

## Selective Functionalization of the 1,6-Anhydro Moiety and of the Double Bond of Levoglucosenone

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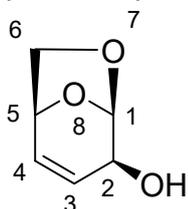
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# Experimental procedures

## General methods

NMR spectra were taken at the indicated temperature in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 400 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ ), and 100 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ), using, as internal standard, TMS ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 0.000 ppm) or the central peak of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ : 77.02 ppm). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$  scale). Peak assignments were made with the aid of COSY and HSQC experiments. In ABX system proton A is the one upfield. HRMS: samples were analysed with a Synapt G2 QToF mass spectrometer. MS signals were acquired from 50 to 1200 m/z in ESI positive ionization mode. TLC analyses were carried out on silica gel plates and viewed at UV (254 nm) and/or developed with Hanessian stain (dipping into a solution of  $(\text{NH}_4)_4\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (21 g) and  $\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1 g) in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (31 ml) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (469 ml) and warming).  $R_f$  were measured after an elution of 7-9 cm. Column chromatographies were done with the "flash" methodology using 220-400 mesh silica. Petroleum ether (40-60 °C) is abbreviated as PE. In extractive work-up, aqueous solutions were always reextracted three times with the appropriate organic solvent. Organic extracts were always dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and filtered, before evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure. All reactions using dry solvents were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere.

### (1*R*,2*S*,5*S*)-7,8-dioxabicyclo[3,2,1]oct-3-ene-2-ol **2**



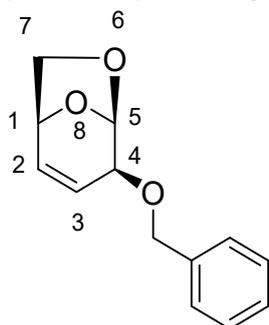
A solution of Levoglucosenone **1** (1.00 g, 7.93 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) is cooled to 0 °C, and treated with  $\text{CeCl}_3 \cdot 7 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.48 g, 3.97 mmol).  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (120 mg, 3.17 mmol) is then added in 2 portions. After 1 h, further  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (120 mg, 3.17 mmol) is added. After stirring for other 1.5 h at 0 °C, the reaction is complete by TLC. Citric acid (1.52 g, 7.93 mmol) and ethyl acetate (30 mL) are added. The mixture is stirred at rt for 1h,

and then filtered through a celite cake, washing 2 times with AcOEt/MeOH 9:1 and then 2 times with THF/MeOH 9:1. Silica 40-60 mesh (5 g) is added and the suspension evaporated to dryness. The resulting powder is introduced in a chromatography column packed and eluted with PE / AcOEt 6:4 + 1% MeOH. Nearly diastereomeric pure **2** (d.r. 98:2) is obtained (830 mg) along with some mixed fractions containing **2** and the 2*R* epimer (87 mg, d.r. = 58:42). Overall yield: 90%. The overall d.r., determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR on a sample of the crude product, was 94:6.

$R_f$  of **2**: 0.42 (PE/AcOEt 6:4).  $R_f$  of the epimer : 0.35 (PE/AcOEt 6:4).

Compound **2** solidifies upon evaporation to give a white solid, which has some tendency to sublime if attached to high vacuum pump. M.p.: 65-66 °C.  $[\alpha]_D -32.3$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).<sup>[1]</sup> Note: since the 2*S* epimer has a very high negative rotation,<sup>[2]</sup> this value is quite variable from batch to batch, depending on the d.r. Even traces of the other epimer can increase the absolute value of  $[\alpha]_D$ . The spectroscopic data are coincident to those reported in the literature.<sup>[1, 3]</sup>

### (1*S*,4*S*,5*R*)-4-Benzyloxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3,2,1]oct-2-ene **3**



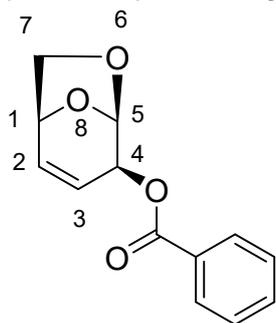
A solution of alcohol **2** (1.69 g, 13.2 mmol) in dry DMSO (44 mL) is rapidly cooled for few minutes in a cold water bath (avoiding to solidify DMSO) and treated with NaH (60% in mineral oil) (773 mg, 19.4 mmol). After 10 min, the cooling bath is removed and benzyl bromide (2.09 mL, 17.6 mmol) is added. After 2 h, the mixture is cooled again, diluted with water (20 mL), and vigorously stirred for 10 min. The mixture is poured into saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The organic phases are washed with brine, dried and evaporated to dryness. Chromatography (PE / AcOEt 80:20) afforded pure **3** as a yellowish oil (1.988 g, 69%).  $R_f$ : 0.34 (PE/AcOEt 8:2).  $R_f$  of the 4*R* epimer is 0.44. Therefore, it is also possible to prepare this benzyl ether starting from

the diastereomeric mixture of **2** and separate the two isomers at this stage.  $[\alpha]_D -13.3$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.41-7.25 (m, 5H, aromatics), 6.10 (ddd,  $J= 9.9, 4.2, 1.4$ , 1 H, *H*-2), 5.71 (dd,  $J= 9.9, 2.2$ , 1 H, *H*-3), 5.56 (t,  $J= 2.3$ , 1 H, *H*-5), 4.69, 4.67 (AB system,  $J= 12.2$ , 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.63 (t,  $J= 4.2$ , 1 H, *H*-1), 4.30-4.26 (m, 1H, *H*-4), 3.98 (d,  $J= 6.5$ , 1H, *H*-7), 3.78 (ddd,  $J= 6.5, 4.1, 1.0$ , 1H, *H*-7).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.0 (quat.), 130.9 (C-2), 128.4 (C ortho or meta), 128.0 (C ortho or meta), 127.9 (C para), 126.5 (C-3), 100.2 (C-5), 75.7 (C-4), 71.49 (C-7), 71.47 (C-1), 71.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Bn}$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  spectrum and the other spectroscopic and polarimetric values were in agreement to what reported ( $^{13}\text{C}$  spectrum was not reported).<sup>[4]</sup>

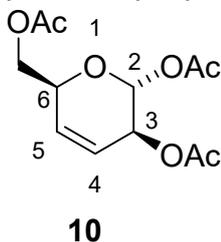
#### (1*S*,4*S*,5*R*)-4-Benzoyloxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3,2,1]oct-2-ene **4**



A solution of alcohol **2** (627 mg, 4.89 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was treated with 4-dimethylaminopyridine (9.6 mg, 79 μmol), triethylamine (181 μL, 1.30 mmol), and finally with benzoic anhydride (226 mg, 1.00 mmol). After 3 h at rt the reaction is complete and is quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). Extraction with AcOEt, washing with brine, evaporation and chromatography (PE / AcOEt 8:2) afforded pure **4** as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.38 (PE/AcOEt 80:20). [α]<sub>D</sub> +26.7 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 117-120 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7, 2 H, *H* ortho to C=O), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4, 1 H, *H* para to C=O), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7, 2 H, *H* meta to C=O), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 4.2, 1 H, *H*-2), 5.80-5.73 (m, 3 H, *H*-3 + *H*-5 + *H*-4), 4.74 (t, *J* = 4.2, 1 H, *H*-1), 4.03 (d, *J* = 6.6, 1H, *H*-7), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.3, 1H, *H*-7). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4 (C=O), 133.3 (C para to C=O), 132.6 (C-2), 129.9 (C ortho to C=O), 129.7 (quat.), 128.4 (C meta to C=O), 124.9 (C-3), 99.3 (C-5), 72.1 (C-4), 71.5, 71.4 (C-1, C-7). <sup>1</sup>H spectrum and the other spectroscopic and polarimetric values were in agreement to what was reported (<sup>13</sup>C spectrum was not reported).<sup>[4]</sup>

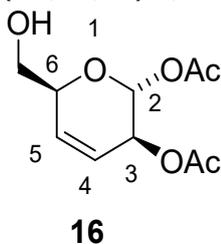
#### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-6-(Acetoxymethyl)-2,3-diacetoxy-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **10**



A solution of alcohol **2** (1.961 g, 15.3 mmol) in Ac<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) is cooled to 0 °C, and treated with 85% phosphoric acid (1.0 mL, 14.6 mmol). After 5 min the cooling bath is removed and the yellow solution stirred at rt for 2 h. Then the solution is poured into saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (the amount necessary to adjust the pH to 9). Extraction with AcOEt, evaporation, and chromatography (PE / AcOEt 7:3 to 6:4) afforded diastereomerically enriched **10** (d.r. = 95:5) as an oil (3.59 g, 86%). *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.44 (PE/AcOEt 6:4). The minor diastereomer at C-2 is slower running (*R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.39).

The d.r. was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude and was = 91:9. The overall yield of the two diastereomers was calculated as 94%. [α]<sub>D</sub> +125.8 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.18 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.03 (s, 2H, *H*-4 and *H*-5), 4.92 (s, 1 H, *H*-3), 4.53-4.47 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 4.28-4.14 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.08 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8, 170.1, 168.9 (C=O), 130.6, 121.9 (C-4 and C-5), 90.8 (C-2), 67.8 (C-6), 65.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 64.2 (C-3), 20.94, 20.89, 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.0974, found 273.0977.

#### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **16**



0.25 M TRIS buffer was prepared by dissolving 3.035 g of *tris*(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane in 100 mL of water. Then it was adjusted to pH = 7.5 by addition of 1 M HCl.

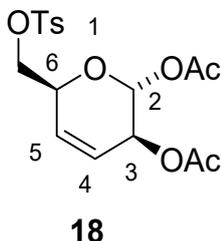
Triacetate **10** (1.452 g, 5.33 mmol) was dissolved in THF (10 mL), and diluted with 70 mL (17.5 mmol) of this TRIS buffer. Then Amano PS-IM lipase (286 mg) was added and the mixture stirred for 18h at rt. Then it was diluted with 1 M citric acid solution in water (50 mL), and extracted with AcOEt. Evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 60:40 to 50:50) afforded pure **16** as an oil (1.065

g, 87%). *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.29 (PE/AcOEt 50:50). [α]<sub>D</sub> +175.1 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.17 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.08-5.99 (m, 2H, *H*-4 and *H*-5), 5.00-4.97 (m, 1 H, *H*-3), 4.43-4.37 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 3.81 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 6.3, 3.5, 1H, CHHO), 3.70 (dt, *J* = 11.8, 6.0, 1H, CHHO),

2.11, 2.10 (2s, 2 x 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.08 (t, *J* = 6.4, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.1, 169.1 (C=O), 131.4, 121.6 (C-4 and C-5), 90.7 (C-2), 67.8 (C-6), 64.5 (C-3), 64.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 20.85, 20.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.08686, found 231.08697.

#### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-(tosyloxymethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **18**

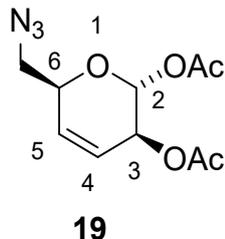


A solution of alcohol **10** (1.00 g, 4.34 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13 mL) was treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.82 mL, 13.03 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (105.3 mg, 869 μmol), and finally with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.242 g, 6.52 mmol). The solution was stirred overnight at rt, and then poured into a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with AcOEt. After evaporation, the crude was chromatographed (PE/AcOEt from 6:4 to 1:1) to give pure **18** as a white solid.

(1.491 g, 89%).  $R_f$ : 0.65 (PE / AcOEt 1:1). A very pure sample was obtained by trituration from Et<sub>2</sub>O-pentane. M.p.: 105.8-106.4 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +96.6$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.2, 2 H, *H* meta to CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.2, 2 H, *H* ortho to CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.10 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.08-5.99 (m, 2H, *H*-4 and *H*-5), 4.91-4.87 (m, 1 H, *H*-3), 4.51-4.46 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 4.14 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 5.5, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 5.4, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> of Ts), 2.08 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.1, 168.8 (C=O), 145.1, 132.6 (quat.), 129.9 (C ortho to CH<sub>3</sub>), 129.8, 122.3 (C-4 and C-5), 128.1 (C meta to CH<sub>3</sub>), 90.6 (C-2), 69.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 67.1 (C-6), 64.0 (C-3), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub> of tosyl), 20.9, 20.8, (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). **HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)**: calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 385.09571, found 385.0962.

### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-6-(Azidomethyl)-2,3-diacetoxy-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran 19



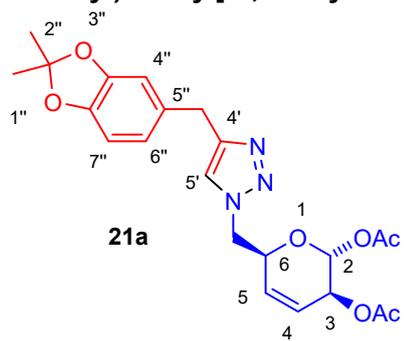
A solution of tosylate **18** (1.200 g, 4.16 mmol) in dry DMF (12 mL) was treated with NaN<sub>3</sub> (288.8 mg, 4.44 mmol) and stirred overnight at 60 °C. In some cases the reaction was complete, but in others (probably depending on the quality of NaN<sub>3</sub>), the reaction was not yet complete (by TLC). Thus, further 0.3 mmol of NaN<sub>3</sub> were added and the solution stirred for other 4 h until completion. Work-up was made by pouring into a 1:1 mixture of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and H<sub>2</sub>O. Extraction with Et<sub>2</sub>O, evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 75:25 to 6:4) gave pure **19** as an oil (1.008 g, 95%).  $R_f$ : 0.53 (PE / AcOEt 6:4).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +229.5$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.20 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.12-5.93 (m, 2H, *H*-4 and *H*-5), 4.95 (ddd,  $J$  = 4.7, 2.1, 1.2, 1 H, *H*-3), 4.49-4.44 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 3.53 (dd,  $J$  = 13.0, 4.2, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 13.0, 5.2, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.114, 2.109 (2s, 2 x 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.2, 168.9 (C=O), 131.2, 122.1 (C-4 and C-5), 90.8 (C-2), 69.0 (C-6), 64.0 (C-3), 53.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 20.9, 20.8, (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). **HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)**: calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 256.09335, found 256.0929.

### Typical procedure for the synthesis of triazoles **21** (Procedure A)

Azide **19** (54.4 mg, 213 μmol) and alkyne **20a** (44.1 mg, 234 μmol, 1.1 equiv.) (prepared as already described by us.<sup>[5]</sup>) were dissolved under nitrogen in 500 μL of *tert*-butanol + 500 μL of H<sub>2</sub>O, and treated with a 1 M aqueous solution of sodium ascorbate (21 μL, 21 μmol, 0.1 equiv.) and finally with CuSO<sub>4</sub>•5 H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mg, 4.0 μMol), 0.02 equiv). The solution was stirred for 4 h at rt, and then, since it was not complete by TLC, the same amount of copper sulfate and sodium ascorbate was added. After 1 h more, the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with AcOEt. After drying, evaporation, and chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 6:4 to 0:10), pure **21a** was obtained as an oil (61.1 mg, 65%).

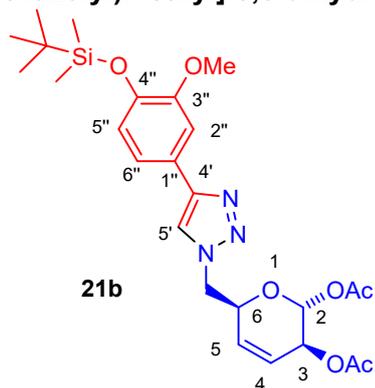
### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[(4-((2,2-dimethylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **21a**



$R_f$ : 0.13 (PE / AcOEt 7:3).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +76.1$  (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.43 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 6.67-6.61 (m, 3H, *H*-4'', *H*-6'', *H*-7''), 6.13 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.06 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 10.5, 1.6, *H*-5), 5.96 (dddd, 1H,  $J$  = 10.5, 5.0, 2.1, 1.2, *H*-4), 4.90 (ddq, 1H,  $J$  = 4.3, 2.2, 0.6, *H*-3), 4.65 (td, 1H,  $J$  = 4.6, 2.3, *H*-6), 4.55 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 4.8, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.98, 3.96 (AB syst., 2 H,  $J$  = 16.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 1.65 (s, 6H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.9, 168.9 (C=O), 147.63, 147.56, 145.97 (C-3a'', C-7a'', C-4'), 132.0 (C-5''), 130.0 (C-5), 122.6 (C-4), 123.0 (C-5'), 120.8 (C-6''), 117.8 (C-2''), 108.9, 108.0 (C-4'', C-7''), 90.6 (C-2), 68.2 (C-6), 63.8 (C-3), 52.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8, 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). **HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)**: calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 444.1765, found 444.1779.

**(2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[4-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **21b****



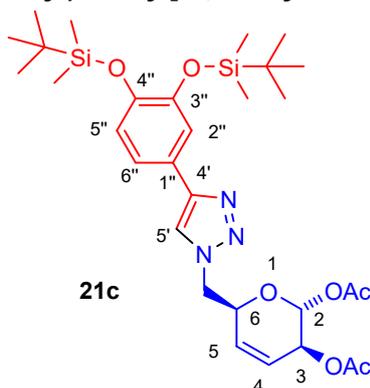
It was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 138.0 mg of azide **19** (541  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and 170.3 mg (649  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.2 equiv.) of alkyne **20b**, prepared as previously described by us.<sup>[5]</sup> Time: 3 h + 2 h after second addition of catalysts. Chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 50:50 to 30:70) gave pure **21b** as a white foam (185 mg, 66%).  $R_f$ : 0.31 (PE / AcOEt 50:50).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +96.0$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 7.38 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.3$ , 2.1, *H*-6''), 7.35 (d, 1H,  $J=2.1$ , *H*-2''), 6.88 (d, 1H,  $J=8.3$ , *H*-5''), 6.18 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.09 (dd, 1H,  $J=10.5$ , 1.3, *H*-5), 5.95 (ddt, 1H,  $J=10.4$ , 3.0, 1.3, *H*-4), 4.87 (dt, 1H,  $J=5.2$ , 1.2, *H*-3), 4.74-4.66 (m, 2H, *H*-6 and *CHHN*), 4.61 (dd, 1H,  $J=15.6$ , 4.7, *CHHN*), 3.83 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ), 2.11 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 1.83 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 1.02 (s, 9H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 0.18,

0.17 (2 s, 2H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Si}$ ).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.9, 169.1 (C=O), 151.0, 147.5, 145.3 (C-3'', C-4'', C-4'), 129.9 (C-5), 123.7 (C-1''), 122.7 (C-4), 120.7 (C-5''), 119.1, 118.4 (C-5'', C-6''), 112.1 (C-2''), 90.6 (C-2), 68.5 (C-6), 63.6 (C-3), 55.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ), 52.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 25.7 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 20.8, 20.6 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 18.5 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), -4.62, -4.65 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Si}$ ). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  518.2317, found 518.2302.

**(2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[4-(3,4-bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **21c****



It was prepared following the general procedure, starting from 80.0 mg of azide **19** (313  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and 136.0 mg (375  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.2 equiv.) of alkyne **20c**, prepared as previously described by us.<sup>[5]</sup> Time: 2 h + 1 h after second addition of catalysts. Chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 70:30 to 30:70) gave pure **21c** as a white solid (175 mg, 90%). M.p.: 116,4-120,9  $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $R_f$ : 0.40 (PE / AcOEt 70:30).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +10.4$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.85 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 7.37 (d, 1H,  $J=2.1$ , *H*-2''), 7.23 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.2$ , 2.2, *H*-6''), 6.86 (d, 1H,  $J=8.2$ , *H*-5''), 6.17 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.09 (dd, 1H,  $J=10.5$ , 1.4, *H*-5), 5.95 (ddt, 1H,  $J=9.1$ , 3.8, 1.5, *H*-4), 4.86 (dt, 1H,  $J=4.8$ , 1.2, *H*-3), 4.73-4.56 (m, 3H, *H*-6 and  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 2.11 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 1.81 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 1.01 (s, 9H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 0.98 (s, 9H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 0.234 (s, 3

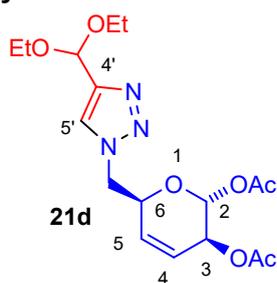
H), 0.228 (s, 3 H), 0.21 (s, 6H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Si}$ ).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.9, 169.1 (C=O), 147.5, 147.3, 147.1 (C-3'', C-4'', C-4'), 129.9 (C-5), 124.3 (C-1''), 122.7 (C-4), 121.4 (C-5''), 120.7 (C-5'), 118.9 (C-6''), 118.6 (C-2''), 90.6 (C-2), 68.5 (C-6), 63.6 (C-3), 52.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 20.8, 20.6 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C=O}$ ), 18.53, 18.45 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), -4.1 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Si}$ ). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  618.3025, found 618.3067.

**Typical procedure for the synthesis of triazoles **21** (Procedure B)**

A solution of azide **19** (105.1 mg, 412  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in *t*-BuOH (1.5 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 mL) was treated with 3,3-diethoxy-1-propyne (63 mg, 494  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), sodium ascorbate (36 mg, 182  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $\text{CuSO}_4$  pentahydrate (18 mg, 72  $\mu\text{mol}$ ). The mixture was stirred in a closed vessel at room temperature for 4 h. At this point it was complete by TLC. The mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , and extracted with AcOEt. After evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt 5:5 to 1:9) pure **21d** was obtained as a white solid (143 mg) (91%).

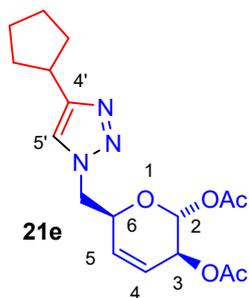
**(2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[4-(1,1-diethoxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran 21d**



$R_f$ : 0.27 (PE / AcOEt 50:50). M.p.: 93.4 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +112.3$  (c 2.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 6.17 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.06 (dd, 1H, *J*= 10.5, 1.5, *H*-5), 5.96 (dddd, 1H, *J*= 10.6, 5.2, 2.0, 1.2, *H*-4), 5.72 (s, 1 H, CH(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 4.91-4.87 (m, 1H, *H*-3), 4.71-4.61 (m, 2H, *H*-6, CHHN), 4.58 (dd, 1H, *J*= 14.1, 3.7, CHHN), 3.75-3.55 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 1.234 (t, 3H, *J*= 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.231 (t, 3H, *J*= 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 168.8 (C=O), 147.0 (C-4'), 129.9 (C-5), 123.6 (C-5'), 122.7 (C-4), 96.7 (C(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 90.6 (C-2), 68.1 (C-6), 63.6 (C-3), 61.41, 61.35 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 20.74, 20.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 15.11, 15.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>

$[M+H]^+$  384.1765, found 384.1788.

**(2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[4-cyclopentyl-1H-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran 21e**



It was prepared following the general procedure B, starting from 100.0 mg of azide **19** (392  $\mu$ mol) and 50.0  $\mu$ L (431  $\mu$ Mol, 1.1 equiv.) of commercially available alkyne **20e**. Time: 4 h. Chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 60:40 to 0:10) gave pure **21e** as a foam (127 mg, 93%).  $R_f$ : 0.15 (PE / AcOEt 50:50).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +127.6$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45 (d, 1 H, *J*= 0.8, *H*-5'), 6.16 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.06 (dd, 1H, *J*= 10.5, 1.5, *H*-5), 5.95 (dddd, 1H, *J*= 10.5, 4.9, 2.1, 1.3, *H*-4), 4.91 (dtd, 1H, *J*=4.0, 1.4, 0.7, *H*-3), 4.65 (tq, 1H, *J*= 4.0, 1.8, *H*-6), 4.58, 4.55 (AB part of an ABX syst., *J*<sub>AB</sub>= 11.8, *J*<sub>AX</sub>= 2.7, *J*<sub>BX</sub>= 2.2, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.18 (mc, 1H, CH cyclopentyl), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.14-2.05 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclopentyl), 1.79-1.63 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclopentyl).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 168.9 (C=O), 152.7 (C-4'), 130.1 (C-5), 122.6 (C-4), 121.2 (C-5'), 90.7 (C-2), 68.3 (C-6), 63.9 (C-3), 52.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 36.7 (CH cyPent), 33.22, 33.16, 25.1 (x 2) (CH<sub>2</sub> cyPent), 20.8 (x 2) (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>  $[M+H]^+$  350.1710, found 350.1701.

**Typical procedure for the Ugi reaction on azide **19** (METHOD A). (2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-((*N*-(2-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-(5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxyamido)methyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran **23a****

A solution of azide **19** (100 mg, 392  $\mu$ mol), is dissolved in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mL), and treated, in this order, with 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (58.7 mg, 431  $\mu$ mol) and triphenylphosphine (144 mg, 549  $\mu$ mol). After stirring for 2 h at rt, the solvent was evaporated to dryness. The residue was taken up with dry MeOH (1.6 mL) and treated with 5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxylic acid (76.4 mg, 470  $\mu$ mol) and cyclohexyl isocyanide (73  $\mu$ L, 588  $\mu$ mol). The solution was stirred at rt for 48 h. Then it was diluted with AcOEt and washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. After evaporation, the crude product was chromatographed with petroleum ether / AcOEt 60:40 to afford a mixture of diastereomers A (faster running) and B (slower running) only slightly separated (115 mg, 48%). A:B ratio was determined by NMR of the crude product, by integration of signals at 6.19 and 6.10 ppm and

resulted: A:B = 44:56.  $R_f$ : 0.54 (A), 0.49 (PE / AcOEt 60:40). The two diastereomers could be separated using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / Et<sub>2</sub>O / AcOEt 20:2:1  $R_f$ : 0.80 (A), 0.55 (B).

