

# iElectronic Supplementary Information

## Continuous flow synthesis of lipophilic cations derived from benzoic acid as new cytotoxic chemical entities in human head and neck carcinoma cell lines

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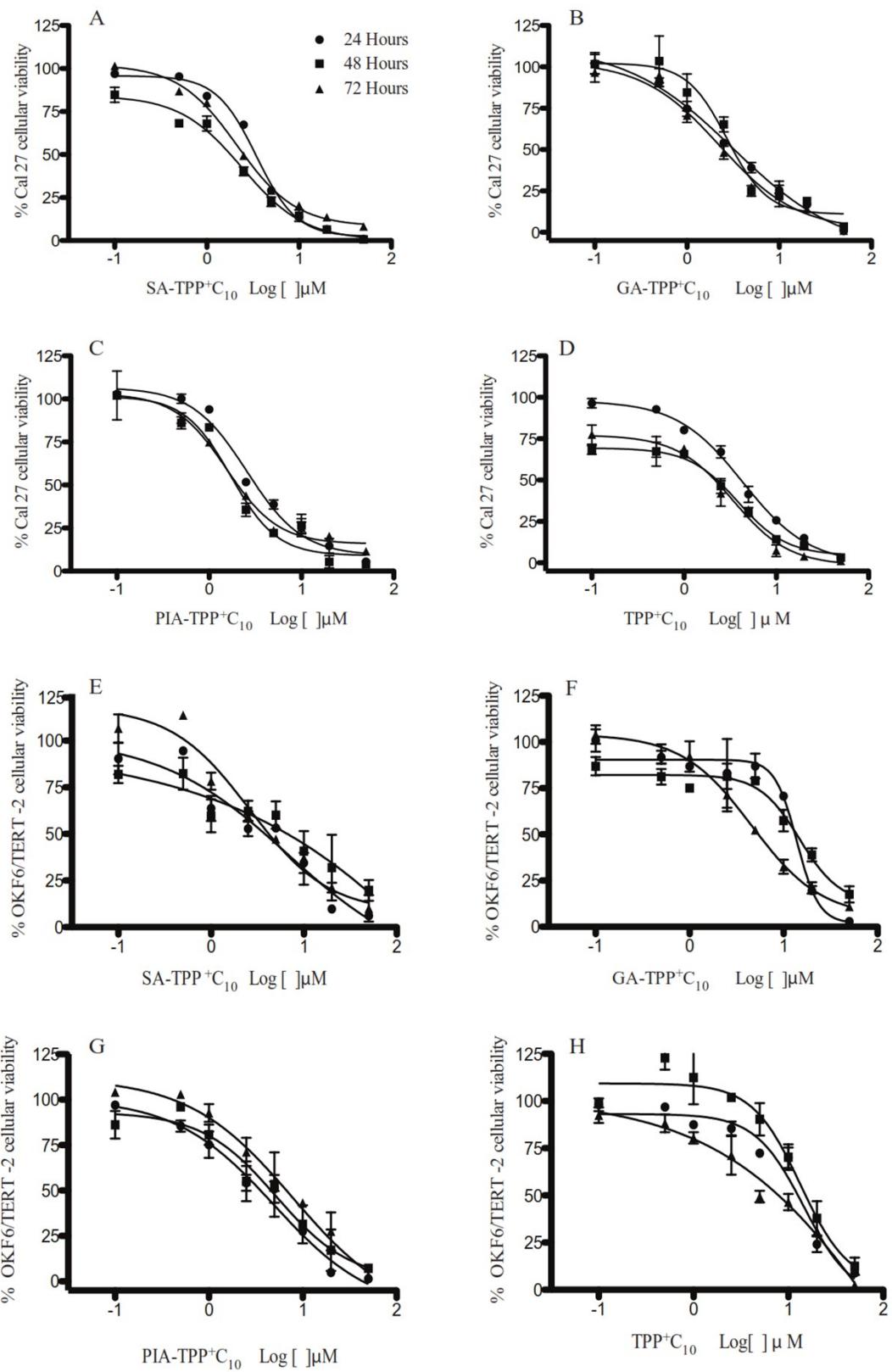
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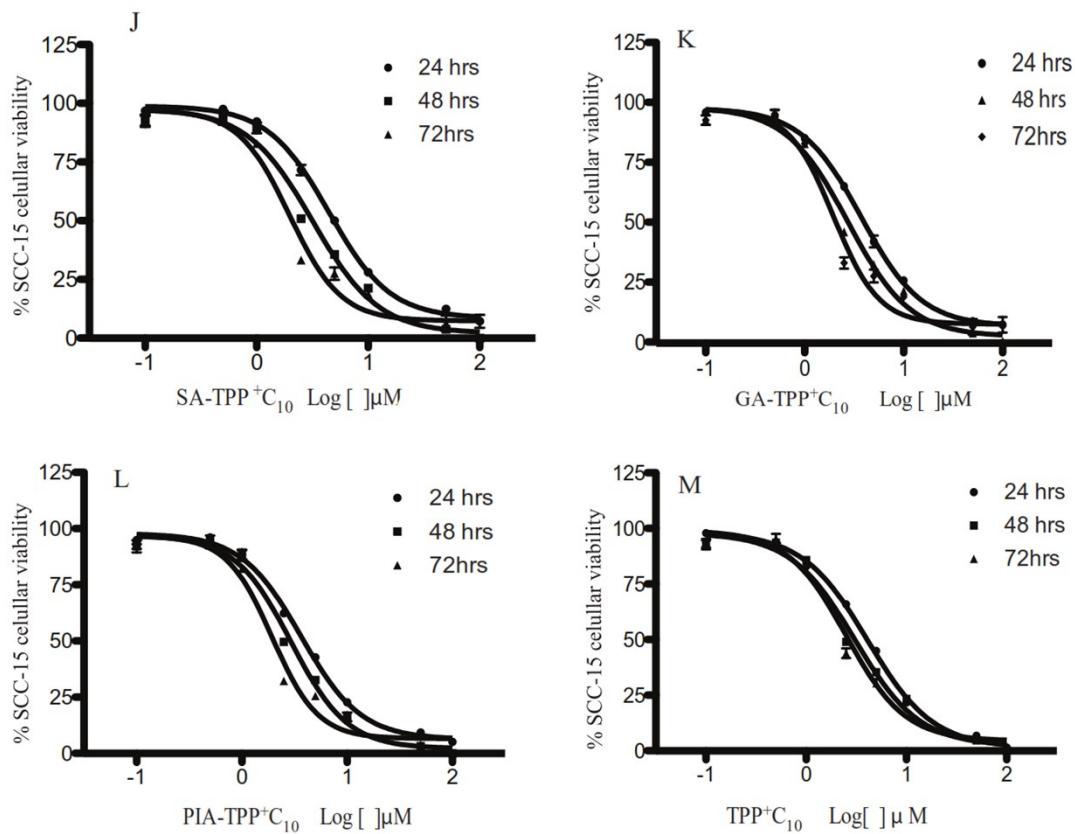
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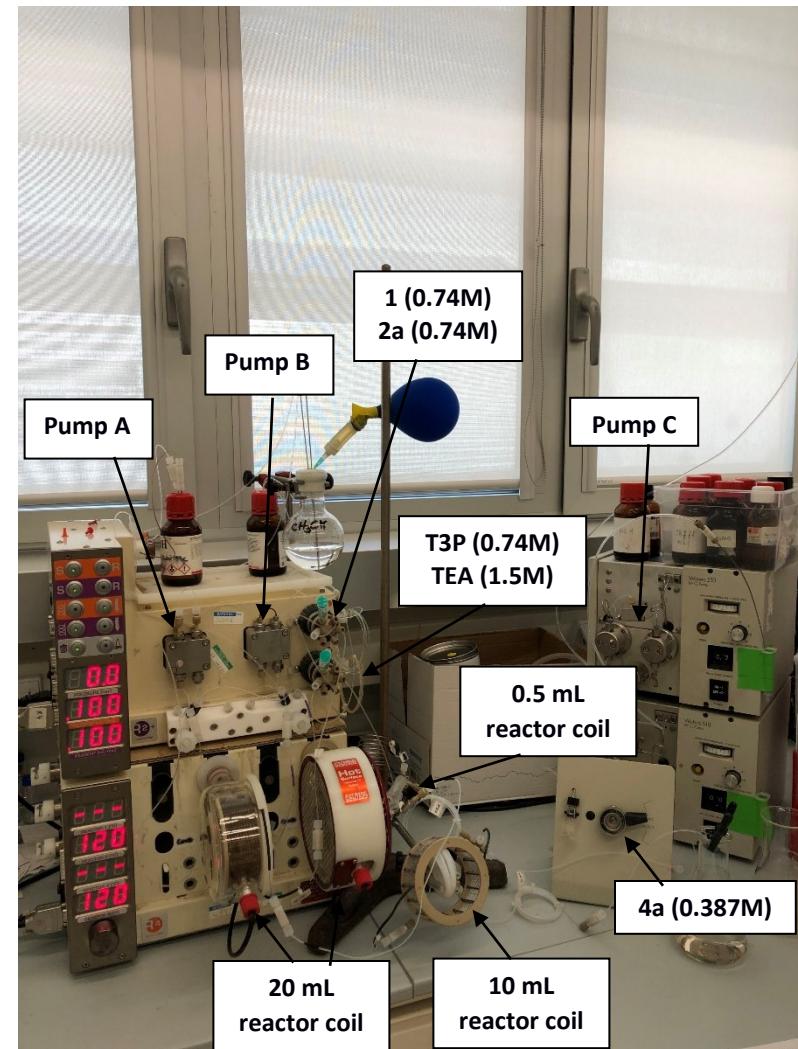
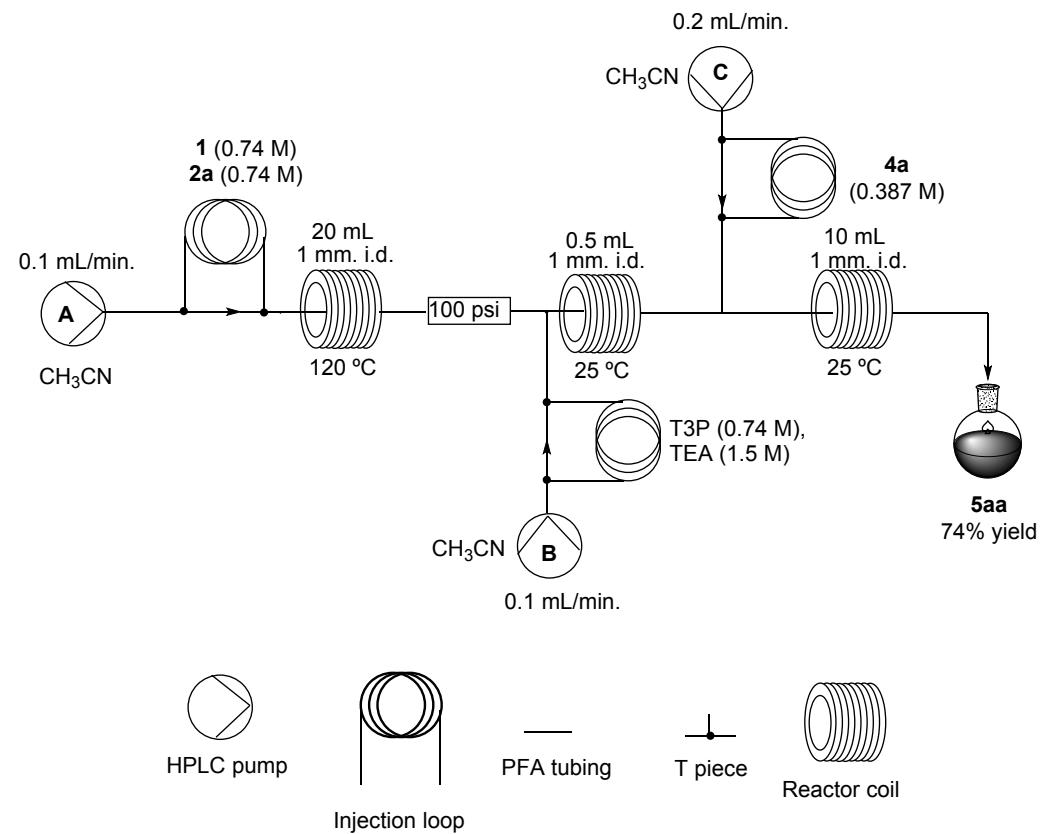


