## Introduction of the (-)-Berkelic Acid Side Chain and Assignment of the C-22 Stereochemistry

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**General procedures**. NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as an internal standard unless otherwise indicated. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$ , coupling constants in Hz, and IR spectra in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> are referenced to the residual solvent peaks at  $\delta$  7.27 (<sup>1</sup>H) and 77.00 (<sup>13</sup>C). Spectra in CD<sub>3</sub>OD are referenced to the residual solvent peaks at  $\delta$  3.30 (<sup>1</sup>H) and  $\delta$  49.00 (<sup>13</sup>C) to be consistent with the data for the natural product.<sup>1</sup> Spectra in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> are referenced to the residual solvent peaks at  $\delta$  2.05 (<sup>1</sup>H). Spectra in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> are referenced to the residual solvent peaks at  $\delta$  7.16 (<sup>1</sup>H) and  $\delta$  128.39 (<sup>13</sup>C). COSY spectra were recorded for all compounds and used to assign <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. The atom numbering used in the spectral tabulation of all tetracyclic compounds is that used in the isolation of berkelic acid<sup>1</sup> rather than that of the systematic name given in the procedure heading.

# Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-4-[2-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)diphenylsilyloxy]ethyl]-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-8'-hydroxy-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (11) and Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-Hexahydro-8'-hydroxy-4-[2-hydroxyethyl]-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (12). A solution of freshly prepared acid (*R*)-(-)-5 (37.8 mg, 141 µmol) and freshly prepared ketal aldehyde *ent*-4b (48.0 mg, 109 µmol) was treated with Dowex 50WX8-400-H<sup>+</sup> ion exchange resin (25 mg) at 25 °C and stirred at 25 °C for 60 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite to remove

An ether solution (2 mL) of diazomethane (0.67 mmol) was added dropwise to an ether solution (2 mL) of the 79 mg of crude product at 25 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 25 °C for 20 min and carefully concentrated to give crude ester. Flash chromatography on silica gel (50:1 to 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 22.1 mg (30%) of **11** followed by 10.6 mg (22%) of **12**.

the catalyst and the filtrate was concentrated to give 79.1 mg of crude product.

Data for **11**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -64.6 (*c* 1.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 11.4 (s, 1, OH), 7.66 (d, 4, *J* = 7.8), 7.48-7.33 (m, 6), 6.31 (s, 1, H-4), 4.76 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.4, H-15), 4.25 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.83-3.76 (m, 1, H-9), 3.82 (s, 3, OMe), 3.73-3.64 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.55 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.76 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.6, 3.9, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.6, 10.7, H-8), 2.45-2.33 (m, 1, H-19), 2.16 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-16), 1.95 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.95-1.87 (m, 1, H-20), 1.73 (dq, 1, J = 10.5, 6.7, H-18), 1.68-1.60 (m, 1, H-10), 1.58-1.46 (m, 3), 1.44-1.24 (m, 5), 1.06 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 1.055 (s, 9), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 171.6, 162.1, 152.1, 141.3, 135.5 (4 C), 133.5 (2 C), 129.71, 129.69, 127.7 (4 C), 112.7, 108.9, 108.3, 99.9, 75.1, 73.5, 68.2, 63.2, 52.0, 49.0, 41.6, 36.3, 35.5, 34.5, 34.0, 31.8, 26.8 (3 C), 25.1, 22.6, 19.1, 14.0, 11.7; IR (neat) 3398, 2957, 2932, 2859, 1660; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 672.3482, found 672.3480.

Data for **12**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} - 98.7$  (*c* 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 11.4 (s, 1, OH), 6.31 (s, 1, H-4), 4.76 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.4, H-15), 4.25 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.91 (s, 3, OMe), 3.85-3.77 (m, 1, H-9), 3.72 (t, 2, *J* = 6.1, 2 H-21), 3.63 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.76 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.6, 3.9, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.6, 10.7, H-8), 2.49-2.34 (m, 1, H-19), 2.18 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.4, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.99-1.90 (m, 1, H-20), 1.76 (dq, 1, *J* = 10.7, 6.3, H-18), 1.68-1.60 (m, 1, H-10), 1.60-1.46 (m, 3), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.09 (d, 3, *J* = 6.8, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, *J* = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 171.6, 162.1, 152.0, 141.3, 112.7, 109.1, 108.3, 99.9, 75.1, 73.1, 68.1, 61.9, 52.0, 48.9, 40.8, 36.3, 35.3, 34.5, 33.9, 31.8, 25.1, 22.6, 14.0, 11.7; IR (neat) 3406, 2953, 2933, 2860, 1660; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 434.2305, found 434.2305.

**Deprotection of 11 to Give 12.** To a solution of **11** (47.4 mg, 70.4  $\mu$ mol) in THF (3 mL) was added TBAF (282  $\mu$ L, 1 M in THF, 282  $\mu$ mol) and AcOH (16.2  $\mu$ L, 282  $\mu$ mol). The solution was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 25 °C. The residue was treated with brine (3 mL) and 40 drops of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to adjust the pH to 7 and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (6 × 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 54.6 mg of crude **12**. Flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) gave 27.8 mg (91%) of pure **12**.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-8'-Acetoxy-4-[2-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)diphenylsilyloxy]ethyl]-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (13). Acetic anhydride (0.2 mL) and pyridine (0.5 mL) were added to 11 (19 mg, 28 µmol) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give 22.8 mg of 13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 7.66 (d, 4, J =

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7.3), 7.46-7.35 (m, 6), 6.43 (s, 1, H-4), 4.83 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.20 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.87-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.78 (s, 3, OMe), 3.67 (t, 2, J = 5.8, 2 H-21), 3.61 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.79 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.7, H-8), 2.63 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 10.7, H-8), 2.33-2.24 (m, 1, H-19), 2.25 (s, 3, OAc), 2.17 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.99 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.92-1.83 (m, 1, H-20), 1.76-1.57 (m, 2, J = 10.5, 6.7, H-18), 1.59-1.44 (m, 3), 1.44-1.20 (m, 5), 1.05 (s, 9), 1.04 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.4); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 714.3588, found 714.3581.

### Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-8'-Acetoxy-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-4-[2hydroxyethyl]-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-

*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (14). To a solution of 13 in THF (3 mL) was added TBAF (113 µL, 1 M in THF, 113 µmol) and AcOH (6.5 µL, 113 µmol). The solution was stirred at 25 °C for 8 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 25 °C. The residue was treated with brine (3 mL) and 20 drops of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to adjust the pH to 7 and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (5 × 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 24.1 mg of crude 14. Flash chromatography on silica gel (2:3 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 10.0 mg (74%) of pure 14: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.43 (s, 1, H-4), 4.85 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.23 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.87-3.89 (m, 1, H-9), 3.84 (s, 3, OMe), 3.73-3.64 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.61 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.79 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.1, H-8), 2.63 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 11.0, H-8), 2.34-2.23 (m, 1, H-19), 2.25 (s, 3, OAc), 2.18 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 2.00 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.96-1.87 (m, 1, H-20), 1.74 (dq, 1, J = 10.5, 6.7, H-18), 1.69-1.60 (m, 1, H-10), 1.59-1.46 (m, 3), 1.45-1.23 (m, 5), 1.07 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 169.4, 164.9, 150.1, 148.3, 137.2, 119.7, 114.1, 111.9, 109.1, 75.2, 73.0, 68.2, 61.9, 51.9, 48.9, 40.8, 36.2, 35.6, 34.1, 33.9, 31.8, 25.1, 22.6, 20.8, 14.0, 11.7; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 476.2410, found 476.2413.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-8'-Acetoxy-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-4-[2-oxoethyl]-3methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (15). Dess–Martin periodinane (17.8 mg, 42 μmol) was added to a solution of alcohol 14 (10 mg, 21 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 0 °C. The suspension was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) and stirred vigorously for another 30 min. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield 10.1 mg of crude aldehyde. Flash chromatography on MeOH-deactivated silica gel (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 8.7 mg (87%) of **15**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 9.83 (s, 1), 6.44 (s, 1, H-4), 4.83 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.37 (dd, 1, J = 8.5,8.5, H-26), 3.85 (s, 3, OMe), 3.87-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.73-3.64 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.52 (dd, 1, J =8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.83 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 3.7, H-20), 2.79 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.3, H-8), 2.70-2.60 (m, 1, H-19), 2.64 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 10.7, H-8), 2.46 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 9.8, H-20), 2.26 (s, 3, OAc), 2.18 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 2.00 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.76 (dq, 1, J = 10.4, 6.1, H-18), 1.70-1.58 (m, 1, H-10), 1.62-1.46 (m, 2), 1.44-1.20 (m, 5), 1.06 (d, 3, J = 6.1, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.7).

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-8'-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy-4-[2-[[(1,1dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy]ethyl]-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3-methyl-5'-pentylspiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (16). To a solution of alcohol 12 (46.5 mg, 107 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL) was added 2,6-lutidine (70 µL, 589 µmol) and TBSOTf (123 µL, 535 µmol) under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The resulting solution was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 58.6 mg (83%) of pure 16:  $[\alpha]_D^{2^2}$ -75.5 (*c* 2.93, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.14 (s, 1, H-4), 4.79 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.22 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.86-3.77 (m, 1, H-9), 3.81 (s, 3, OMe), 3.70-3.56 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.62 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.72 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.1, 3.7, H-8), 2.57 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.1, 11.0, H-8), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1, H-19), 2.14 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.88-1.79 (m, 1, H-20), 1.73-1.60 (m, 2, H-18), 1.58-1.23 (m, 8), 1.02 (d, 3, *J* = 6.7, H-25), 0.95 (s, 9), 0.90 (t, 3, *J* = 6.7), 0.89 (s, 9), 0.20 (s, 3), 0.18 (s, 3), 0.05 (s, 6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 166.4, 152.4, 149.0, 135.5, 114.5, 112.1, 110.5, 108.6, 75.3, 73.3, 68.2, 62.2, 51.7, 48.9, 41.4, 36.3, 35.9, 34.6, 34.2, 31.8, 25.9 (3 C), 25.5 (3 C), 25.1, 22.6, 18.2, 18.0, 14.0, 11.6, -4.4, -4.5, -5.4, -5.5; IR (neat) 2954, 2931, 2858, 1738; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 662.4034, found 662.4038.

Methyl (2S,3S,3'aS,4S,5'R)-8'-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'hexahydro-4-[2-hydroxyethyl]-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4de][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (17). Ce(OTf)<sub>n</sub>•xH<sub>2</sub>O (15.1 mg, 19-23% Ce basis) was added to a solution 16 (57.1 mg, 86 µmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL, 4:1) at 25 °C. The solution was stirred vigorously at 25 °C for 55 h. Brine (3 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $4 \times 4$  mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 53.3 mg of crude 17. Flash chromatography on silica gel (3:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) gave 38.4 mg (81%) of pure 17:  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  –98.0 (c 1.92, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.14 (s, 1, H-4), 4.79 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.22 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.86-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.81 (s, 3, OMe), 3.72-3.62 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.59 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.73 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.7, H-8), 2.58 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.7, H-8)17.1, 11.0, H-8), 2.28-2.18 (m, 1, H-19), 2.15 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, 12.2, H-16), 1.94-1.85 (m, 1, H-20), 1.76-1.58 (m, 2, H-18), 1.58-1.46 (m, 3), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.03 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.94 (s, 9), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.4), 0.20 (s, 3), 0.18 (s, 3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 166.5, 152.4, 149.0, 135.5, 114.5, 112.0, 110.6, 108.7, 75.3, 72.9, 68.1, 61.8, 51.8, 48.9, 40.8, 36.3, 35.7, 34.5, 34.1, 31.8, 25.5 (3 C), 25.1, 22.6, 18.0, 14.0, 11.7, -4.4, -4.5; IR (neat) 3348, 2953, 2932, 2859, 1738, 1731; HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{30}H_{48}O_7Si$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 548.3169, found 548.3175.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-8'-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'hexahydro-4-[2-oxoethyl]-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (18). Dess–Martin periodinane (57 mg, 134.5 µmol) was added to a solution of alcohol 17 (36.9 mg, 67.2µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (4 mL) and stirred vigorously for another 30 min. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield 39.5 mg of crude aldehyde 18. Flash chromatography on silica gel (5:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) gave 27.6 mg (85%) of pure **18**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  –100.1 (*c* 1.38, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 9.81 (s, 1), 6.15 (s, 1, H-4), 4.79 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.36 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.83 (s, 3, OMe), 3.85-3.77 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.81 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 3.1, H-20), 2.73 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.1, H-8), 2.58 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 10.5, H-8), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1, H-19), 2.44 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 9.8, H-20), 2.15 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.73 (dq, 1, J = 10.4, 6.7, H-18), 1.68-1.59 (m, 1), 1.58-1.45 (m, 2), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.03 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.95 (s, 9), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.7), 0.20 (s, 3), 0.18 (s, 3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 200.6, 166.4, 152.5, 148.8, 135.6, 114.4, 112.1, 110.7, 108.3, 75.3, 72.2, 68.0, 51.8, 48.5, 47.2, 37.7, 36.3, 34.3, 34.1, 31.8, 25.5 (3 C), 25.1, 22.6, 18.0, 14.0, 11.5, -4.4, -4.5; IR (neat) 2957, 2933, 2860, 1739, 1732; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 546.3013, found 546.3016.

**1-Methoxy-1-trimethylsiloxy-2-methyl-1-butene (19)** was prepared by the literature procedure.<sup>24</sup> *n*-BuLi (12.6 mL, 1.6 M in hexane, 20 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of diisopropylamine (2.82 mL, 20 mmol) in THF (15 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and cooled to -78 °C. A solution of methyl 2-methylbutanoate (2.64 mL, 20 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. TMSCl (3 mL, 24 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture and the reaction was slowly warmed up to 25 °C over 3 h. The reaction was quenched with ice water (20 mL). The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with hexanes (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated at 25 °C. The crude oil was purified by distillation (bp 95-97 °C/35 torr) to give 2.78 g (74%, 7:3 mixture of isomers) of **19** as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 3.50 (s, 3), 1.99 (q, 0.3 × 2, *J* = 7.6), 0.208 (s, 0.3 × 3), 0.203 (s, 0.7 × 3). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data are identical to the literature data.<sup>12</sup>

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-α,3-Dimethyl-8'-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]oxy-αethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-9'-(methoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl-β-oxo-5'-pentylspiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate (20). To a solution of aldehyde **18** (6.0 mg, 11.0 $\mu$ mol), LiCl (1.5 mg, 35.5  $\mu$ mol) and 4 Å molecular sieves (50 mg) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added silyl ketene acetal (**19**, 17.5 mg, 110 $\mu$ mol) and *N*-methylimidazole (2  $\mu$ L, 25  $\mu$ mol) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 25 h. The mixture was quenched with 1 M HCl (3 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (4 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 8.5 mg of crude aldol products that was used without further purification.

The above aldol products in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) were treated with Dess–Martin periodinane (9.3 mg, 22 µmol) at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to warm to 25 °C and continued to stir for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) and continued to stir vigorously for 30 min. The mixture was extracted with ether (4 × 3 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield 7.9 mg of keto esters. Flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 3.2 mg (44%) of **20** as a 1:1 inseparable mixture: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.14 (s, 1, H-4), 4.78 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.2, H-15), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.2, 8.2, H-26), 3.83 (s, 3, OMe), 3.85-3.76 (m, 1, H-9), 3.74 (s, 3, OMe), 3.44 (dd, 1, J = 8.2, 8.2, H-26), 2.84-2.68 (m, 2, H-20, H-8), 2.62-2.50 (m, 2, H-19, H-8), 2.44-2.31 (m, 1, H-20), 2.13 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.2, H-16), 2.02-1.90 (m, 1, H-23), 1.95 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.88-1.76 (m, 1, H-23), 1.73-1.45 (m, 4, H-18), 1.45-1.19 (m, 5), 1.34 (s, 0.5 × 3), 1.32 (s, 0.5 × 3), 1.00 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.94 (s, 9), 0.93-0.76 (m, 6), 0.19 (s, 3), 0.18 (s, 3); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 660.3694, found 660.3688.

Methyl  $(2S,3S,3'aS,4S,5'R)-\alpha,3$ -Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -ethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-8'-hydroxy-9'-(methoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl- $\beta$ -oxo-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-

[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate (21). To a solution of 20 (2.9 mg, 4.4 $\mu$ mol) in MeOH (1 mL) was treated with KF (10 mg, 65.8  $\mu$ mol) at 25 °C. The suspension was stirred at 25 °C for 40 min. The solid was filtered off and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography on silica gel (7:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) gave 2.1 mg (88%) of 21 as an inseparable mixture of berkelic acid methyl ester and its 22-epimer: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> –97.1 (*c* 0.07, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, the residual peak of solvent is referred as  $\delta$  7.24 rather than 7.27 to

facilitate comparison with the literature data<sup>1</sup>) 11.37 (s, 1, OH), 6.29 (s, 1, H-4), 4.73 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-15), 4.32 (dd, 1, J = 8.3, 8.3, H-26), 3.93 (s, 3, OMe), 3.82-3.73 (m, 1, H-9), 3.73 (s, 3, OMe), 3.44 (dd, 1, J = 8.3, 8.3, H-26), 2.83-2.69 (m, 3, H-20, H-19, H-8), 2.58 (dd, 1, J = 17.6, 10.8, H-8), 2.43 (dd, 0.5 × 1, J = 17.6, 10.7, H-20), 2.41 (dd, 0.5 × 1, J = 17.6, 10.7, H-20), 2.14 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-16), 2.02-1.90 (m, 1, H-23), 1.93 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.88-1.76 (m, 1, H-23), 1.74-1.62 (m, 1, H-18), 1.66-1.43 (m, 3), 1.43-1.20 (m, 5), 1.34 (s, 0.5 × 3), 1.32 (s, 0.5 × 3), 1.02 (d, 3, J = 6.4, H-25), 0.93-0.76 (m, 6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 206.8 (tiny), 173.45 (0.5 × 1, C-28), 173.42 (0.5 × 1, C-28), 171.6, 162.1, 151.9, 141.2, 112.5, 108.6, 108.4, 100.0, 75.1, 72.87 (0.5 × 1, C-26), 72.81 (0.5 × 1, C-26), 68.1, 59.9, 52.4, 52.2, 48.3, 41.67 (0.5 × 1, C-20), 41.66 (0.5 × 1, C-20), 38.91 (0.5 × 1, C-19), 38.87 (0.5 × 1, C-19), 36.3, 34.5, 33.6, 31.8, 27.86 (0.5 × 1, C-23), 27.80 (0.5 × 1, C-23), 25.1, 22.6, 18.40 (0.5 × 1, C-27), 18.34 (0.5 × 1, C-27), 14.1, 11.6, 8.67 (0.5 × 1, C-24), 8.63 (0.5 × 1, C-24); IR (neat) 3390, 2953, 2934, 2860, 1715, 1660; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 546.2829, found 546.2827. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data in CDCl<sub>3</sub> match those of berkelic acid methyl ester.<sup>1</sup>

2-Propenyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-4-[2-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)diphenylsilyloxy]ethyl]-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-8'-(2-propenyloxy)-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (22) and 2-Propenyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-Hexahydro-4-[2-hydroxyethyl]-3-methyl-5'-pentyl-8'-(2propenyloxy)-spiro[furan-2(3*H*),2'-[2*H*]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-9'-carboxylate (23). A solution of freshly prepared acid (*R*)-(-)-5 (42.0 mg, 157 µmol) and freshly prepared ketal aldehyde *ent*-4b (43 mg, 97.7 µmol) was treated with Dowex 50WX8-400-H<sup>+</sup> ion exchange resin (23 mg) at 25 °C and the solution was stirred for 60 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite to remove the catalyst and the filtrate was concentrated to give 78.8 mg of crude product.

To a suspension of the above crude product and  $K_2CO_3$  (108 mg, 784 µmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added allyl bromide (102 µL, 1.18 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

 $(4 \times 5 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography on silica gel (30:1 to 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 23.1 mg (32%) of **22** followed by 10.0 mg (20%) of **23**.

Data for **22**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -60.0 (*c* 2.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 7.66 (d, 4, *J* = 6.7), 7.47-7.34 (m, 6), 6.23 (s, 1, H-4), 6.02-5.90 (m, 2), 5.36 (br d, 1, *J* = 17.7), 5.33 (br d, 1, *J* = 17.1), 5.22 (br d, 1, *J* = 10.4), 5.15 (br d, 1, *J* = 10.4), 4.84-4.65 (m, 2, H-15), 4.71 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.3, 5.2), 4.51 (d, 2, *J* = 4.9), 4.20 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.83-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.72-3.60 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.62 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.75 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.1, 3.7, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, *J* = 17.1, 10.7, H-8), 2.30-2.18 (m, 1, H-19), 2.15 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 4.9, H-16), 1.97 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1, H-20), 1.73-1.59 (m, 2, H-18, H-10), 1.58-1.46 (m, 3), 1.43-1.25 (m, 5), 1.05 (s, 9), 1.01 (d, 3, *J* = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, *J* = 6.4); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 165.5, 155.5, 149.0, 135.8, 135.5 (4 C), 133.55, 133.52, 132.9, 132.3, 129.7 (2 C), 127.7 (4 C), 118.1, 117.1, 114.6, 109.6, 108.7, 104.2, 75.3, 73.3, 69.4, 68.1, 65.6, 63.2, 49.0, 41.3, 36.3, 35.6, 34.5, 34.4, 31.8, 26.8 (3 C), 25.1, 22.6, 19.1, 14.0, 11.6; IR (neat) 2957, 2932, 2859, 1739, 1732; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 738.3952, found 738.3953.