**Diastereomer A**

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +51.9$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38-7.22 (m, 2H, *H*-5', *H*-3''), 6.90 (d, 1H, *J*= 4.0, *H*-4''), 6.85 (dd, 1H, *J*= 8.2, 2.2, *H*-4'), 6.78 (broad d, 1H, *J*=7.4, *H*-6'), 6.74 (broad s, 1H, *H*-2'), 6.19 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 5.95-5.81 (m, 3H, *H*-5, *H*-4, CHN), 4.93-4.87 (m, 1H, *H*-3), 4.75 (very broad signal, 1H, *H*-6), 4.05-3.92 (m, 1H, CHNH), 3.86-3.78 (m, 1H, CHHN), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (A) (broad d, 1H, *J*= 13.5, CHHN), 2.95 (broad s, 1H, NH), 2.10, 2.04 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.95-1.05 (m, 10H, cyclohexyl).

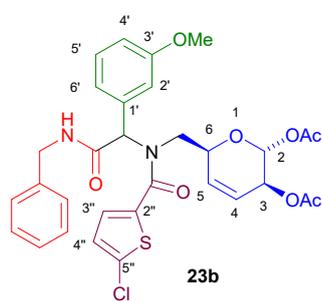
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.8 (A), 168.7 (A), 167.7 (A), 166.6 (broad) (C=O), 159.9 (C-3'), 136.4, 136.0 (x2) (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 131.6 (C-5), 130.0, 129.9 (C-5' and C-3''), 126.9 (C-4''). 121.5 (C-6'), 120.9 (C-4), 115.3, 113.7 (C-2' and C-4'), 90.2 (C-2), 67.7 (very broad) (CHN), 65.9 (C-6), 64.5 (C-3),

55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.5 (A) (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 48.7 (CHNH), 33.3, 32.8, 25.5, 25.3, 25.2 (CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 20.8 (x2) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 619.1875, found 619.1890.

#### Diastereomer B

[α]<sub>D</sub> + 20.6 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.22 (m, 2H, *H*-5', *H*-3''), 6.97 (broad d, 1H, *J*=8.0, *H*-6' or *H*-4'), 6.94 (broad s, 1H, *H*-2'), 6.88 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.1, 2.1, *H*-6' or *H*-4'), 6.83 (d, 1H, *J*=4.0, *H*-4''), 6.41 (d, 1H, *J*=8.0, NH), 6.10 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.02 (d, 1H, *J*=10.7, *H*-5), 5.95-5.87 (m, 1H, *H*-4), 5.62 (s, 1H, CHN), 4.88 (d, 1H, *J*=4.8, *H*-3), 4.49-4.41 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 3.89-3.74 (m, 2H, CHNH, CHHN), 3.79 (B) (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.60 (dd, 1H, *J*=15.0, 4.7, CHHN), 2.08, 2.03 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.95-1.05 (m, 10H, cyclohexyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.9, 168.7, 167.8, 165.2 (C=O), 159.9 (C-3'), 136.3, 136.1, 135.1 (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 131.7 (C-5), 129.9, 129.8 (C-5' and C-3''), 126.1 (C-4''), 121.2 (B) (C-6'), 120.8 (C-4), 114.6, 114.1 (C-2' and C-4'), 90.4 (C-2), 67.3 (C-6) 66.4 (broad) (CHN), 64.3 (C-3), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.3 (broad) (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 48.7 (CHNH), 32.7 (x2), 25.4, 24.7 (x2) (CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 20.9, 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 619.1875, found 619.1899.

#### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-((*N*-(2-(benzylamino)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-(5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxyamido)methyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran 23b



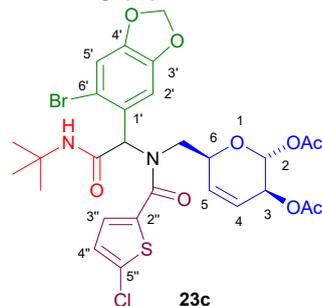
It was prepared following the typical procedure A, starting from 127 mg of azide **19**. Overall yield: 171 mg (55 %). By chromatography it was possible to separate the two isomers. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.44 (A), 0.38 (B) (PE / AcOEt 60:40). A:B ratio (from weight after chromatography): 40:60.

**Major diastereomer** (B, slower running). [α]<sub>D</sub> +52.0 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35-7.20 (m, 7H, *H*-5', *H*-3'', *H* of benzyl), 7.05-6.91 (m, 3H, *H*-6', *H*-2', NH), 6.87 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.2, 2.3, *H*-4'), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J*=4.0, *H*-4''), 6.04 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 5.99 (d, 1H, *J*=10.2, *H*-5), 5.97-5.86 (m, 1H, *H*-4), 5.67 (s, 1H, CHN), 4.88 (d, 1H, *J*=4.5, *H*-3), 4.54 (dd, 1H, *J*=14.9, 6.2, CHHPh), 4.53-4.45 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 4.44 (dd, 1H, *J*=14.9, 5.6, CHHPh), 3.88-

3.72 (m, 1H, CHHN), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J*=14.9, 4.3, CHHN), 2.06, 2.01 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.9, 168.8, 168.7, 165.0 (C=O), 159.9 (C-3'), 138.1 (quat. benzyl), 136.1, 135.7, 135.3 (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 131.4 (C-5), 130.0, 129.9 (C-3'' and C-5'), 128.6, 127.7 (C meta and ortho of benzyl), 127.3 (C para of benzyl), 126.2 (C-4''), 121.3 (C-6'), 120.9 (C-4), 114.7, 114.1 (C-2' and C-4'), 90.4 (C-2), 67.2 (C-6), 66.5 (broad) (CHN), 64.1 (C-3), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 51.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 43.6 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 20.8, 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 627.1562, found 627.1556.

**Minor diastereomer** (A, faster running). [α]<sub>D</sub> +58.2 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45-7.17 (m, 7H, *H*-5', *H*-3'', *H* of benzyl), 6.88-6.83 (m, 2H, *H*-4'', *H*-4'), 6.81-6.75 (m, 1H, *H*-6'), 6.72 (broad s, 1H, *H*-2'), 5.96 (s, 1H, CHN), 4.86-4.82 (m, 1H, *H*-3), 4.82-4.72 (very broad m, 1H, CHHPh), 4.88-4.47 (very broad signal, *H*-6), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1H, CHHN), 3.72 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66-3.54 (broad d, 1H, CHHN), 2.04, 2.03 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.8, 169.2, 169.0, 166.2 (C=O), 159.9 (C-3'), 138.5 (quat. benzyl), 136.1 (x2), 136.0 (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 131.3 (C-5), 130.03, 129.96 (C-3'' and C para of benzyl), 128.6, 128.1 (C meta and ortho of benzyl), 127.3 (C-4''), 127.0 (C-5'), 121.6 (C-6'), 121.1 (C-4), 114.9, 114.2 (C-2' and C-4'), 90.6 (C-2), 67.9 (very broad) (CHN), 66.3 (C-6), 64.1 (C-3), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 50.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 43.6 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 20.9, 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 627.1562, found 627.1549.

#### (2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-((*N*-(2-(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(6-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-(5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxyamido)methyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran 23c

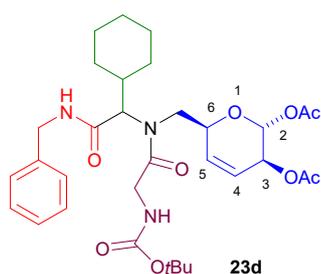


It was prepared following the typical procedure A, starting from 152 mg of azide **19**. After chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / Et<sub>2</sub>O / AcOEt 20:2:1), we obtained 116 mg of nearly pure diastereomer **A** (d.r. = 95:5) (faster running) plus 105 mg of enriched diastereomer **B** (d.r. = 92:8). Overall yield: 221 mg (54%). The calculated diastereomeric ratio was 53:47 (**A** major). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.76 (A), 0.71 (B) (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / Et<sub>2</sub>O / AcOEt 20:2:1).

**Major diastereomer** (A, faster running). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.21 (broad s, 1H, *H*-3''), 7.01 (s, 1H, *H*-5'), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J*=3.9, *H*-4''), 6.75 (broad s, 1H, *H*-2'), 6.17 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 6.05 (d, 1H, *J*=1.2, OCHHO), 6.00 (d, 1H, *J*=1.2, OCHHO), 5.94 (s, 2H, *H*-4 and *H*-5), 5.77 (s, 1H, CHN), 5.04 (very broad m, 1H, *H*-6), 4.92 (s, 1H, *H*-3), 3.67 (very broad signal, 1H, CHHN), 2.70 (very broad signal, 1H, CHHN), 2.12, 2.05 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.51 (s, 9H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.81, 168.78, 168.6, 167.2 (very

broad) (C=O), 148.7, 147.5 (C-3', C-4'), 136.8, 135.9 (broad), 127.7 (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 131.8 (C-5), 129.2 (C-3'''), 126.6 (C-4'''), 120.9 (C-4), 117.3 (C-6'), 113.1 (C-5'), 110.8 (C-2'), 102.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 90.2 (C-2), 68.7 (very broad) (CHN), 65.6 (broad) (C-6), 64.5 (C-3), 52.0 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 49.9 (broad) (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 28.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 20.8, 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 685.0617, found 685.0609.

**Minor diastereomer (B, slower running).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.24 (broad s, 1H, H-3''), 7.07 (broad s, 1H, H-2'), 7.01 (s, 1H, H-5'), 6.83 (d, 1H, J= 4.0, H-4'''), 6.07 (d, 1H, J=1.2, OCHHO), 6.04 (d, 1H, J=1.2, OCHHO), 6.15-5.83 (m, 3H, H-4, H-5, H-2), 5.73 (s, 1H, CHN), 4.84 (d, 1H, J=4.8, H-3), 4.24 (broad s, 1H, H-6), 3.85-3.46 (broad m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.07, 2.04 (2s, 2x 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.38 (s, 9H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.0, 168.6, 167.7, 165.2 (slightly broad) (C=O), 148.9, 147.9 (C-3', C-4'), 136.3, 134.9, 127.0 (C-2'', C-5'', C-1'), 132.3 (very broad) (C-5), 129.1 (broad) (C-3'''), 126.0 (C-4'''), 120.4 (broad) (C-4), 117.3 (broad) (C-6'), 113.0 (C-5'), 110.8 (C-2'), 102.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 90.4 (C-2), 67.8 (broad) (CHN), 66.3 (broad) (C-6), 64.2 (C-3), 51.9 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (broad) (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 28.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 20.9, 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 685.0617, found 685.0611.



**(2R,3S,6S)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-((N-(2-(benzylamino)-1-(cyclohexyl)-2-oxoethyl)-(2-tertbutoxycarbonylaminoacetamido)methyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran 23d**

It was prepared following a different procedure. A solution of azide **19** (100 mg, 392 μmol), was dissolved in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mL), and treated with triphenylphosphine (144 mg, 549 μmol). After stirring overnight at rt, freshly activated powder 3 Å molecular sieves (20 mg), and cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (57 μL, 470 μmol) was added and the mixture

further stirred for 4 h. After filtration of molecular sieves, the solvent was evaporated to dryness. The residue was taken up with dry MeOH (1.6 mL) and treated with Boc-glycine (82.3 mg, 470 μmol) and benzyl isocyanide (72 μL, 588 μmol). The solution was stirred at rt for 48 h. Then it was diluted with AcOEt and washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. After evaporation, the crude product was chromatographed with petroleum ether / AcOEt 60:40 to give 61 mg of nearly pure diastereomer **A** (faster running) plus 60 mg of mixed fractions enriched in diastereomer **B** (slower running)(d.r. = 89:11), and 11 mg of pure diastereomer **B**. Overall yield: 132 mg (55%). The calculated diastereomeric ratio was 51:49 (**A** major). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.23 (**A**), 0.21 (**B**) (ETP/AcOEt 60:40).

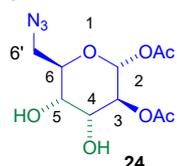
**Major diastereomer (A, faster running).** White solid. M.p.: 70.4-72.6 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub> +136.8 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36-7.20 (m, 5H, benzyl CH), 7.00 (broad s, 1H, NH), 6.12 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.09-5.82 (m, 2H, H-4, H-5), 5.38 (slightly broad s, 1H, NH), 4.92 (slightly broad s, 1H, H-3), 4.75-4.62 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.54 (dd, 1H, J= 14.8, 6.8, CHHPh), 4.45-4.22 (broad m, 1H, CHN), 4.25-4.10 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 4.06 (dd, 1H, J= 17.3, 5.4, CHHPh), 3.48 (dd, 1H, J= 15.5, 10.4, CHHN), 3.38 (dd, 1H, J= 15.5, 3.5, CHHN), 2.30-2.02 (m, 1H, CH cyclohexyl), 2.14, 2.07 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.87-1.47 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 1.44 (s, 9H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C), 1.43-1.04 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 1.01-0.73 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 170.5, 170.2, 168.9, 155.7 (C=O), 138.2 (quat. of benzyl), 131.3 (C-5), 128.7, 127.6 (CH ortho and meta of benzyl), 127.5 (CH para of benzyl), 121.6 (C-4), 90.2 (C-2), 79.2 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 66.5 (C-6), 64.2 (C-3), 48.4 (very broad) (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 43.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 42.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 34.7 (broad) (CH cyclohexyl), 30.3, 29.3, 26.4, 25.7 (x2) (CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 28.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 20.9 (x2) (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). **Note:** the peak of CHN is not visible because it is very broad. It probably falls under the peak at 64.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 616.3229, found 616.3238.

**Minor diastereomer (B, slower running).** Oil. [α]<sub>D</sub> +86.0 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56 (very broad s, NH), 7.36-7.18 (m, 5H, benzyl CH), 6.12 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.08-5.94 (m, 1H, H-4), 5.91 (d, 1H, J=10.4, H-5), 5.36 (slightly broad s, 1H, NH), 4.92 (slightly broad d, 1H, J=4.0, H-3), 4.74-4.58 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.49 (dd, 1H, J= 14.9, 6.2, CHHPh), 4.27 (dd, 1H, J= 14.9, 4.6, CHHPh), 4.20-3.98 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 3.75 (broad m, CHN), 3.60-3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.43-2.26 (m, 1H, CH cyclohexyl), 2.14, 2.12 (2s, 2x3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.83-1.60 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 1.44 (s, 9H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C), 1.32-1.07 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 0.99-0.78 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.2, 170.4 (x2), 168.9, 155.6 (C=O), 138.3 (quat. of benzyl), 130.7 (C-5), 128.6, 127.5 (CH ortho and meta of benzyl), 127.3 (CH para of benzyl), 122.0 (C-4), 90.2 (C-2), 79.6 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 66.1 (C-6), 64.2 (C-3), 43.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 36.6 (CH cyclohexyl), 30.4, 29.5, 26.2, 25.6 (x2) (CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl), 28.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (x2) (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). **Note:** the peaks of CHN and of CH<sub>2</sub>N are not visible because most likely they are very broad. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 616.3229, found 616.3242.



### (2R,3S,4R,5S,6R)-6-(Azidomethyl)-2,3-diacetoxy-4,5-dihydroxy-tetrahydropyran **24**



A solution of azide **19** (100.0 mg, 392  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in acetone (1.5 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.5 mL) was treated with *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide monohydrate (NMO) (105 mg, 777  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and with a 2.5% w/w solution of  $\text{OsO}_4$  in *tert*-butanol (76.8 mM) (120  $\mu\text{L}$ , 9.2  $\mu\text{mol}$ ). The solution was stirred for 18h at rt. Addition of 10%  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  solution, extraction with AcOEt, washing with brine, evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt 4:6) gave diastereomerically pure (d.r. > 99:1) **24** as an oil (114 mg) (82%). Examination of the

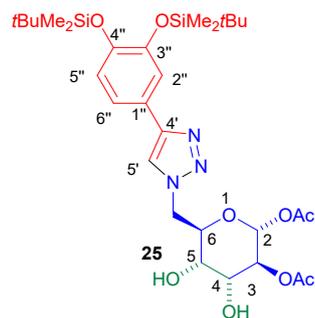
NMR spectrum of crude and of the first eluted fractions showed two impurities (both faster running) that may be stereoisomers of the main product. We call here them B and C (B faster running, C slower running; both are faster running compared to the main diastereomer A (**24**)). B gives a doublet at 6.22 (*H*-2,  $J=2.0$ ). C gives a doublet at 6.14 (*H*-2,  $J=1.6$ ). They are well separated from the singlet of major diast. A (*H*-2, 6.00 ppm). From the crude, the ratio A:B:C seems = 91.1 : 3.6 : 5.3. Other typical signals of B and C are: 5.15 (**C**, dd, 1 H,  $J=4.2, 1.5$ , *H*-3), 5.01 (**B**, t, 1 H  $J=3.2$ , *H*-3). We were not able to determine the structures of **B** and **C**, but we suppose that **C** is the *talo* isomer, whereas **B** is a *trans* isomer caused by a not completely stereospecific osmylation. In this hypothesis the relative diastereoselectivity *altro* / *talo* is = 95:5.

Only the major diastereomer was fully characterized.

$R_f$ : 0.25 (PE / AcOEt 4:6).  $[\alpha]_D^{+25}$  +81.9 (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.00 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 5.00 (dd, 1H,  $J=3.3, 1.3$ , *H*-3), 4.10 (ddd, 1H,  $J=9.7, 5.7, 2.7$ , *H*-6), 4.04 (broad q, 1H,  $J=3.2$ , *H*-4), 3.84 (td, 1H,  $J=9.4, 3.5$ , *H*-5), 3.63, 3.52 (AB part of an ABX syst., 2H,  $J_{AB}=13.4, J_{AX}=5.7, J_{BX}=2.3$ , *H*-6'), 3.29 (d, 1H,  $J=5.0$ , OH at C-4), 2.89 (d, 1H,  $J=8.8$ , OH at C-5), 2.153, 2.146 (2s, 2 x 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 168.9 (C=O), 90.8 (C-2), 70.3 (C-3), 69.1 (C-6), 67.5 (C-4), 64.9 (C-5), 51.3 (C-6'), 20.9, 20.8, ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{O}$ ). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  290.09828, found 290.09802.

### (2R,3S,4R,5S,6R)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[4-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-4,5-dihydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **25**



It was prepared from alkyne **20c** (45.0 mg, 125  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and diastereomerically pure azide **24** (30.0 mg, 104  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) following the general **procedure A** for click chemistry (with two subsequent additions of catalyst). Chromatography (PE/AcOEt from 3:7 to 0:10) gave pure **25** as a solid (47.7 mg, 71%).

The same compound was also obtained starting from triazole **21c** (50 mg, 80.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) following the above described procedure for the synthesis of **24**, 43 mg of product were obtained (81%).

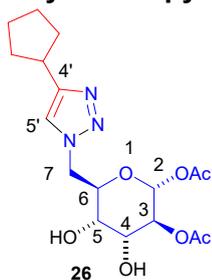
D.r., determined on the crude product, was 98:2. In particular it is possible to integrate the signals of *H*-2 at 5.96 (singlet, major) and at 6.11 (doublet,  $J=1.2$  Hz., minor). Anyway, the major diastereomer can be obtained in pure

form by chromatography.

Solid. M.p.: 70,6-76,6 °C.  $R_f$ : 0.21 (PE / AcOEt 4:6).  $[\alpha]_D^{+25}$  +10.4 (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 7.34 (d, 1H,  $J=2.2$ , *H*-2''), 7.24 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.2, 2.2$ , *H*-6''), 6.88 (d, 1H,  $J=8.2$ , *H*-5''), 5.96 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 5.03 (dd, 1H,  $J=3.2, 1.1$ , *H*-3), 4.81, 4.69 (AB part of an ABX syst., 2H,  $J_{AB}=14.7, J_{AX}=5.8, J_{BX}=1.8$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.36 (ddd, 1H,  $J=10.0, 5.6, 2.0$ , *H*-6), 4.06 (slightly broad s, 1 H, *H*-4), 3.75 (broad s, 1H, OH), 3.52 /broad d, 1 H,  $J=7.2$ , *H*-5), 3.42 (broad s, 1H, OH), 2.05 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 2.02 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 1.01 (s, 9H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 0.99 (s, 9H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 0.24 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ), 0.22 (s, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.4, 169.0 (C=O), 147.8, 147.4, 147.3 (C-3'', C-4'', C-4'), 123.8 (C-1''), 121.4 (C-5''), 121.0 (C-5'), 119.0 (C-6''), 118.6 (C-2''), 90.7 (C-2), 70.3 (C-3), 68.6 (C-6), 67.9 (C-4), 64.8 (C-5), 51.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 20.9, 20.7 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 18.5, 18.4 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), -4.05, -4.07 (x2), -4.09 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Si}$ ). HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{50}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{Si}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  652.30801, found 652.30796.

**(2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,6*R*)-2,3-Diacetoxy-6-[(4-cyclopentyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolyl)methyl]-4,5-dihydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran **26****



A solution of diastereomerically pure azide **24** (104.2 mg, 360  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in *t*-BuOH (1.5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL) was treated with cyclopentylacetylene (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , 431  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), sodium ascorbate (36 mg, 182  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and CuSO<sub>4</sub> pentahydrate (18 mg, 72  $\mu\text{mol}$ ). The mixture was stirred in a closed vessel at room temperature for 4 h. At this point it was complete by TLC. The mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and extracted with AcOEt. After evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt 3:7 to 0:10) pure **26** was obtained as an oil (95 mg) (72%).

The same compound was also obtained from triazole **21e**. A solution of triazole **21e** (127 mg, 363  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in acetone (1.6 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.4 mL) was treated with *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide monohydrate (NMO) (97 mg, 718 mol) and with a 2.5% (w/w) (76.8 mM) solution of OsO<sub>4</sub> in *tert*-butanol (142  $\mu\text{L}$ , 10.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 equiv.). The solution was stirred for 48 h at rt. Addition of 10% NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution, extraction with AcOEt, washing with brine, evaporation and chromatography (PE/AcOEt 3:7 to 0:10) gave nearly pure **26** (containing some diastereomer) as an oil (113 mg) (81%). D.r., determined on the crude product, was 93:7. In particular it is possible to integrate the signals of *H*-2 at 5.92 (singlet, major) and at 6.21 (doublet, *J* = 1.6 Hz., minor). The two diastereomers were not separated by chromatography.

*R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.13 (PE / AcOEt 3:7). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +39.3 (c 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Only the signals of major diastereomer are here reported.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.49 (s, 1 H, *H*-5'), 5.93 (s, 1 H, *H*-2), 5.02 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 3.2, 1.1, *H*-3), 4.77 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 14.5, 2.1, *H*-7), 4.58 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 14.5, 6.3, *H*-7), 4.50-4.19 (very broad signal, 2 H, OH),

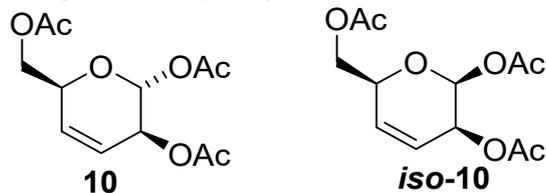
4.32 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 10.0, 6.3, 1.9 *H*-6), 4.05 (t, 1 H, *J* = 3.1, *H*-4), 3.49 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.1, 3.4, *H*-5), 3.16 (quint., 1 H, *J* = 8.0, CH cyclopentyl), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C=O), 2.12-2.03 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclopentyl), 1.80-1.56 (m, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub> cyclohexyl).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 169.1 (C=O), 152.7 (C-4'), 121.7 (C-5'), 90.6 (C-2), 70.5 (C-3), 68.7 (C-6), 67.6 (C-4), 64.7 (C-5), 50.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 36.6 (CH cyclopentyl), 33.2, 33.1, 25.0 (x 2) (CH<sub>2</sub> cyclopentyl), 20.9, 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>C=O). HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 384.1765, found 384.1767.

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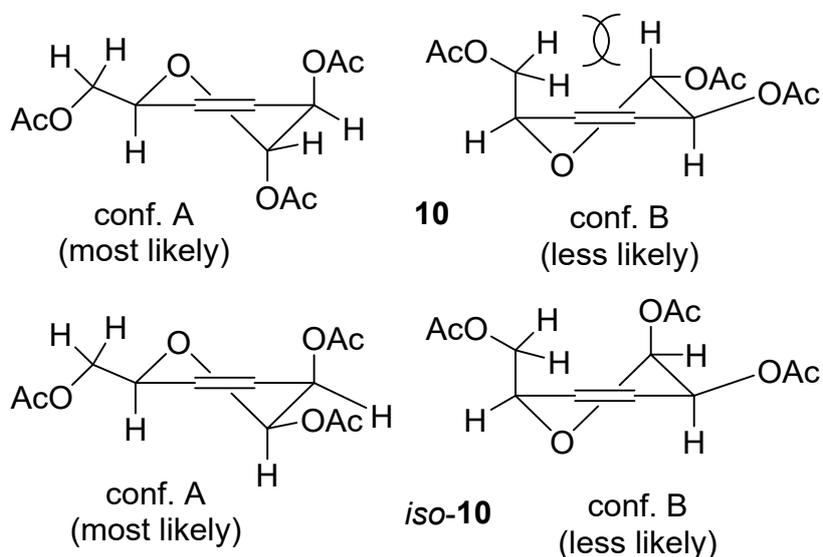
## Determination of the relative configuration of triacetate **10**

The conformational equilibria of the two possible isomers **10** and *iso-10* were examined, also with the aid of Chem3D program, using MOPAC (AM1).