**Figure S1: Cytotoxic activities of compounds in cancer cell lines (Cal 27, SCC-15 and HEp-2).** (A), (E) and (J) correspond to the activity of **SA-TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** in Cal 27, SCC-15 and HEp-2. (B), (F) and (K) correspond to the activity of **GA-TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** in Cal 27, SCC-15 and HEp-2. (C), (G) and (L) correspond to the activity of **PIA-TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** in Cal 27, SCC-15 and HEp-2. (D), (H) and (M) correspond to the activity of **TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** in Cal 27, SCC-15 and HEp-2. Each compound was incubated with increasing concentrations of the compounds for 24, 48 and 72 h. Viability was assessed by the MTT reduction assay, as described in Material and Methods. The percent viability was calculated from the reduction of MTT (read as absorbance at  $\lambda_{570\text{ nm}}$ ) relative to that observed in cells incubated only with vehicle (DMSO). Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM ( $n=3$ ) and semi-logarithmic dose-response curves were obtained using the GraphPad Prism software (version 5).

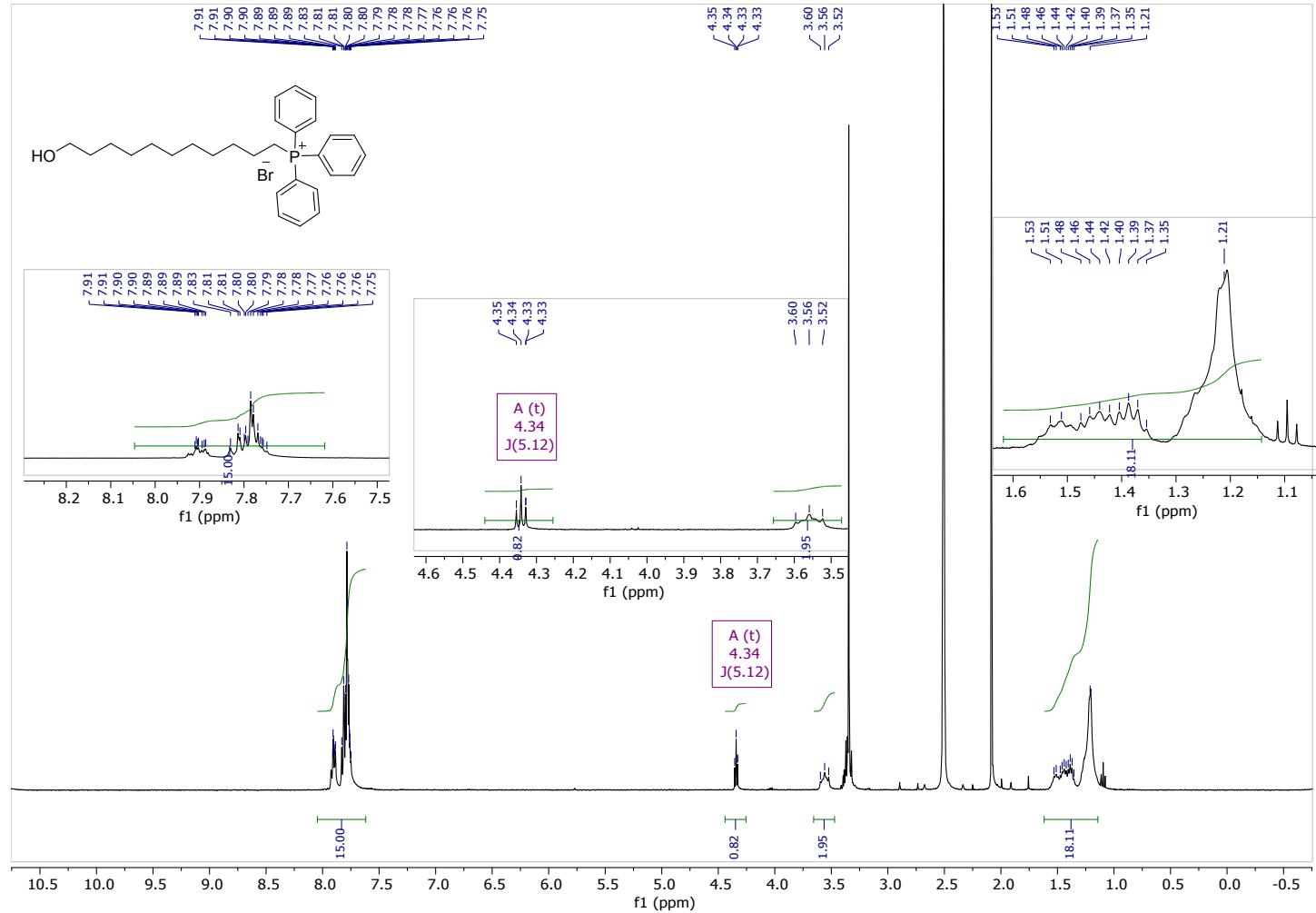
Compound	Cell lines											
	Cal 27			Hep-2			SCC-15			OKF-6/TERT		
	24 h.	48 h.	72 h.	24 h.	48 h.	72 h.	24 h.	48 h.	72 h.	24 h.	48 h.	72 h.
IC <sub>50</sub> ±SD (µM)	IC <sub>50</sub> ±SD (µM)			IC <sub>50</sub> ±SD (µM)			IC <sub>50</sub> ±SD (µM)			IC <sub>50</sub> ±SD (µM)		
<b>SA-TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub></b>	3.4±0.01*	2.3±0.06*	2.1±0.02*	2.17±0.31	4.28± 0.12	1.43±0.02	4.5± 0.4	3.2± 0,2	2.0± 0.1	16.9± 0.4 <sup>a</sup>	12.7± 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	3.2± 0.4 <sup>a</sup>
<b>GA-TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub></b>	2.8±0.02*	2.2±0.02*	2.2±0.04*	4.29 ±0.30	5.66 ± 1.09	2.31 ±0.39	3.3± 0.3***	2.7± 0.1*	1.9± 0.2	13.6± 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	13.2± 0.4 <sup>a</sup>	12.2± 0.3 <sup>a</sup>
<b>PIA- TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub></b>	2.5±0.02*	1.6±0.01*	1.6±0.04*	7.48 ±0.08	8.28 ± 0.27	3.94 ± 0.71	3.7±0.05	2.9±0.07	1.9±0.04 ***	6.9± 0.04 <sup>a</sup>	7.5± 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	11.7± 0.3 <sup>a</sup>
<b>TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub></b>	5.5± 0.04	3.4± 0.1	3.2± 0.1	9.93 ±0.53	12.52± 0.94	4.70 ± 0.67	4.1±0.01	3.0± 0.09	2.5±0.08	15.4± 0.5	13.1± 0.4	12.2± 0.3
<b>BA-C<sub>10</sub></b>	≥ 300	243 ± 1.1***	254± 1.5***	n.d	n.d	n.d	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300
<b>PIA-C<sub>10</sub></b>	≥ 300	254± 3.3***	267± 3.4***	n.d	n.d	n.d	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300	≥ 300
<b>Cisplatin (CDDP)</b>	55± 0.3	47±0.9	40± 0.6	n.d	5.2±0.7	n.d	15.4±0.3	12.5± 1.2	8.3±0.7	7.3±0.1	3.2±0.2	1.1±0.1

