

## Supplementary Information

### Optimization of the central $\alpha$ -amino acid in cystobactamids to the broad-spectrum, resistance-breaking antibiotic CN-CC-861

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Table S1. MIC values of selected compounds on an extended panel of bacteria compared to CN-DM-861 and ciprofloxacin (CIP) determined by standard procedures<sup>5</sup>.

	MIC (µg/mL)						
	CN-DM-861	CIP	23	24	27	32	33
<b>Gram-negative</b>							
<i>A. baumannii</i> DSM 30008	0.5	0.2-0.32	0.25	0.06	0.25	0.4	2
<i>A. baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-1710	64	> 6.4	0.25-0.5	0.06	1	0.05	2
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-105742	0.06	≤ 0.03-0.25	0.06	0.016	0.5	0.05	0.25
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-107292	64	64	0.5-4	4	4	2	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> R835	2-64	32	4	2	> 8	6.4	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> NCTC 13301	> 64	32	0.8	0.5	4	0.06-0.125	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> ACC00445	>32	n.d.	4	1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
<i>E. aerogenes</i> CIP-106754	> 64	> 6.4	> 64	1	> 6.4	2-4	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> CIP-104298	4	0.025	> 64	> 64	32	> 6.4	1
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> KP10581 (waaC::Tn30)	0.125-2	> 6.4	> 64	0.5	> 6.4	0.1-0.2	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> R-1525 (QnrA1)	> 64	> 64	> 64	> 64	> 6.4	> 64	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> DSM 30104	0.25-64	0.01-0.1	> 64	n.d.	1	n.d.	n.d.
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PAO1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	8	n.d.	> 64	> 64
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> CRPA/4MRGN (clin HAP/VAP, pneumo isolate BAL #2182MHH, 2021)	n.d.	n.d.	> 64	> 64	> 64	> 64	> 64
<i>E. cloacae</i> ATCC BAA-2468	1	> 6.4	4	4	6.4	2	0.25
<i>P. vulgaris</i> DSM 2140	0.25-0.5	≤ 0.06	1	n.d.	4	n.d.	n.d.
<i>S. marcescens</i> DSM 30121	64	0.2	> 64	n.d.	2	n.d.	n.d.
<b>Gram-positive</b>							
<i>E. faecium</i> DSM 17050	n.d.	0.05-4	≤ 0.03	32	> 6.4	0.01	> 64
<i>S. aureus</i> NRS384	n.d.	2	0.5	0.06	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
<i>S. aureus</i> MRSA (clin HAP/VAP, pneumo isolate BAL #2524MHH, 2022)	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	≤ 0.03	n.d.	≤ 0.03	> 64

n.d.: not determined.

Table S2. MIC values of selected compounds on an extended panel of bacteria compared to CN-DM-861 and ciprofloxacin (CIP) determined by standard procedures<sup>5</sup>.

	MIC (µg/mL)				
	CN-DM-861	CIP	37	38	39
<b>Gram-negative</b>					
<i>A. baumannii</i> DSM 30008	0.5	0.2-0.32	0.03	0.016-0.03	0.125-0.25
<i>A. baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-1710	64	> 6.4	0.25-0.5	0.06-0.125	0.5-1
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-105742	0.06	≤ 0.03-0.25	≤ 0.0038	0.016	0.06
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-107292	64	64	0.5	> 8	2-4
<i>A. baumannii</i> R835	2-64	32	0.5	4	2-4
<i>A. baumannii</i> ACC00535	> 32	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.5
<i>A. baumannii</i> NCTC 13301	> 64	32	1.25	0.06	0.5
<i>E. aerogenes</i> CIP-106754	> 64	> 6.4	2	1	> 64
<i>E. cloacae</i> ATCC BAA-2468	1	> 6.4	2	0.25	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> CIP-104298	4	0.025	≤ 0.3	1	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> KP10581 (waaC::Tn30)	0.125-2	> 6.4	0.25	≤ 0.03	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> R-1525 (QnrA1)	> 64	> 64	1.25	4	> 64
<b>Gram-positive</b>					
<i>E. faecium</i> DSM 17050	n.d.	0.05-4	≤ 0.06	0.125	> 64
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> DSM 11865	n.d.	> 6.4	≤ 0.3	0.5	> 64

n.d.: not determined.

Table S3. MIC values of selected compounds on an extended panel of bacteria compared to CN-DM-861 and ciprofloxacin (CIP) determined by standard procedures<sup>5</sup>.

	MIC (µg/mL)					
	CN-DM-861	CIP	40	41	42	43
<b>Gram-negative</b>						
<i>A. baumannii</i> DSM 30008	0.5	0.2-0.32	n.d.	0.06-0.125	≤ 0.0038	n.d.
<i>A. baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-1710	64	> 6.4	0.25	1	0.25	0.05
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-105742	0.06	≤ 0.03-0.25	> 64	0.0075-0.015	≤ 0.0038	n.d.
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-107292	64	64	8	8	1	2-4
<i>A. baumannii</i> R835	2-64	32	1	8	2-4	n.d.
<i>A. baumannii</i> ACC00535	> 32	n.d.	n.d.	0.25	0.5	n.d.
<i>A. baumannii</i> NCTC 13301	> 64	32	4	0.25	0.5	0.125-0.25
<i>E. aerogenes</i> CIP-106754	n.d.	> 6.4	0.125	1	8	1
<i>E. cloacae</i> ATCC BAA-2468	1	> 6.4	0.01	≤ 0.03	0.25	n.d.
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> CIP-104298	4	0.025	0.25	0.5	0.5	n.d.
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> KP10581 (waaC::Tn30)	0.125-2	> 6.4	0.5	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	0.025
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> R-1525 (QnrA1)	> 64	> 64	0.5	2	1	32-64
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PAO1	n.d.	n.d.	> 64	n.d.	n.d.	4
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> CRPA/4MRGN (clin HAP/VAP, pneumo isolate BAL #2182MHH, 2021)	n.d.	n.d.	> 64	> 6.4	3.2	32
<b>Gram-positive</b>						
<i>E. faecium</i> DSM 17050	n.d.	0.05-4	0.04	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	0.0025
<i>S. aureus</i> MRSA (clin HAP/VAP, pneumo isolate BAL #2524MHH, 2022)	n.d.	n.d.	0.05	n.d.	n.d.	≤ 0.03
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> DSM 11865 (PRSP)	n.d.	> 6.4	0.004	1	> 64	n.d.

n.d.: not determined.

Table S4. MIC values of selected compounds on an extended panel of bacteria compared to CN-DM-861 and ciprofloxacin (CIP) by standard procedures<sup>5</sup>.

	CN-DM-861	CIP	CN-CC-861 (13)	21	26	22	25
<u>Gram-negative</u>							
<i>A. baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-1710	64	> 6.4	0.06 – 0.25	≤ 0.03	1	0.125	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-105742	0.06	≤ 0.03-0.25	0.02	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> CIP-107292	64	64	0.5 – 1	2	2	2	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> R835	2-64	32	1	0.5	2	1	> 64
<i>A. baumannii</i> NCTC 13301	> 64	32	2	0.25	n.d.	0.5	> 64
<i>E. aerogenes</i> CIP-106754	n.d.	> 6.4	0.125 – 4	4	> 64	2	2
<i>E. cloacae</i> ATCC BAA-2468	1	> 6.4	0.06 – 0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> CIP-104298	4	0.025	8	> 64	0.25	> 64	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> KP10581 (waaC::Tn30)	0.125-2	> 6.4	0.06 – 0.25	> 64	0.25	> 64	> 64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> R-1525 (QnrA1)	> 64	> 64	16 - > 64	> 64	0.25	> 64	0.5
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> CRPA/4MRGN (clin HAP/VAP, pneumo isolate BAL #2182MHH, 2021)	n.d.	n.d.	> 64	32	> 64	> 64	≤ 0.03
<u>Gram-positive</u>							
<i>E. faecium</i> DSM 17050	n.d.	0.05-4	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03

n.d.: not determined.

Table S5. Antibiotic activities of CN-DM-861, CN-CC-861 and ciprofloxacin (CIP) against susceptible and multiresistant bacteria.

Genus	Species	Strain	MIC (µg/mL)			Resistance phenotype	Resistant against:	Susceptible against:
			CN-DM-861	CN-CC-861	CIP			
<i>Enterococcus</i>	<i>E. faecium</i>	EF66	32	≤ 0.03	> 6.4	VRE	Ampicillin, Cefuroxim, Imipenem, Vancomycin	Gentamicin (high-level), Linezolid, Tigecyclin
<i>Staphylococcus</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa6	1	≤ 0.03	0.2	MSSA	Penicillin G	Cefazolin, Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Doxycyclin, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Gentamicin, Moxifloxacin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa20	1	≤ 0.03	0.4	MSSA	Penicillin G	Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Erythromycin, Flucloxacillin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Gentamicin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa26	0.25	≤ 0.03	0.2	MSSA	Penicillin G	Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Gentamicin, Oxacillin, Tetracyclin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa37	8	0.125	> 6.4	MRSA	Cefazolin, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Flucloxacillin, Moxifloxacin, Penicillin G	Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Doxycyclin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Gentamicin, Linezolid, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa40	32	0.125	> 6.4	MRSA	Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Moxifloxacin, Oxacillin, Penicillin G	Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Gentamicin, Linezolid, Tetracyclin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa38	4	0.125	> 6.4	MSSA	Ciprofloxacin, Moxifloxacin, Penicillin G	Cefazolin, Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Doxycyclin, Erythromycin, Flucloxacillin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid,

								Gentamicin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa45	> 64	0.5	> 6.4	MRSA	Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Moxifloxacin, Oxacillin, Penicillin G	Linezolid, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa46	32	0.5	6.4	MRSA	Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxazol, Clindamycin, Gentamicin, Moxifloxacin, Oxacillin, Penicillin G	Clindamycin, Daptomycin, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Tetracyclin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa68	1	≤ 0.03	0.4	MSSA	-	Cefuroxim, Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Gentamicin, Moxifloxacin, Oxacillin, Tetracyclin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
	<i>S. aureus</i>	Sa69	> 64	0.25	> 6.4	MRSA	Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Moxifloxacin, Oxacillin, Penicillin G	Co-trimoxazol, Daptomycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidinsäure, Linezolid, Gentamicin, Tetracyclin, Tigecyclin, Vancomycin
Median MIC			4-8	0.125	6.4->6.4			
<i>Klebsiella</i>	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	K6	0.25	≤ 0.03	0.006		Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam <sup>1</sup> , Cefuroxim <sup>1</sup>	Cefotaxim, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Ertapenem, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Tigecyclin
	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	K24	2	0.25	0.0125		Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefuroxim <sup>1</sup> ,	Cefotaxim, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Ertapenem, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Tigecyclin
	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	K26	0.5	0.125	3.2	3MRGN	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefotaxim, Cefpodoxim,	Ertapenem, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem

							Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	
<i>K. oxytoca</i>	K27	0.25	0.125	0.6	3MRGN	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefalexin, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxacol, Levofloxacin, Piperacillin, Trimethoprim	Fosfomycin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem	
<i>K. oxytoca</i>	K33	0.5	0.25	0.0125	4MRGN	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefotaxim, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Ertapenem, Fosfomycin, Imipenem <sup>1</sup> , Meropenem <sup>1</sup> , Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Amikacin, Aztreonam, Ceftazidim/Avibactam, Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Gentamicin, Moxifloxacin, Tobramycin, Tigecyclin	
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	K46	2	8	0.05		Ampicillin, Piperacillin	Amikacin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Aztreonam, Cefepim, Cefotaxim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Fosfomycin, Gentamicin, Meropenem, Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Polymyxin B/Colistin, Tigecyclin, Tobramycin, Trimethoprim	
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	K47	1	32	> 6.4	4MRGN	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefalexin, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxacol, Ertapenem, Fosfomycin, Gentamicin, Imipenem <sup>1</sup> , Levofloxacin, Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin, Trimethoprim, Tobramycin	Amikacin, Polymyxin B/Colistin, Tigecyclin	
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	K61	4	> 64	> 6.4	3MRGN	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam, Cefalexin, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxacol, Gentamicin, Levofloxacin, Piperacillin, Trimethoprim	Fosfomycin, Imipenem, Meropenem	
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	K62	8	8	> 6.4	4MRGN	Ampicillin, Amoxicillin/Clavulansäure,	Amikacin, Aztreonam, Fosfomycin, Tigecyclin	



							Cefalexin, Cefotaxim, Cefpodoxim, Ceftazidim/Avibactam, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Cefuroxim/Cefuroxim-Axetil, Cefepim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxacol, Ertapenem, Imipenem <sup>1</sup> , Levofloxacin, Meropenem <sup>1</sup> , Moxifloxacin, Piperacillin, Piperazillin/Tazobactam, Trimethoprim	
	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	K63	0.5	8	3.2	2MRGN	Ampicillin, Amoxicillin/Clavulansäure, Cefotaxim, Ceftazidim, Cefuroxim, Cefuroxim/Cefuroxim-Axetil, Cefepim, Ciprofloxacin, Co-Trimoxacol, Levofloxacin, Trimethoprim	Ertapenem, Fosfomycin, Meropenem, Piperacillin/Tazobactam
Median MIC			0.5-1	0.25-8	0.6-3.2			
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa33	> 64	> 64	0.4	4MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Amikacin, Gentamicin, Polymyxin B/Colistin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa34	16	1	3.2	4MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Levofloxacin, Meropenem, Piperacillin	Ceftazidim/Avibactam, Ceftolozan/Tazobactam, Polymyxin B/Colistin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa57	> 64	8	> 6.4	4MRGN	Amikazin, Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ceftazidim/Avibactam, Ceftolozan/Tazobactam, Ciprofloxacin, Fosfomycin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Tobramycin	Colistin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa59	8	2	0.2	3MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Imipenem, Meropenem, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Amikacin, Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa60	> 64	8	0.4	3MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Imipenem, Meropenem,	Amikacin, Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Tobramycin

							Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa61	> 64	> 64	0.4	3MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Imipenem, Meropenem, Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Amikacin, Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa62	> 64	8	3.2	3MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Piperacillin	Amikacin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa63	> 64	8	> 6.4	4MRGN	Aztreonam <sup>1</sup> , Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Imipenem, Meropenem <sup>1</sup> , Piperacillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Amikacin, Gentamicin, PolymyxinB/Colistin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa91	> 64	8	0.8	4MRGN	Aztreonam, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Imipenem, Levofloxacin, Meropenem, Piperacillin	Gentamicin, Polymyxin B/Colistin, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa92	32	8	3.2	3MRGN	Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Piperacillin	Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Tobramycin
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Pa94	2	0.5	> 6.4	4MRGN	Amikacin, Cefepim, Ceftazidim, Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Levofloxacin, Meropenem, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Tobramycin	-
Median MIC			> 64	8	3.2			
<i>Acinetobacter</i>	<i>A. baumannii</i>	ABC3	4	≤ 0.03	0.1		-	Ciprofloxacin, Co-trimoxazol, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem
	<i>A. baumannii complex</i>	ABC7	4	0.125	> 6.4	3MRGN	Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Meropenem	Amikacin, Co-Trimoxazol, Imipenem, PolymyxinB/Colistin, Tobramycin
	<i>A. johnsonii</i>	ABC12	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.03	0.05		-	Amikacin, Ciprofloxacin, Co- Trimoxazol, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Tobramycin
	<i>A. Iwoffii</i>	ABC14	0.06	≤ 0.03	0.025		-	Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Tobramycin

	<i>A. ursingii</i>	ABC22	> 64	4	0.1		-	Ciprofloxacin, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem, Tobramycin
	<i>A. baumannii</i> complex	ABC26	4	0.125	0.4	3MRGN	Ciprofloxacin <sup>1</sup>	Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem
	<i>A. baumannii</i> complex	ABC28	1	0.06	0.2	3MRGN	Ciprofloxacin <sup>1</sup> , Levofloxacin <sup>1</sup>	Co-Trimoxazol, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem
	<i>A. baumannii</i> complex	ABC29	16	0.5	0.4	3MRGN	Ciprofloxacin <sup>1</sup> , Levofloxacin <sup>1</sup>	Co-trimoxazol, Gentamicin, Imipenem, Meropenem
Median MIC			4	0.06-0.125	0.1-0.2			

<sup>1</sup>intermediate resistant. 2/3/4 MRGN: Multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria with resistance against 2, 3 or 4 of the 4 antibiotic groups acylureidopenicillins, third-generation cephalosporins, carbapenems or fluoroquinolones; example 3MRGN: Resistance against 3 of the 4 antibiotic groups. VRE: Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus*. MSSA: Methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*. MRSA: Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

## Docking Study

Schrödinger Release 2023-3 (Glide, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2023) was used for the docking study. Ligands were prepared using the default settings of LigPrep (Force field: OPLS4; Target pH:  $7.00 \pm 2.00$  using Epik Classic). The Cryo-EM structure was prepared with the standard settings of the Protein Preparation Workflow, which, among other things, involves the assignment of bond orders and the correct protonation state for pH 7.4, the optimization of the H-bond network, a minimization of the protein and the removal of irrelevant water molecules. The Receptor Grid Generator was used to prepare the protein grid necessary for Glide docking. Albi-1 was used to determine the size of the enclosing box, since cystobactamids have a comparable size. Docking of the ligands was performed using Glide. The following settings were used: Precision: XP (extra precision); Ligand sampling: flexible; Intramolecular hydrogen bonds were rewarded. Since a pose determined for the double-deprotonated Albi-1 was closest to the natural pose found in the cryo-EM structure, the cystobactamids were also docked in the double-deprotonated form.

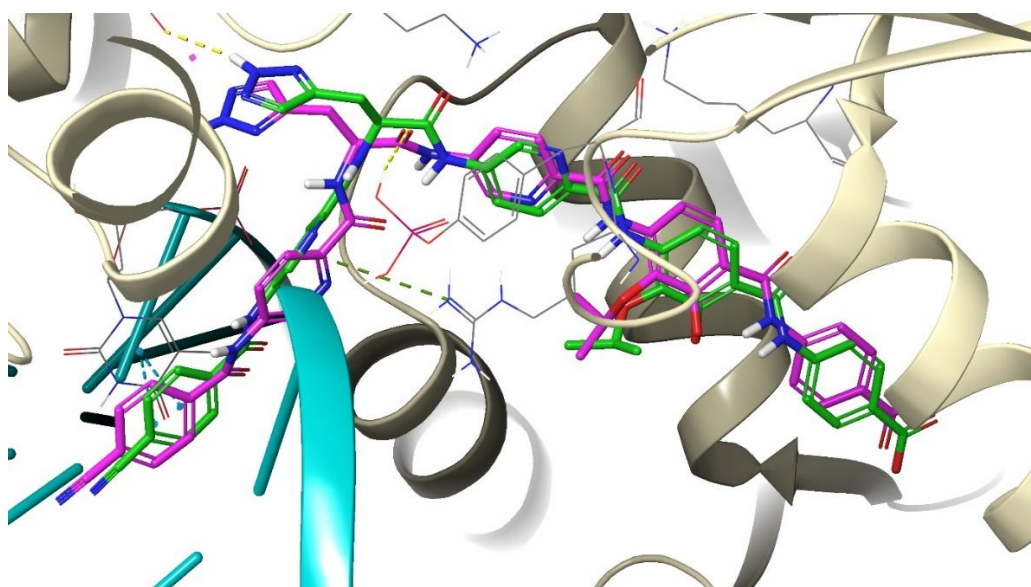


Figure S1. Cryo-EM structure of Albi-1 (green ligand) in *E. coli* gyrase holocomplex with 217 bp DNA (PDB: 7Z9K).<sup>1</sup> Double deprotonated Albi-1 (magenta ligand) docked into the protein-DNA complex with Glide.<sup>2</sup>

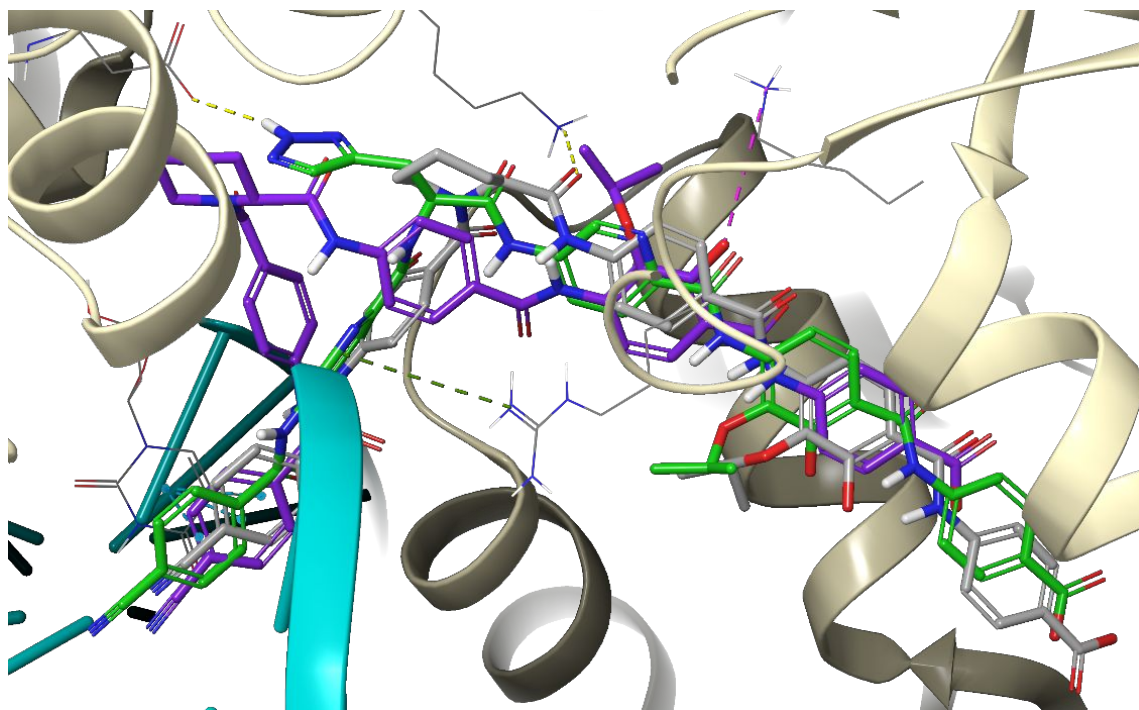


Figure S2. Cryo-EM structure of Albi-1 (green ligand) in *E. coli* gyrase (beige) holocomplex with 217 bp DNA (cyan) (PDB: 7Z9K).<sup>1</sup> **17** (grey ligand) and **18** (purple ligand) were modeled into the protein-DNA complex with Glide.<sup>2</sup>

Table S6. Docking scores of the obtained poses for the double deprotonated **17** and **18**.

Compound	Docking Score
<b>17</b>	-7.25
<b>17</b>	-6.03
<b>17</b>	-4.97
<b>17</b>	-4.06
<b>17</b>	-3.17
<b>18</b>	-1.66
<b>17</b>	-0.96
<b>18</b>	-0.68
<b>17</b>	-0.32
<b>18</b>	-0.27
<b>18</b>	1.54
<b>18</b>	3.58

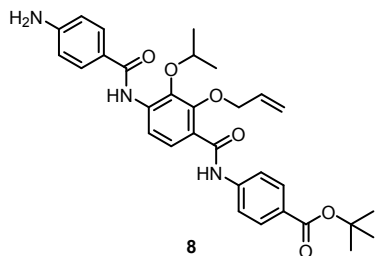
Table S7: Mass transitions of the internal standard (caffeine), controls and cystobactamids.

	Q1 mass	Q3 mass	DP [V]	CE [V]	CXP [V]
<b>caffeine</b>	195.024	138.0	130	25	14
		110.0	130	25	14
<b>naproxen</b>	231.106	185.1	80	19	10
		170.2	80	33	12
<b>procaine</b>	235.744	163.0	80	21	18
		120.0	80	39	12
<b>procainamide</b>	236.773	100.0	80	21	12
		120.0	80	31	14
<b>propoxycaine</b>	294.738	100.1	80	17	12
		178.1	80	21	20
<b>verapamil</b>	454.688	165.0	1	35	28
		303.1	1	35	18
<b>CN-CC-861</b>	791.115	432.0	-240	-52	-21
		748.1	-240	-38	-39
<b>16</b>	846.140	765.0	-165	-38	-45
		432.0	-165	-60	-47
<b>24</b>	807.307	431.9	-215	-56	-41
		764.1	-215	-38	-13
<b>26</b>	782.098	294.9	-215	-74	-19
		432.0	-165	-54	-37
<b>38</b>	805.135	739.2	-165	-44	-17
		432.0	-170	-54	-19
<b>39</b>	805.129	762.2	-170	-40	-37
		432.0	-300	-54	-19
<b>41</b>	799.206	762.1	-300	-38	-35
		469.0	141	25	30
<b>42</b>	799.204	450.1	141	19	22
		469.0	156	23	22
		313.1	156	25	28
	821.171	684.1	251	43	44
		641.0	251	57	52

DP: declustering potential; CE: collision energy; CXP: collision cell exit potential.

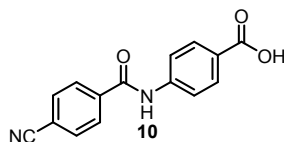
## Synthesis of Cystobactamide Derivatives

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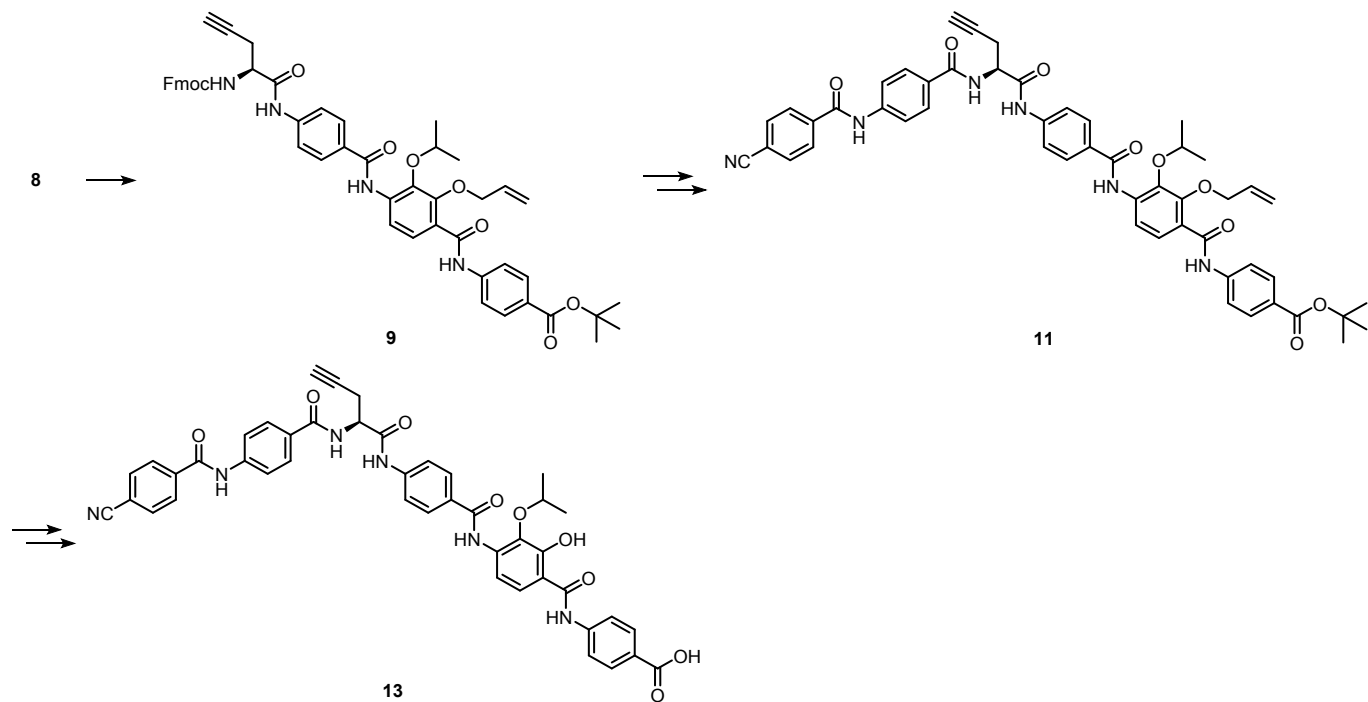


The compound was prepared according to the established literature procedure; see M. Moeller, M. D. Norris, T. Planke, K. Cirnski, J. Herrmann, R. Müller, A. Kirschning, *Organic Letters* **2019**, 21, 8369-8372.

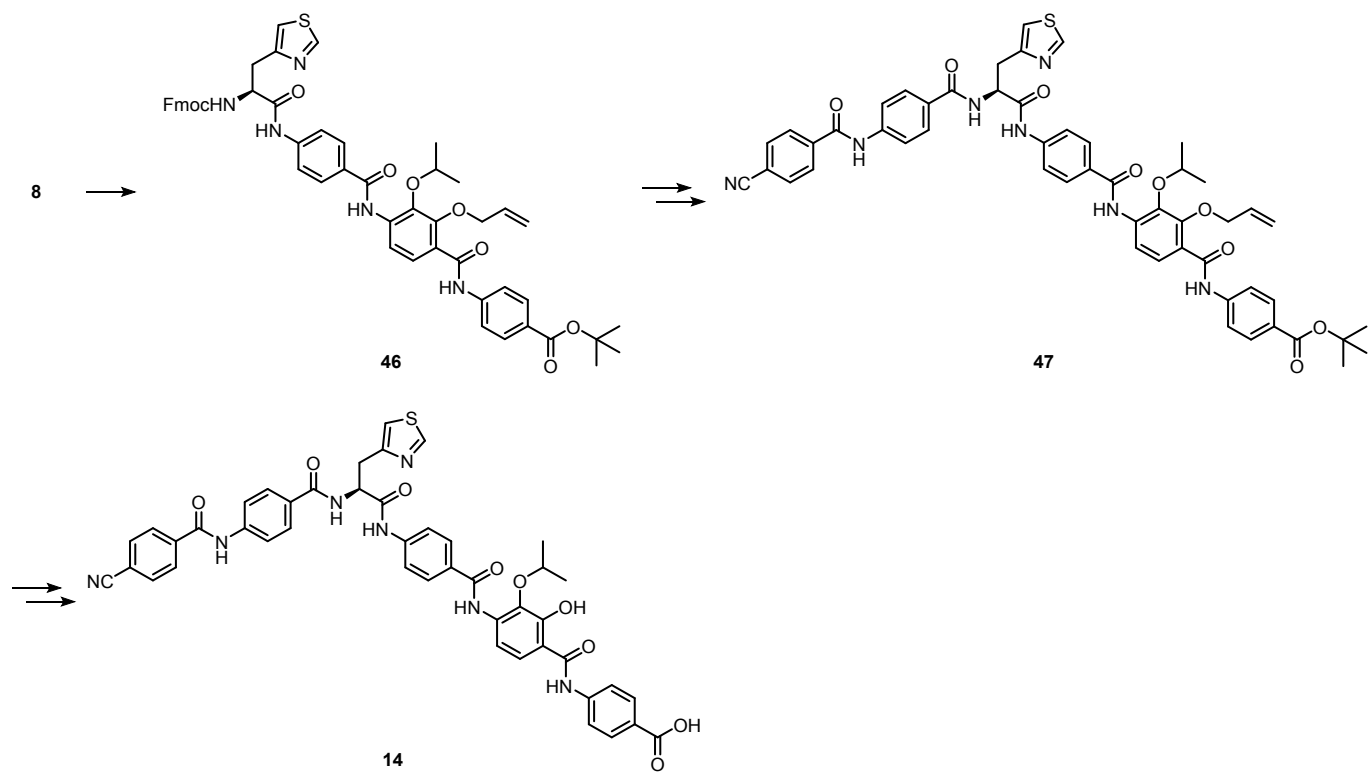
**4-(4-Cyanobenzamido)benzoic acid (10)**



The compound was prepared according to the established literature procedure; see Dong, Y. *et al.*; *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2014**, 24, 3, 944-948.

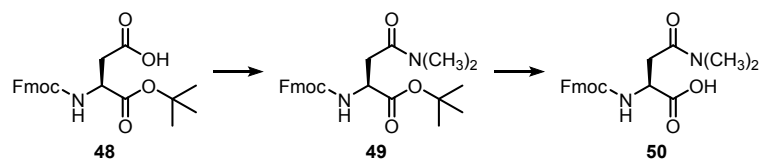


Scheme S1. Synthesis of compound **13** (CN-CC-861).

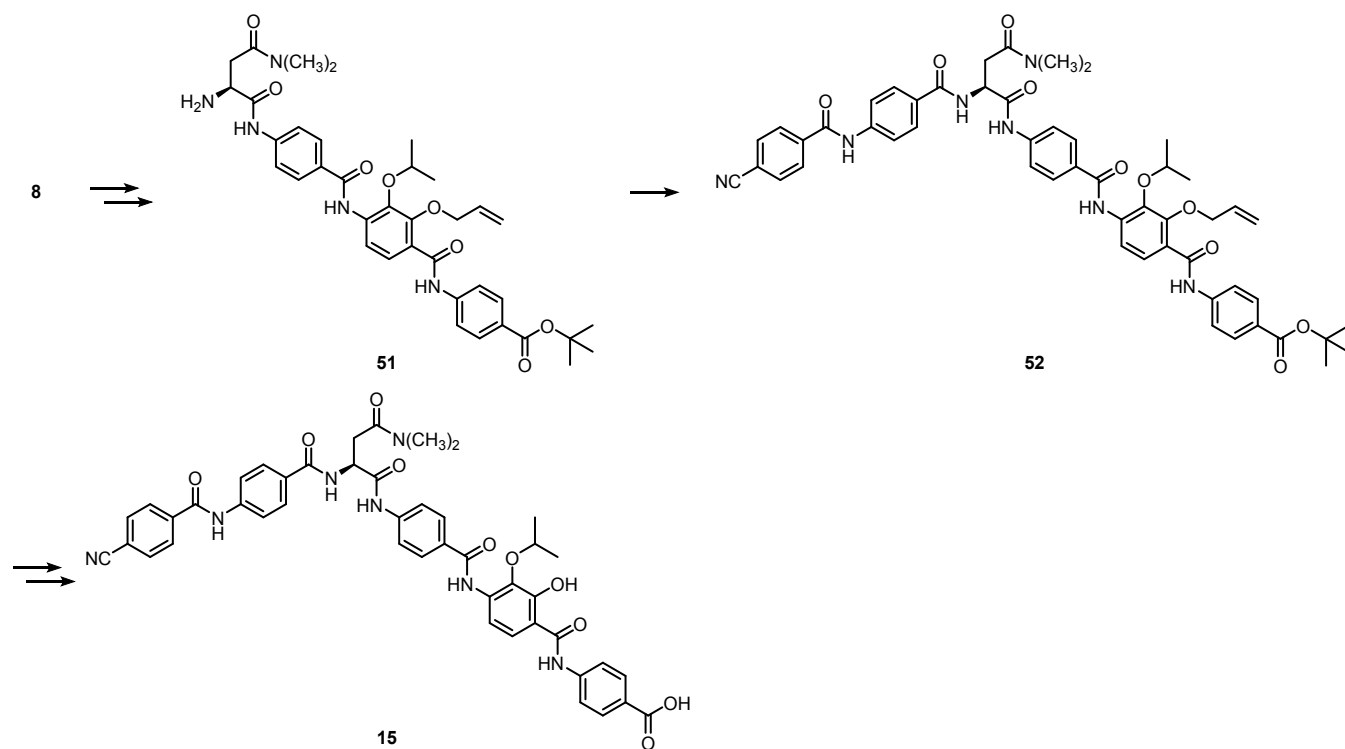


Scheme S2. Synthesis of compound **14**.