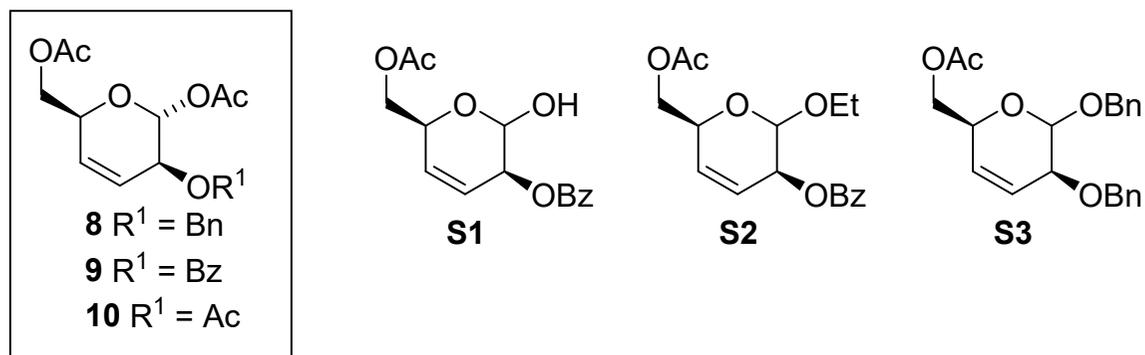
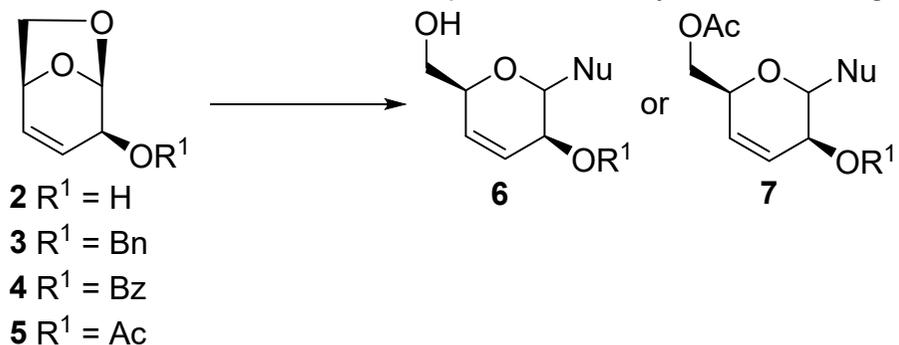
Both isomers may exist in two alternative *half-chair* conformations.

For *trans-trans* isomer **10**, the preferred conformation is expected to be Conf. A, whereas for the *cis-cis*-isomer it should be again A. For conformations A of **10** and both conformations of *iso-10*, a small coupling constant between *H*-1 and *H*-2 is predicted (diedral angles 103° for conf. A of **10** and 41° and 40° respectively for conformations A and B of *iso-10*). *H*-1 in **10** appears as a singlet at 6.18 ppm, and this very low *J* seems to be more consistent with conf. A of **10**. However, the main proof comes from the NOESY experiment, which shows a weak nOe between *H*-1 and *H*-6, and this is clearly possible only in conformation B of **10**.



## Attempts to convert compounds 3,4 into open adducts 6 or 7, and optimization of the synthesis of 8, 9, and 10

Here we report a Table with some selected results of the attempts made to carry out the following reaction.



Entry	Substrate	Nucleophile	Promoter 1	Promoter 2	Solvent	Time - Temp.	Product	Yield	d.r.
1	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.2 eq.)	Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq.)	-	THF	2 days rt	no reaction	-	
2	2	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.2 eq.)	Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq.)	-	THF	2 days rt	no reaction	-	
3	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.2 eq.)	ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (0.5eq.)	-	THF	3 days rt	no reaction	-	
4	4	<i>t</i> BuNC	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	AcOH	THF	2 days	no reaction	-	

		(1.2 eq.)	(0.5eq.)	(1.2 eq.)		50 °C			
5	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.2 eq.)	ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (0.5eq.)	AcOH (2.5eq.)	Toluene	2 days 90 °C	no reaction	-	
6	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.2 eq.)	ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene	2 days 90 °C	no reaction	-	
7	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.5 eq.)	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	67%	91:9
8	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.5 eq.)	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)		Toluene	1 day rt	no reaction	-	
9	4	2,6-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> NC	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	50%	91:9
10	4		TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	50%	91:9
11	4	2,6-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> NC	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	AcONa (1.5eq.)	Toluene	1 day rt	no reaction	-	
12	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.5 eq.)	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	AcCl	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>S1</b>	5%	
13	4	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.5 eq.)	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	(CF <sub>3</sub> CO) <sub>2</sub> O	Toluene	1 day rt	no reaction	-	
14	4	-	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	AcOEt	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>S2</b>	10%	
15	4	-	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	<i>p</i> NO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OAc	Toluene	1 day rt	no reaction	-	
16	4	-	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	MeCN	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	40%	91:9
17	4	-	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	MeNO <sub>2</sub>	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	43%	91:9
18	4	-	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene / MeCN 8:1	1 day rt	<b>9</b>	60%	91:9
19	4		TMS-OTf (2 μmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	<b>9</b>	75%	87:13
20	4	-	85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (0.7 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C to rt	<b>9</b>	88%	91:9
21	3	<i>t</i> BuNC (1.5 eq.)	TMS-OTf (0.5eq.)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.5eq.)	Toluene	1 day rt	<b>8</b>	63%	92:8
22	3	-	TMS-OTf	Ac <sub>2</sub> O	Toluene	1 day	<b>8 + 10</b>	13%	92:8

			(0.5eq.)	(1.5eq.)		rt	(59 : 41) + S3	(S3), 33% (8), 20% (10)	(10)
23	3	-	85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (0.7 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	60 min 0 °C to rt	8	71%	92:8
24	3	-	98% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (0.1 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	only 10	62%	86:14
25	3	-	ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	8 + 10 (73 : 27)	n.d.	93:7
26	3	-	BF <sub>3</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.5 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	only 10	65%	92:8
27	3	-	BF <sub>3</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.5 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	8 + 10 (73 : 27)	n.d.	93:7
28	5		TMS-OTf (2 μmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	10	78%	87:13
29	5		85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (0.7 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	60 min 0 °C to rt	10	95%	91:9
30	5		Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (52 μmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	10	88%	91:9
31	5		FeCl <sub>3</sub> (0.27 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	10	81%	91:9
32	5		ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	30 min 0 °C	10	71%	91:9
33	2		85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (0.7 mmol/mL)	Ac <sub>2</sub> O (1.2 mL/mmol of substrate)	no	60 min 0 °C to rt	10	92%	91:9

**Discussion of results.** Entries 1-6 show that zinc based promoters are not able to induce opening of the bicyclic system, at least in presence of an isocyanide. However, using excess of  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  and with no isocyanide in the reaction mixture, opening can take place (entries 25 and 32). Probably the isocyanide complexes with the Lewis acid making it less efficient.

Entries 7-19, 21-22, and 28 show that TMS-OTf is able to promote ring opening. However, in the absence of the co-promoter ( $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ ) non reaction occurs (entry 8). In the presence of  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  reaction occurs, but the entering nucleophile is not the isocyanide (entries 7-13) (as expected) but the acetate anion. This is somehow surprising, because in normal Passerini reactions (also in the presence of catalysts, the isocyanide seems to be a better nucleophile than the carboxylate anion. However, the result of entry 11 shows that the acetate anion itself is not able to promote the reaction, in the absence of the anhydride.

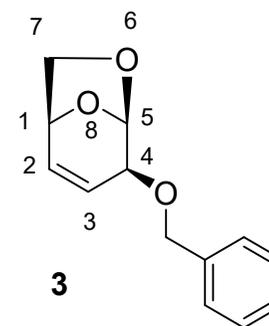
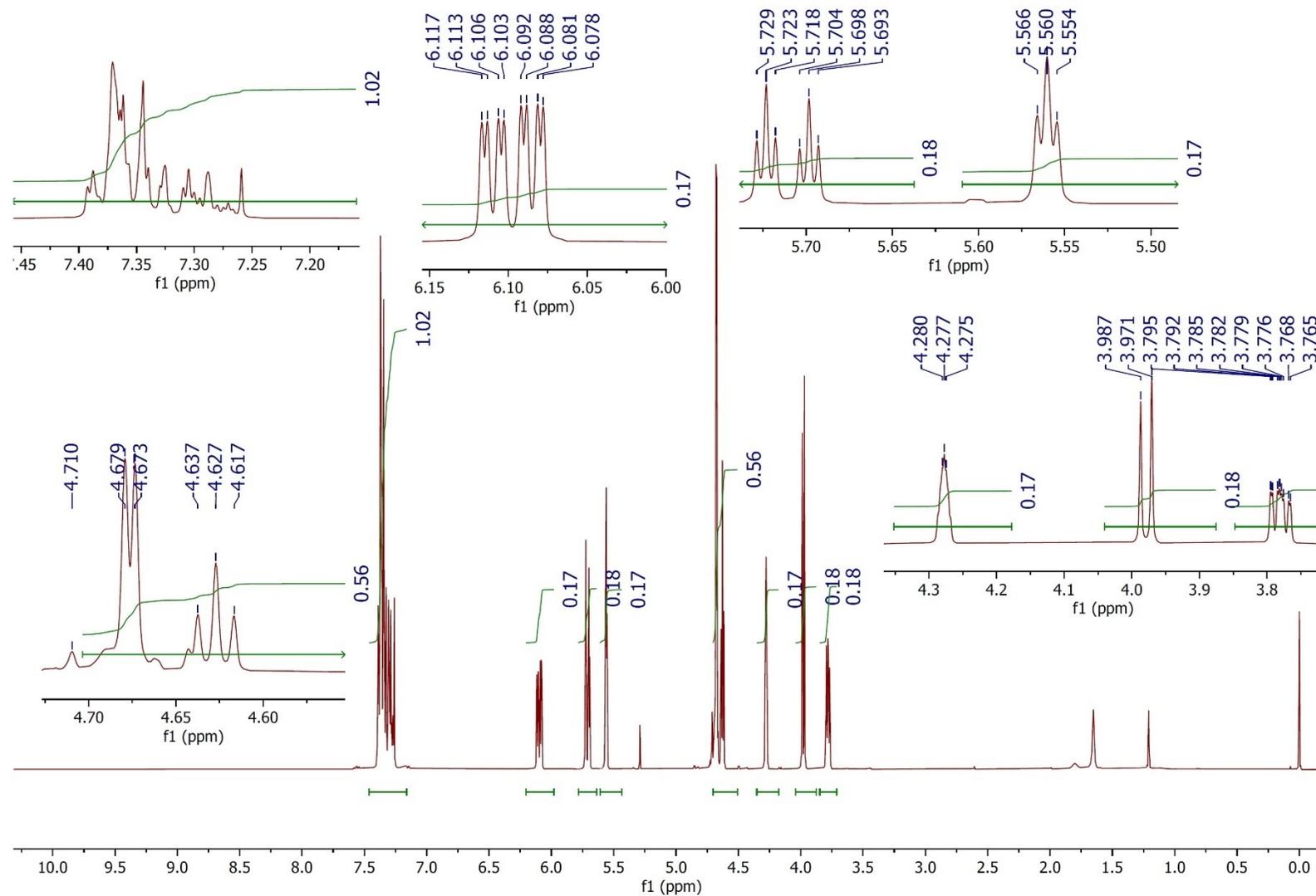
Also acetyl chloride (entry 12) is by far less efficient than  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  in promoting the reaction, and no entrance of acetoxy group at carbon 1 is observed. This fact somehow points in favour of a concerted mechanism C (see Scheme 2 of main paper). The use of esters (entries 14 and 15) gave only poor results. Different solvents were also tested on benzoyl compound **4**, leading to some difference in yield, but no difference in diastereoselectivity, which remained high.

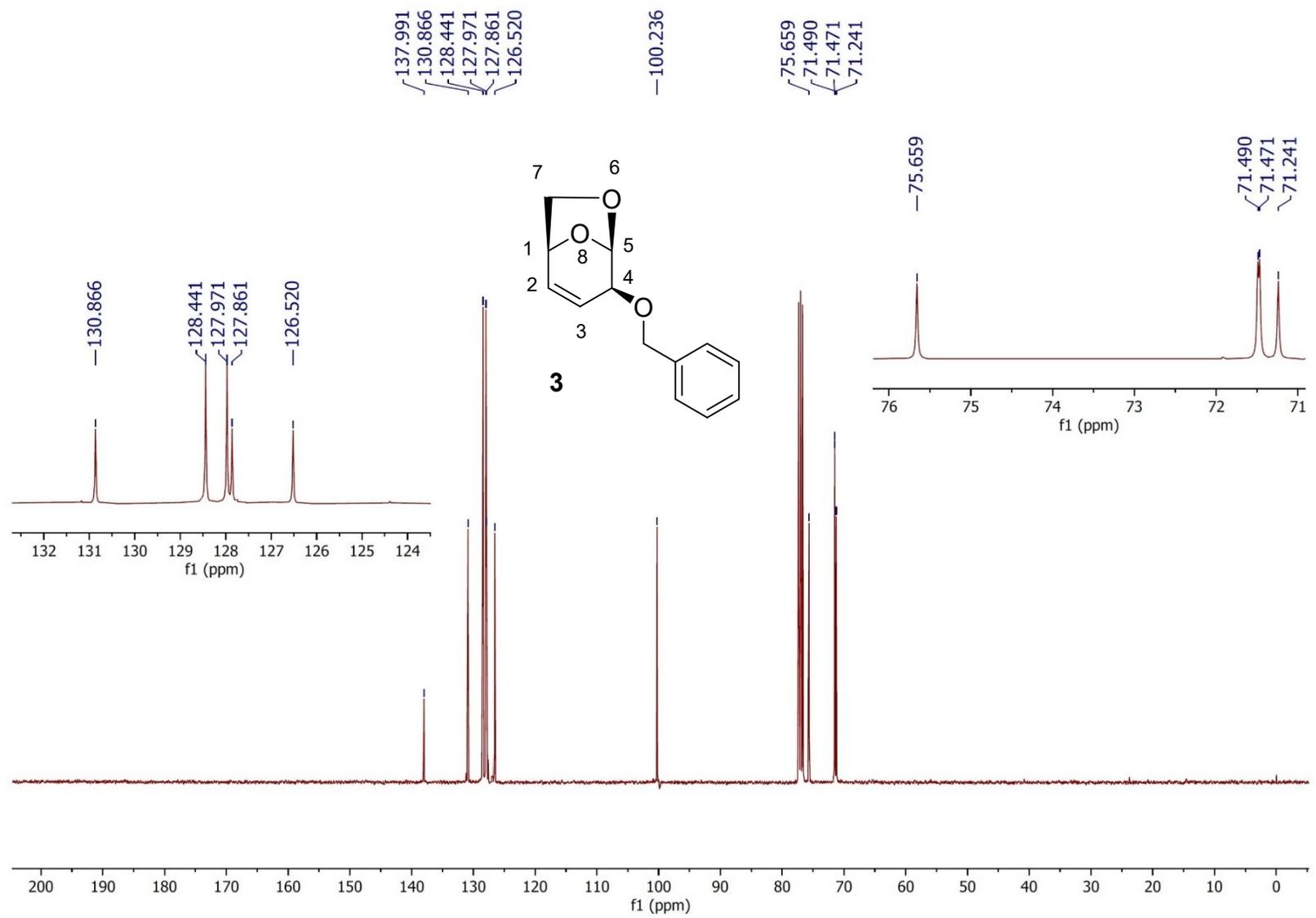
Using the benzyl protected derivative (**3**), the benzyl group proved to be labile under some conditions, affording **10** and/or **S3** plus benzyl acetate. The comparison of entries 21 and 22 is interesting. Although the isocyanide never entered in the isolated products, the presence of isocyanide is beneficial to avoid loss of benzyl cation, probably by attenuating the strength of TMS-OTf.

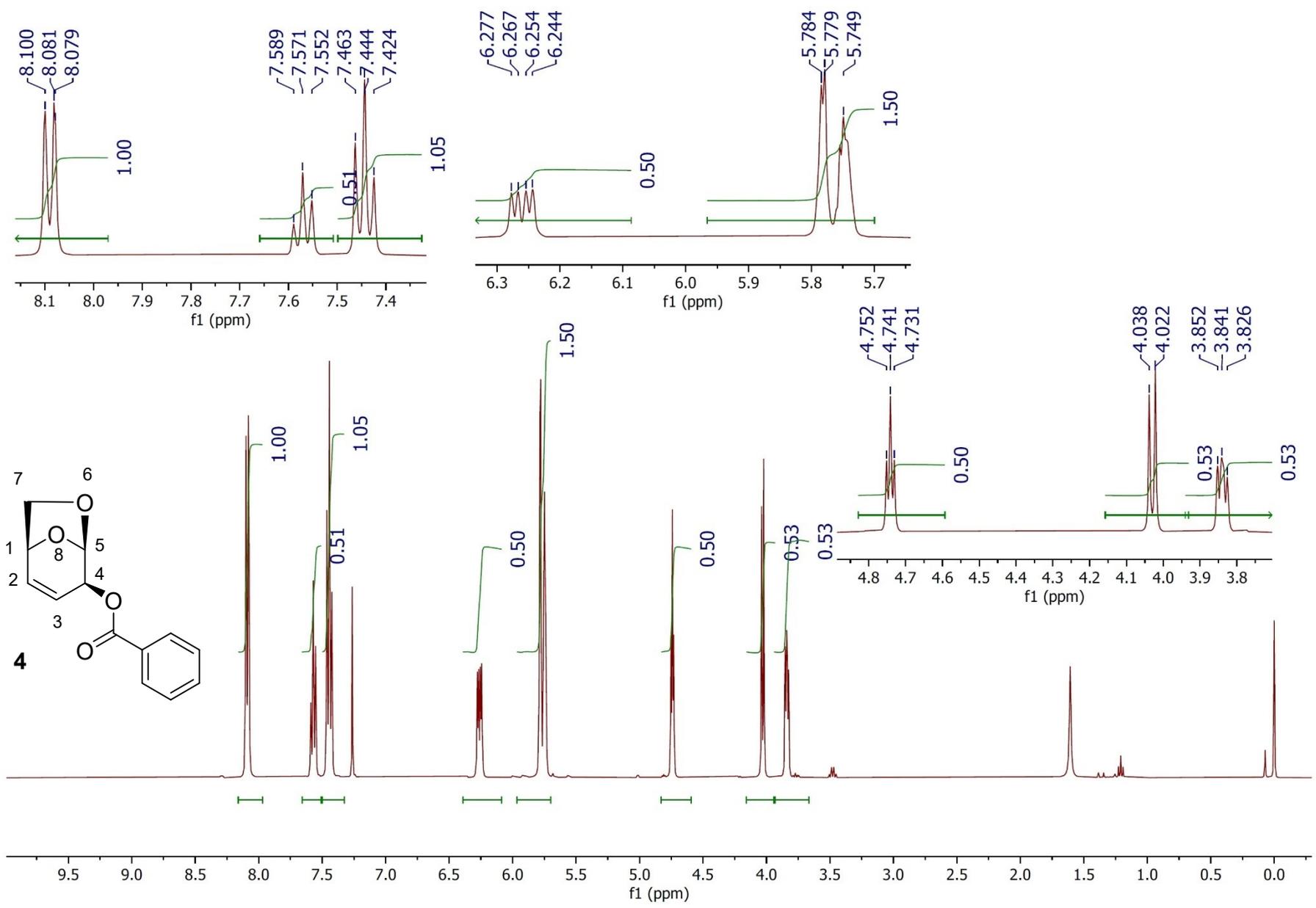
The only promoters that afforded good yields for diacetate **8** starting from benzyl derivative **3** are TMSOTf (but only in the presence of isocyanide)(entry 21) or phosphoric acid. (entry 23). In the other cases substantial loss of benzyl group was observed, with formation of **10**, and of benzyl acetate.

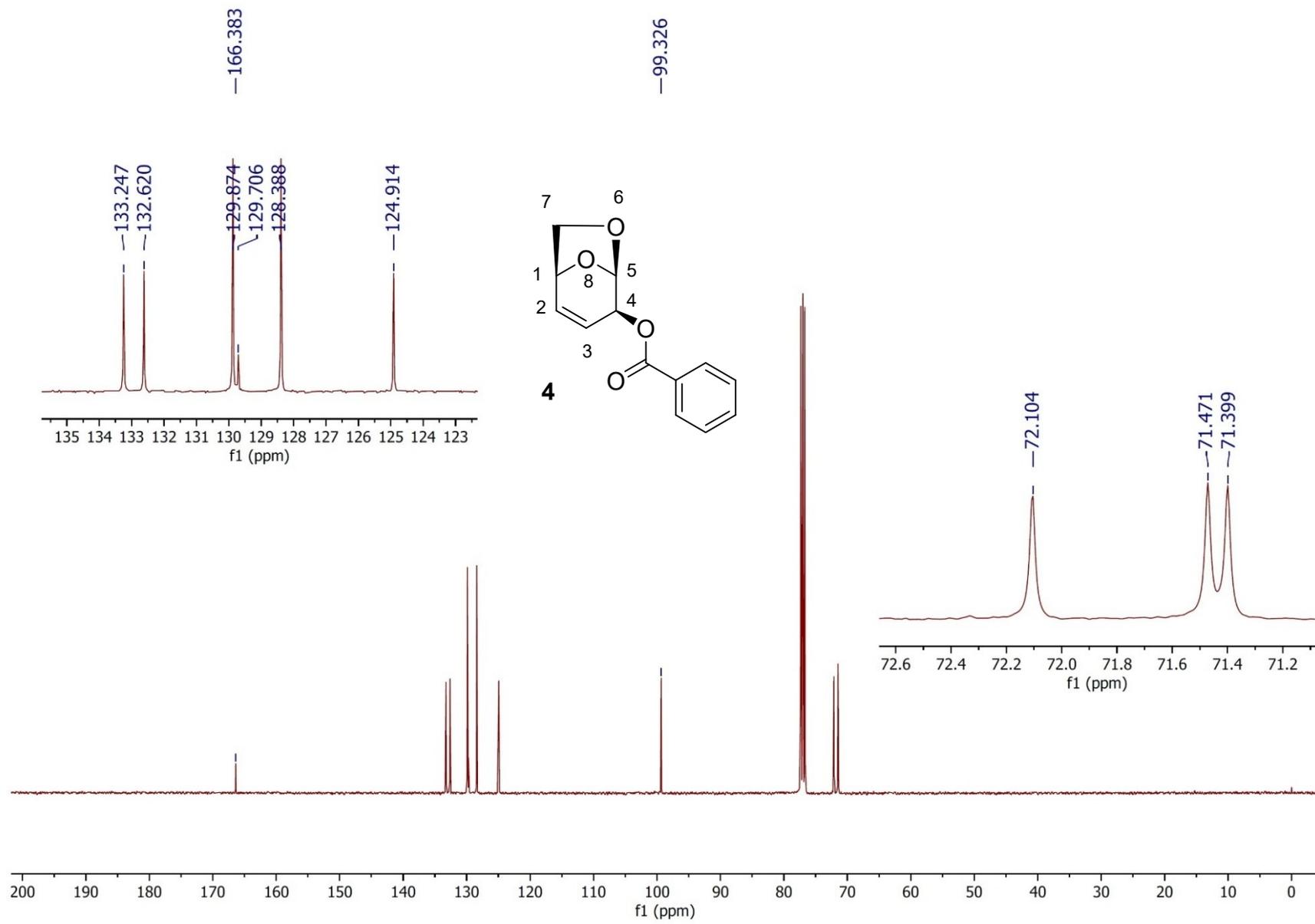
The best conditions to get **9** or **10** (also in view of green chemistry) involve the use of phosphoric acid in neat  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (entries 29, 33). Obviously, the best synthesis of **10** starts directly from **2** with no use of protecting groups (entry 33).