Data for **23**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -88.1 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.23 (s, 1, H-4), 6.06-5.92 (m, 2), 5.39 (br d, 1, *J* = 17.1), 5.36 (br d, 1, *J* = 17.1), 5.24 (br d, 1, *J* = 9.8), 5.23 (br d, 1, *J* = 10.4), 4.86-4.76 (m, 2, H-15), 4.74 (dd, 1, *J* = 13.4, 5.5), 4.51 (d, 2, *J* = 4.9), 4.20 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.2, 8.2, H-26), 3.86-3.77 (m, 1, H-9), 3.72-3.58 (m, 2, 2 H-21), 3.59 (dd, 1, *J* = 8.2, 8.2, H-26), 2.75 (dd, 1, *J* = 16.5, 4.0, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, *J* = 16.5, 11.0, H-8), 2.30-2.19 (m, 1, H-19), 2.16 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.97 (dd, 1, *J* = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.92-1.85 (m, 1, H-20), 1.71 (dq, 1, *J* = 10.5, 6.7, H-18), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1, H-10), 1.58-1.46 (m, 3), 1.45-1.25 (m, 5), 1.03 (d, 3, *J* = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, *J* = 6.7); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 165.6, 155.5, 149.0, 135.9, 132.9, 132.3, 118.1, 117.1, 114.6, 109.5, 108.8, 104.3, 75.3, 72.9, 69.4, 68.1, 65.6, 61.8, 48.9, 40.6, 36.3, 35.7, 34.43, 34.40, 31.8, 25.1, 22.6, 14.0, 11.7; IR (neat) 3432, 2932, 2876, 1739, 1732, 1714; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 500.2774, found 500.2769. **Deprotection of 22 to Give 23.** To a solution of **23** (64.7 mg, 88  $\mu$ mol) in THF (4 mL) was added TBAF (350  $\mu$ L, 1 M in THF, 350  $\mu$ mol) and AcOH (20  $\mu$ L, 350  $\mu$ mol). The solution was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 25 °C. The residue was treated with brine (4 mL) and 45 drops of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to adjust the pH to 7 and the aqueous layer was extracted with distilled ether (6 × 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 73.6 mg of crude **23**. Flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 37.7 mg (86%) of pure **23**.

2-Propenyl (2S,3S,3'aS,4S,5'R)-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-Hexahydro-3-methyl-4-[2-oxoethyl]-5'-pentyl-8'-(2-propenyloxy)-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4-de][1]benzopyran]-9'carboxylate (24). Dess-Martin periodinane (178 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol 23 (105 mg, 0.21 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to warm to 25 °C and continued to stir for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 25 °C. Flash chromatography on MeOH-deactivated silica gel (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 92.4 mg (88%) of pure 24:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  -103.9 (c 0.18, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 9.81 (s, 1), 6.24 (s, 1, H-4),  $6.08-5.92 \text{ (m, 2)}, 5.40 \text{ (br d, 1, } J = 16.5), 5.36 \text{ (br d, 1, } J = 15.9), 5.26 \text{ (br d, 1, } J = 11.6), 5.23 \text{$ d, 1, J = 11.0), 4.85 (dd, 1, J = 13.3, 6.1), 4.80 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.74 (dd, 1, J = 13.3, 5.8), 4.52 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.51 (dd, 1, J = 1.5, H-26) 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.80 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 3.7, H-20), 2.75 (dd, 1, J = 16.5, 4.3, H-8), 2.61 (dd, 1, J = 16.5, 11.0, H-8), 2.66-2.57 (m, 1, H-19), 2.43 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 9.8, H-20), 2.16 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.73 (dg, 1, J = 10.4, 6.7, H-18), 1.71-1.60 (m, 1, H-10), 1.58-1.46 (m, 2), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.04 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.7); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 200.5, 165.5, 155.6, 148.8, 135.9, 132.9, 132.3, 118.4, 117.2, 114.5, 109.6, 108.4, 104.5, 75.3, 72.2, 69.4, 68.0, 65.7, 48.5, 47.3, 37.6, 36.3, 34.4, 34.3, 31.8, 25.1, 22.6, 14.0, 11.5; IR (neat) 2957, 2932, 2860, 1738, 1732, 1716; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 498.2618, found 498.2611.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,3'a*S*,4*S*,5'*R*)-α,3-Dimethyl-α-ethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3methyl-β-oxo-5'-pentyl-8'-(2-propenyloxy)-9'-(2-propenyloxycarbonyl)-spiro[furan2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4-*de*][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate. To a solution of aldehyde 24 (12.0 mg, 24.0 µmol), LiCl (2.1 mg, 49.6 µmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves (50 mg) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added silyl ketene acetal 19 (38.2 mg, 240 µmol) and *N*-methylimidazole (4 µL, 50 µmol) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 25 h. The mixture was quenched with 1 M HCl (3 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (4 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 14.9 mg of crude aldol product that was used without further purification.

The above aldol adducts in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL) were treated with Dess–Martin periodinane (20.4 mg, 48 µmol) at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to warm to 25 °C and continued to stir for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 25 °C. Flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 8.8 mg (60%) of the allyl ether and ester of 25 as a 1:1 inseparable mixture:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  -74.6 (c 0.19, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>HNMR 6.23 (s, 1, H-4), 6.08-5.92 (m, 2), 5.40 (br d, 1, J = 17.7), 5.36 (br d, 1, J = 17.1), 5.27 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 5.23 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 4.85 (dd, 1, J = 13.4, 6.1), 4.79 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.74 (dd, 1, J = 13.1, 5.8), 4.51 (d, 2, 1)J = 4.9, 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.86-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.74 (s, 3, OMe), 3.45 (dd, 1, J =8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.81 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.7, 3.1, H-20), 2.77 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.7, 3.4, H-20), 2.75 (dd, 1, J = 16.5, 3.7, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 11.0, H-8), 2.62-2.50 (m, 1, H-19), 2.43  $(dd, 0.5 \times 1, J = 17.7, 10.4, H-20), 2.35 (dd, 0.5 \times 1, J = 17.7, 10.4, H-20), 2.14 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 10.4)$ 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 2.02-1.91 (m, 1, H-23), 1.82 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3, H-23), 1.72-1.58 (m, 2), 1.58-1.46 (m, 2), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.34 (s, 0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.33 (s, 0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.01 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.4), 0.84 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.3), 0.83 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.4) = 7.3): <sup>13</sup>C NMR 206.6 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ), 206.5 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ), 173.5, 165.5, 155.6, 148.9, 135.8, 132.9, 132.2, 118.5, 117.2, 114.5, 109.7, 108.4, 104.4, 75.3, 72.8, 69.4, 68.0, 65.7, 59.7, 52.4, 48.46 (0.5 × 1), 48.43 (0.5 × 1), 42.0, 38.9, 36.3, 34.41, 34.40, 31.8, 27.86 (0.5 × 1), 27.80 (0.5 × 1), 25.1, 22.6, 18.40 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ), 18.32 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ), 14.0, 11.6, 8.64 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ), 8.59 ( $0.5 \times 1$ ); IR (neat) 2953, 2932, 2856, 1739, 1732, 1714; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 612.3298, found 612.3302.

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Methyl (25,35,3'a5,45,5'R)-9'-Carboxy-a,3-dimethyl-a-ethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'hexahydro-8'-hydroxy-3-methyl-β-oxo-5'-pentyl-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4de][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate (25). To a solution of the allyl ester and ether (6.0 mg, 9.8  $\mu$ mol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (3.4 mg, 2.9  $\mu$ mol) in dry THF (1 mL) was added NEt<sub>3</sub> (123  $\mu$ L, 0.88 mmol) and HCOOH (33 µL, 0.88 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C. The yellow solution was stirred at 25 °C for 15 h and guenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether  $(4 \times 5 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Flash chromatography on silica gel (80:1:0 to 200:1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/AcOH) gave 4.2 mg (81%) of 25 as a 1:1 inseparable mixture of berkelic acid and its epimer:  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$  – 104.6 (c 0.07, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, the residual peak of solvent is referred as  $\delta$  7.24 rather than 7.27 to facilitate comparison with the literature data<sup>1</sup>) 11.83 (s, 1, OH), 11.13-10.87 (br, 1, OH), 6.42 (s, 1, H-4), 4.77 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-15), 4.45 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26$ ), 4.44  $(dd, 0.5 \times 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 3.85-3.76 (m, 1, H-9), 3.73 (s, 3, OMe), 3.59 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, 8.5)$ H-26), 2.90 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 2.9, H-20), 2.85 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.0, 2.4, H-20), 2.79 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 3.9, H-8), 2.78 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.7, 3.7, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 11.0, H-8), 2.54-2.45 (m, 1, H-19), 2.42 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.0, 9.8, H-20), 2.38 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 10.0, H-20), 2.21 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-16), 2.05 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 1.95 (dq, 1, J = 12.2, H-16), 1.95 (dq, 1, H-16) 14.2, 7.3, H-23), 1.87 (dq, 1, J = 10.7, 6.8, H-18), 1.80 (dq, 1, J = 14.2, 7.3, H-23), 1.68-1.57 (m, 1), 1.58-1.43 (m, 2), 1.43-1.20 (m, 5), 1.33 (s, 0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.32 (s, 0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.09 (d, 3, J = 6.8, H-25, 0.88 (t, 3, J = 6.6), 0.83 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.6, H-24), 0.81 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.3, H-24); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz) 6.27 (s, 1, H-4), 4.72 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-15), 4.30 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, H-15), 4.30 ( 8.5, 8.5, H-26, 3.84-3.77 (m, 1, H-9), 3.73 (s, 3, OMe), 3.50 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.92 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 3.0, H-20), 2.88 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 3.1, H-20), 2.79 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.3, 3.6, H-8), 2.78 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.3, 3.7, H-8), 2.71-2.62 (m, 1, H-19), 2.55 (dd, 1, J = 17.3, 11.2, H-8), 2.53 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 10.5, H-20), 2.49 (dd,  $0.5 \times 1$ , J = 17.6, 10.5, H-20), 2.14 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.4, H-16), 1.94 (dq, 1, J = 14.2, 7.3, H-23), 1.91 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16),1.88-1.78 (m, 2, H-23, H-18), 1.63-1.48 (m, 3), 1.46-1.27 (m, 5), 1.33 (s, 0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.32 (s,

0.5 × 3, H-27), 1.08 (d, 3, J = 6.3, H-25), 0.92 (t, 3, J = 6.8), 0.83 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.6, H-24), 0.82 (t, 0.5 × 3, J = 7.3, H-24); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 206.04 (0.5 × 1), 205.98 (0.5 × 1), 173.4, 170.5, 162.5, 149.8, 142.2, 112.17, 112.16, 110.5, 98.6, 75.2, 73.5, 67.2, 59.74 (0.5 × 1), 59.73 (0.5 × 1), 52.5, 48.2, 41.6, 39.4, 36.2, 34.30, 34.29, 31.8, 27.92 (0.5 × 1), 27.85 (0.5 × 1), 25.0, 22.6, 18.41 (0.5 × 1), 18.34 (0.5 × 1), 14.0, 12.0, 8.67 (0.5 × 1), 8.61 (0.5 × 1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) 208.82 (0.5 × 1), 208.76 (0.5 × 1), 174.8, 173.6, 163.4, 153.1, 142.3, 113.8, 110.7, 109.4, 101.1, 76.6, 74.16 (0.5 × 1), 76.13 (0.5 × 1), 69.5, 61.0, 52.9, 42.6, 40.48 (0.5 × 1), 40.46 (0.5 × 1), 37.4, 35.4, 35.0, 33.0, 28.90 (0.5 × 1), 28.83 (0.5 × 1), 26.2, 23.7, 18.89 (0.5 × 1), 18.78 (0.5 × 1), 14.4, 11.9, 8.98 (0.5 × 1), 8.94 (0.5 × 1) (a peak near  $\delta$  49.2 is obscured by the solvent peak); IR (neat) 3233, 2957, 2934, 2860, 1714, 1696. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectral data in both CDCl<sub>3</sub> and CD<sub>3</sub>OD correspond to those of the natural product.<sup>1</sup>

Methyl (as,2s,3s,3'as,4s,5'R)-a,3-Dimethyl-a-ethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3methyl-\beta-oxo-5'-pentyl-8'-(2-propenyloxy)-9'-(2-propenyloxycarbonyl)-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4-de][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate. Aldol product 33 (20 mg, 32.5 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was treated with Dess-Martin periodinane (28 mg, 66 µmol) at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to warm to 25 °C and continued to stir for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 25 °C. Flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 16.9 mg (85%) of the allyl ether and allyl ester of berkelic acid:  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$  – 88.5 (*c* 0.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.24 (s, 1, H-4), 6.08-5.92 (m, 2), 5.40 (br d, 1, *J* = 17.7), 5.36 (br d, 1, J = 17.1), 5.27 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 5.23 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 4.85 (dd, 1, J = 13.4, 6.1), 4.79 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.74 (dd, 1, J = 13.1, 5.8), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.8.5, H-26, 3.86-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.74 (s, 3, OMe), 3.45 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.77 (dd, 1, J= 17.7, 3.4, H-20, 2.75 (dd, 1, J = 16.5, 3.7, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 11.0, H-8), 2.62-2.51 (m, 1, H-19), 2.43 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 10.4, H-20), 2.14 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, F-16), 1.96 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, F-16), 1.96 (dd,12.2, 12.2, H-16), 2.02-1.91 (m, 1, H-23), 1.82 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3, H-23), 1.72-1.58 (m, 2),  $1.58-1.46 \text{ (m, 2)}, 1.45-1.24 \text{ (m, 5)}, 1.33 \text{ (s, 3, H-27)}, 1.01 \text{ (d, 3, } J = 6.7, \text{H-25)}, 0.90 \text{ (t, 3, } J = 6.7, \text{H-25)$ 6.4), 0.84 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 206.6, 173.5, 165.5, 155.6, 148.9, 135.8, 132.9, 132.2, 118.5,

117.1, 114.5, 109.7, 108.4, 104.4, 75.3, 72.8, 69.4, 68.0, 65.7, 59.7, 52.4, 48.4, 42.0, 38.9, 36.3, 34.42, 34.39, 31.8, 27.9, 25.1, 22.6, 18.4, 14.0, 11.6, 8.6; IR (neat) 2957, 2933, 2860, 1739, 1731, 1715; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 612.3298, found 612.3300.

Methyl  $(\alpha R.2S.3S.3'aS.4S.5'R)$ - $\alpha$ .3-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -ethyl-3',3'a,4,5,5',6'-hexahydro-3methyl-\beta-oxo-5'-pentyl-8'-(2-propenyloxy)-9'-(2-propenyloxycarbonyl)-spiro[furan-2(3H),2'-[2H]pyrano[2,3,4-de][1]benzopyran]-4-butanoate. An identical reaction with 34 (20.2 mg, 32.9 µmol) afforded 15.6 mg (77%) of the allyl ether and allyl ester of 22-epi-berkelic acid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  -91.9 (c 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR 6.23 (s, 1, H-4), 6.08-5.92 (m, 2), 5.40 (br d, 1, J = 17.7), 5.36 (br d, 1, J = 17.1), 5.27 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 5.23 (d, 1, J = 10.4), 4.85 (dd, 1, J = 13.4, 6.1), 4.79 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 5.5, H-15), 4.74 (dd, 1, J = 13.1, 5.8), 4.51 (d, 2, J = 4.9), 4.35 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26, 3.86-3.78 (m, 1, H-9), 3.74 (s, 3, OMe), 3.45 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 8.5, H-26), 2.81 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 3.1, H-20), 2.75 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 3.7, H-8), 2.60 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 11.0, H-8),2.60-2.50 (m, 1, H-19), 2.35 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 10.4, H-20), 2.14 (dd, 1, J = 12.2, 4.9, H-16), 1.96(dd, 1, J = 12.2, 12.2, H-16), 2.02-1.91 (m, 1, H-23), 1.82 (dq, 1, J = 14.7, 7.3, H-23), 1.72-1.58 (m, 2), 1.58-1.46 (m, 2), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5), 1.34 (s, 3, H-27), 1.00 (d, 3, J = 6.7, H-25), 0.90 (t, 3, J = 6.7,J = 6.7, 0.83 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 206.5, 173.5, 165.5, 155.6, 148.9, 135.8, 132.9, 132.2, 118.5, 117.2, 114.5, 109.7, 108.4, 104.4, 75.3, 72.8, 69.4, 68.0, 65.7, 59.7, 52.4, 48.5, 42.0, 38.9, 36.3, 34.42, 34.39, 31.8, 27.8, 25.1, 22.6, 18.3, 14.0, 11.6, 8.6; IR (neat) 2957, 2934, 2860, 1739, 1732, 1715; HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{35}H_{48}O_9$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 612.3298, found 612.3296.

Methyl (2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)- and (2*R*,3*S*,5*R*)-2-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2,5,9-trimethyl-8-decenoate (42 and 43). *n*-BuLi (2.1 mL, 1.6 M in hexane, 3.36 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of diisopropylamine (0.47 mL, 3.33 mmol) in THF (2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and cooled to -78 °C. A solution of methyl 2-methylbutanoate (0.44 mL, 3.33 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h to generate enolate 38. A solution of (*R*)-(+)-citronellal ((*R*)-37) (0.27 mL, 1.33 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the reaction was slowly warmed up to 25 °C over 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated

NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and extracted with ether ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined ether extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to give 335 mg of crude **39**. Flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 249.6 g (70%) of methyl (5*R*)-5,9-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3-hydroxy-8-decenoate (**39**) as a mixture of four diastereomers: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.04 (br, 1), 3.80-3.72 (m, 1), 3.71-3.68 (three singlets, 3), 2.19-1.06 (m, 7), 1.68 (3), 1.60 (3), 1.12-1.10 (four singlets, 3), 0.96-0.80 (m, 6).

*n*-BuLi (0.275 mL, 1.6 M in hexane, 0.44 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of diisopropylamine (62  $\mu$ L, 0.44 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and cooled to -50 °C. A solution of **39** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The resulting solution was stirred at -50 °C for 30 min and at -20 °C for 1 h. A solution of MeI (25  $\mu$ L, 0.61 mmol) and HMPA (0.21 mL, 1.2 mmol) in THF (0.3 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture. The solution was stirred at -20 °C for 2 h and slowly warmed up to 25 °C over 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (4 mL) and extracted with ether (4 × 4 mL). The combined ether extracts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Flash chromatography on silica gel (25:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 8.8 mg (16%) of 1:1 mixture of **42** and **43**.

Methyl (2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)-, (2*R*,3*R*,5*R*)-, (2*R*,3*S*,5*R*)-, and (2*S*,3*S*,5*R*)-2-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2,5,9-trimethyl-8-decenoate (42, 43, 44, and 45, respectively). To a solution of *N*-Ts-(*S*)valine ((*S*)-32)<sup>22</sup> (81 mg, 0.3 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added BH<sub>3</sub>•THF (0.3 mL, 1 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol) by syringe over 3 min under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and additionally for 30 min at 25 °C. The solution was cooled –78 °C and a solution of (*R*)-(+)-citronellal ((*R*)-37) (16.3  $\mu$ L, 90  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was added dropwise over 3 min. After stirring for 5 min, silyl ketene acetal **19** (47 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was added dropwise over 3 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at –78 °C and quenched with 1 M aqueous HCl (3 mL). The mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 × 3 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 6 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to yield 21.9 mg of crude aldol product. Flash chromatography (25:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 9.1 mg (38%) of **42** contaminated with 15% of **43**, followed by 10.0 mg (41%) of **44** contaminated with 15% of **45**.

Data for **42**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.06 (m, 1), 3.789 (br d, 1, J = 9.8), 3.685 (s, 3), 2.07-1.85 (m, 3, including OH), 1.80 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.72-1.64 (m, 1), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.61 (s, 3), 1.54 (dq, 1, J = 13.4, 7.3), 1.52-1.42 (m, 1), 1.33-1.16 (m, 3), 1.113 (s, 3), 0.94 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.85 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 177.05, 131.20, 124.78, 74.09, 51.62, 51.43, 40.16, 35.52, 29.60, 28.57, 25.72, 25.22, 20.76, 17.65, 16.22, 9.02; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 270.2195, found 270.2192.

Data for **44**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.14-5.06 (m, 1), 3.755 (br, 1), 3.712 (s, 3), 2.34-2.26 (br, 1, OH), 2.09-1.96 (m, 1), 2.00-1.86 (m, 1), 1.74 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.76-1.68 (m, 1), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.61 (s, 3), 1.52 (dq, 1, J = 13.4, 7.3), 1.54-1.44 (m, 1), 1.37-1.22 (m, 2), 1.20-1.10 (m, 1), 1.095 (s, 3), 0.95 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.83 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 177.72, 131.19, 124.79, 73.47, 51.73, 51.61, 39.23, 35.61, 29.50, 29.41, 25.72, 25.32, 20.82, 17.65, 16.53, 8.87; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 270.2195, found 270.2197.