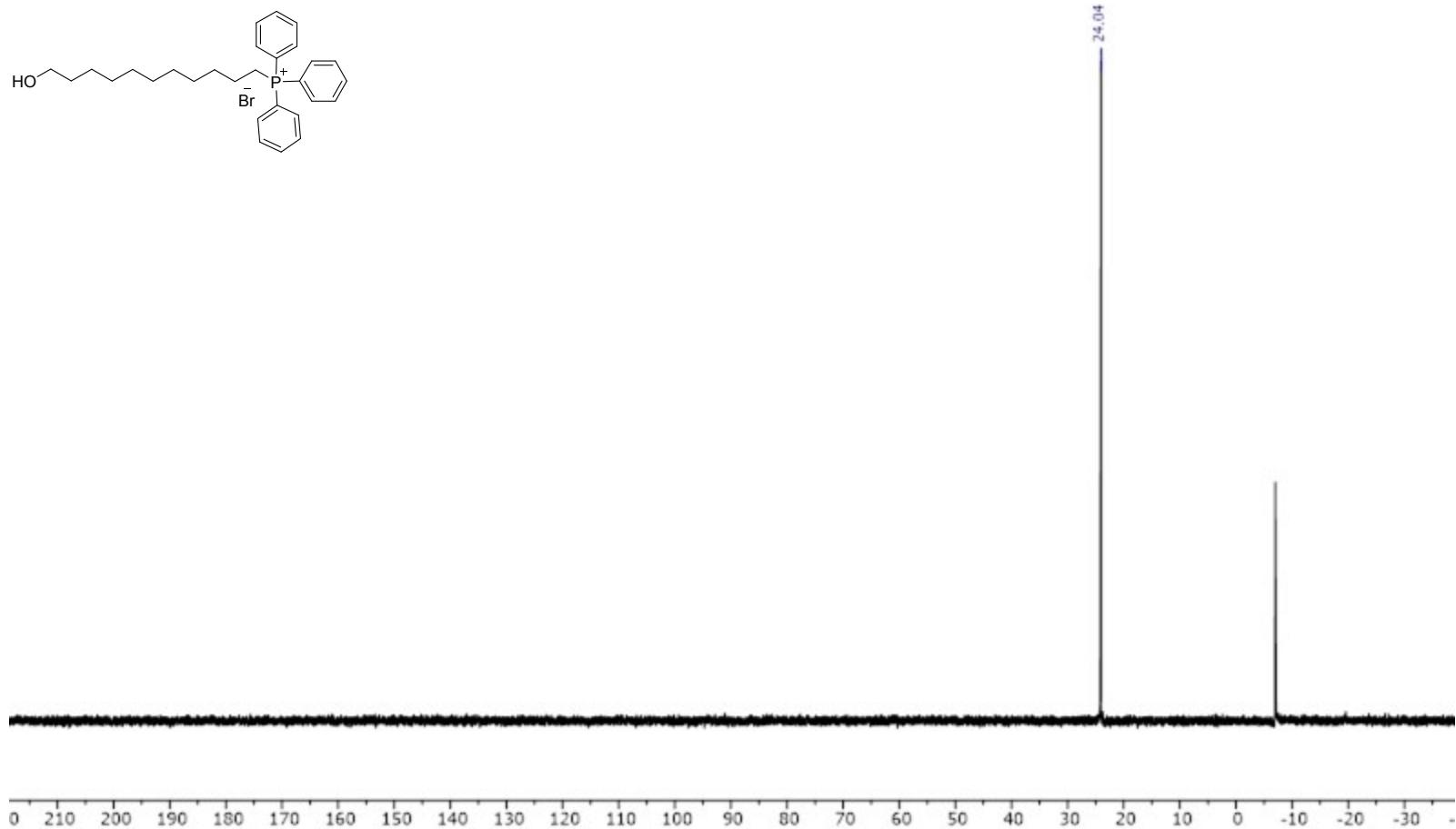
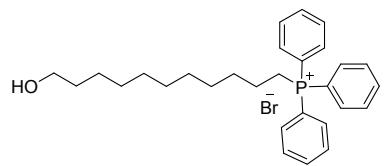
**Table 1S. The cytotoxic effect of TPP<sup>+</sup>-benzoates on HNSCC cell lines (Cal27, HEp-2, SCC-15) and oral keratinocyte (OKF-6/TERT). IC<sub>50</sub>** = the concentration required to induce cytotoxicity effects in 50% of HNSCC cells and oral keratinocyte cell lines after 24, 48 and 72 h of treatment. Compounds **BA-C<sub>10</sub>** (benzoic acid decyl ester), and **PIA-C<sub>10</sub>** (2,3-dihydroxybenzoic acid decyl ester) were used as controls to evaluate the effects of the inclusion of the TPP<sup>+</sup> moiety in the compounds (structures in figure 1). Each assay was performed in triplicate. Key: \*p ≤ 0.05 with respect to the effect of **TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** (3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid decyl ester) at the same cell line and time; \*\*\*p ≤ 0.001 with respect to the effect of **TPP<sup>+</sup>C<sub>10</sub>** at the same cell line and time; a= p ≤ 0.05 with respect to the effect at the same time in the Cal 27 cell line.