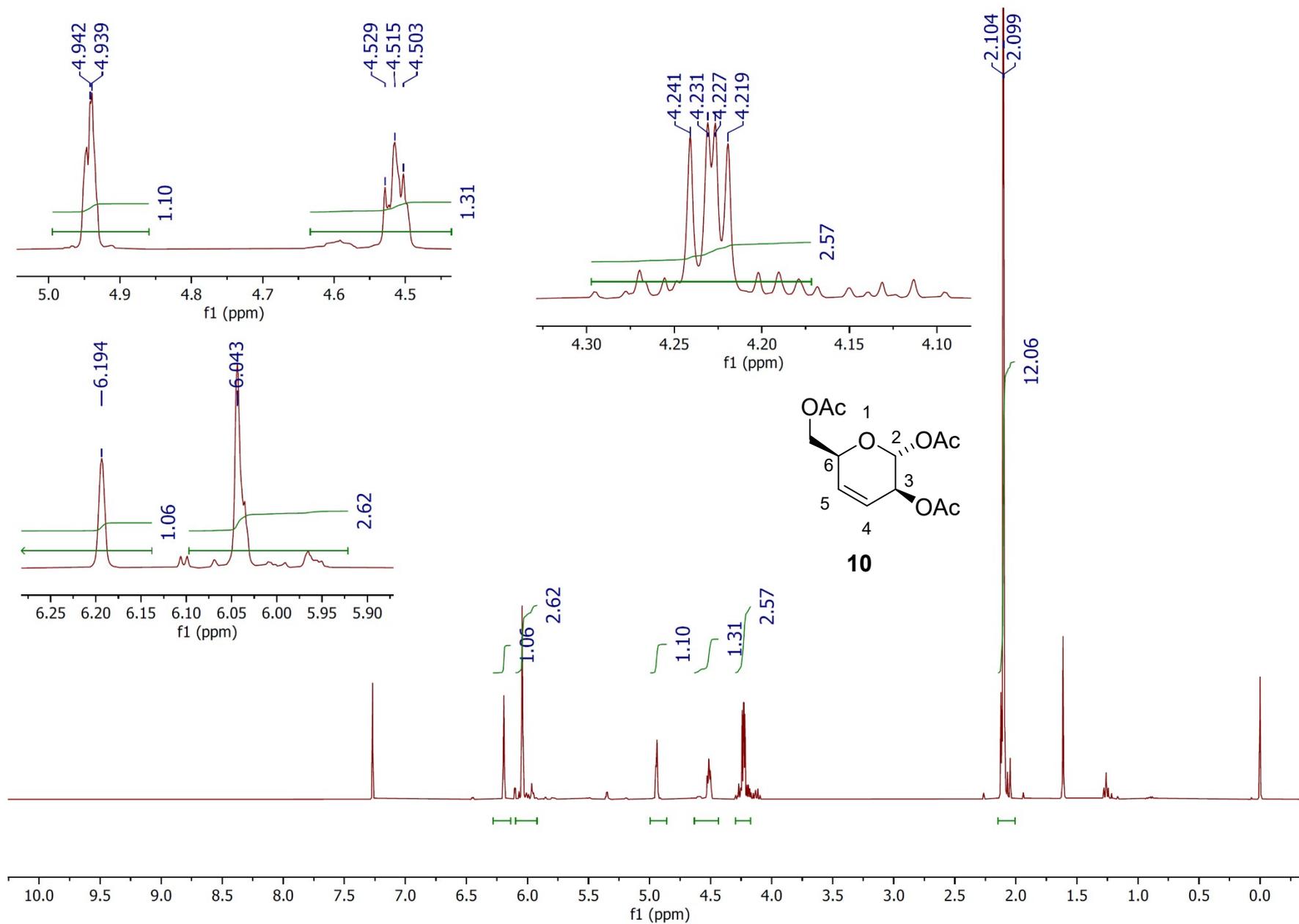
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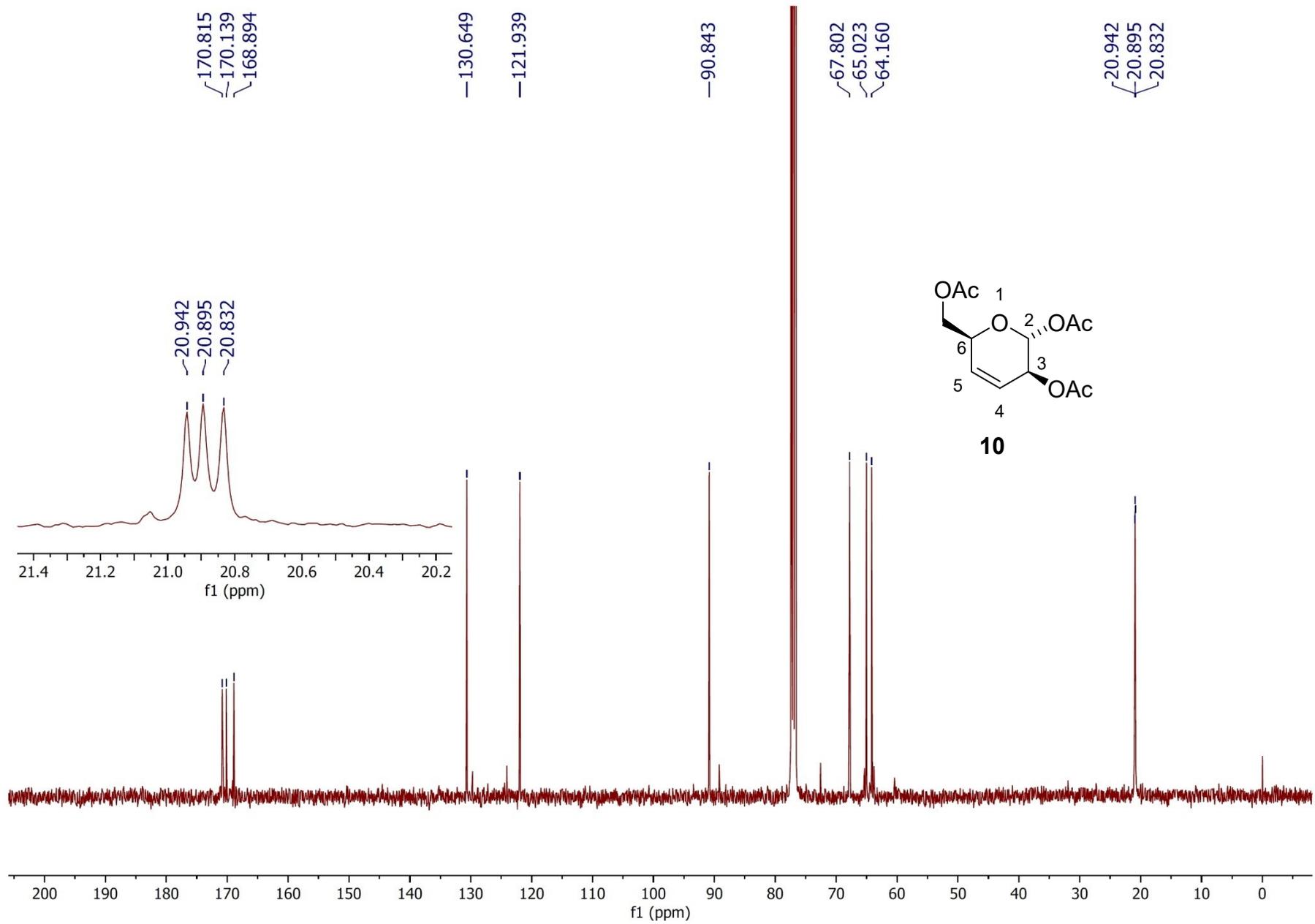


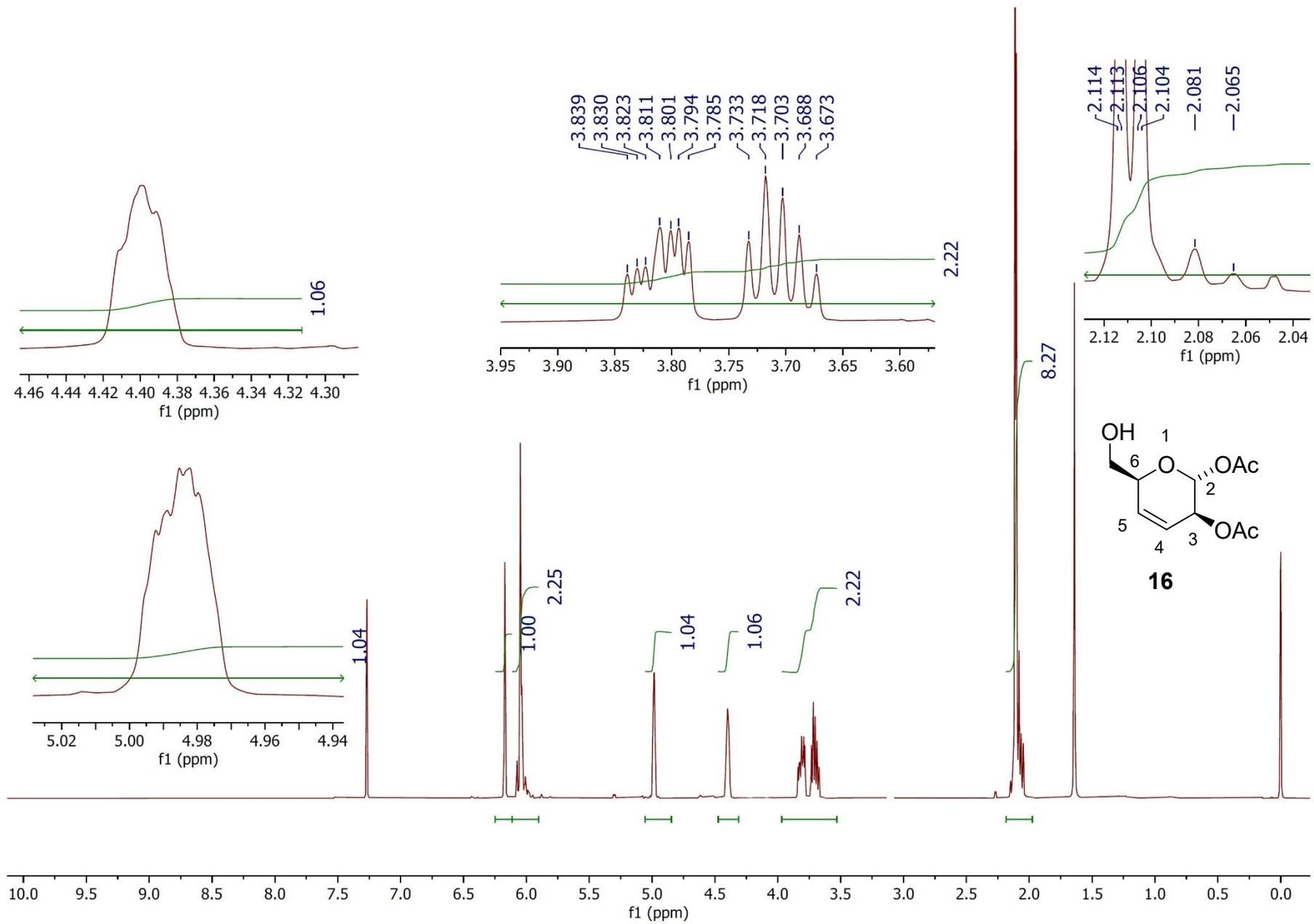


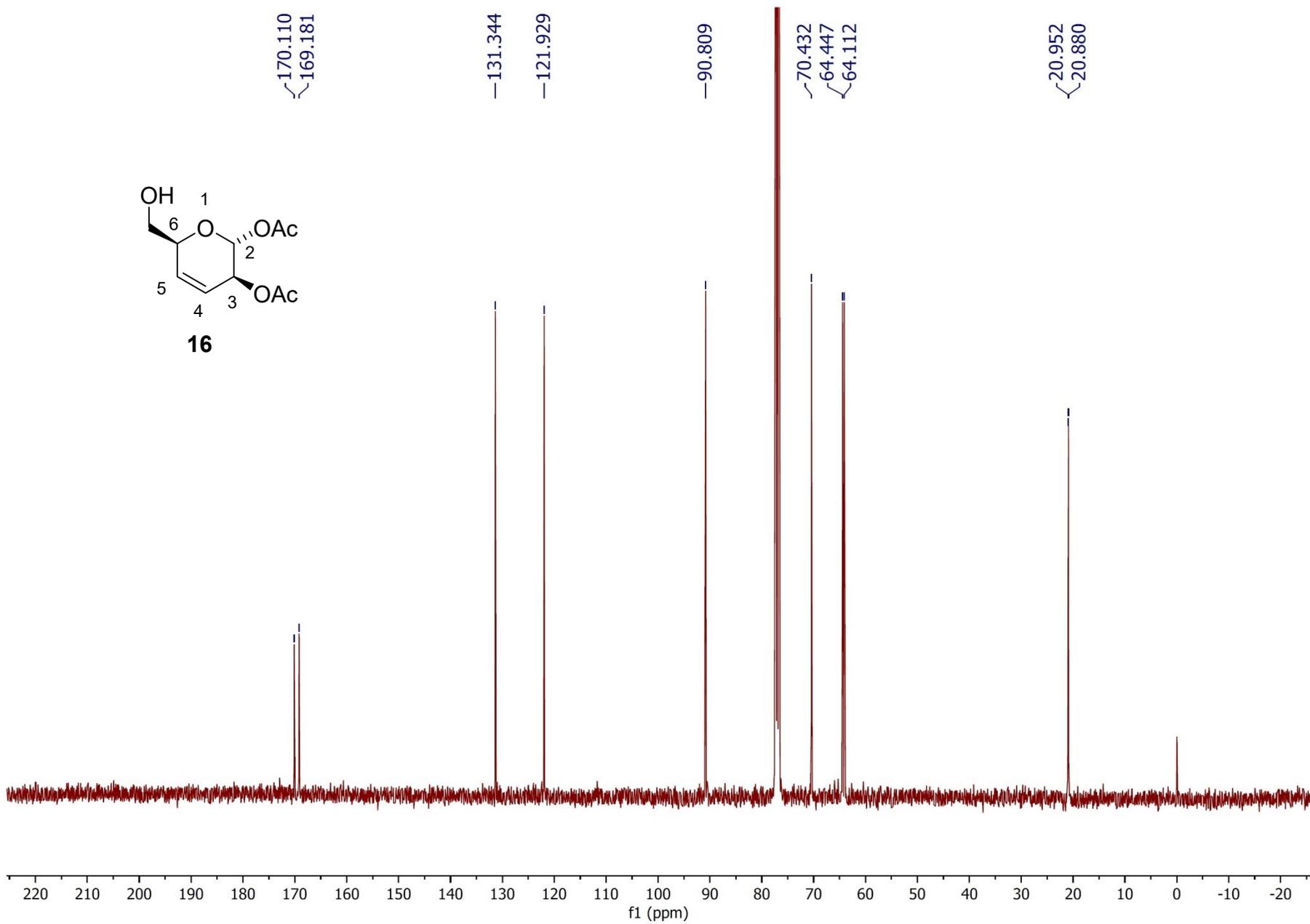
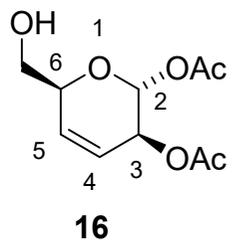


