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.72 (*br. d*, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 10.1, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.62 – 4.58 (*br. m*, 1H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.26 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.38 (dd, $J = 12.4, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dd, $J = 12.4, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 171.6, 164.7, 143.6, 137.1 (2C), 137.0 (2C), 134.2, 134.0, 131.5, 131.4, 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 120.9, 114.3, 84.6, 68.3, 62.1, 47.2, 43.9, 27.3 (3C), 25.6, 23.2, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) calc. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}^+$: (M – HCl + H) $^+$, 460.2302; Found: (M – HCl + H) $^+$, 460.2296.

Synthesis of tetracycle (-)-9



To a stirred mixture of K_2HPO_4 (70 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) at room temperature, HCl salt (-)-19 (80 mg, 0.16 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added in one portion. The resulting solution was heated at 75 °C for 15 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with H_2O (40 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (40 mL). The contents were stirred vigorously for several min. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2 x 25 mL) and water (2 x 25 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried (MgSO_4), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (Et_2O : pentane 1 : 1) to give the tetracycle (-)-9 (66.6 mg, 90%) as a pale yellow oil: R_f 0.30 (Et_2O : pentane 1 : 1); $[\alpha]_D^{25} -88.4^\circ$ (c 0.35, MeOH); IR (film) 2931, 2857, 1764, 1667, 1386, 1256, 1090, 1062, 918 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 5.82 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 9.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dt, $J = 20.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.63 (td, $J = 9.9, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, $J = 12.9, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.52 (dd, $J = 12.9, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 171.7, 135.8 (2C), 135.7 (2C), 133.5, 133.4, 130.1, 130.0, 127.9 (4C), 112.7, 84.2, 68.8, 62.9, 55.5, 50.9, 41.6, 27.1, 27.0 (3C), 25.1, 22.0, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) calc. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}^+$: ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$, 460.2302; Found: ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$, 460.2300.

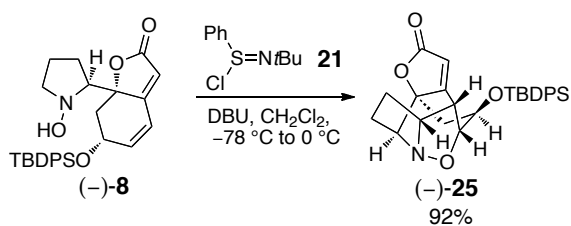
Synthesis of *N*-hydroxy-pyrrolidine(-)-8



To a stirred solution of tetracycle (-)-9 (35 mg, 0.076 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) at room temperature, *m*-CPBA (24 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with H_2O (30 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and rotary evaporated to give a mixture of *N*-oxide 20 and *m*-chlorobenzoic acid. This material was dissolved in EtOAc (40 mL)

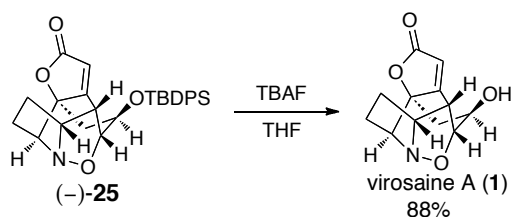
and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (30 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 15 : 1 to 10 : 1) to give *N*-hydroxy-pyrrolidine (–)-**8** (28.5 mg, 77 %) as a crystalline solid: **R_f** 0.72 (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 10 : 1); **Mp** 89 – 91 °C; [**α**]_D –9.8° (*c* 0.21, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3364, 2961, 2931, 2857, 1732, 1638, 1427, 1105, 1080, 1012, 850, 701 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.46 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.11 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (td, *J* = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 9H) – OH not visible; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 172.9, 165.0, 141.2, 135.9 (2C), 135.8 (2C), 133.2, 133.1, 130.3, 130.2, 128.0 (4C), 120.6, 111.9, 86.1, 69.9, 67.6, 58.7, 42.1, 27.0 (3C), 24.0, 21.2, 19.2; **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for C₂₈H₃₄NO₄Si⁺: (M + H)⁺, 476.2252; Found: (M + H)⁺, 476.2246.

Synthesis of (–)-**25**



To a stirred solution of hydroxylamine (–)-**8** (25 mg, 0.053 mmol) and DBU (0.016 mL, 0.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3.5 mL) at –78 °C, a solution of *N*-*t*-butylbenzenesulfinimidoyl chloride (17 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was added and stirring was continued for 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the reaction was quenched with brine (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 8 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (EtOAc : pentane 1 : 3 to 1 : 1) to give the virosaine A precursor (–)-**25** (23 mg, 92%) as a colourless oil: **R_f** 0.63 (EtOAc : pentane 7 : 3); [**α**]_D –25.2° (*c* 0.32, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3071, 2957, 2932, 2857, 1749, 1656, 1471, 1427, 1109, 1064, 1047, 901 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.44 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.35 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 173.2, 169.7, 135.8 (2C), 135.7 (2C), 133.3, 132.9, 130.3, 130.2, 128.1 (4C), 86.7, 84.1, 77.4, 73.1, 69.7, 66.3, 49.5, 43.9, 26.9 (3C), 21.4, 20.2, 19.3; ***m/z* (ESI)** 474 (M + H)⁺, 496 (M + Na)⁺, 512 (M + K)⁺, 969 (2M + Na)⁺.

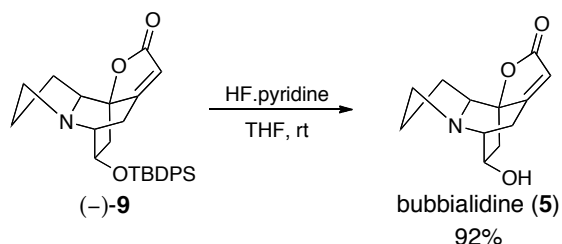
Synthesis of virosaine A (**1**)



A solution of (-)-**25** (22.5 mg, 0.048 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was treated with TBAF in THF (1 M; 0.1 mL) at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (5 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 10 : 1) to give virosaine A (**1**) (8.8 mg, 88%) as a crystalline solid: **R_f** 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 9 : 1); **Mp** 178 – 179 °C, lit.⁵ 177 – 178 °C; [**α**]_D –44.8° (*c* 0.14, MeOH), lit.⁵ [**α**]_D –51.6° (*c* 0.50, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3418, 2949, 2921, 1720, 1646, 1626, 1465, 1404, 1288, 1215, 1113, 1062, 876 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD)** δ 5.85 (*br. s*, 1H), 4.68 (ddd, *J* = 5.9, 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.49 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 10.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 10.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H) – OH not visible; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD)** δ 175.5, 171.9, 110.8, 88.0, 85.4, 74.1, 70.9, 65.4, 50.3, 44.7, 22.2, 20.8; ***m/z* (ESI)** 236 (M + H)⁺; **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for C₁₂H₁₄NO₄⁺: (M + H)⁺, 236.0917.; Found: (M + H)⁺, 236.0917.

⁵ Zhao, B.-X.; Wang, Y.; Zhang, D.-M.; Huang, X.-J.; Bai, L.-L.; Yan Y.; Chen, J.-M.; Lu, T.-B.; Wang, Y.-T.; Zhang, Q.-W.; Ye, W.-C. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 3096.

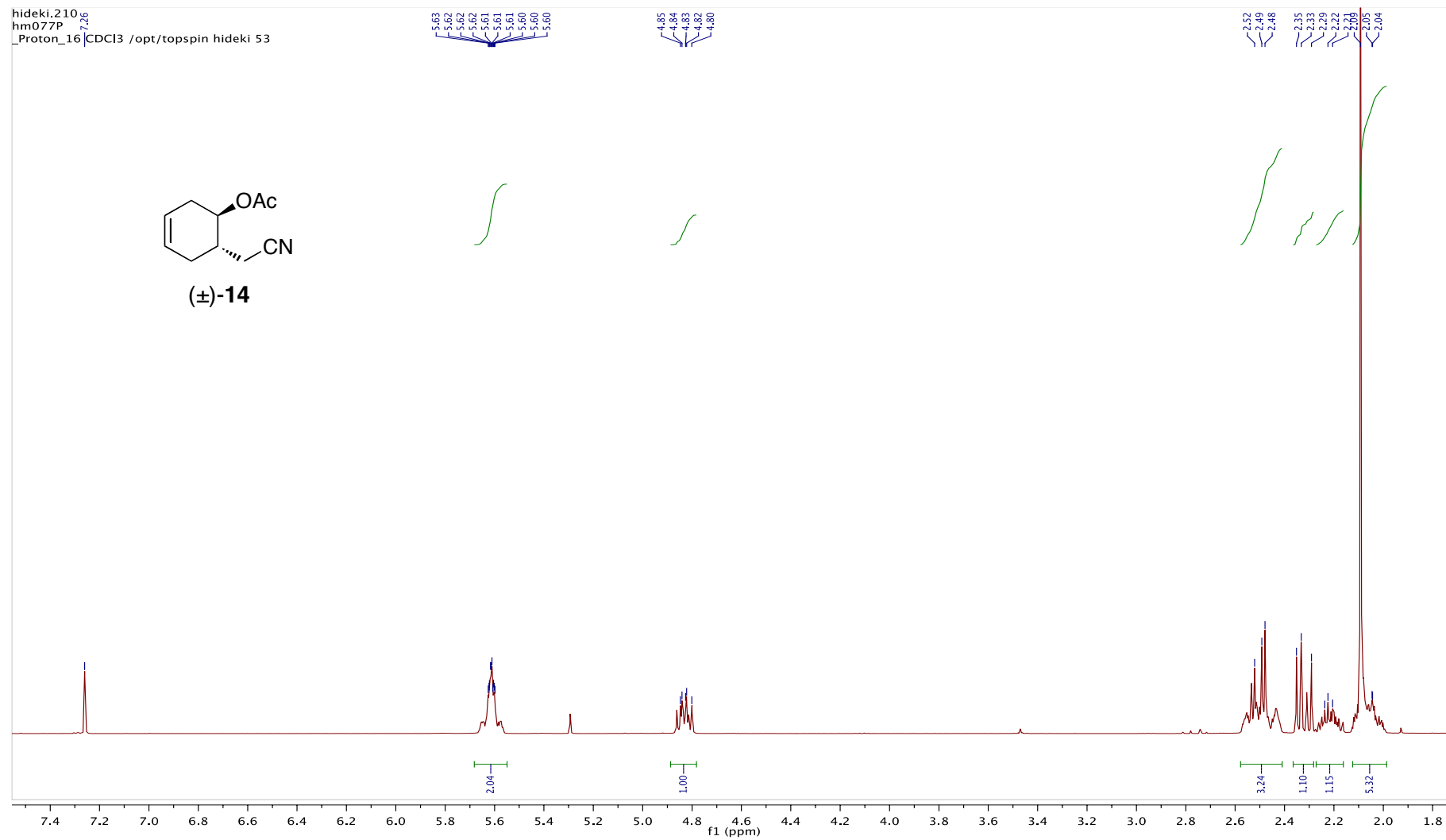
Synthesis of bubbialidine (5)