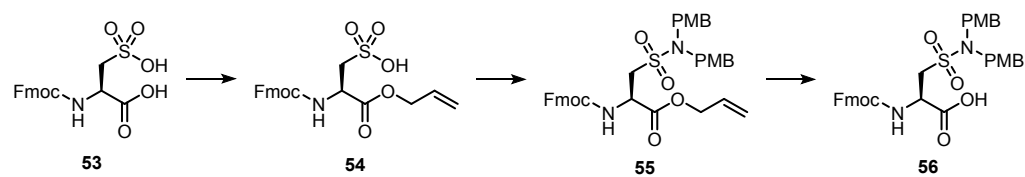




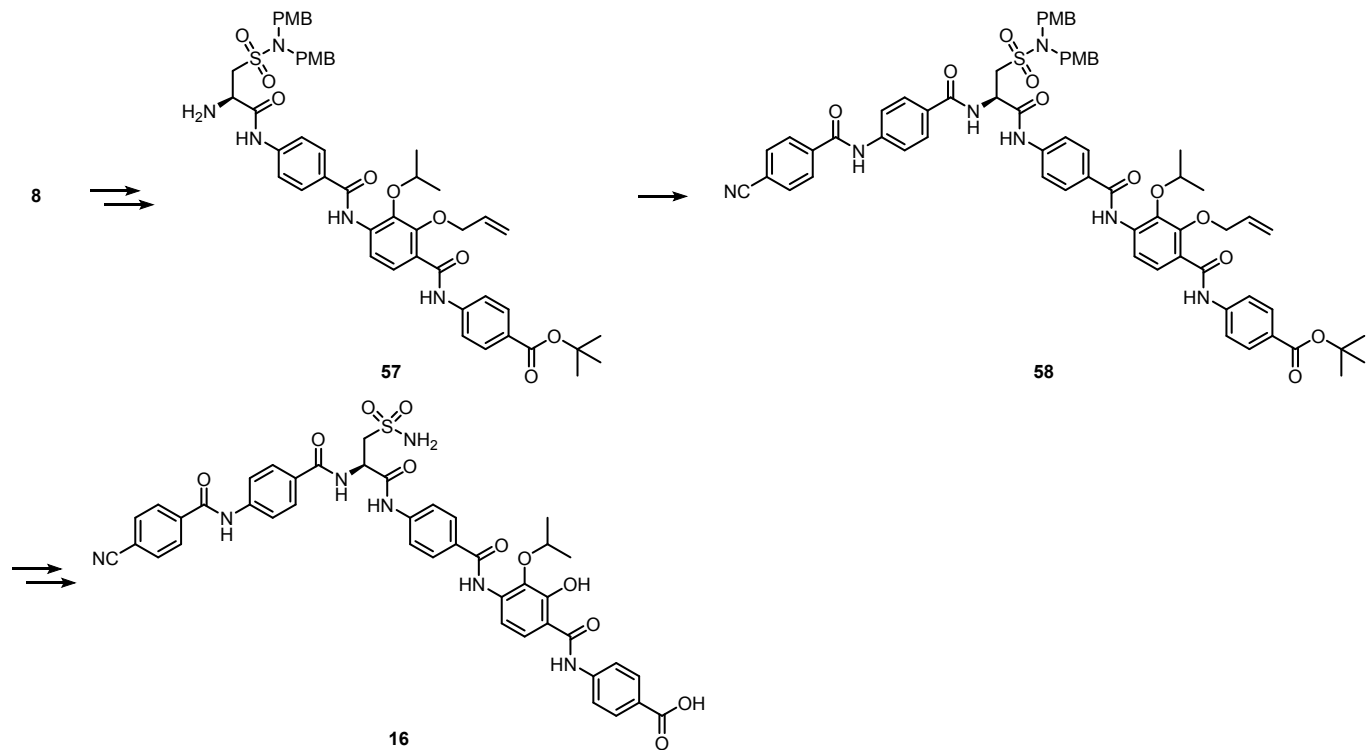
Scheme S3. Synthesis of compound **50**.



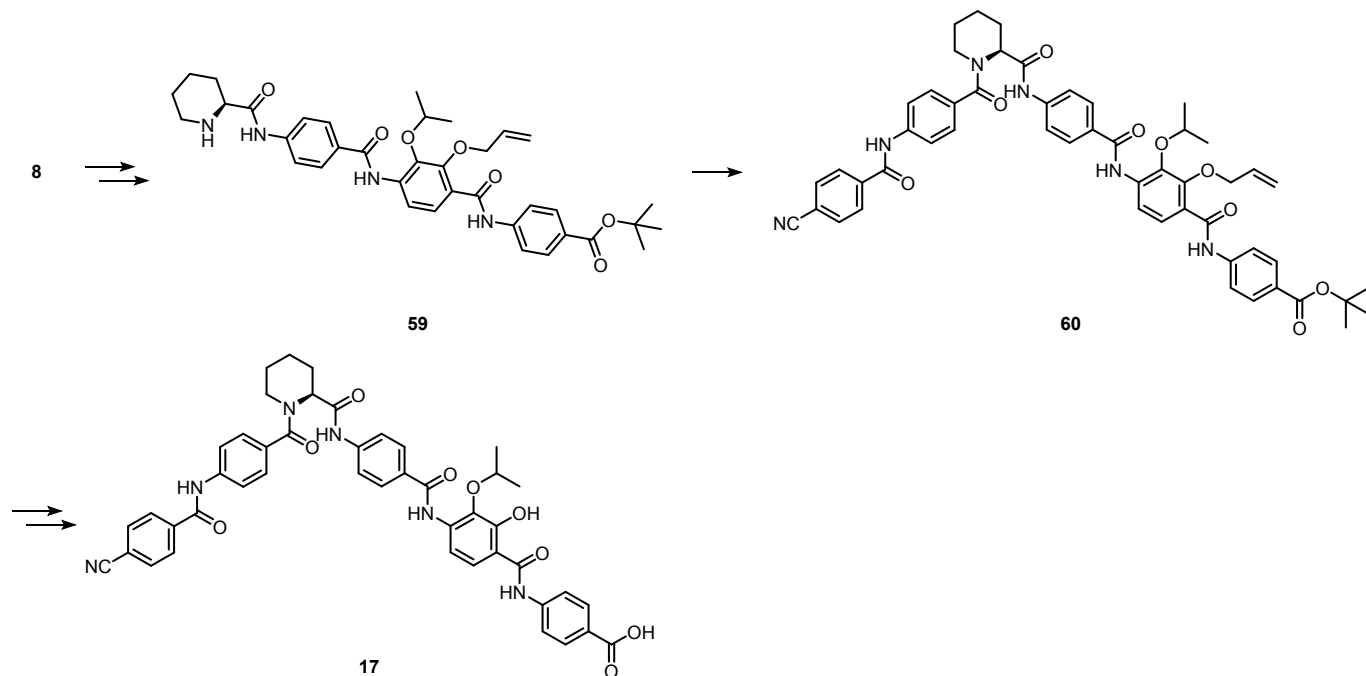
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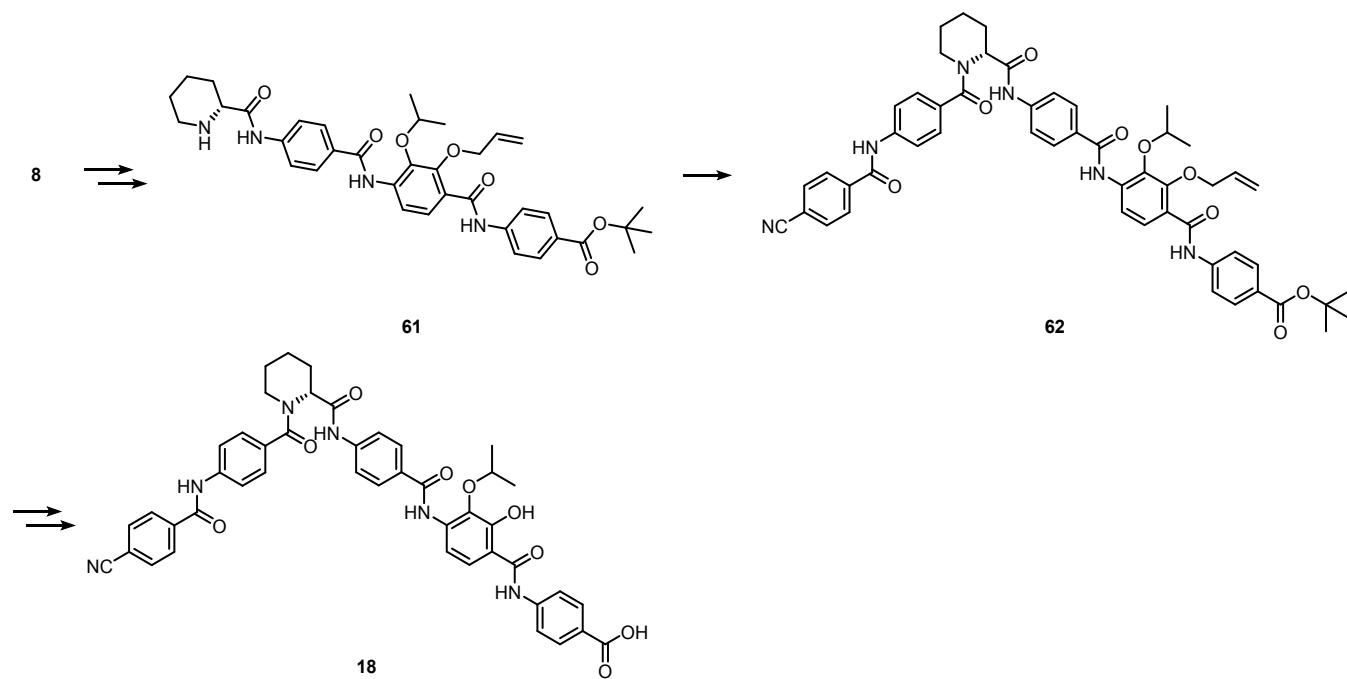
Scheme S5. Synthesis of compound **56**.



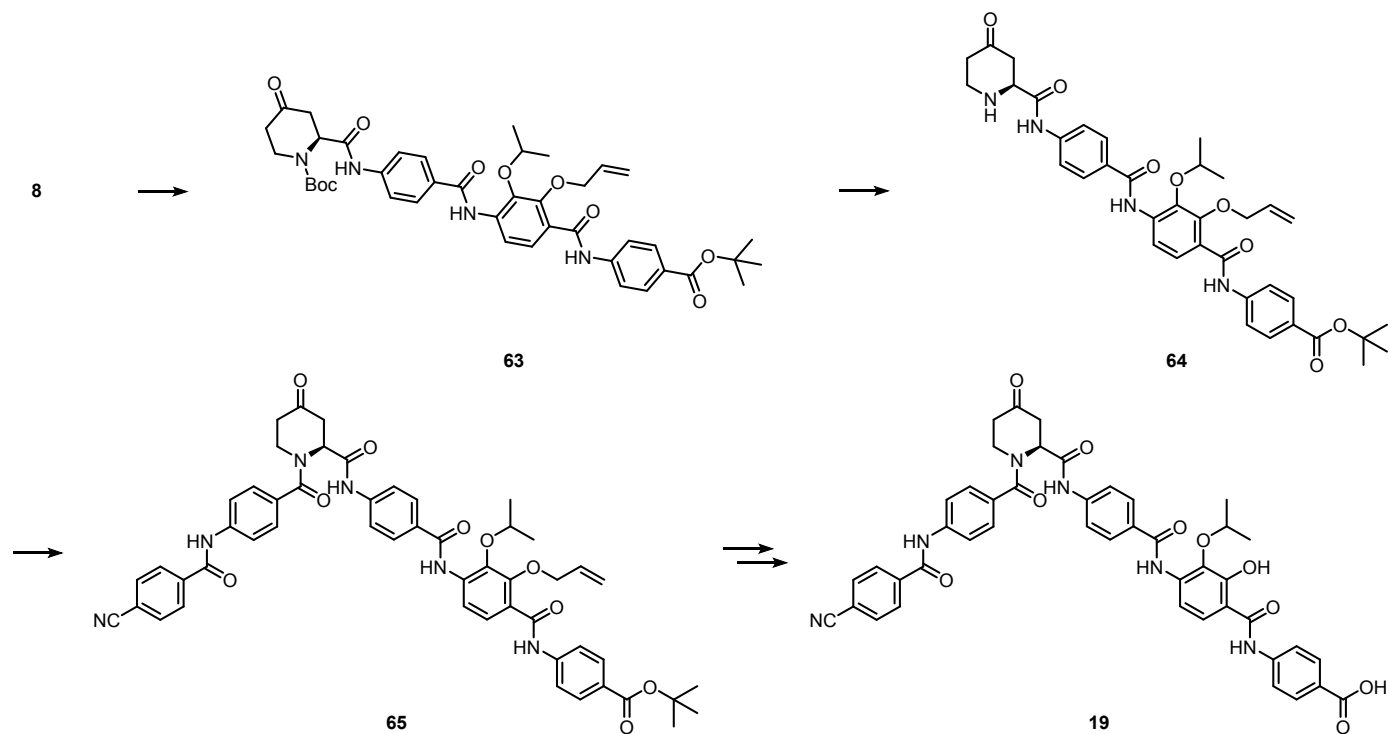
Scheme S6. Synthesis of compound **16**.



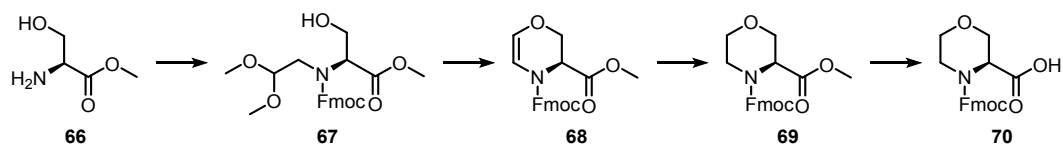
Scheme S7. Synthesis of compound **17**.



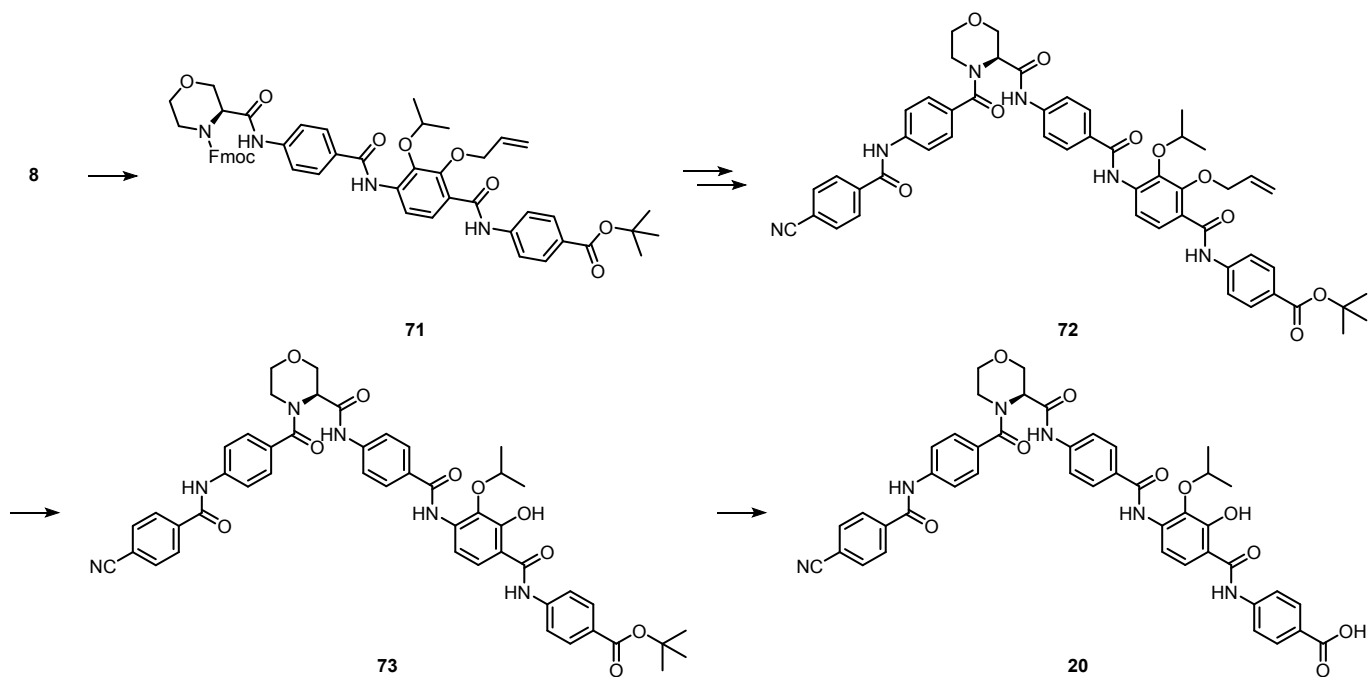
Scheme S8. Synthesis of compound **18**.



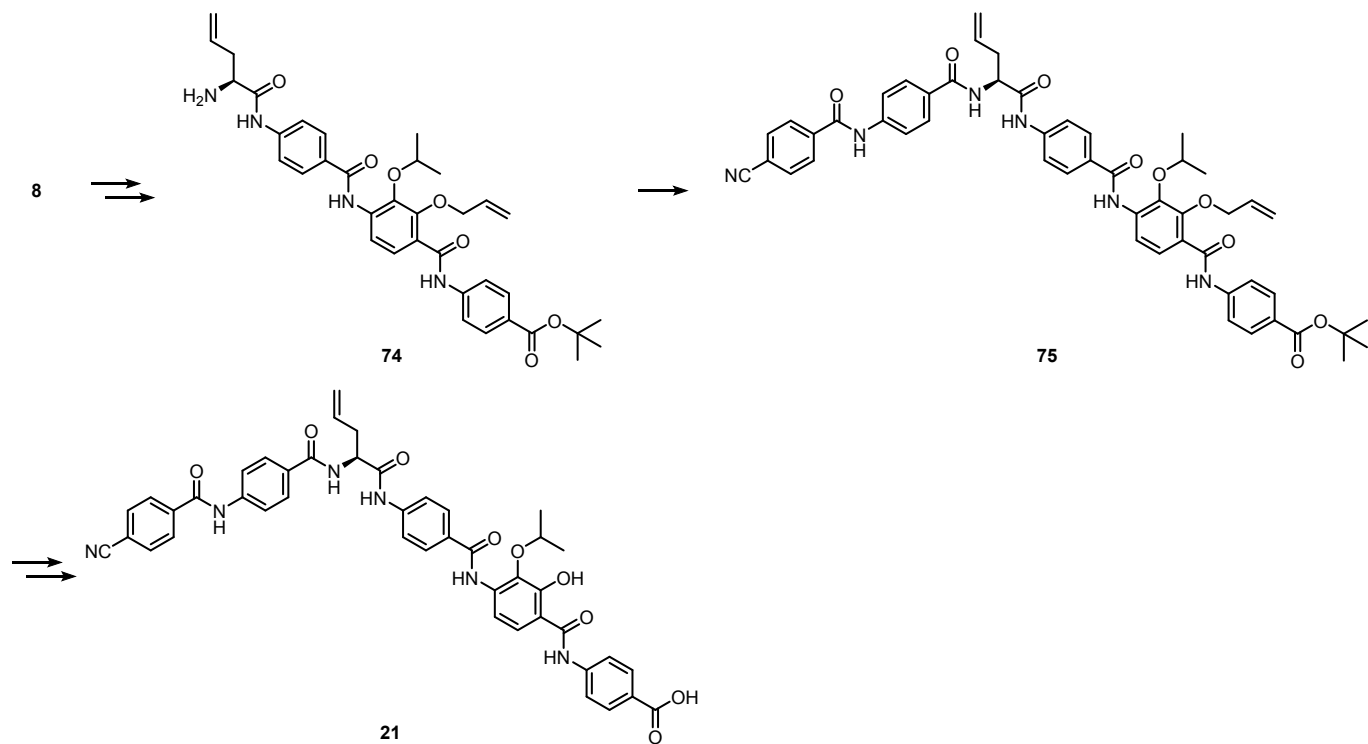
Scheme S9. Synthesis of compound **19**.



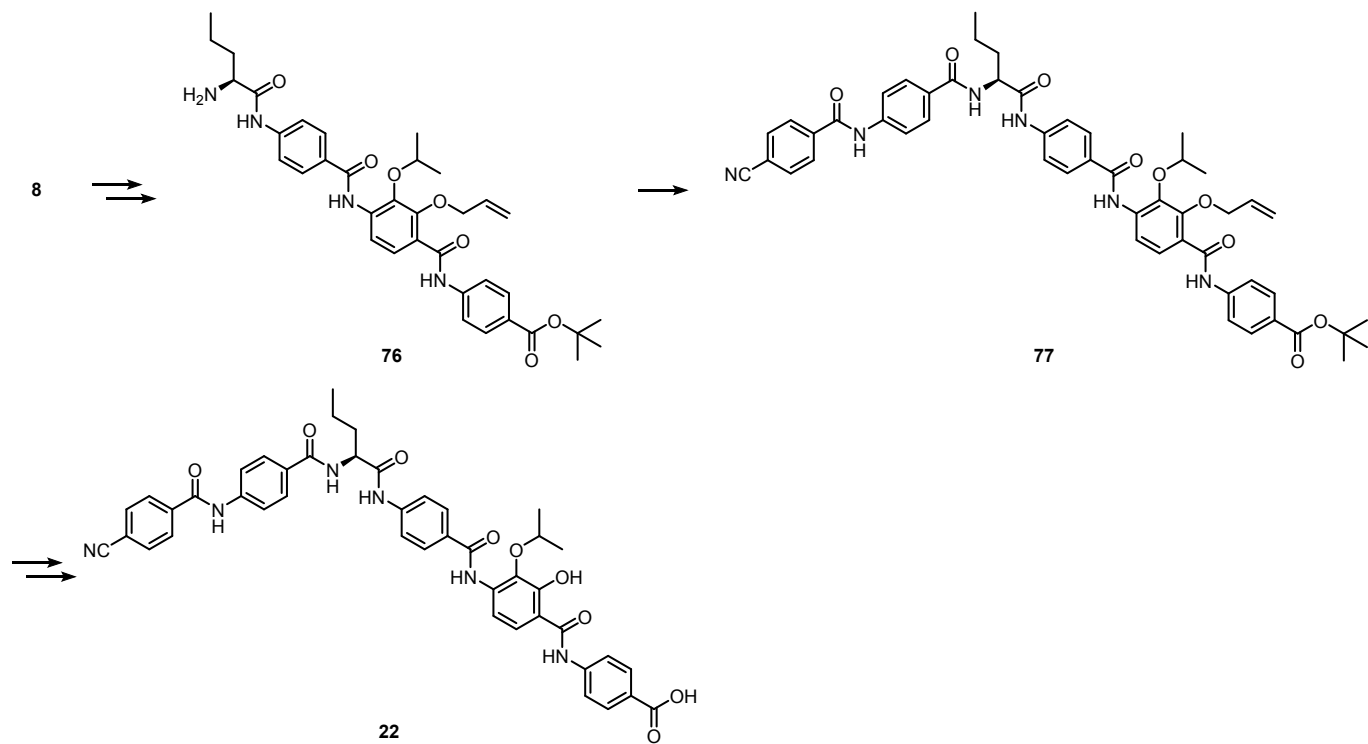
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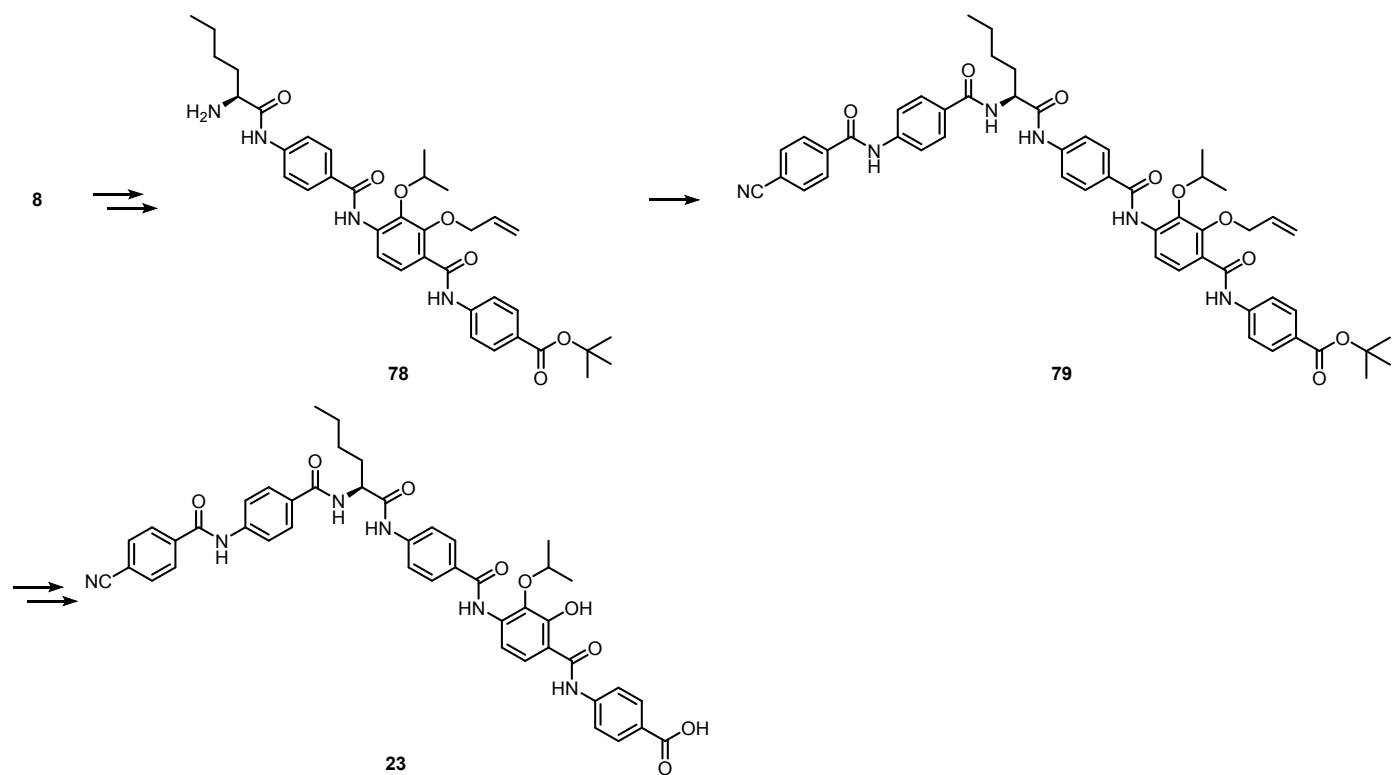
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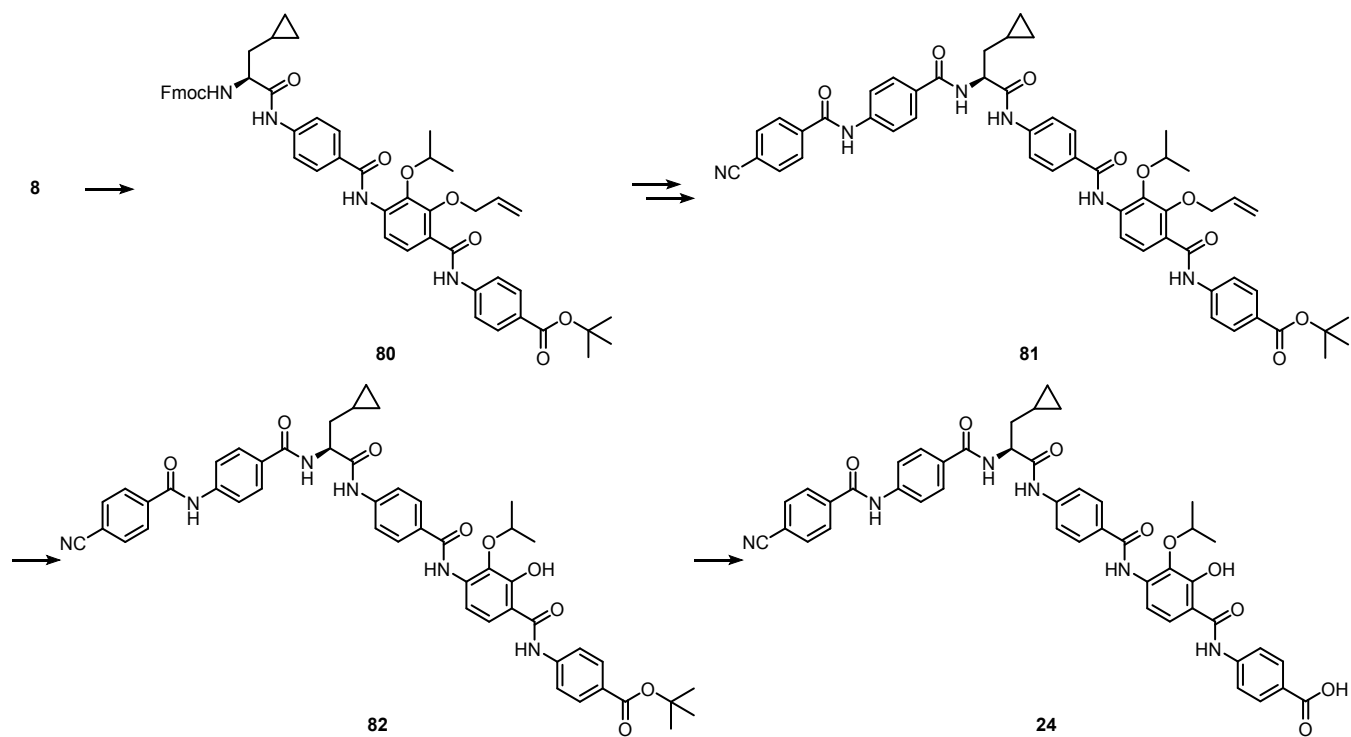
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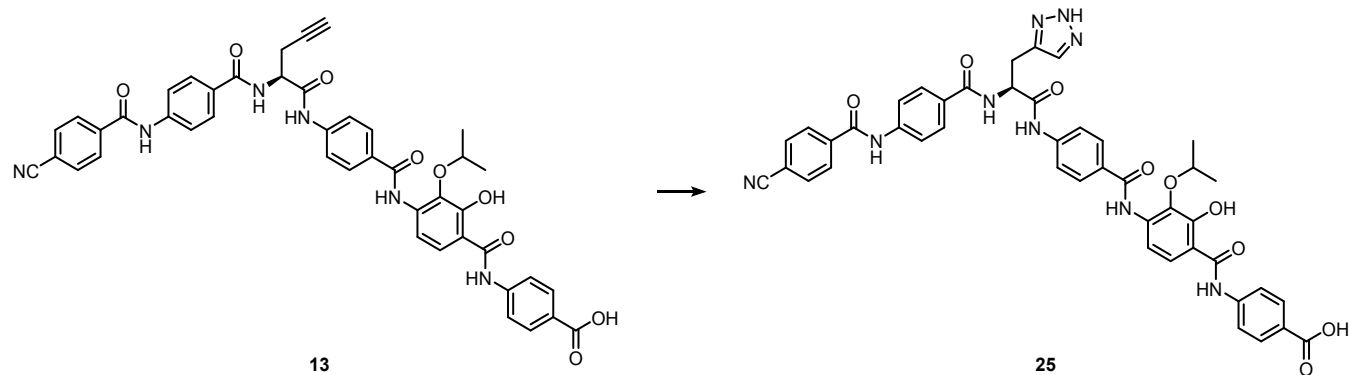
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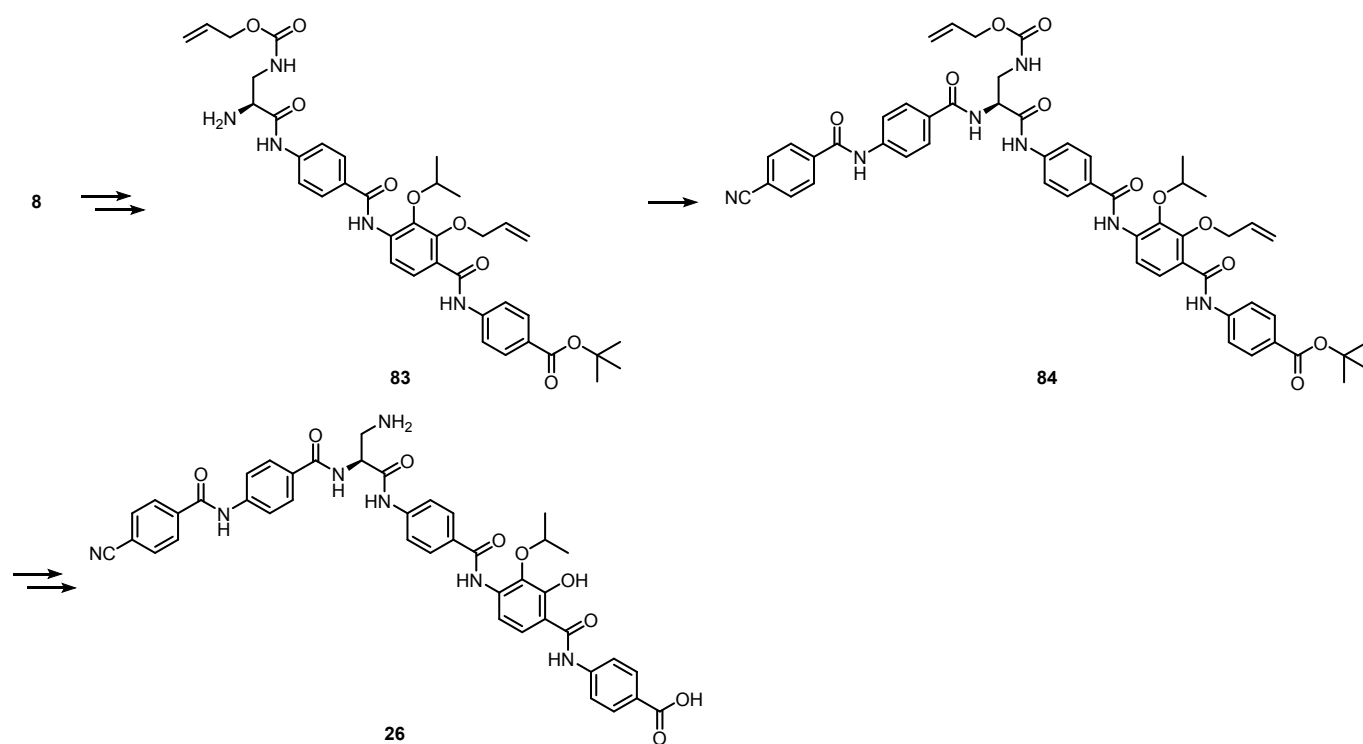
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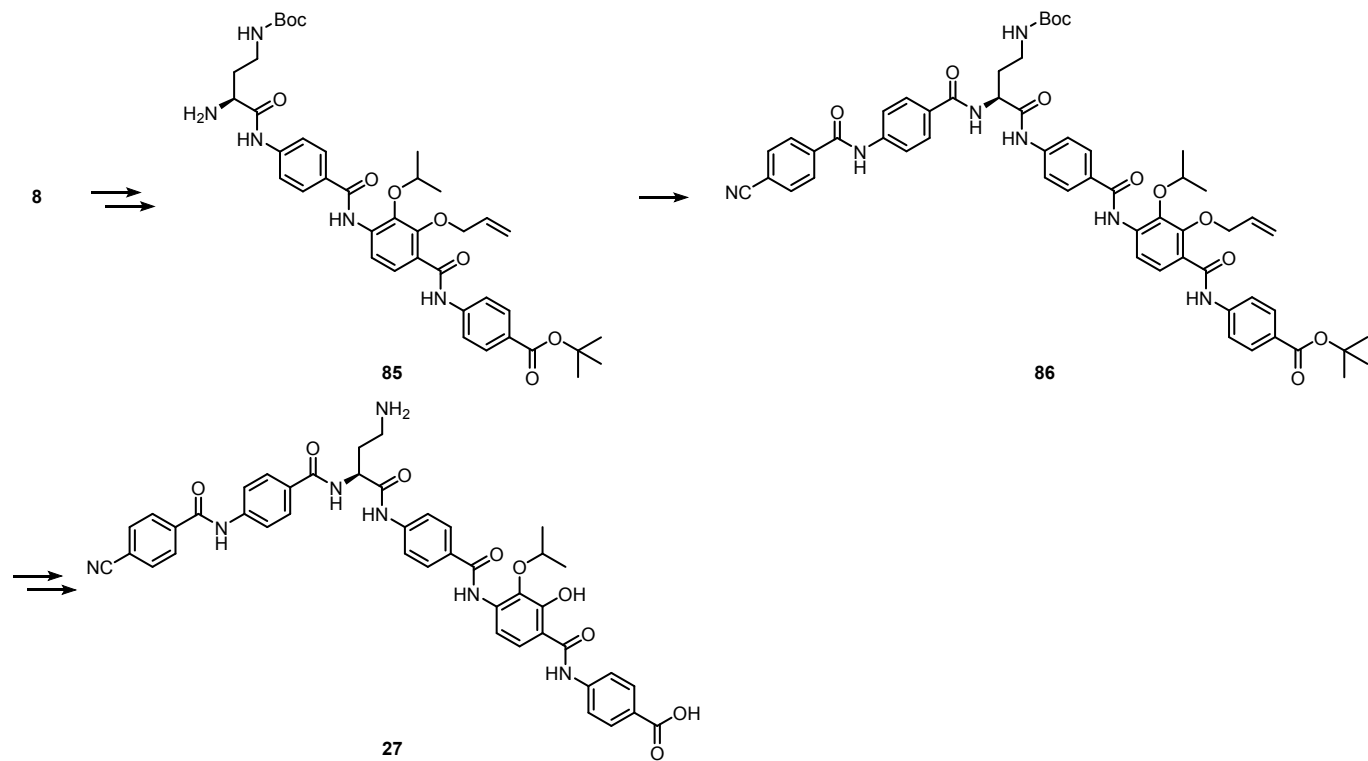
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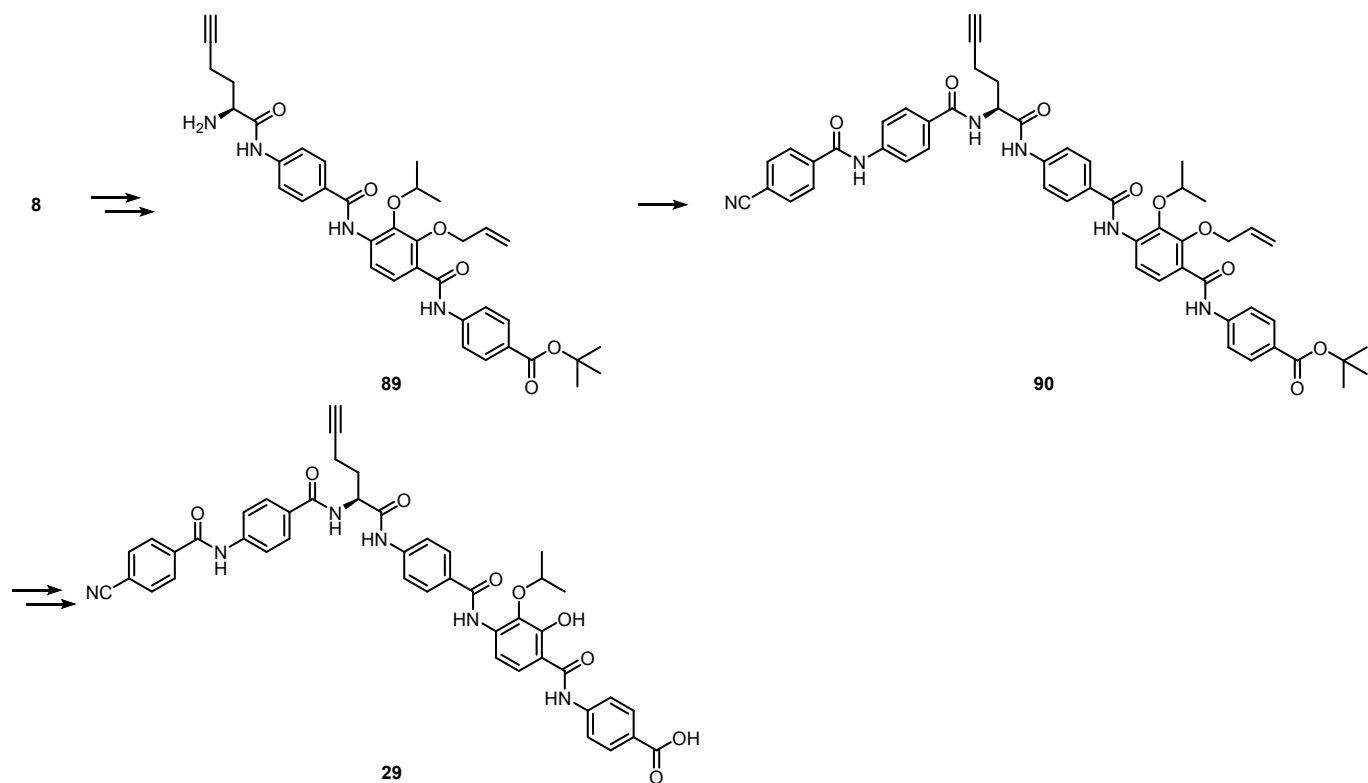
Scheme S16. Synthesis of compound **25**.