An identical reaction from *N*-Ts-(*R*)-valine ((*R*)-**32**) afforded 5.0 mg (21%) of **43** contaminated with 15% of **42** and 4.4 mg (18%) of **45** contaminated with 15% of **44**.

Data for **43**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.06 (m, 1), 3.784 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 3.687 (s, 3), 2.08-1.91 (m, 3, including OH), 1.80 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.73-1.64 (m, 1), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.60 (s, 3), 1.55 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.47-1.38 (m, 1), 1.34-1.16 (m, 3), 1.119 (s, 3), 0.89 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.86 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 177.07, 131.15, 124.70, 73.73, 51.60, 51.36, 39.82, 38.19, 29.10, 28.56, 25.70, 25.51, 18.68, 17.64, 16.25, 8.97; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 270.2195, found 270.2194.

Data for **45**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.06 (m, 1), 3.760 (br d, 1, J = 10.4), 3.712 (s, 3), 2.36-2.27 (m, 1, OH), 2.07-1.90 (m, 2), 1.74 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.78-1.68 (m, 1), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.60 (s, 3), 1.53 (dq, 1, J = 13.4, 7.3), 1.38-1.18 (m, 1), 1.18-1.06 (m, 3), 1.099 (s, 3), 0.90 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.83 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 177.74, 131.14, 124.72, 73.05, 51.70, 51.49, 38.80, 38.29, 29.41,

28.92, 25.70, 25.54, 18.75, 17.64, 16.58, 8.82; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 270.2195, found 270.2190.

**Methyl (2***S***,5***R***)-2-Ethyl-2,5,9-trimethyl-3-oxo-8-decenoate (46).** Dess–Martin periodinane (15.7 mg, 37 µmol) was added to a solution of **42** (5.0 mg, 18.5 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) at 25 °C. The suspension was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 25 °C. Flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 4.3 mg (87%) of **46**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.10-5.04 (m, 1), 3.71 (s, 3), 2.37 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 5.5), 2.26 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 7.9), 2.10-2.00 (m, 1), 2.00-1.89 (m, 3), 1.79 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.59 (s, 3), 1.32-1.24 (m, 1), 1.30 (s, 3), 1.20-1.08 (m, 1), 0.85 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.82 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 207.2, 173.6, 131.4, 124.3, 60.2, 52.2, 45.6, 36.7, 28.2, 27.6, 25.7, 25.5, 19.5, 18.1, 17.6, 8.6; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 268.2038, found 268.2031.

An identical reaction with **45** also afforded **46** (89%).

**Methyl** (2*R*,5*R*)-2-Ethyl-2,5,9-trimethyl-3-oxo-8-decenoate (47). An identical reaction with 44 afforded 47 (83%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.11-5.04 (m, 1), 3.71 (s, 3), 2.41 (dd, 1, J = 17.1, 5.5), 2.24 (dd, 1, J = 17.7, 7.9), 2.11-2.00 (m, 1), 2.00-1.89 (m, 3), 1.78 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.59 (s, 3), 1.33-1.24 (m, 1), 1.31 (s, 3), 1.19-1.08 (m, 1), 0.86 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.83 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 207.2, 173.6, 131.4, 124.3, 60.1, 52.2, 45.6, 36.7, 28.1, 27.6, 25.7, 25.5, 19.5, 18.2, 17.6, 8.6; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 268.2038, found 268.2041.

An identical reaction with 43 also afforded 47 (84%).

### (4R,5R)-4-((2R)-2,6-Dimethyl-5-hepten-1-yl)-5-ethyl-2,2,5-trimethyl-1,3-dioxane

(48). To a stirred suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (44.5 mg, 1.17 mmol) in ether (1.5 mL) was added a solution of  $\beta$ -hydroxy ester 42 (78.5 mg, 0.29 mmol) in ether (3 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C. The suspension was stirred for 3 h and quenched by slow addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The white precipitate was filtered off through a pad of Celite and rinsed with EtOAc (6 × 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to give 63.2 mg of diol.

A solution of the diol and TsOH•H<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mg, 32 µmol) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane (2.5 mL) was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> for 40 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 5 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) gave 64.4 mg (79%) of **48**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.06 (m, 1), 3.63 (dd, 1, J = 8.5, 2.4), 3.58 (d, 1, J = 11.6), 3.40 (d, 1, J = 11.6), 2.06-1.88 (m, 2), 1.93 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.69 (s, 3), 1.61 (s, 3), 1.63-1.51 (m, 1), 1.45-1.37 (m, 1), 1.42 (s, 3), 1.37 (s, 3), 1.32-1.21 (m, 2), 1.15 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 6.7), 1.10-1.00 (m, 1), 0.91 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.85 (t, 3, J = 7.6), 0.62 (s, 3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 131.1, 124.9, 98.3, 76.4, 67.2, 35.8, 35.7, 35.2, 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.2, 21.4, 20.6, 18.9, 18.4, 17.6, 7.8. A 2D NOESY experiment showed NOEs from the three ring protons at  $\delta$  3.63, 3.58, and 3.40 to the methyl singlet at  $\delta$  0.62. Only the equatorial ring proton at  $\delta$  3.58 showed an NOE to the methyl triplet of the ethyl group at  $\delta$  0.91 and one methylene proton of the ethyl group at  $\delta$  1.93; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 282.2559, found 282.2554.

(4*R*,5*S*)-4-((2*R*)-2,6-Dimethyl-5-hepten-1-yl)-5-ethyl-2,2,5-trimethyl-1,3-dioxane (49). An identical series of reactions with 44 (63.5 mg, 0.24 mmol) afforded 53.7 mg (81%) of 49: <sup>1</sup>H NMR 5.13-5.06 (m, 1), 3.69-3.62 (m, 2), 3.38 (d, 1, J = 11.6), 2.06-1.86 (m, 2), 1.68 (s, 3), 1.61 (s, 3), 1.64-1.55 (m, 1), 1.45-1.37 (m, 1), 1.40 (s, 3), 1.38 (s, 3), 1.30-1.19 (m, 3), 1.13 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 1.10-1.00 (m, 1), 0.97 (s, 3), 0.91 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 0.80 (t, 3, J = 7.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR 131.1, 124.9, 98.2, 74.0, 69.9, 36.0, 35.7, 35.2, 29.4, 29.0, 28.4, 25.7, 25.2, 20.6, 19.1, 17.6, 15.7, 7.2; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (benzene- $d_6$ ) 5.29-5.20 (m, 1), 3.61 (br d, 1, J = 9.8), 3.52 (d, 1, J = 11.6), 3.38 (d, 1, J = 11.6), 2.16-1.99 (m, 2), 1.86-1.4 (m, 1), 1.70 (s, 3), 1.59 (s, 3), 1.59-1.49 (m, 1), 1.50 (s, 3), 1.39-1.29 (m, 1), 1.34 (s, 3), 1.23-1.10 (m, 2), 1.04 (s, 3), 0.97 (d, 3, J = 6.7), 1.09-0.99 (m, 1), 0.89 (dq, 1, J = 14.0, 7.3), 0.62 (t, 3, J = 7.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (benzene- $d_6$ ) 131.3, 125.9, 98.7, 74.8, 70.2, 36.9, 36.7, 35.7, 30.2, 29.9, 29.0, 26.3, 26.2, 21.3, 19.6, 18.1, 16.4, 7.7; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 282.2559, found 282.2563.

A 2D NOESY (run in benzene- $d_6$  because two ring protons overlapped in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) experiment showed NOEs from all three ring protons at  $\delta$  3.61, 3.52, and 3.38 to the methyl

triplet of the ethyl group at  $\delta$  0.62, the ethyl methylene group multiplet at  $\delta$  0.89, and the ethyl methylene group multiplet at  $\delta$  1.09-0.99. Only the equatorial ring proton at  $\delta$  3.38 showed an NOE to the methyl singlet at  $\delta$  1.04. It is interesting to note that H-6e is downfield at  $\delta$  3.69-3.62 from H-6a at  $\delta$  3.38 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, but upfield at  $\delta$  3.38 from H-6a at  $\delta$  3.52 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> as has been previously observed.<sup>30</sup>

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Table S1. Comparison of the <sup>13</sup> C and <sup>1</sup> H NMR Spectral Data Reported for Citronellal-
derived Hydroxy Esters 42–45.

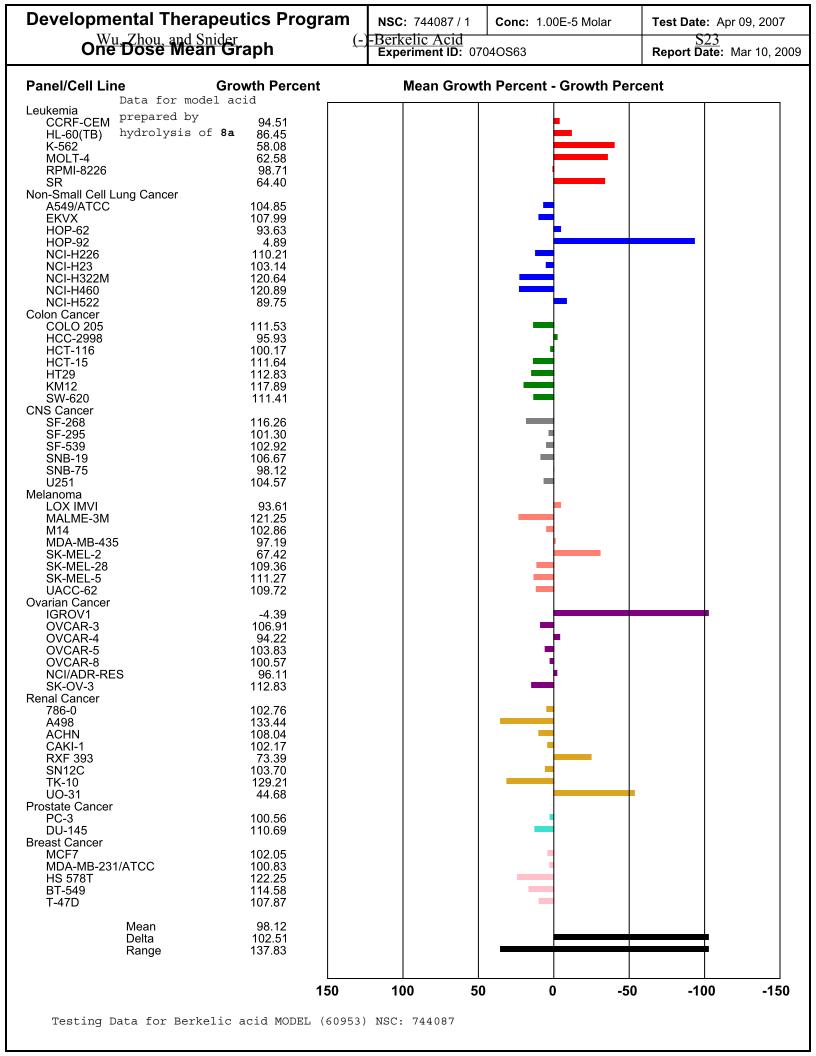
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C (Roman) <sup>a</sup>	42	43	44	45	
$H(Italics)^{a}$	(2S, 3F)	R)(2R,3S)	(2R, 3R)	2)(25,35	5)
1	177.05	5 177.07	177.72	177.74	4 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ) and (2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>S</i> ) 0.7 ppm downfield
2		51.6*			
2-Me	16.21	16.25	16.53	16.58	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.3 ppm downfield
2-Me	1.11	1.12	1.09	1.10	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.02 ppm upfield
2-Et (CH <sub>2</sub> )	28.57	28.56	29.41	29.41	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.85 ppm downfield
2-Et (CH <sub>3</sub> )	9.0	9.0	8.87	8.82	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.15 ppm upfield
$2$ - $Et$ ( $CH_3$ )	0.85	0.86	0.83	0.83	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.025 ppm upfield
OMe	51.4*	51.4*	51.6*	51.5*	
OMe	3.69	3.69	3.71	3.71	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.02 ppm downfield
3	74.09	73.73	73.47	73.05	(2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ) and (2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>S</i> ) 0.6-0.7 ppm upfield
3	3.79	3.78	3.76	3.76	(2R,3R) and $(2S,3S)$ 0.02 ppm upfield
4	40.16	39.82	39.23	38.80	(2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ) and (2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>S</i> ) 0.9-1.0 ppm upfield
5	29.60	29.10	29.50	28.92	(3R) 0.5 ppm downfield
5-Me	20.76	18.68	20.82	18.75	(3R) 2.1 ppm downfield
5-Me	0.94	0.89	0.95	0.90	(3R) 0.05 ppm downfield
6	35.52	38.19	35.61	38.29	(3R) 2.7 ppm upfield
7	25.2	25.5	25.3	25.5	
8	124.8	124.7	124.8	124.7	
9	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.1	
10	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7	
9-Me	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	

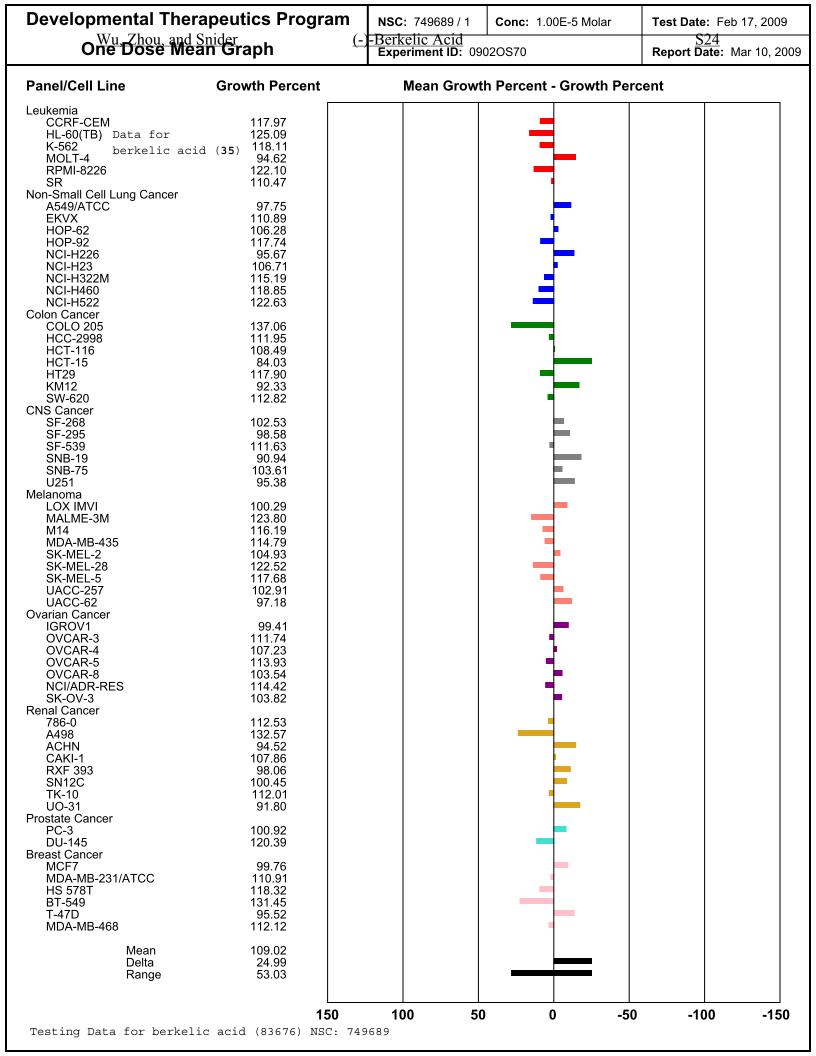
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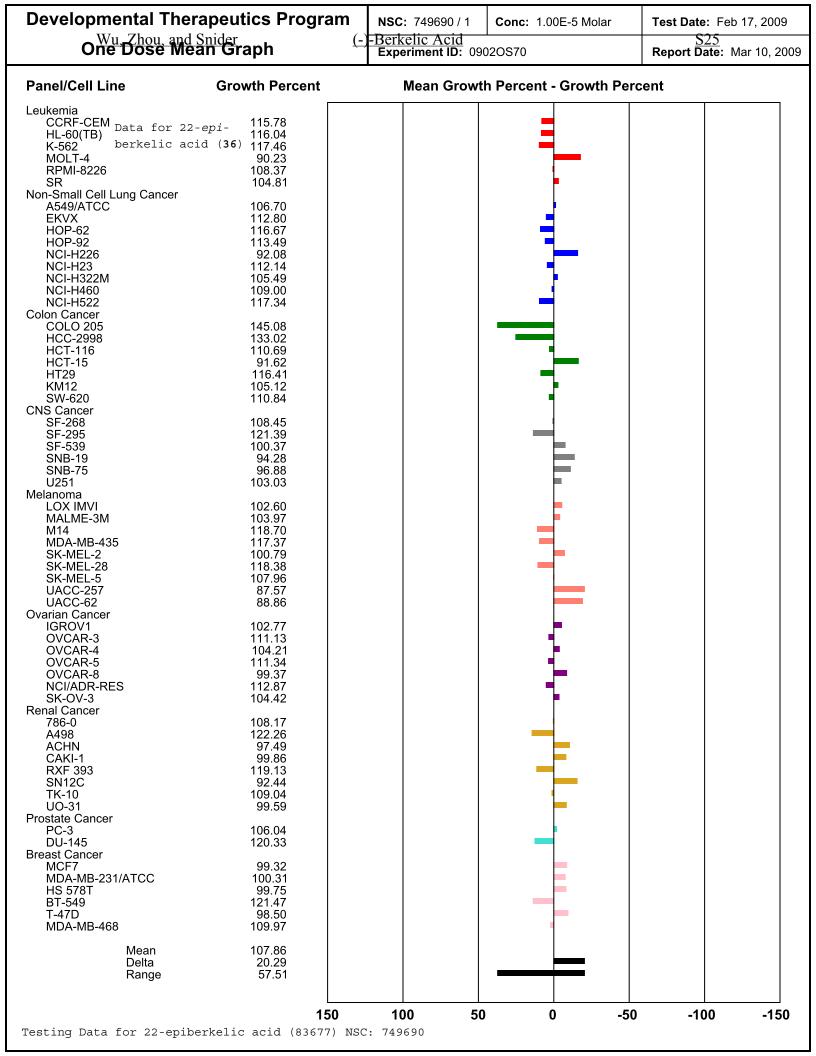
MeO <b>33</b> (2 <i>S</i> , 3 <i>R</i> ) nu as in <b>42–45</b>		CO <sub>2</sub> Aliyi OAliyi	$\begin{array}{c} O HO H$
C (Roman) <sup>a</sup>	33	34	
$H(Italics)^{a}$	(2S, 3R)	(2R, 3R)	
1 2-Me 2-Et (CH <sub>2</sub> ) 2-Et (CH <sub>3</sub> ) 2-Et (CH <sub>3</sub> ) OMe 3 3 4	176.94 16.75 <i>1.14</i> 28.38 8.99 0.87 3.709 76.22 3.73 35.31	177.58 16.94 1.13 29.60 8.80 0.85 3.726 75.49 3.70 34.57	(2R,3R) 0.64 ppm downfield (2R,3R) 0.19 ppm downfield (2R,3R) 0.01 ppm upfield (2R,3R) 1.22 ppm downfield (2R,3R) 0.19 ppm upfield (2R,3R) 0.02 ppm upfield (2R,3R) 0.017 ppm downfield (2R,3R) 0.73 ppm upfield (2R,3R) 0.03 ppm upfield (2R,3R) 0.74 ppm upfield