**Detailed flow scheme.**

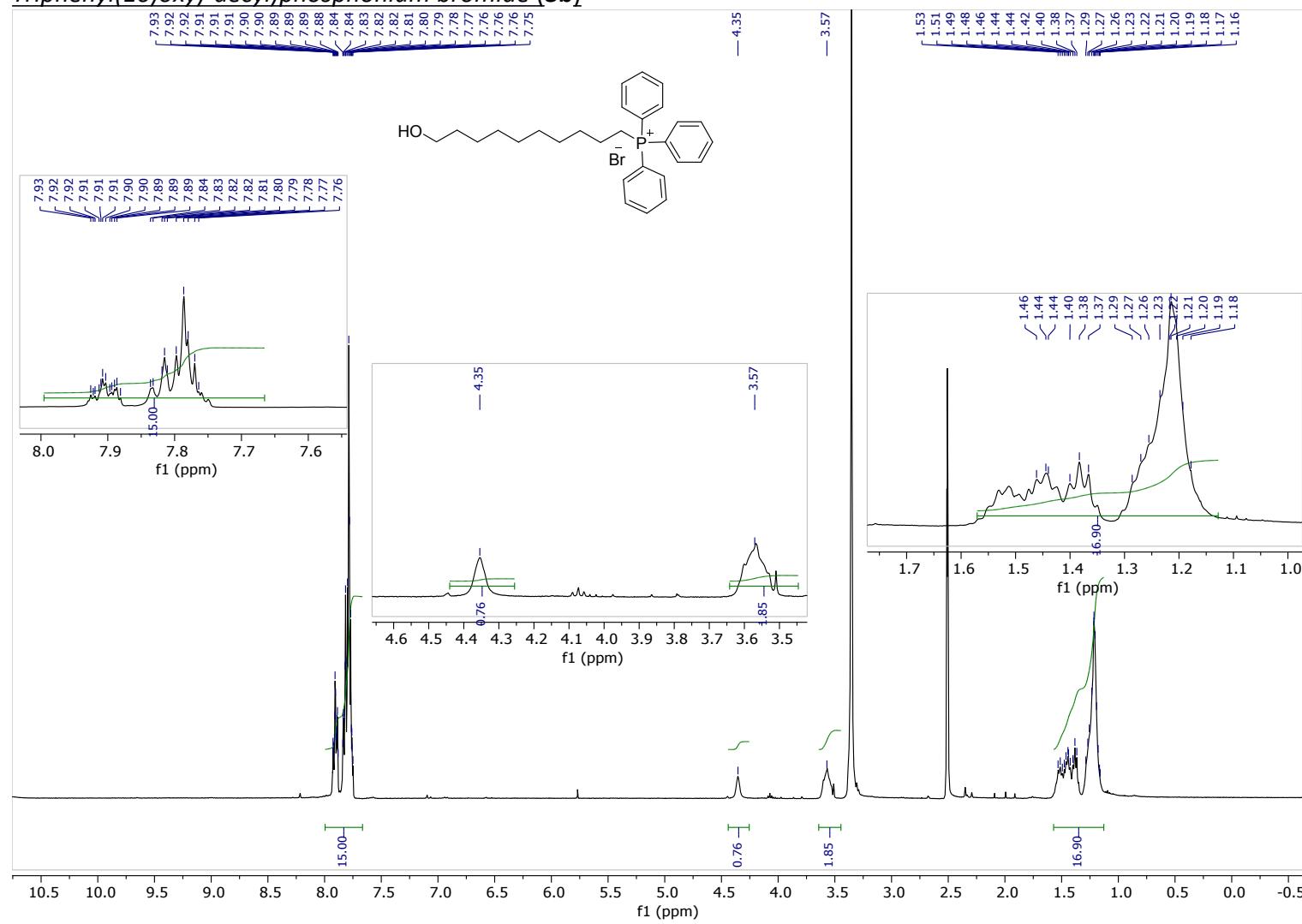


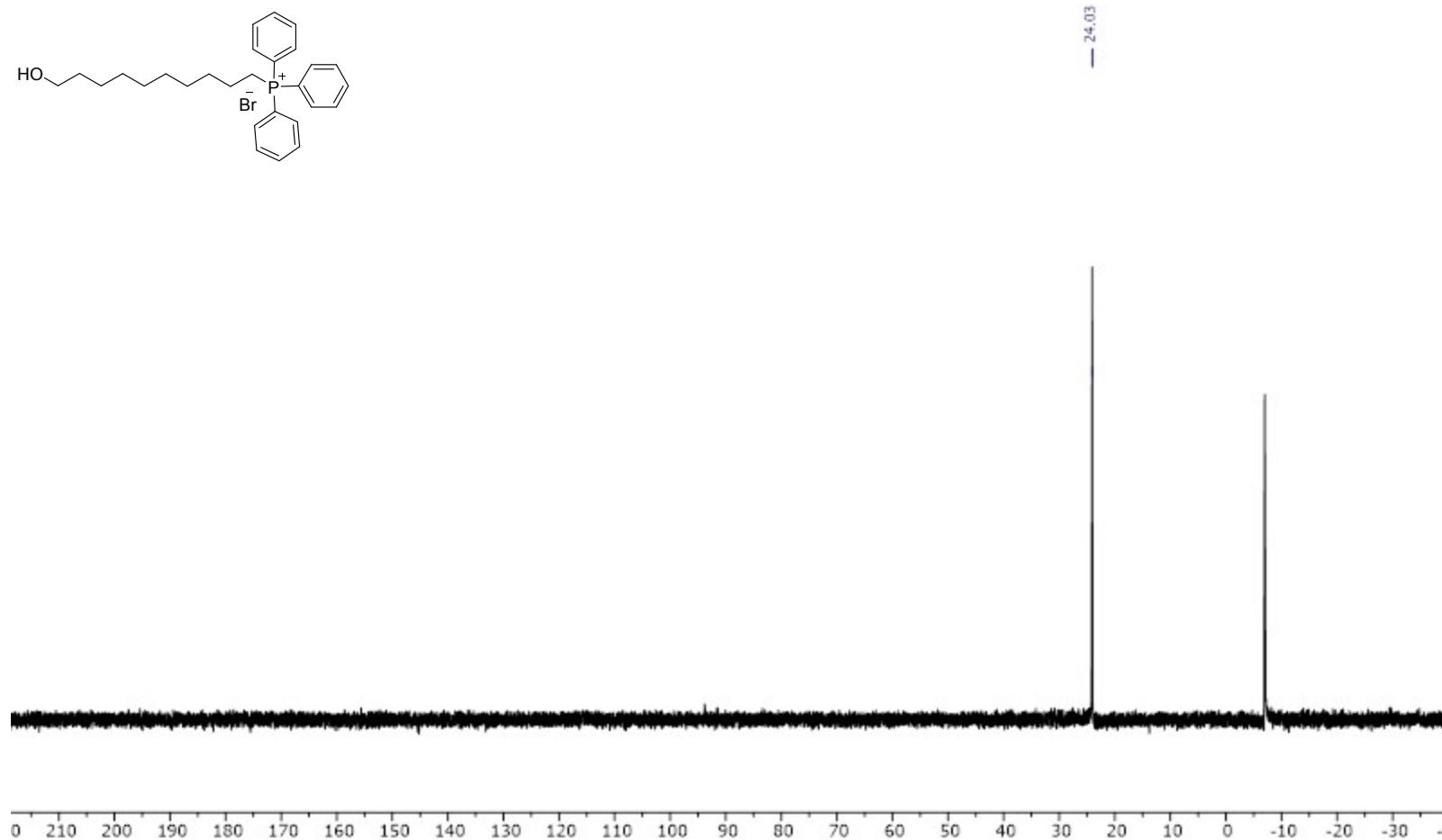
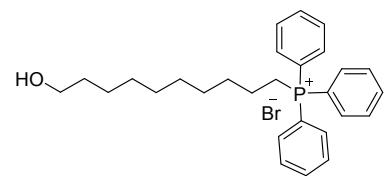
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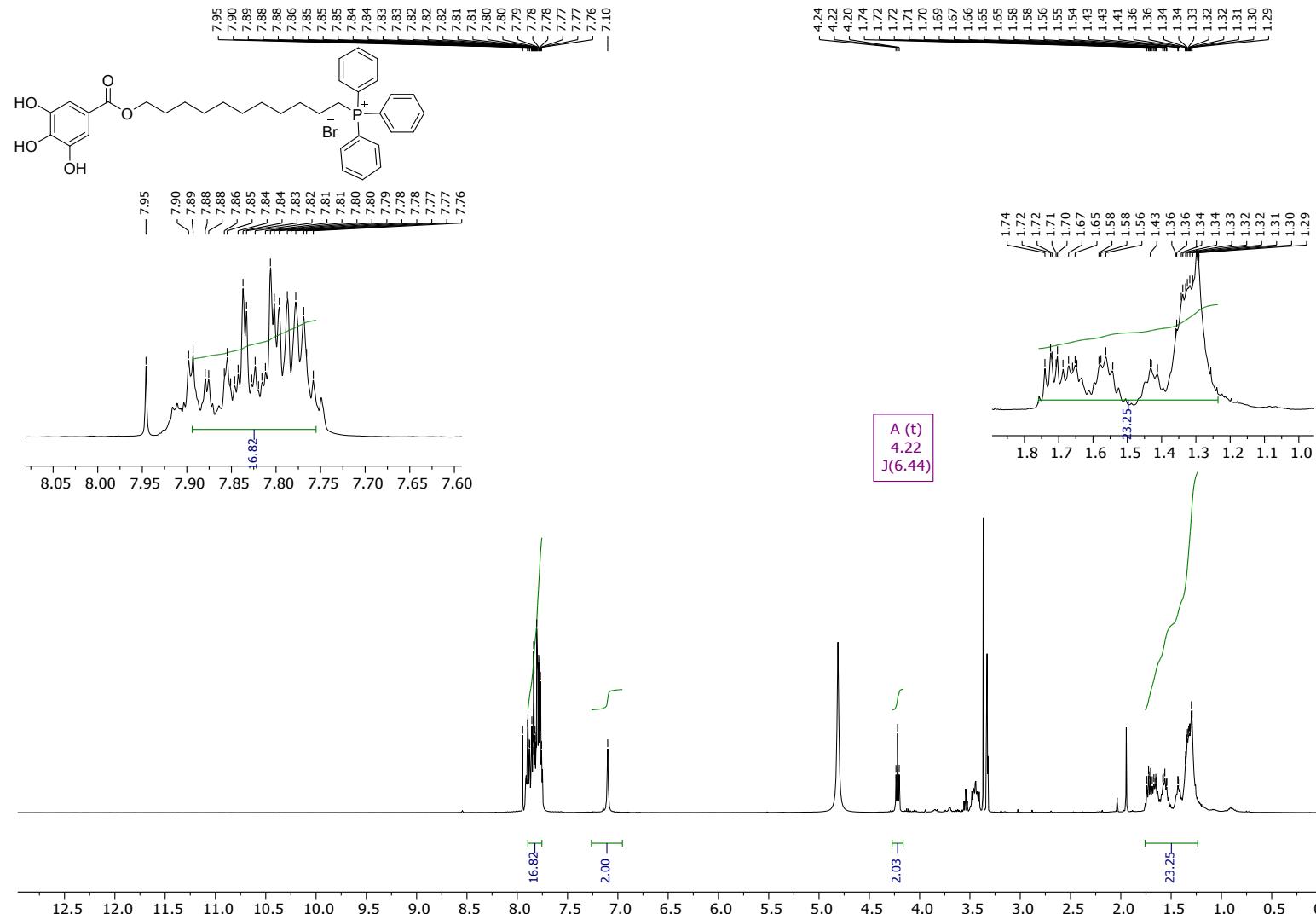


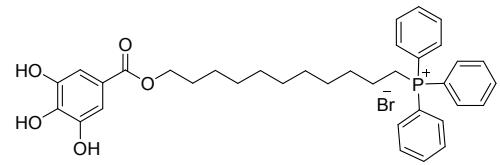
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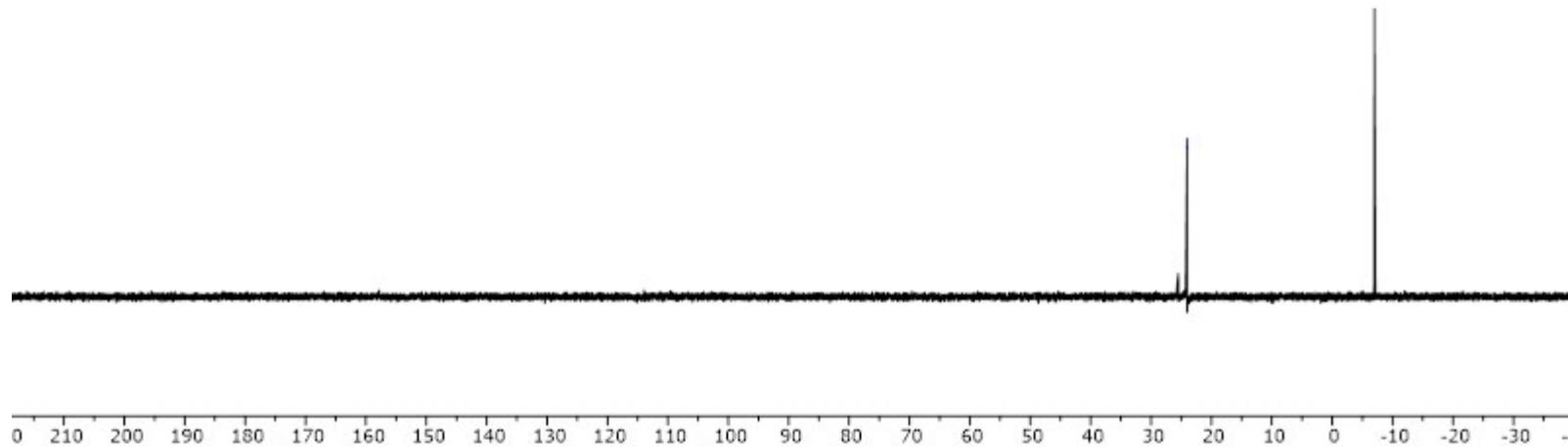