Scheme S17. Synthesis of compound **26**.

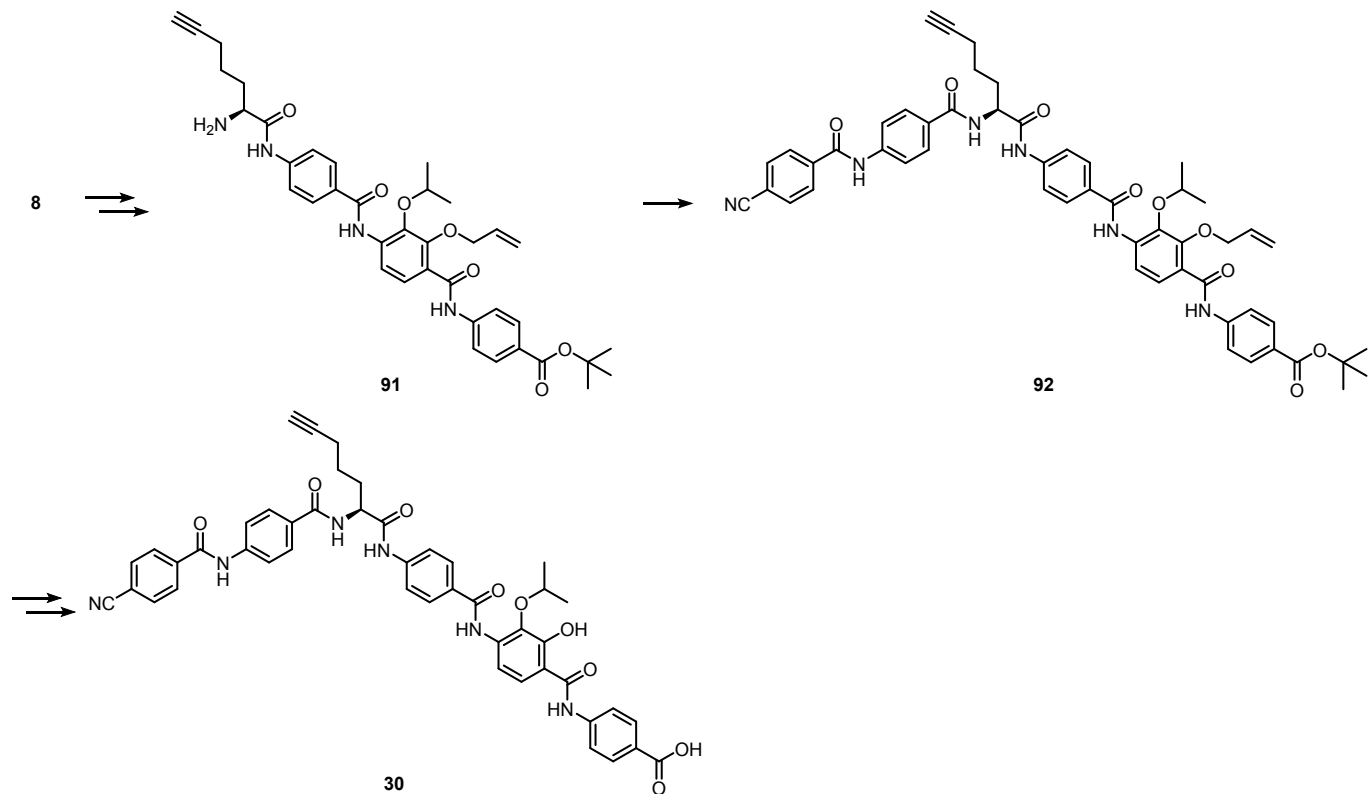


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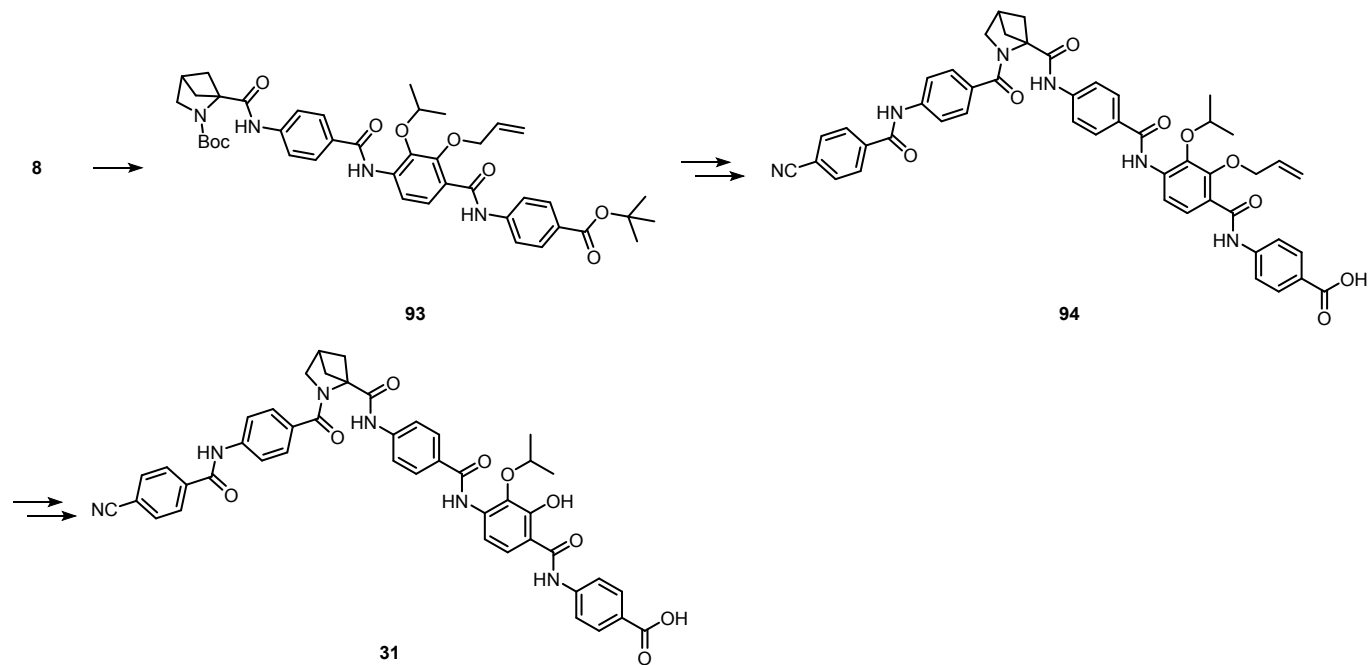


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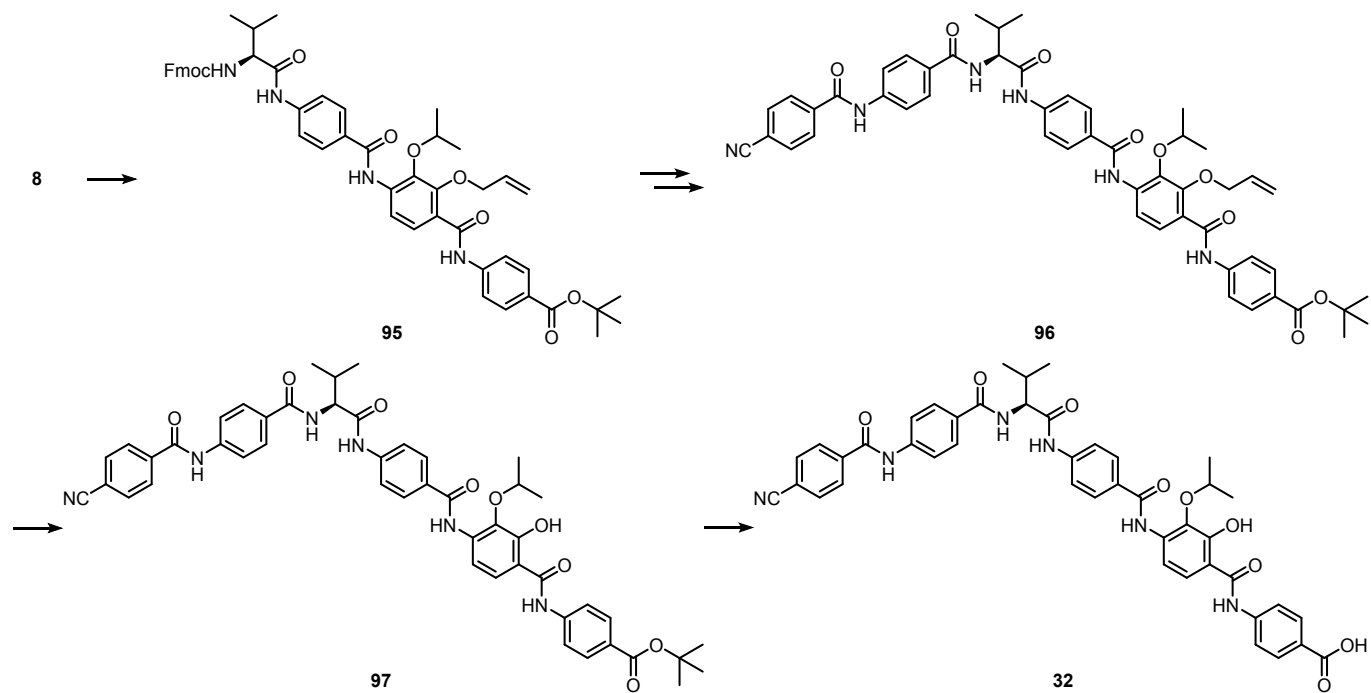




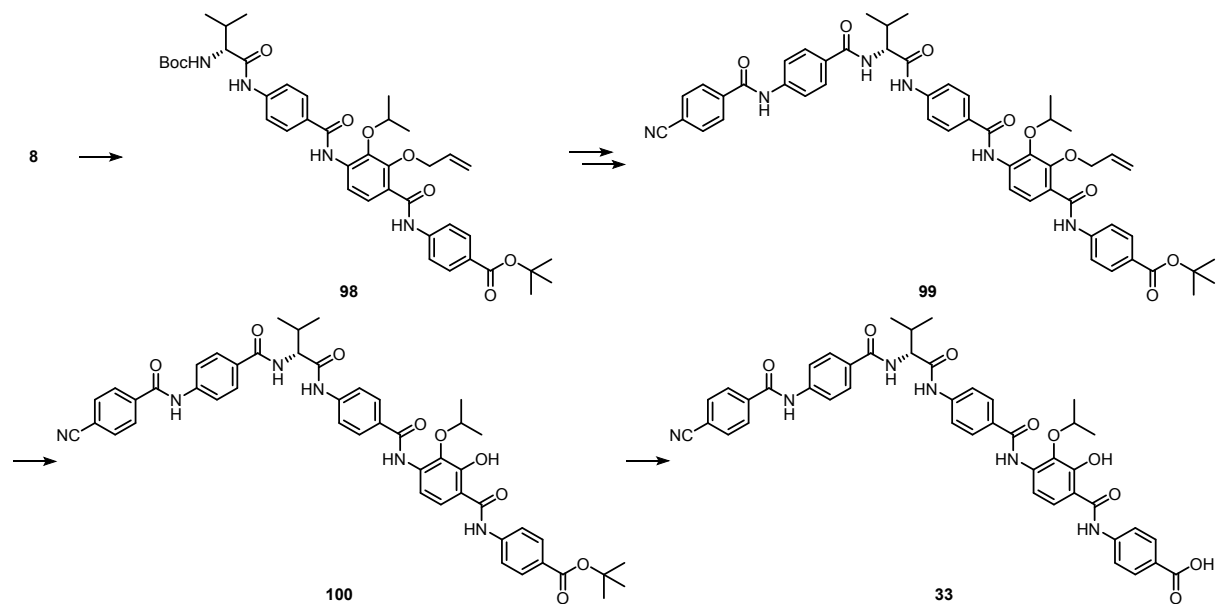
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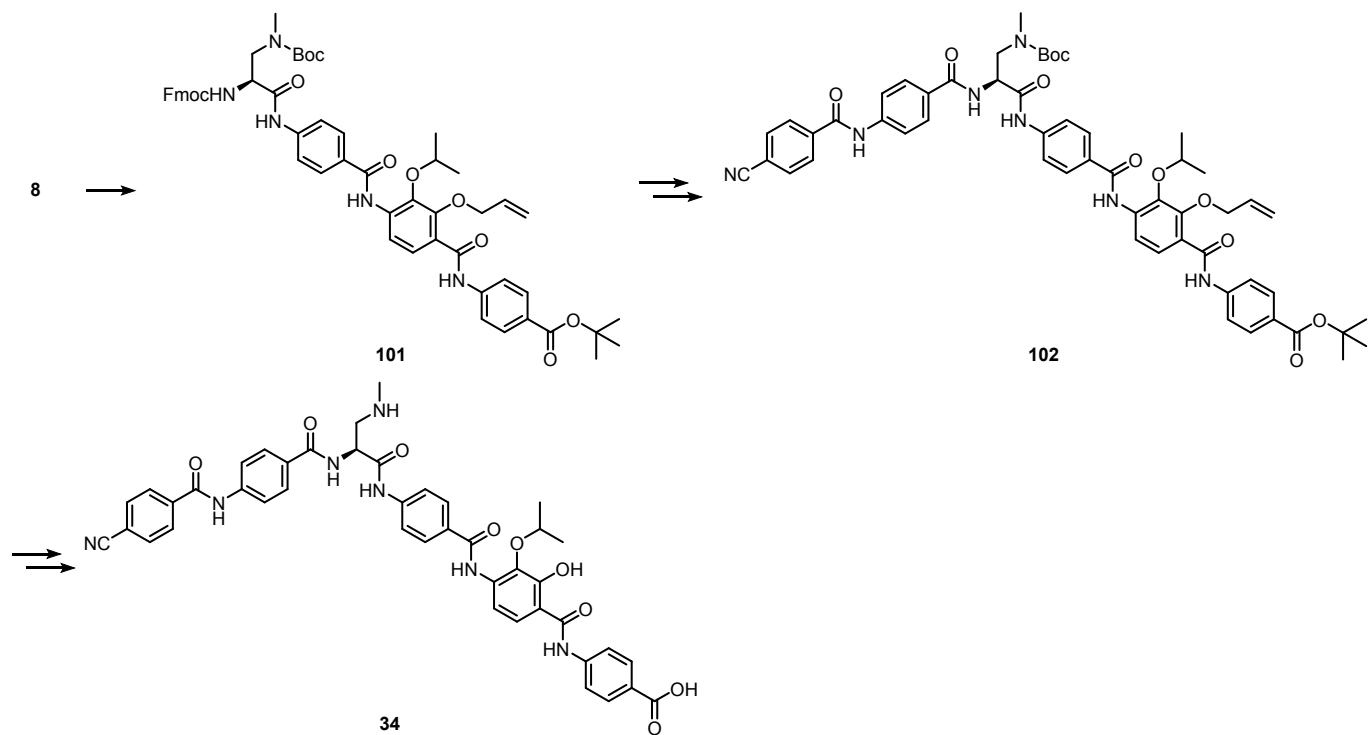
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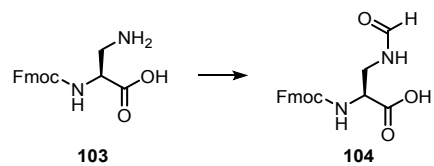
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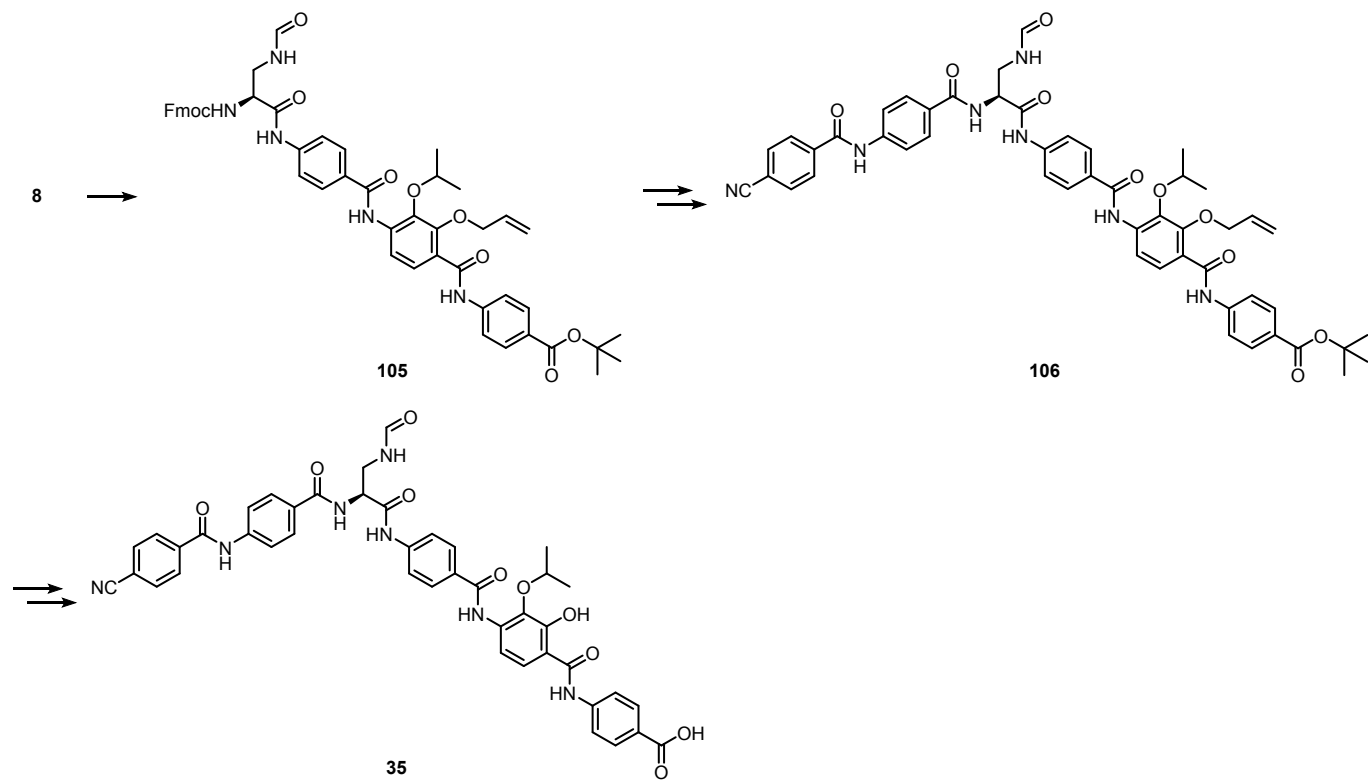
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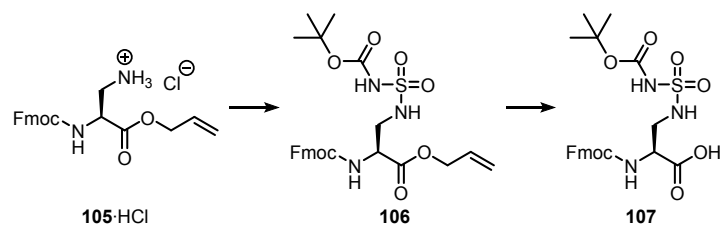
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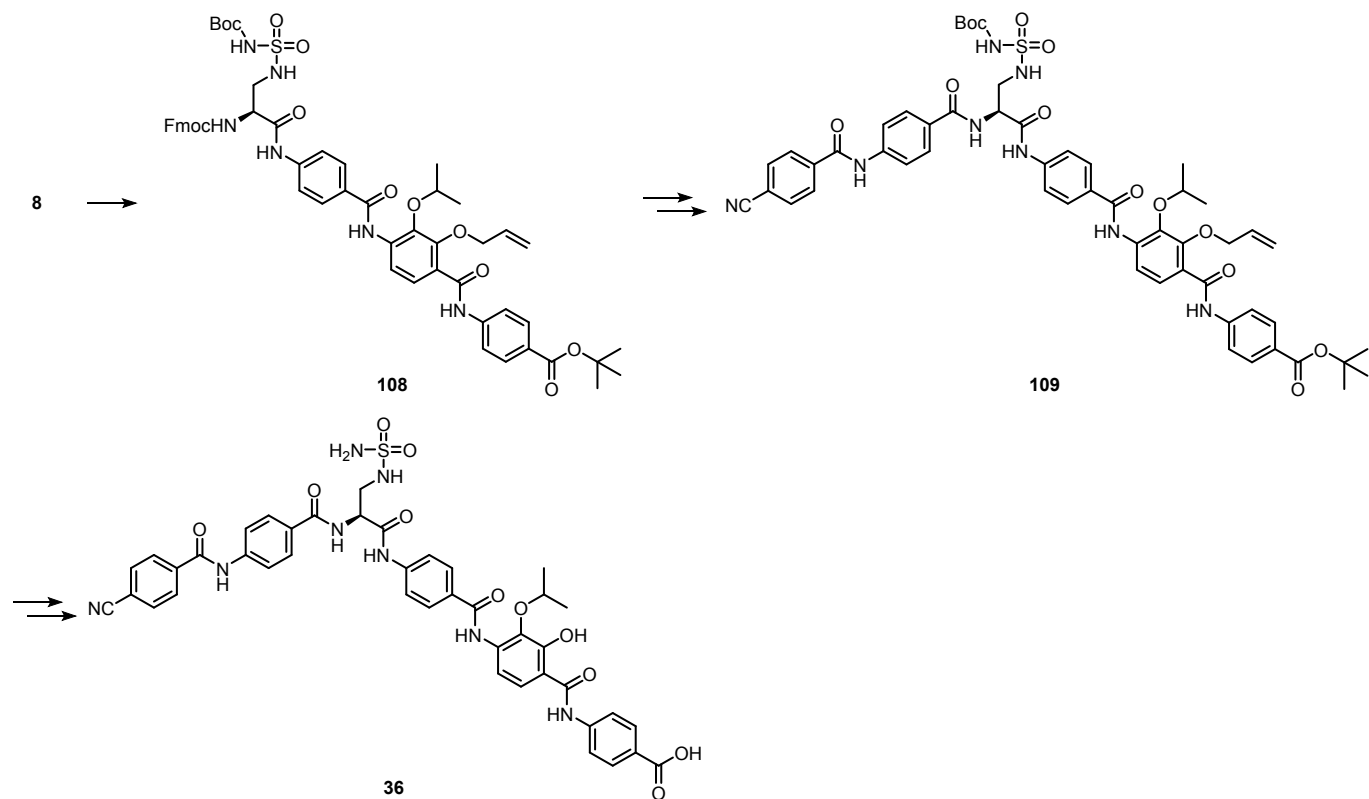
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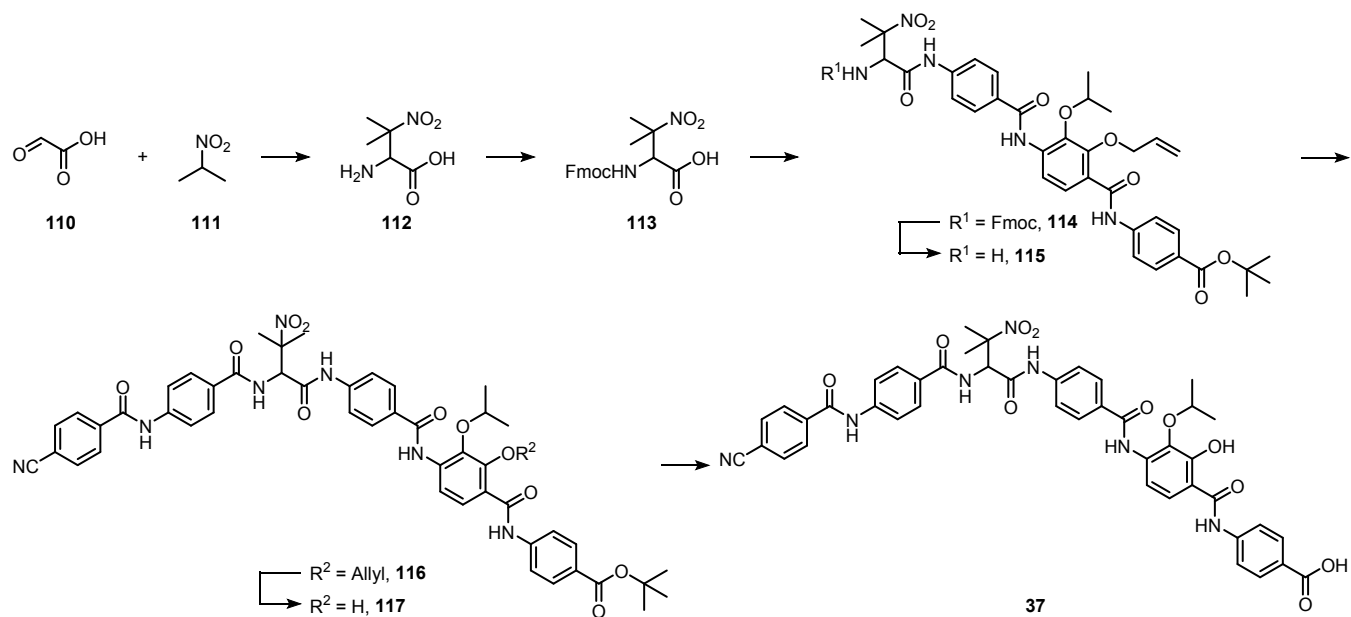
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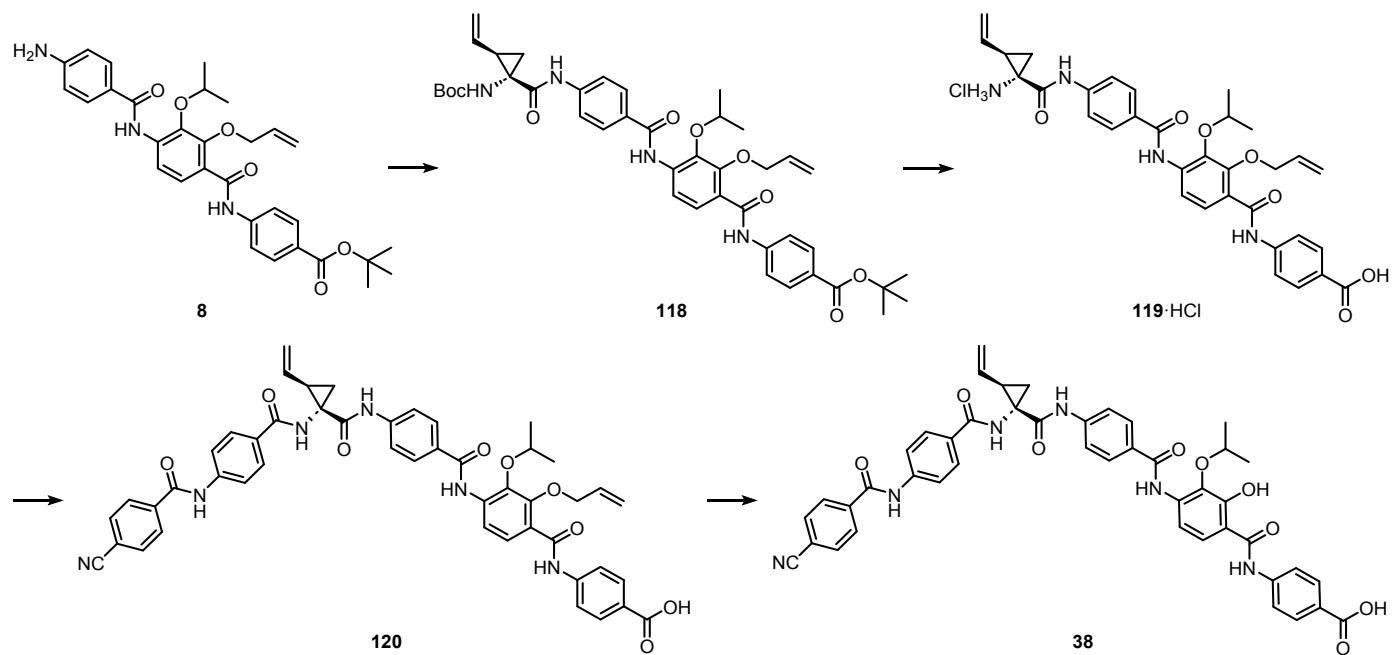
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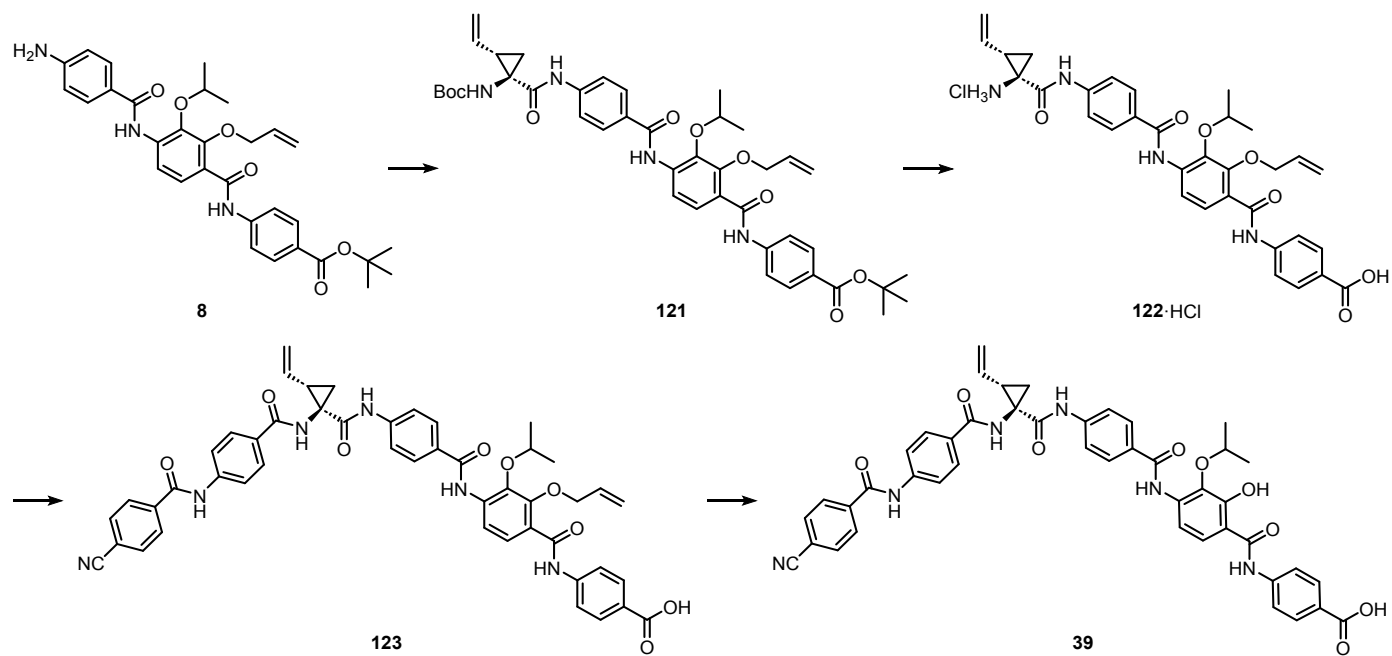
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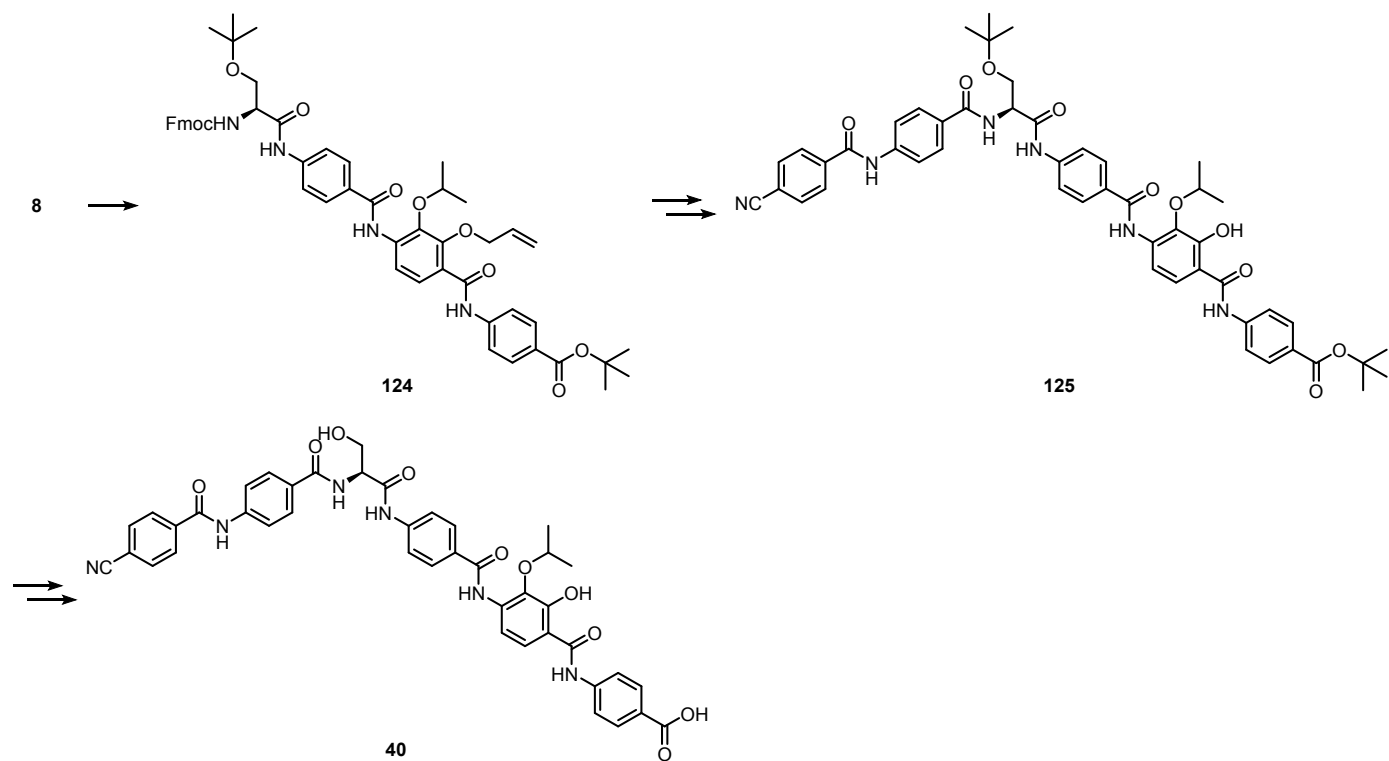
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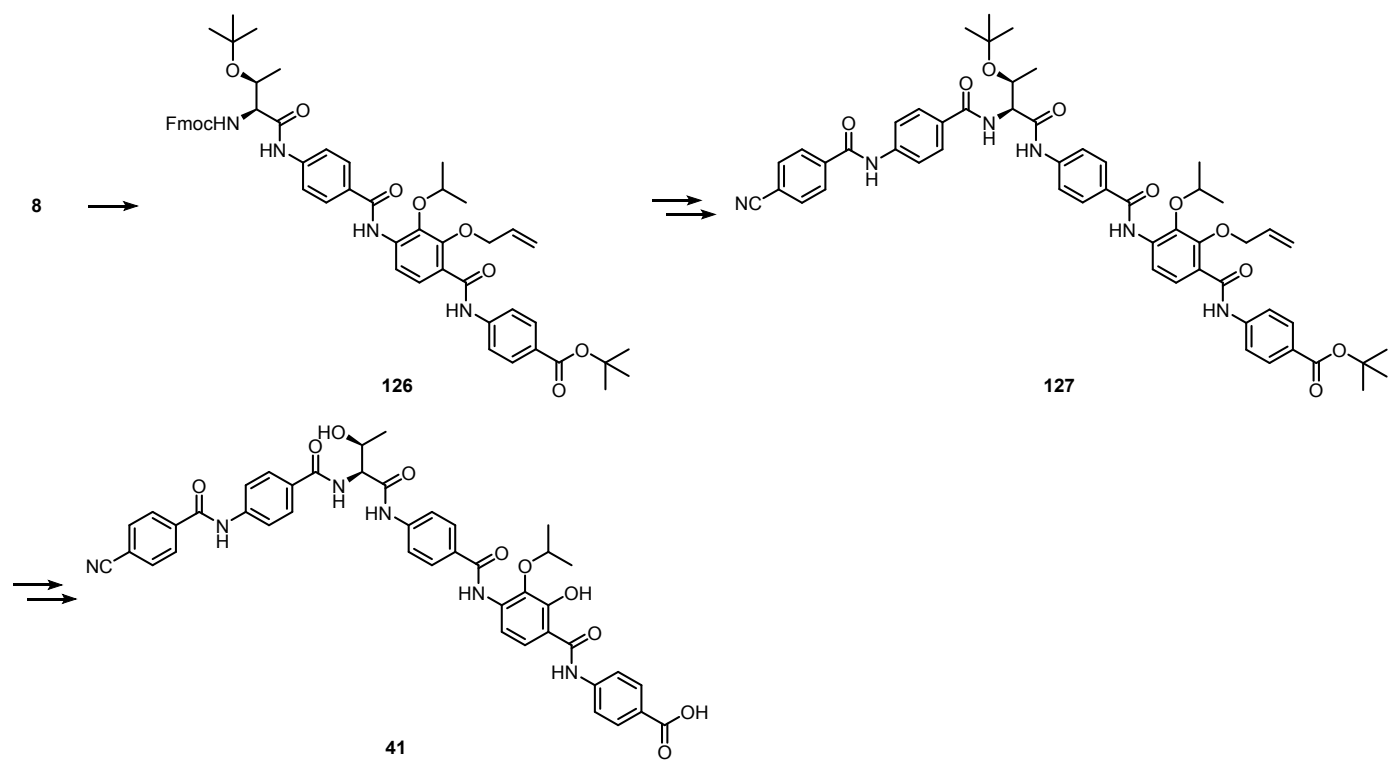
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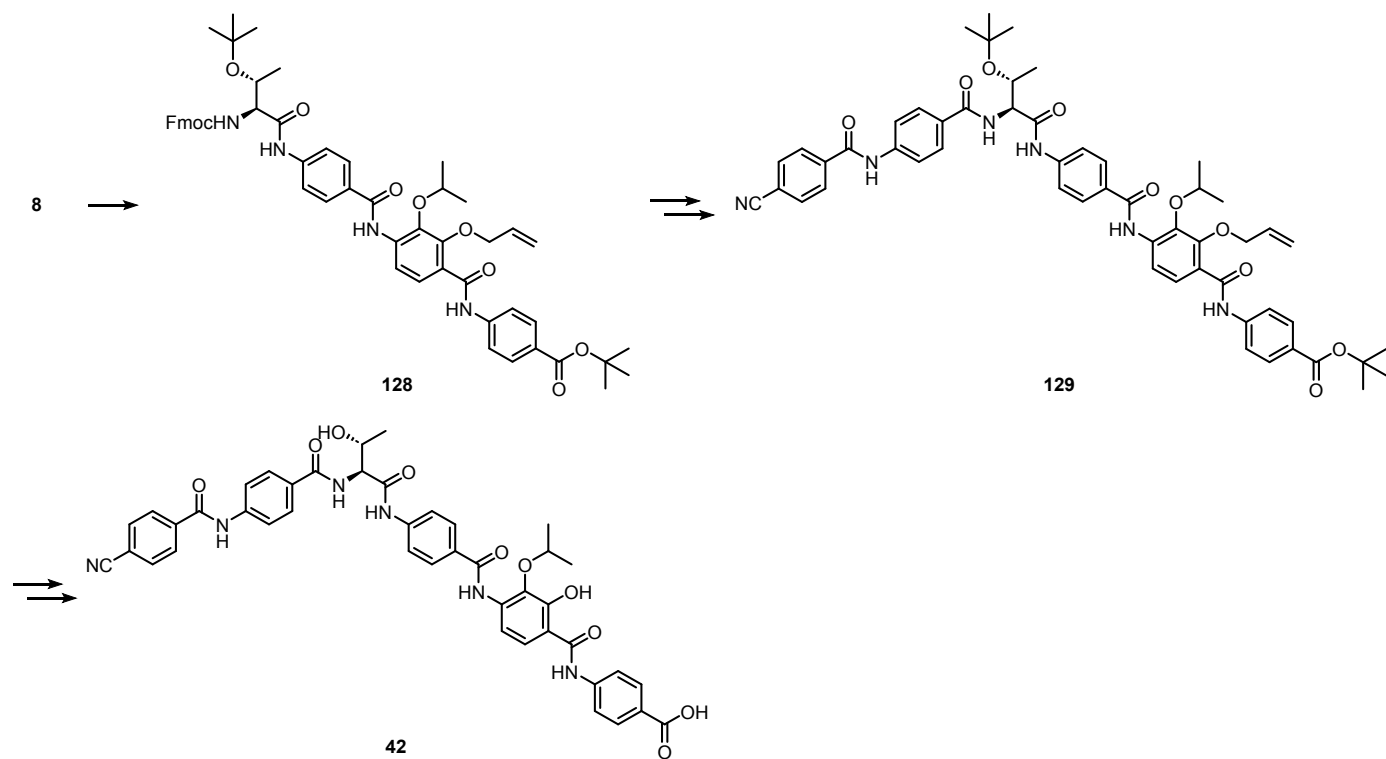
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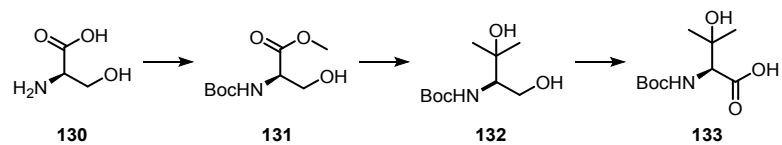
Scheme S32. Synthesis of compound **40**.