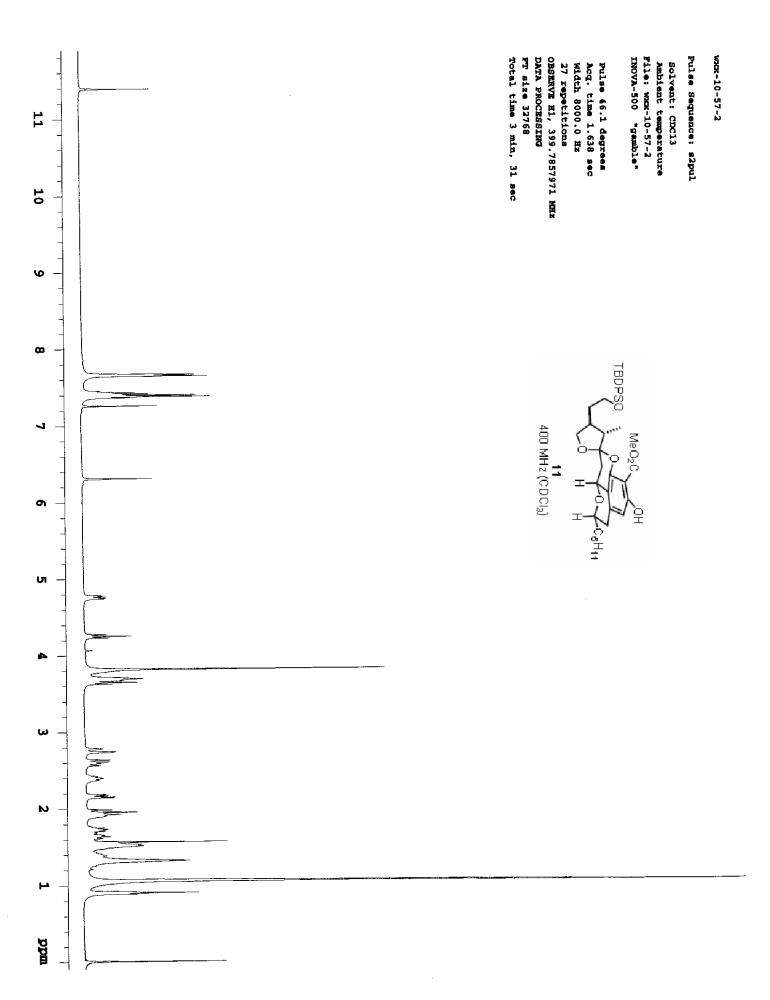
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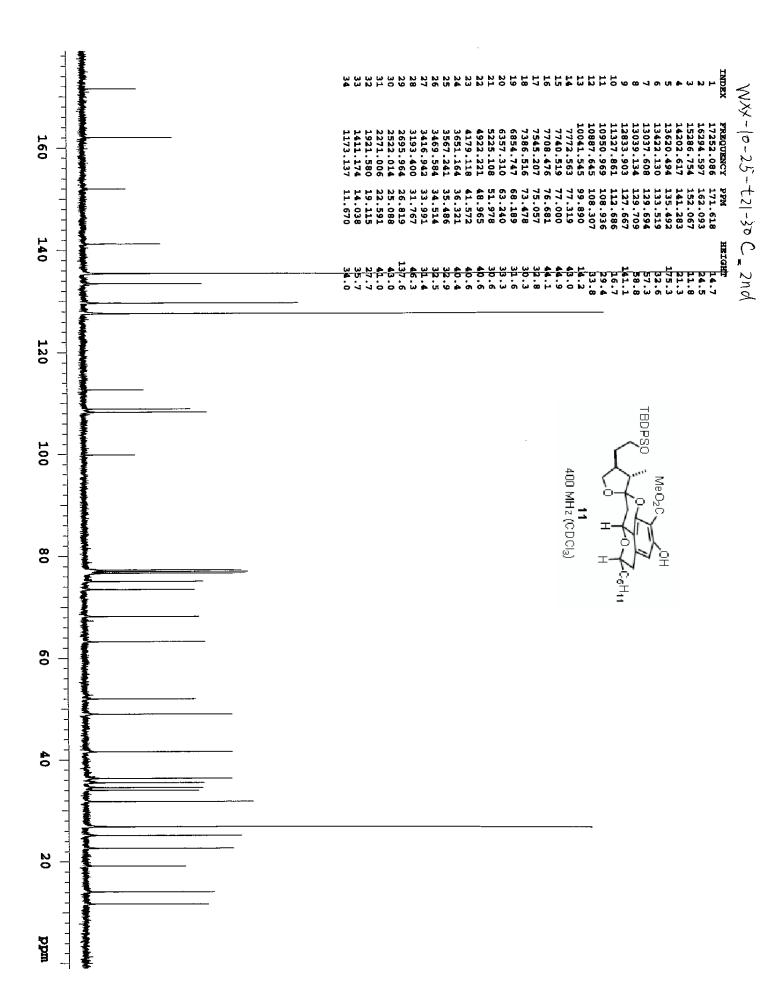
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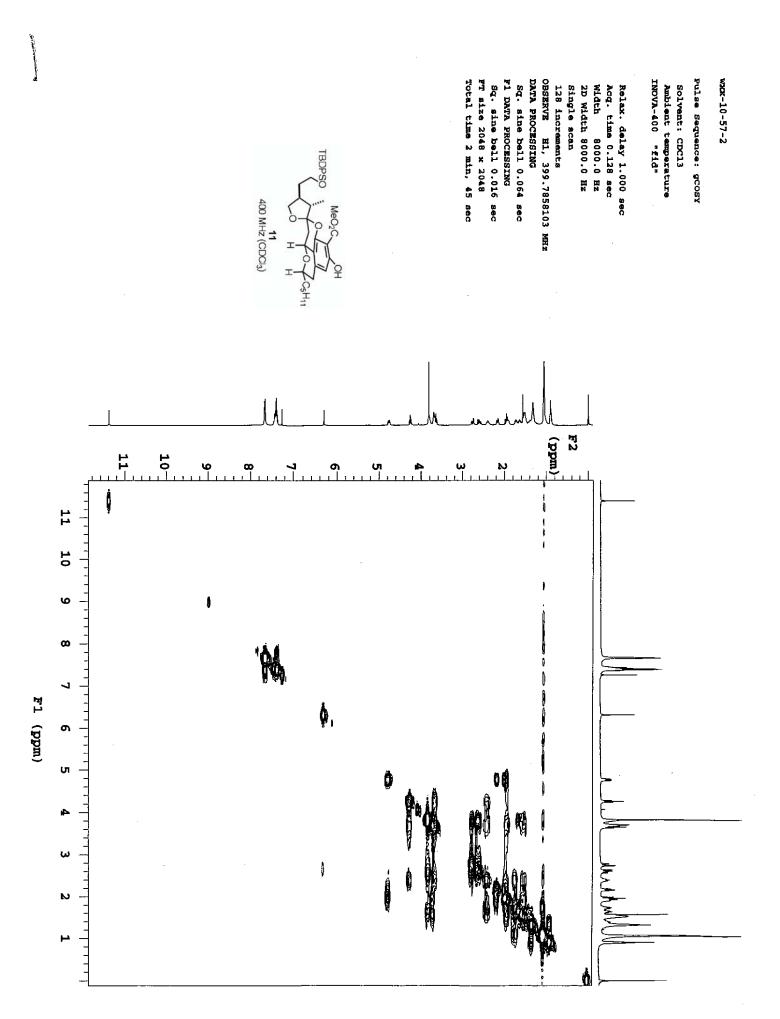


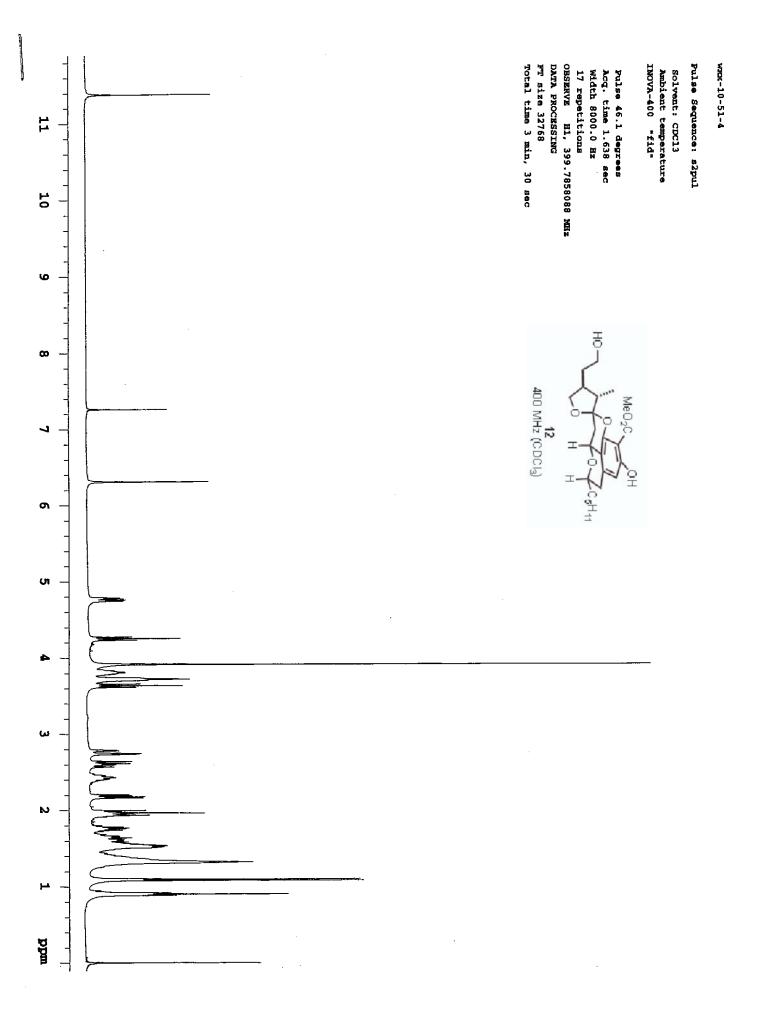


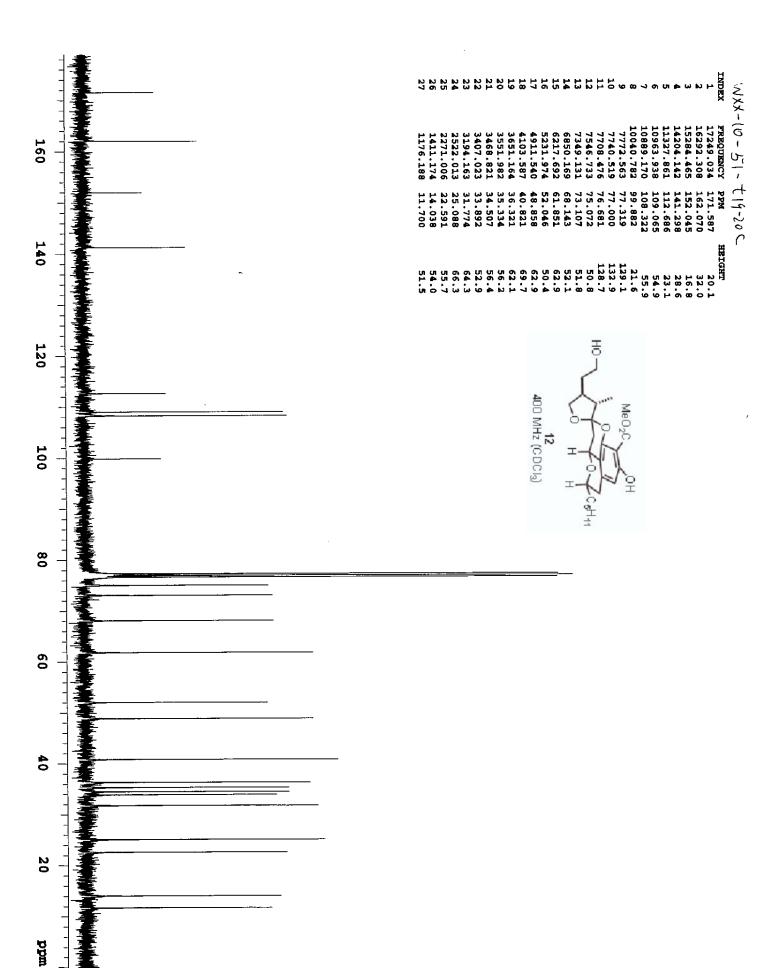




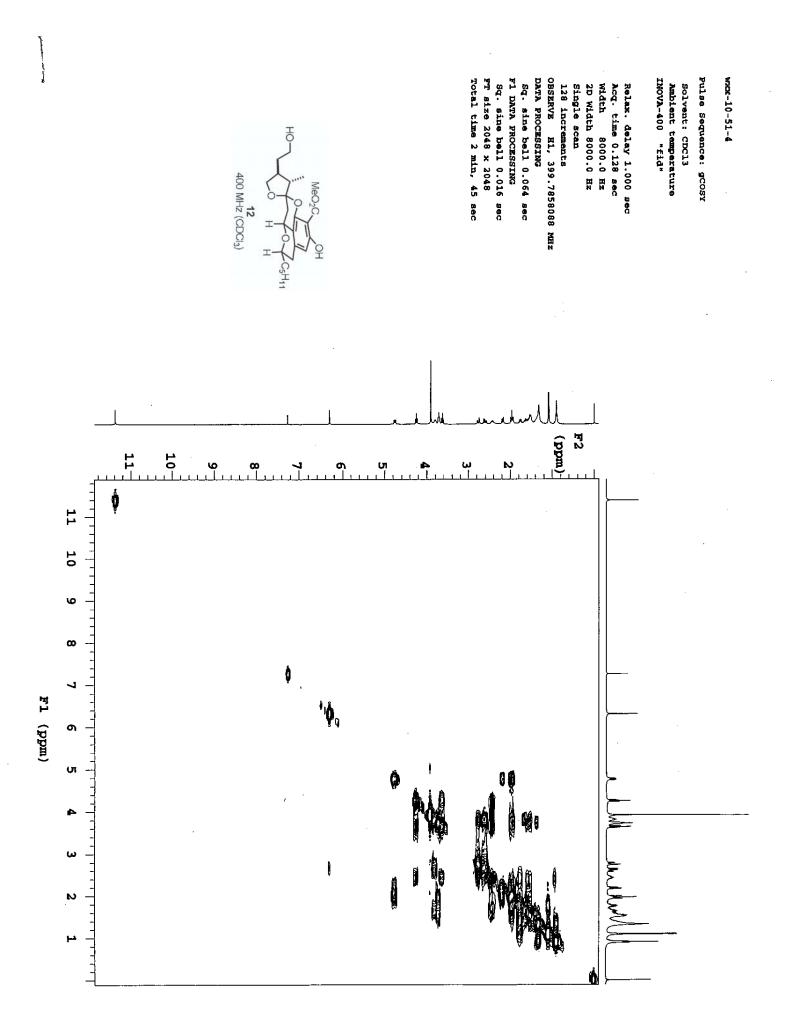
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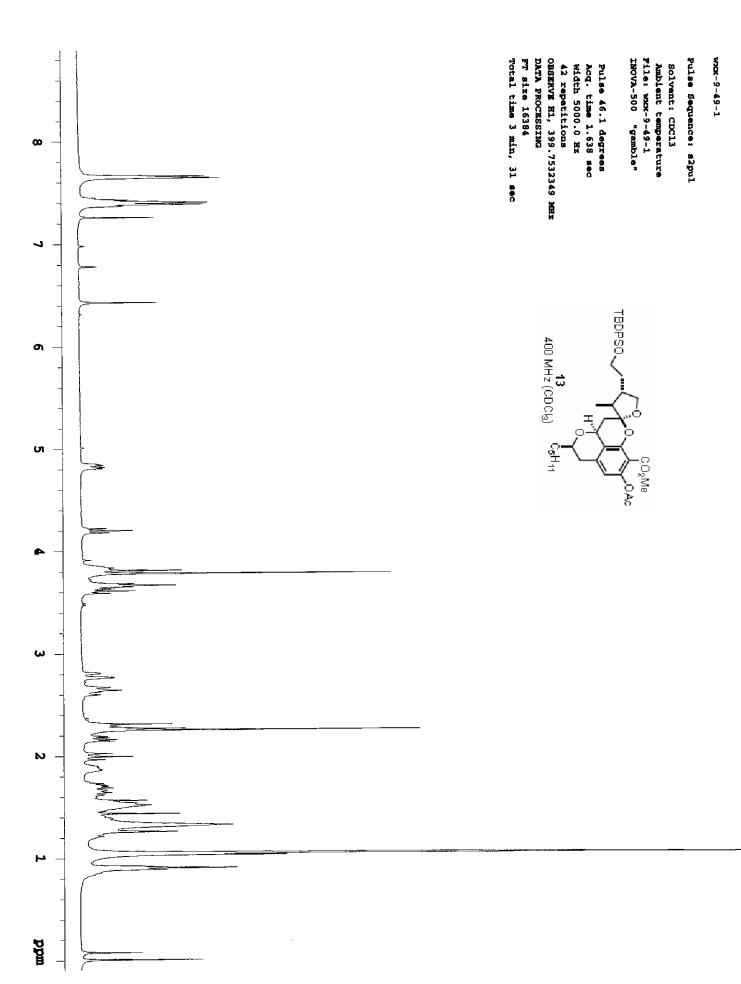