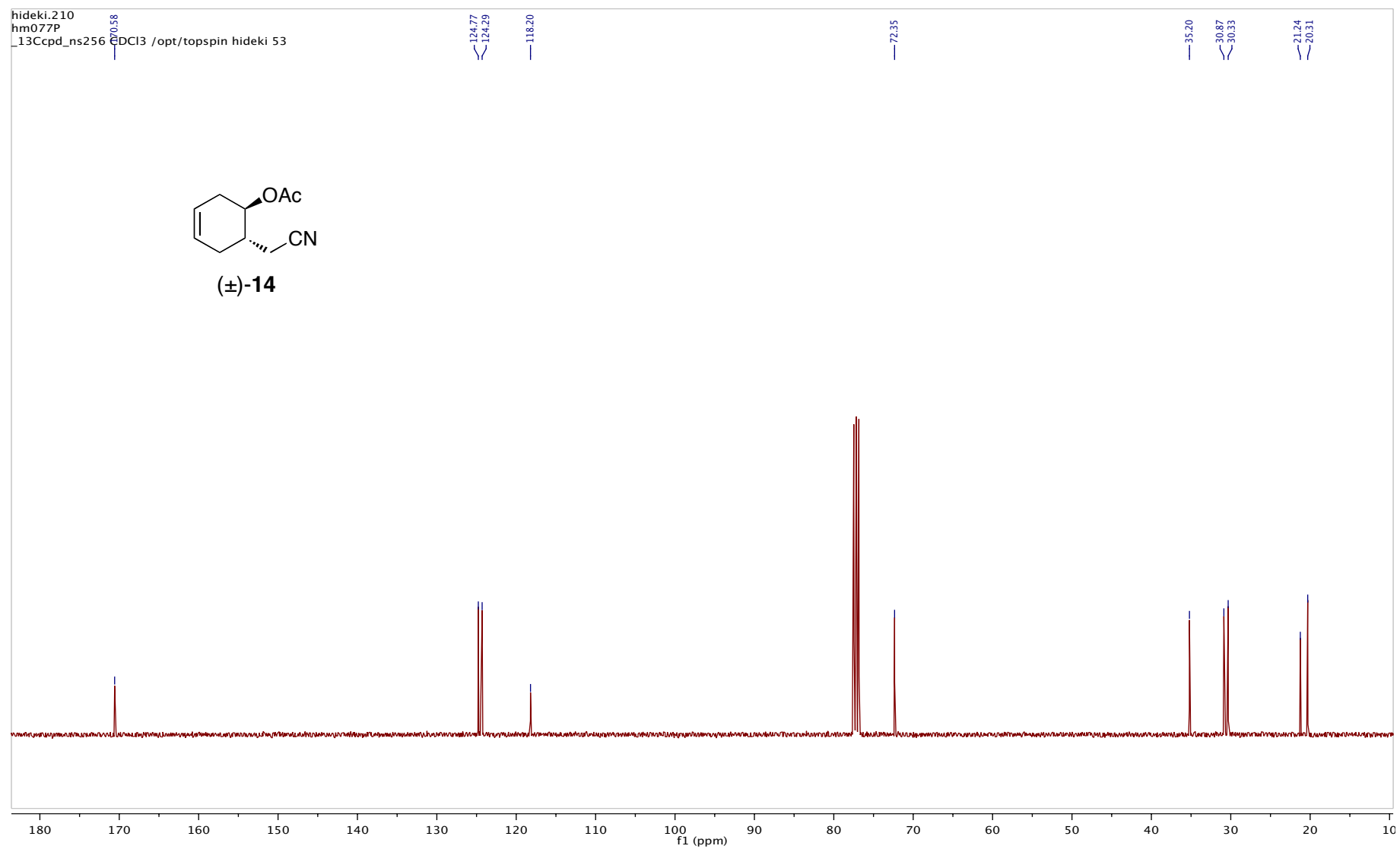


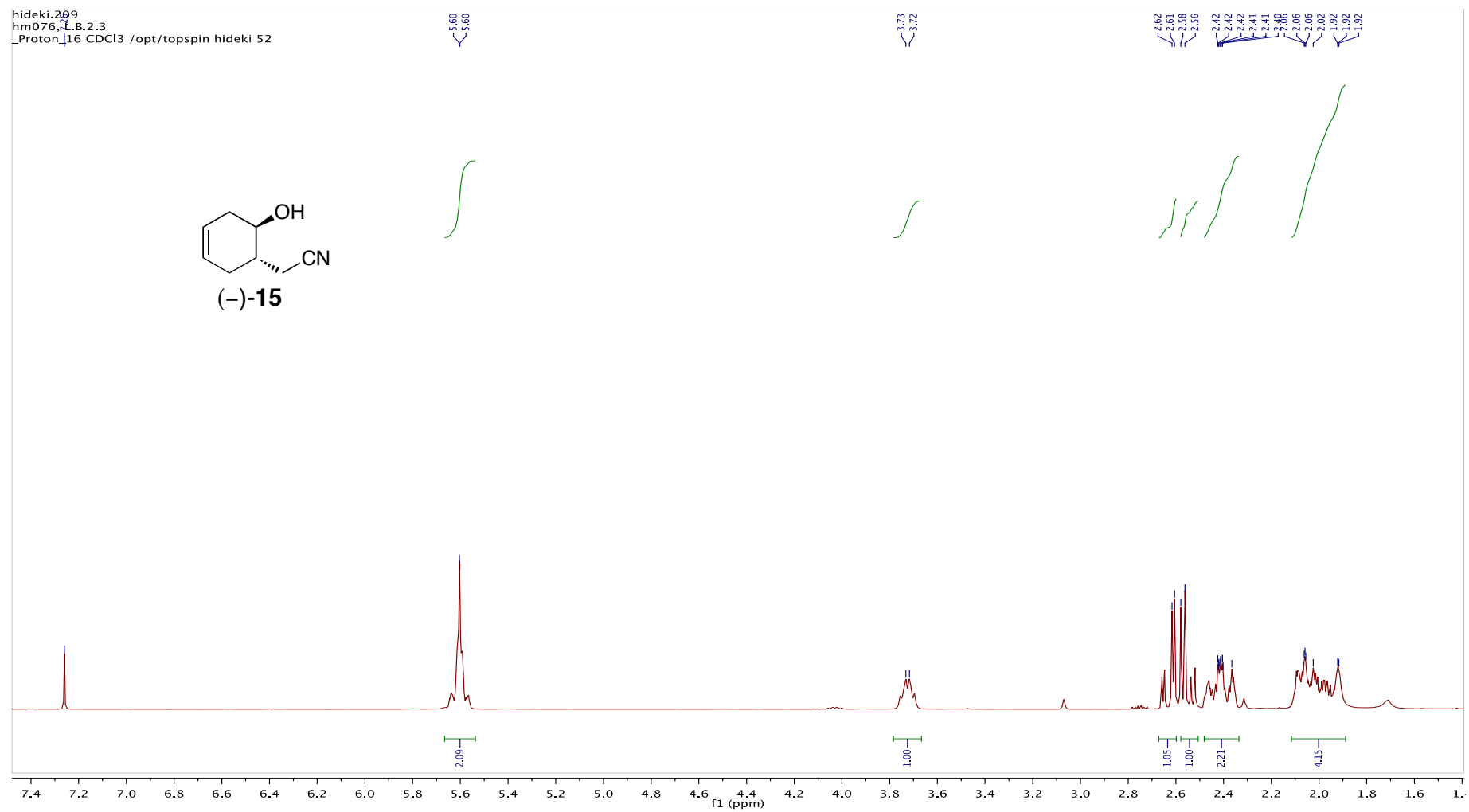
To a solution of tetracycle (-)-9 (140 mg, 0.3 mmol) in THF (4 mL), HF.pyridine (65 - 70%; 0.5 mL, excess) was added at room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), rotary evaporated and chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 10 : 1) to give bubbialidine (5) (62 mg, 92%) as a colourless solid: **R_f** 0.30 (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH 10 : 1); **Mp** 127 – 130 °C; **[α]_D** -72.4° (*c* 0.11, MeOH), lit.⁶ **[α]_D** -85.0° (*c* 1.47, MeOH); **IR (film)** 3505, 2967, 2919, 2870, 1749, 1652, 1410, 1348, 1256, 1140, 1081, 1043, 919 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 5.78 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.99 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.90 (*br. s.*, OH), 2.70 (td, *J* = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.50 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.10 – 1.04 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 173.6, 171.4, 112.8, 84.1, 67.4, 62.9, 55.5, 50.8, 40.4, 27.0, 25.1, 21.8; ***m/z* (ESI)** 222 (M + H)⁺; **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for C₁₂H₁₆NO₃⁺: (M + H)⁺, 222.1125.; Found: (M + H)⁺, 222.1128.

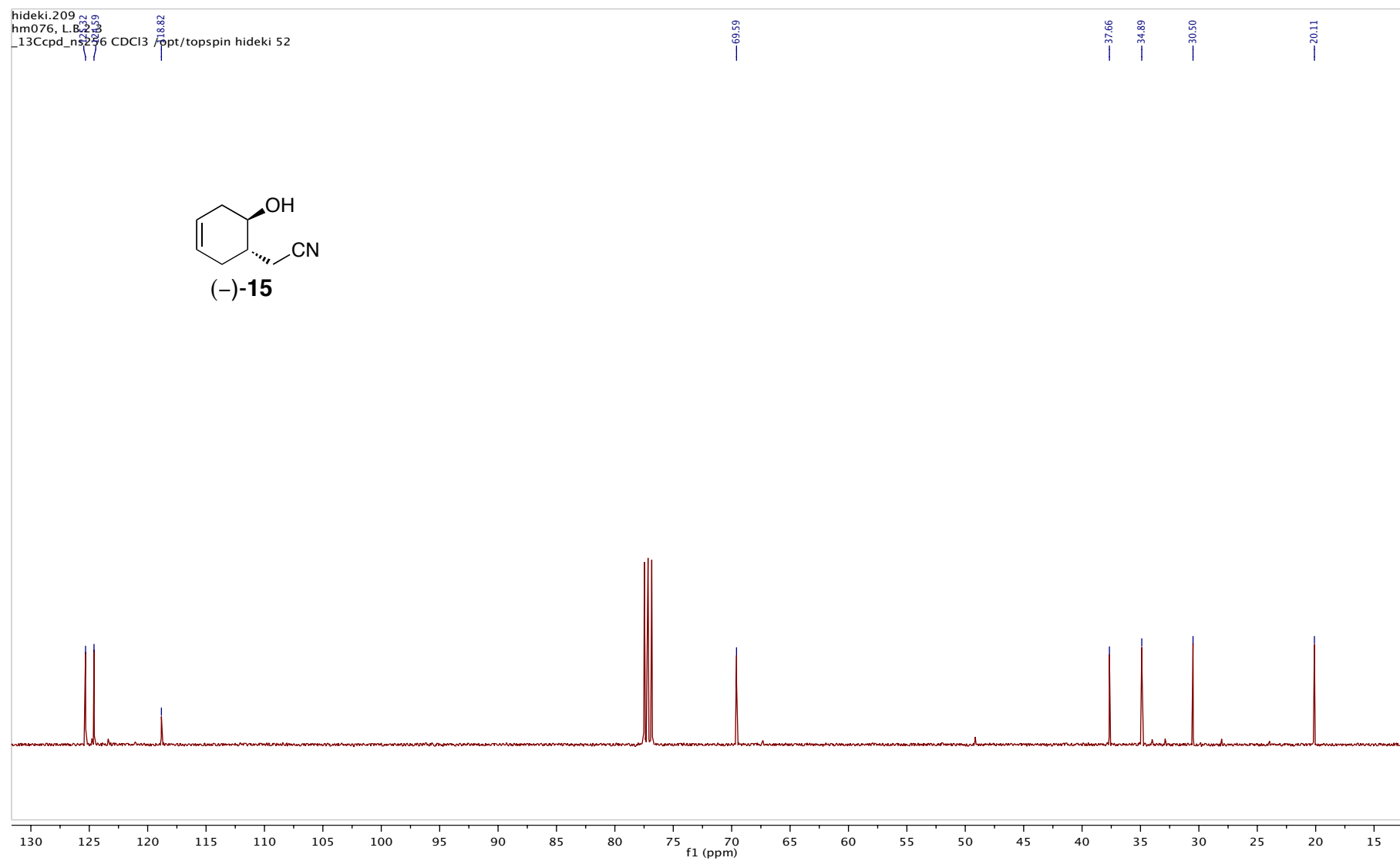
⁶ Ahond, A.; Guilhem, J.; Hamon, J.; Hurtado, J.; Poupat, C.; Pusset, J.; Pusset, M.; Sévenet, T.; Potier, P. *J. Nat. Prod.* **1990**, *53*, 875.

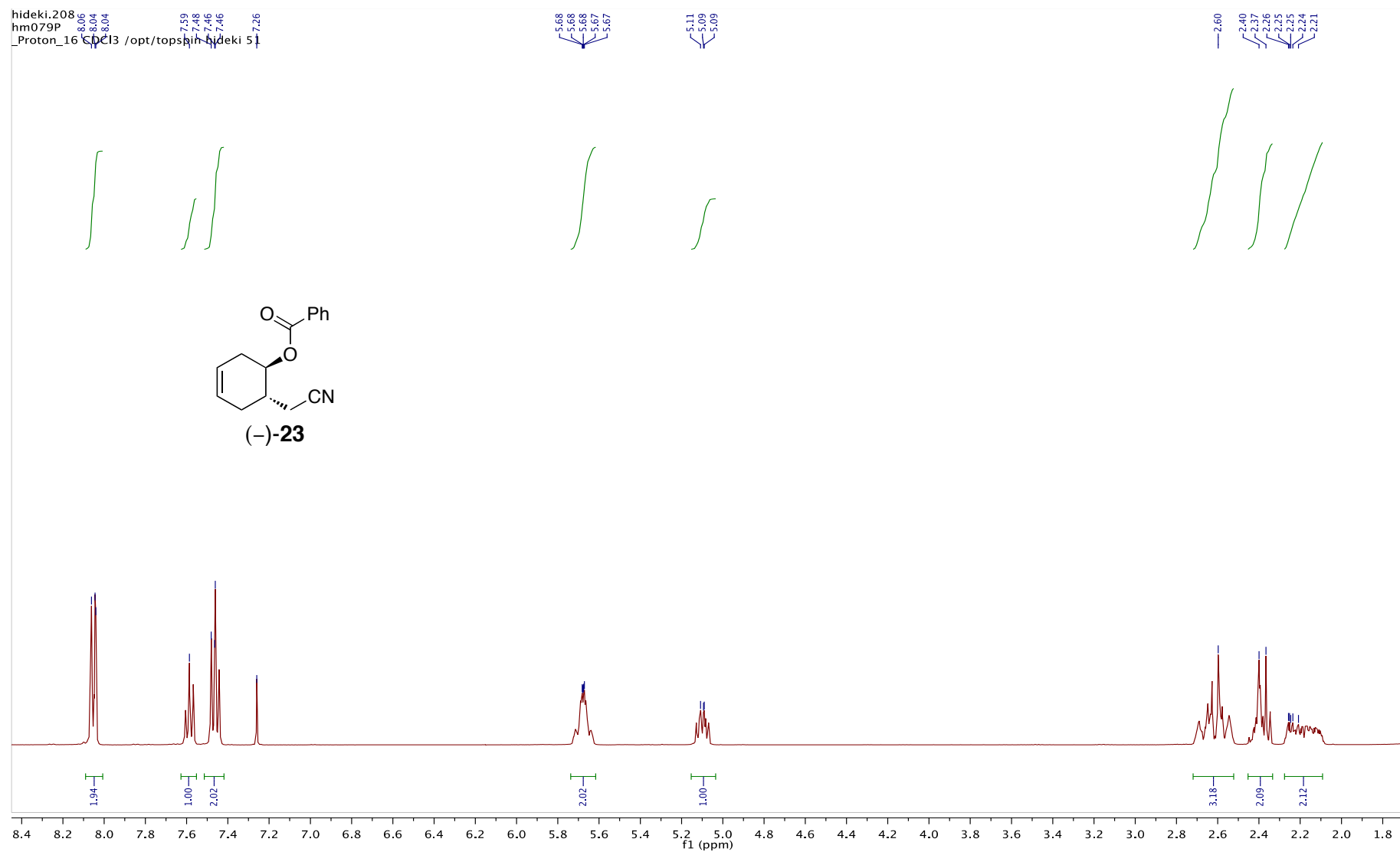
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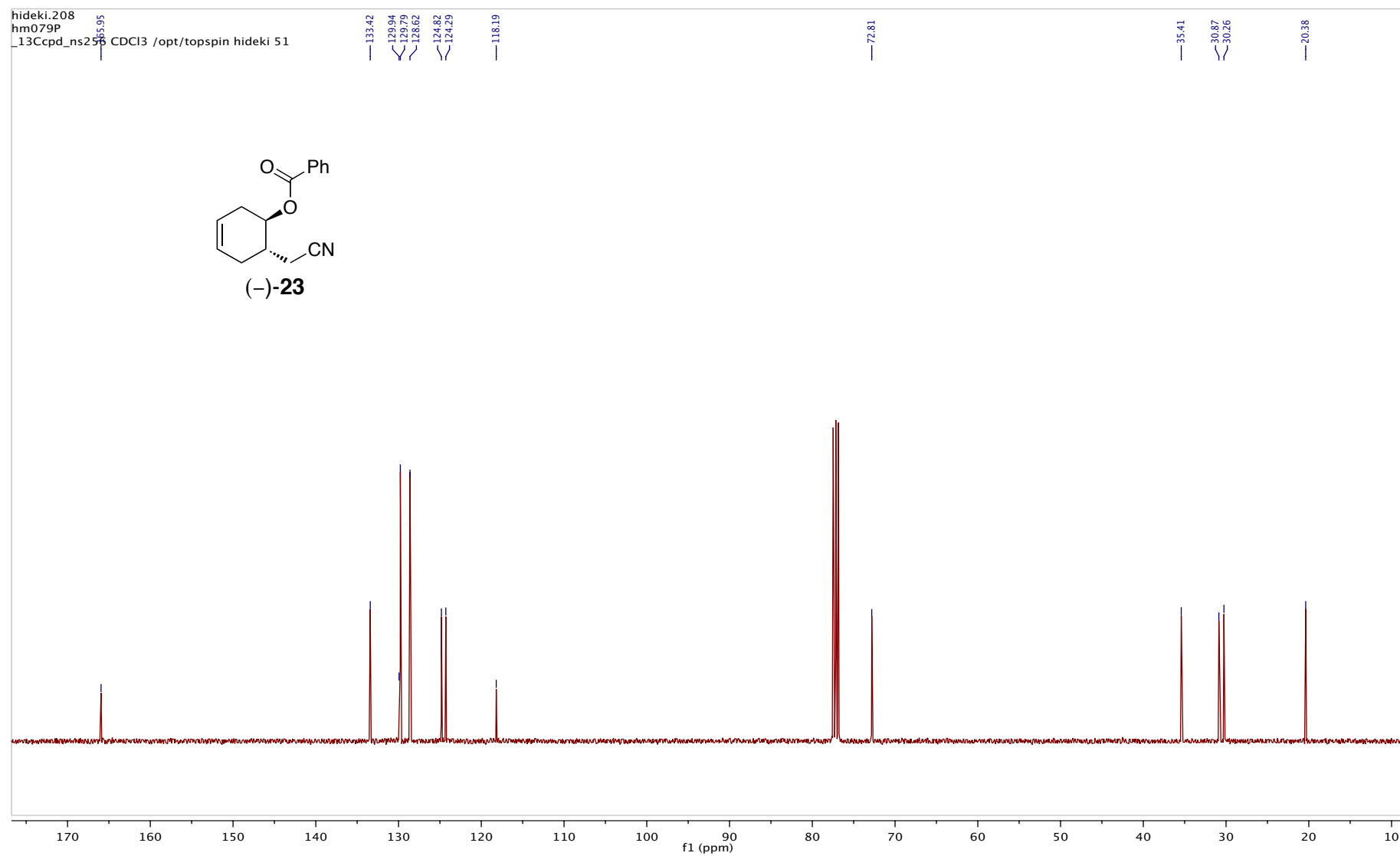