Scheme S33. Synthesis of compound **41**.

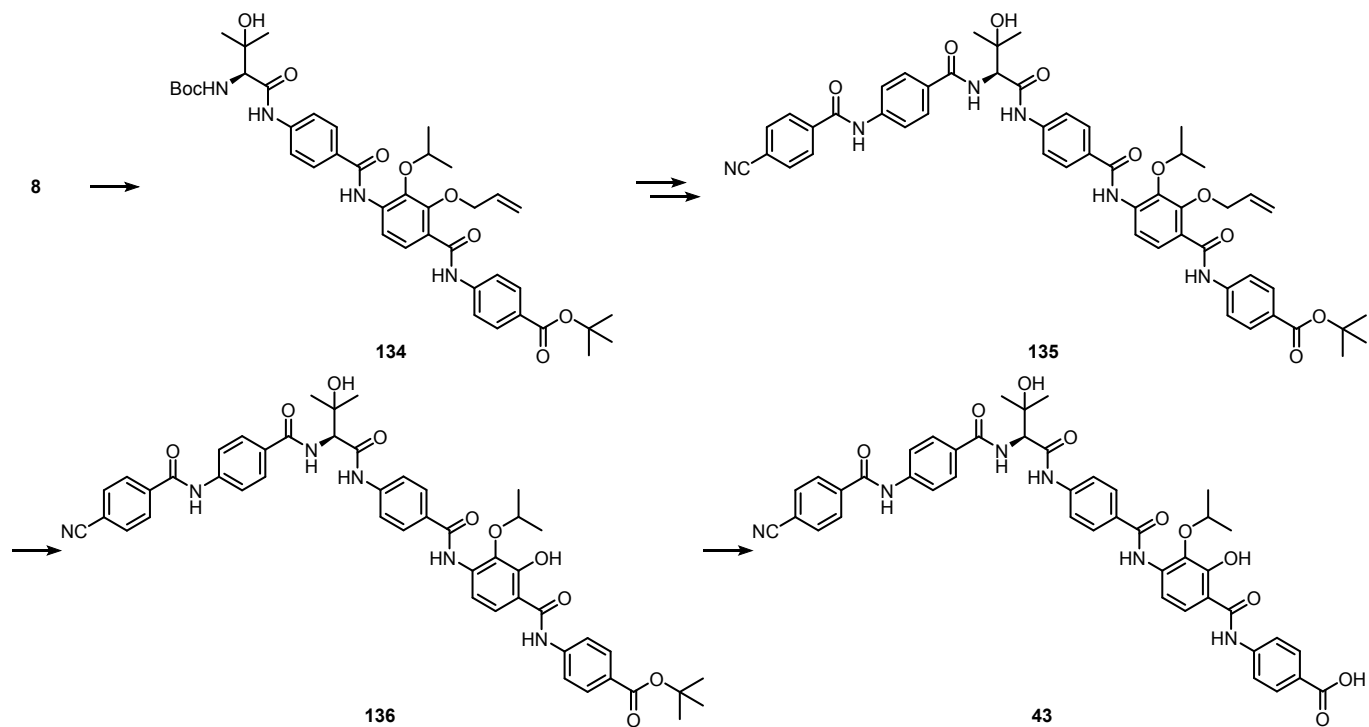


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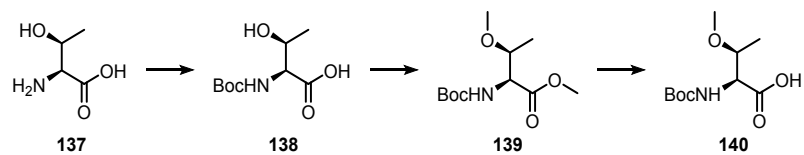


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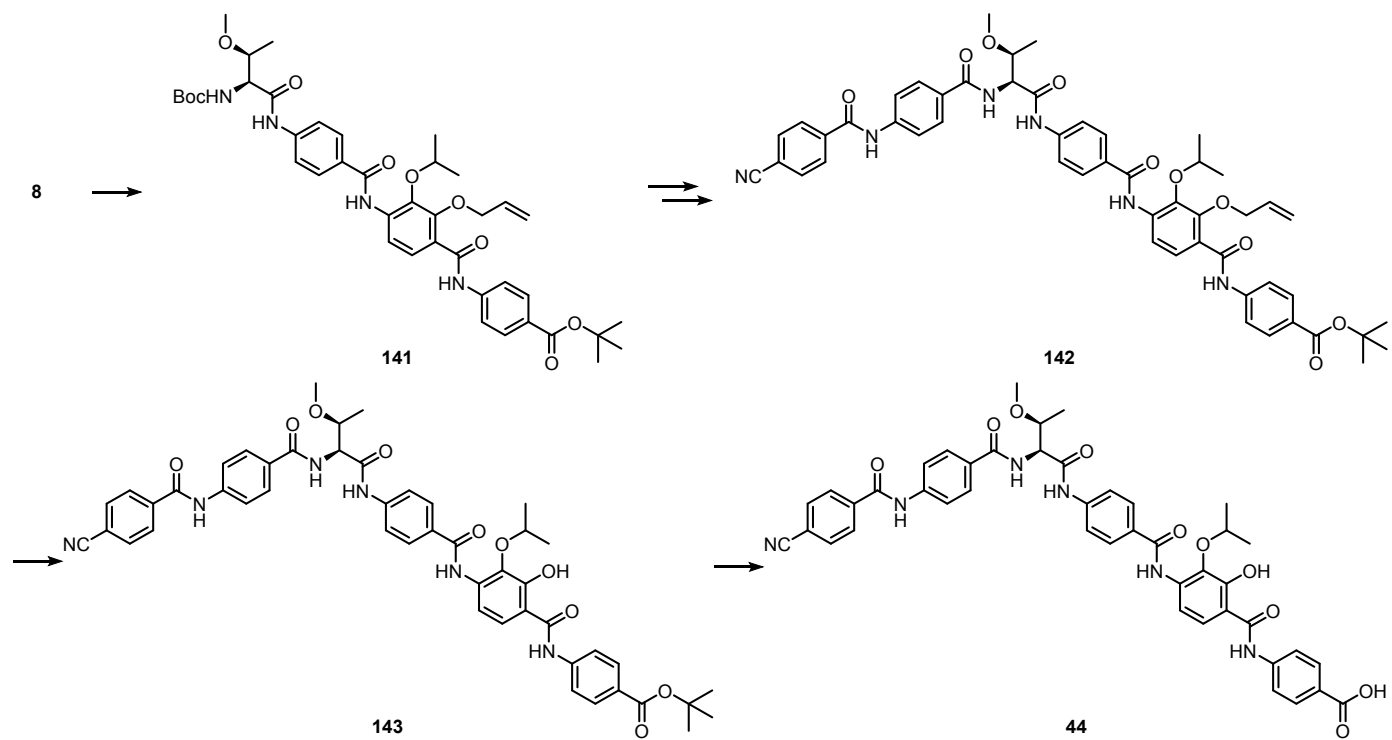




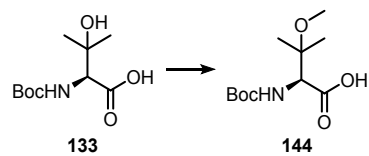
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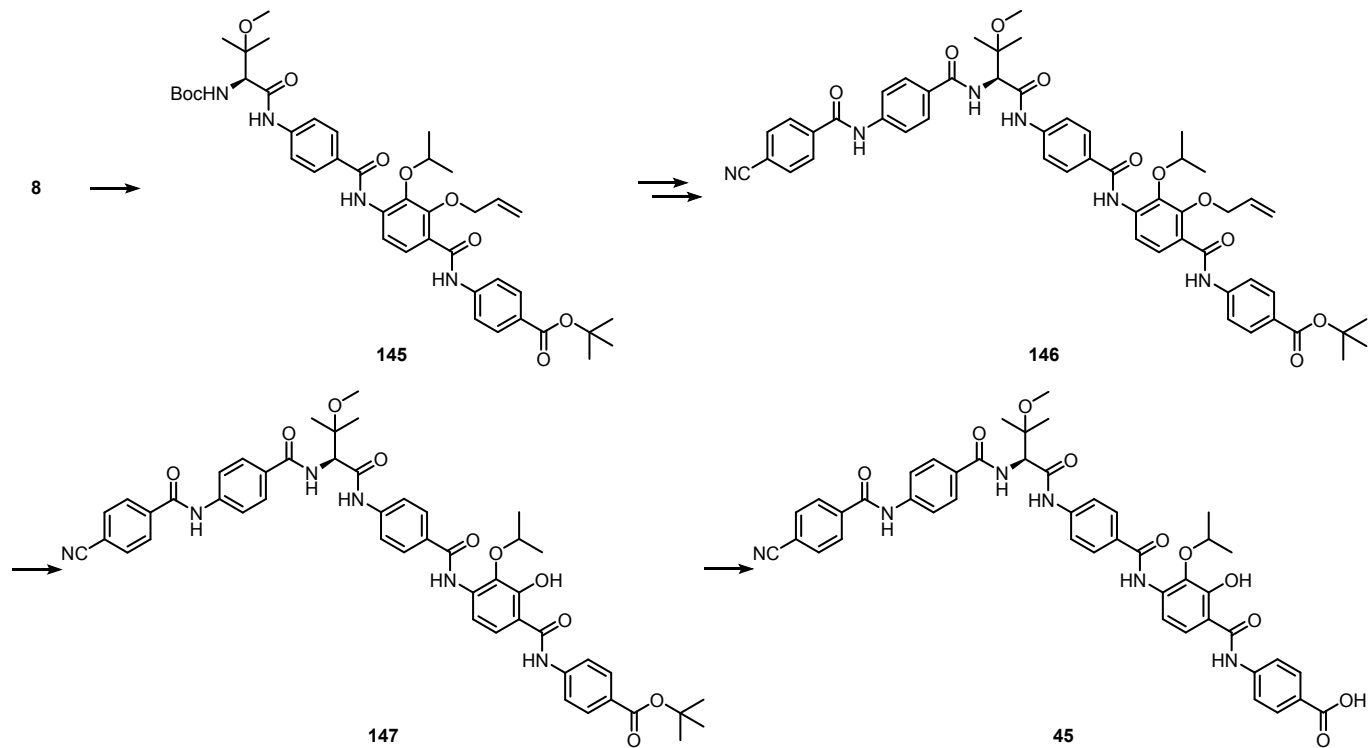
Scheme S37. Synthesis of compound **140**.



Scheme S38. Synthesis of compound **44**.



Scheme S39. Synthesis of compound **144**.



Scheme S40. Synthesis of compound **45**.

# NMR Spectra of Final Compounds

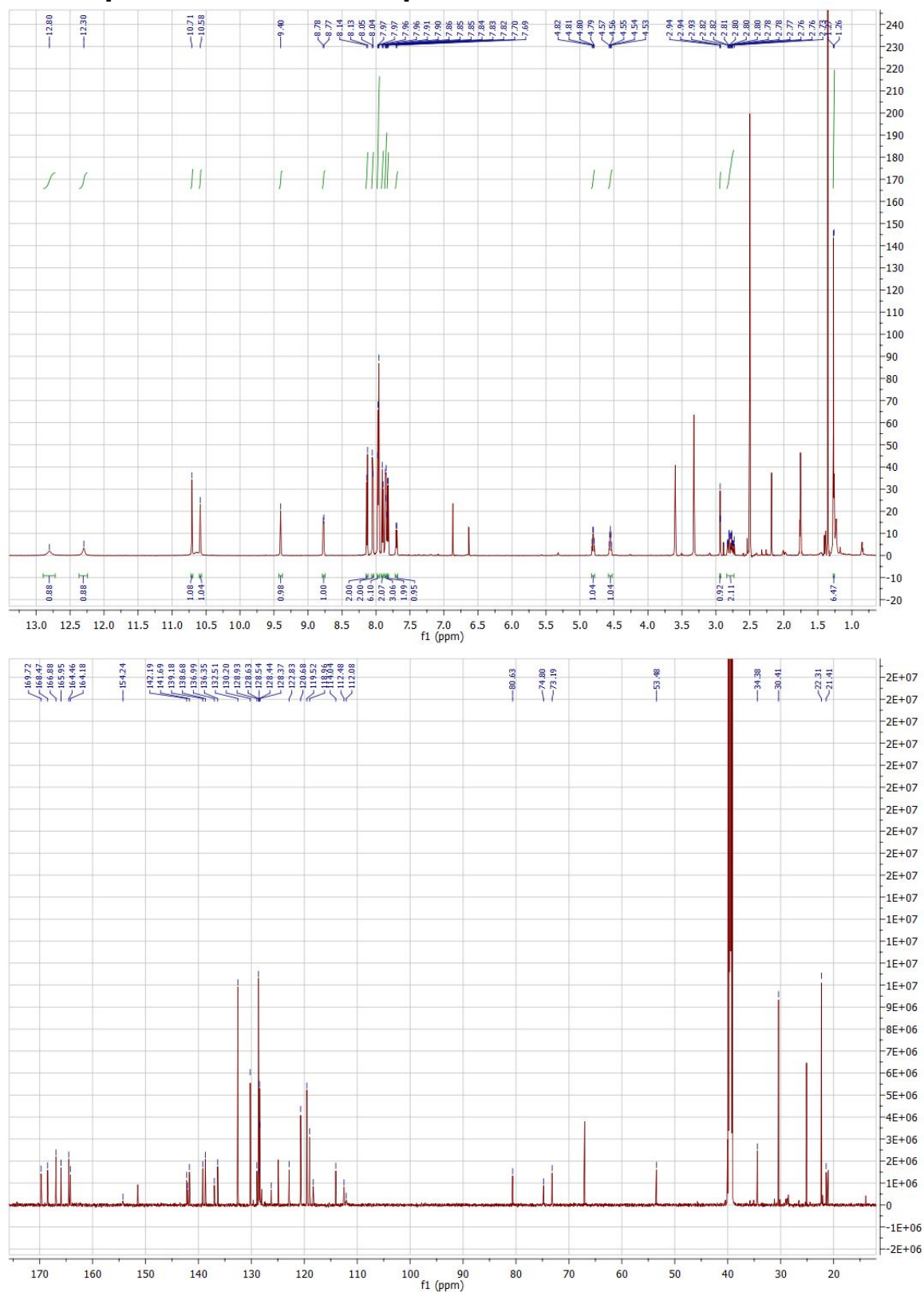


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 13 (CN-CC-861).

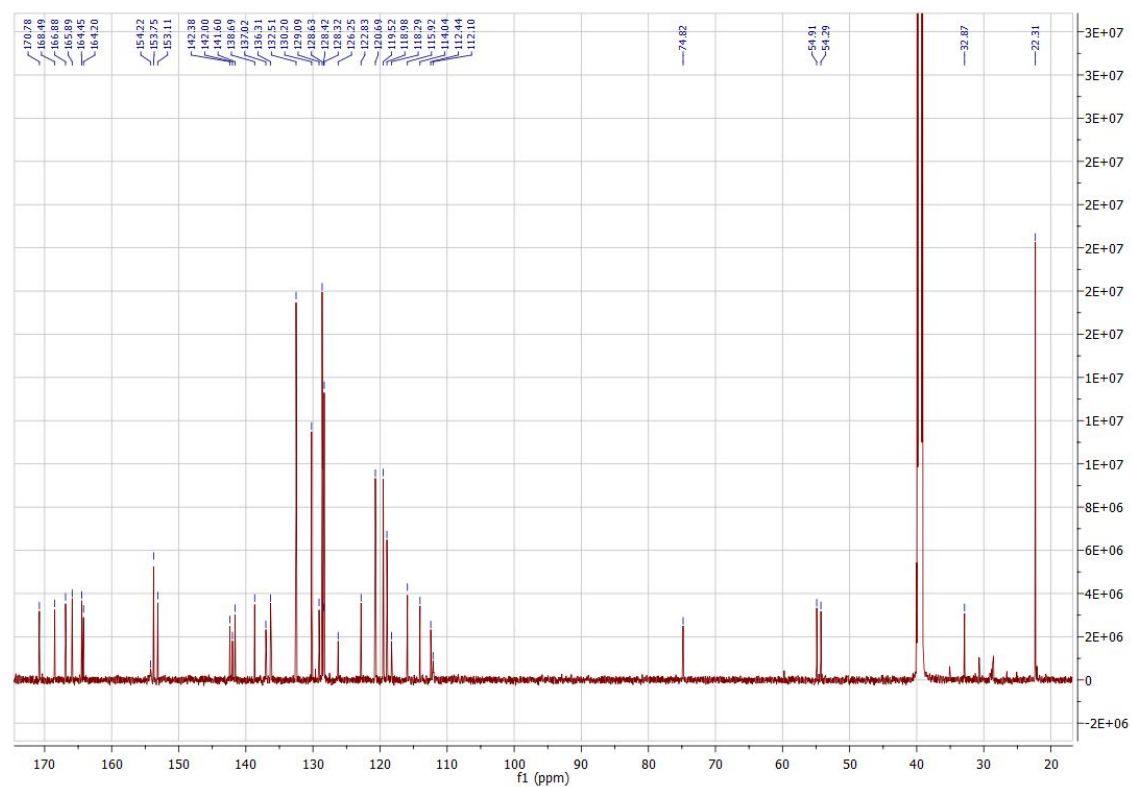
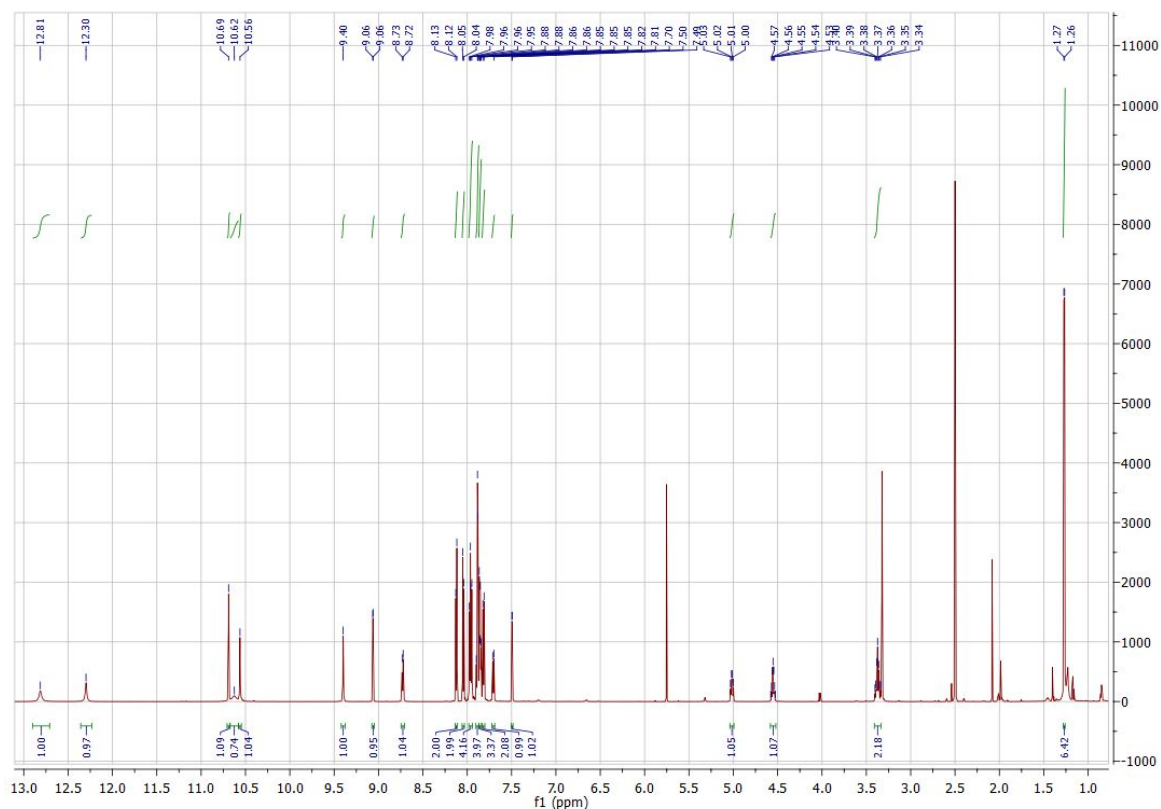


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **14**.

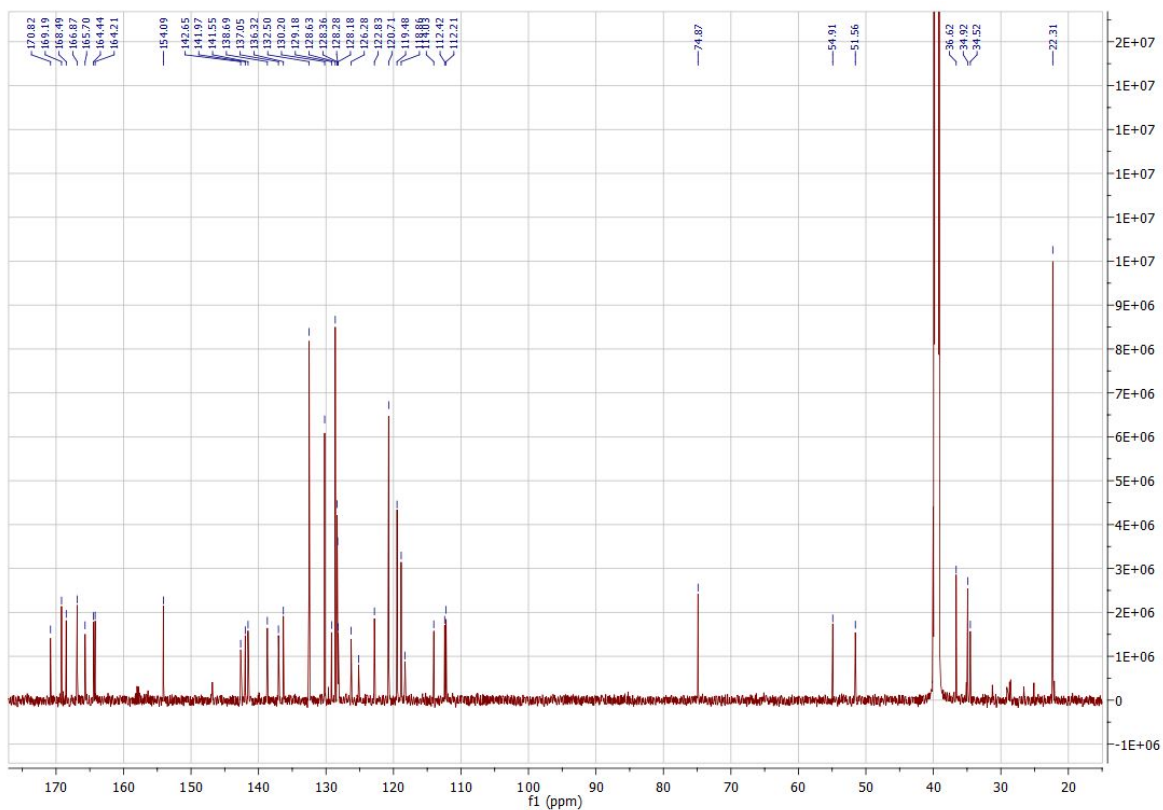
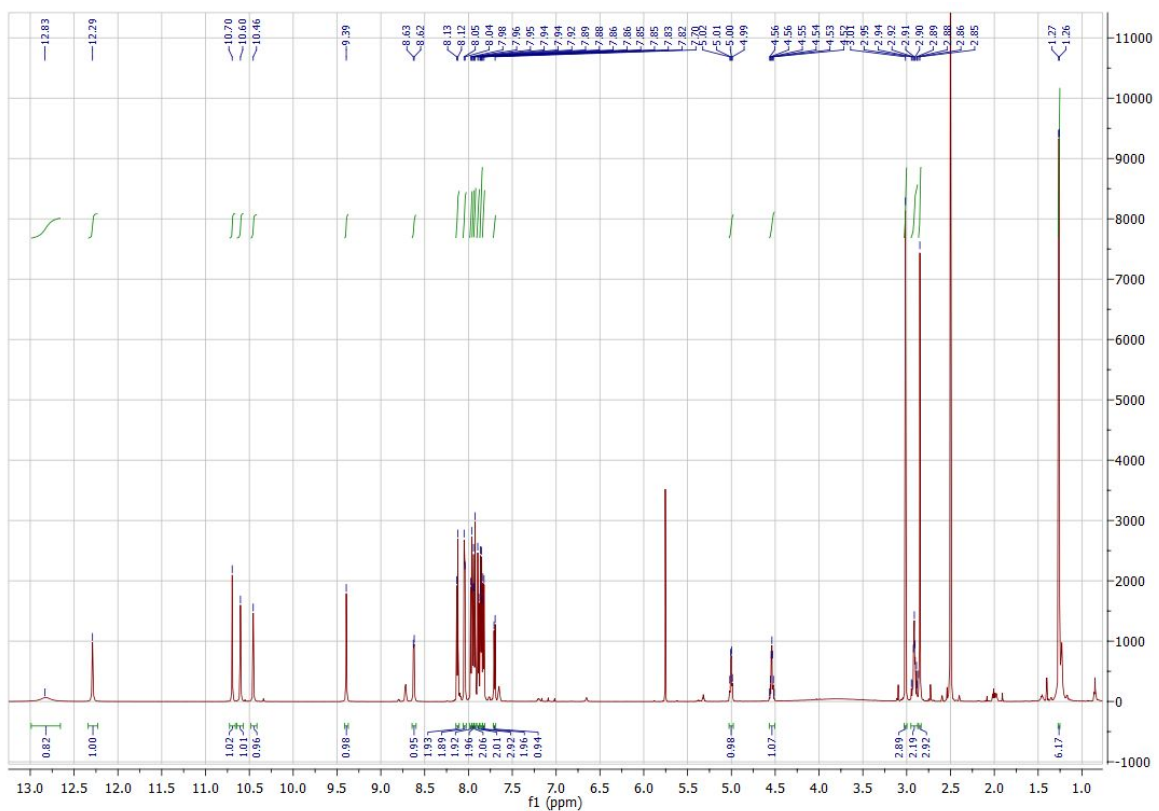


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **15**.

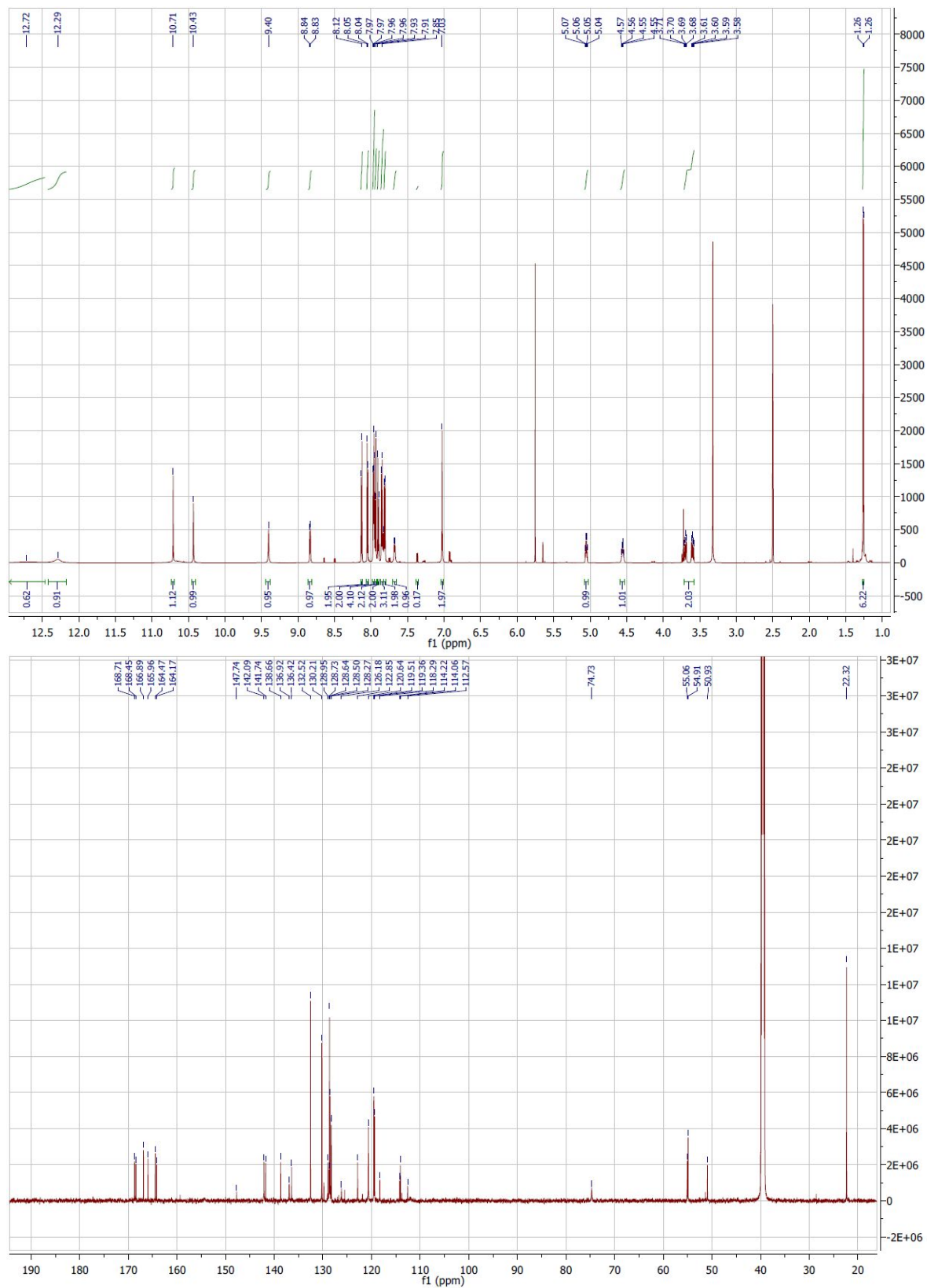


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 16.