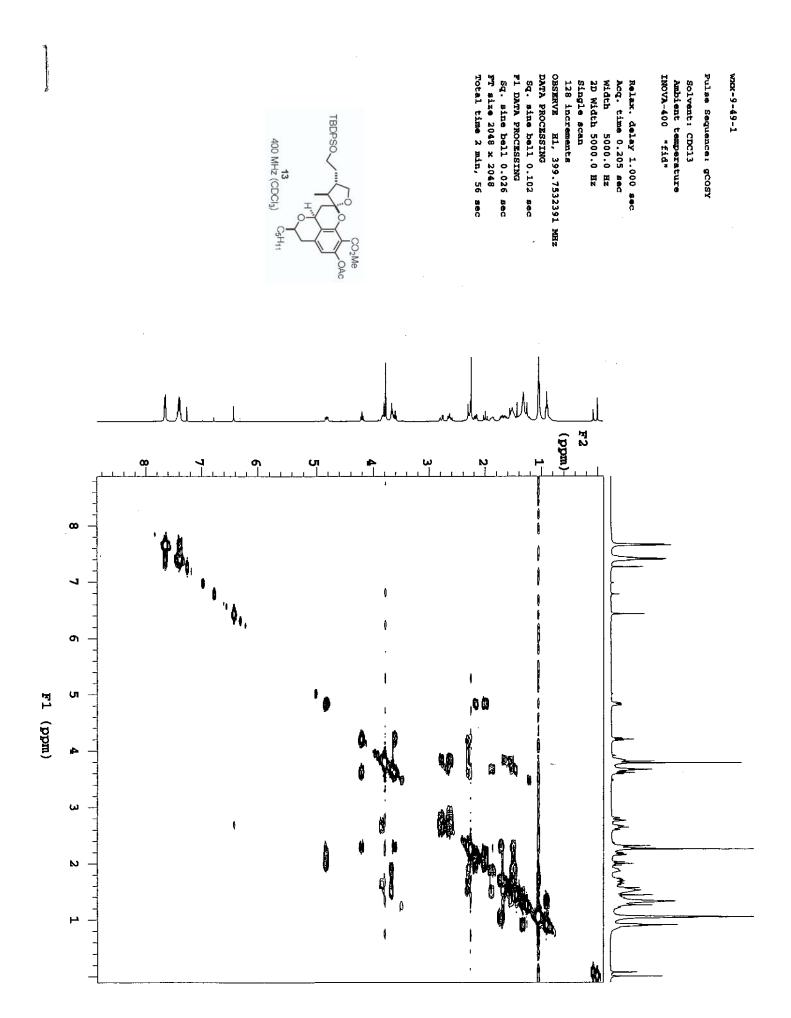


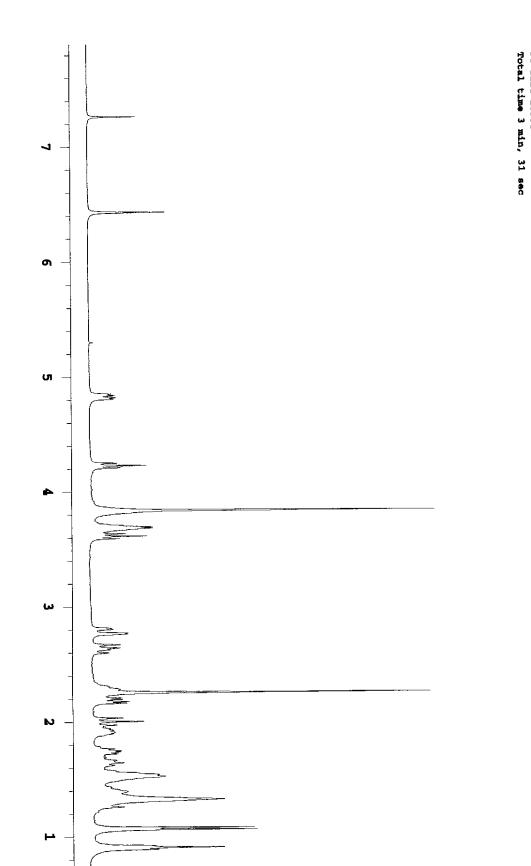


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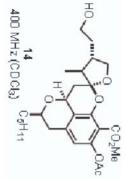
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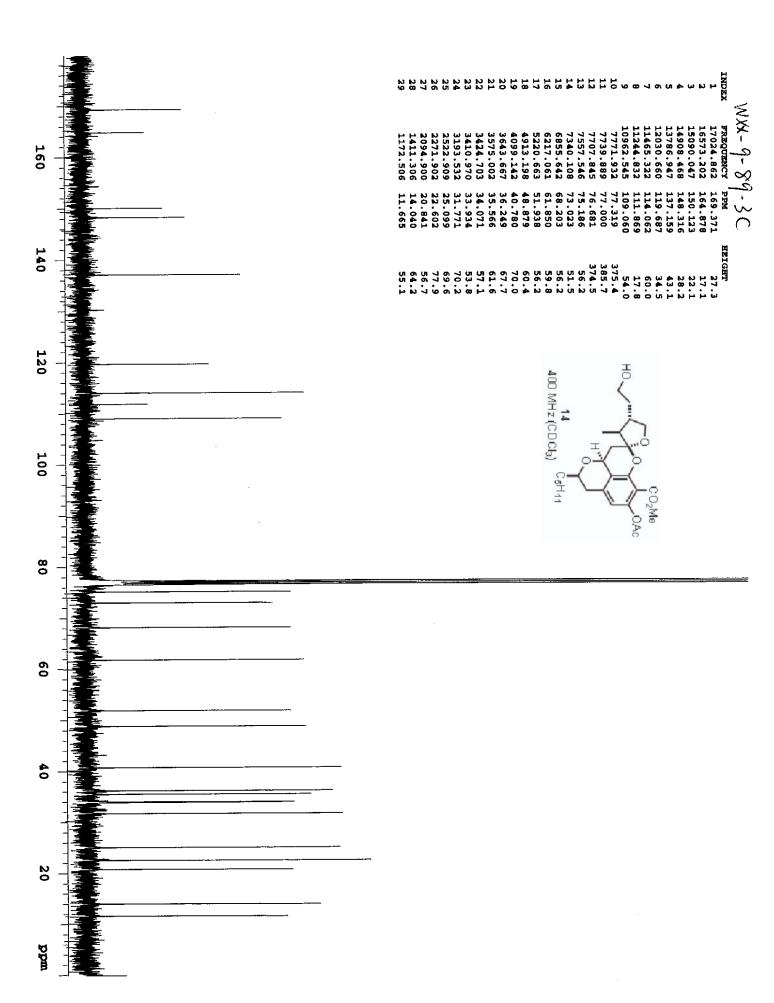
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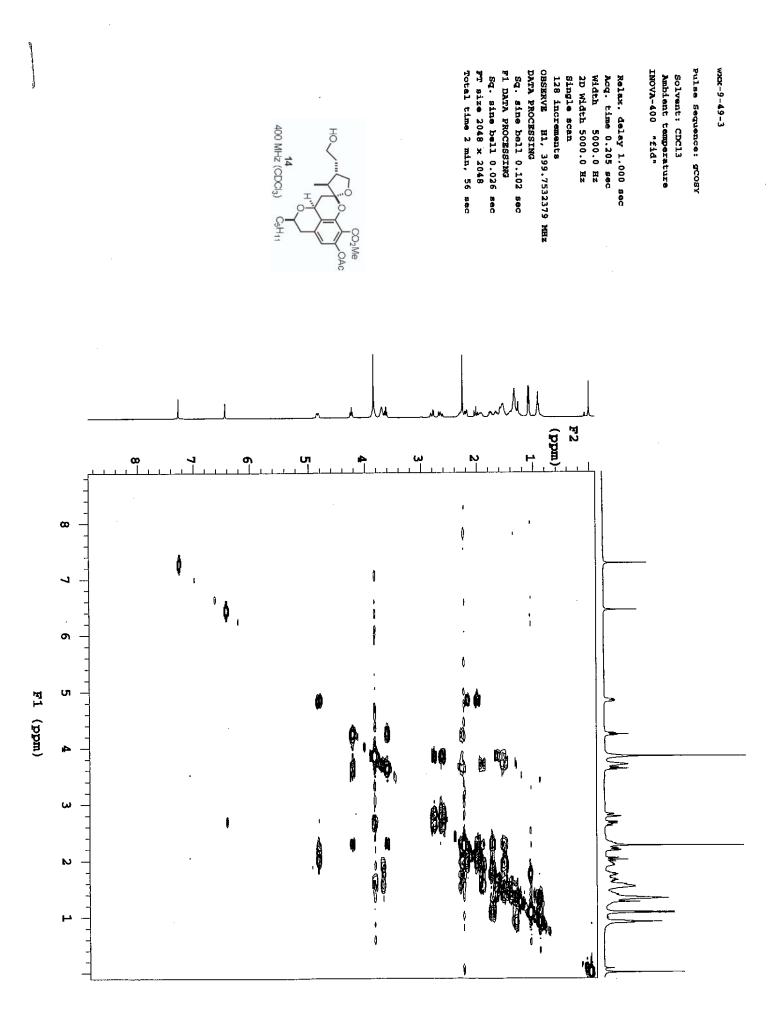
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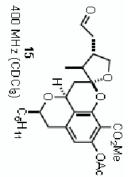


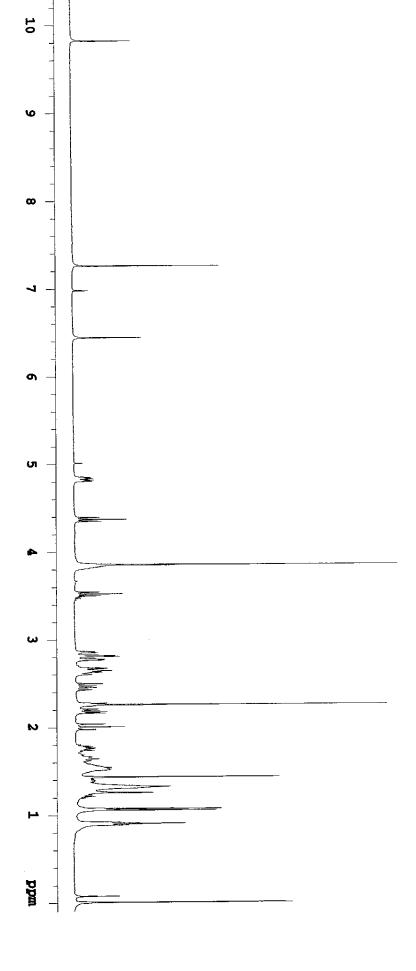
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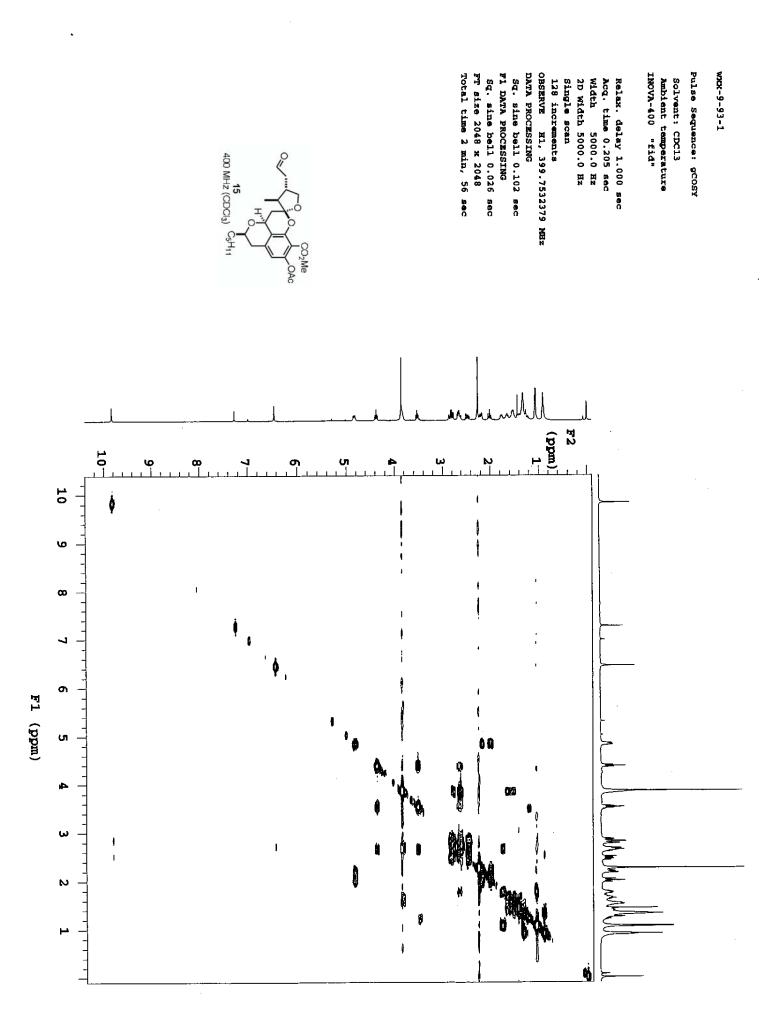
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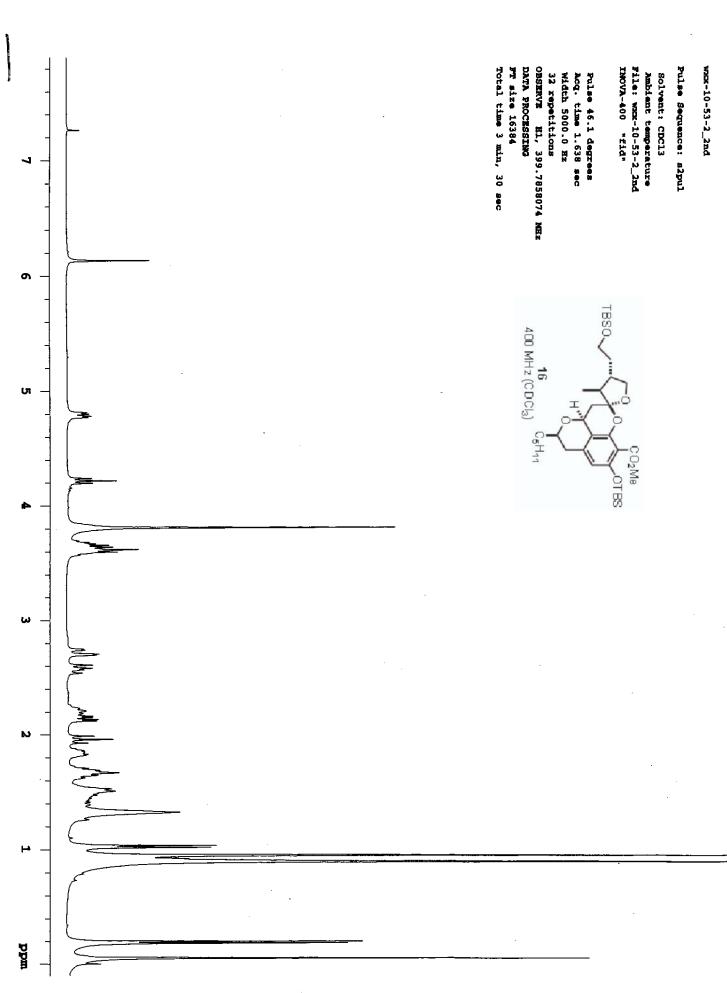
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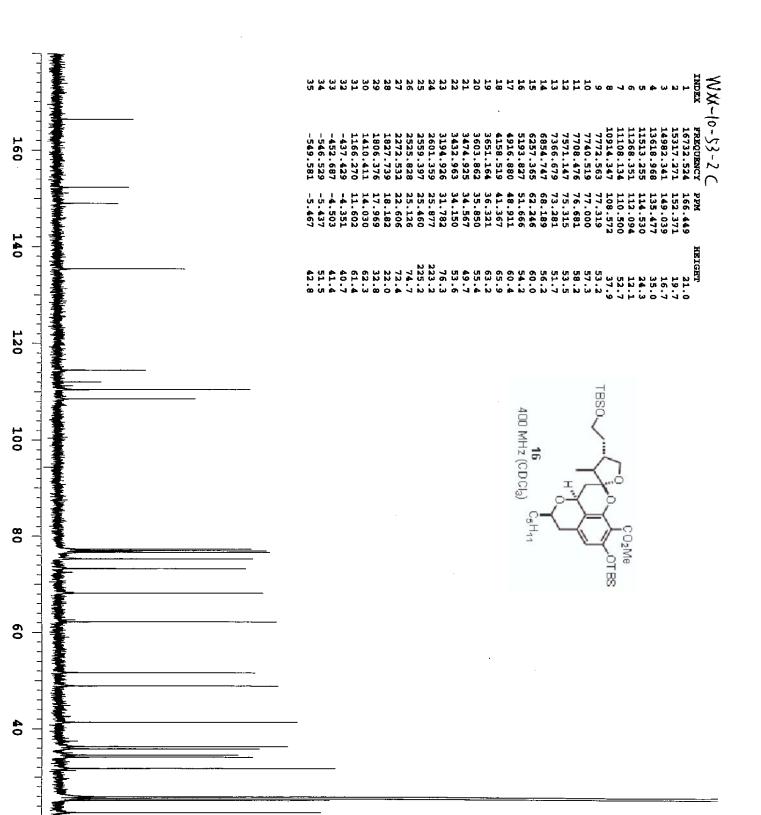


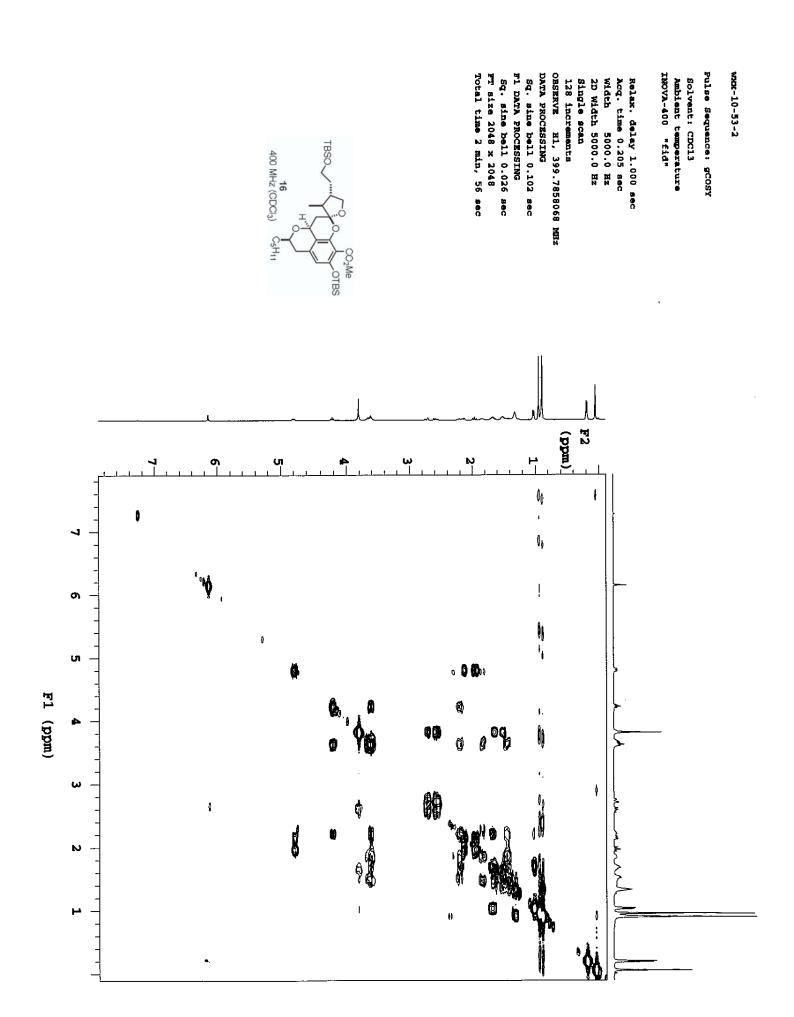


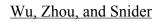
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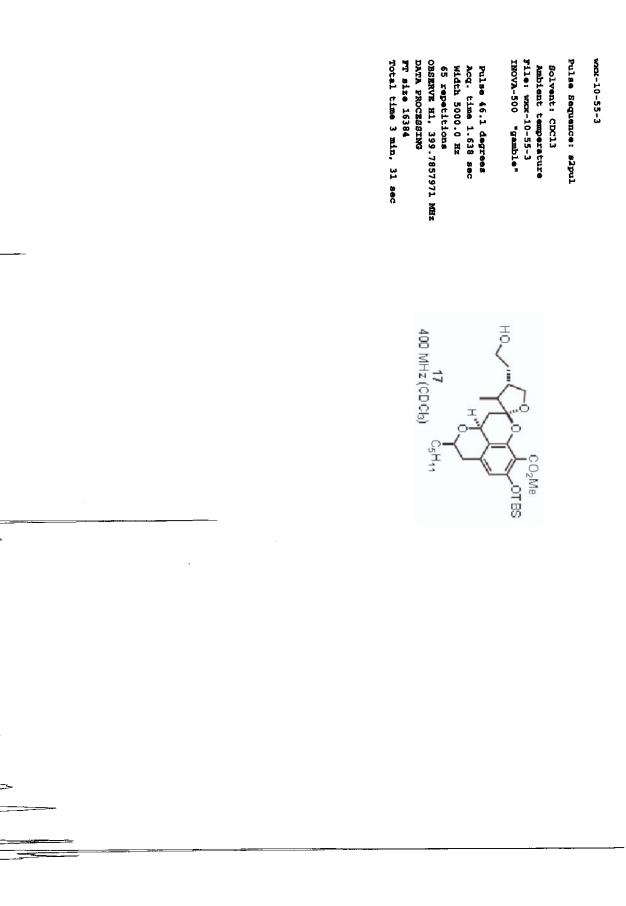
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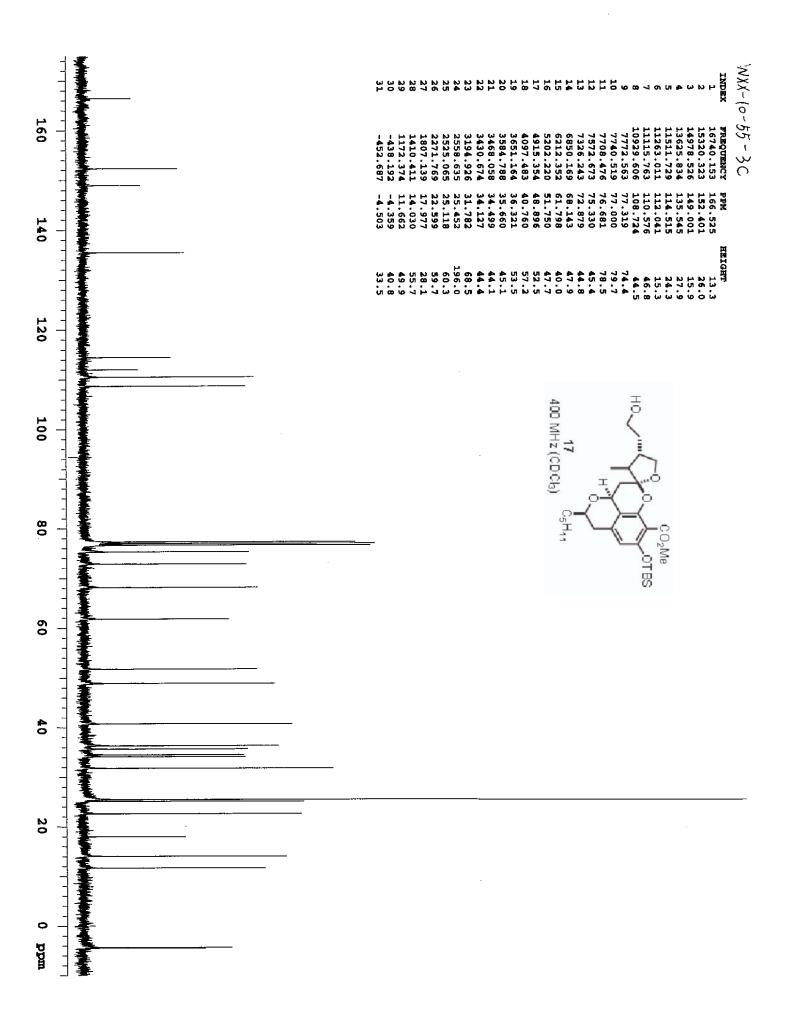
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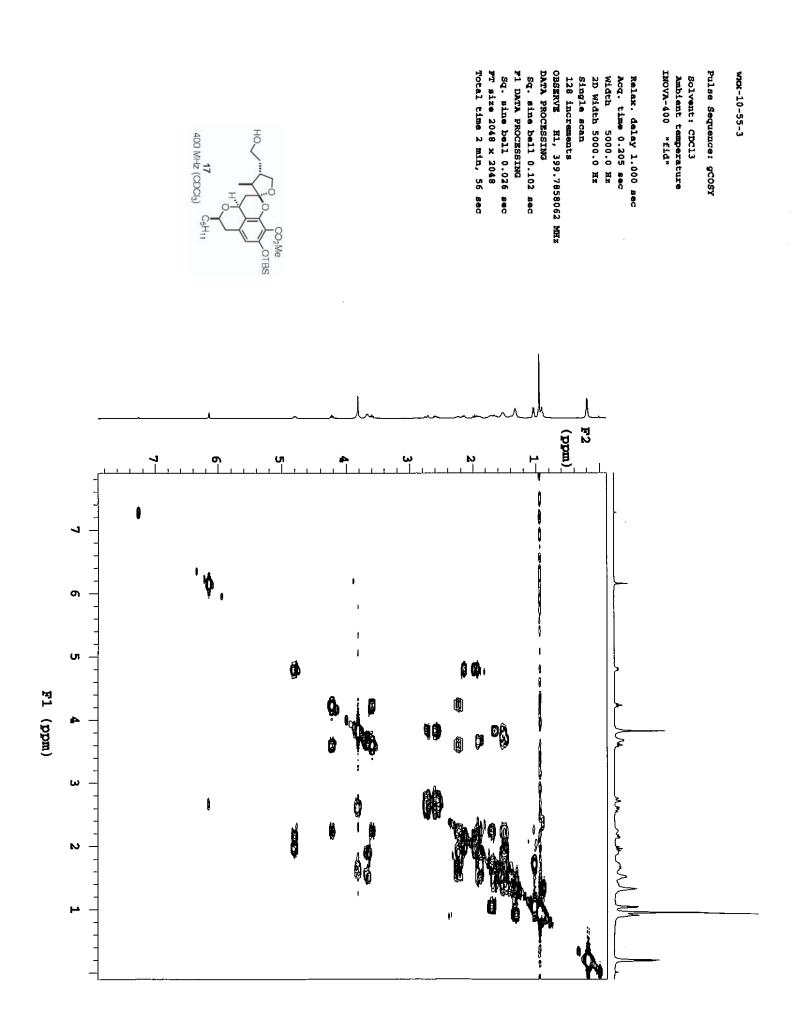
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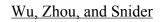