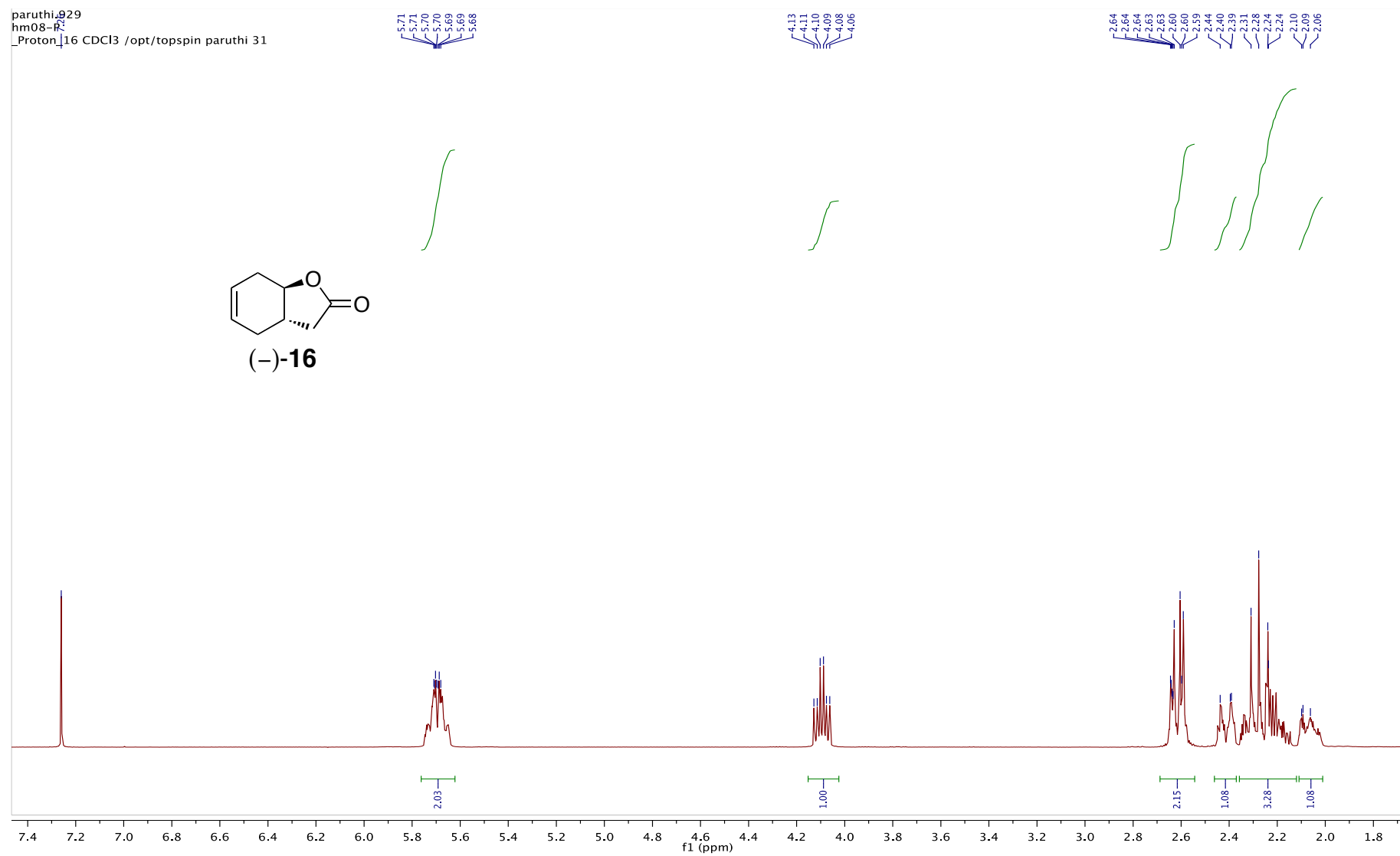


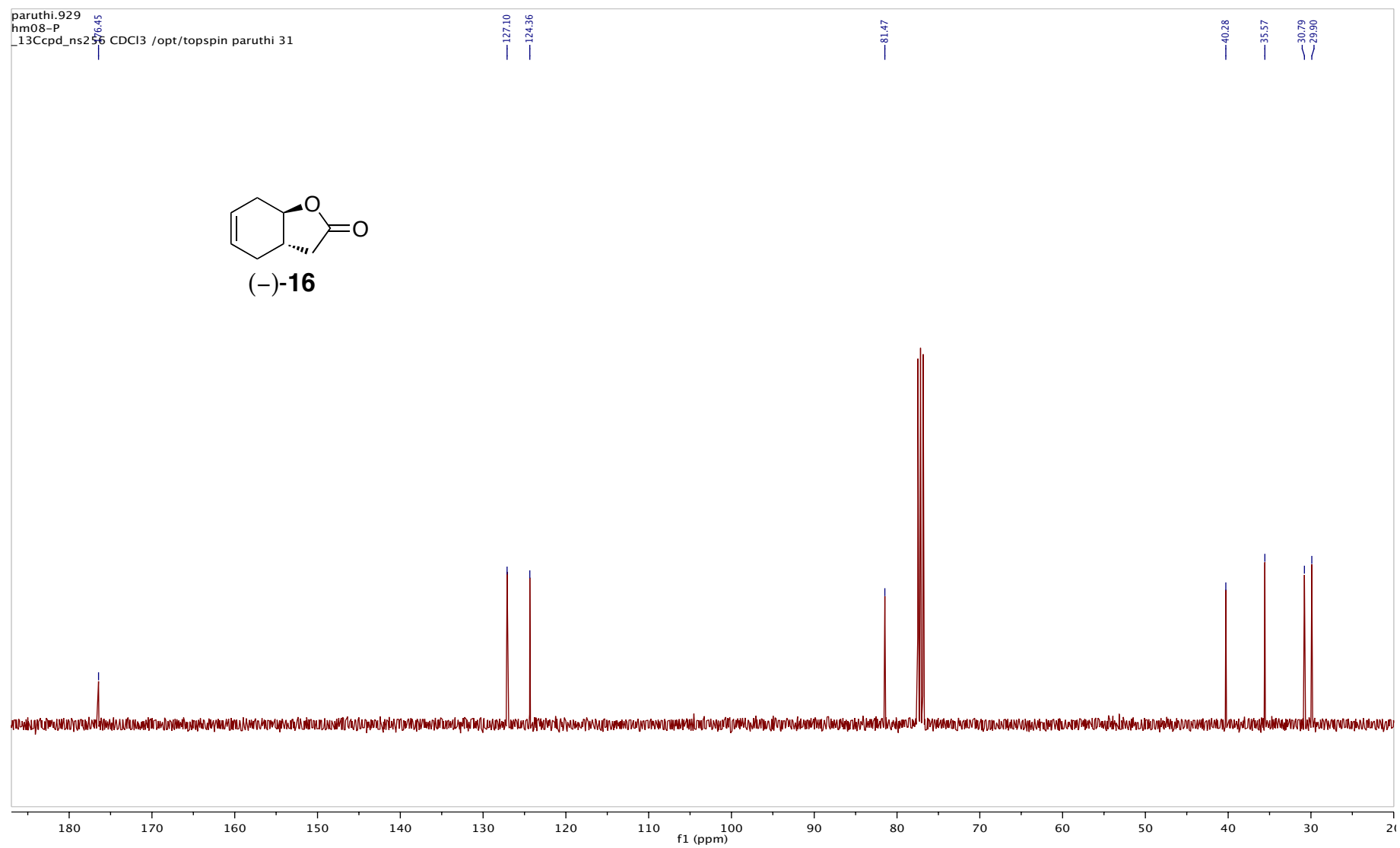


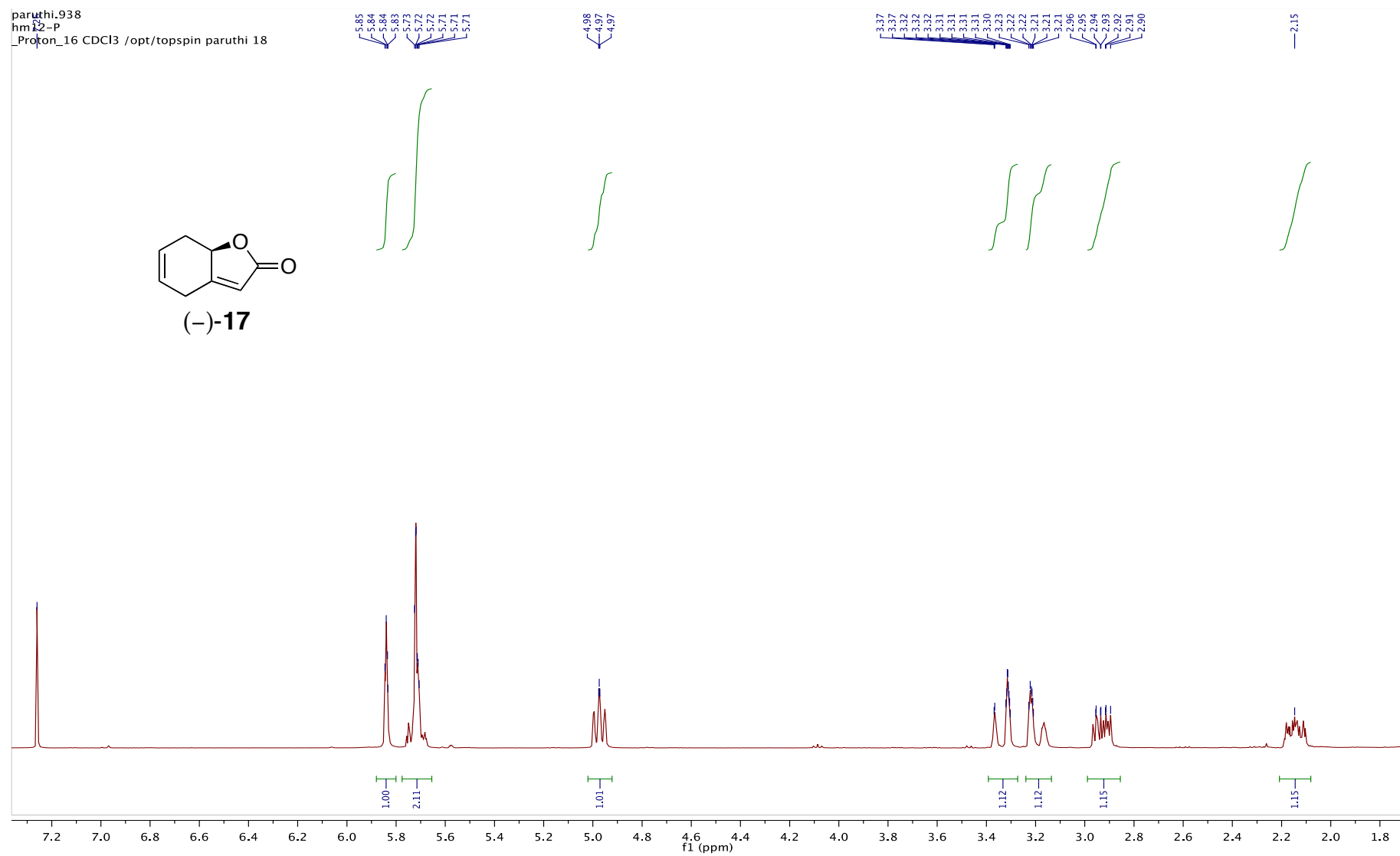


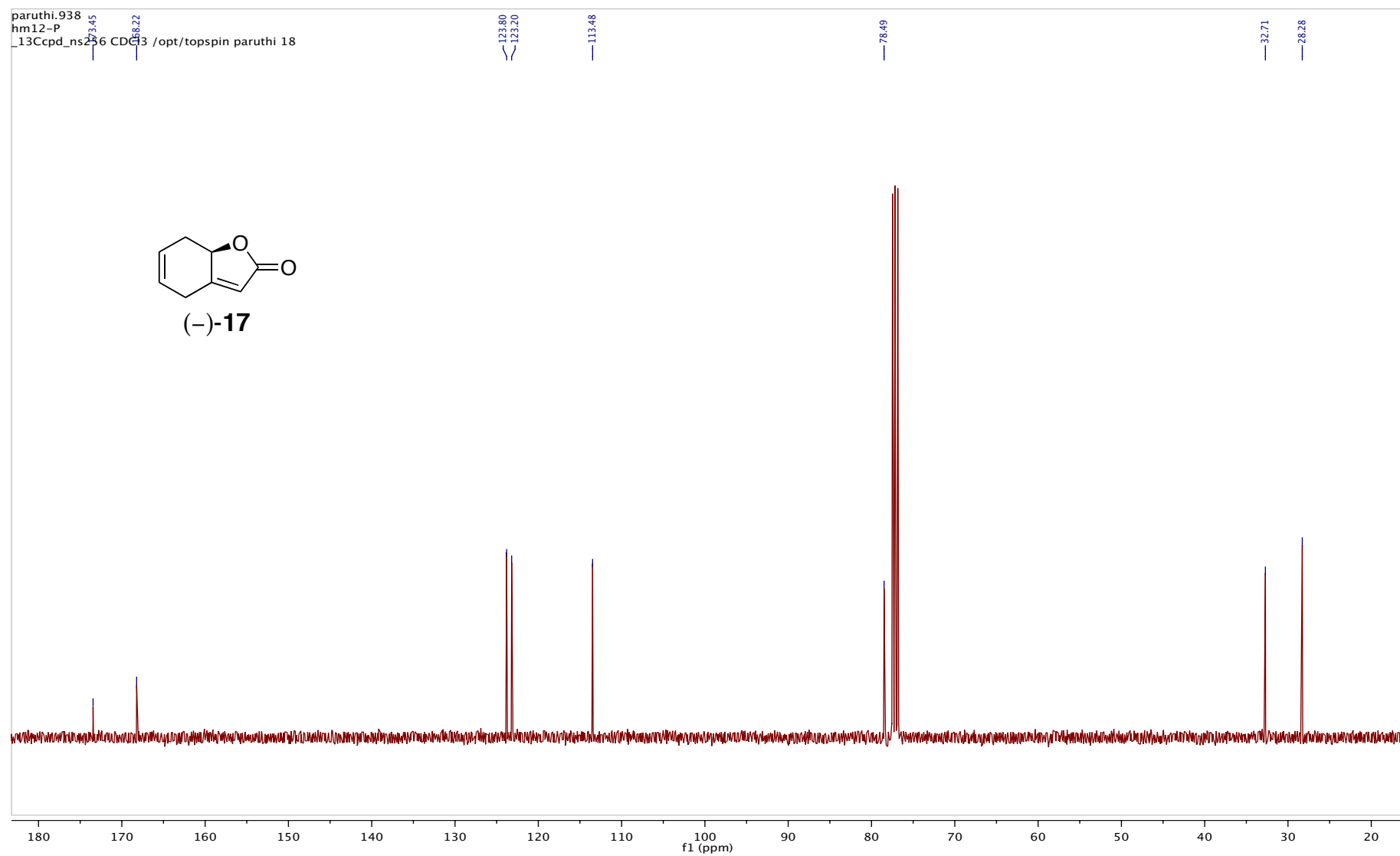


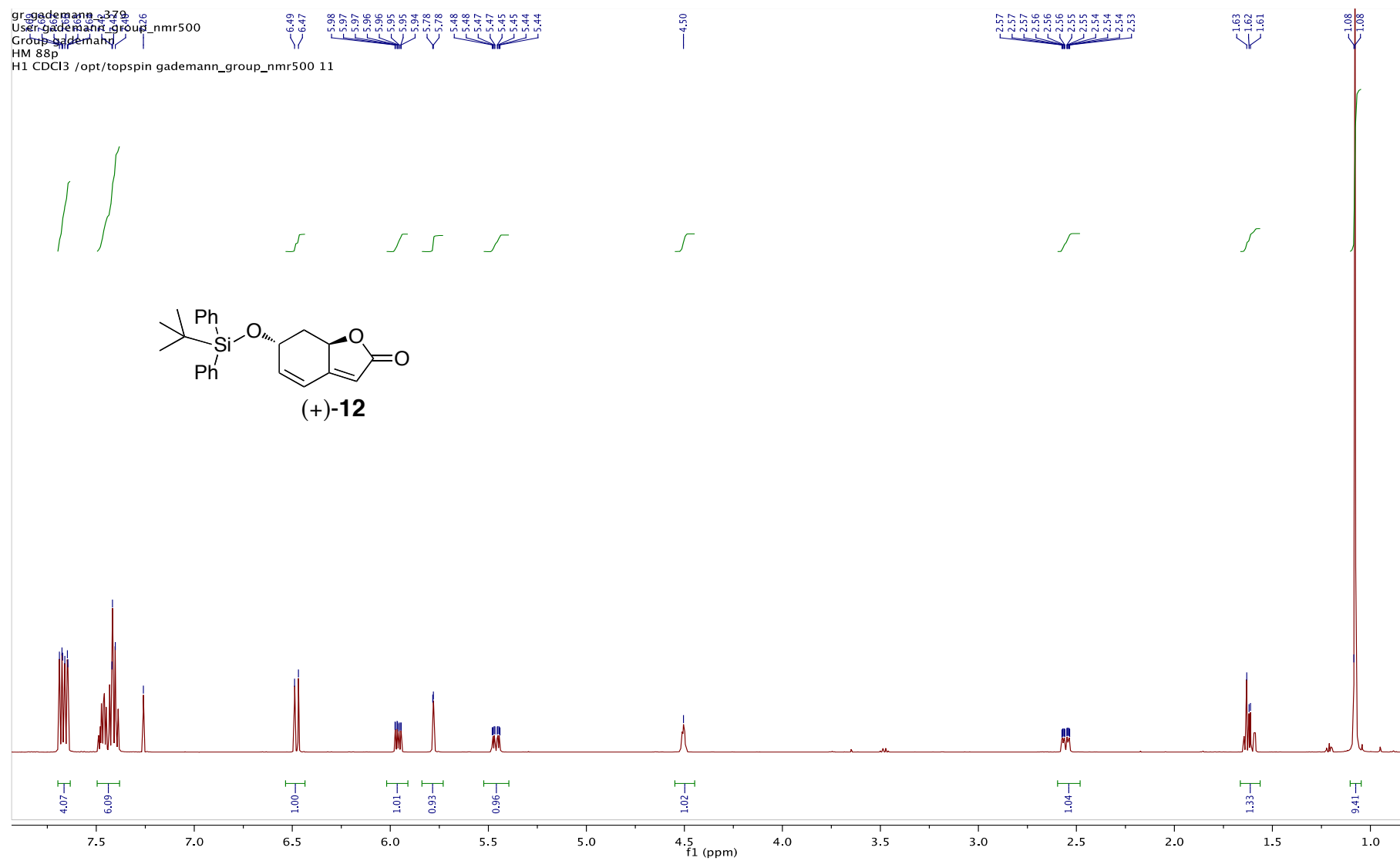