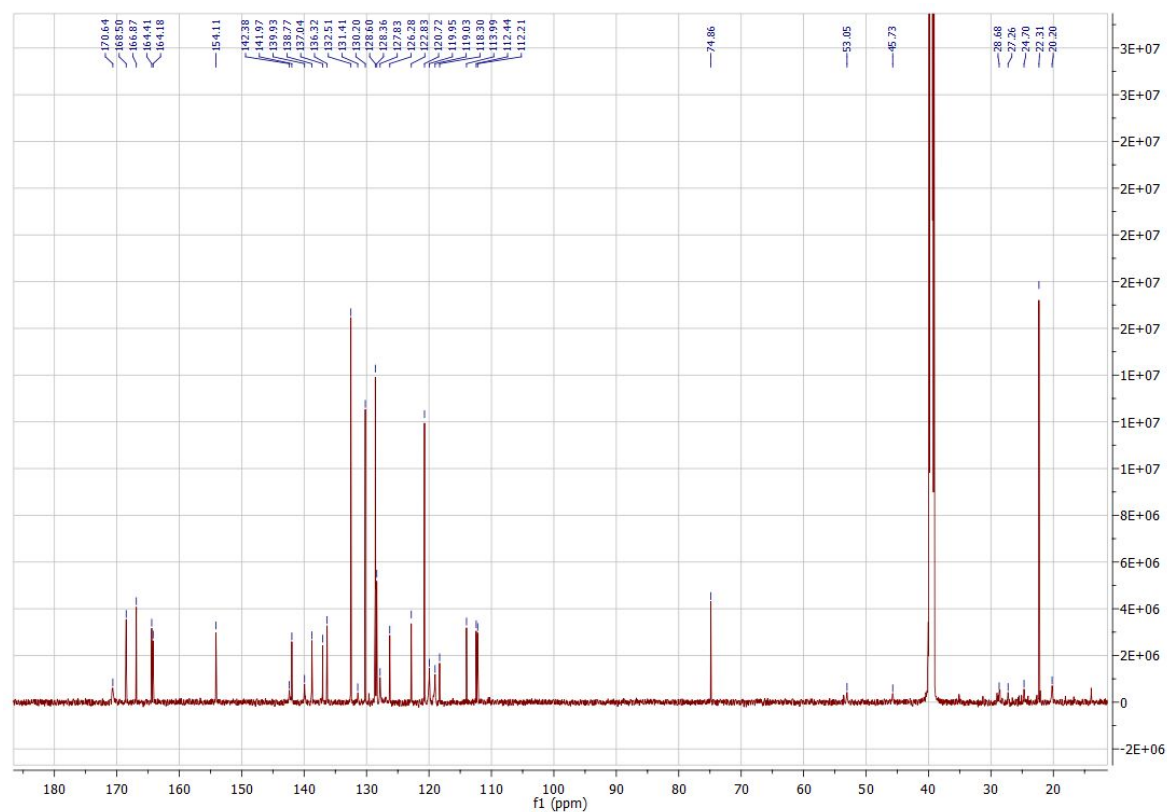
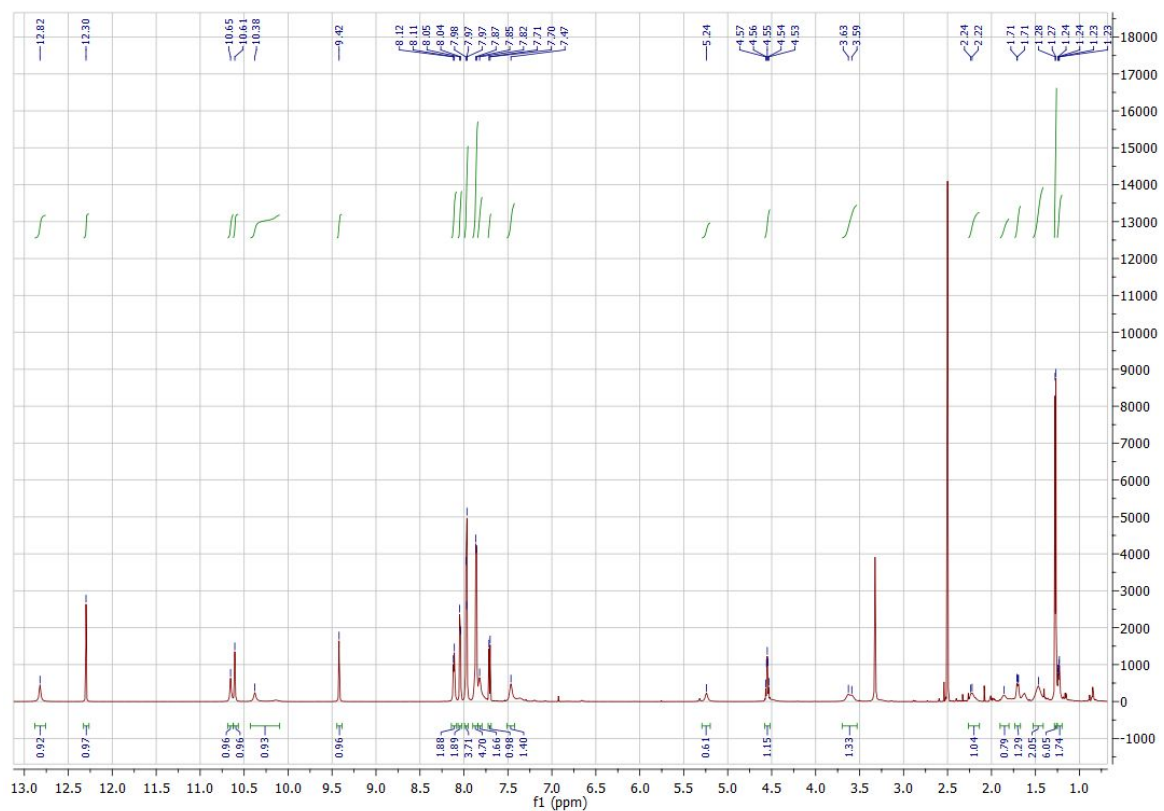


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **17**.



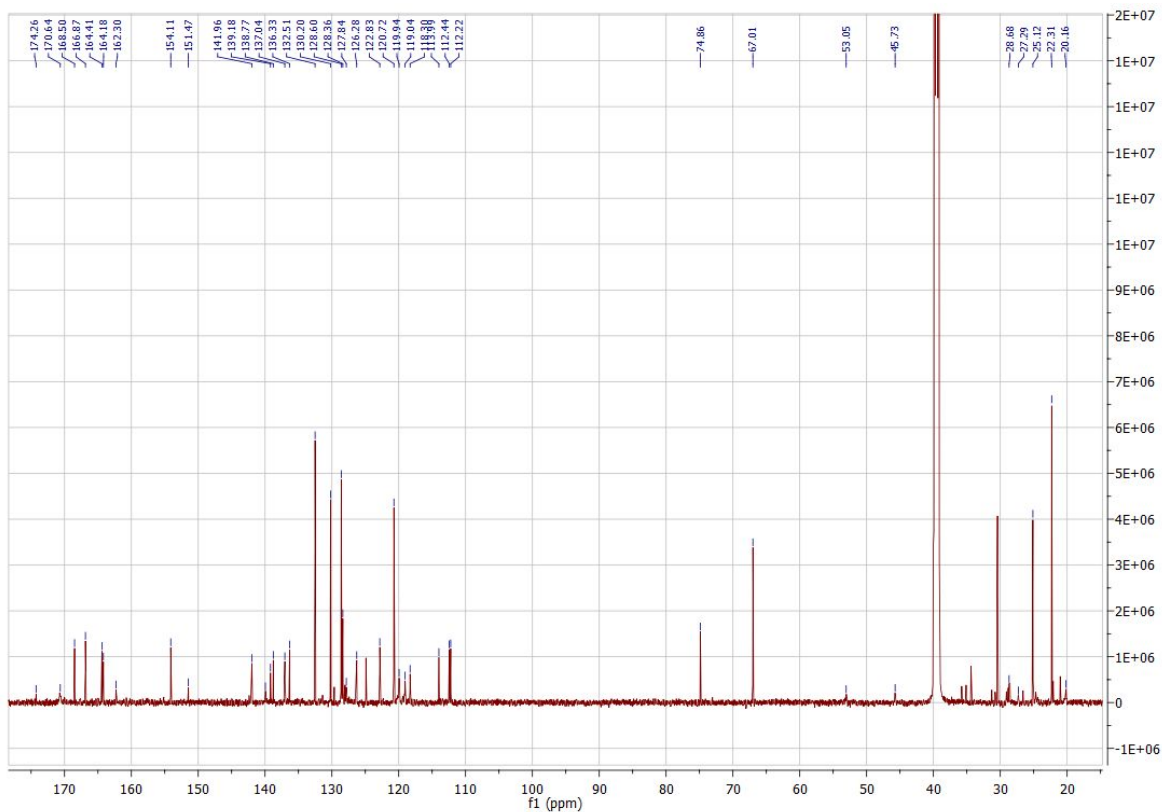
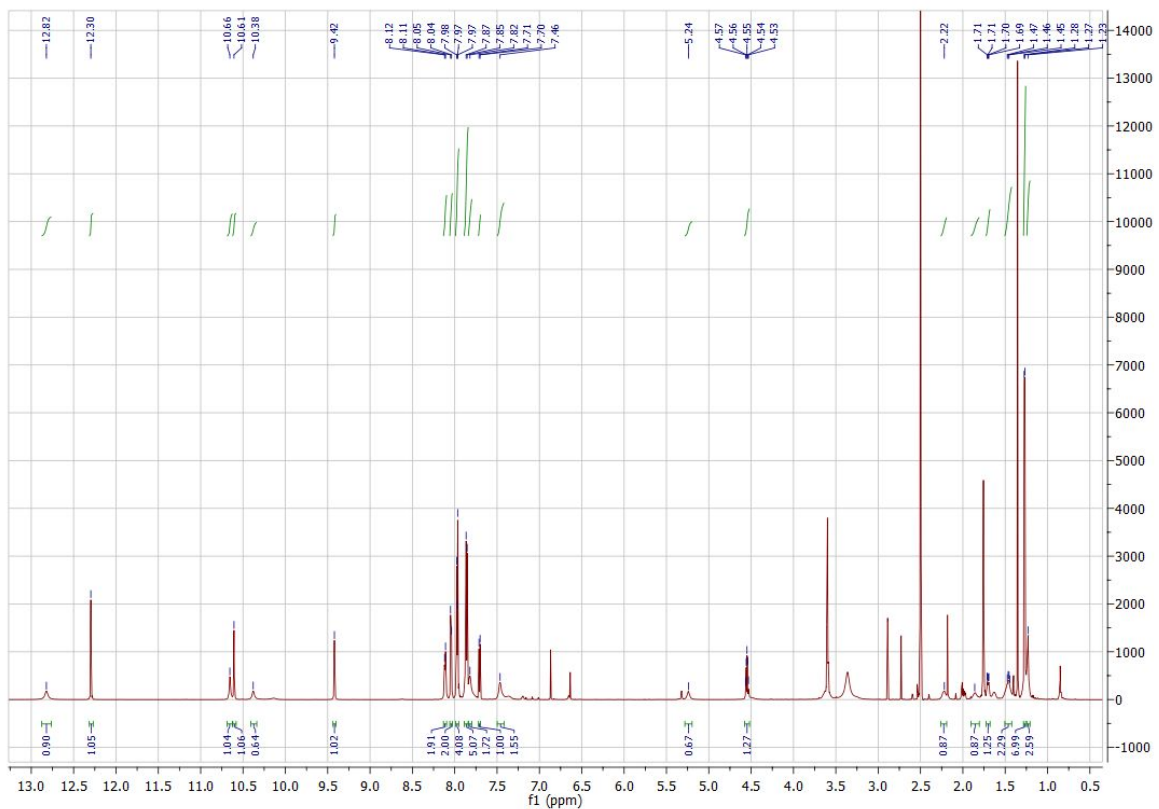


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **18**.

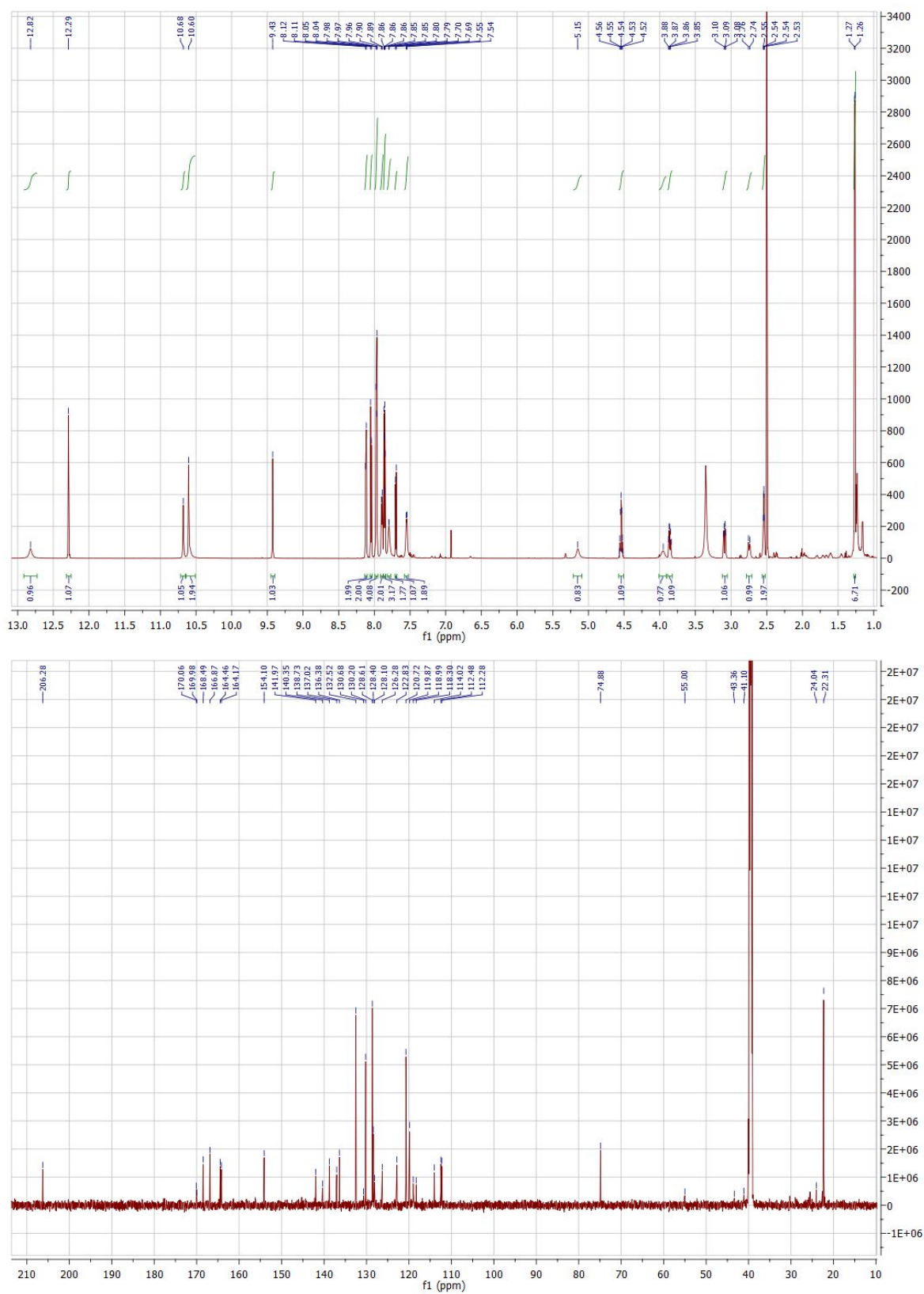


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **19**.

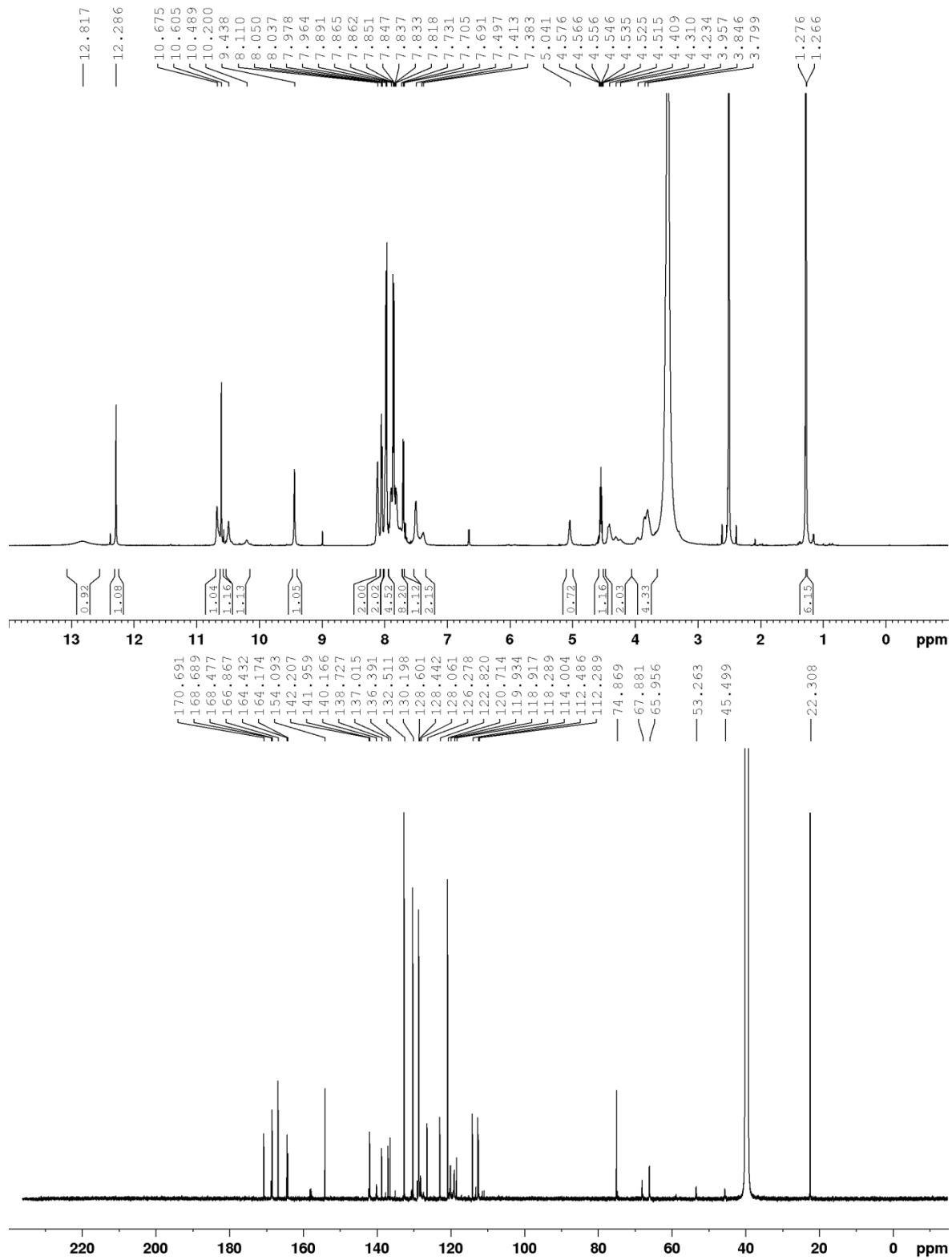


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **20**.

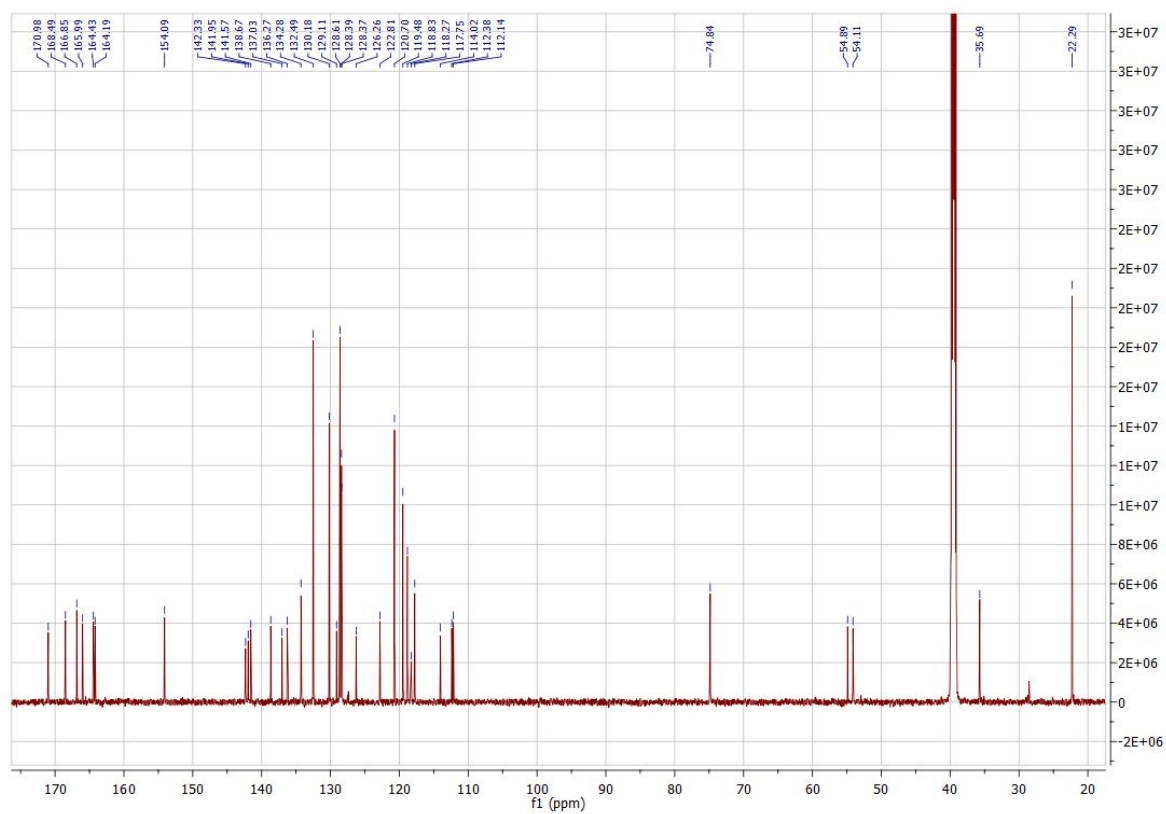
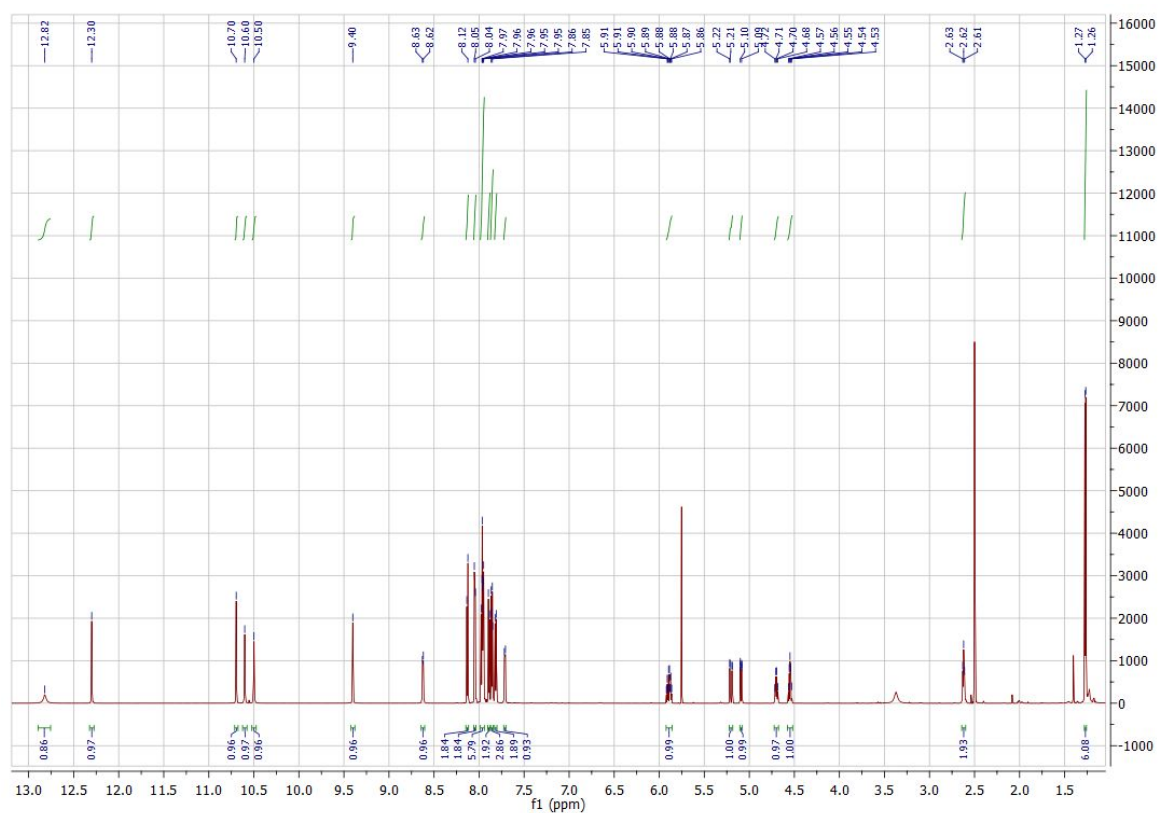


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **21**.

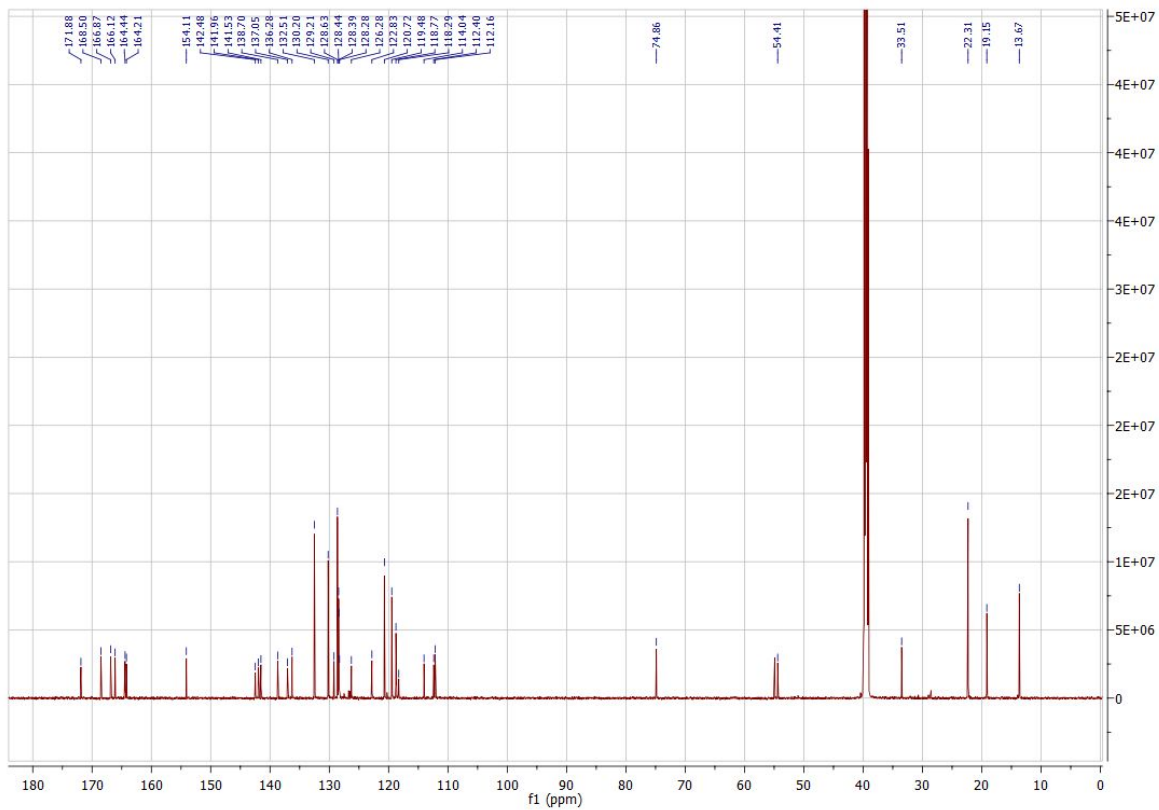
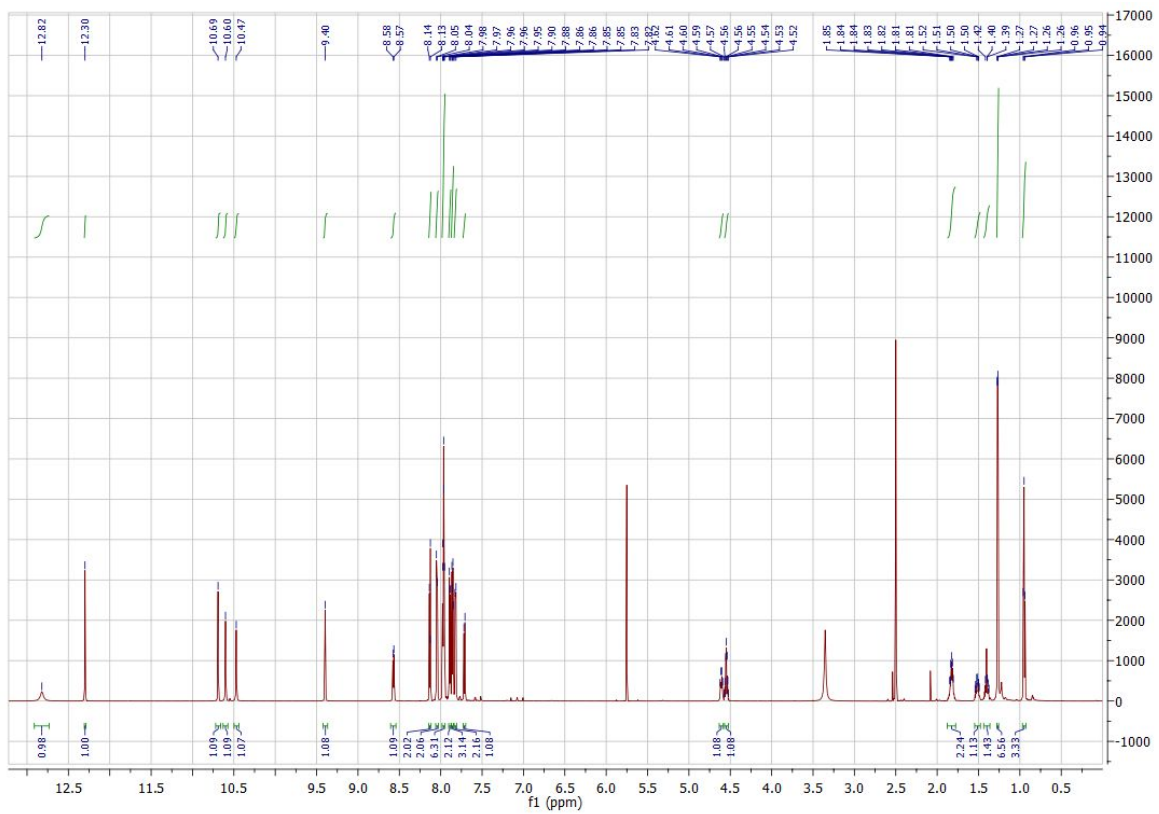


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **22**.