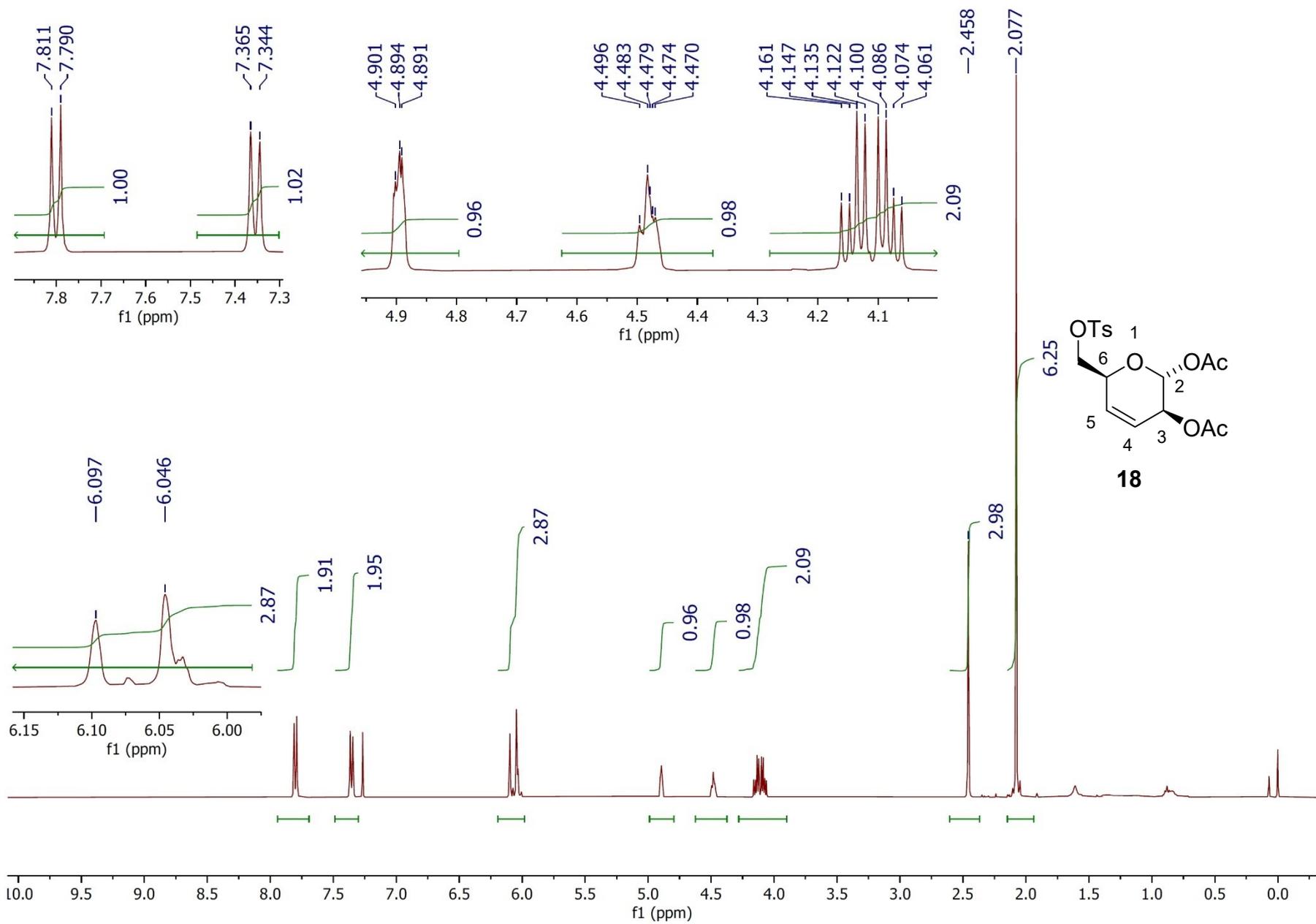


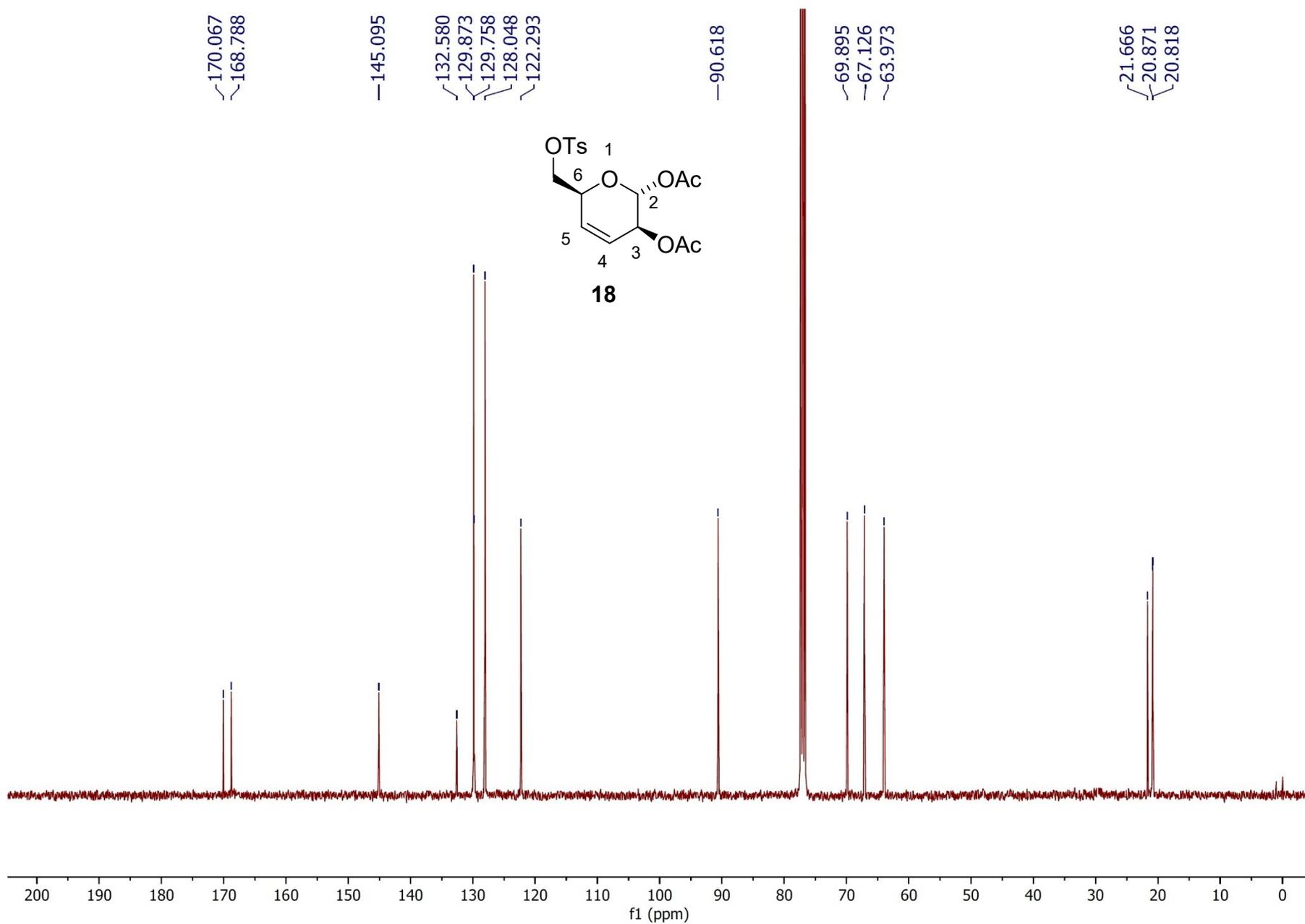


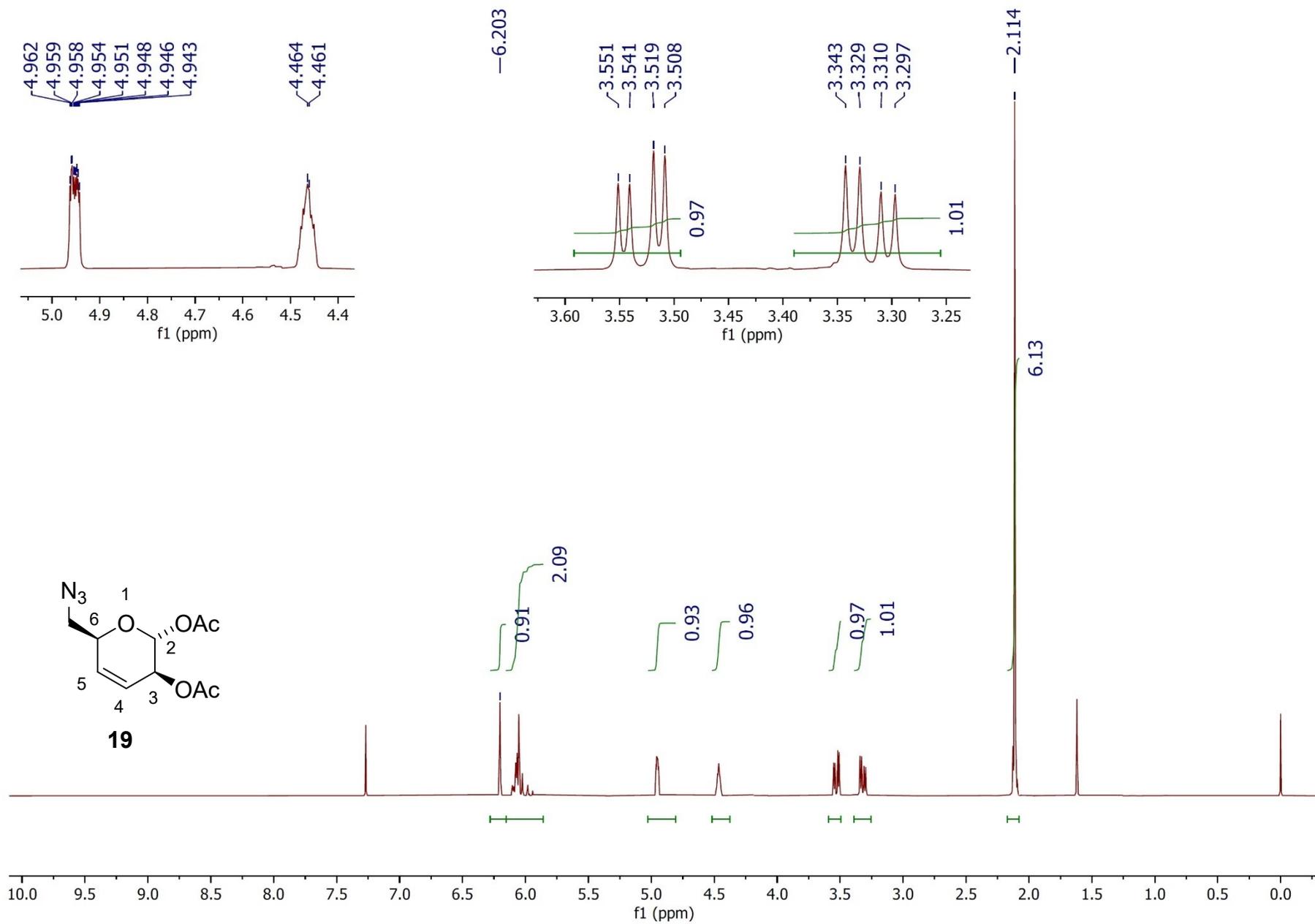


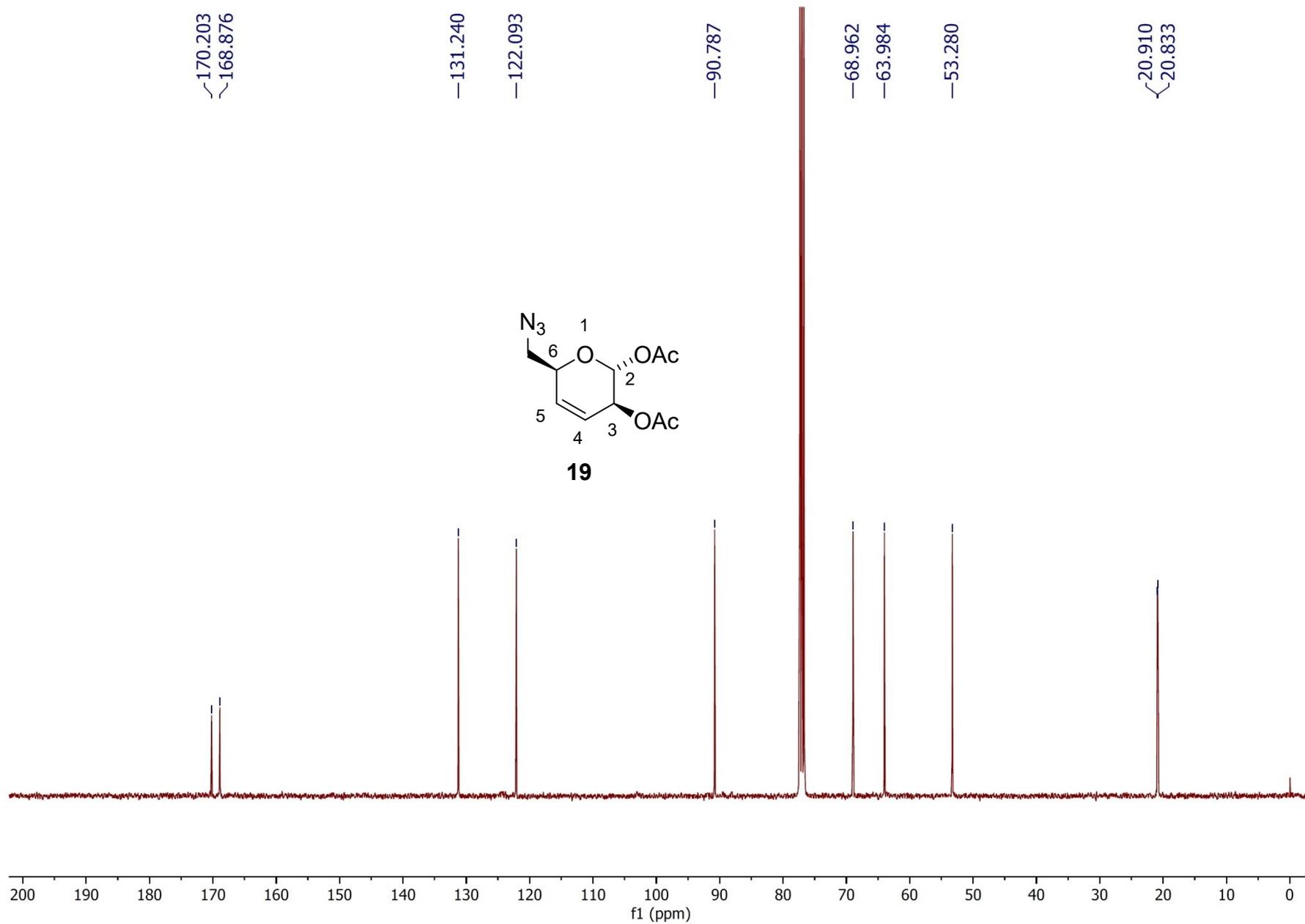


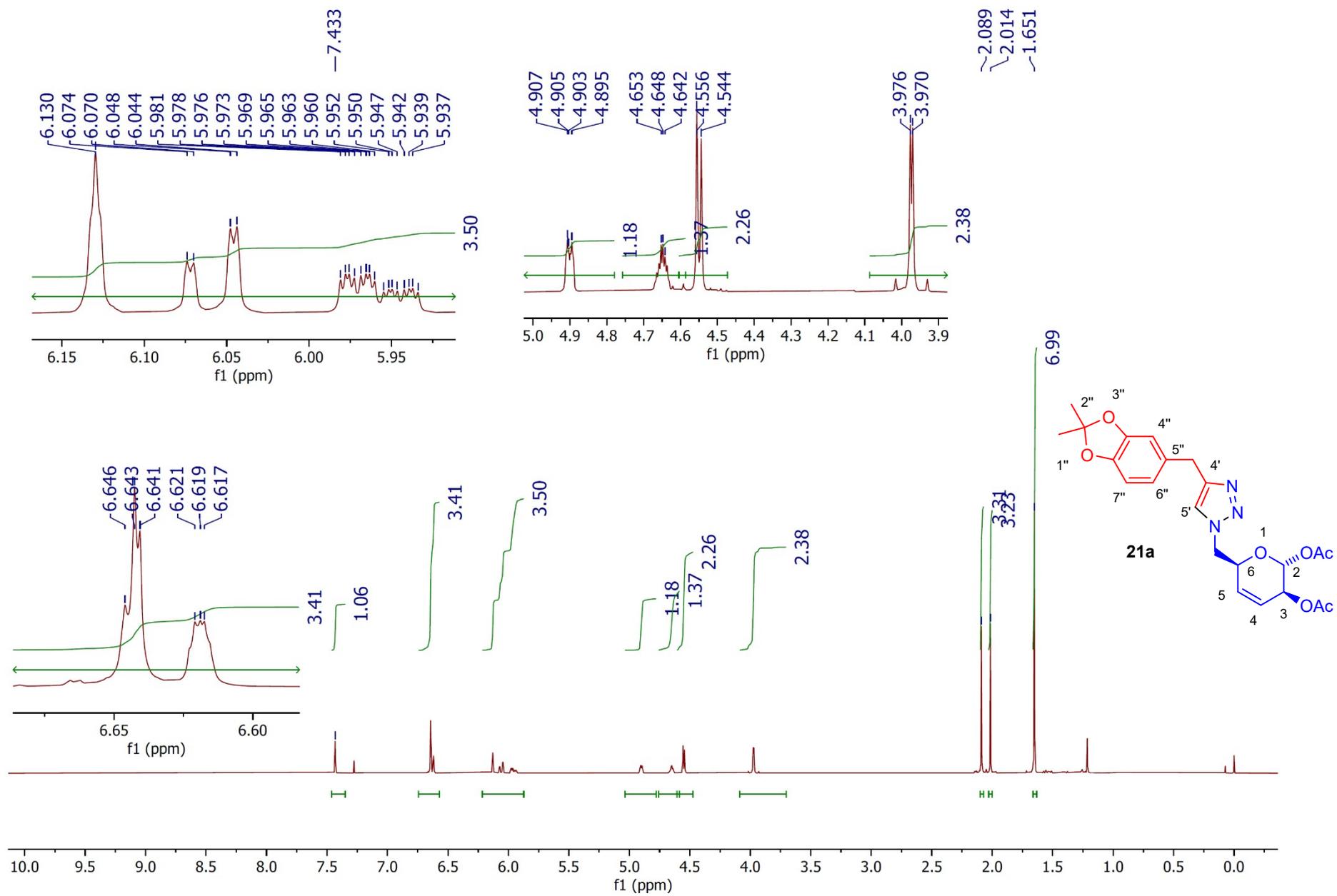


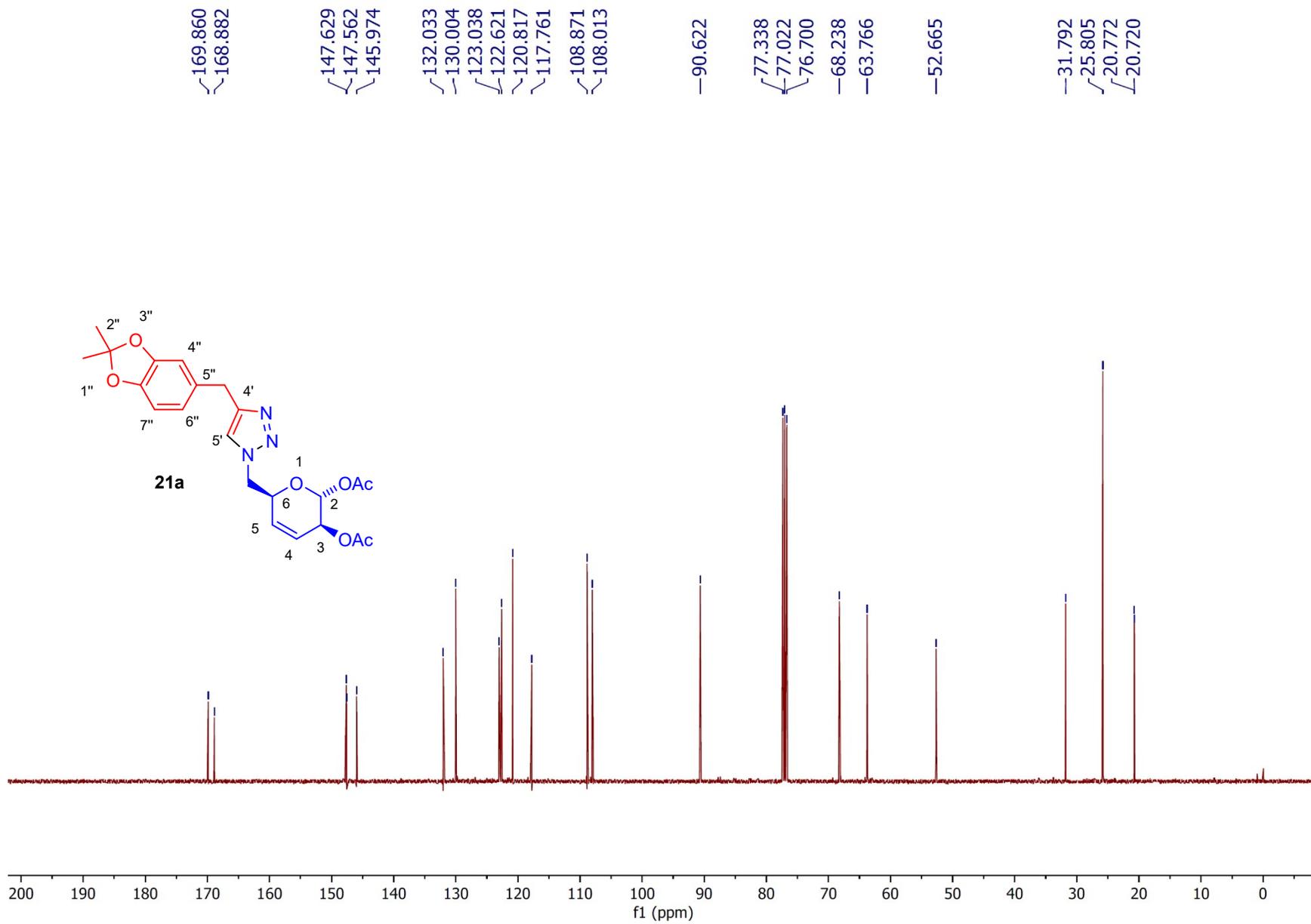


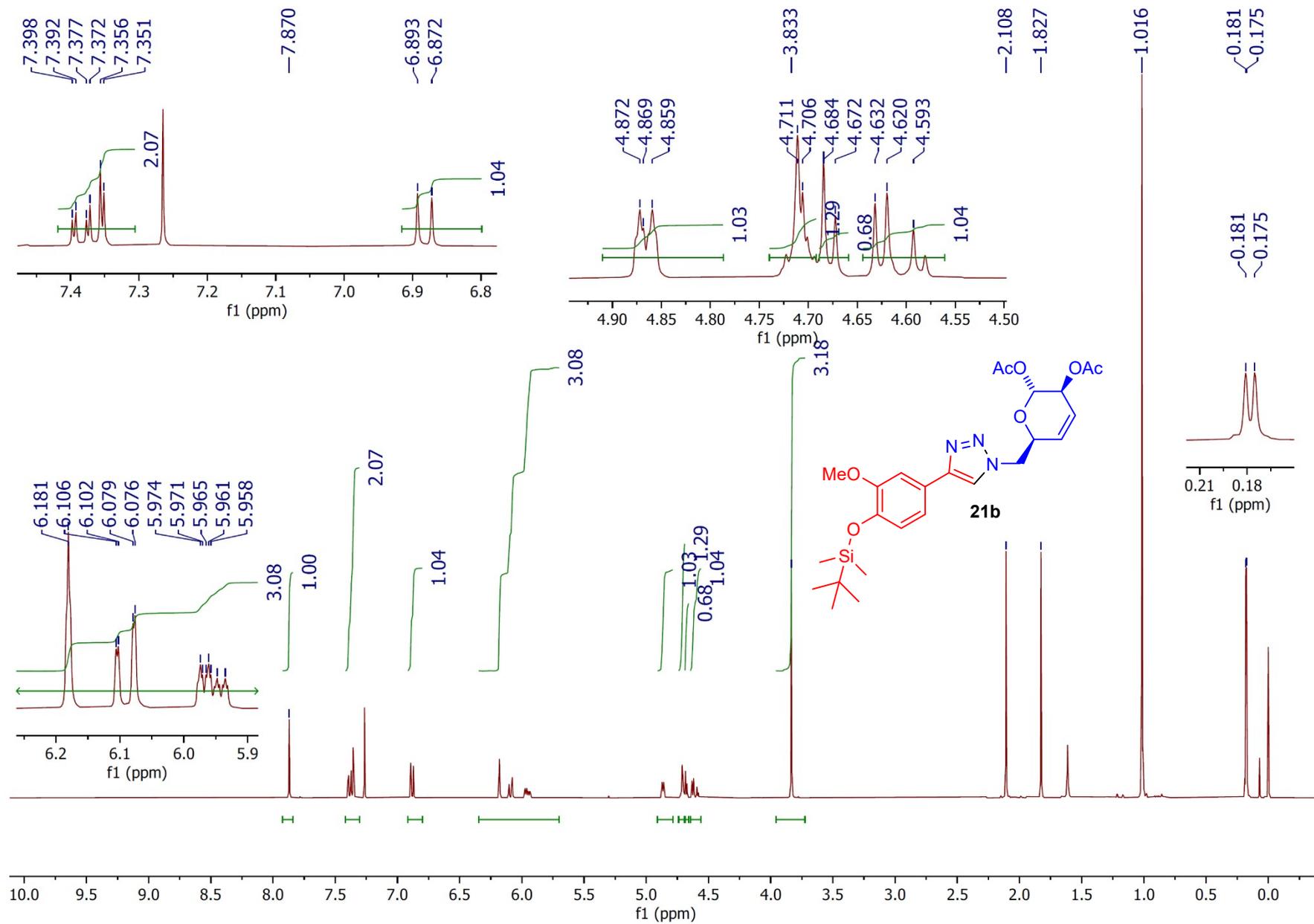


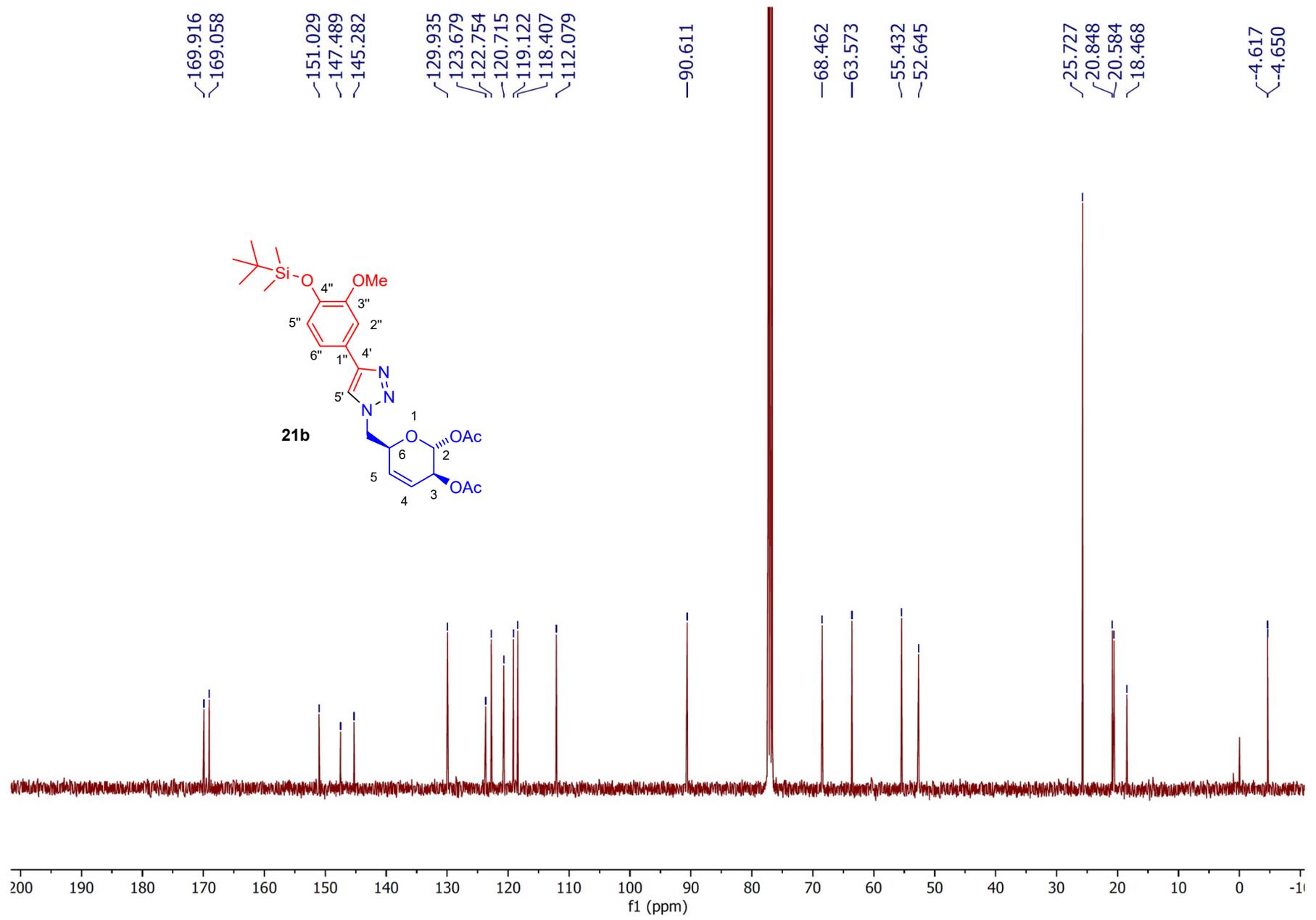