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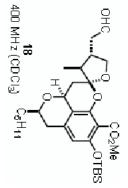
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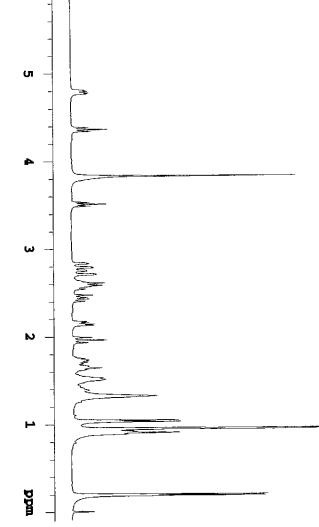
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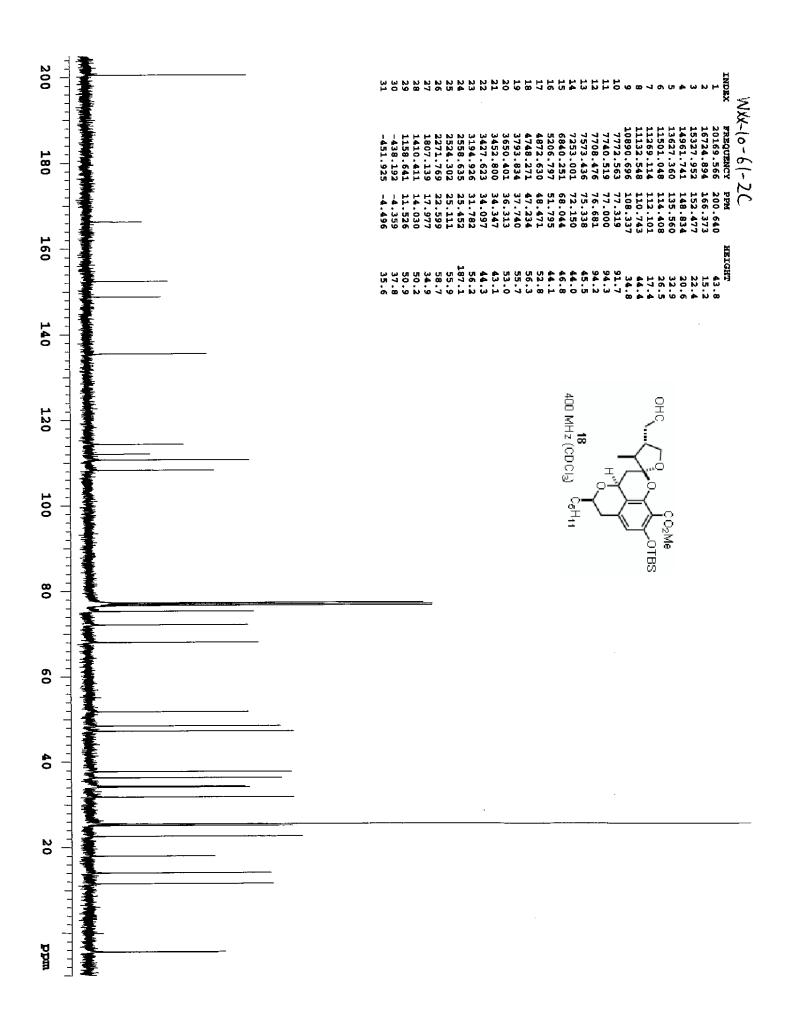
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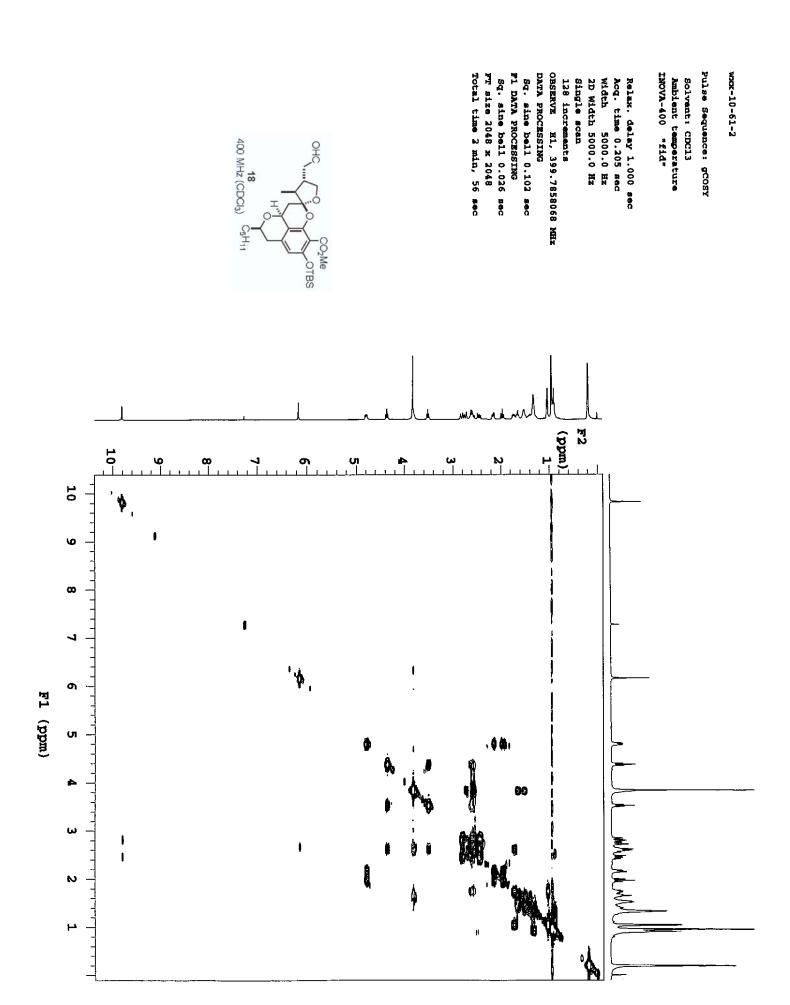
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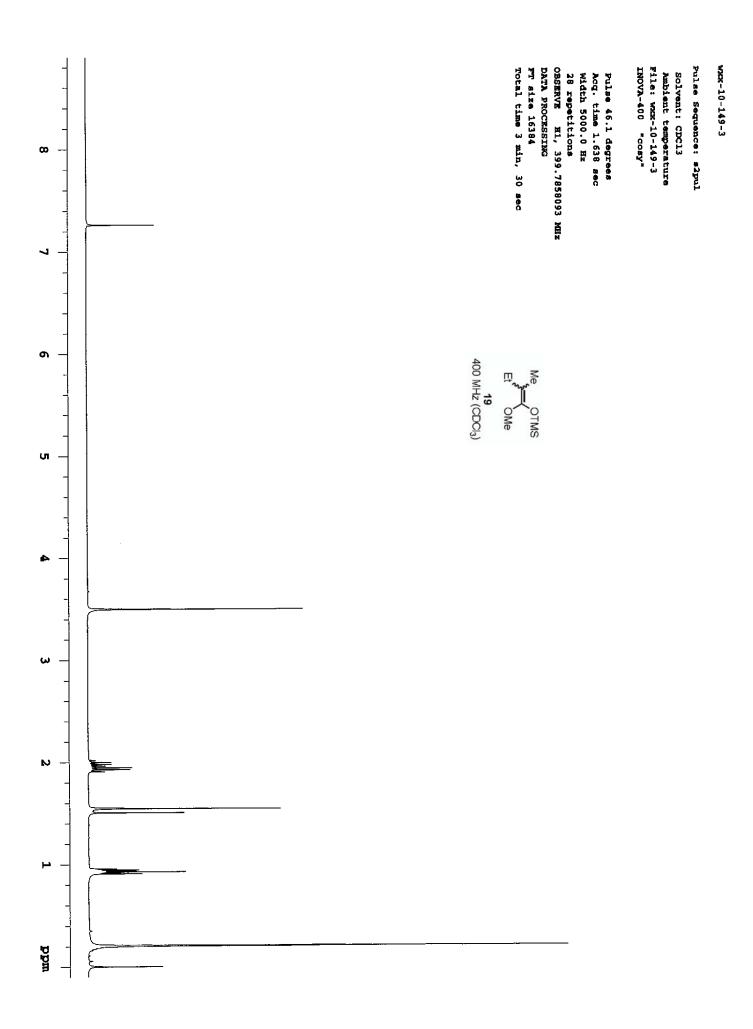
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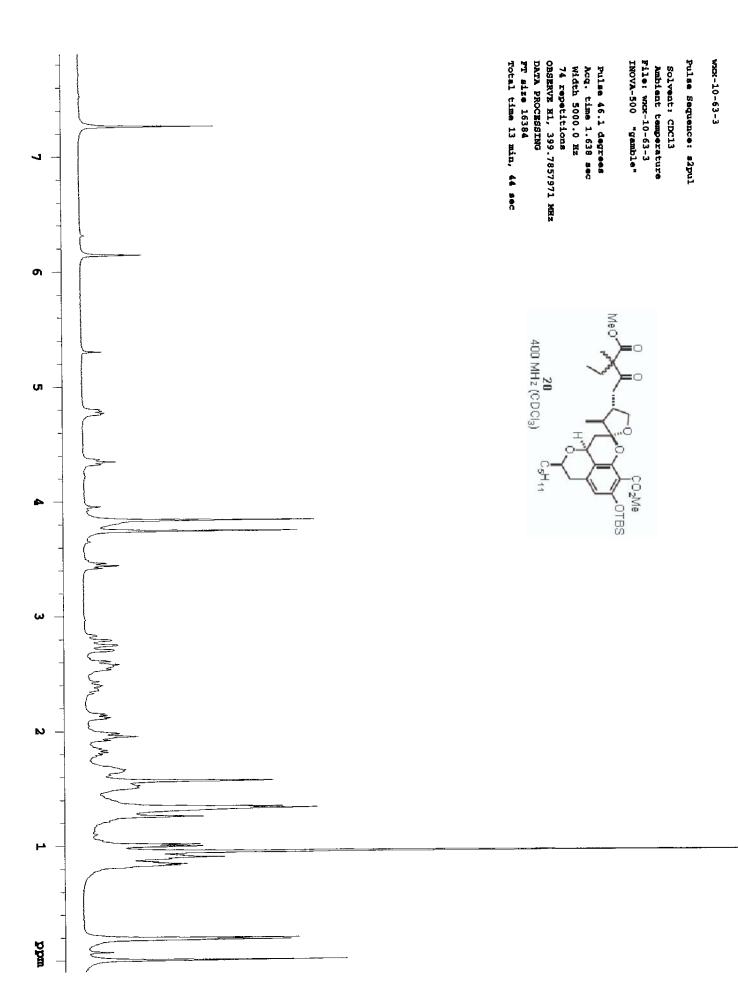