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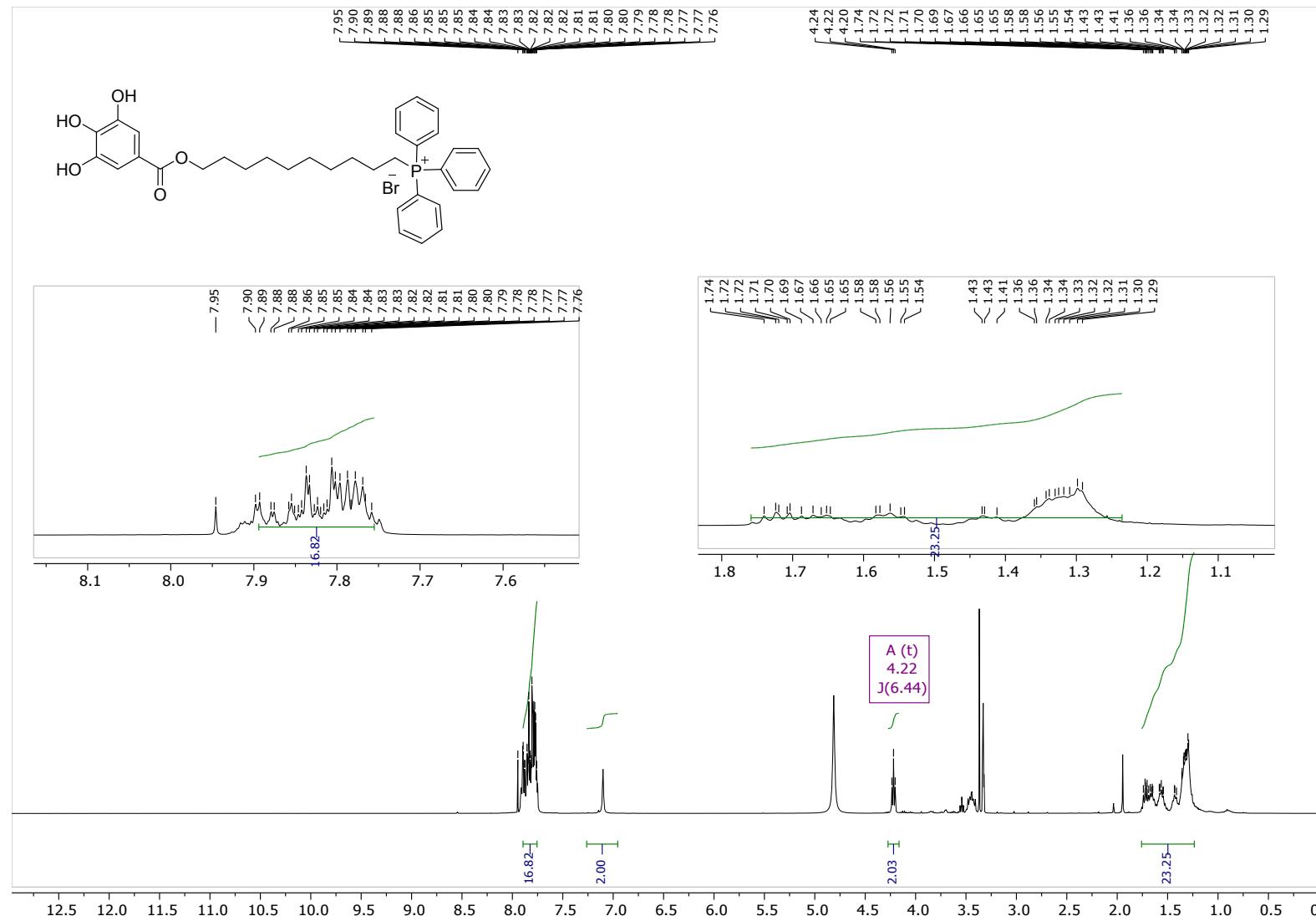