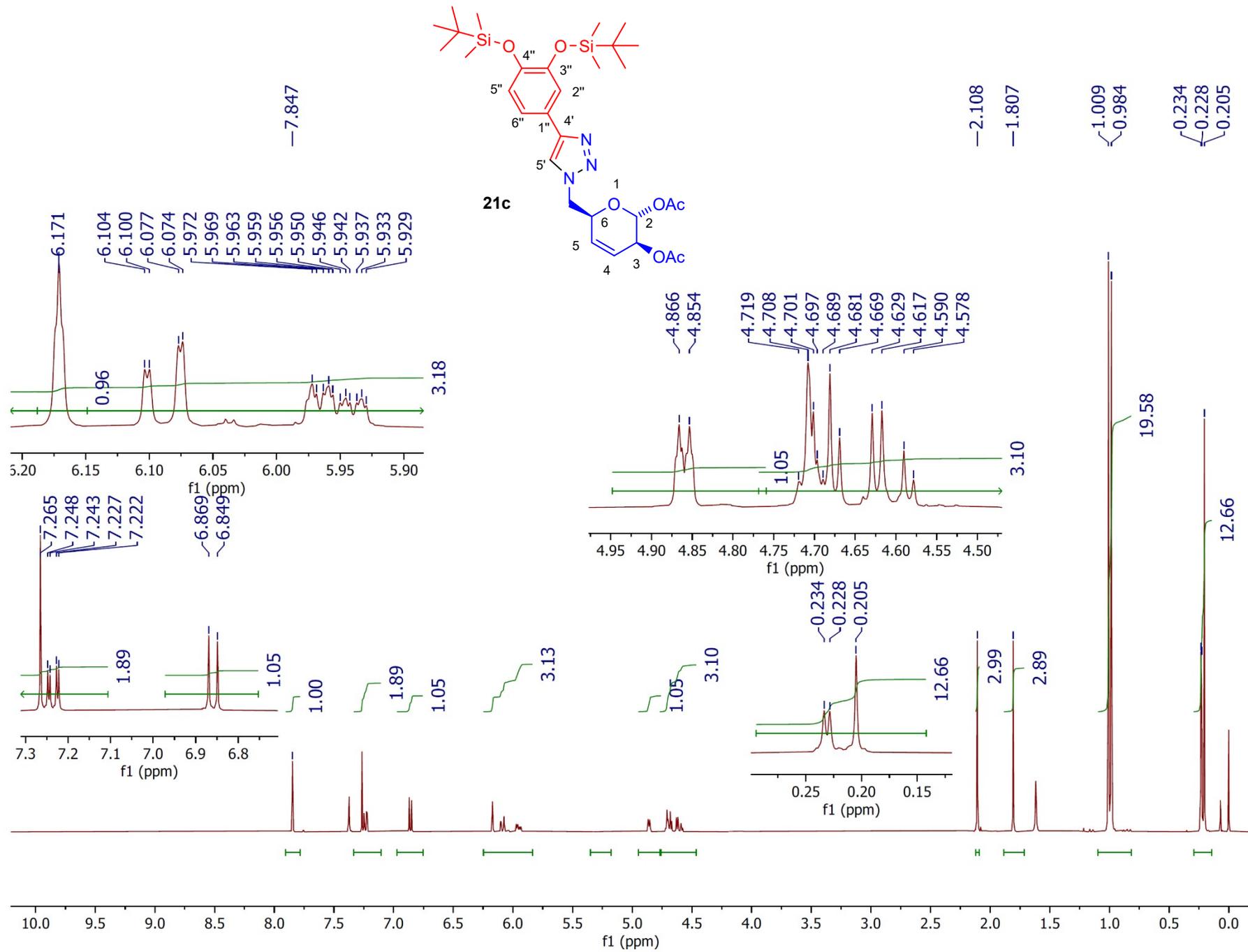


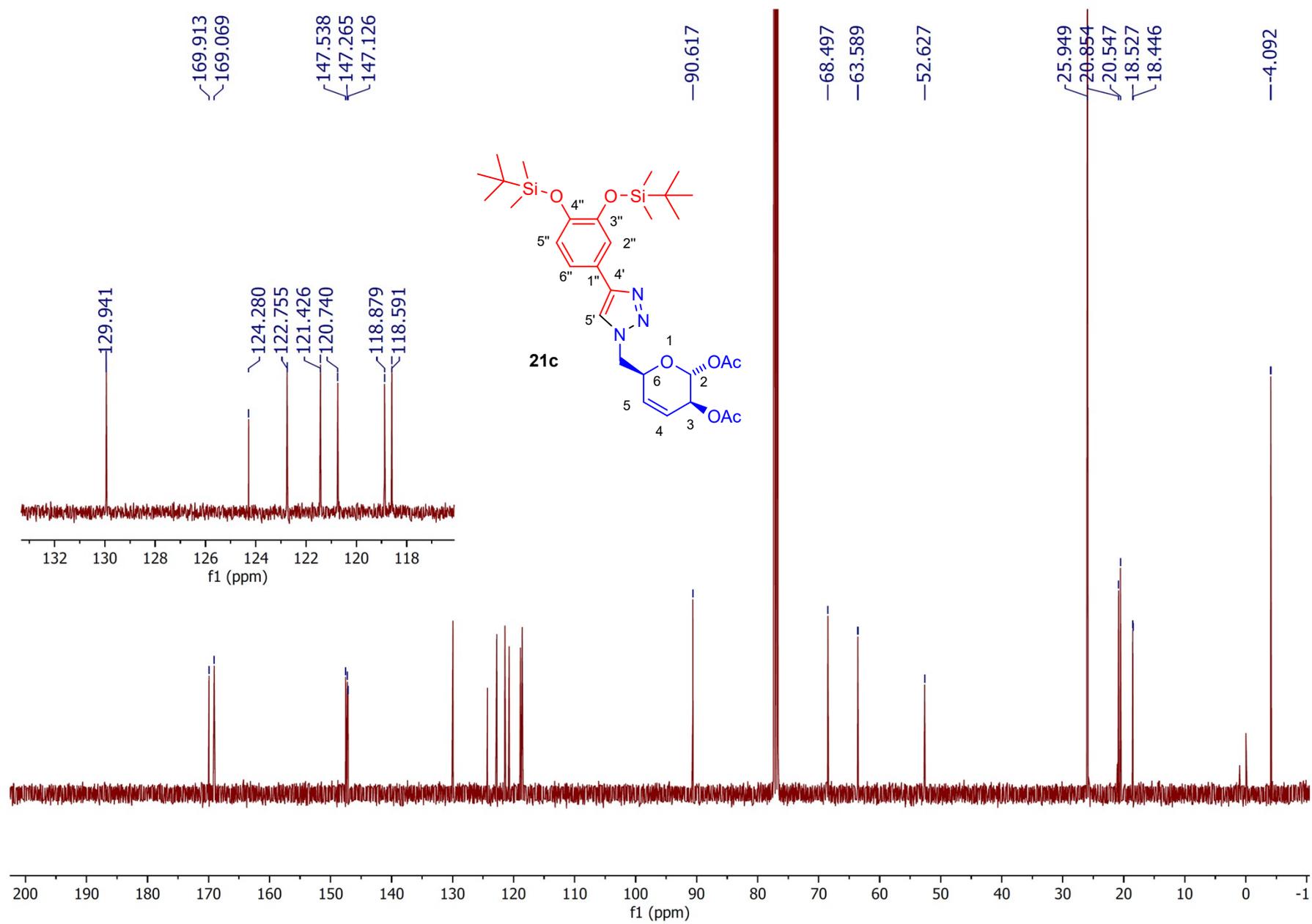


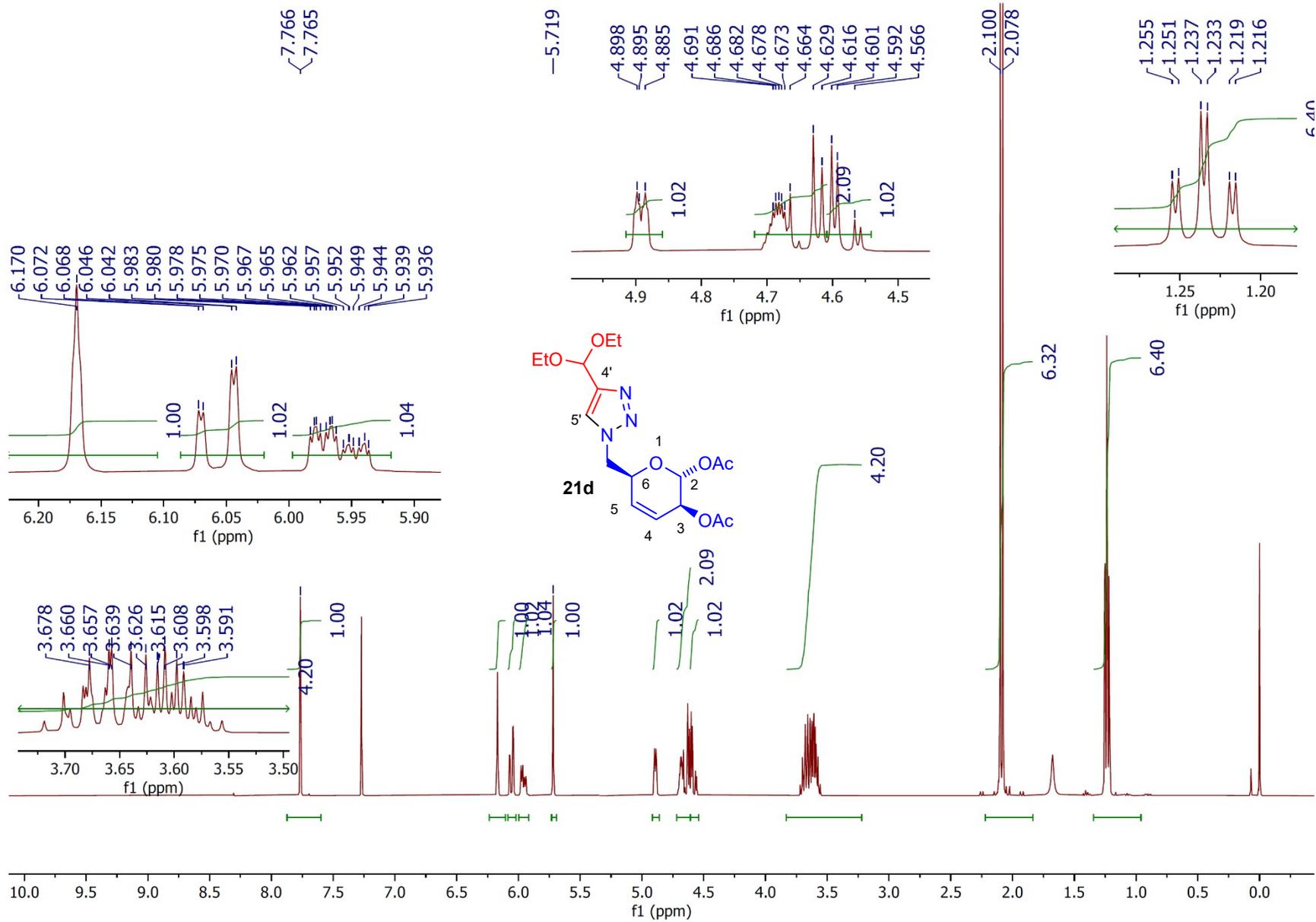


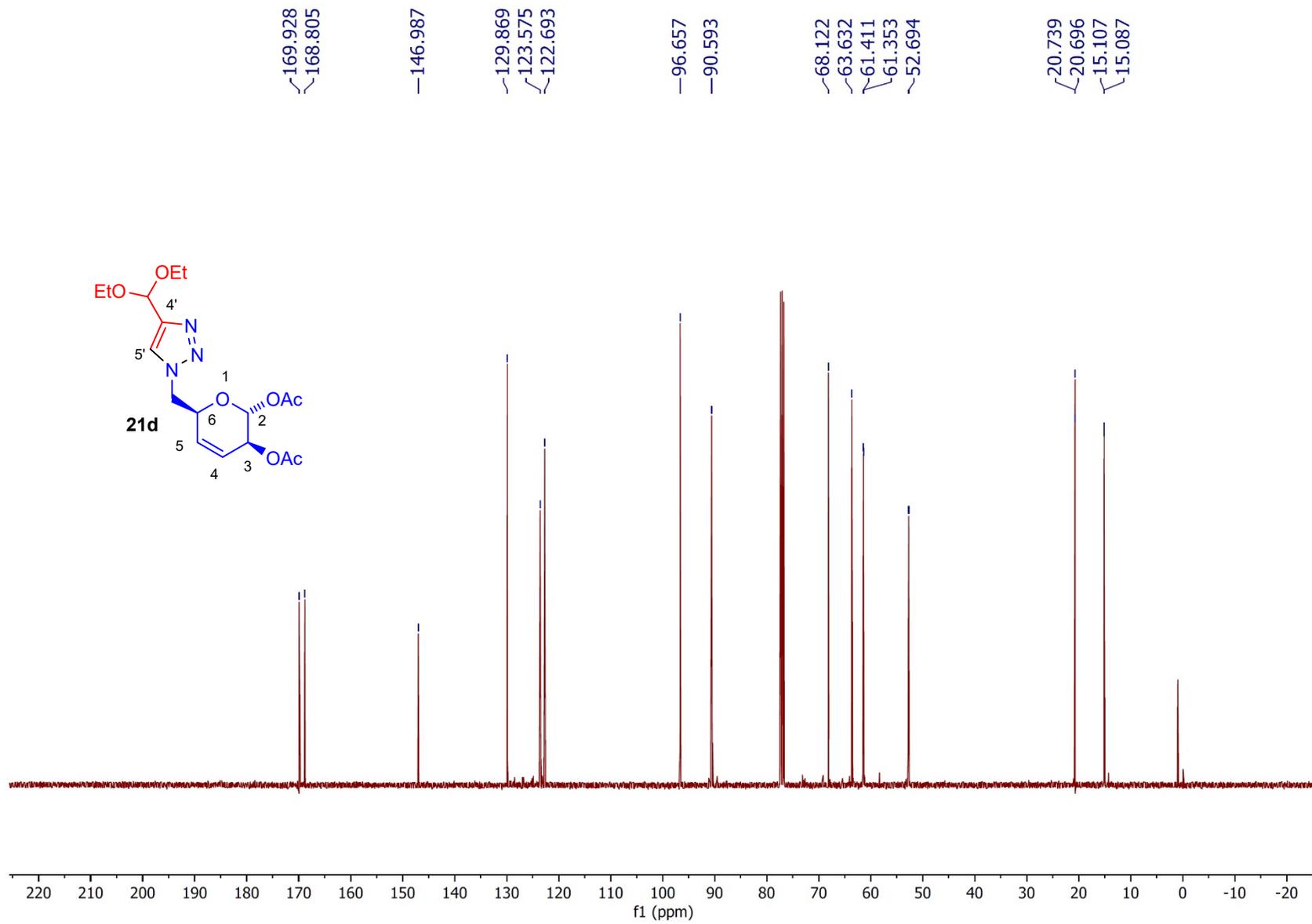


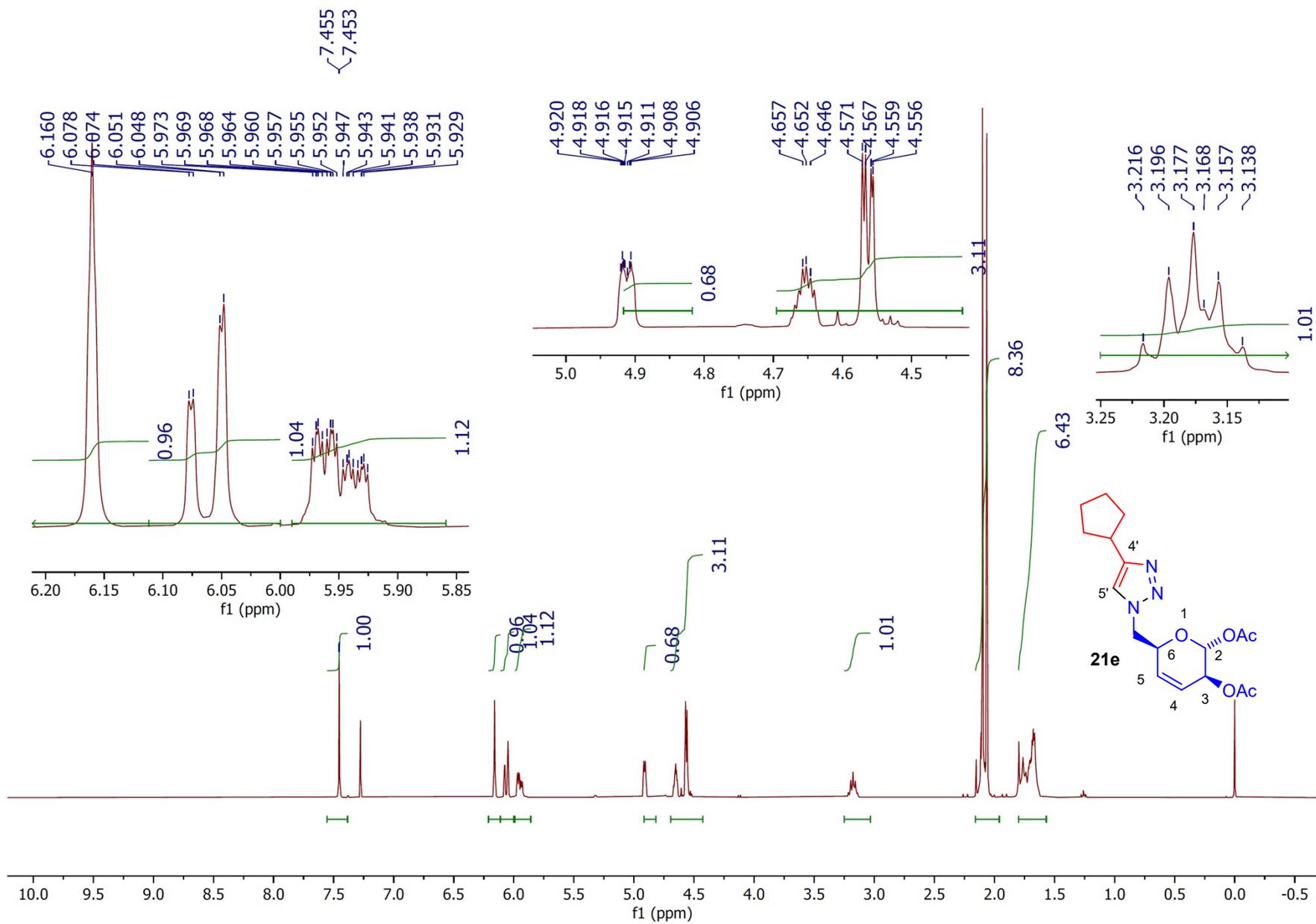


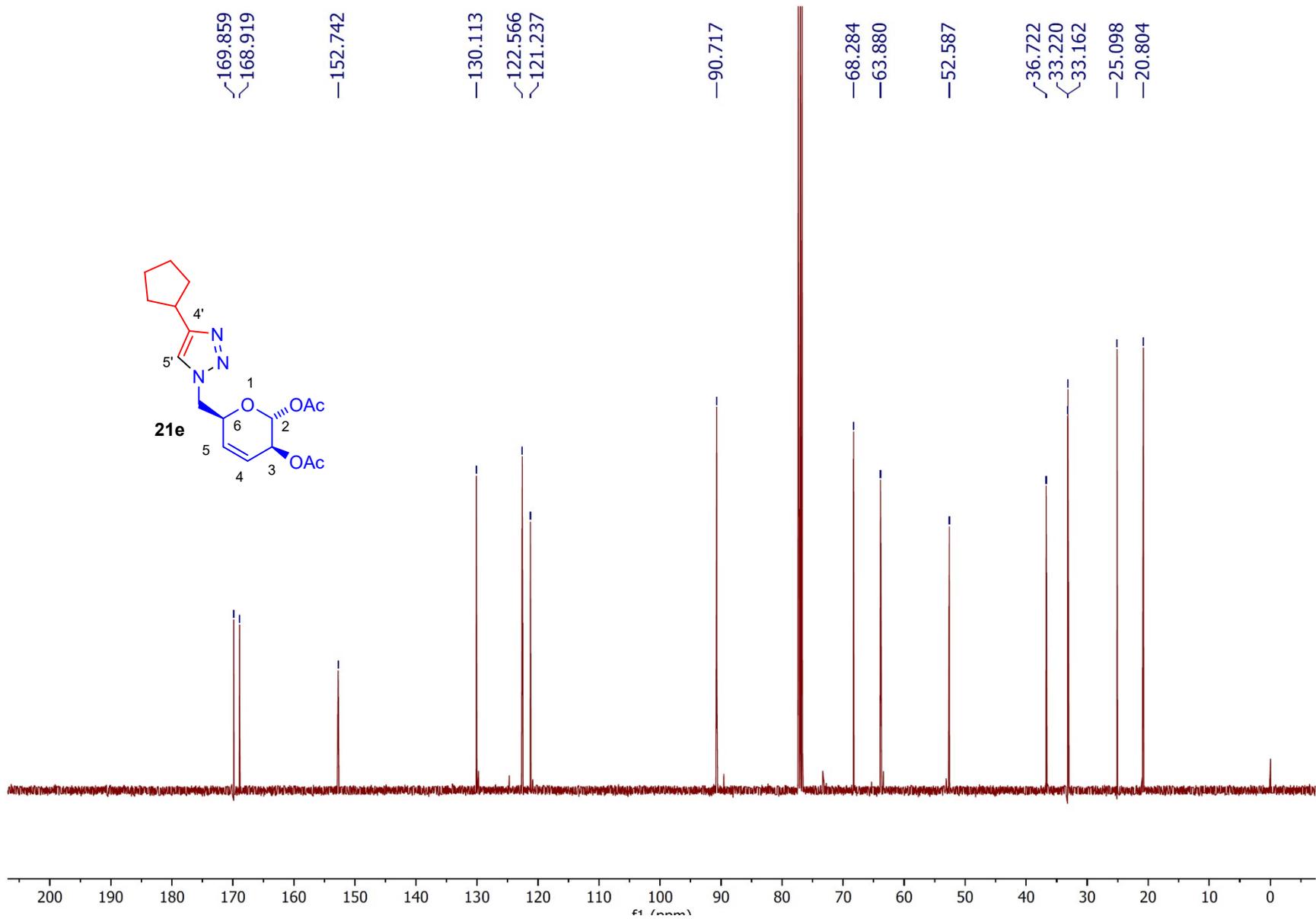


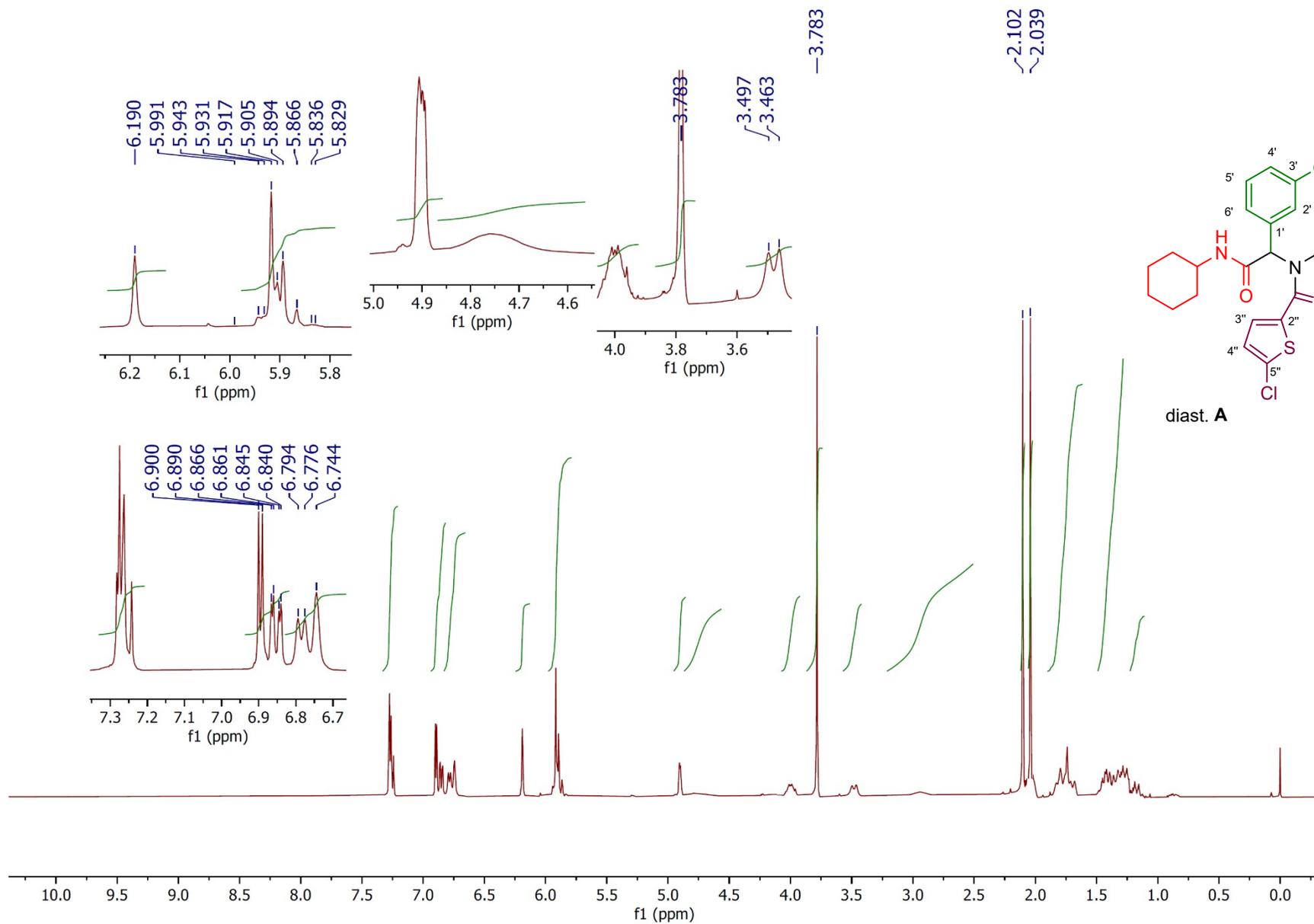


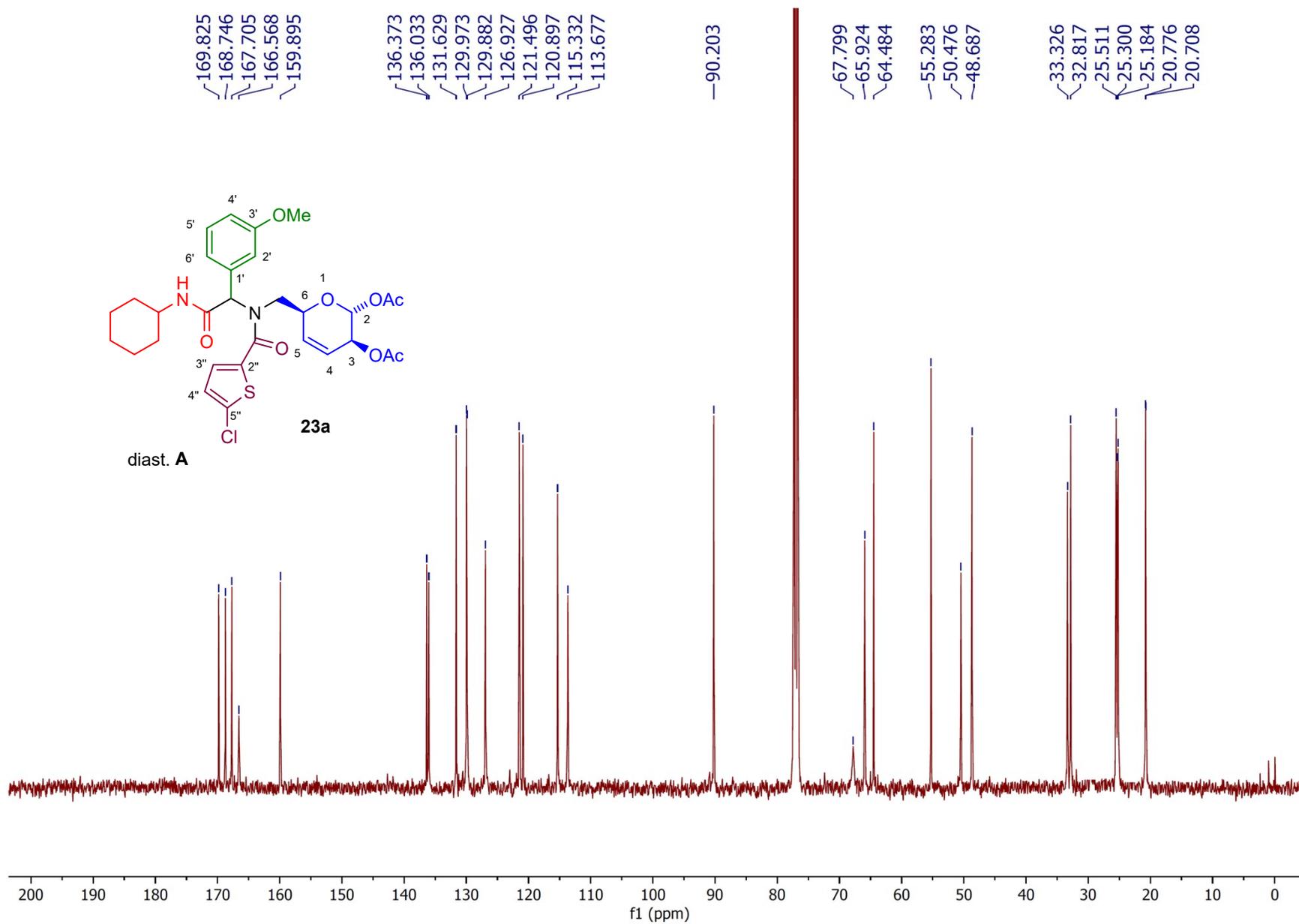


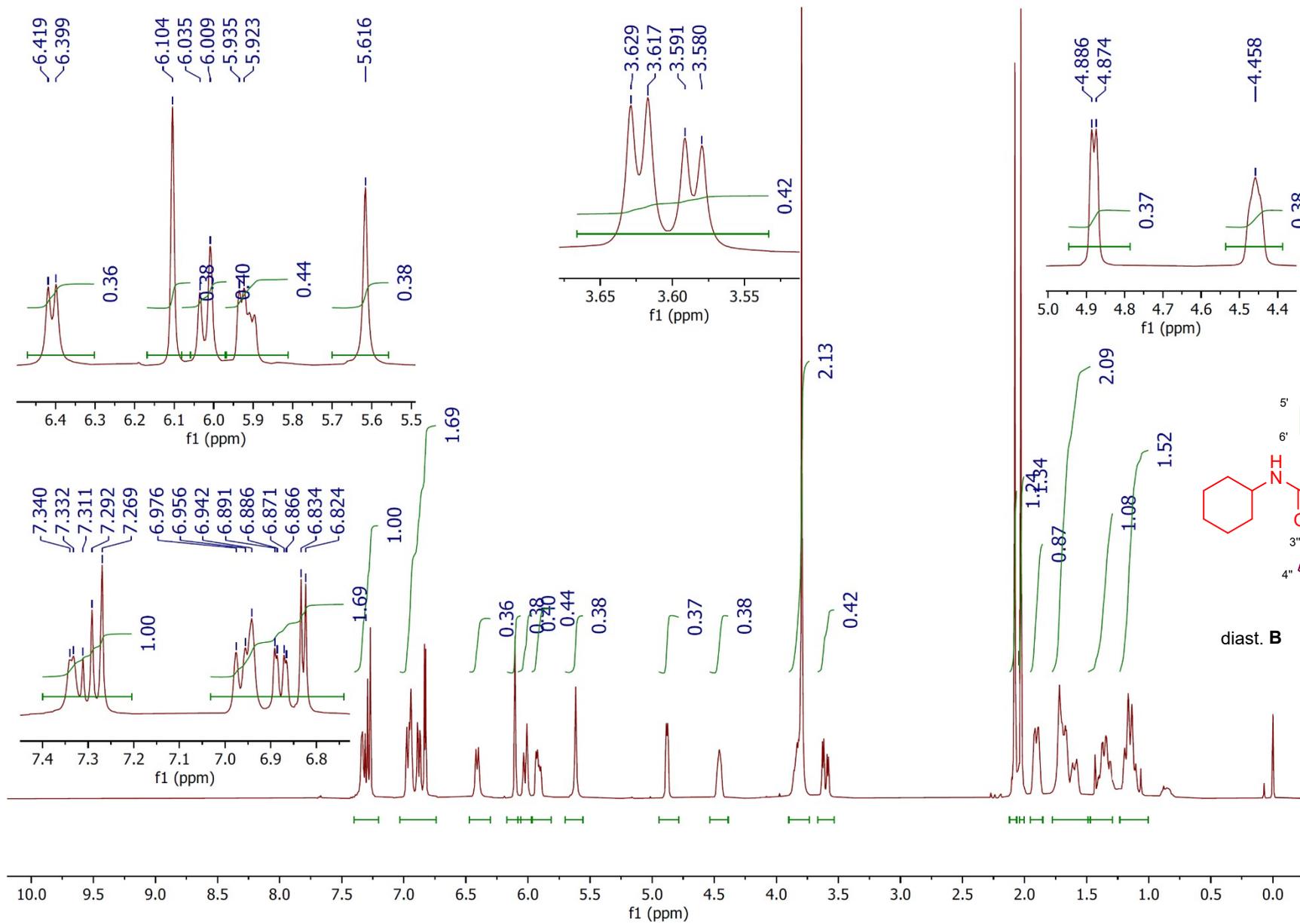