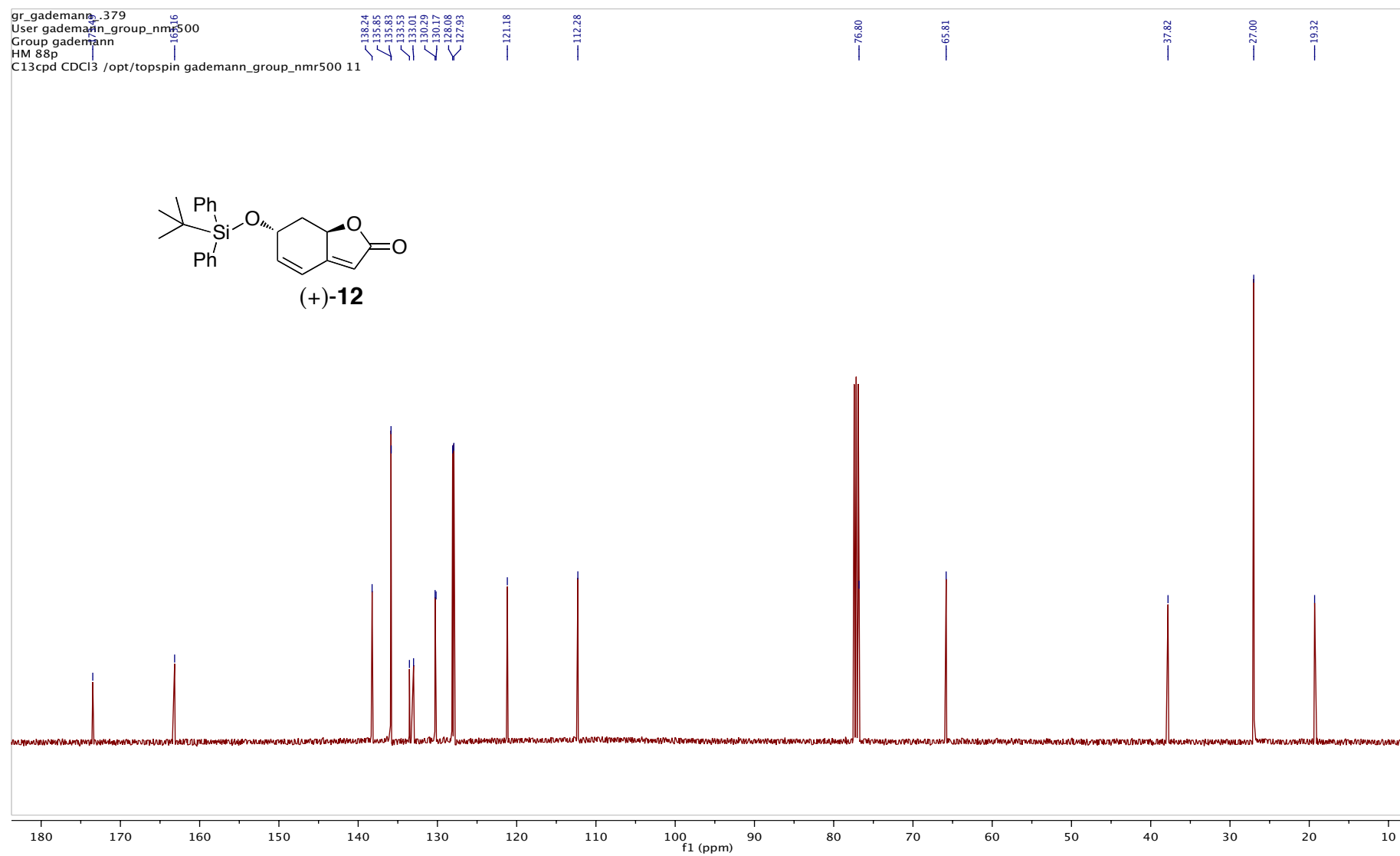


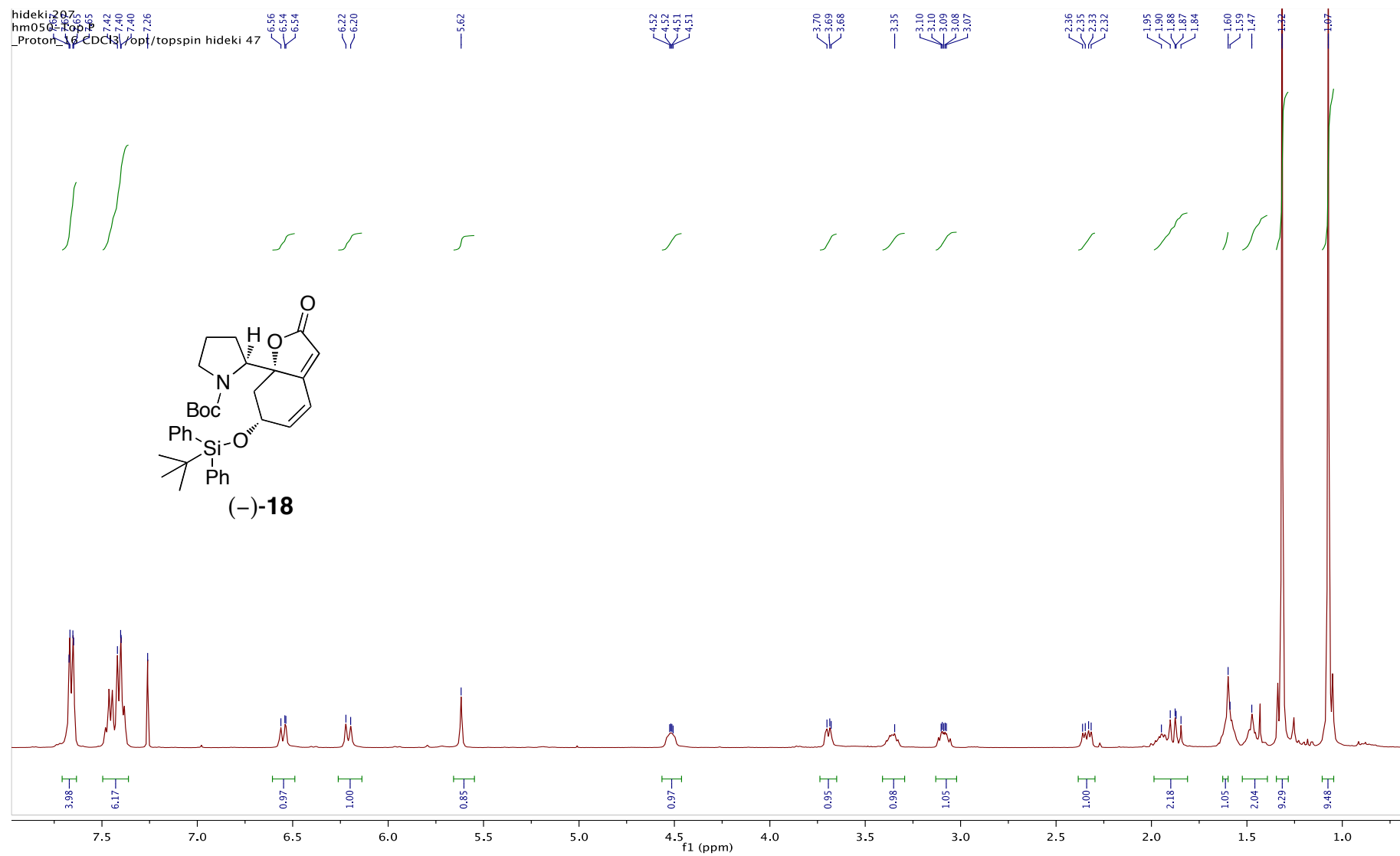


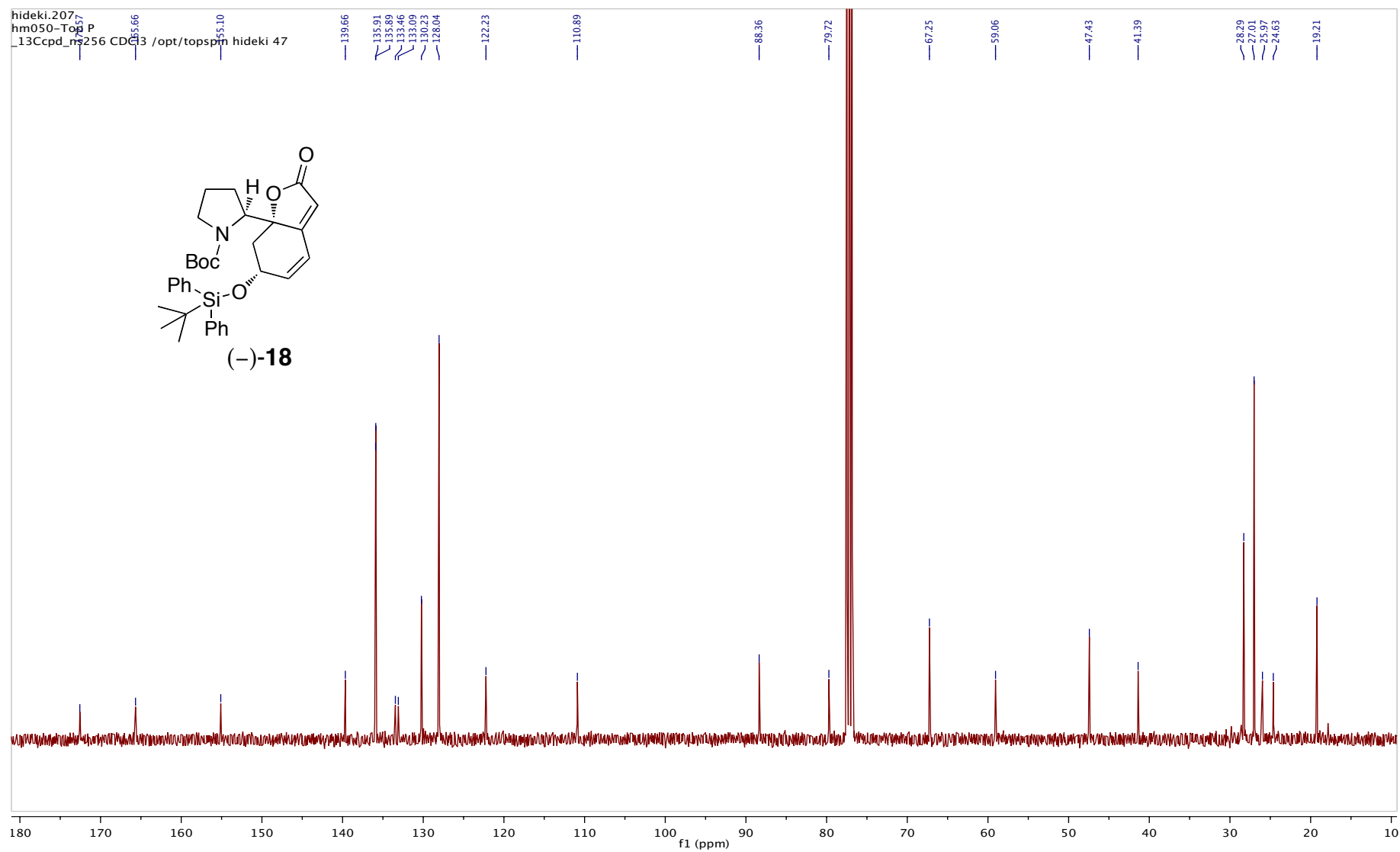


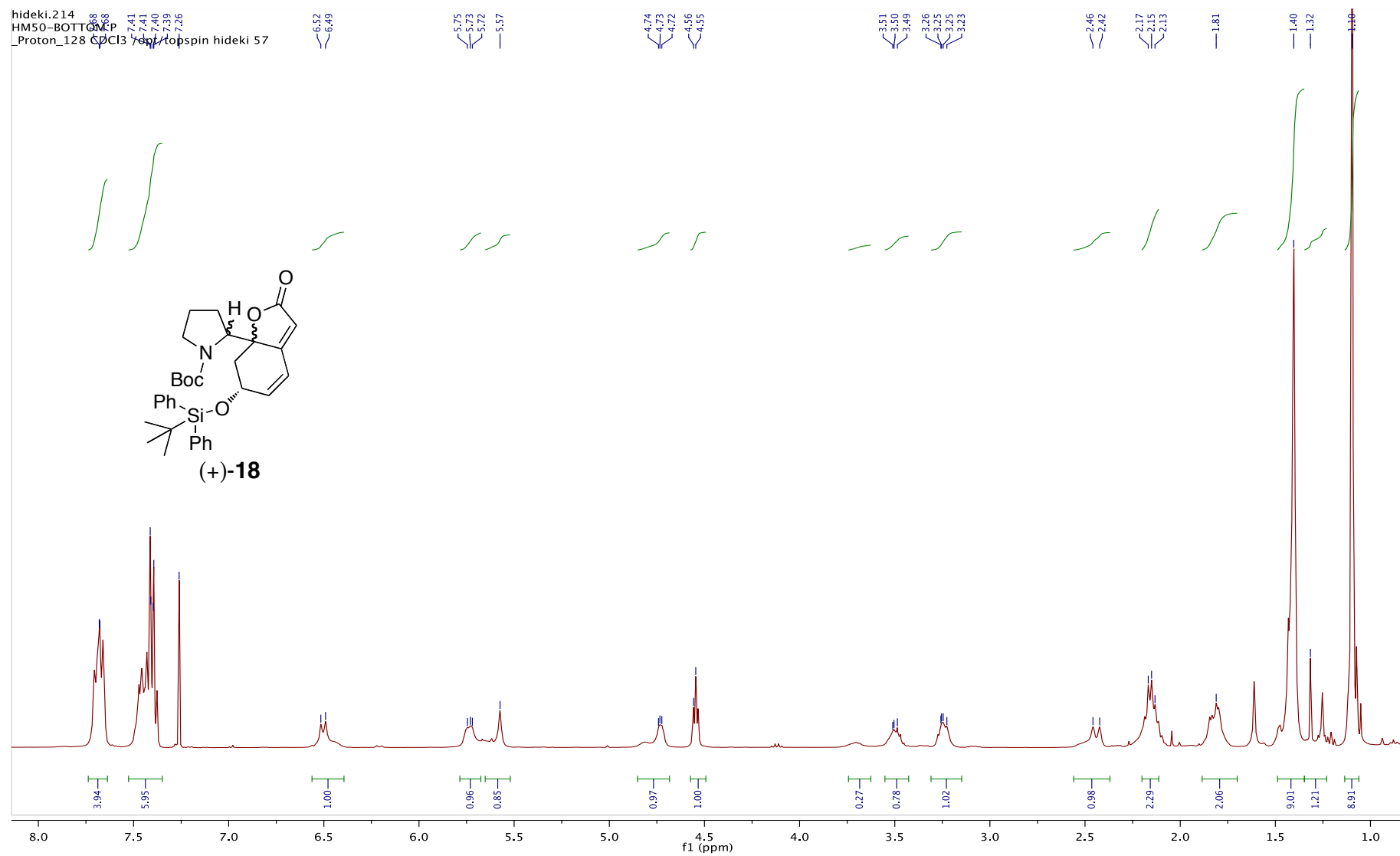


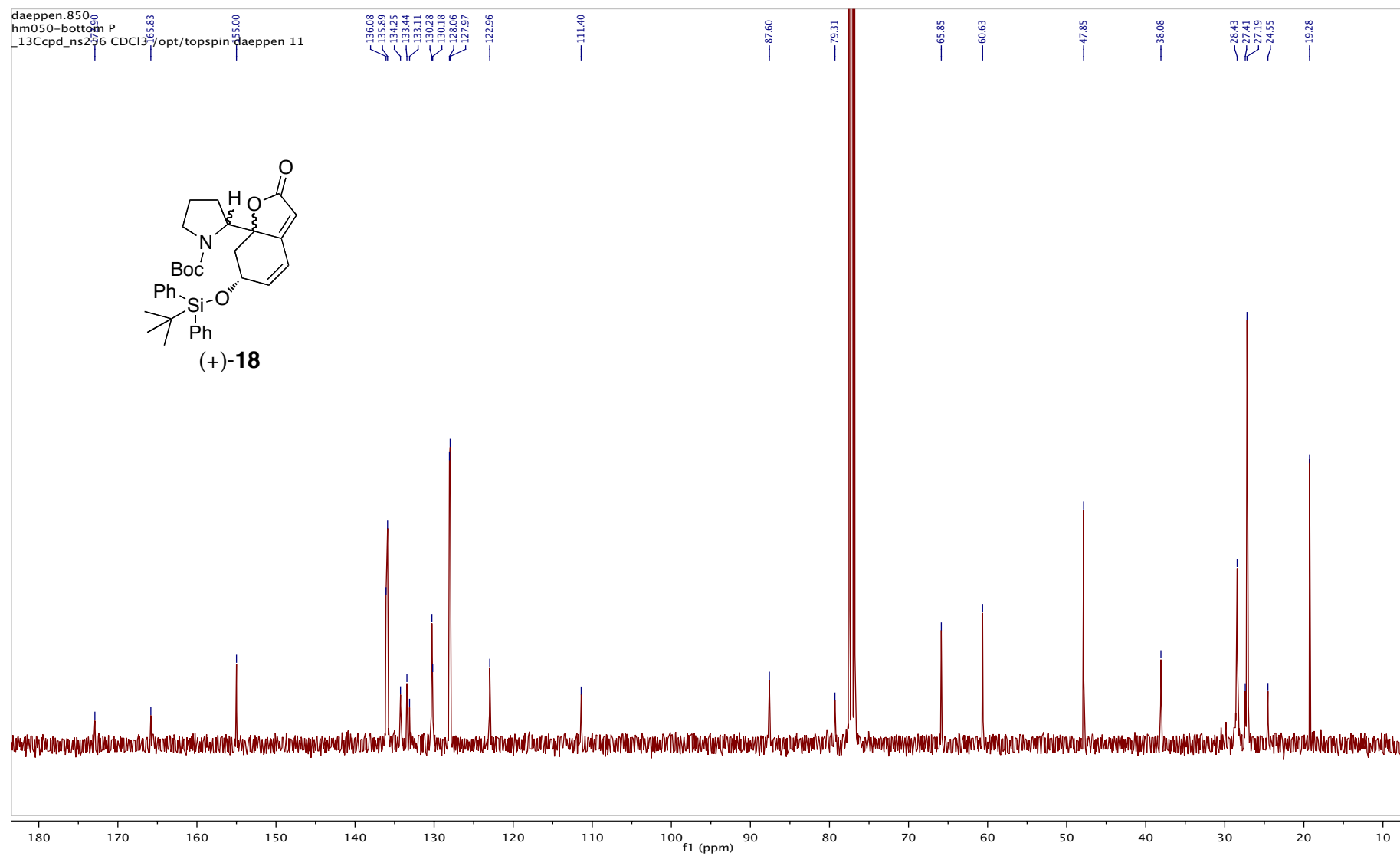


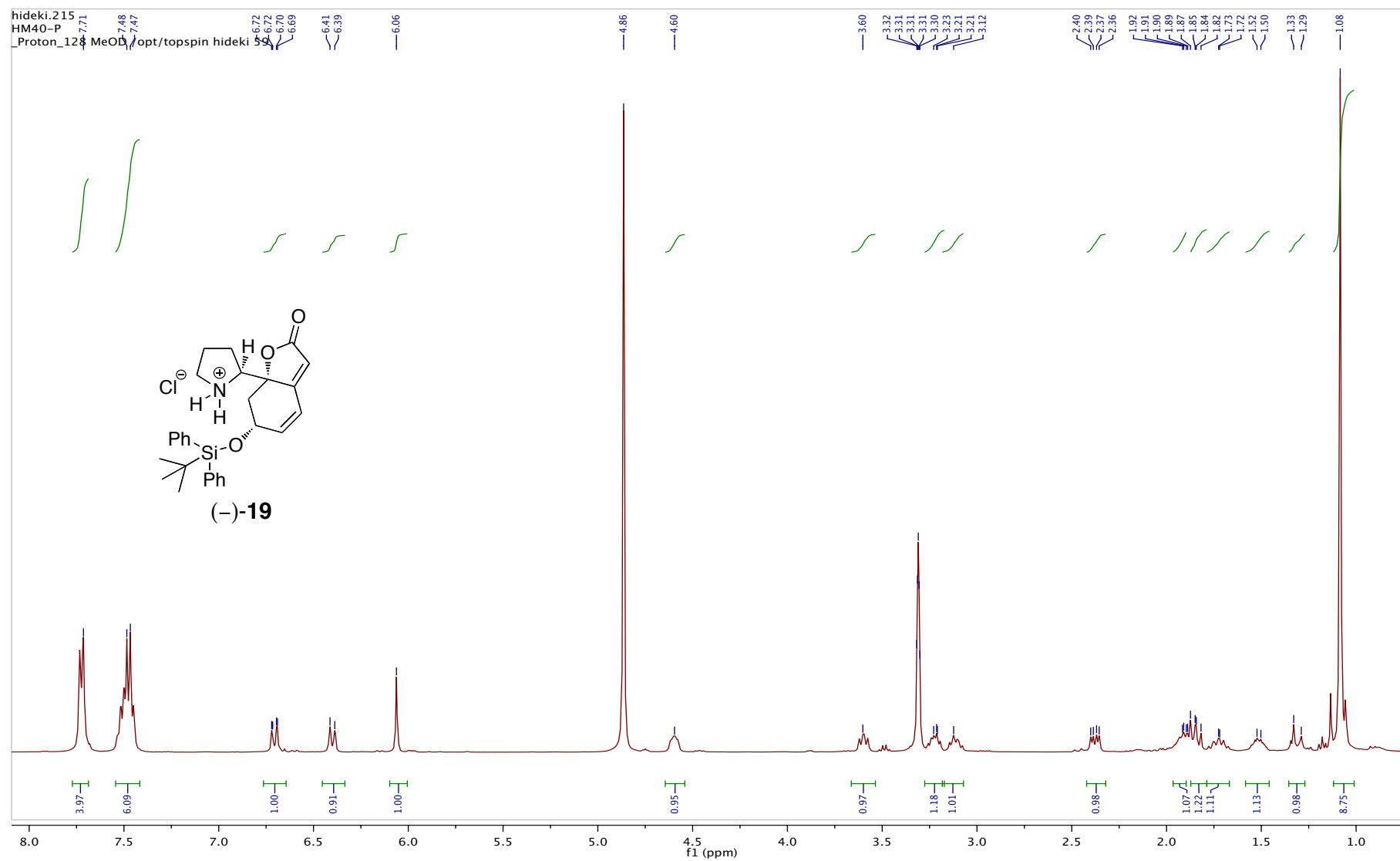