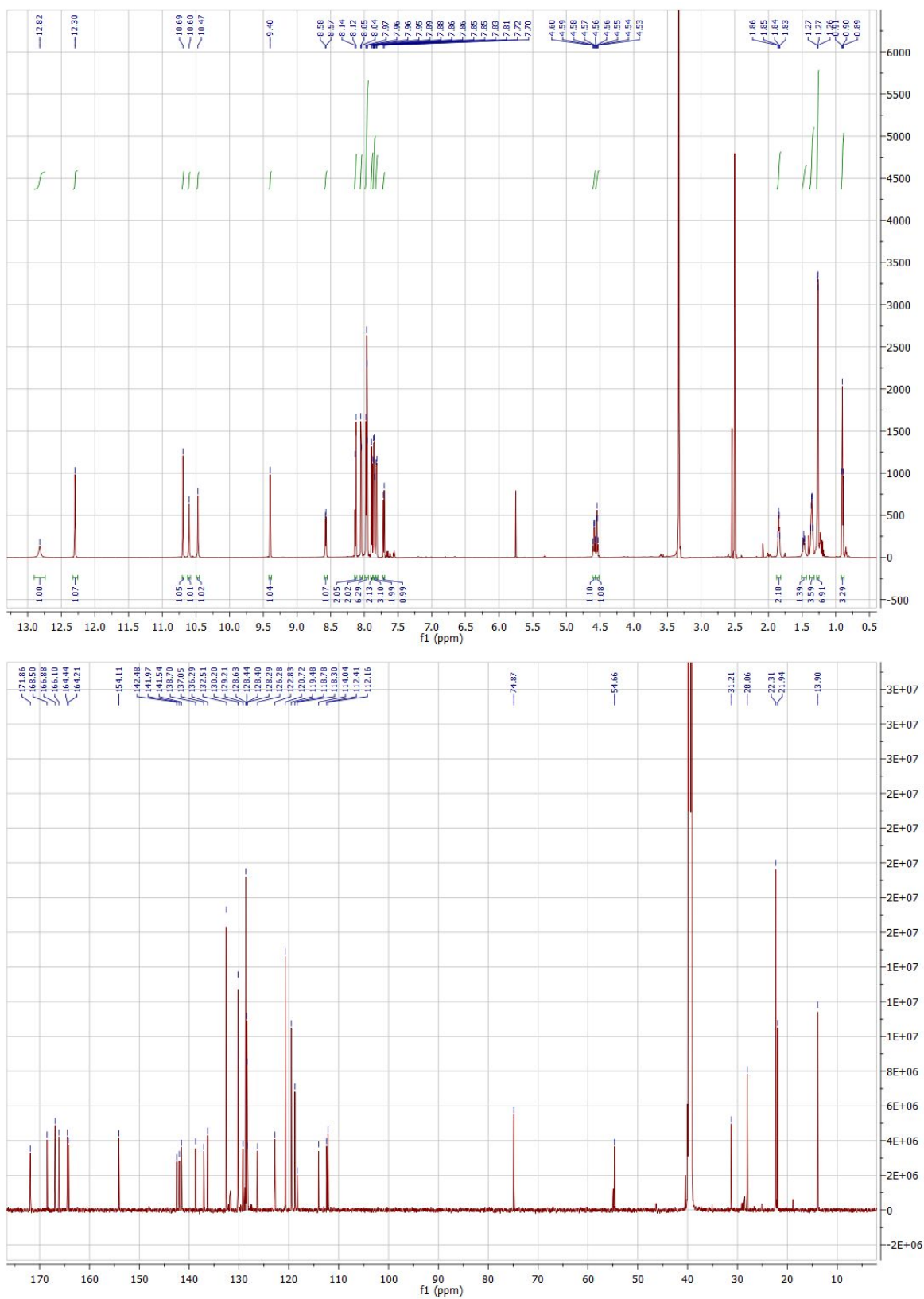


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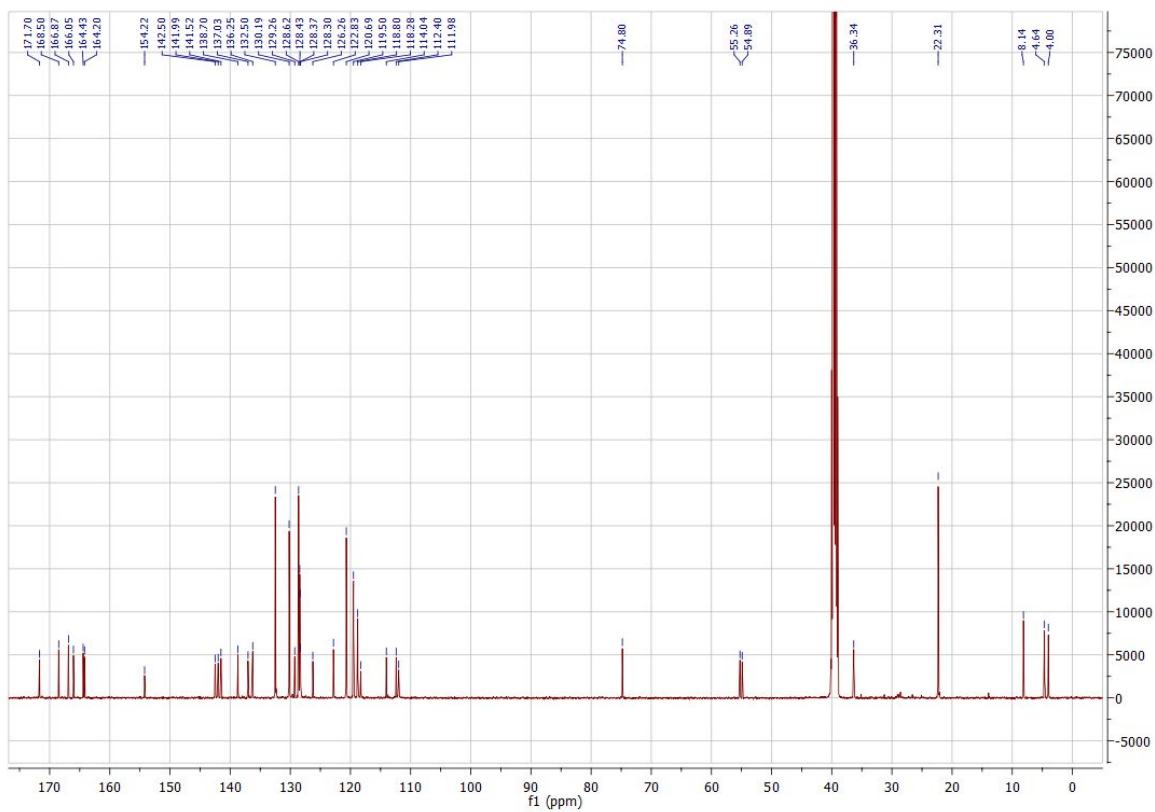
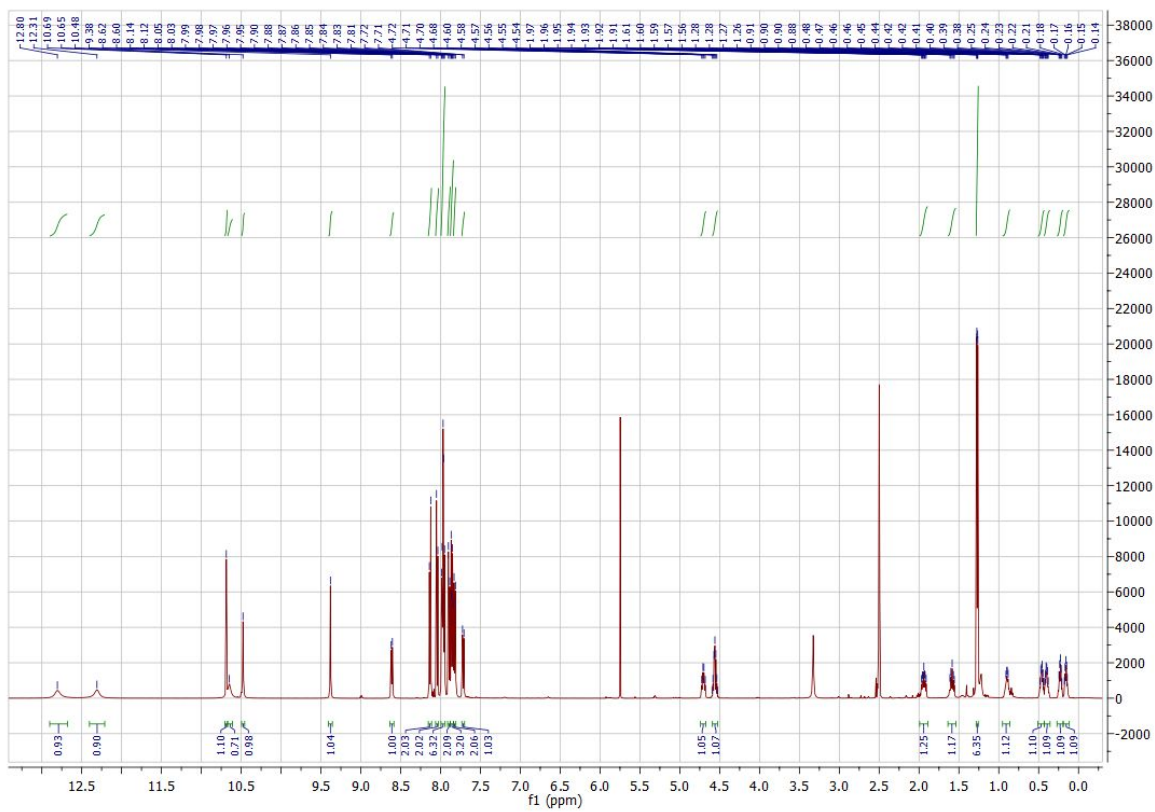


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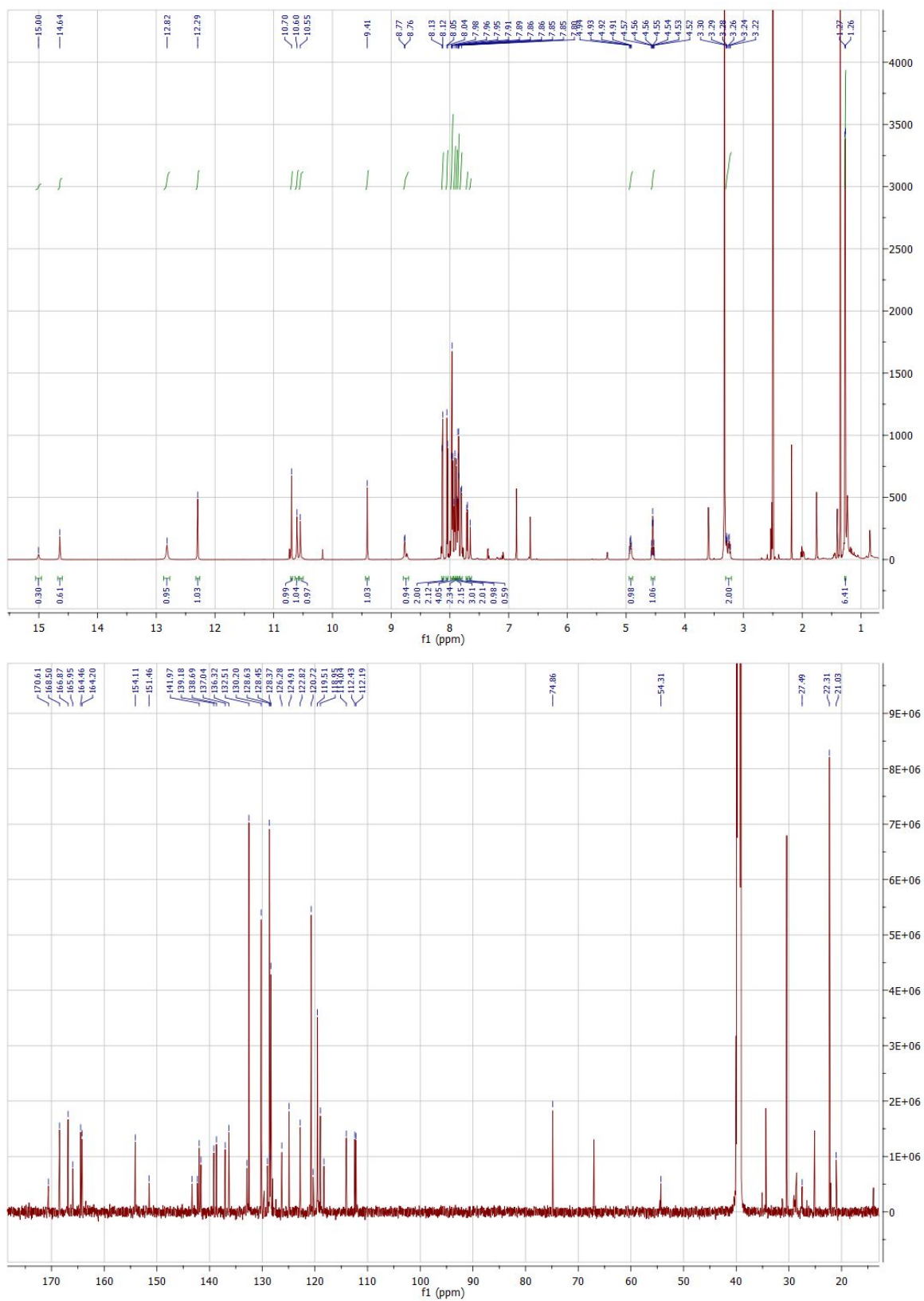


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **25**.



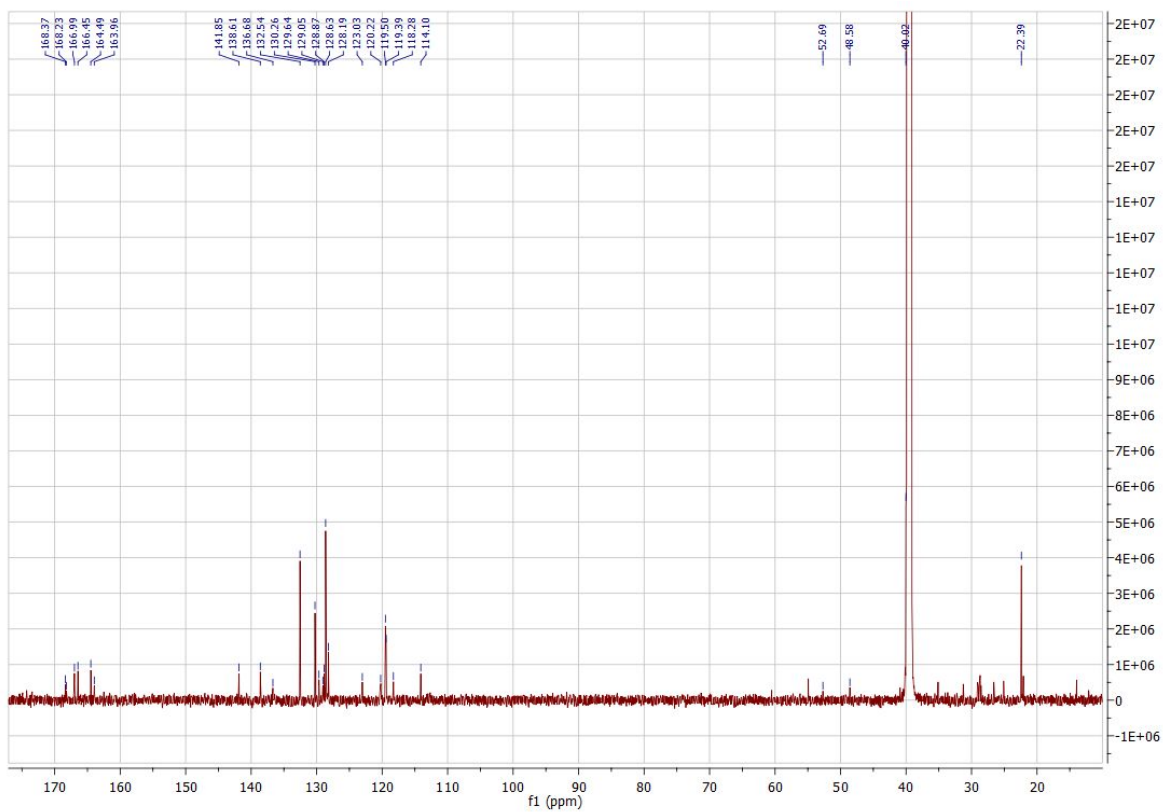
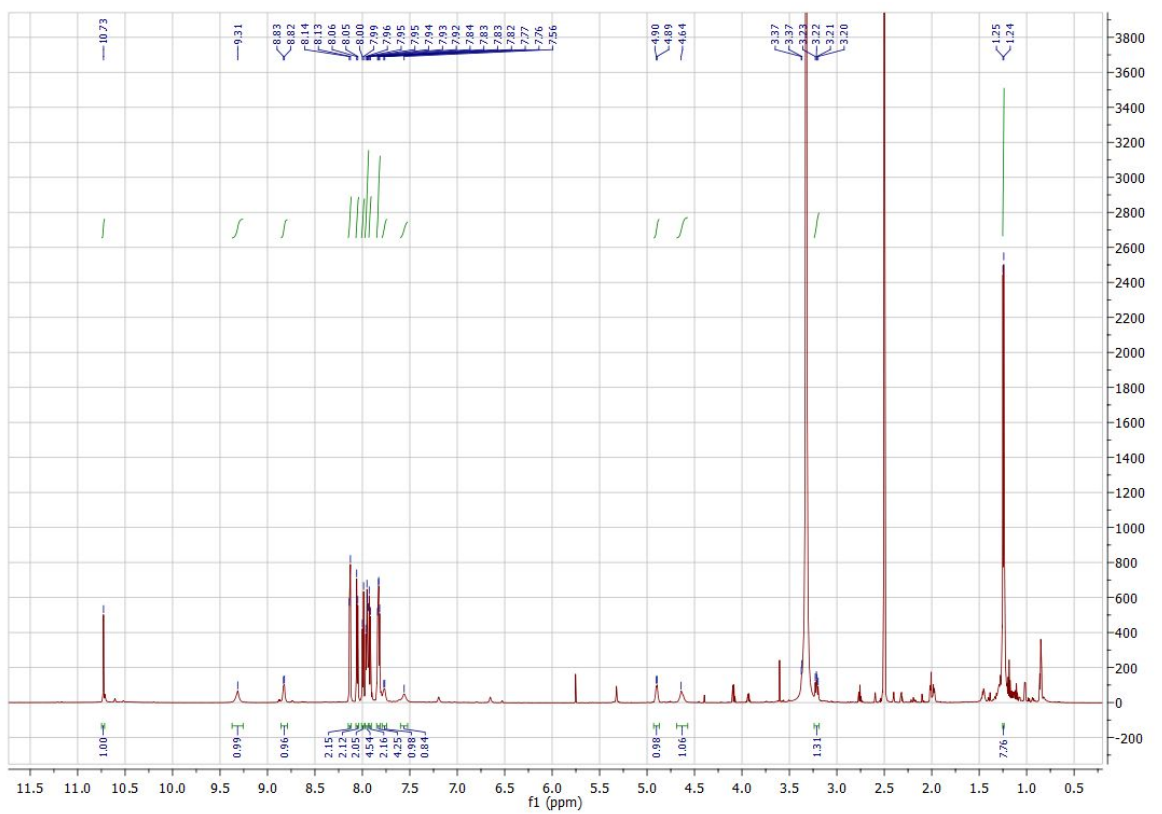


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **26**.

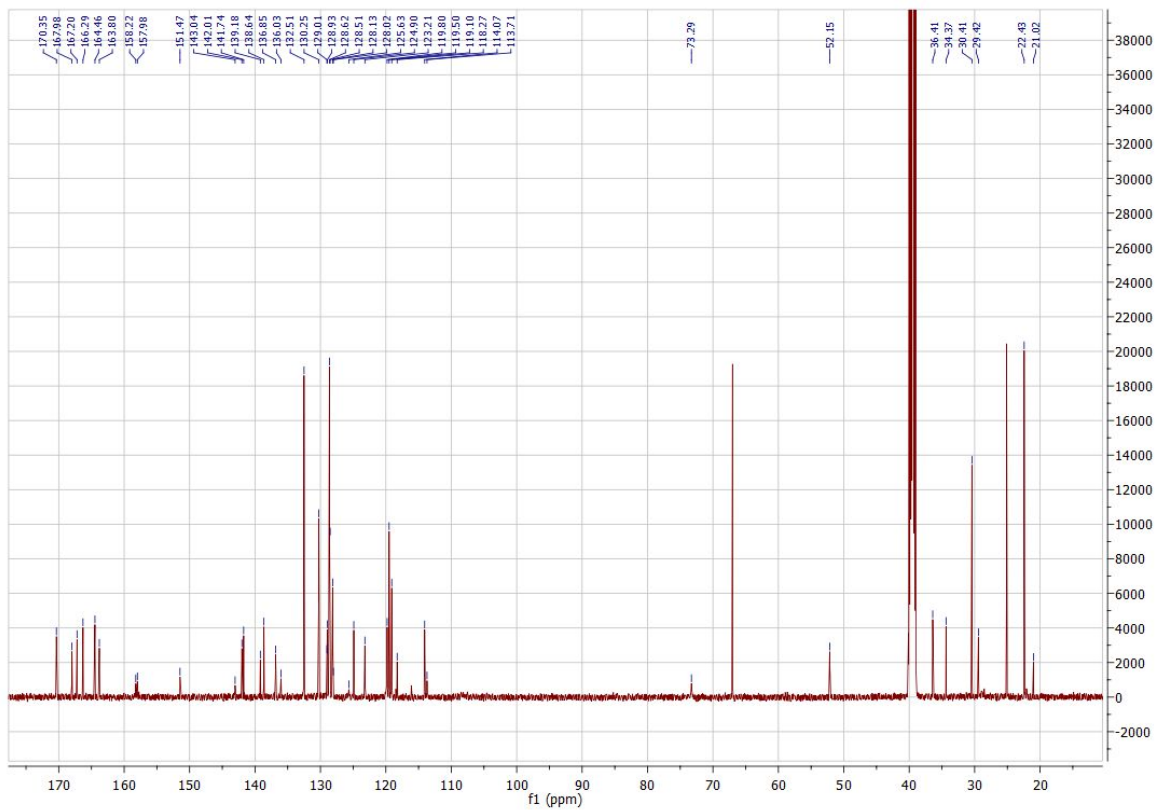
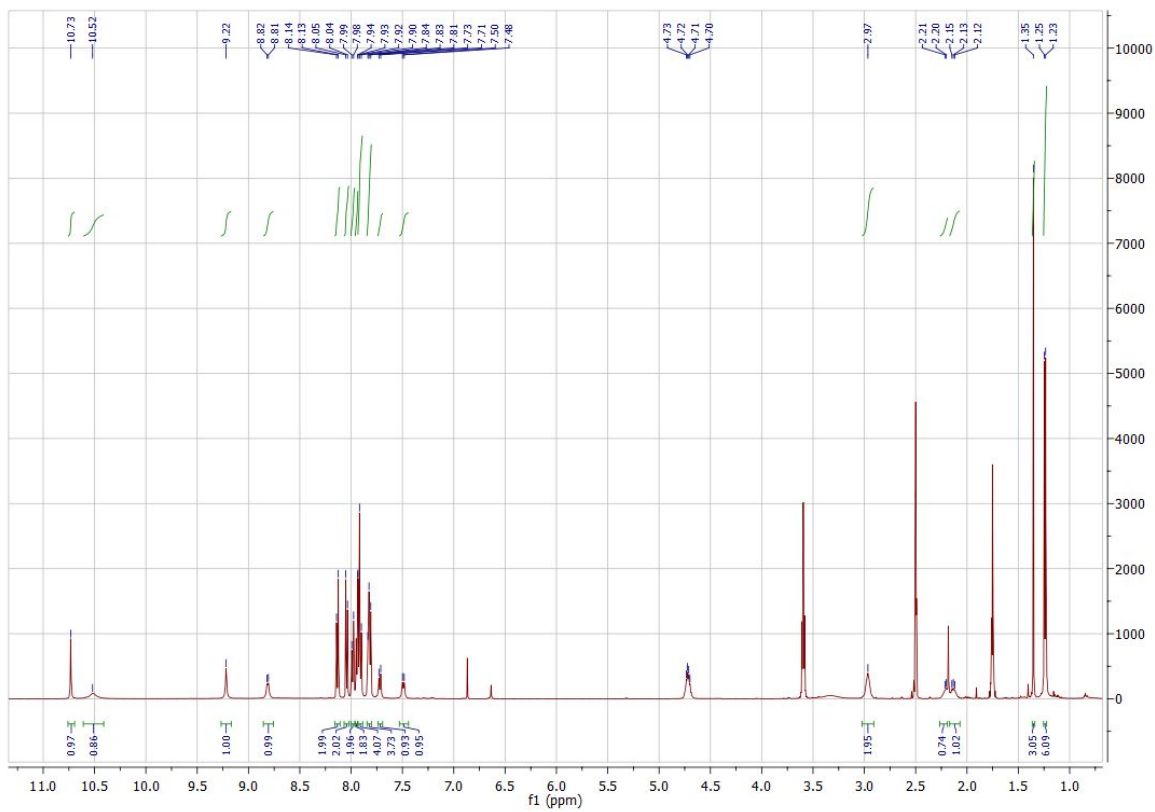


Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **27**.

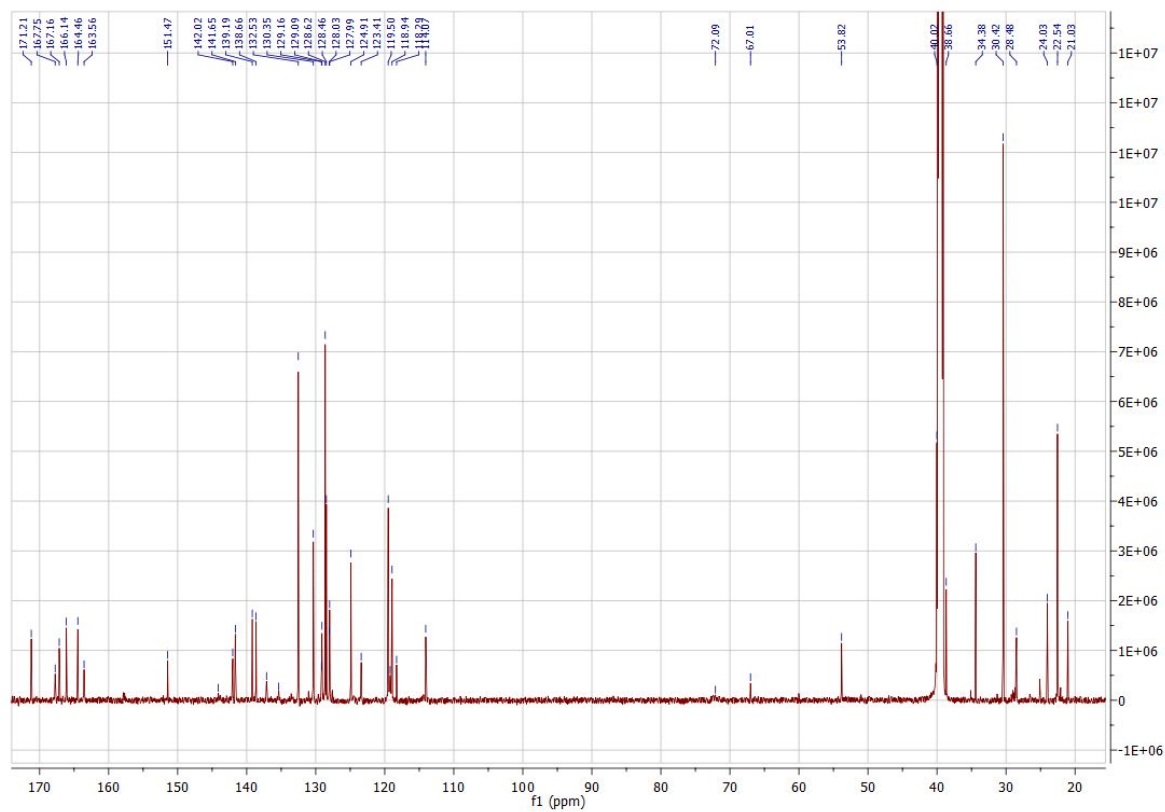
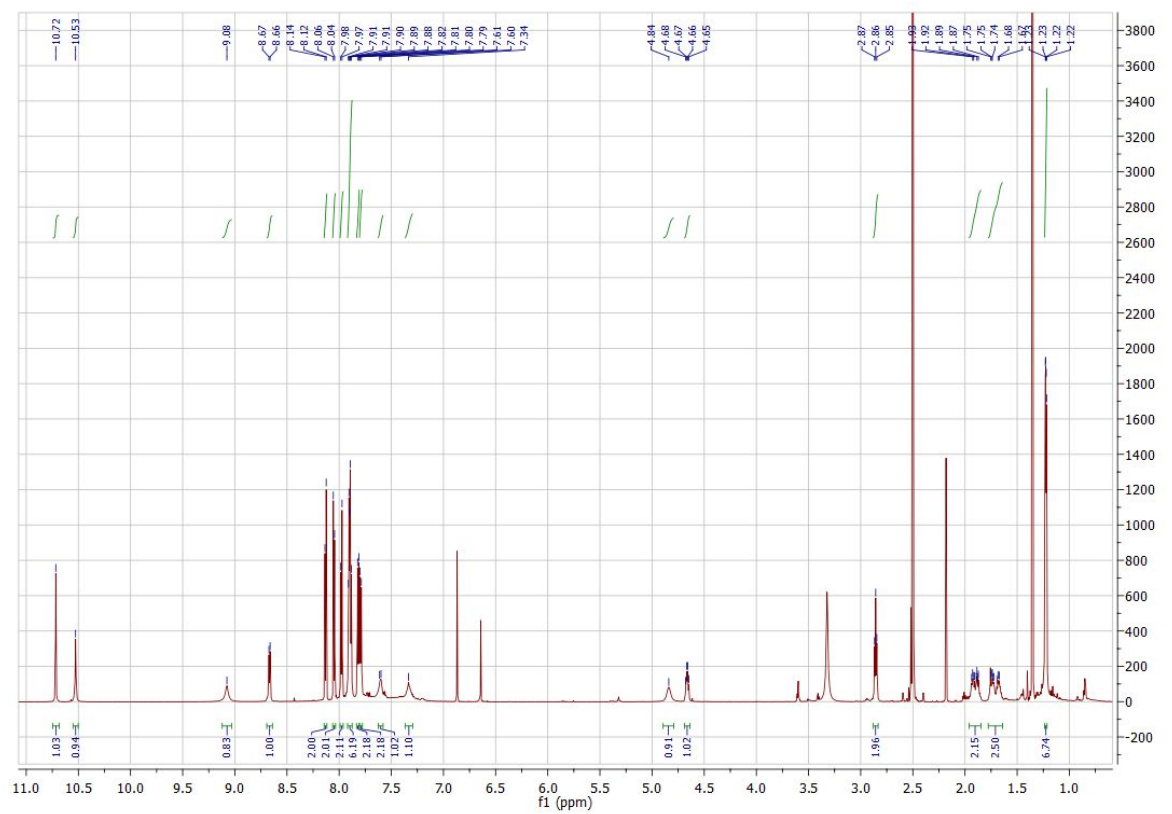


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **28**.

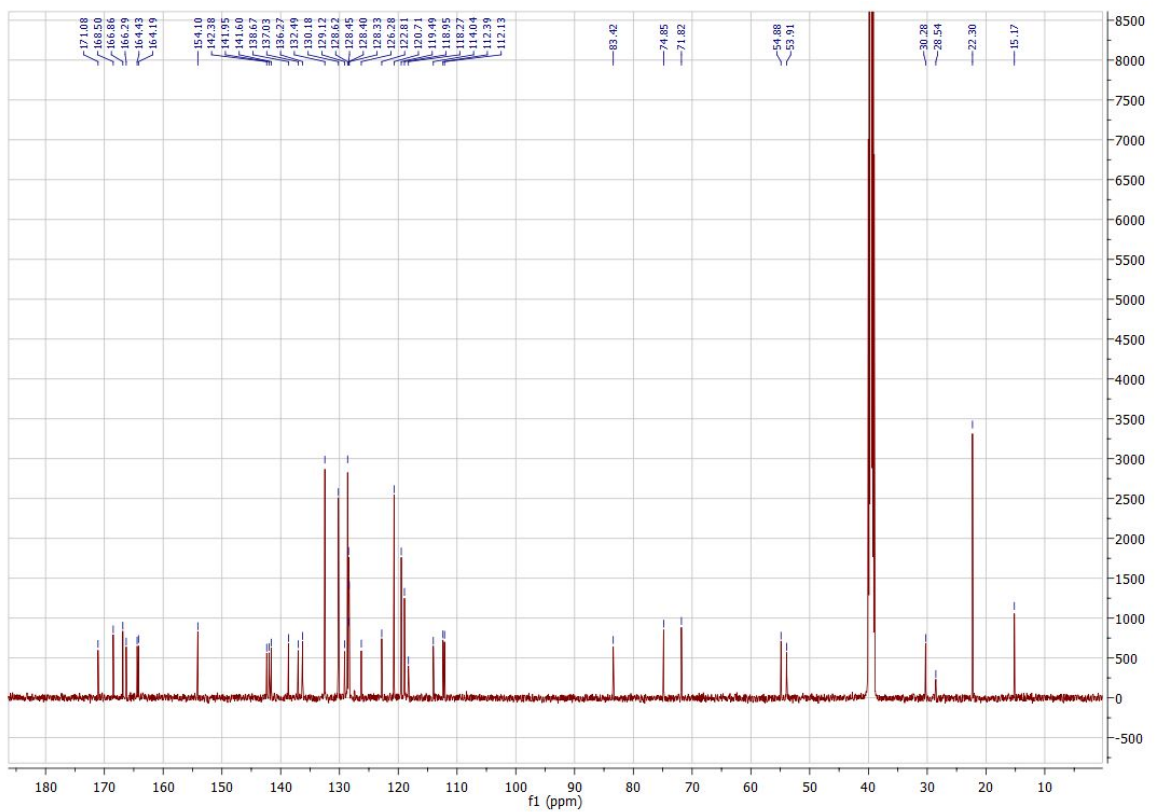
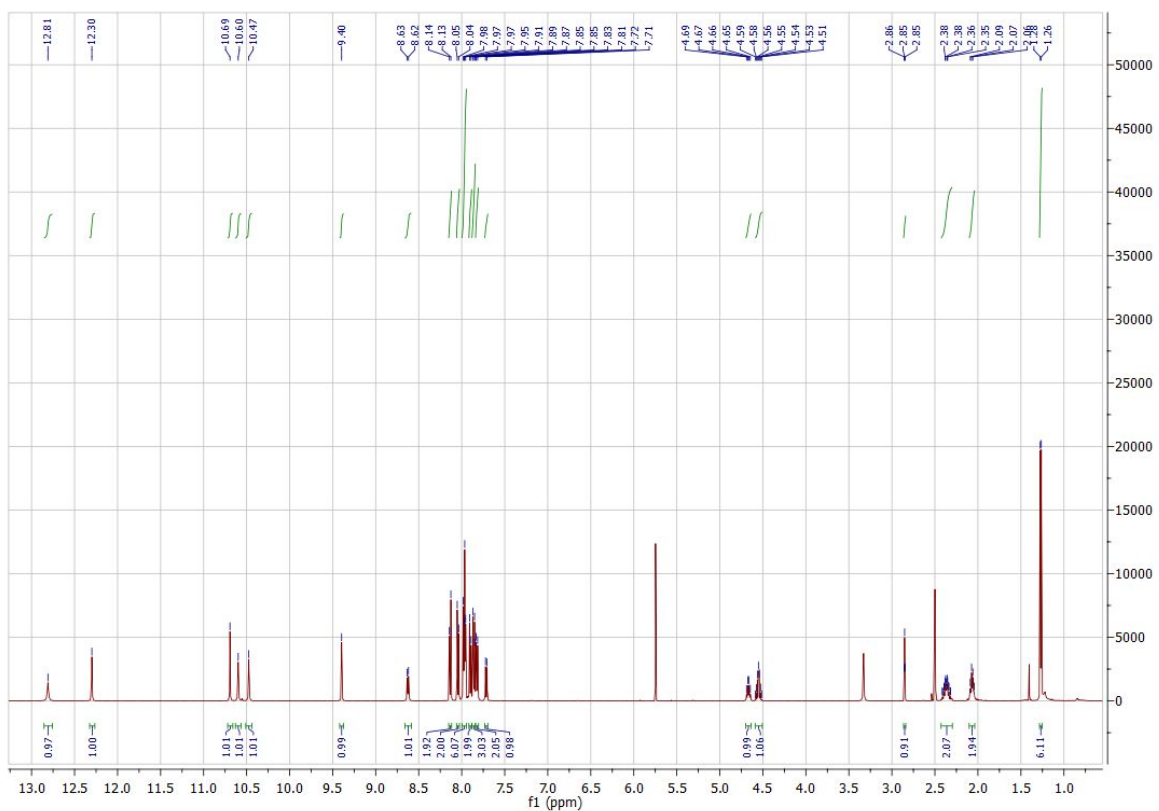


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **29**.

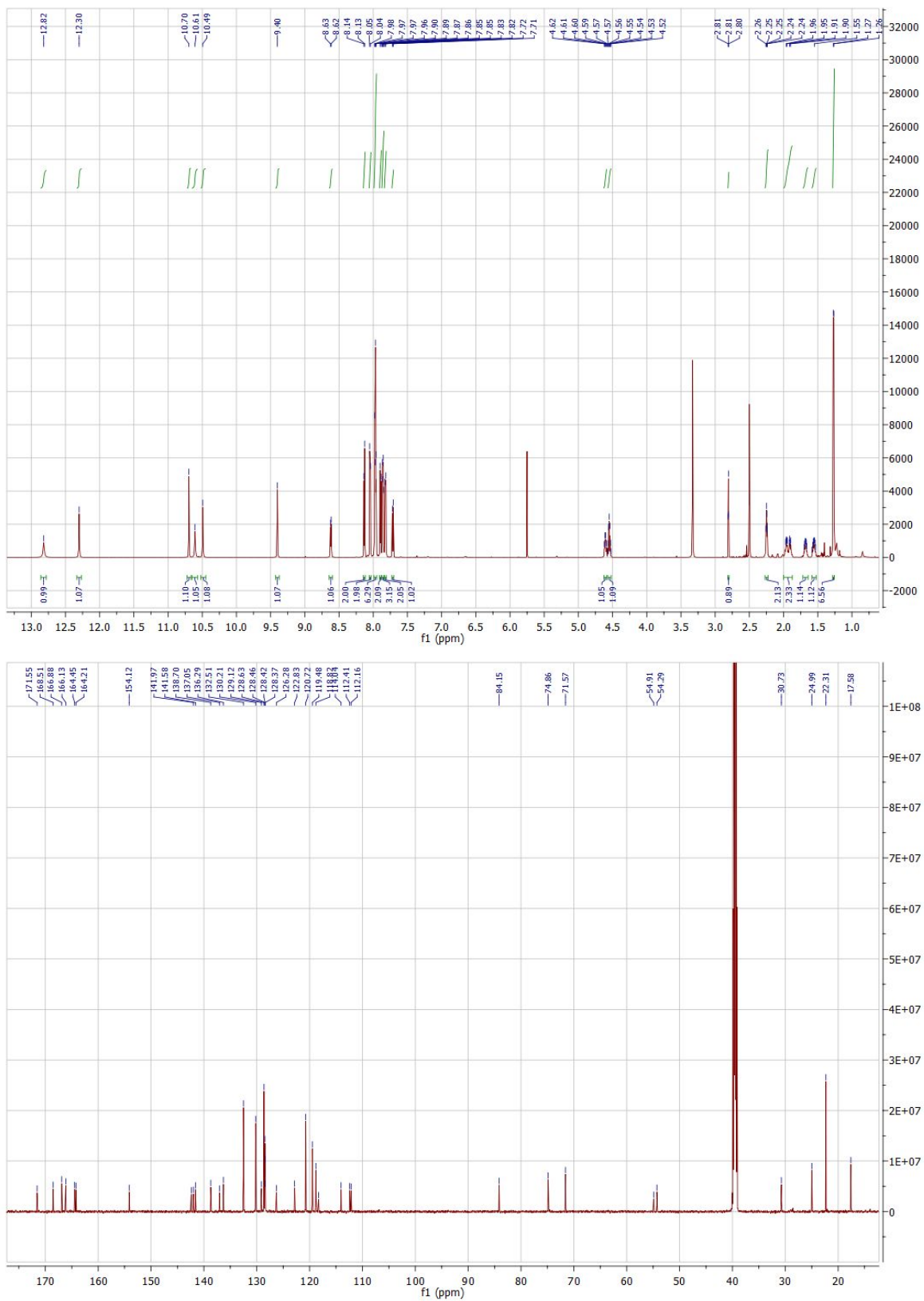


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 30.