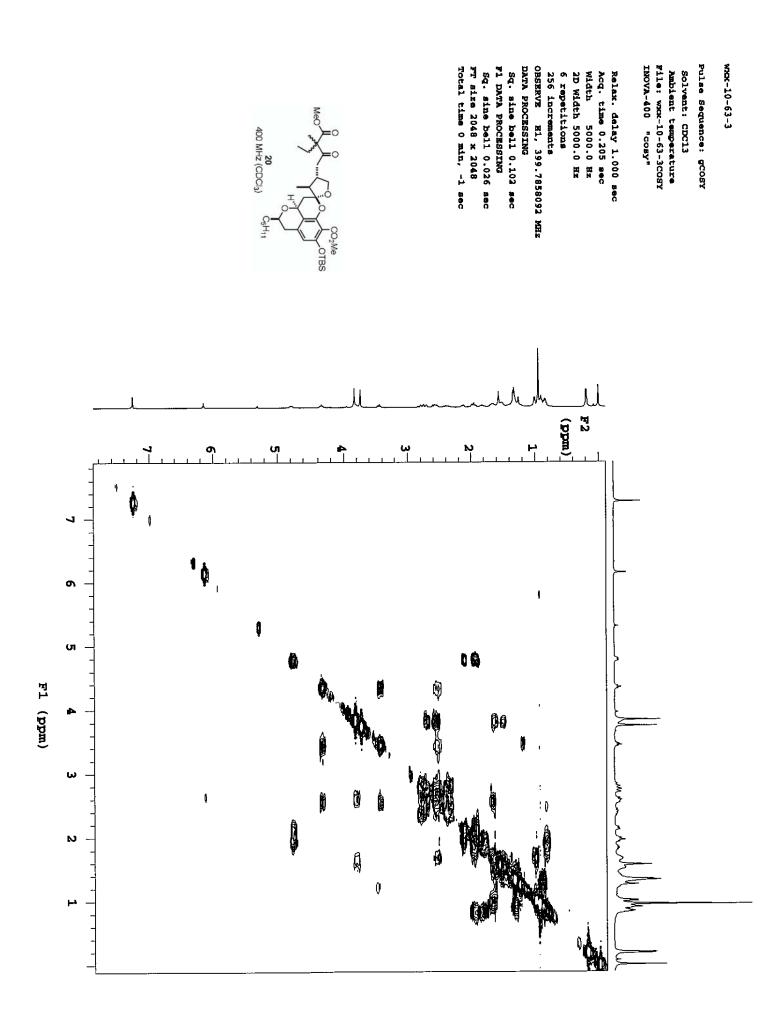


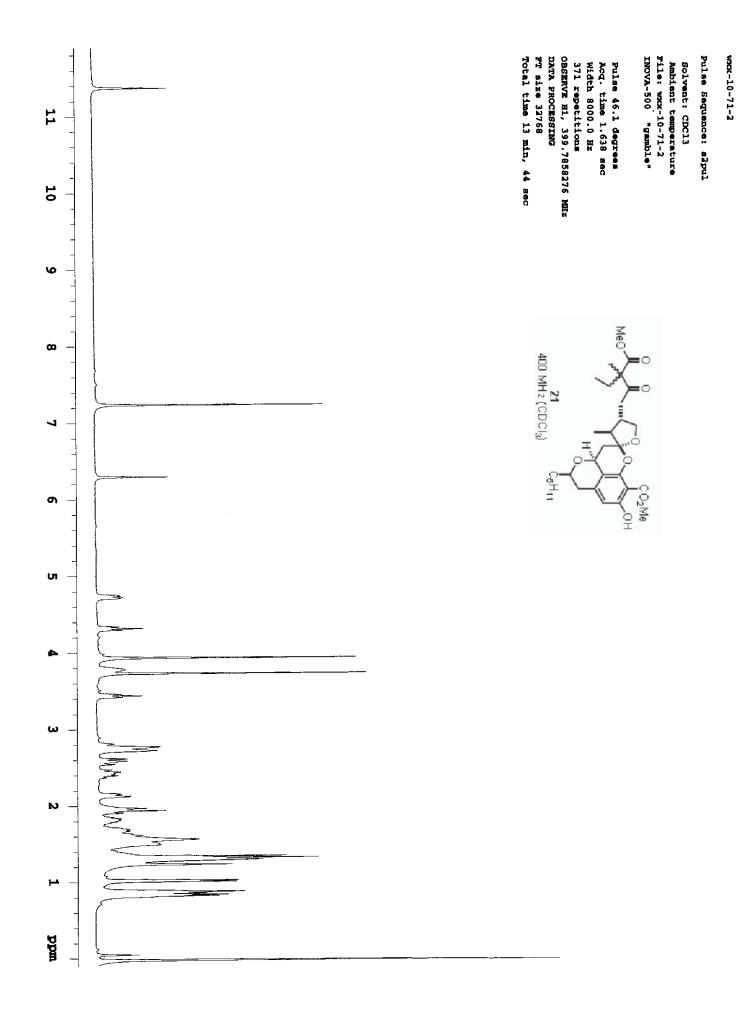


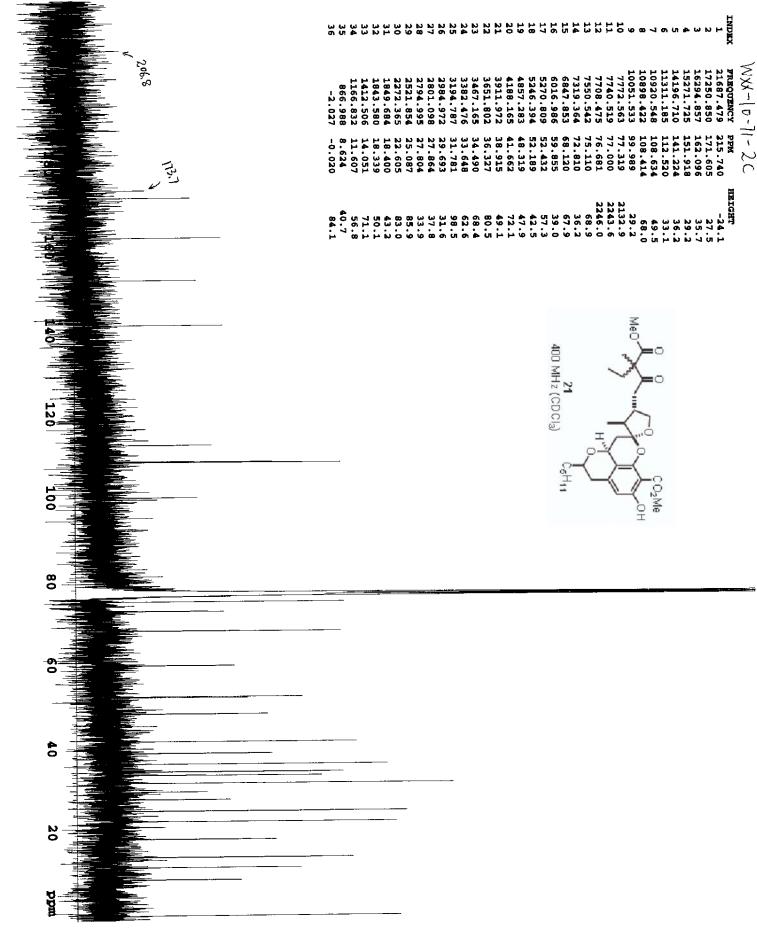


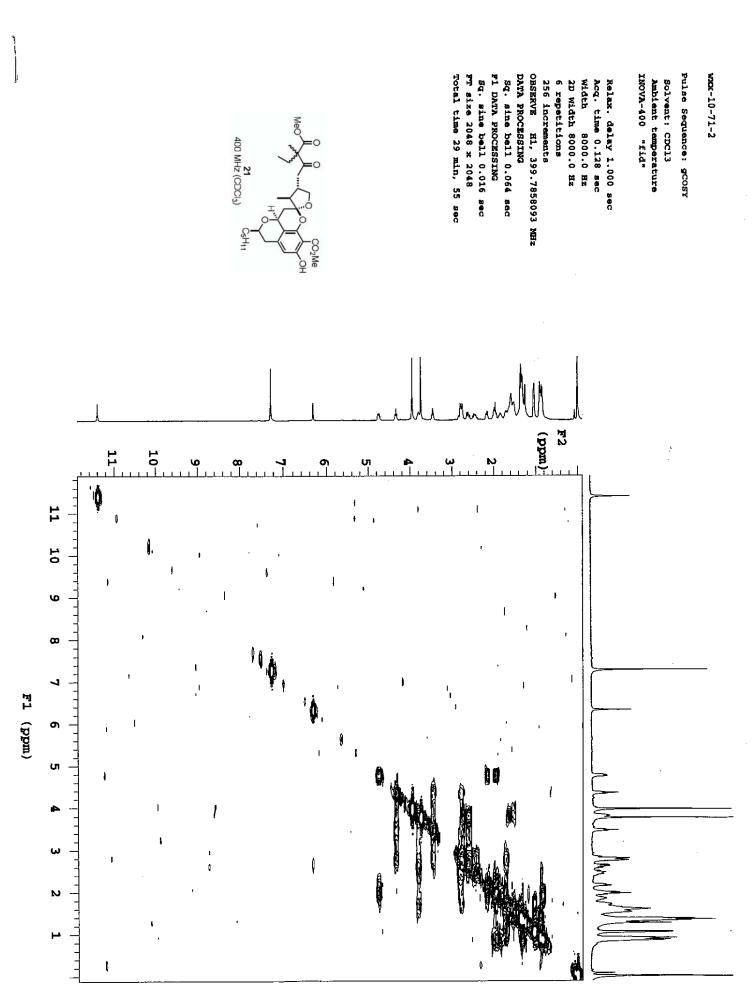


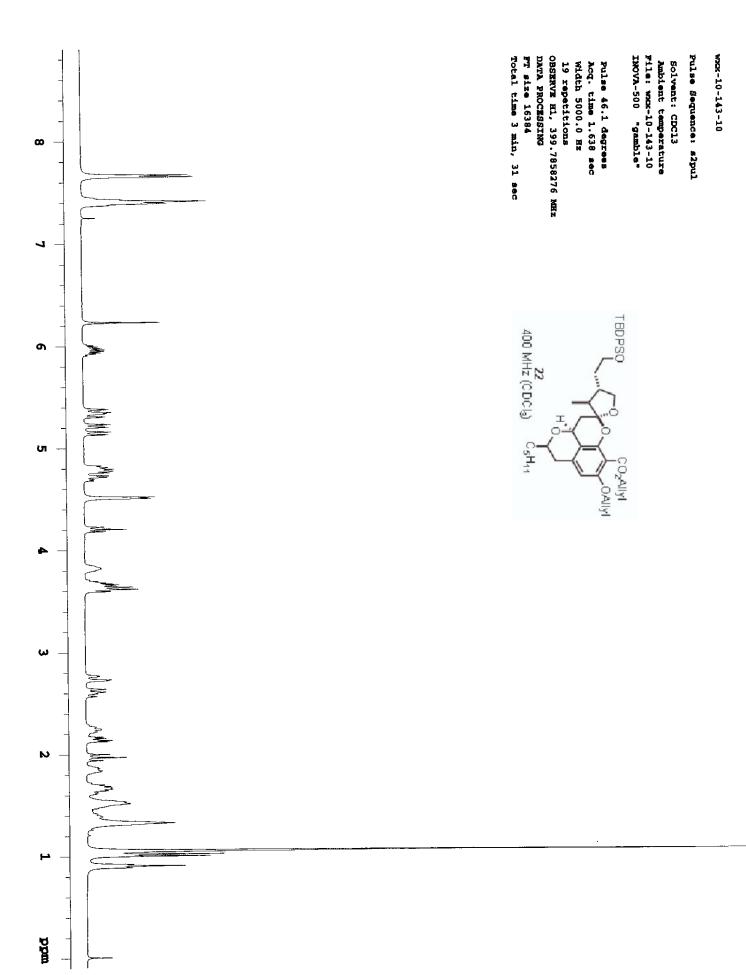




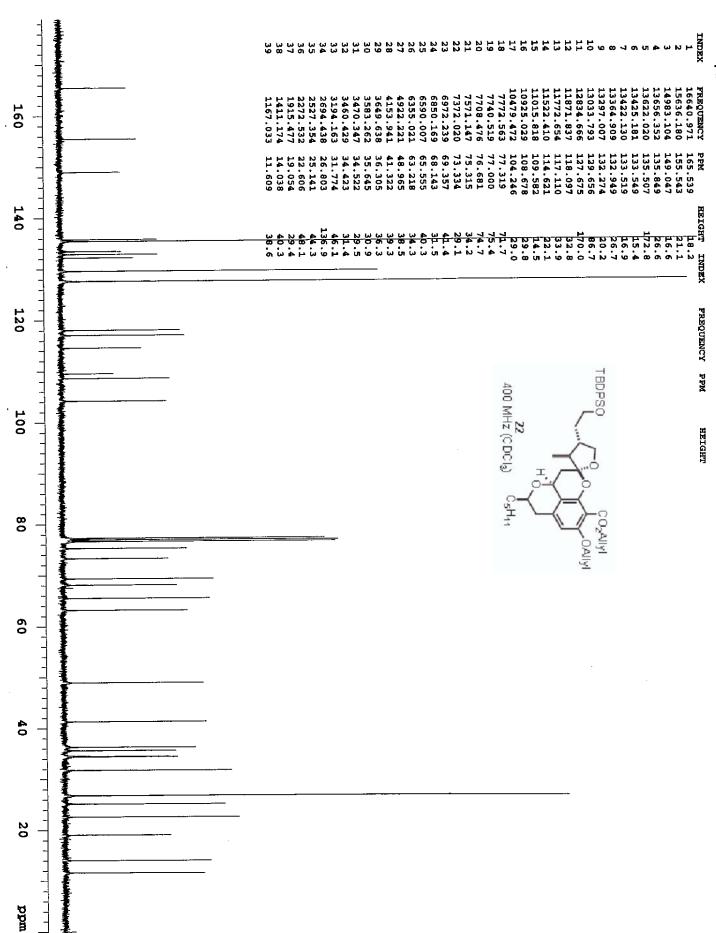




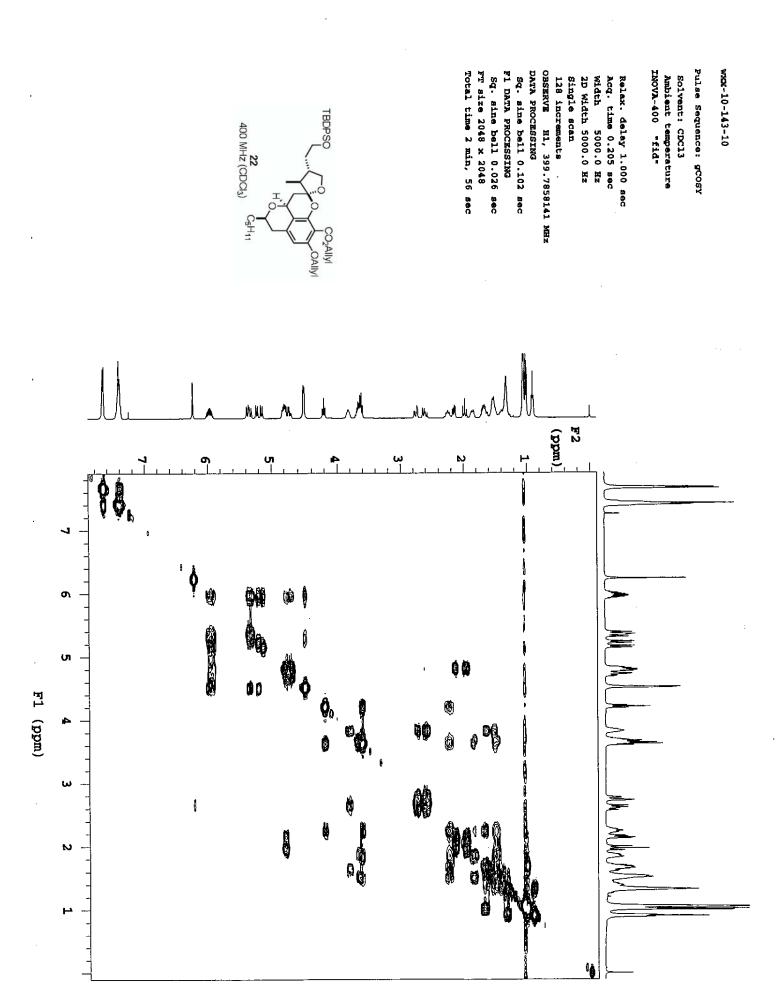


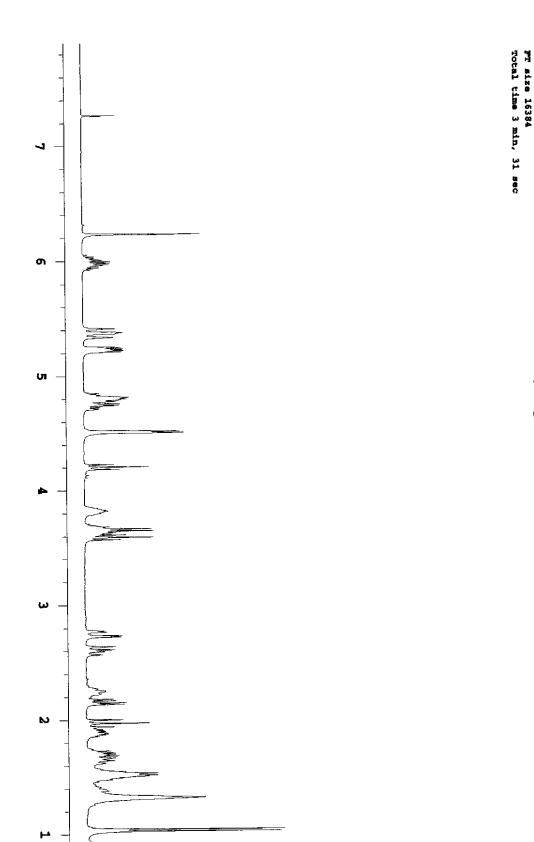


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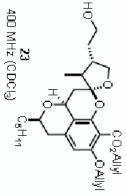


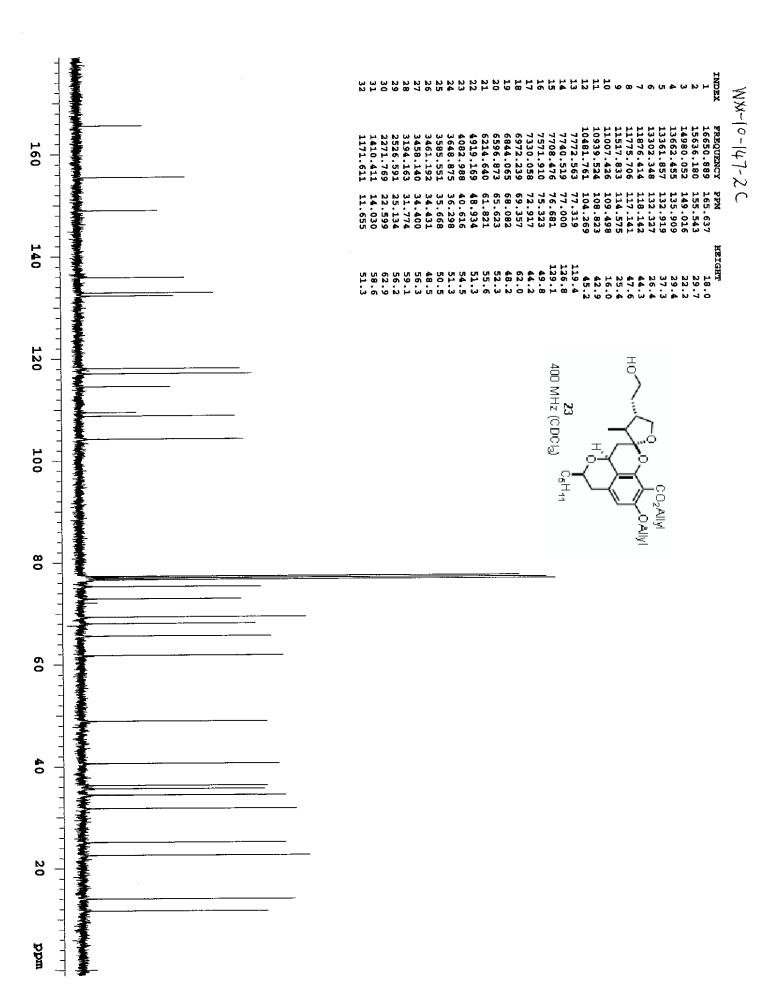
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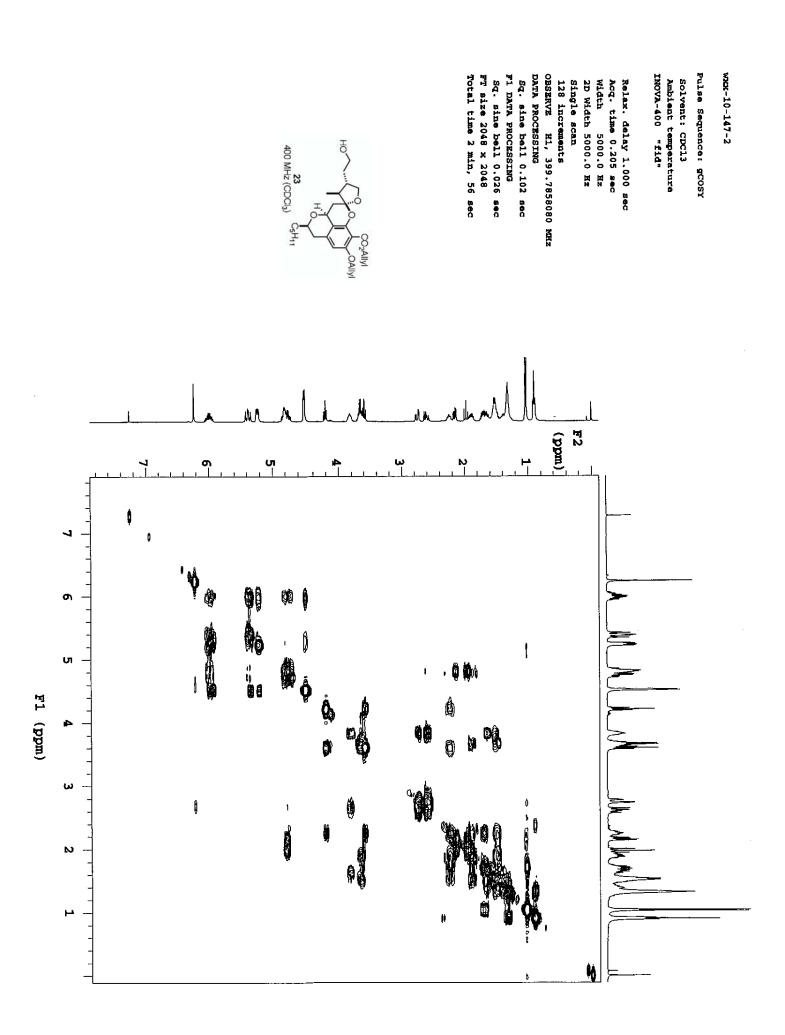
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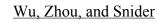
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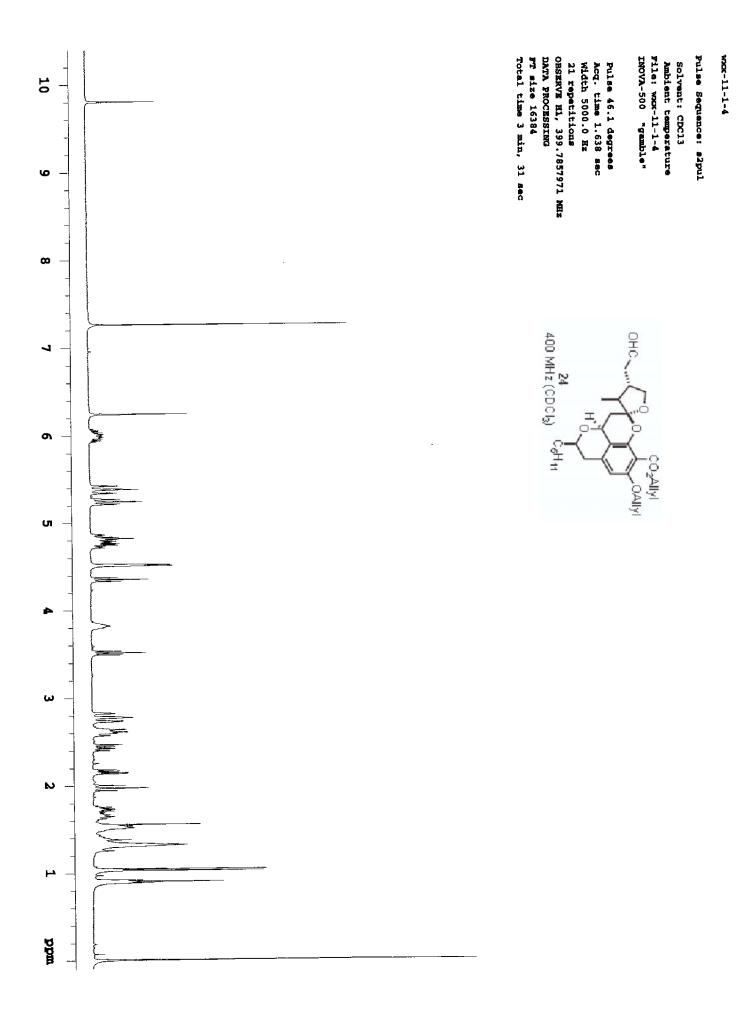