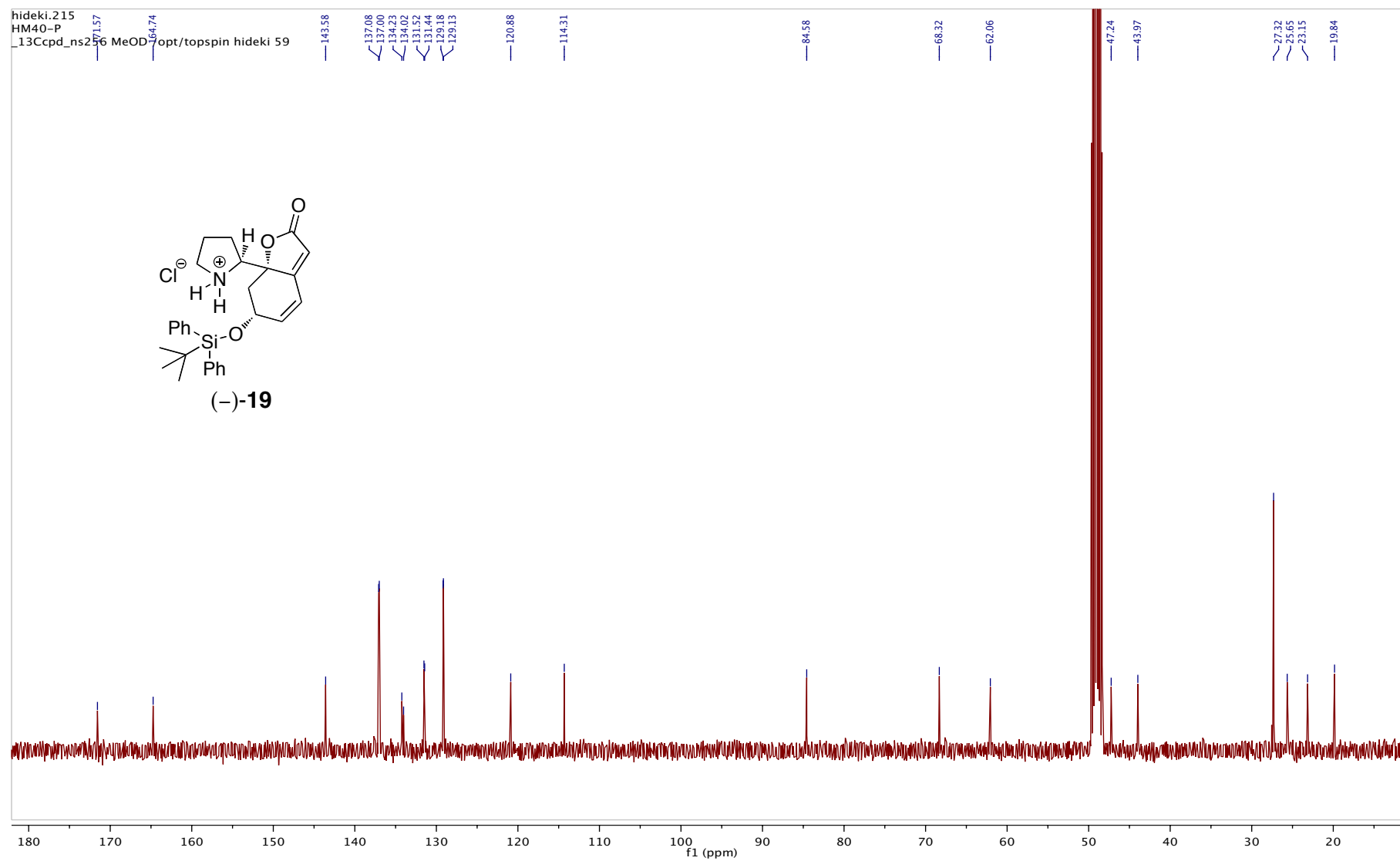


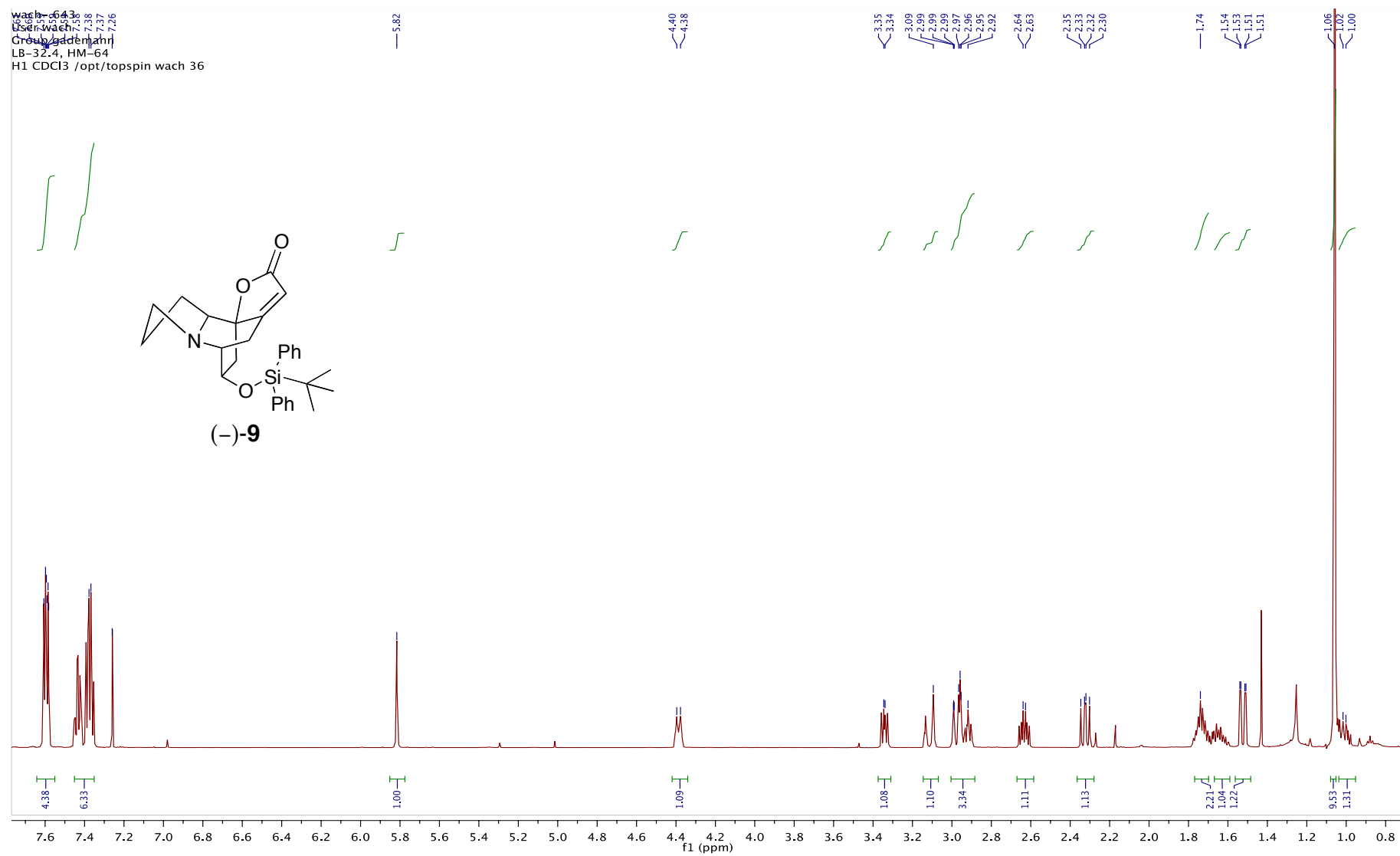












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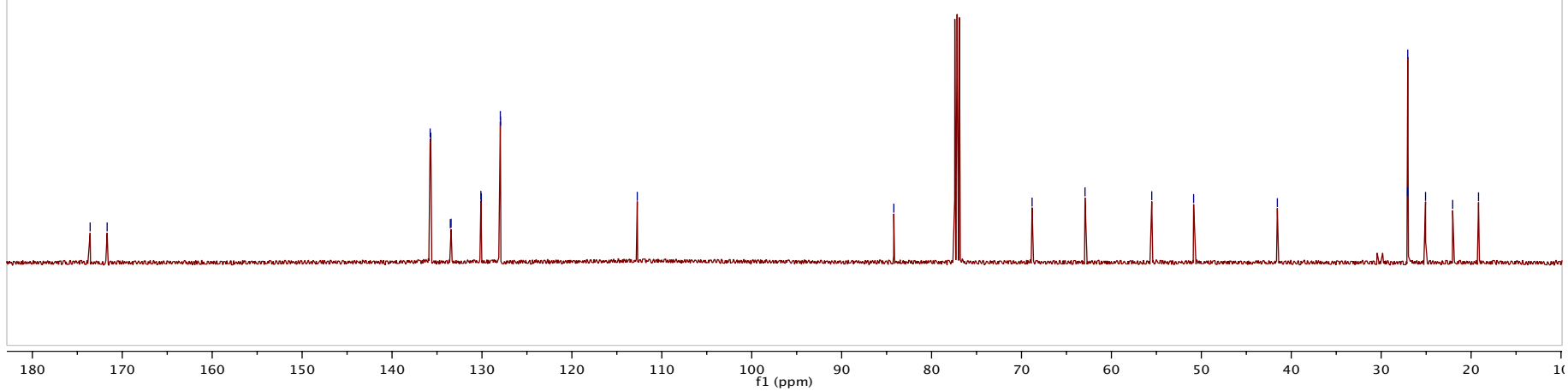
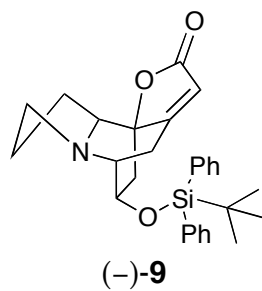