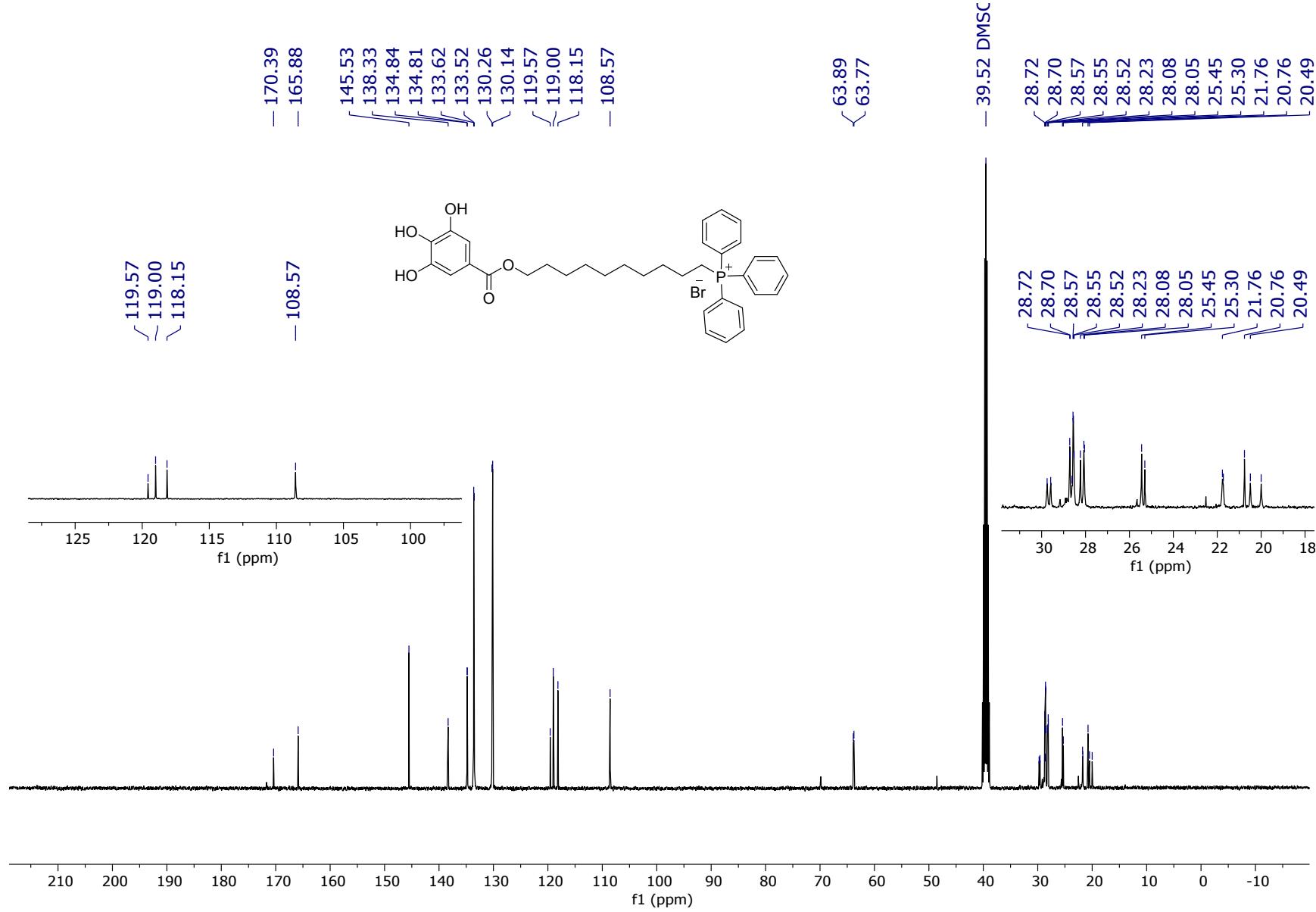


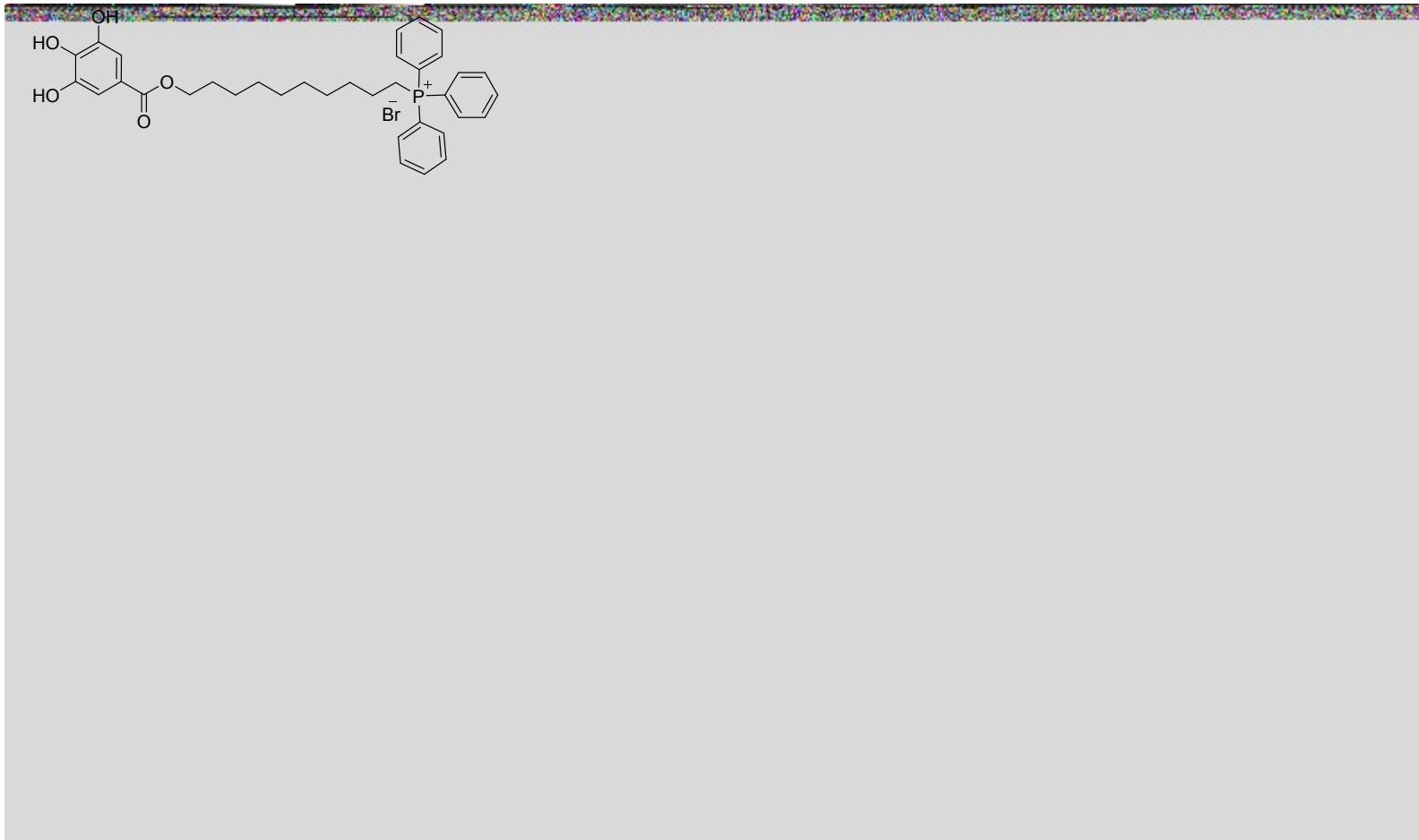
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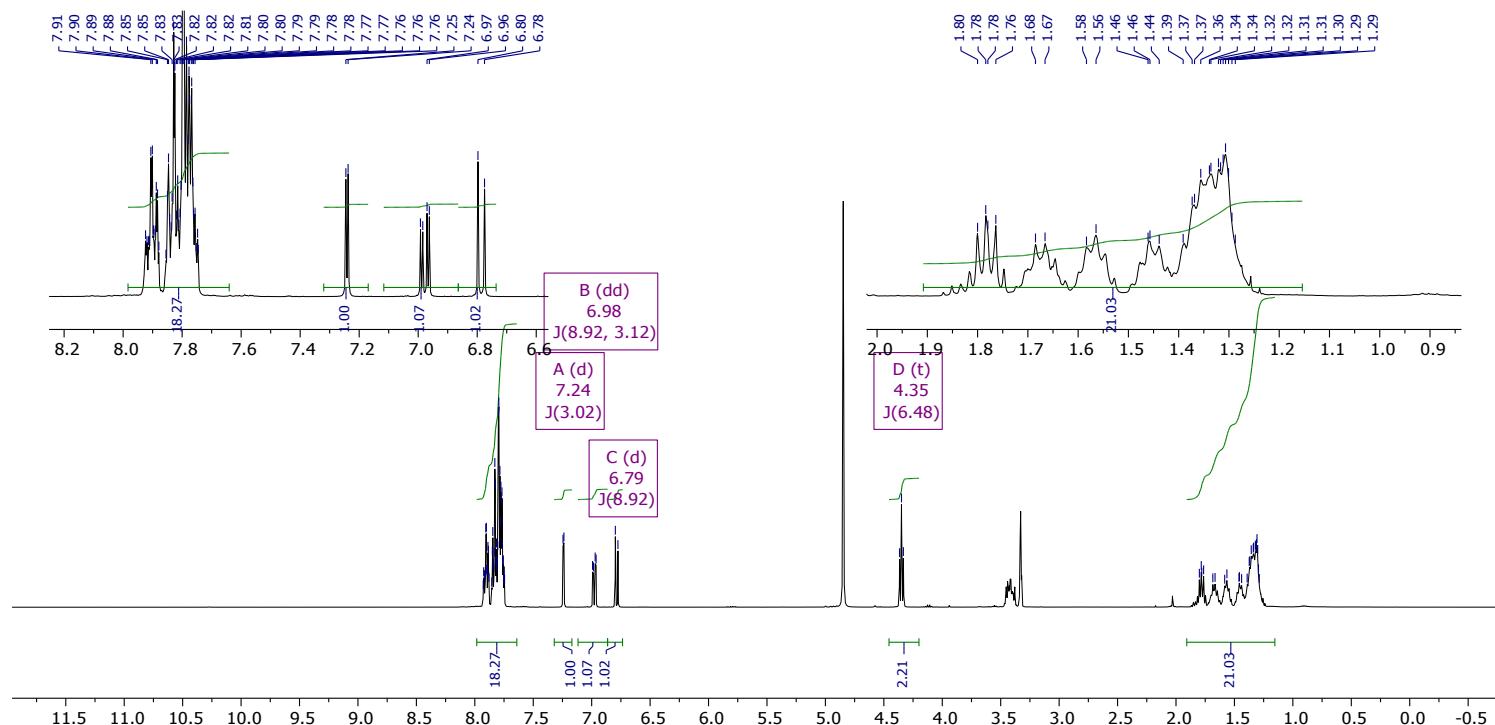
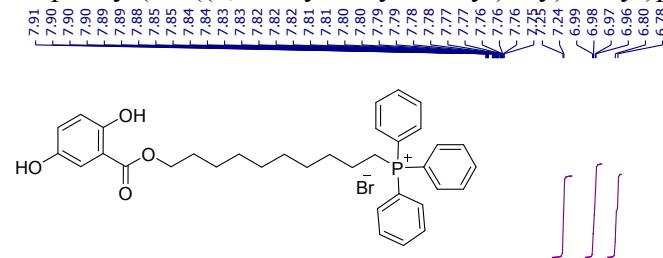
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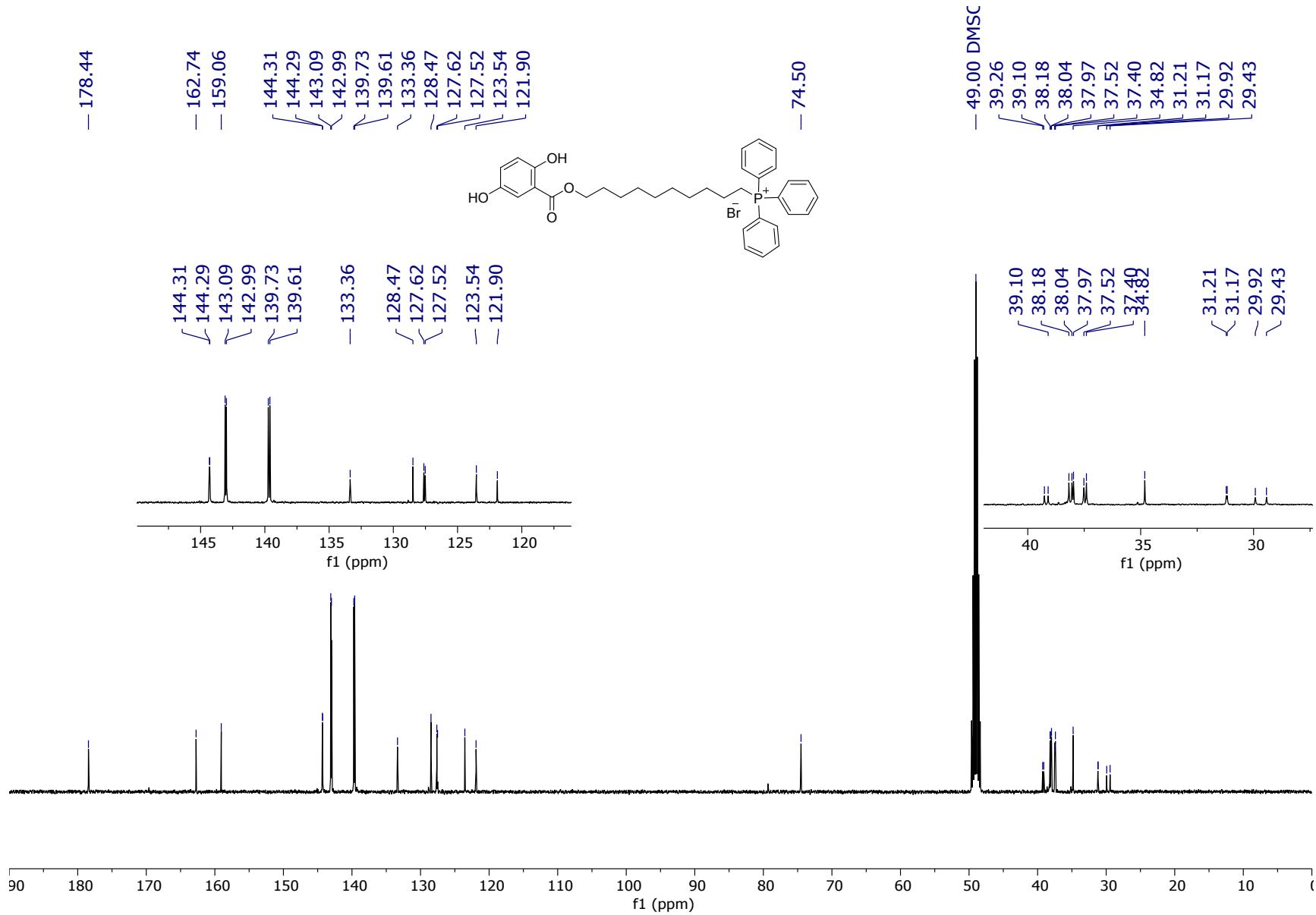