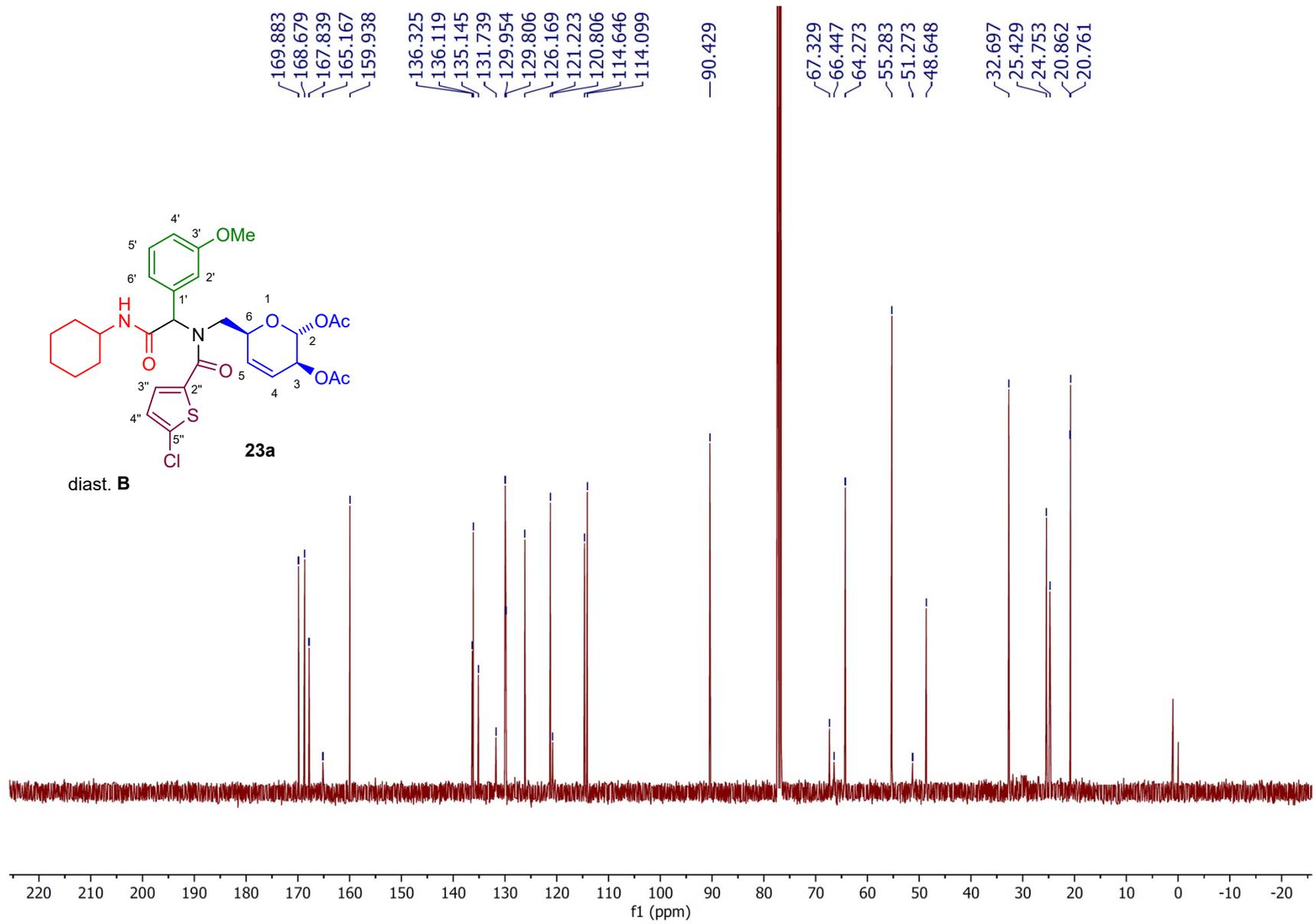


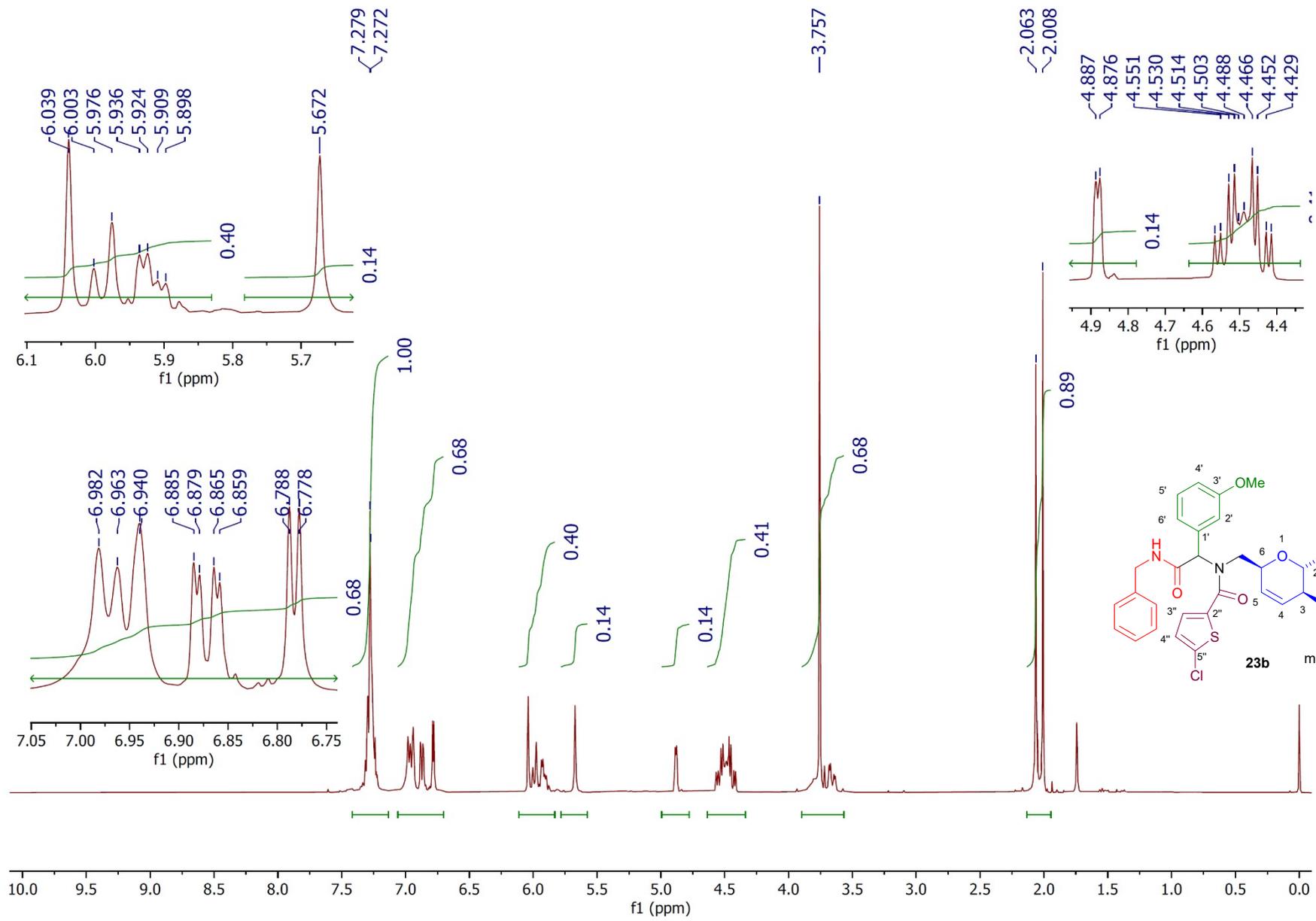


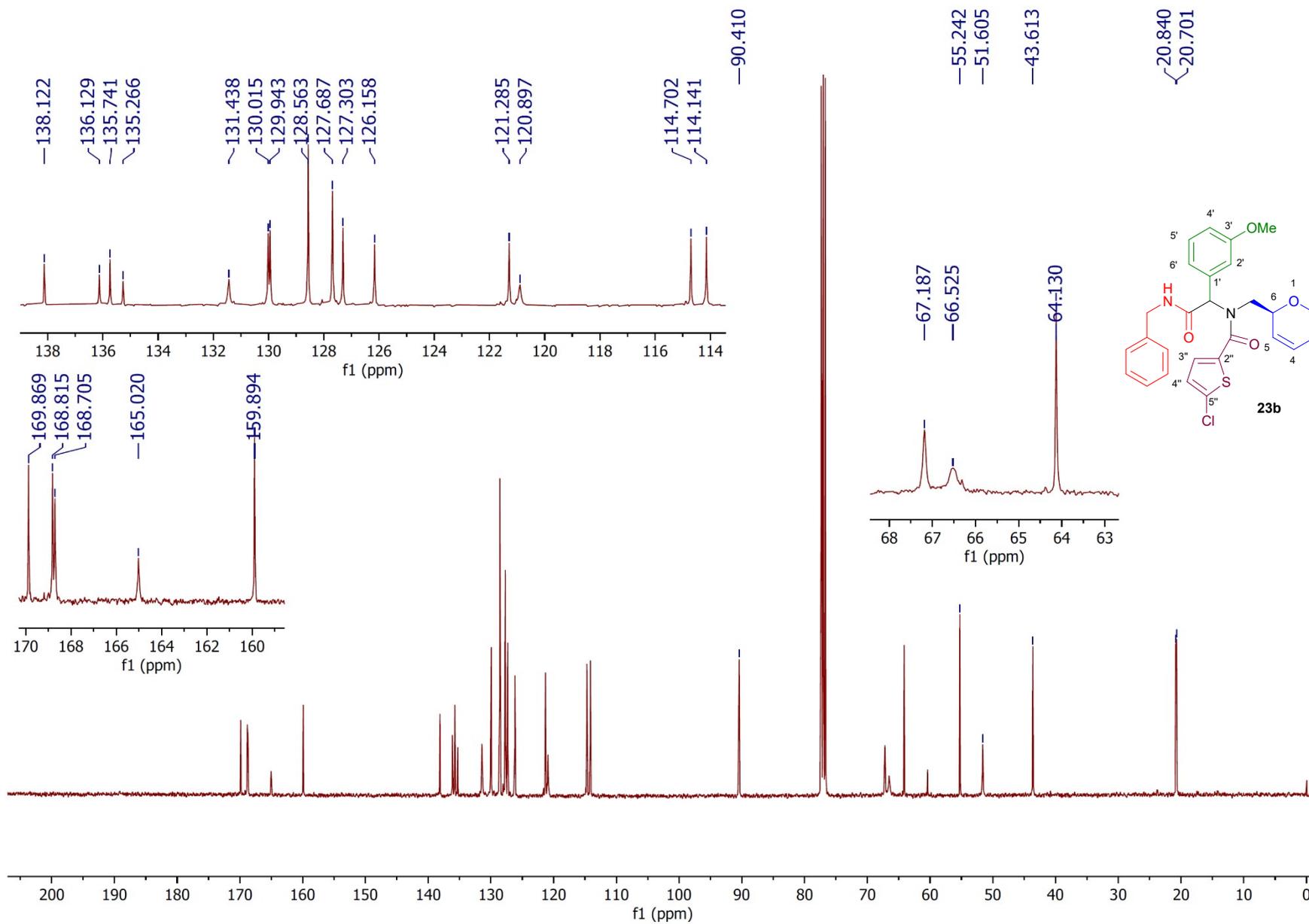


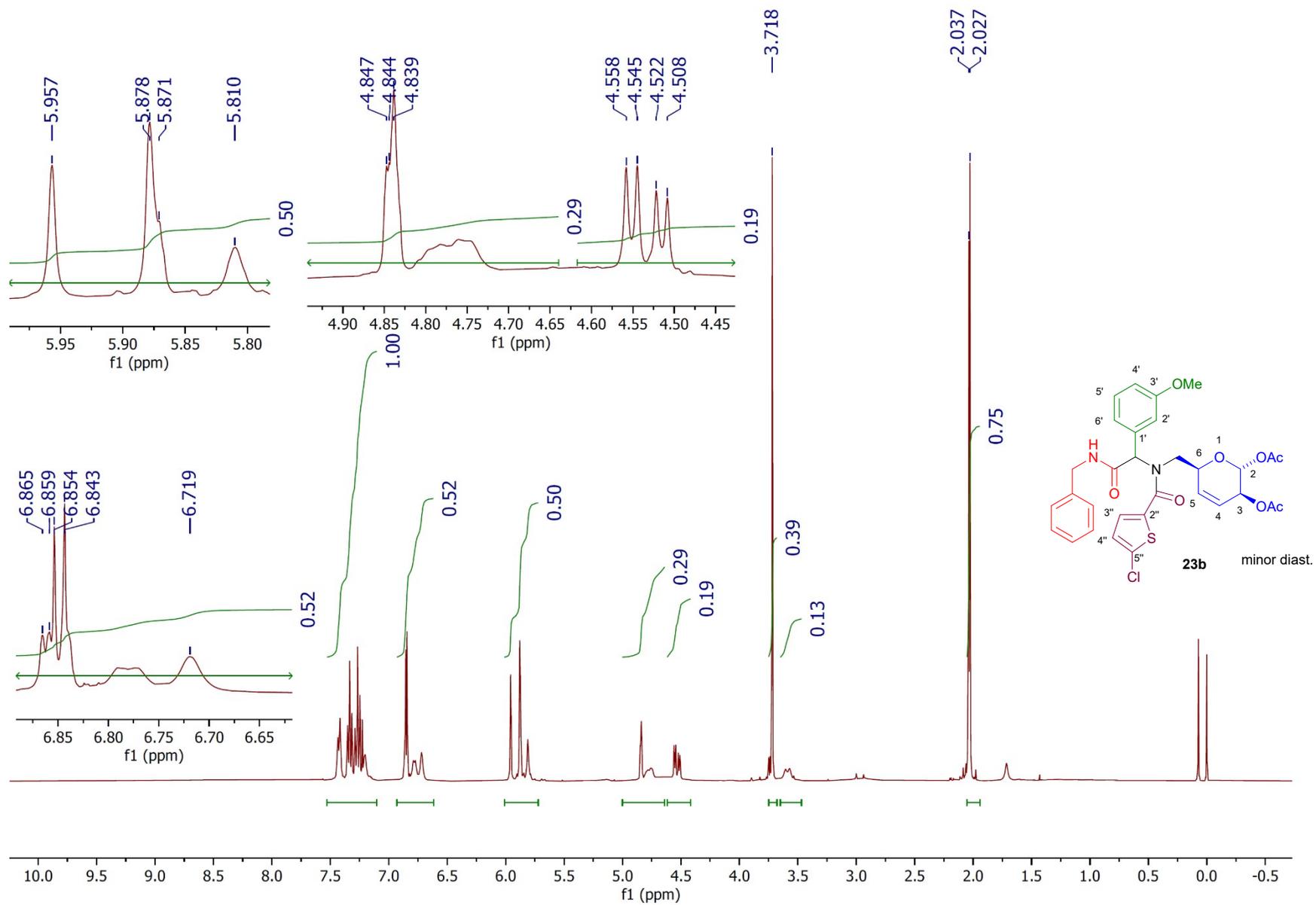


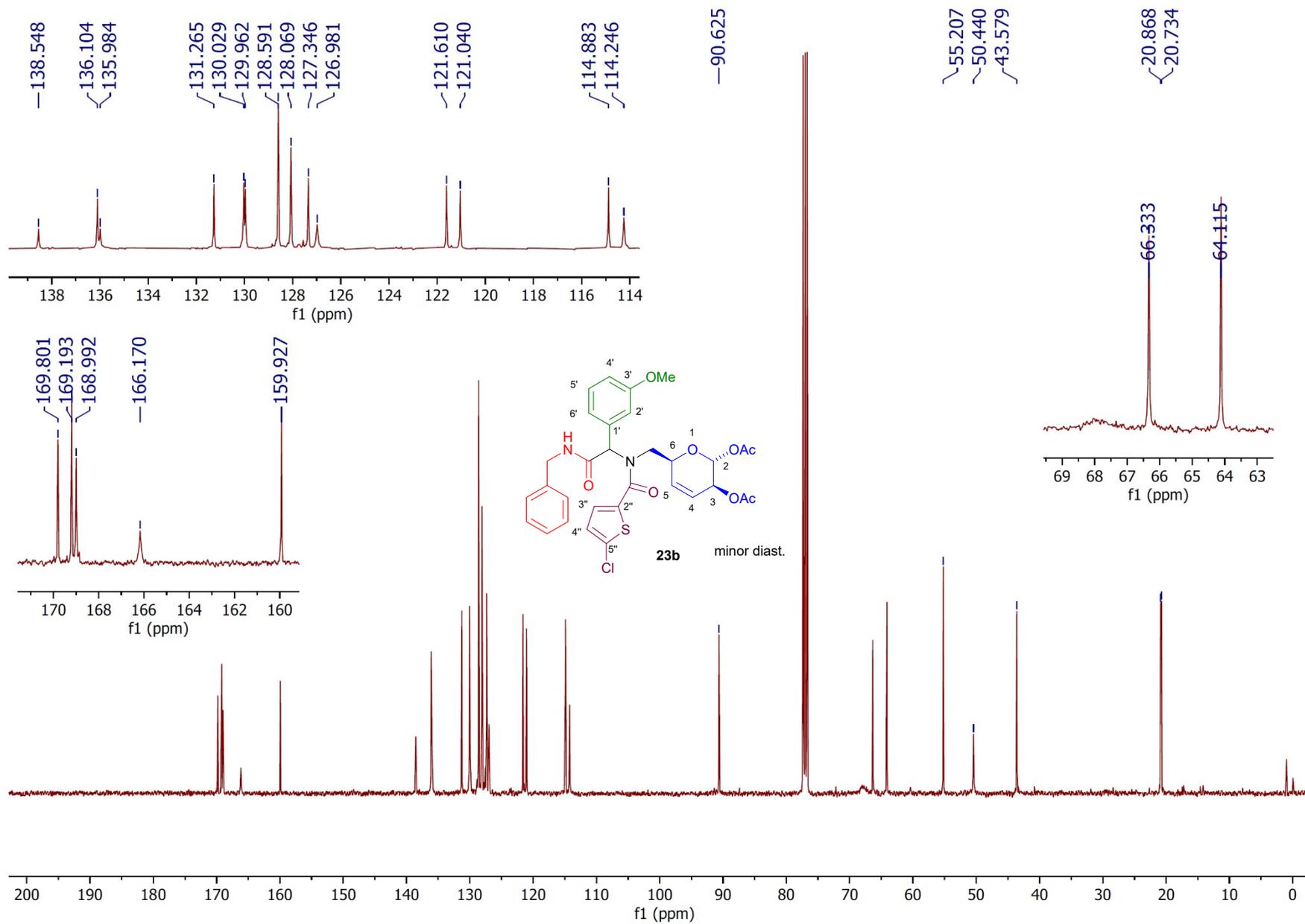


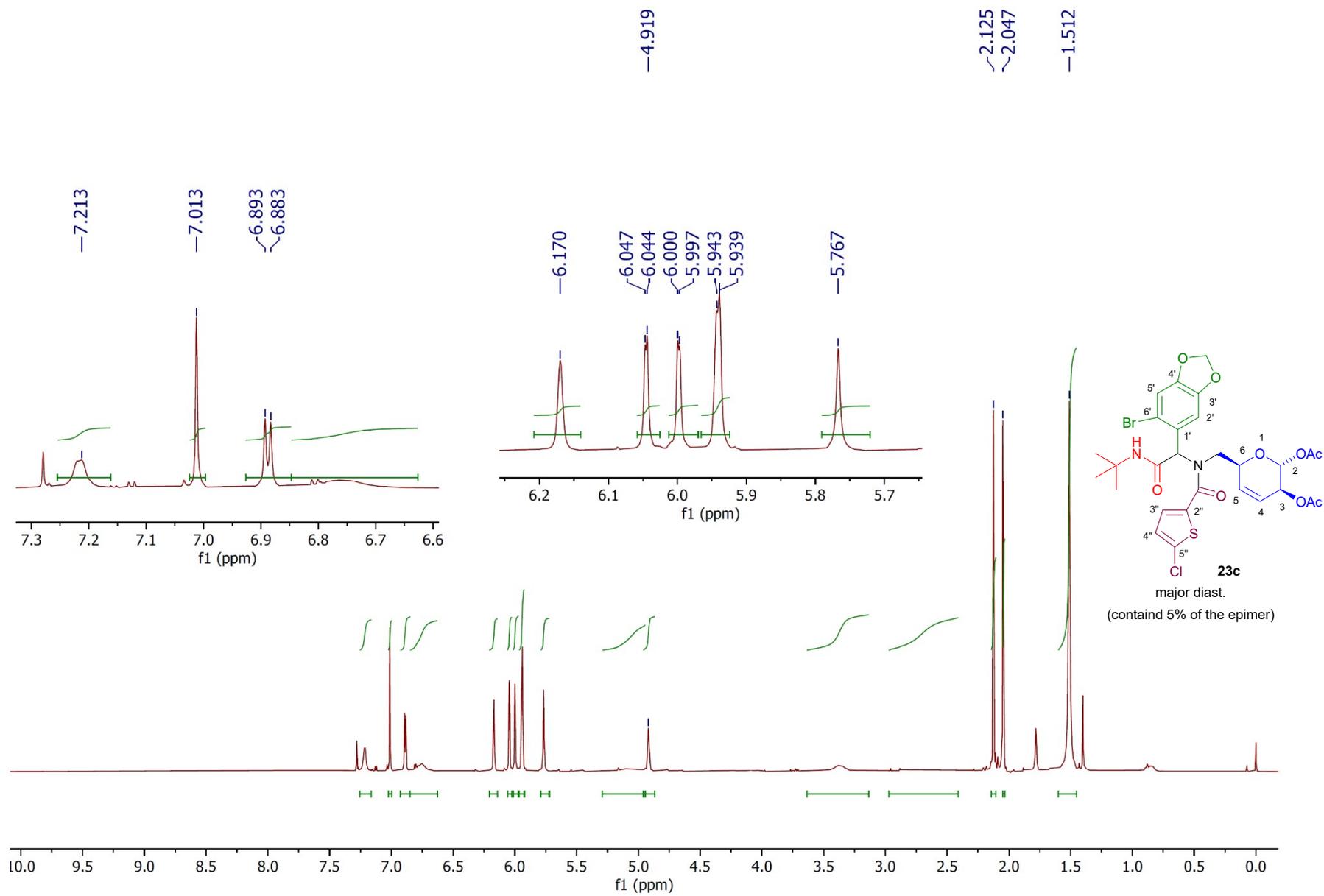


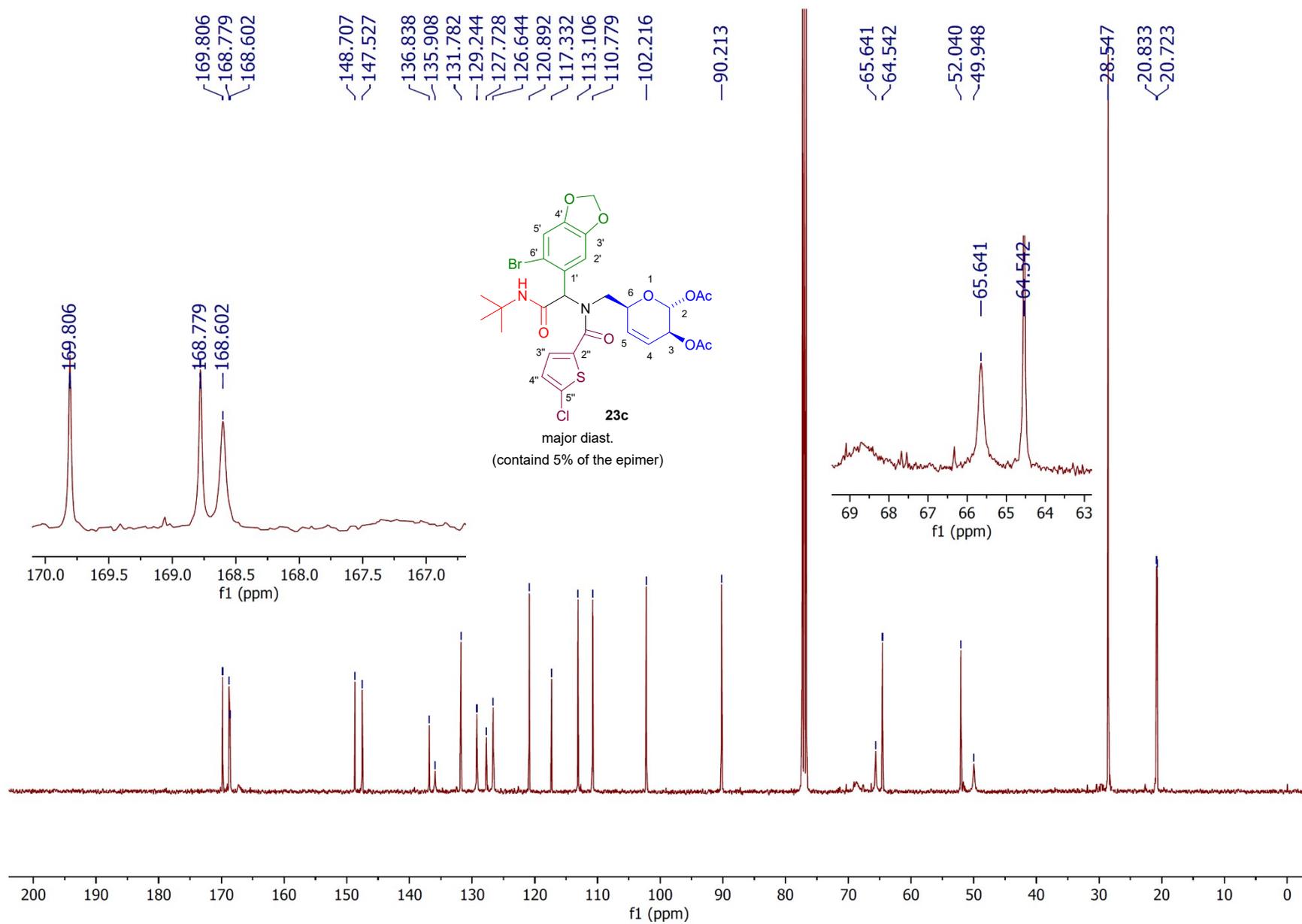


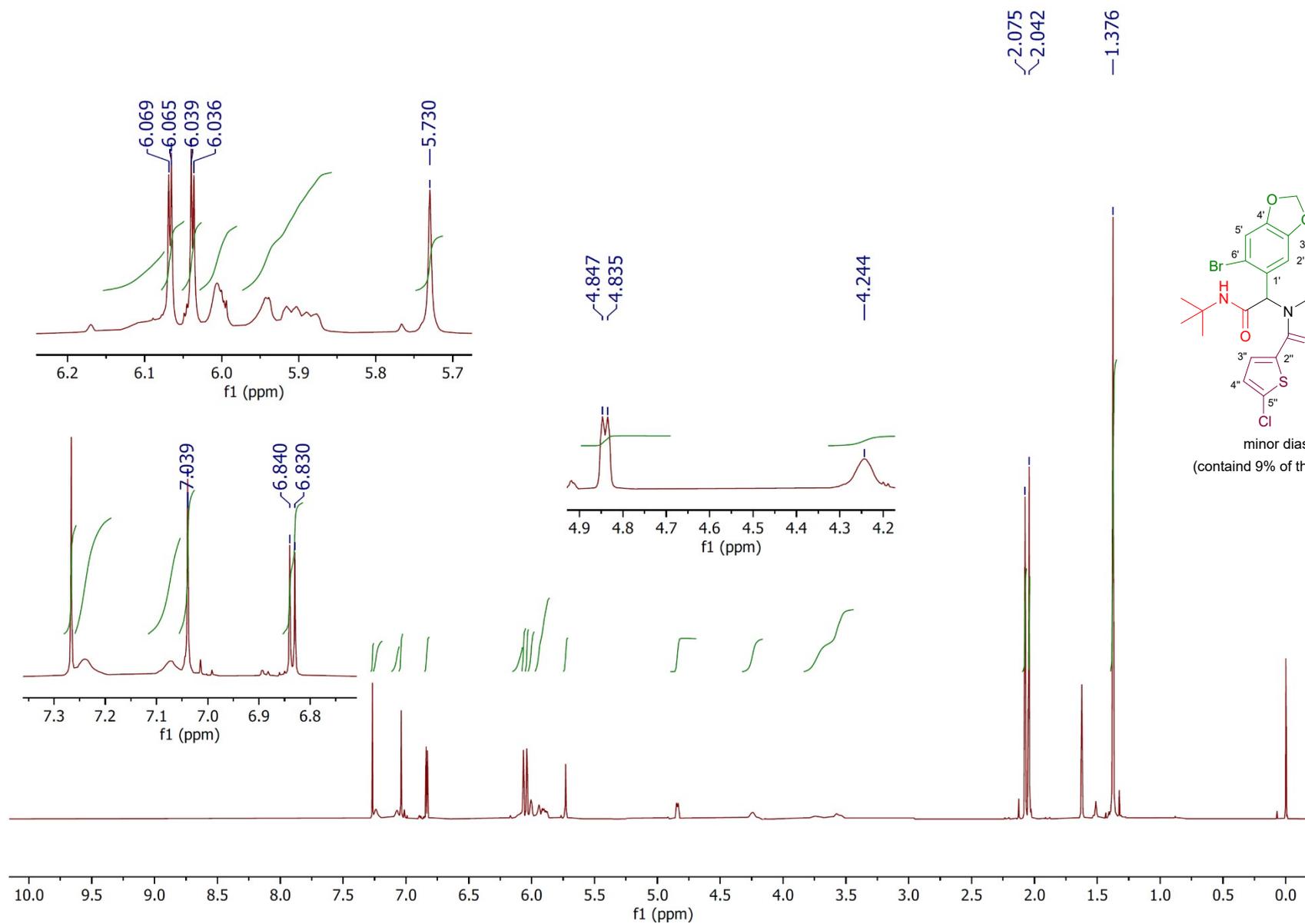