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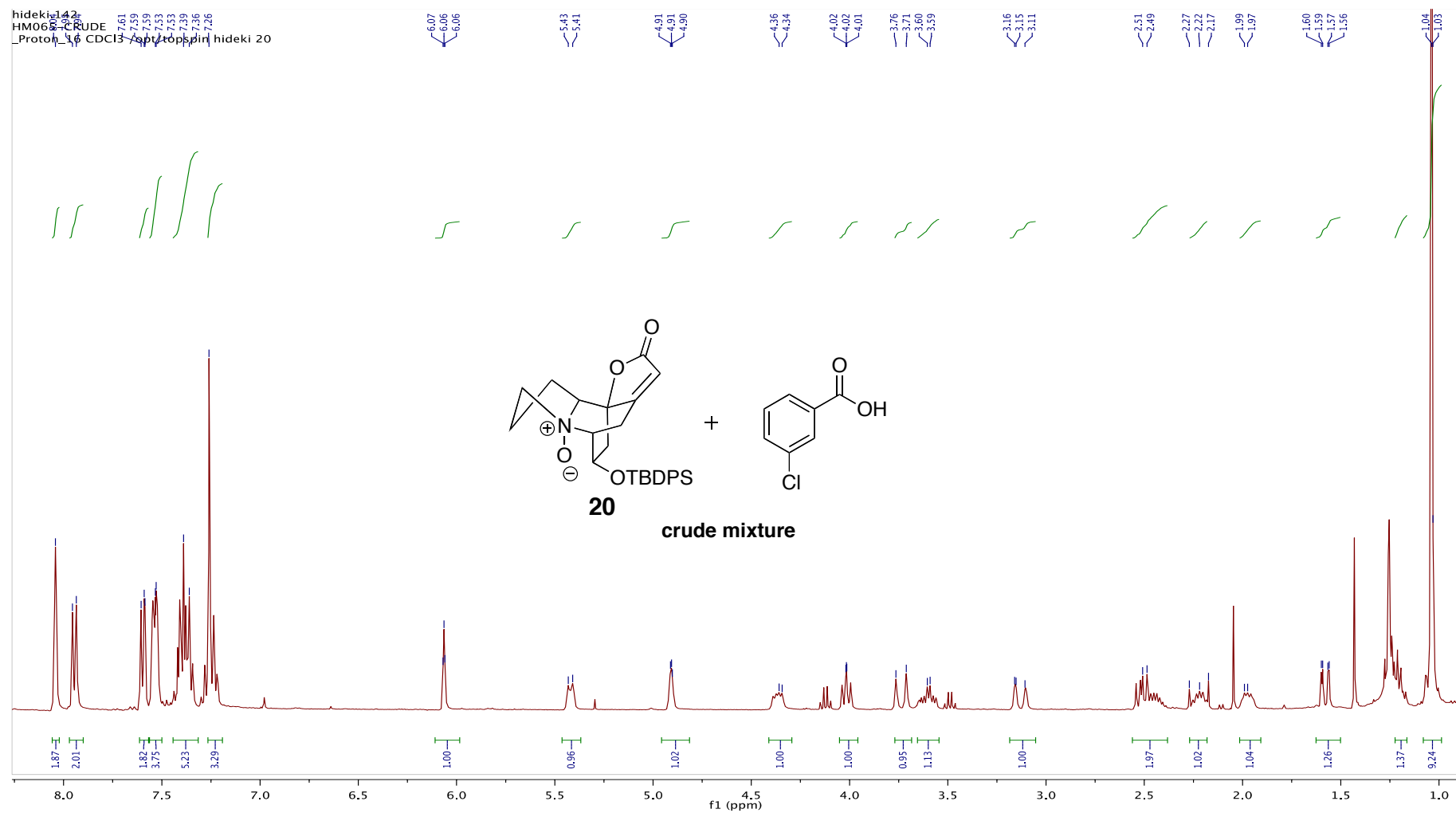
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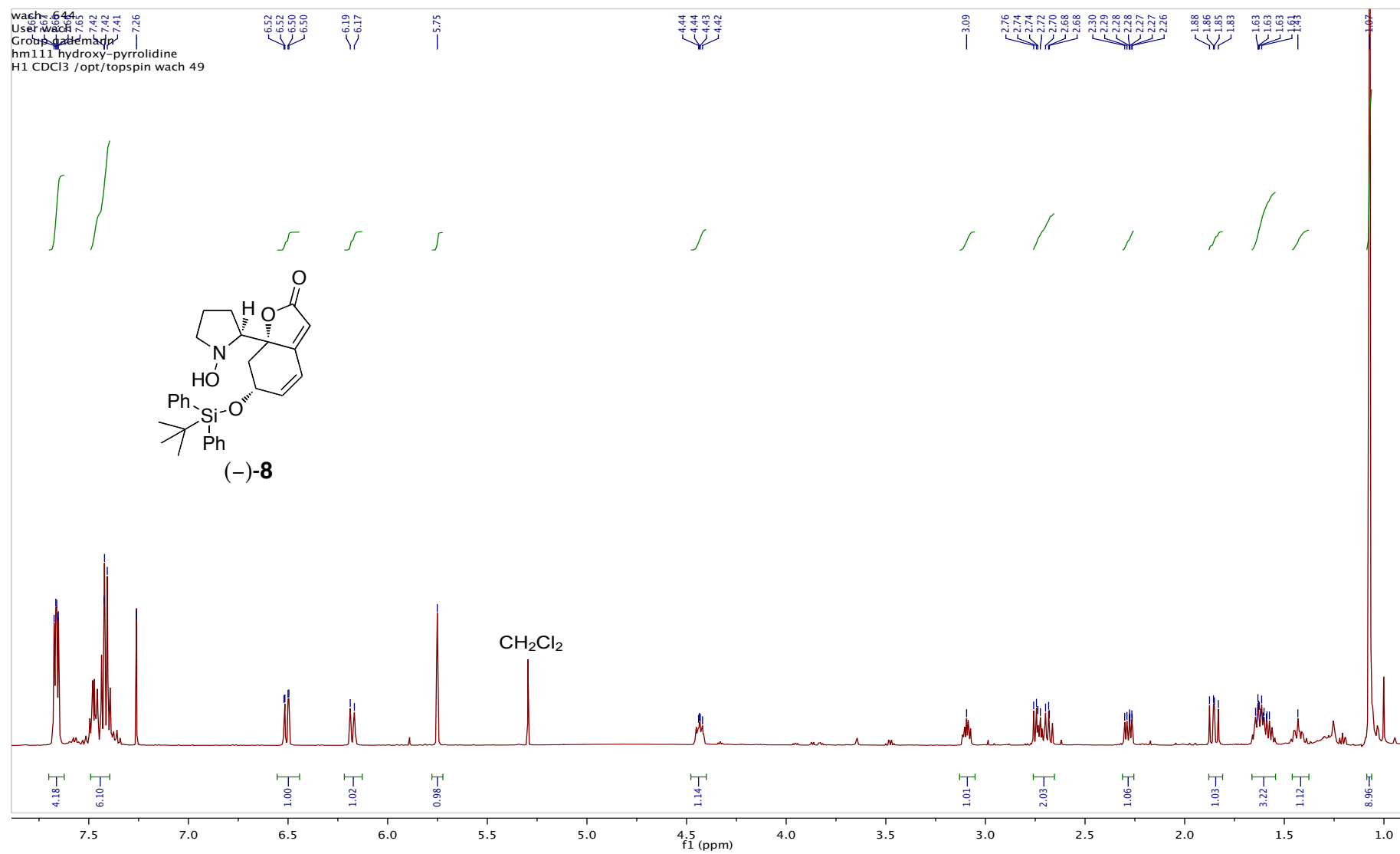
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