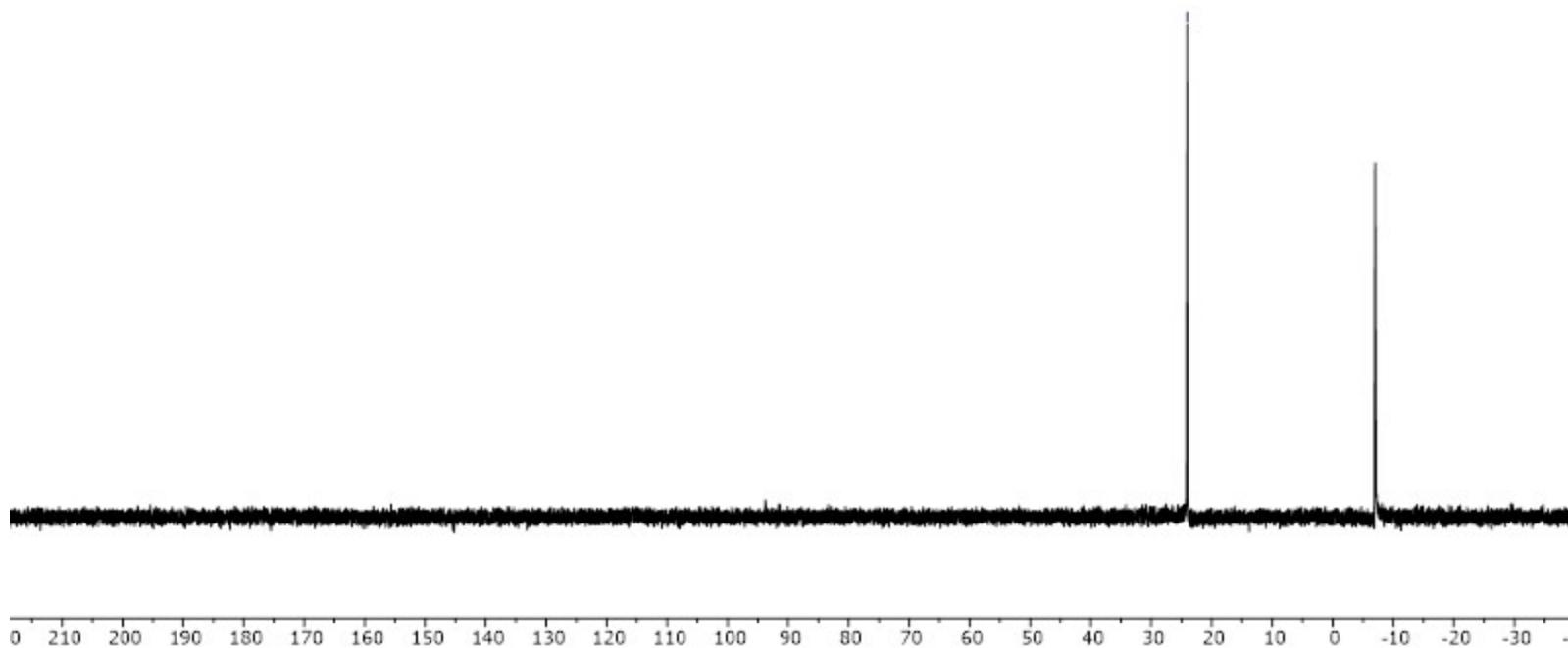
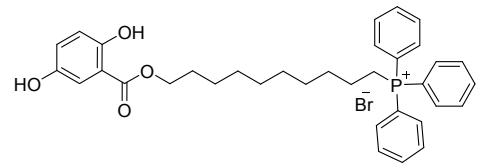




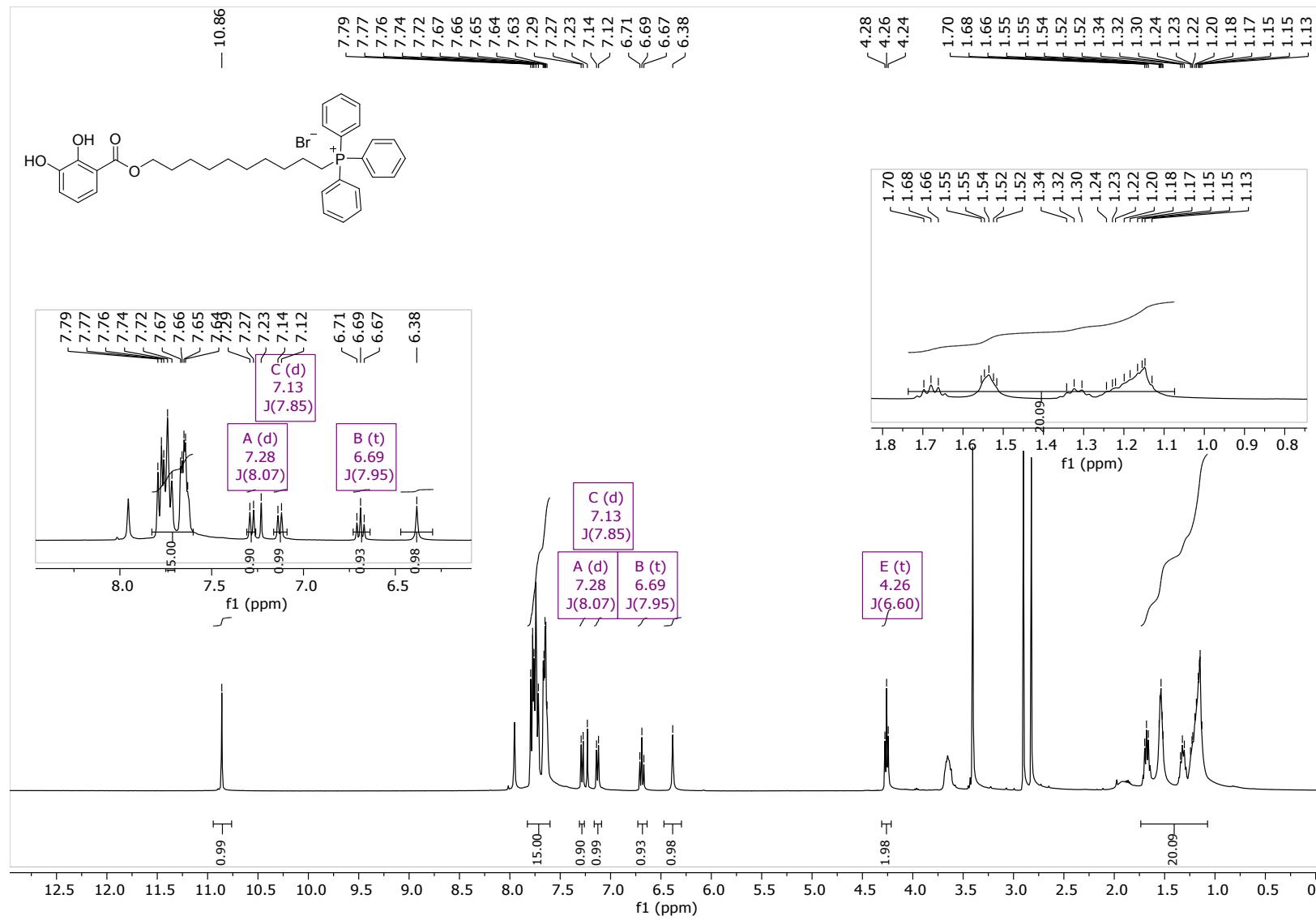
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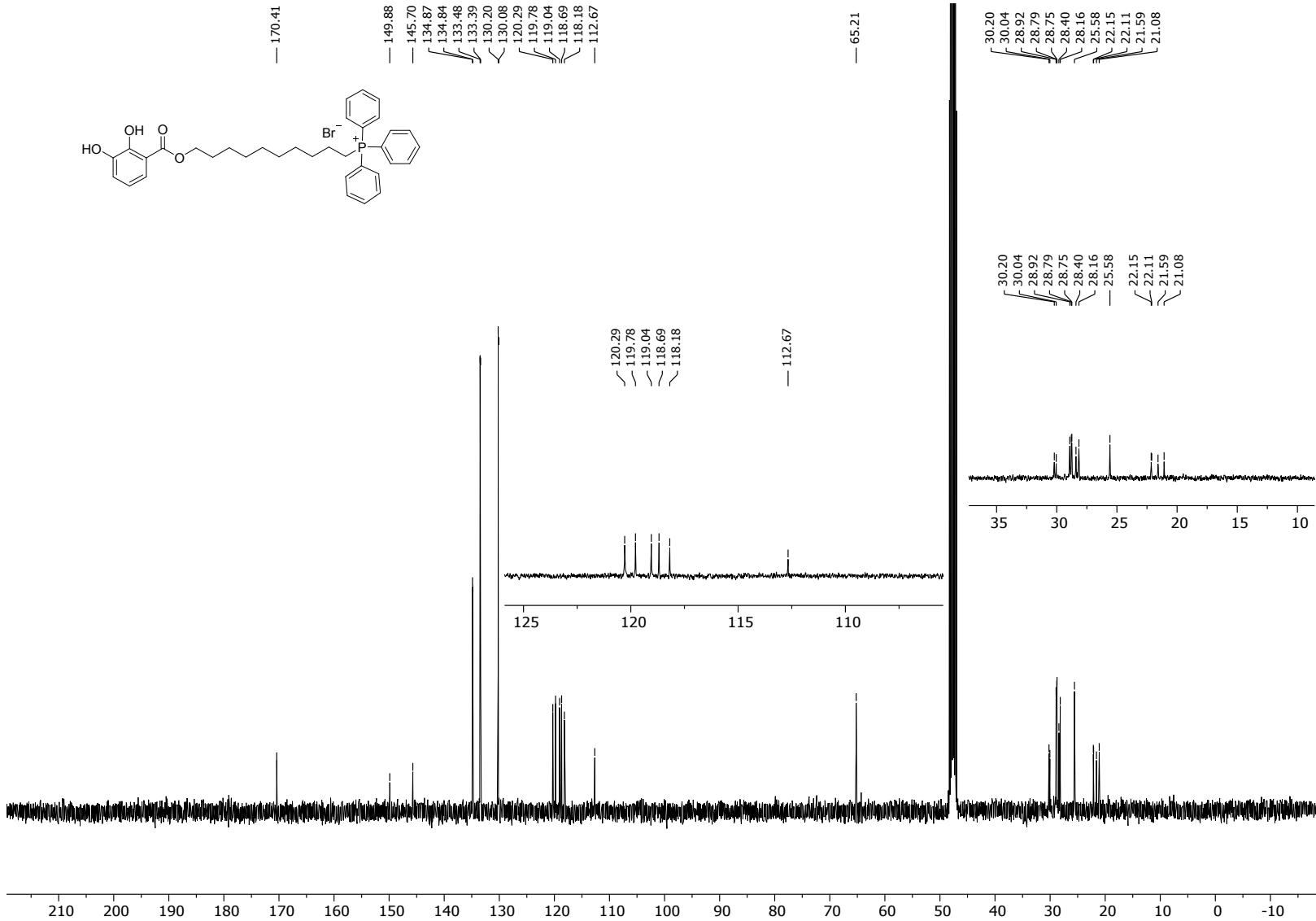