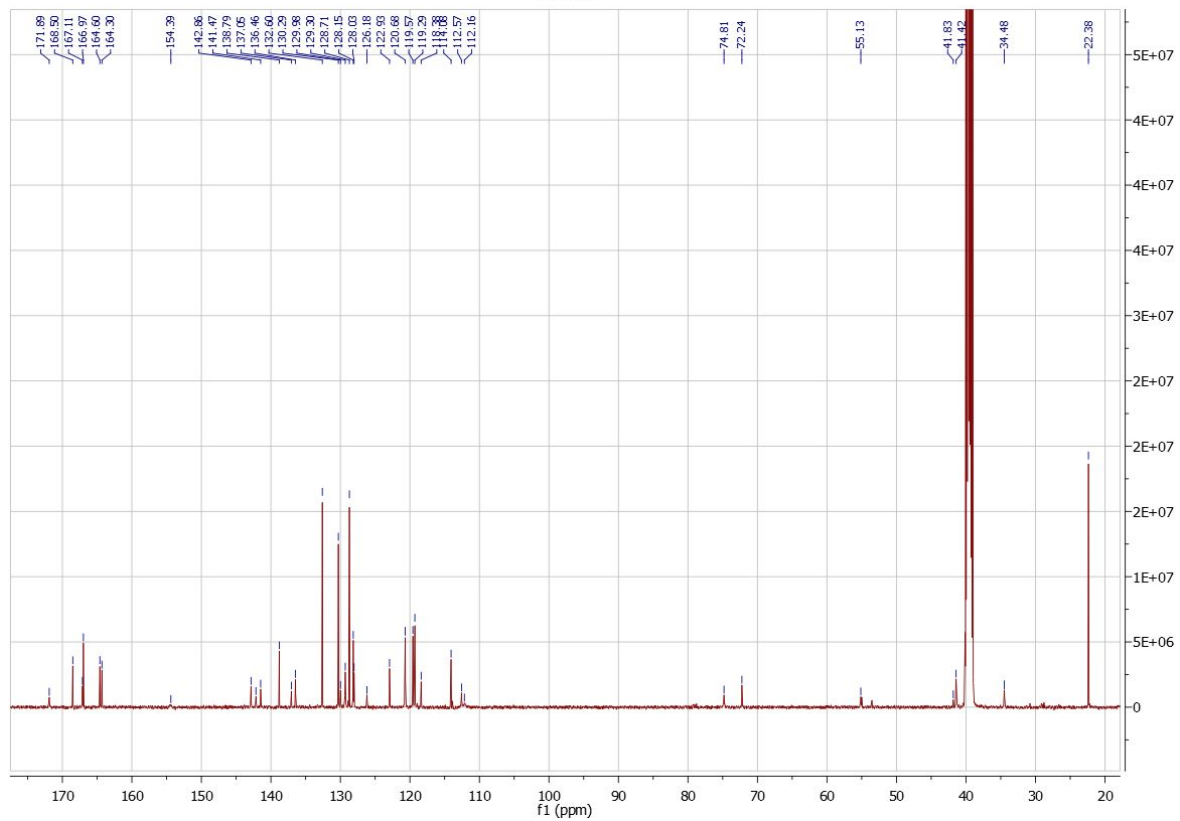
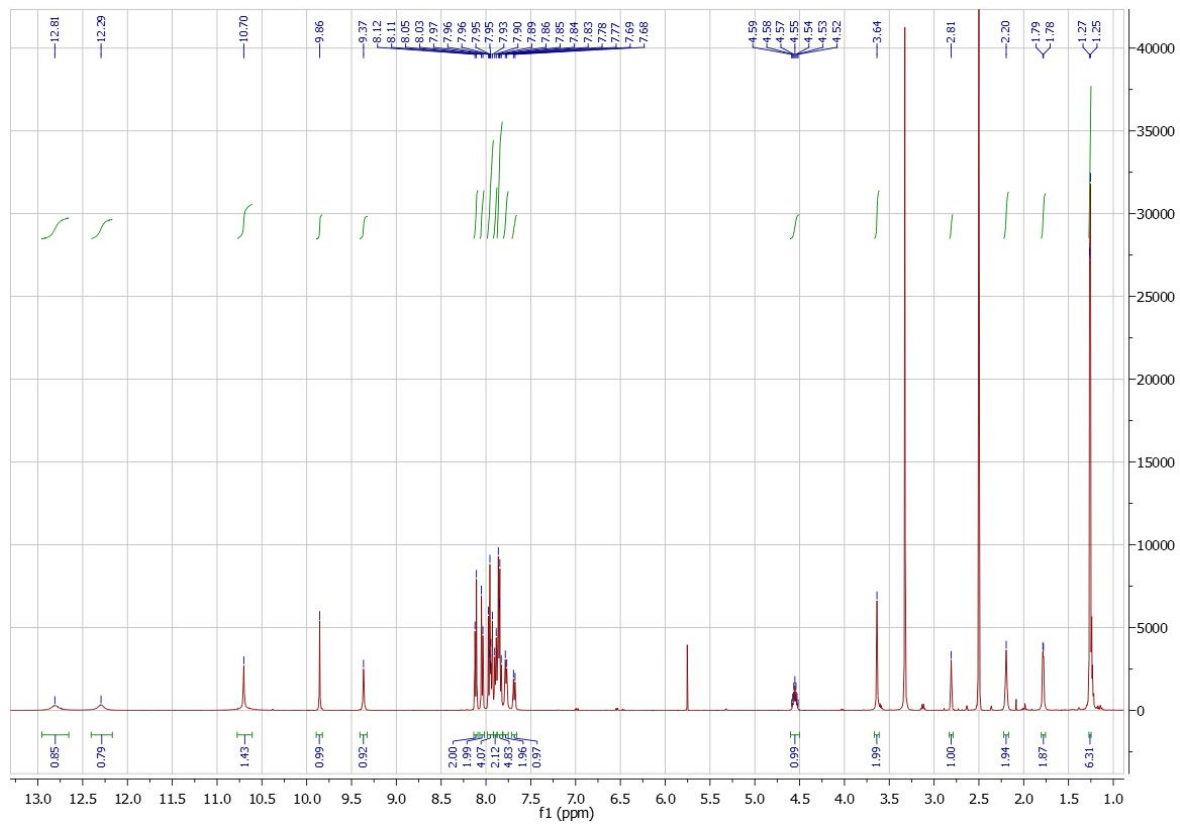


Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **31**.

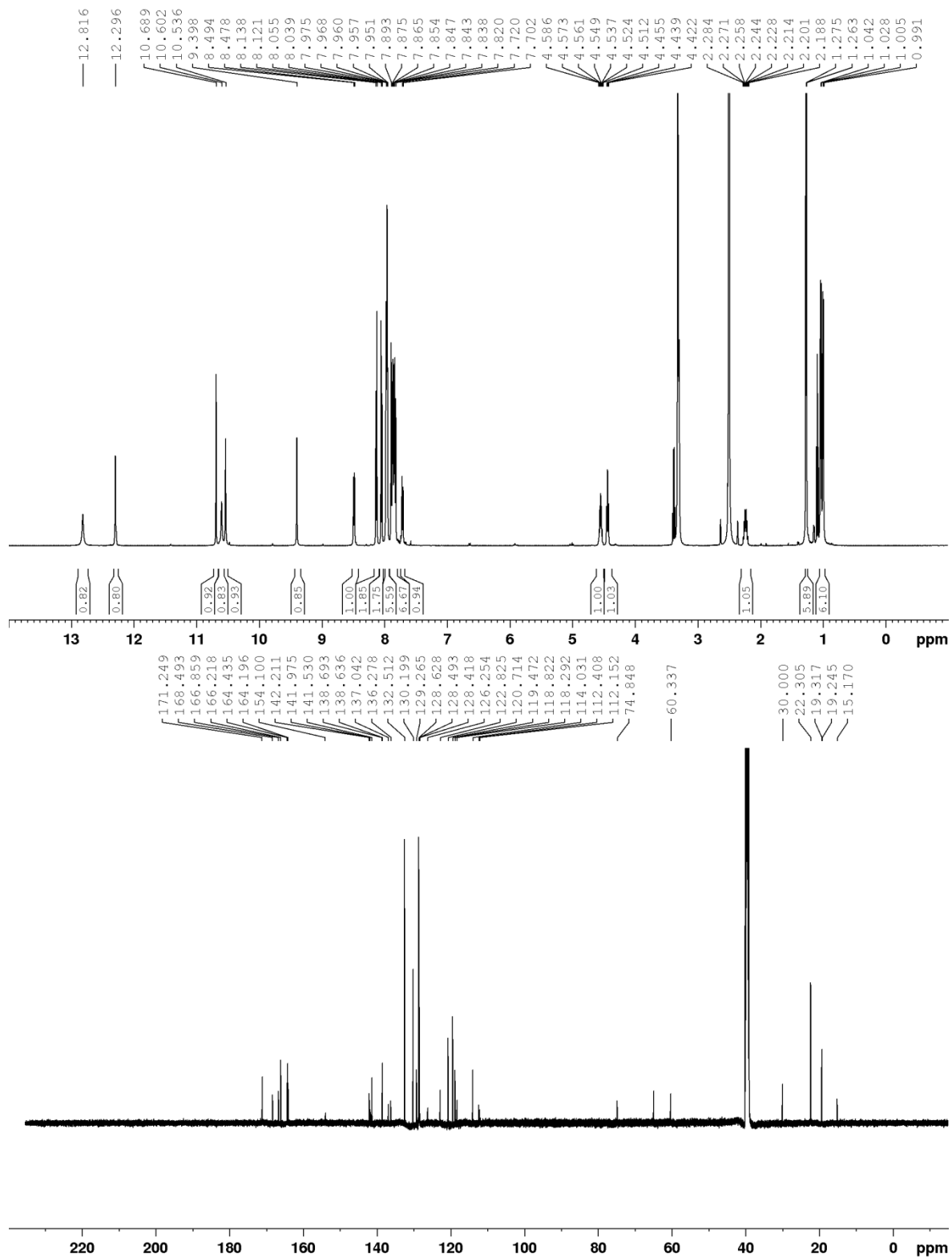


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **32**.

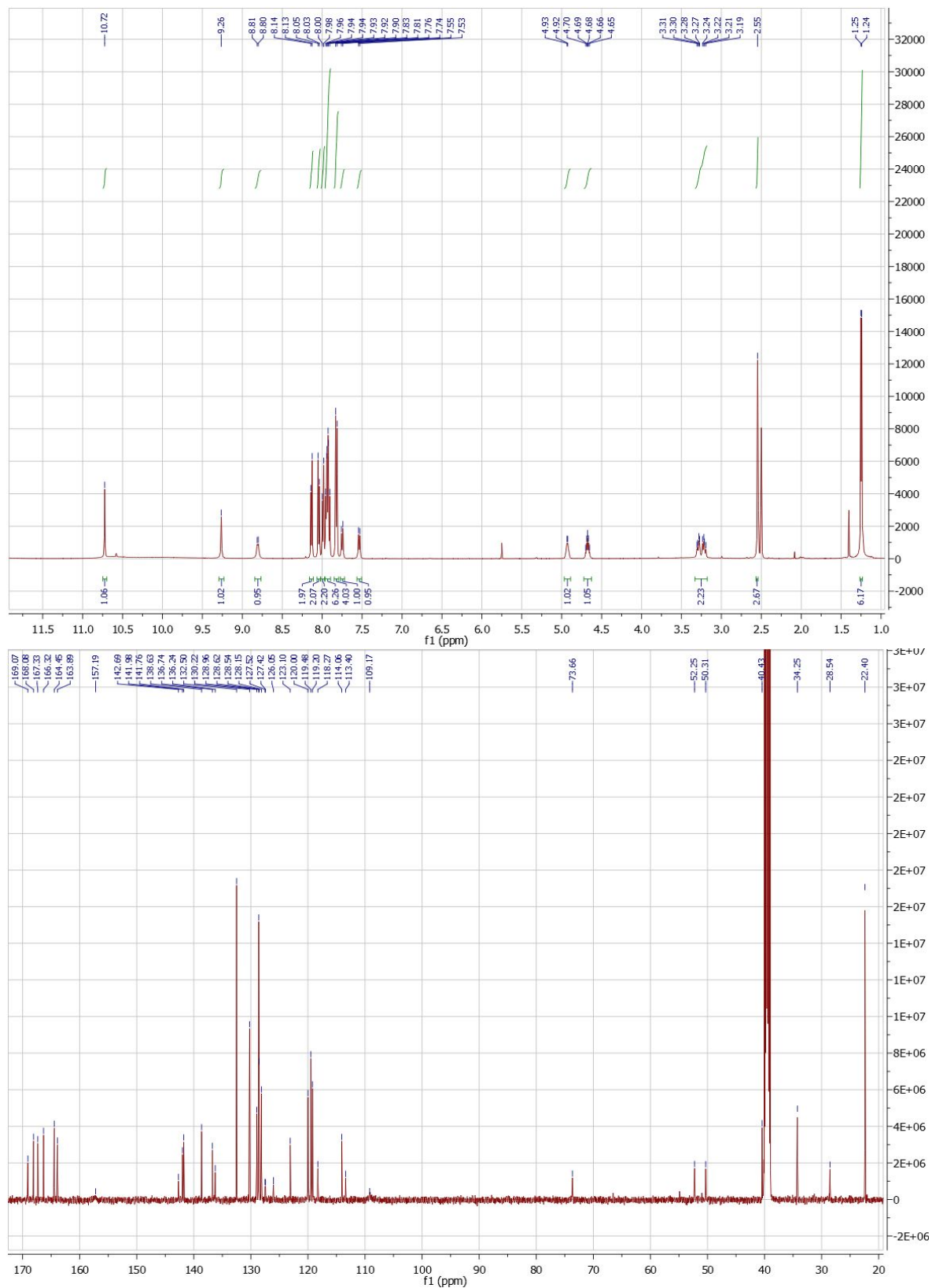


Figure S14.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 34.



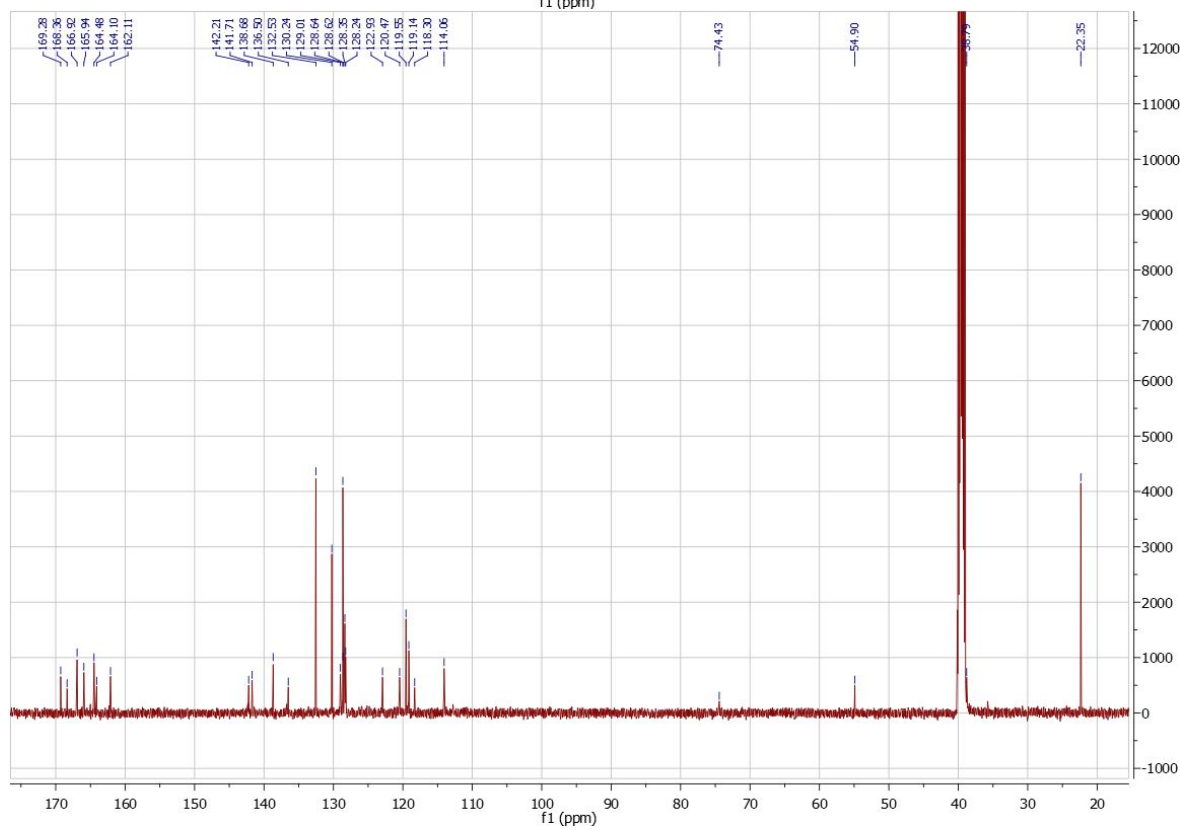
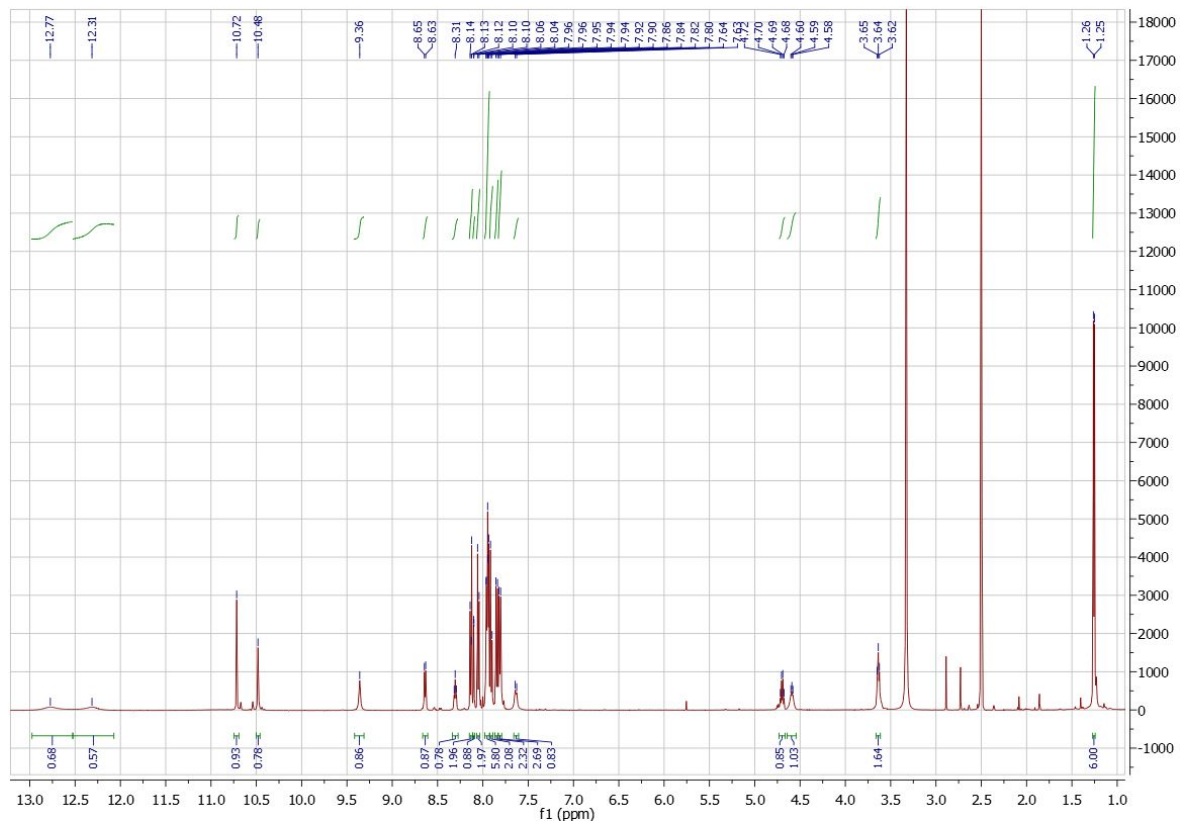


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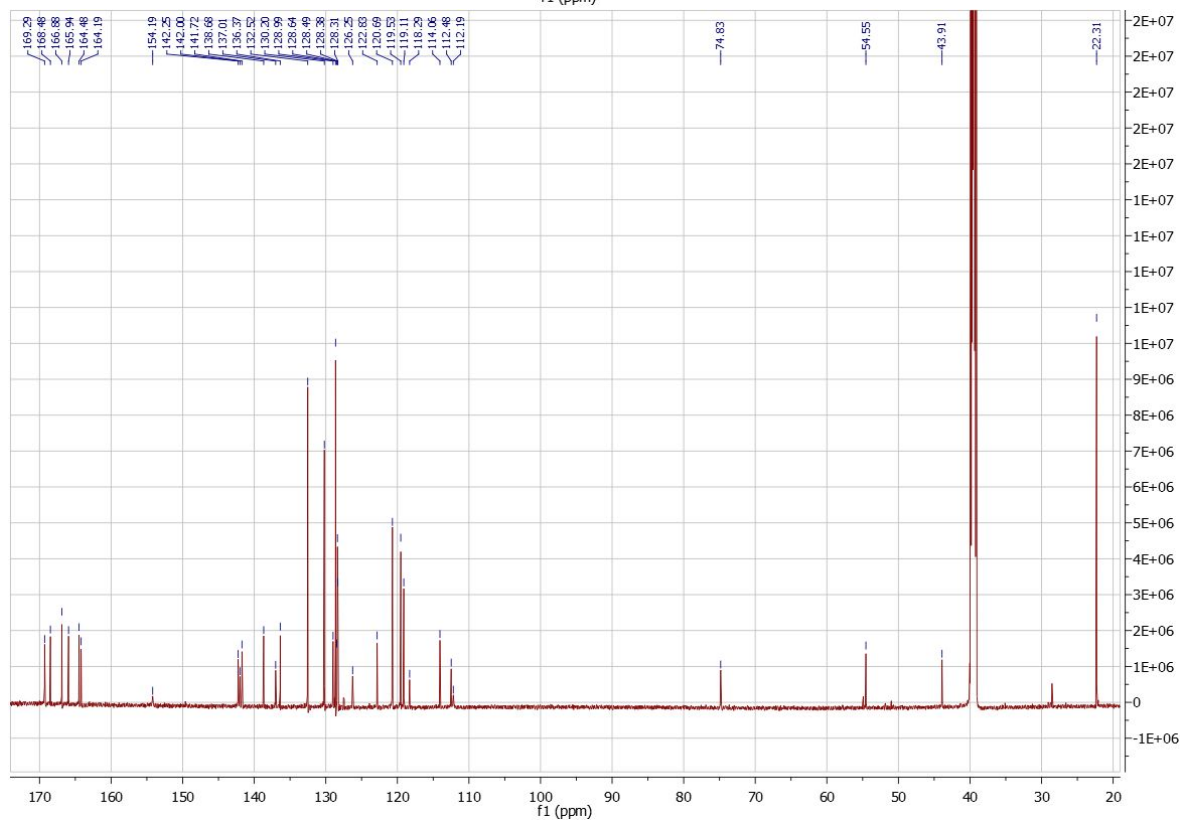
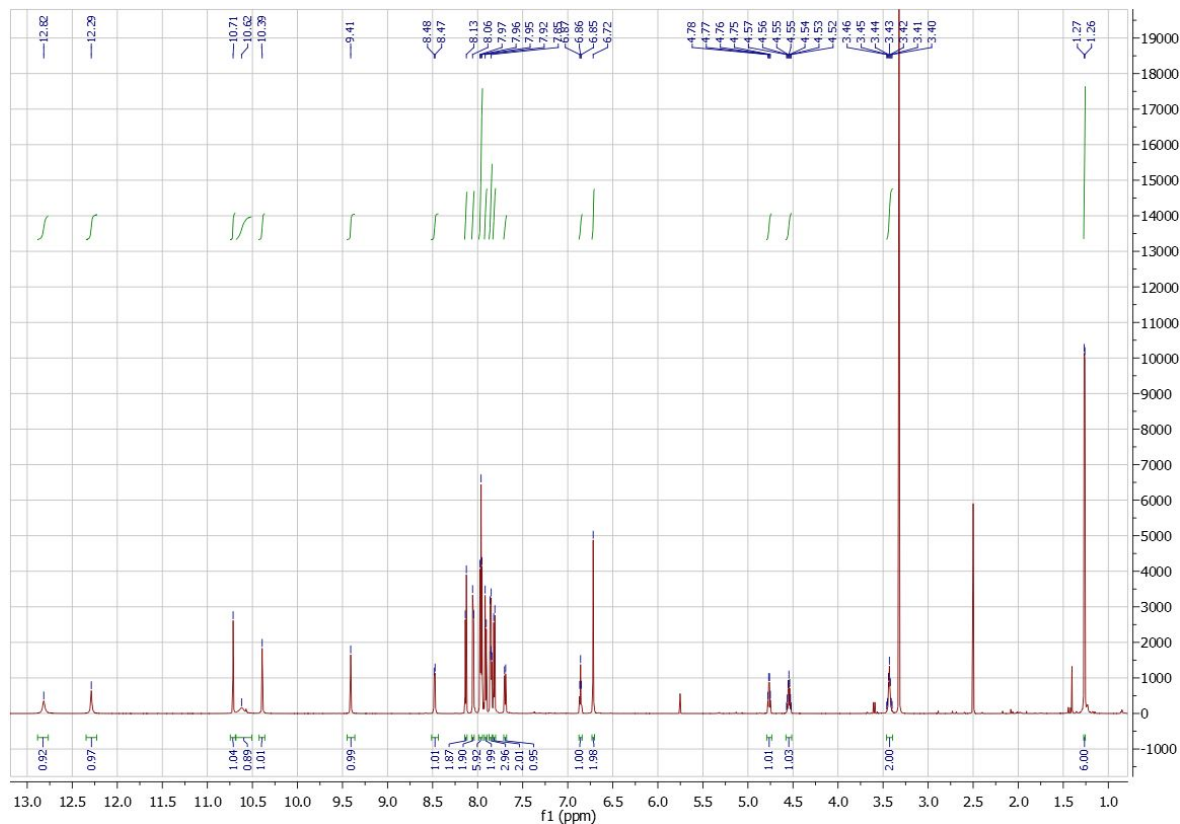


Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **36**.

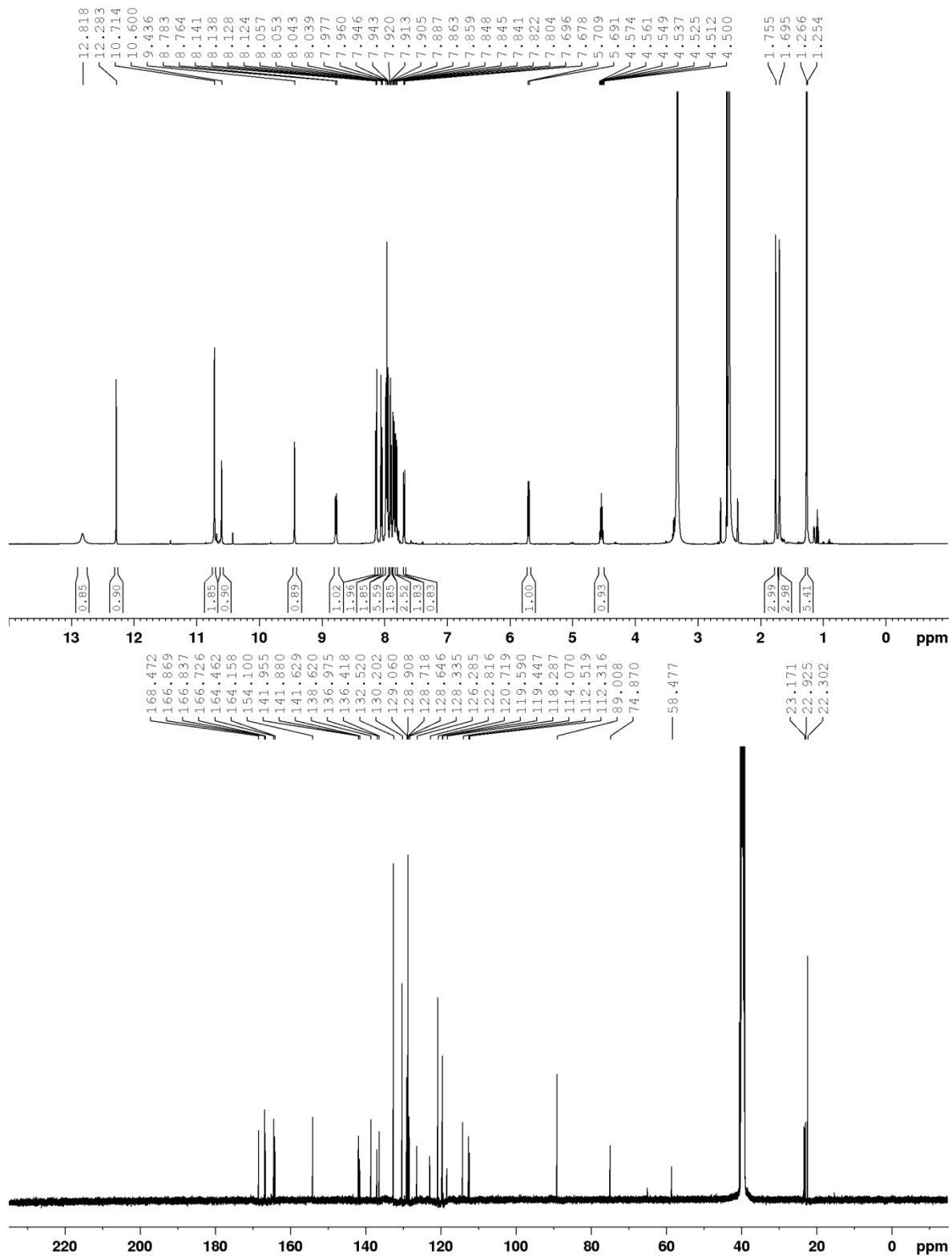


Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 37.

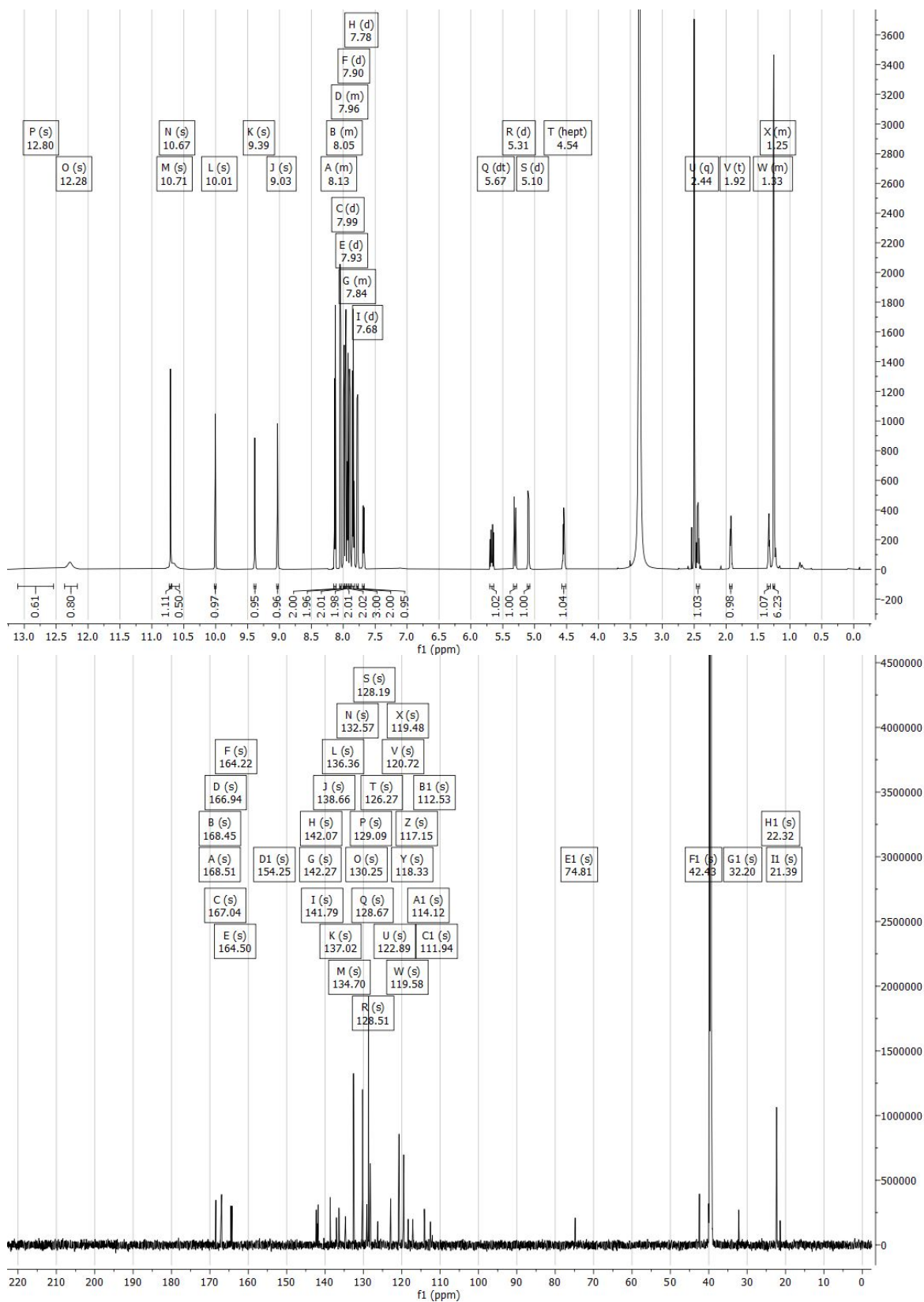


Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **38**.

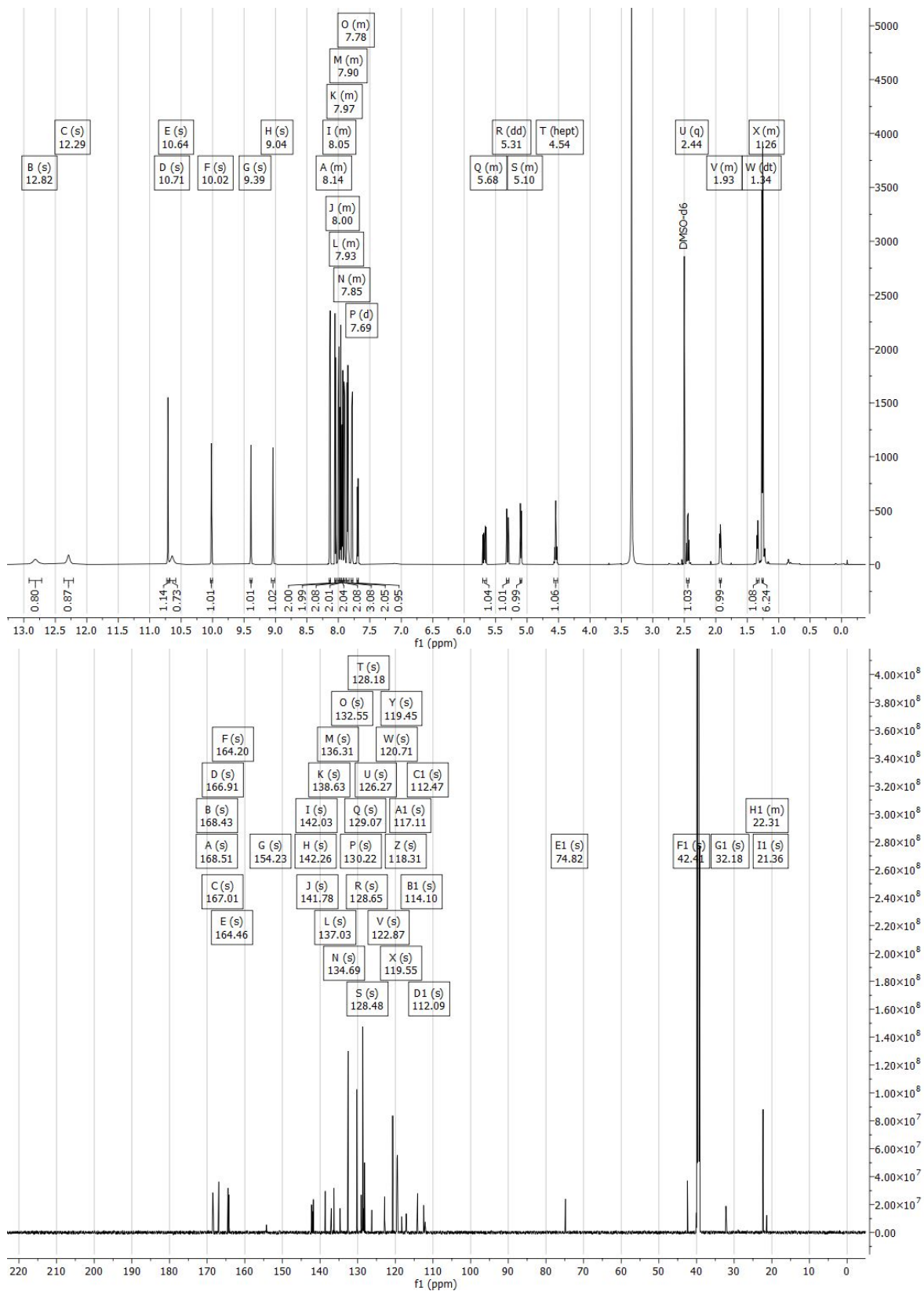


Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **39**.