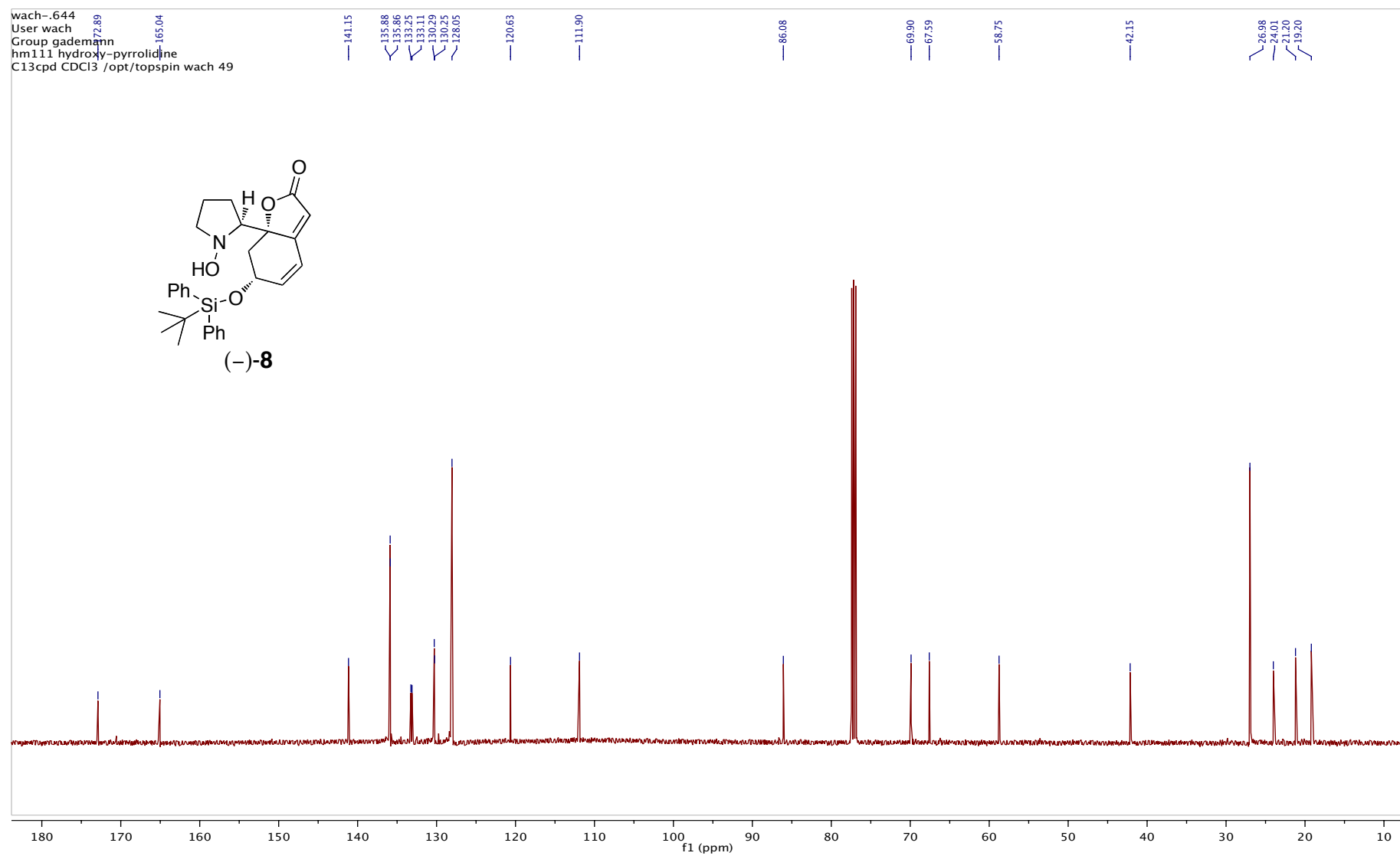
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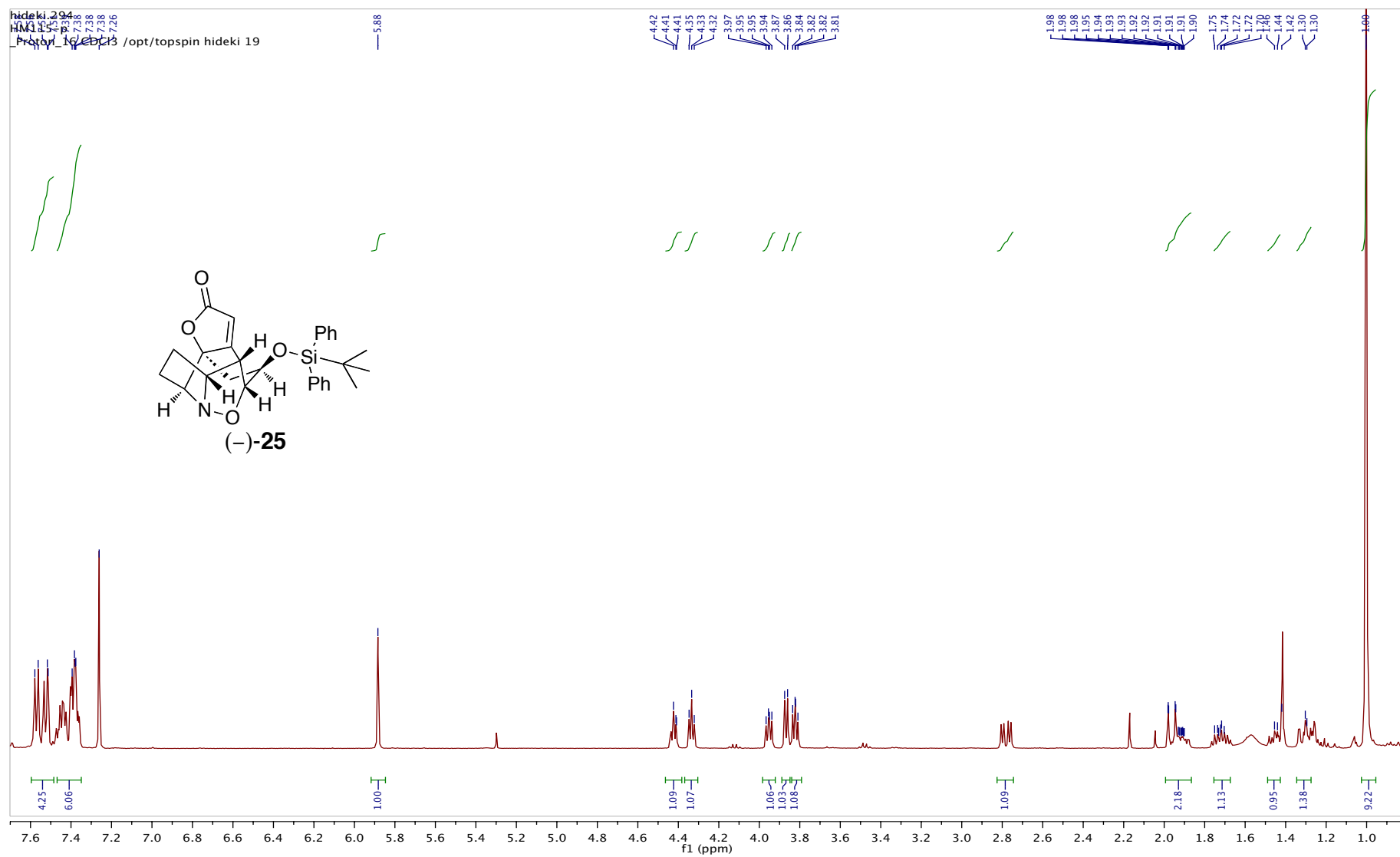
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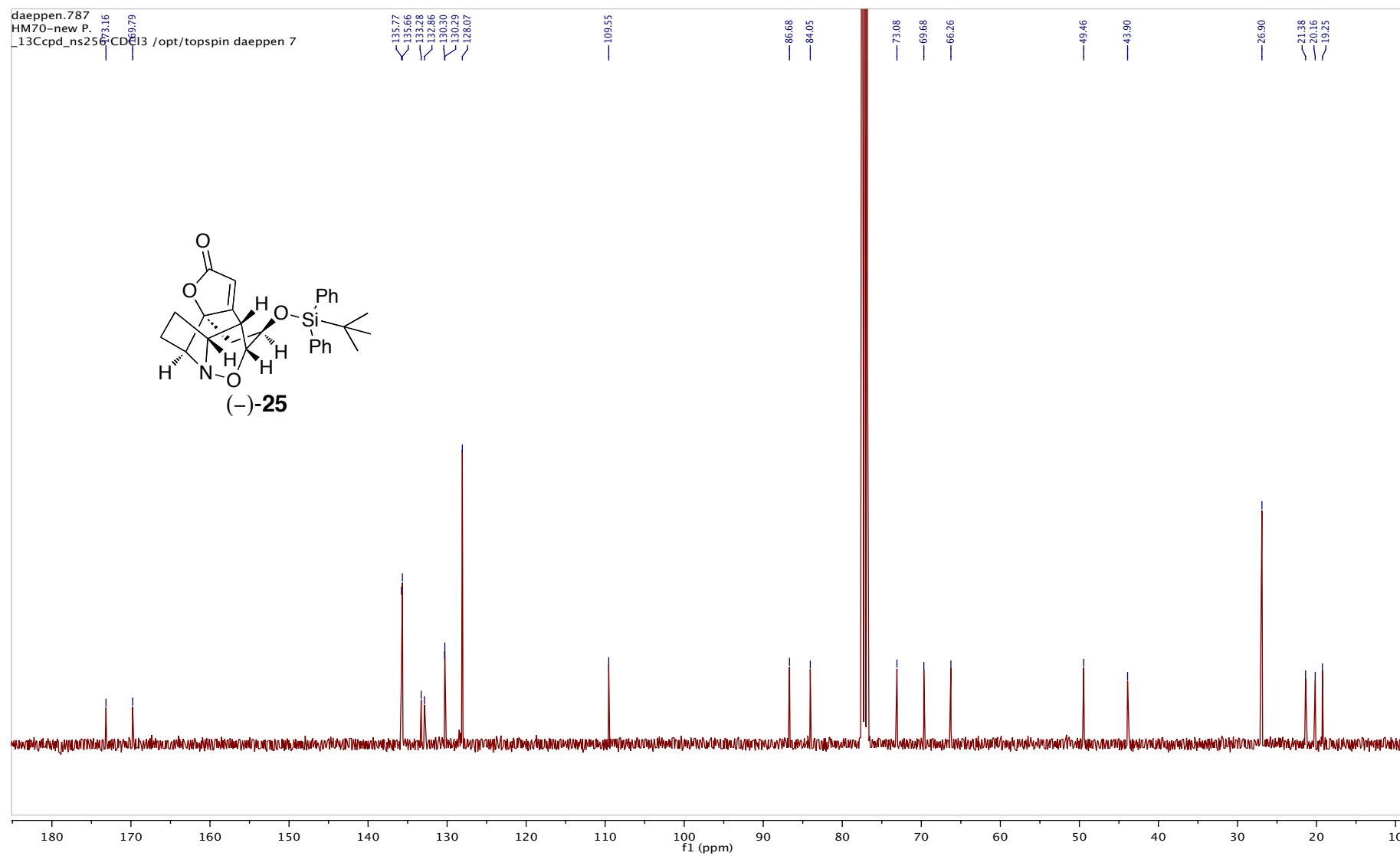