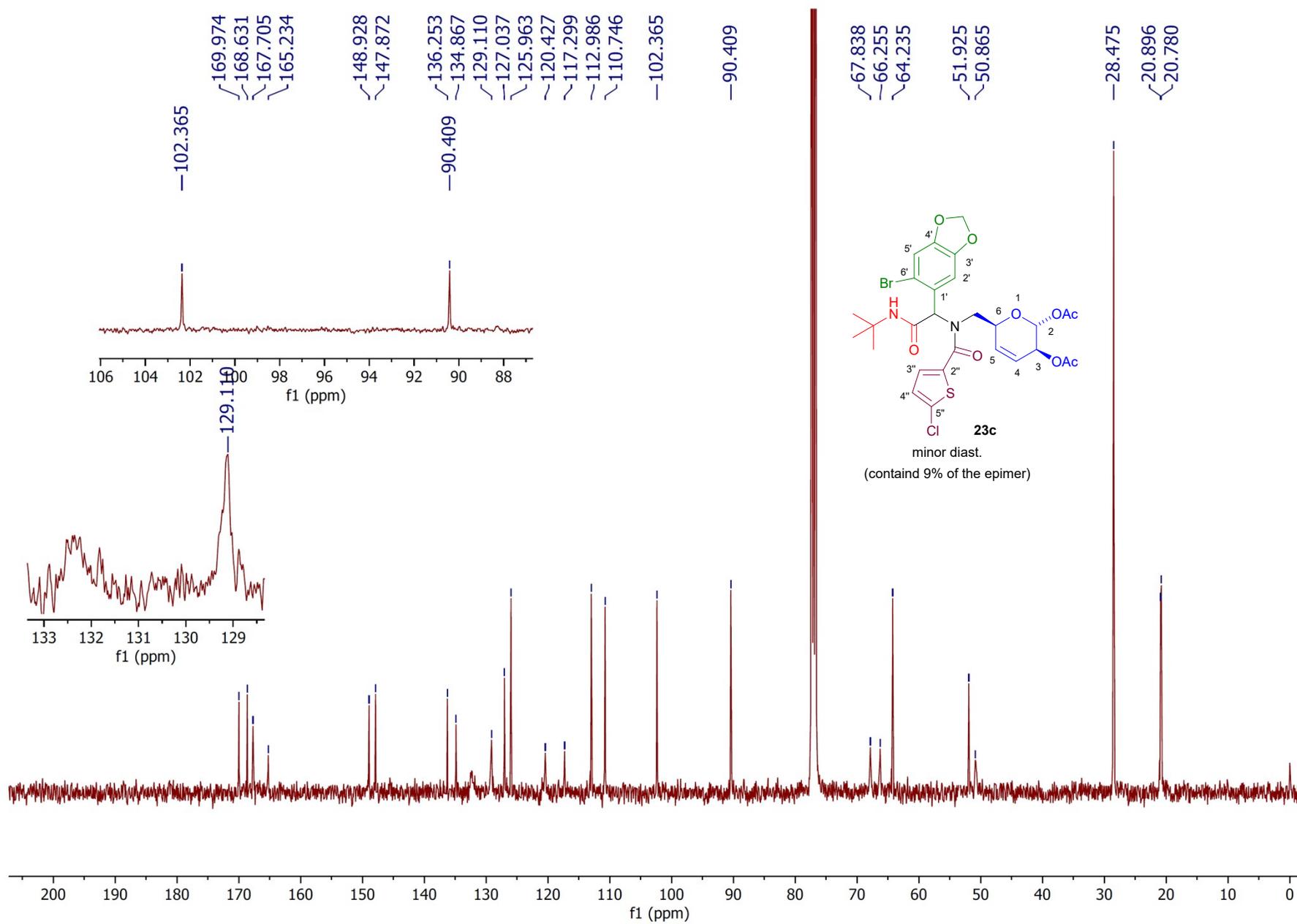


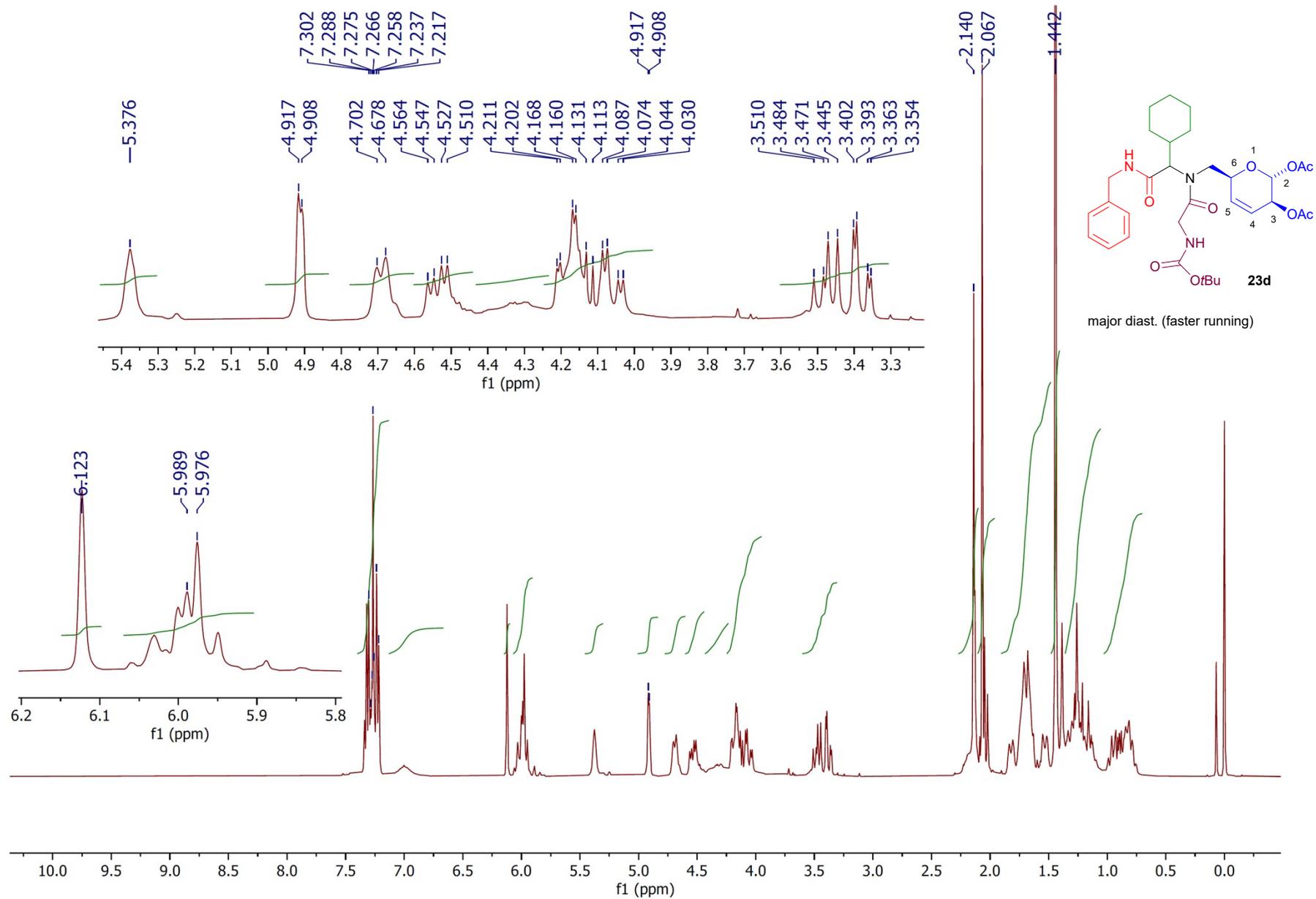


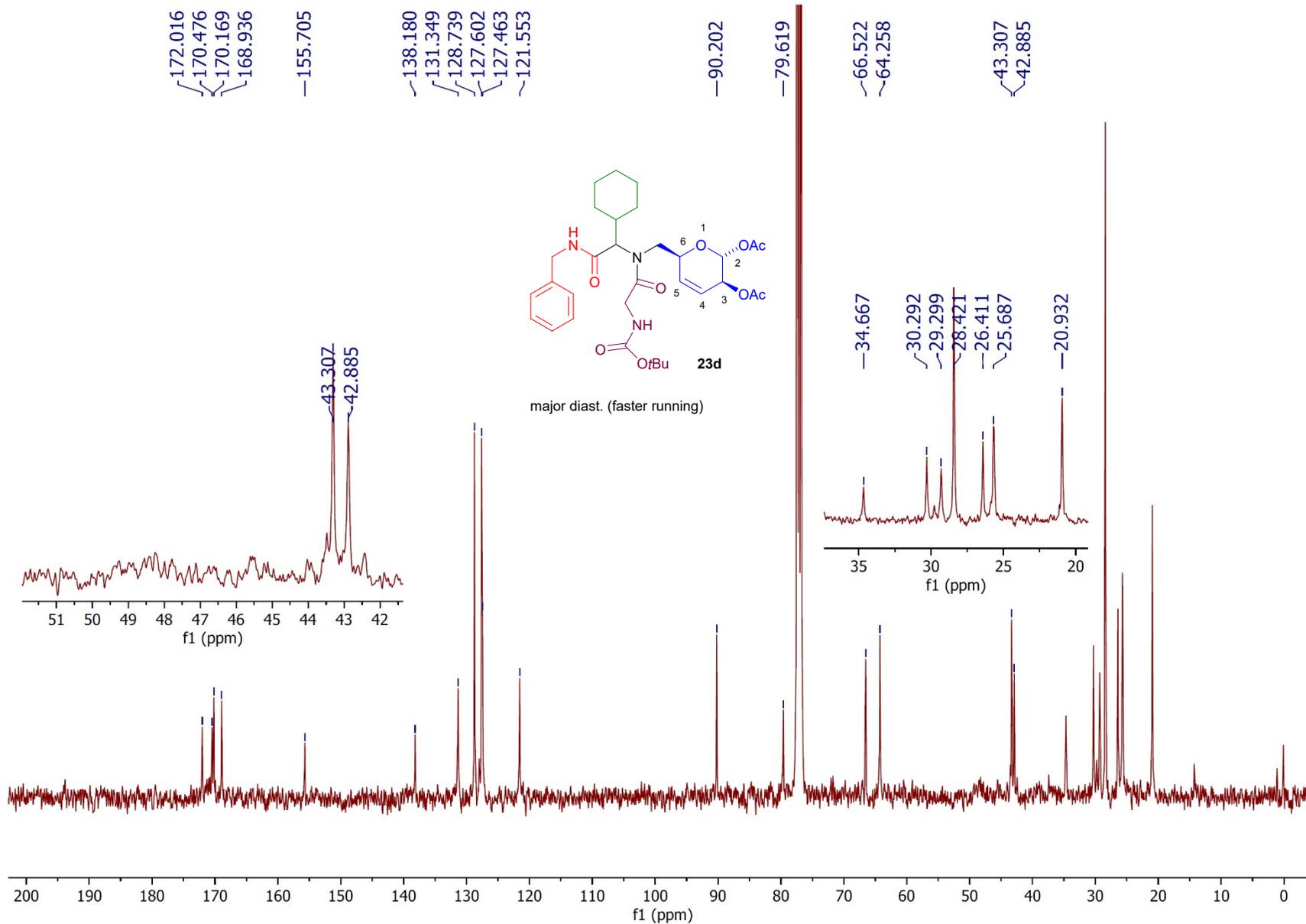




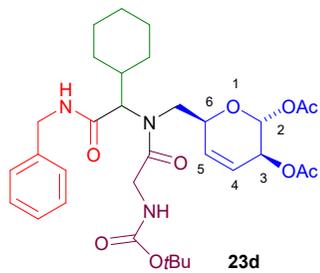




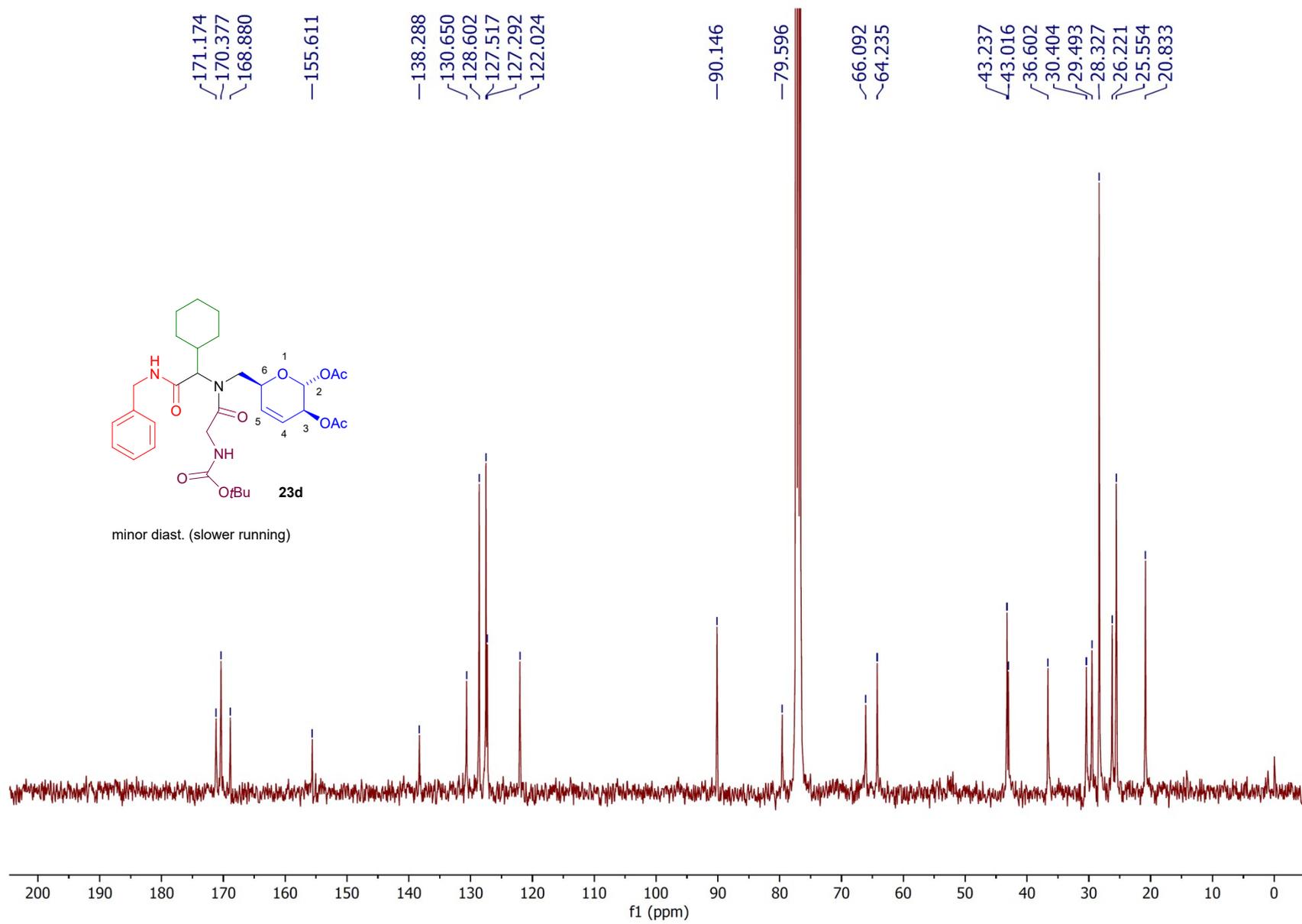


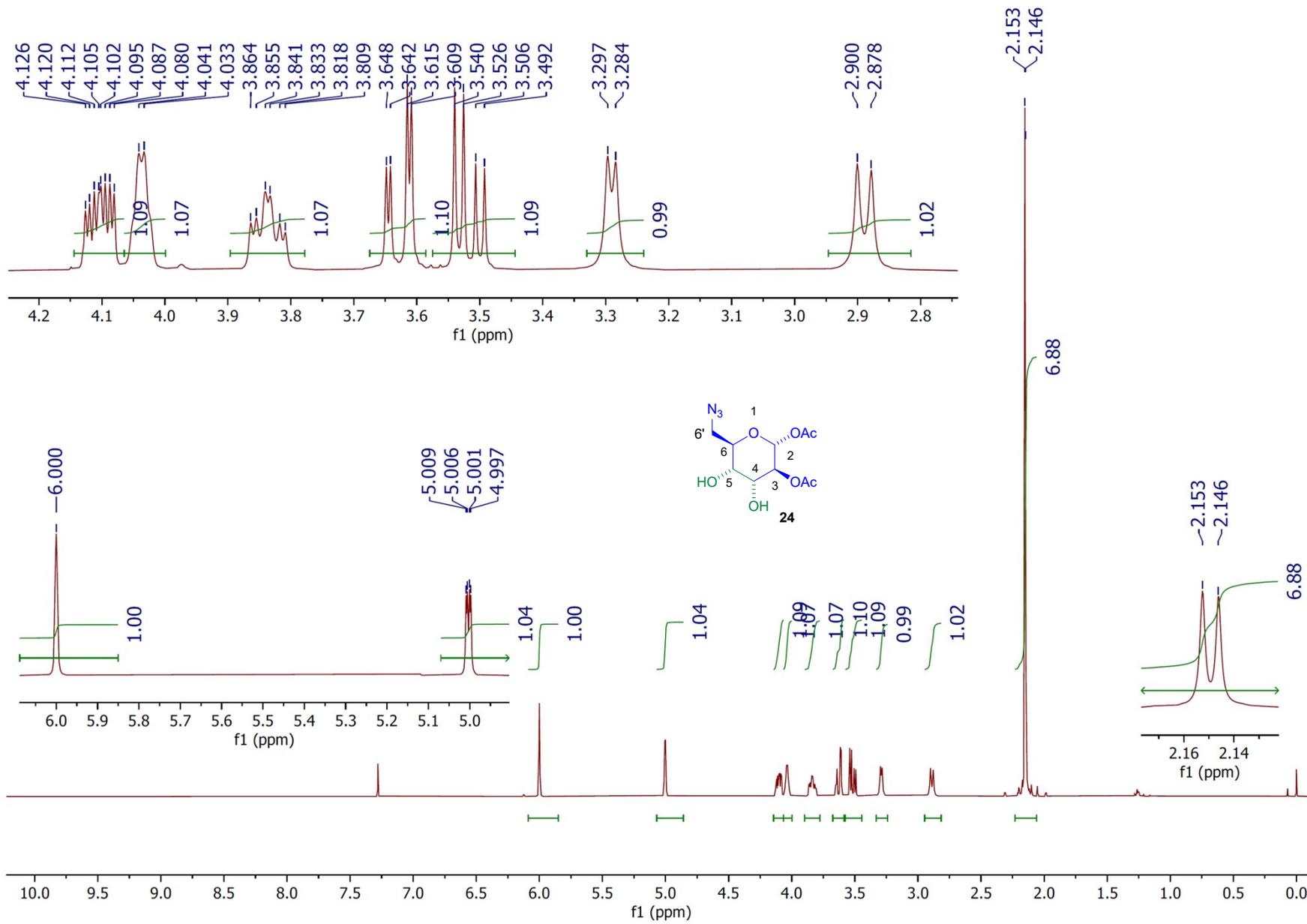




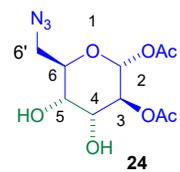


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