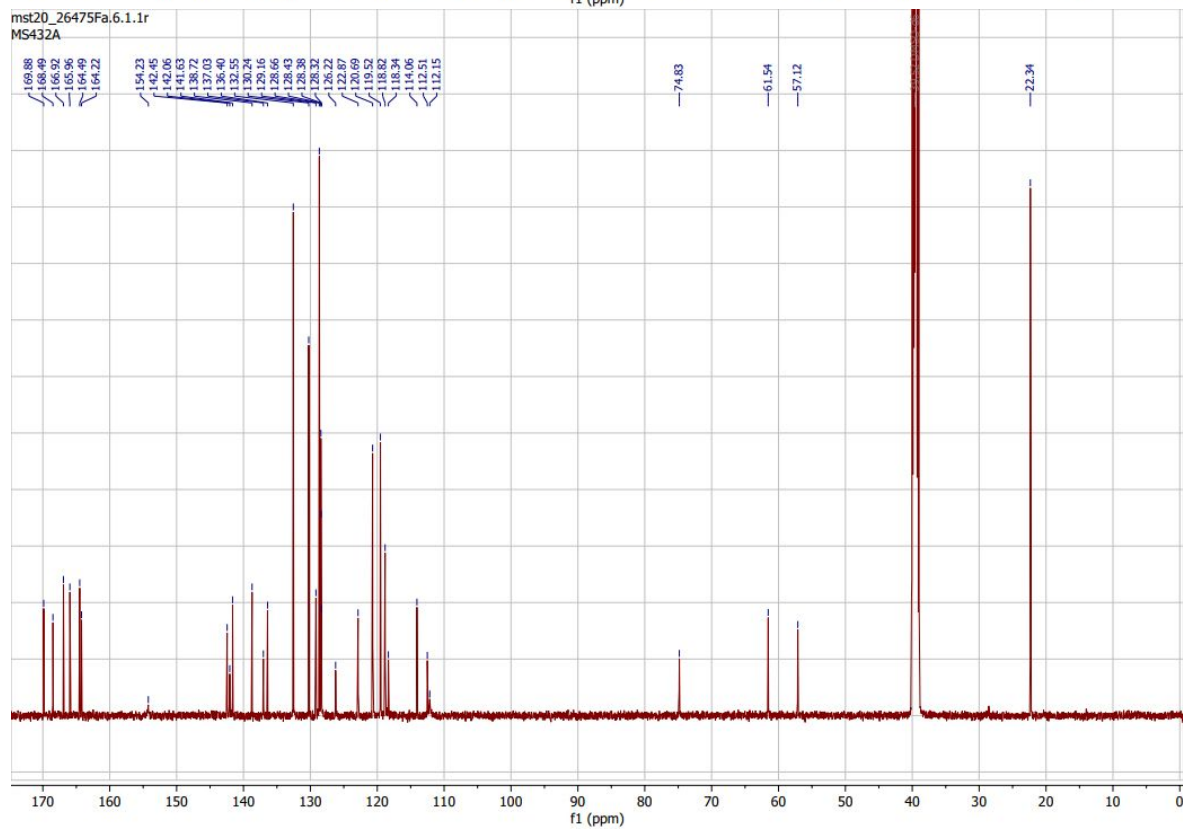
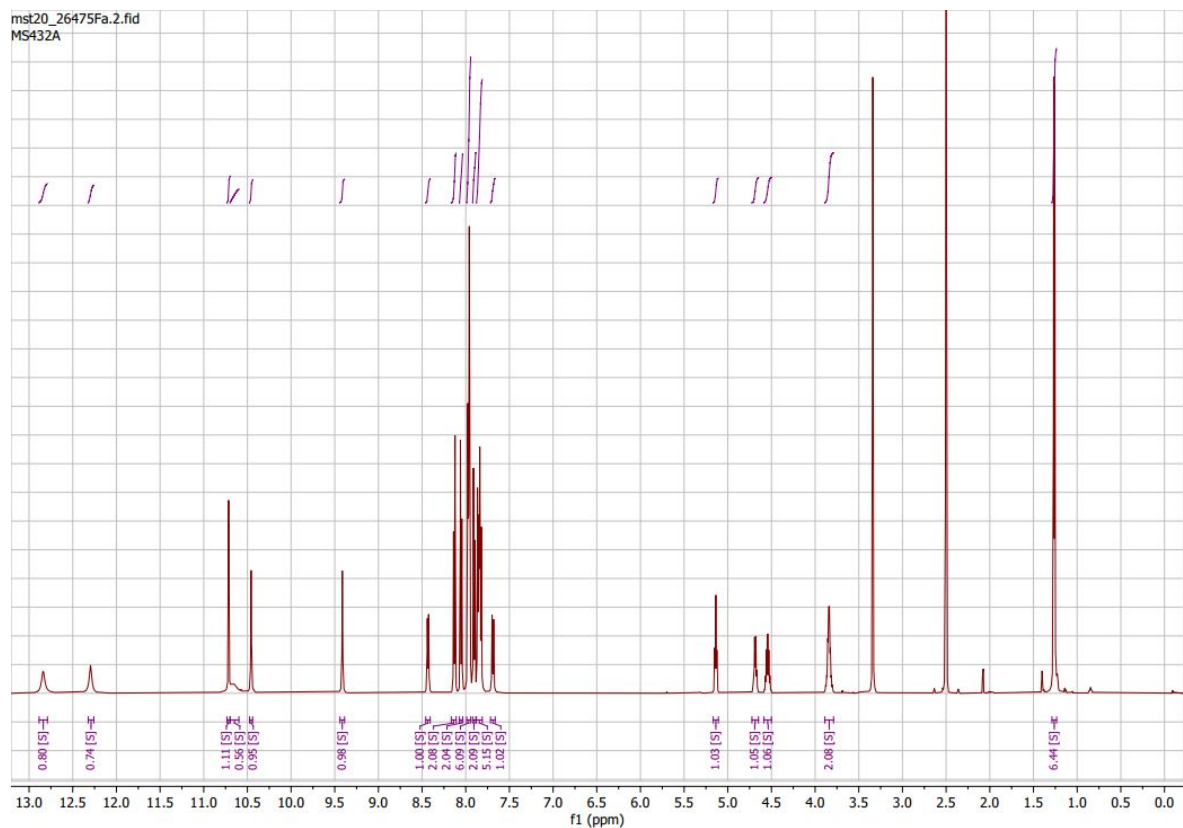


Figure S20.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **40**.

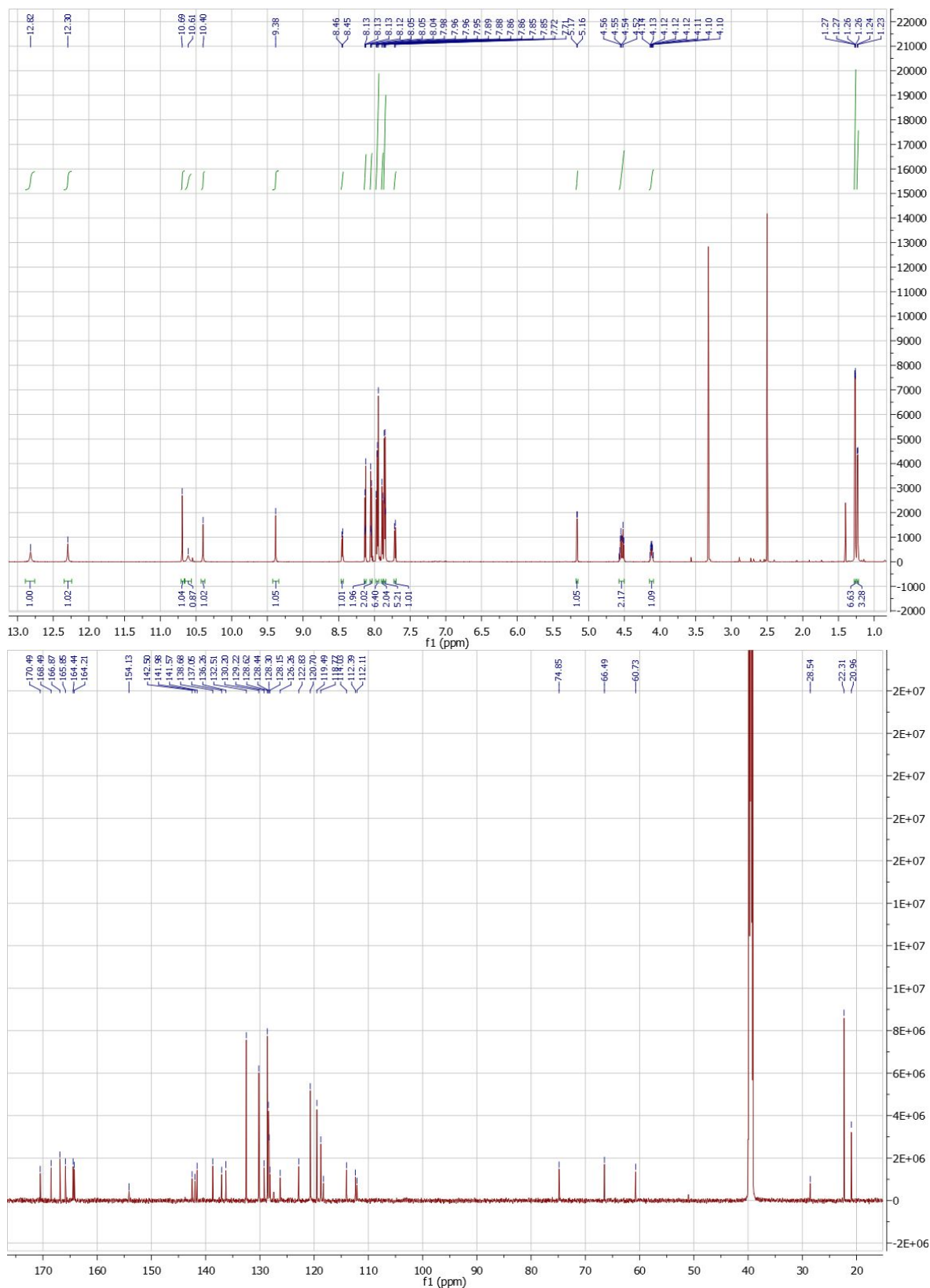


Figure S21.  $^1\text{H}$ - (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **41**.

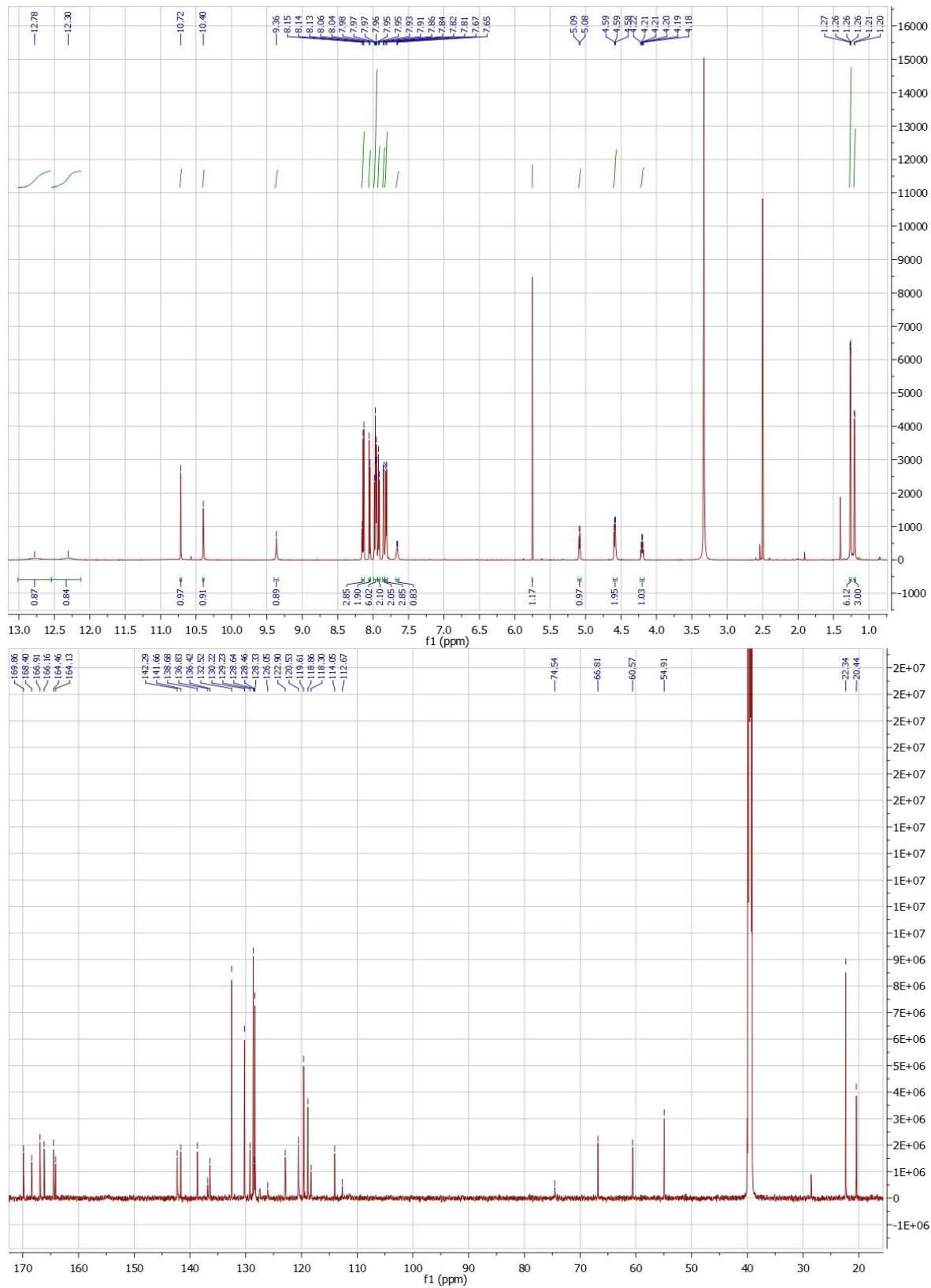


Figure S22.  $^1\text{H-}$  (top) and  $^{13}\text{C-}$ NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **42**.



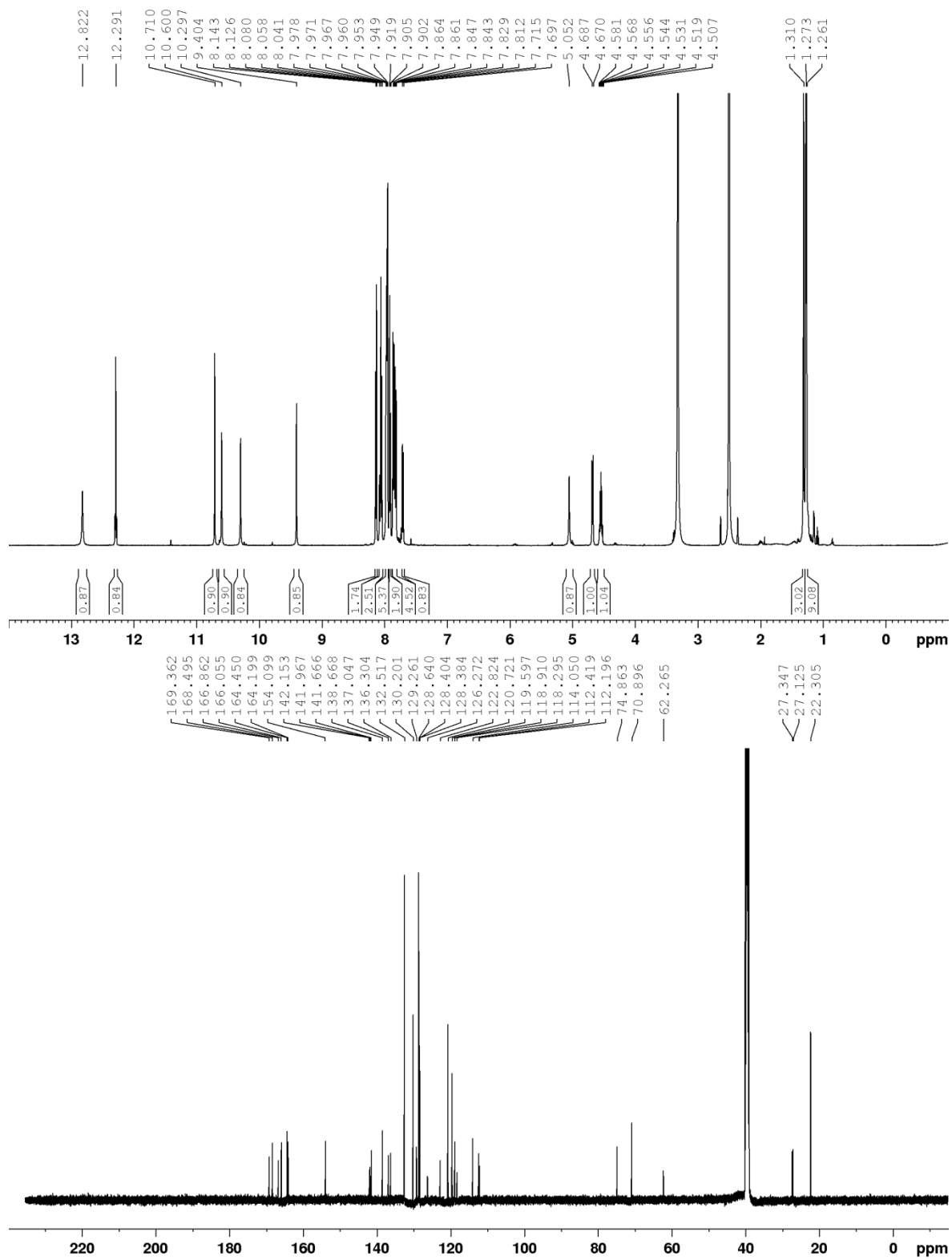


Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **43**.

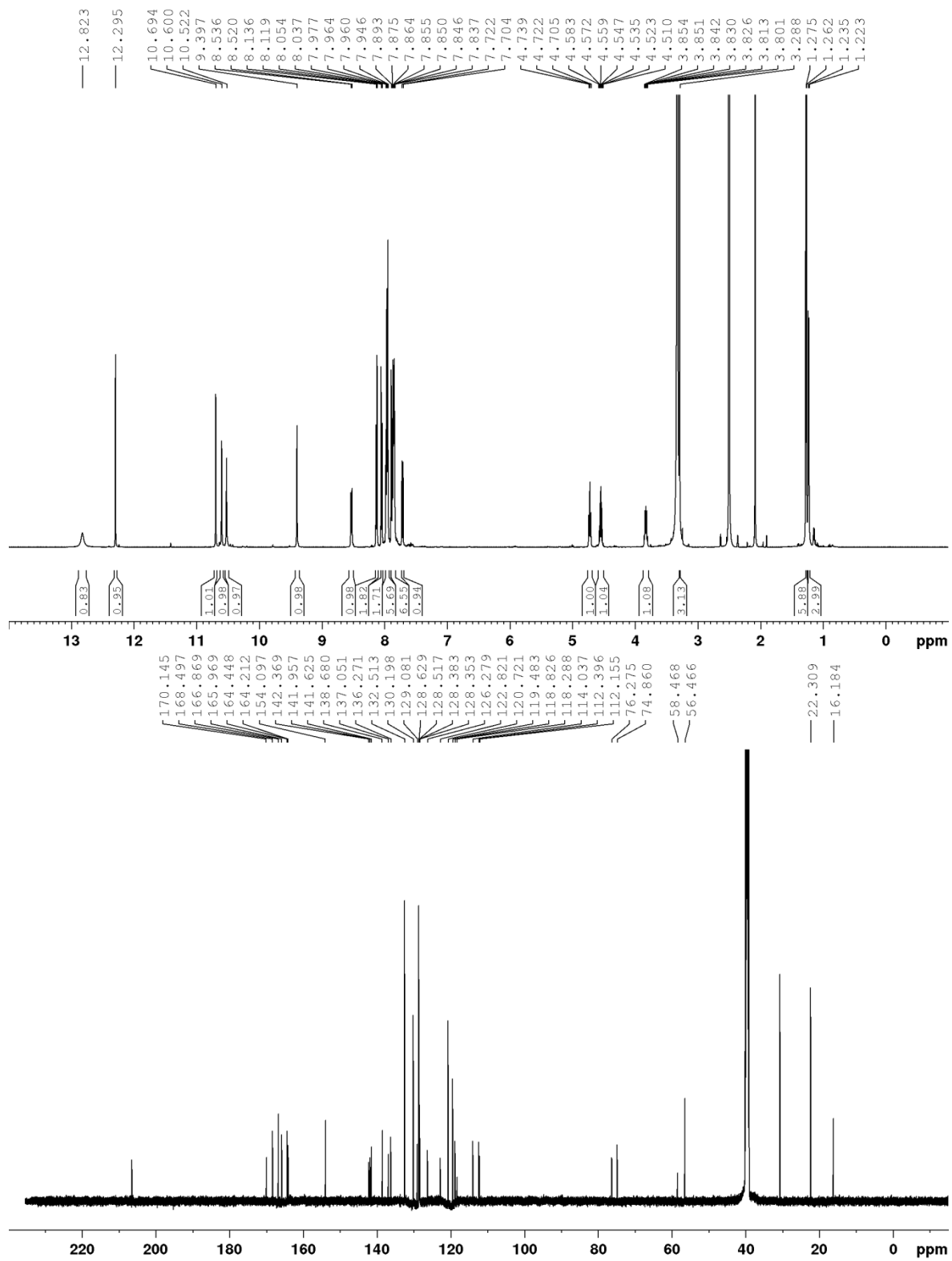


Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound **44**.

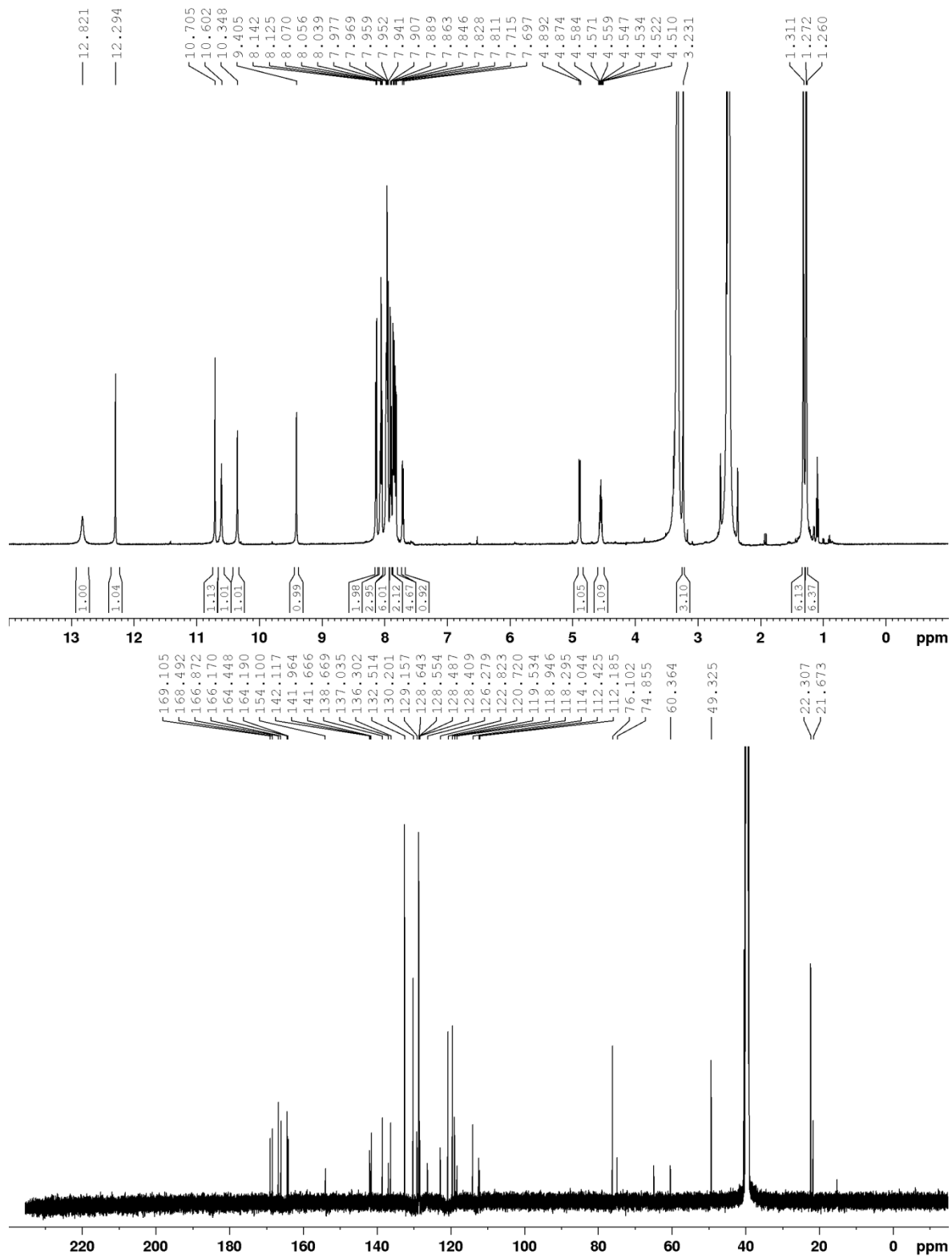


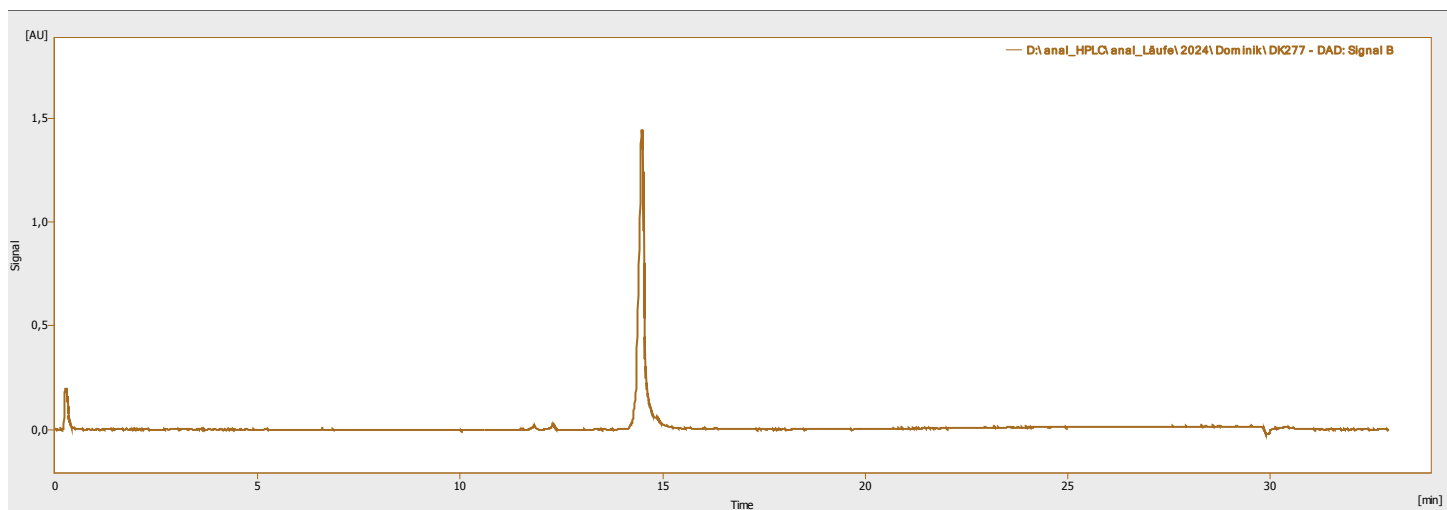
Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H- (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (bottom) spectrum of compound 45.

## HPLC chromatograms

The HPLC chromatograms were determined as described in the manuscript with Phenomenex Aeris PEPTIDE XB-C18, 50 x 2.1 mm, 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$  at a flow rate of 700  $\mu\text{l min}^{-1}$ .

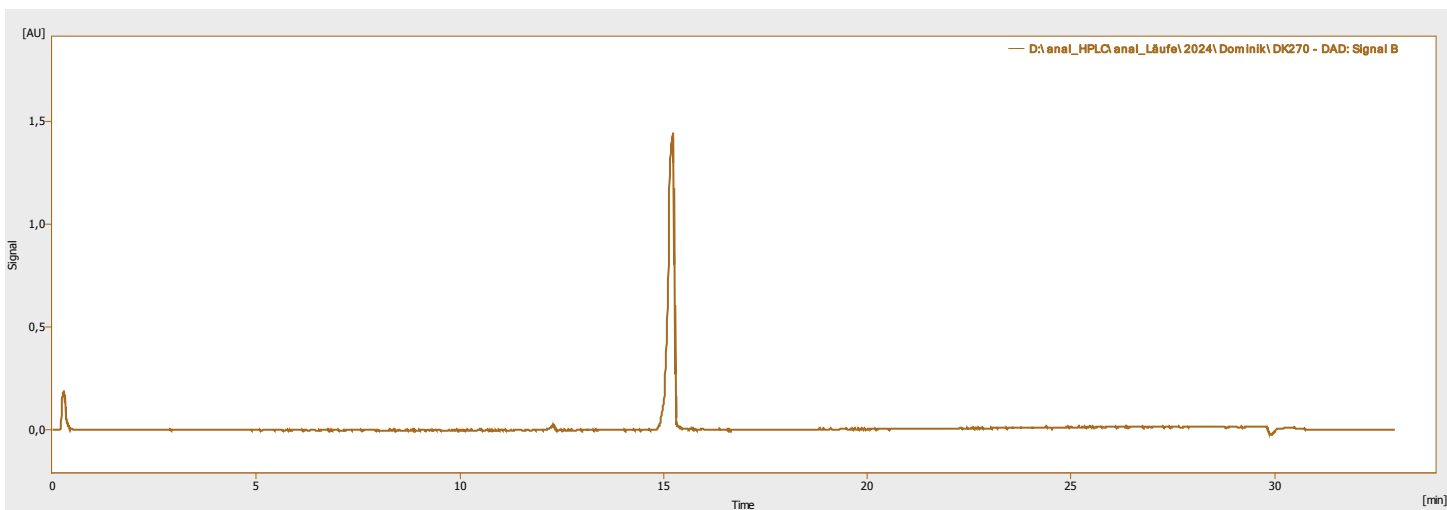
HPLC for compound **13**

Purity: 98.1 %

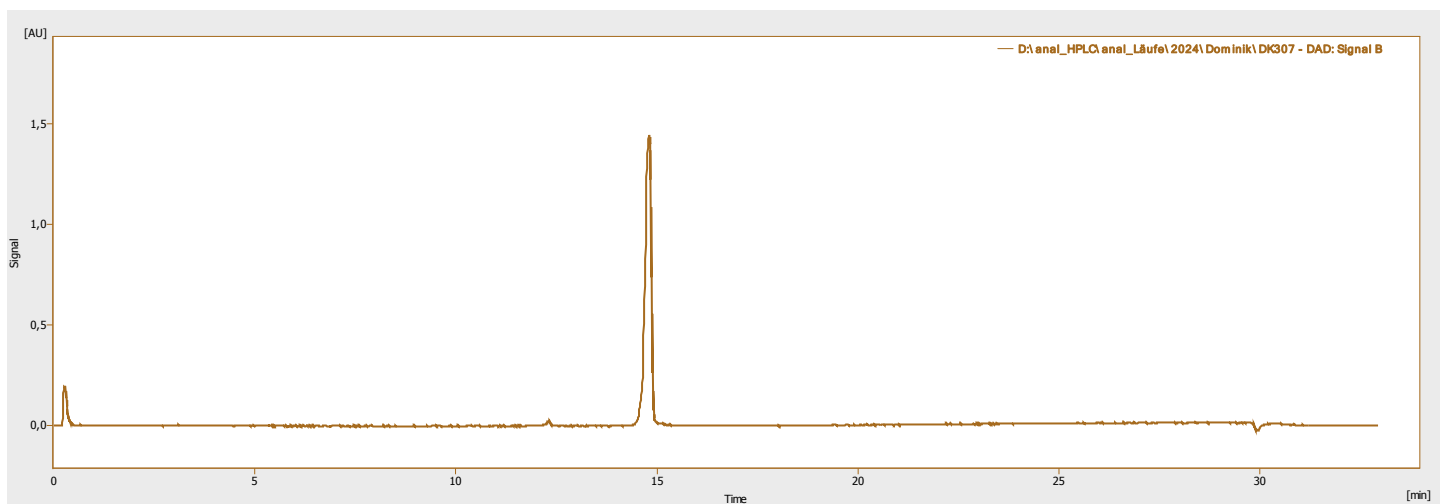


HPLC for compound **17**

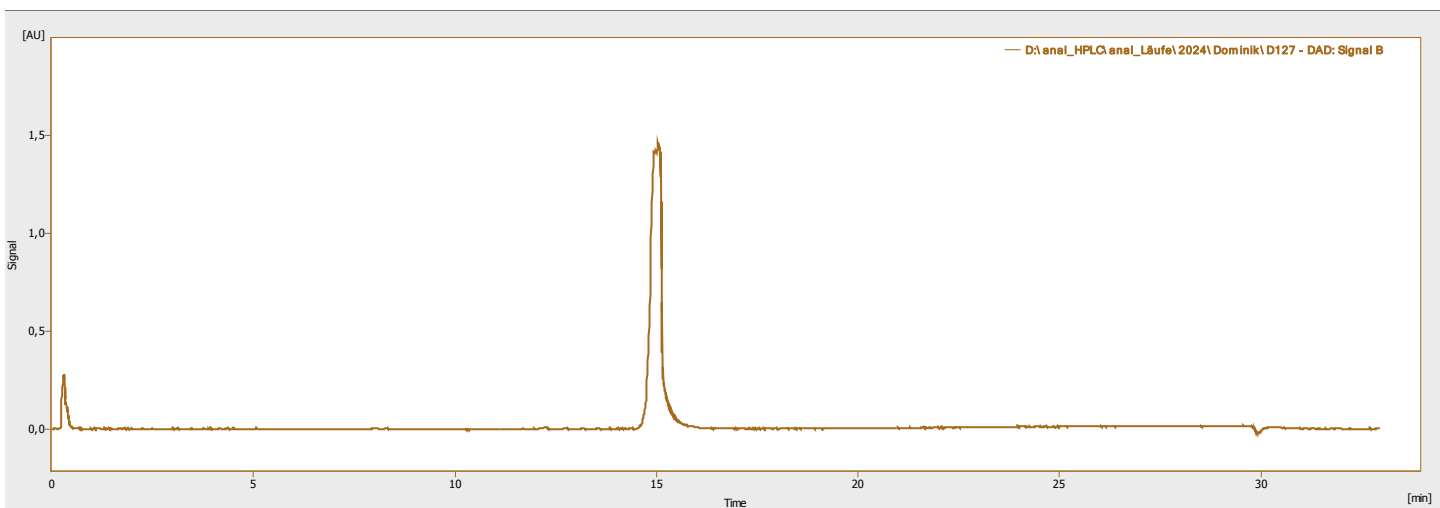
Purity: 99.0 %



HPLC for compound **21**  
Purity: 99.0 %

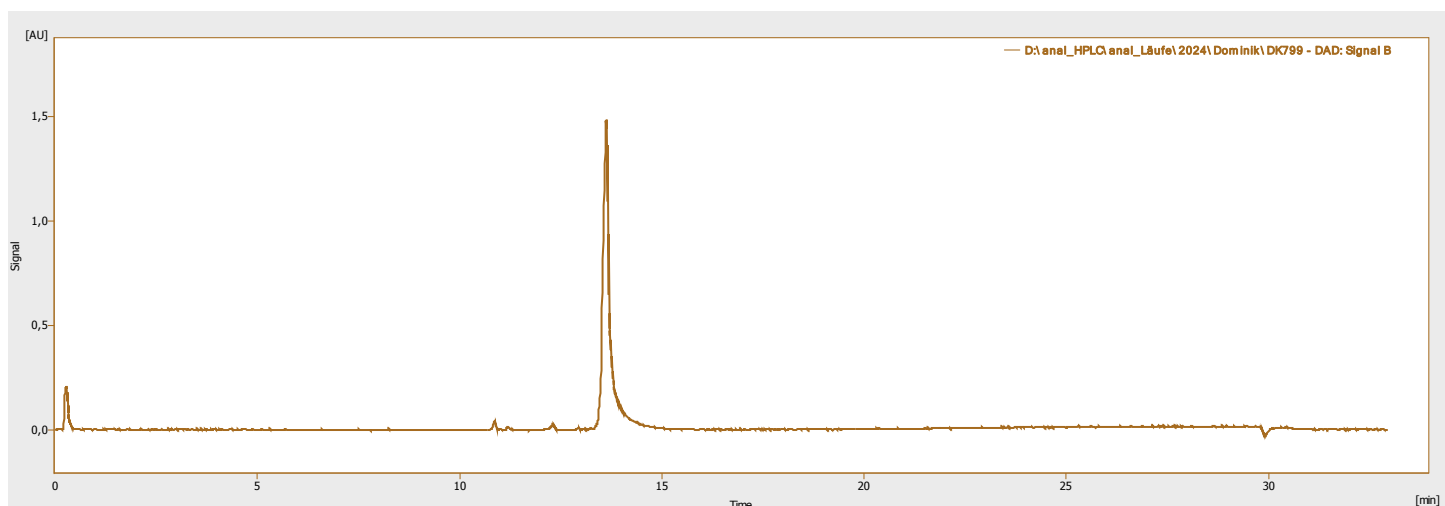


HPLC for compound **38**  
Purity: 99.0 %



HPLC for compound **42**

Purity: 97.2 %



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