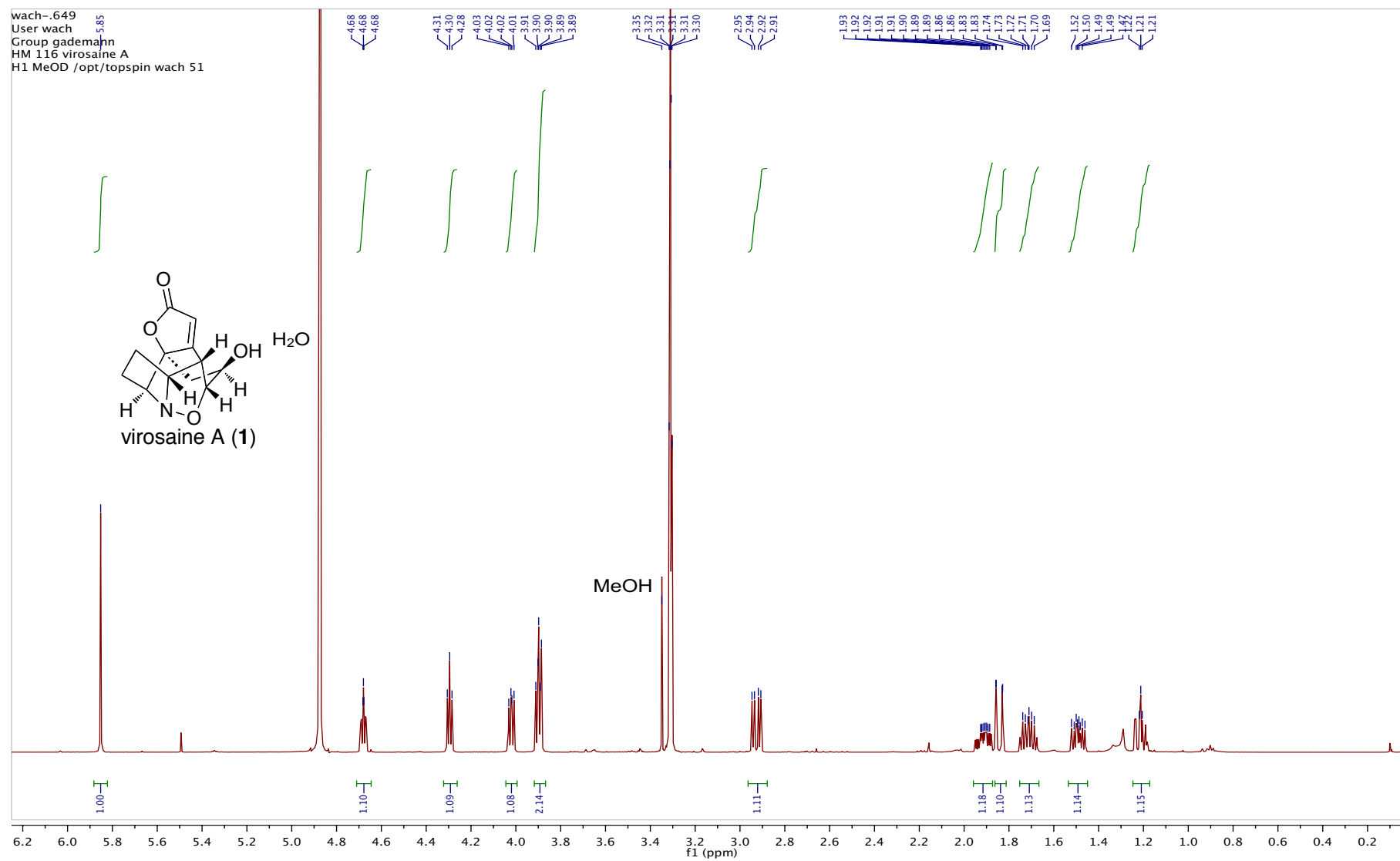


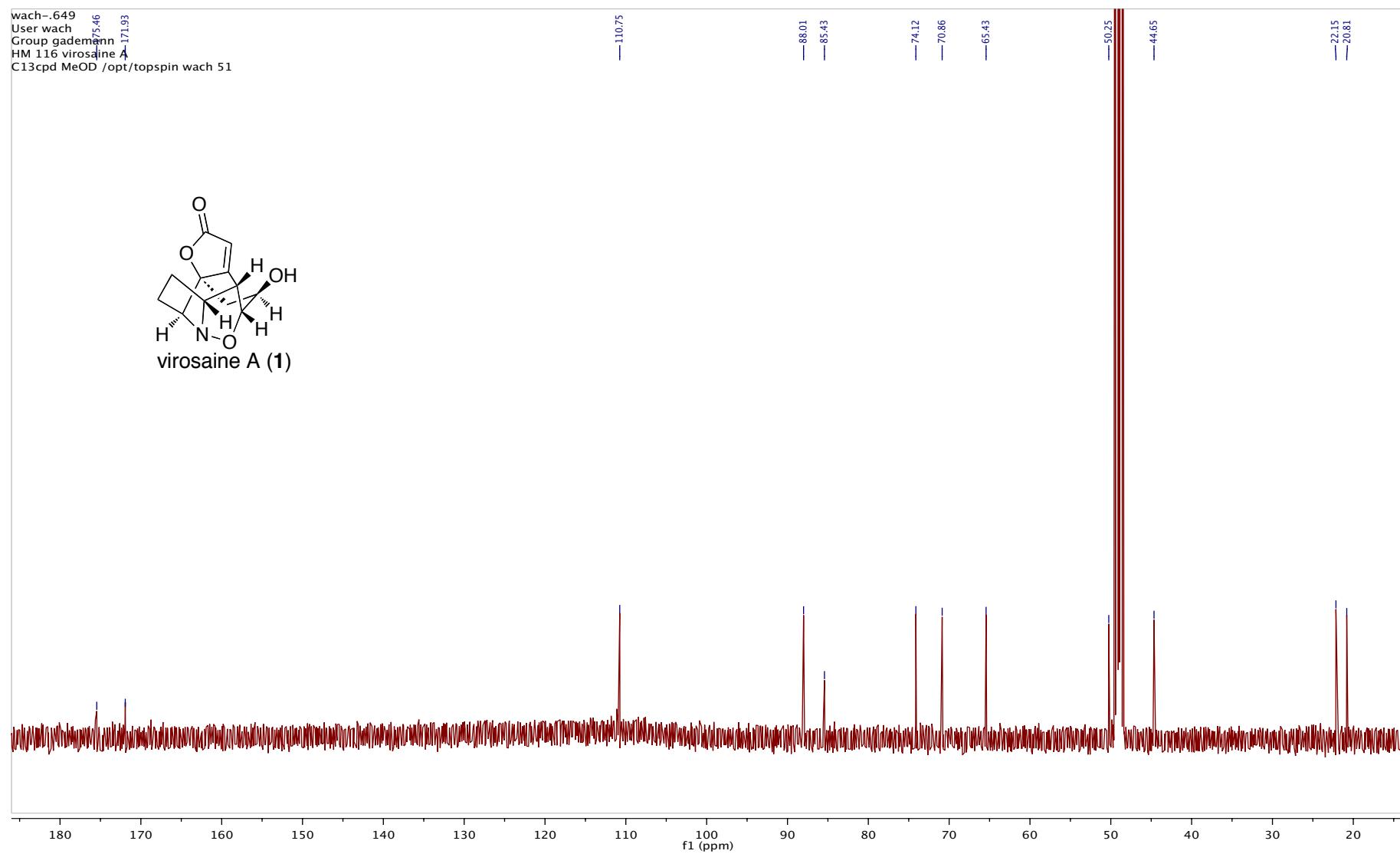






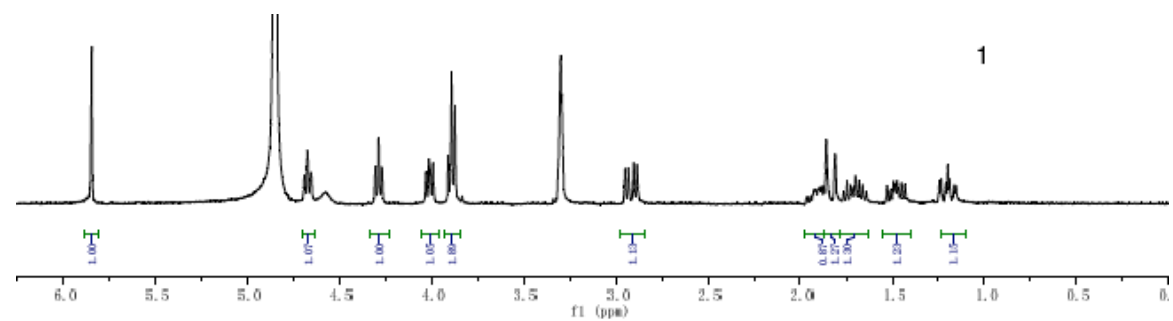




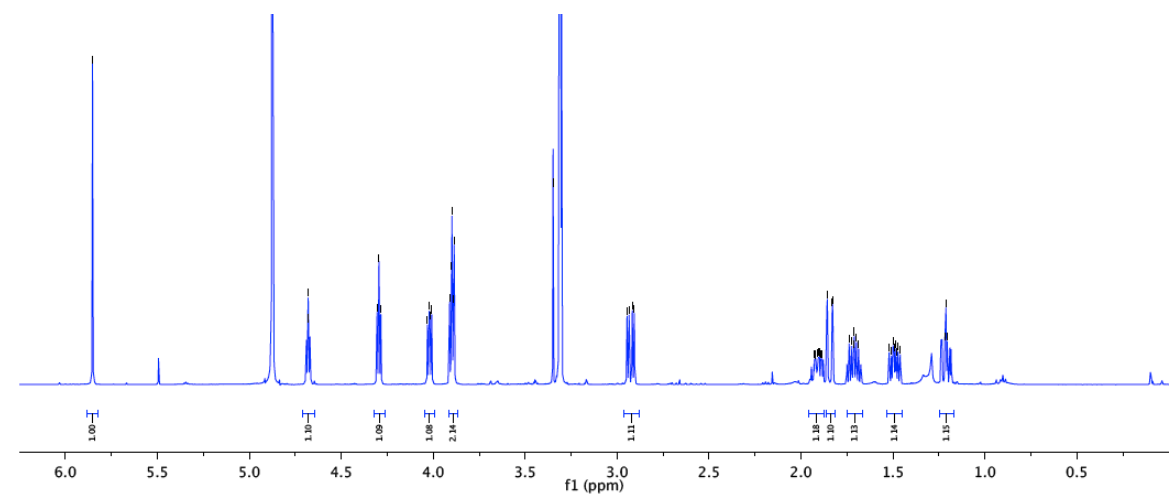


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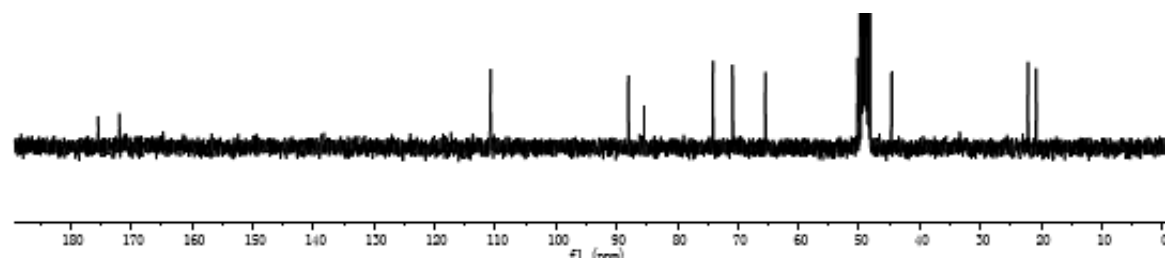


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