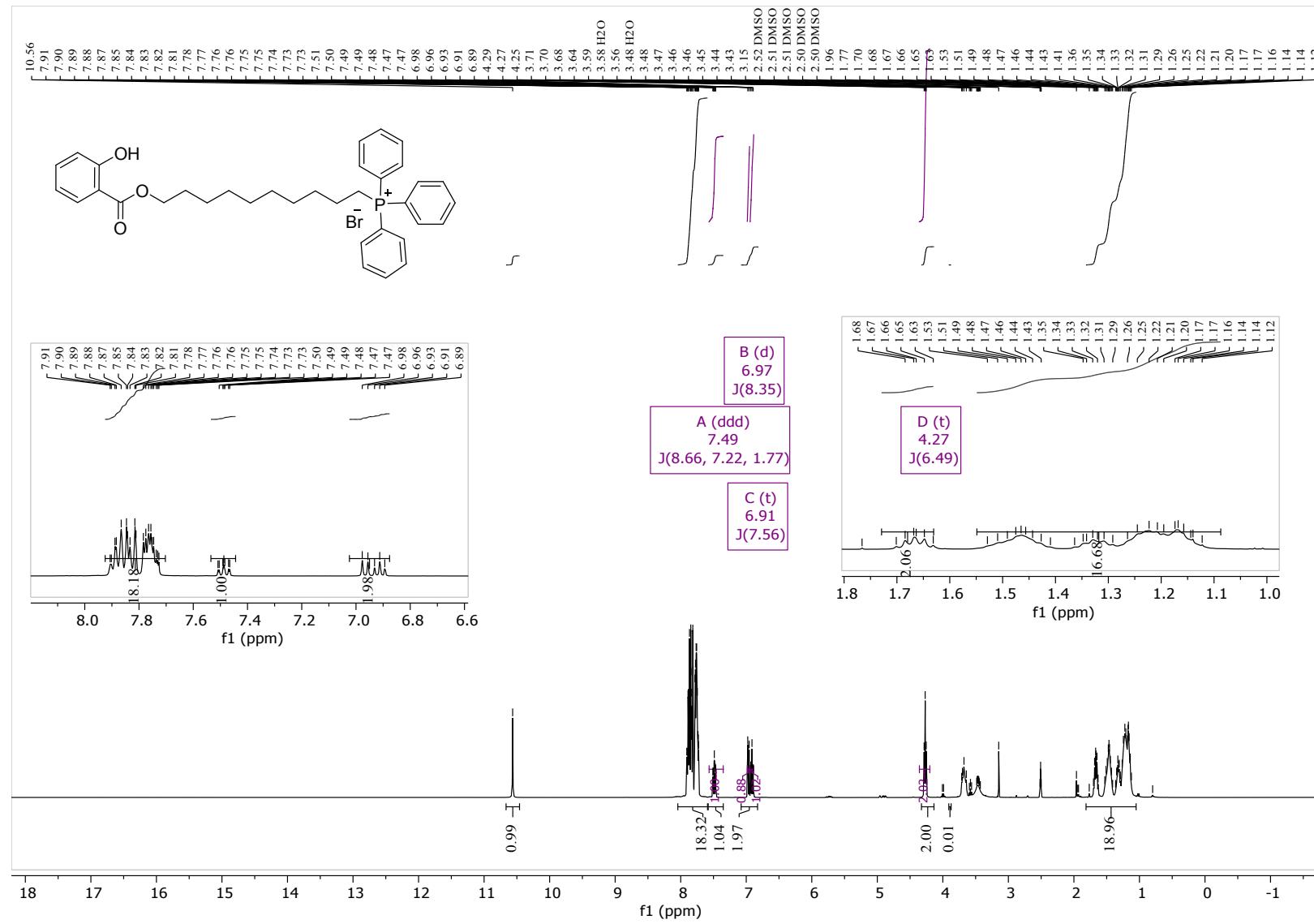
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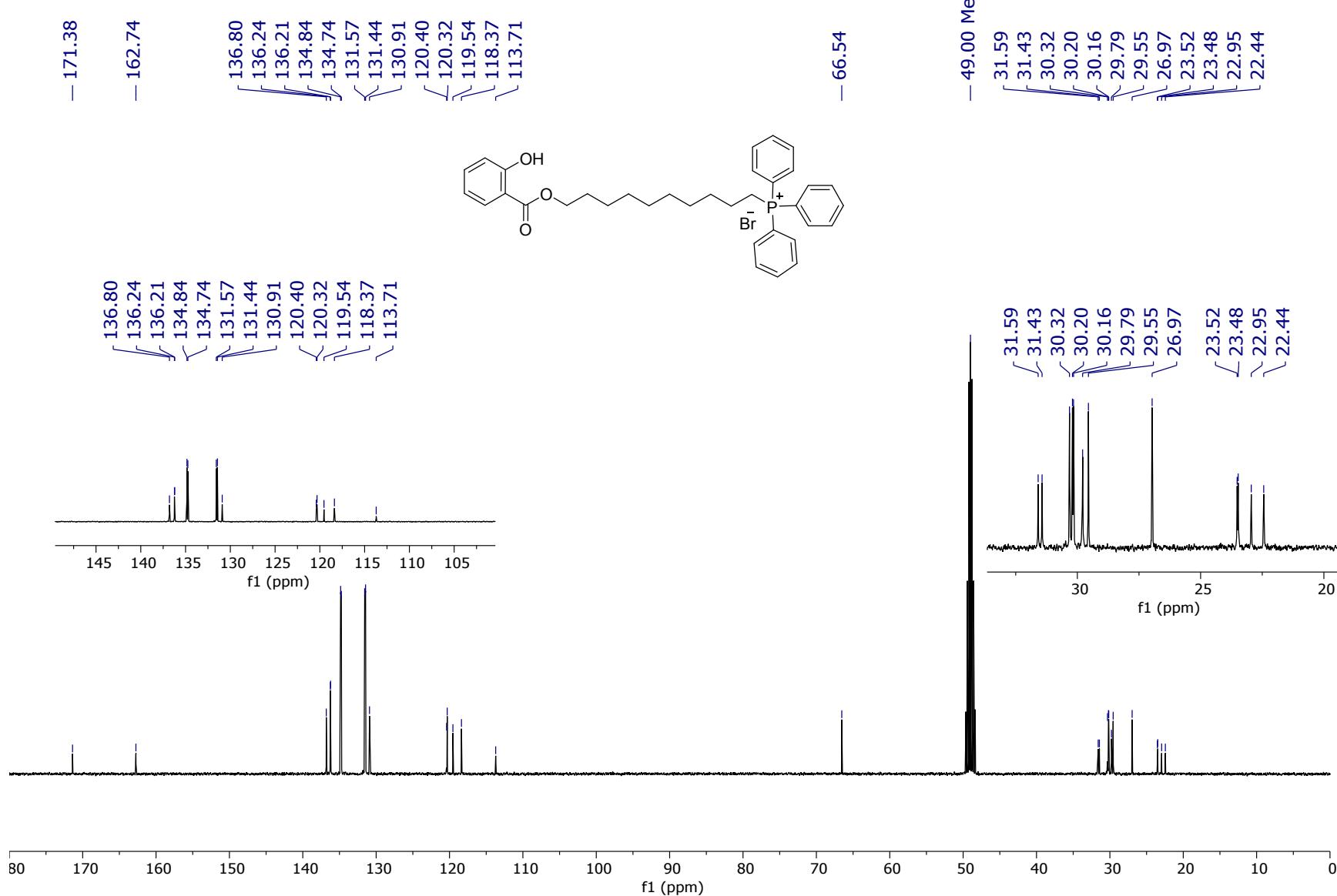


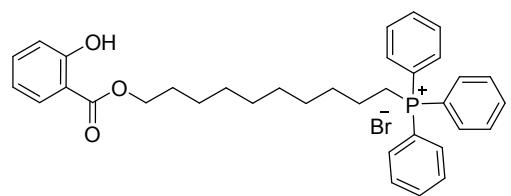




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