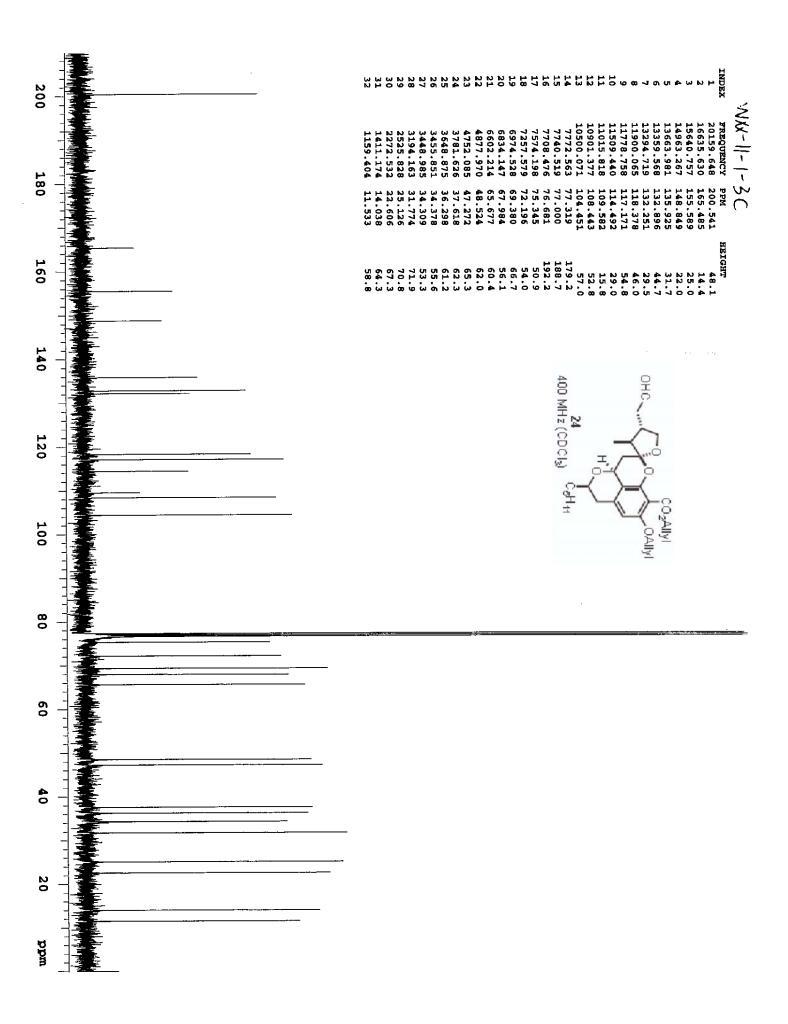




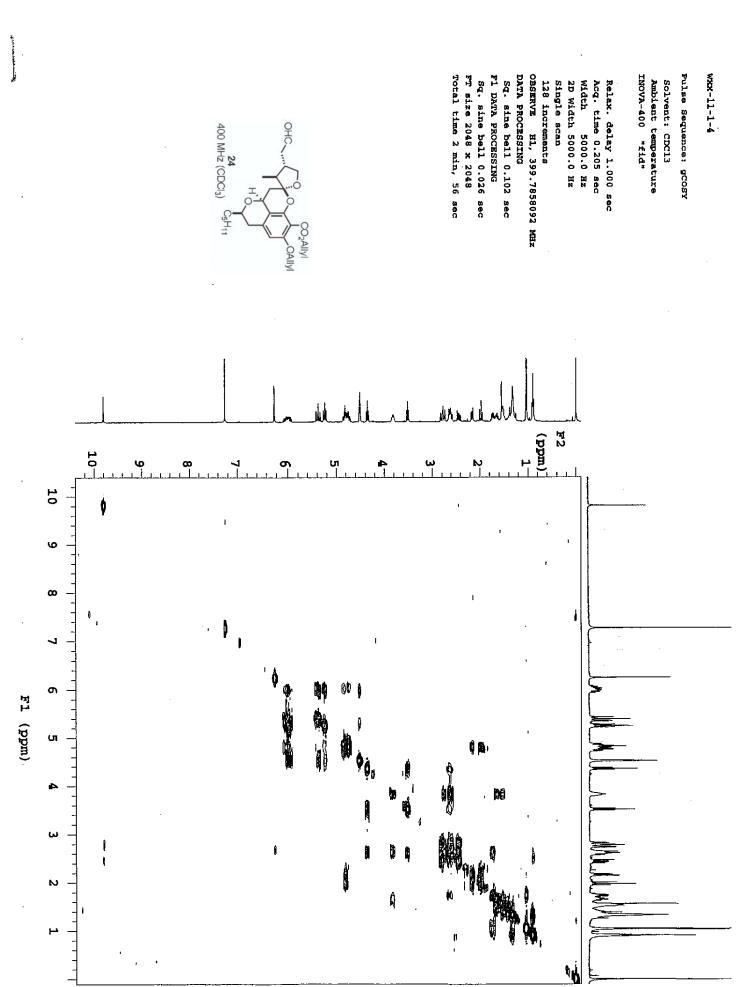


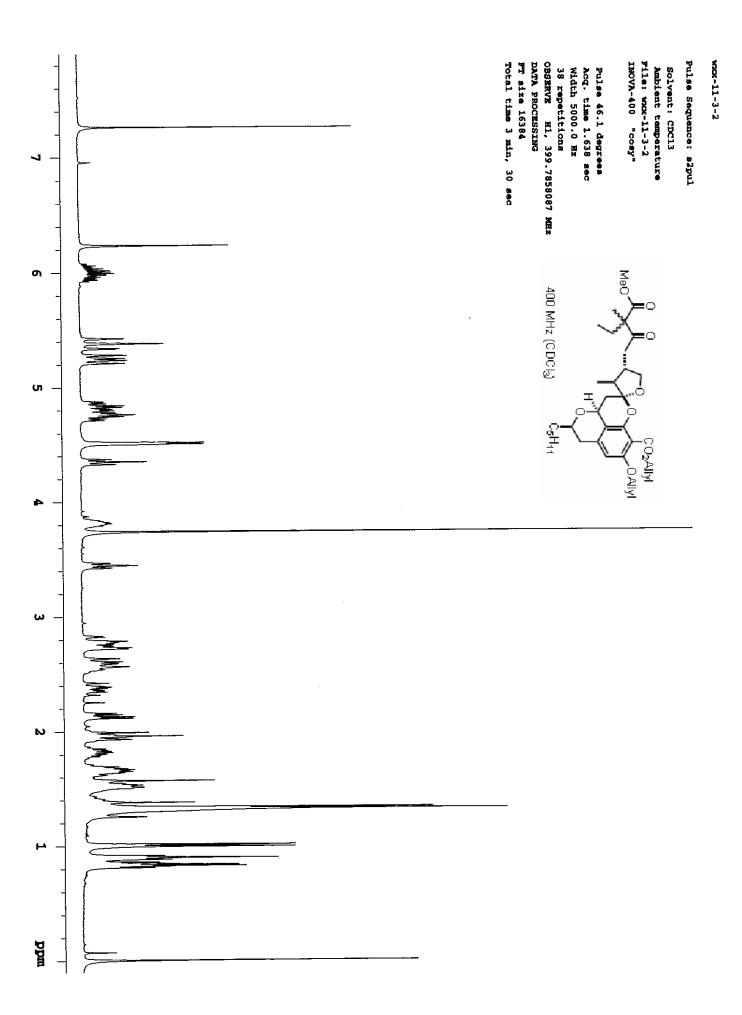


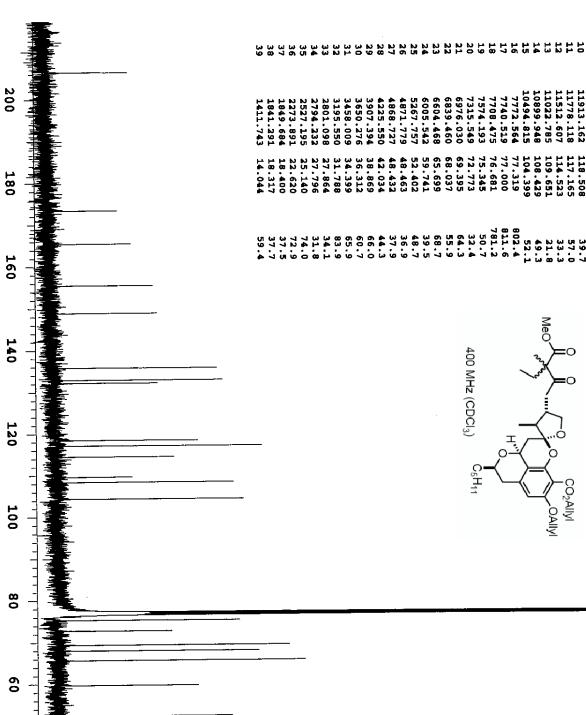


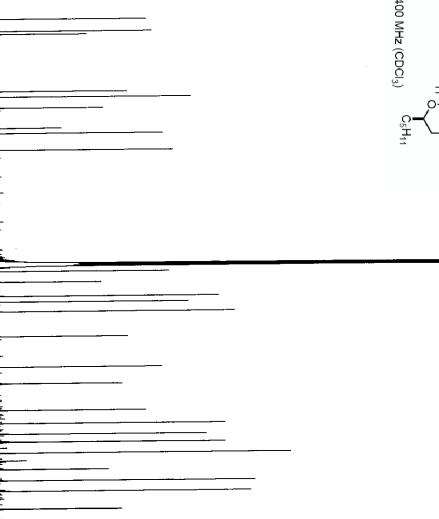


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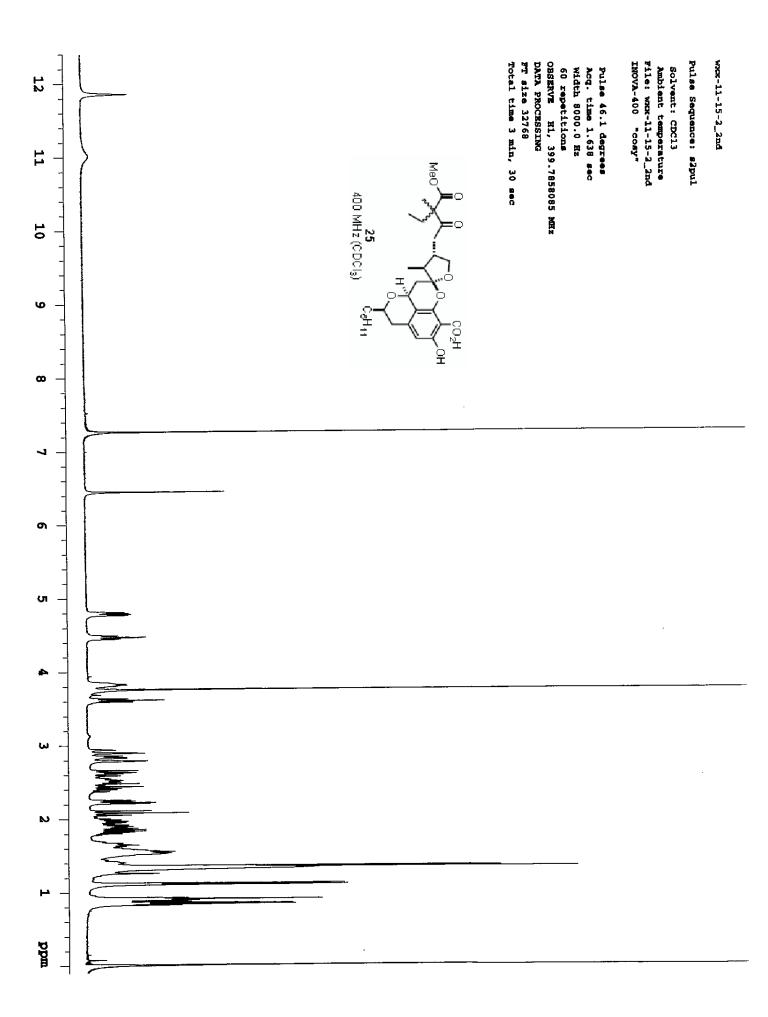
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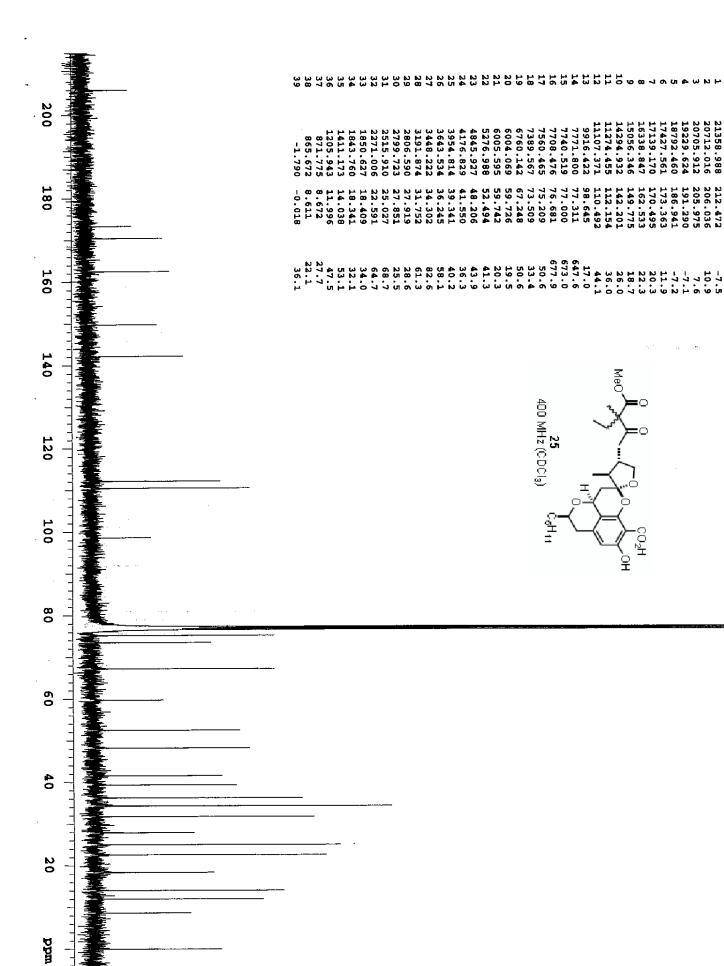
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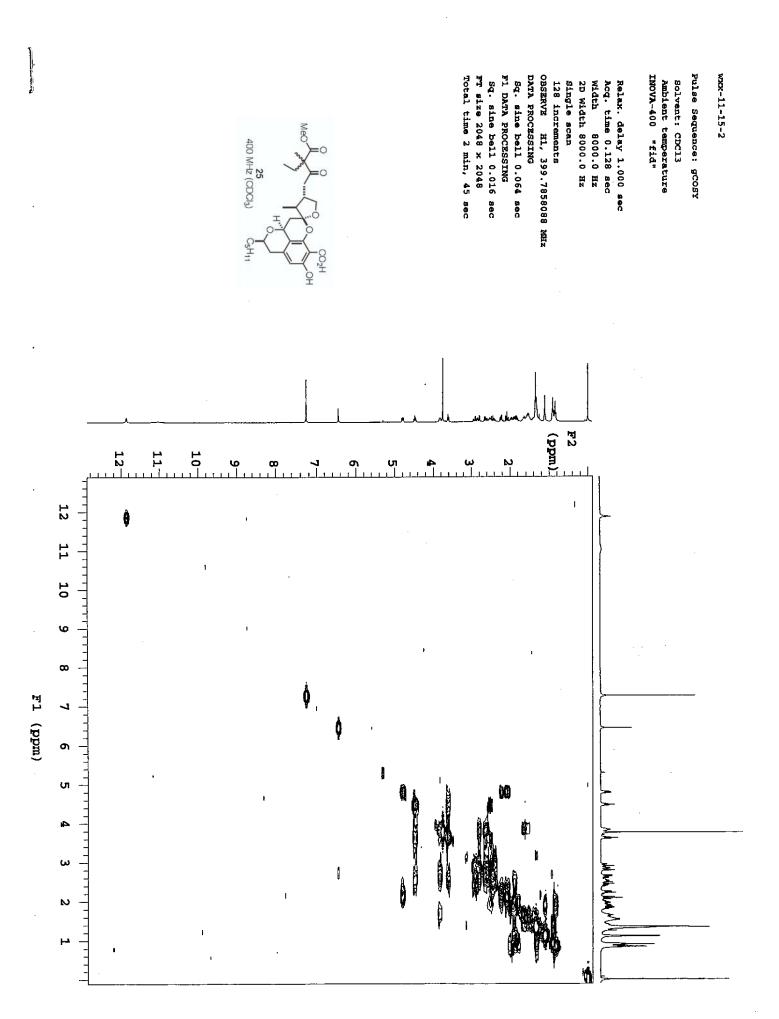
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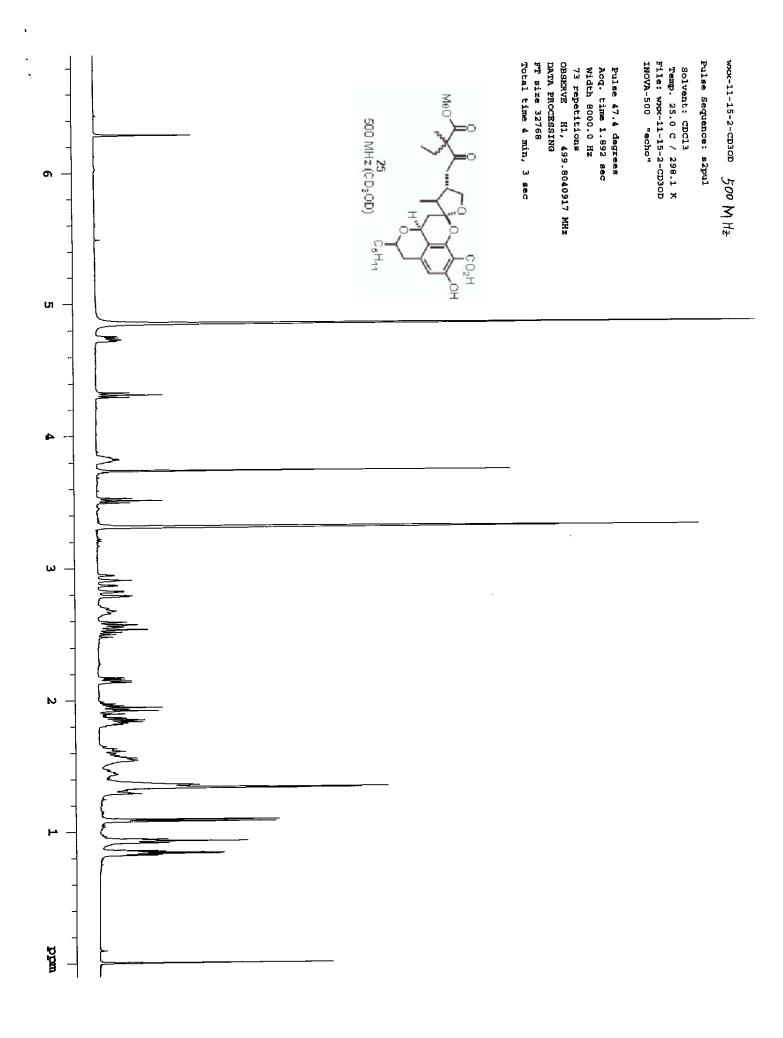
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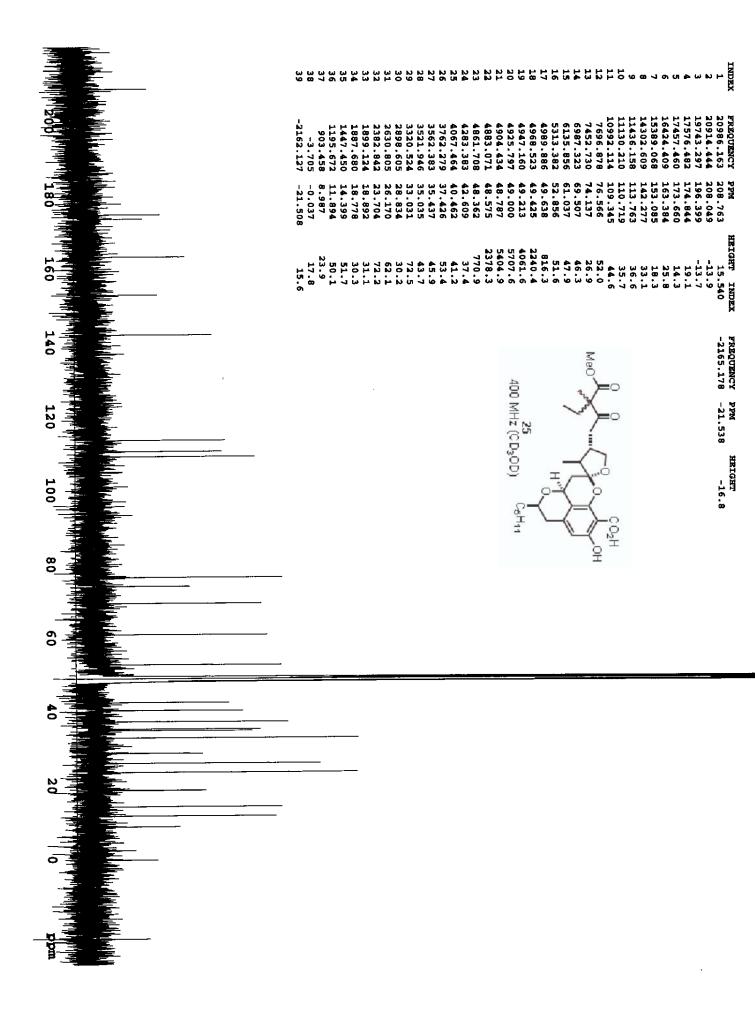


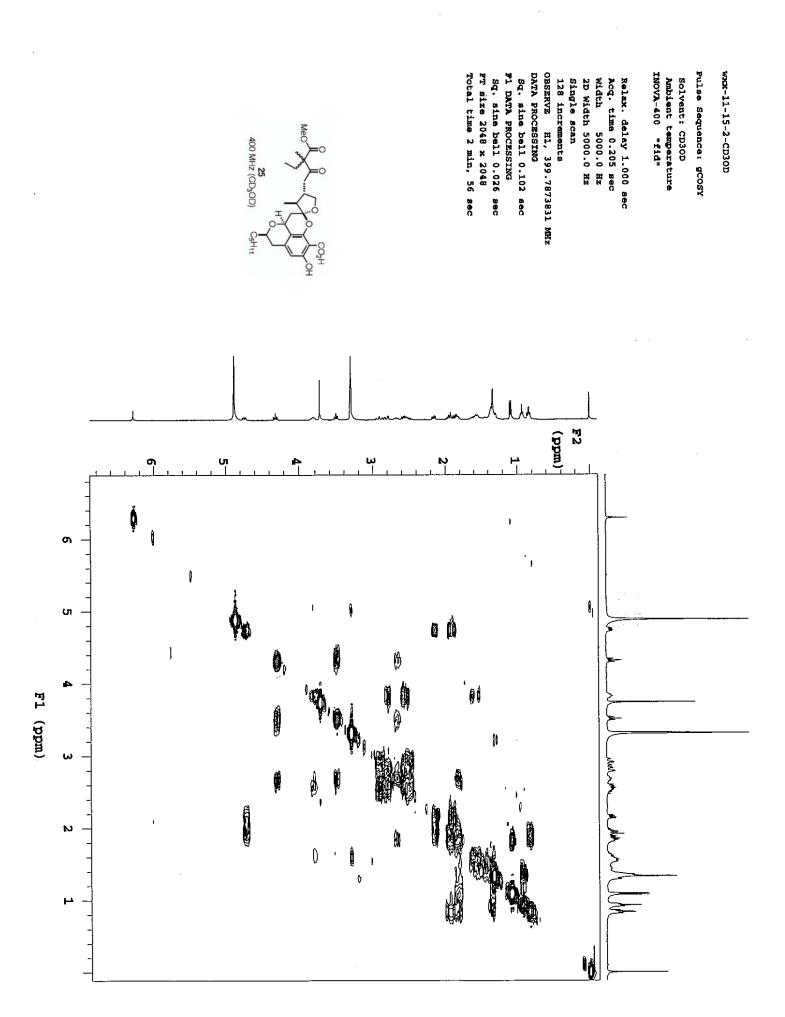
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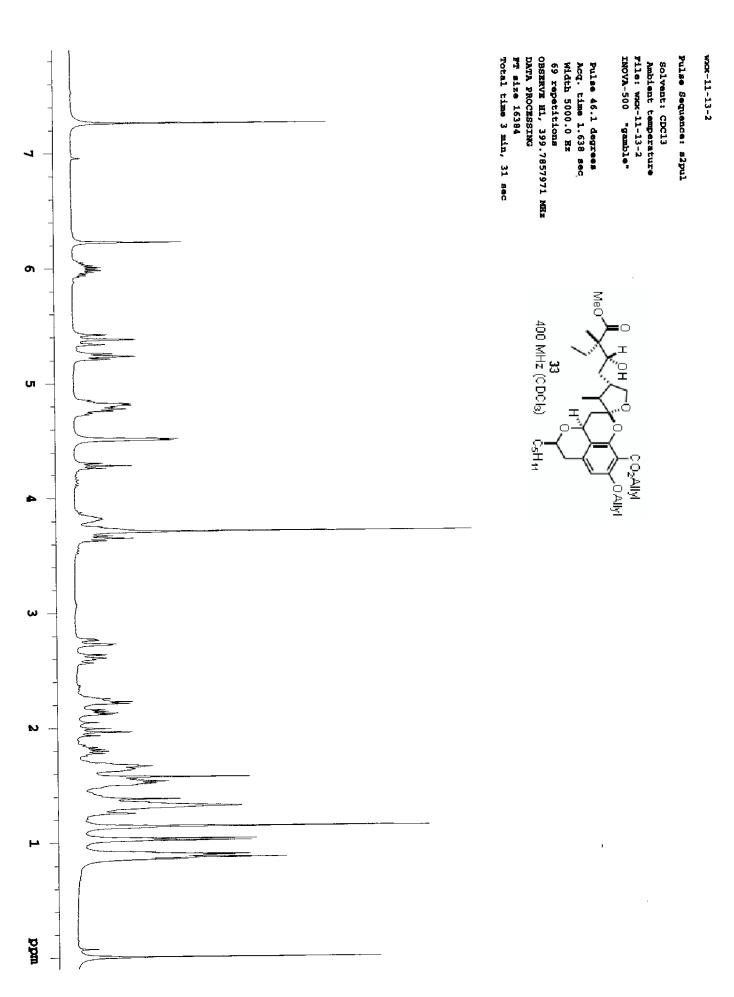
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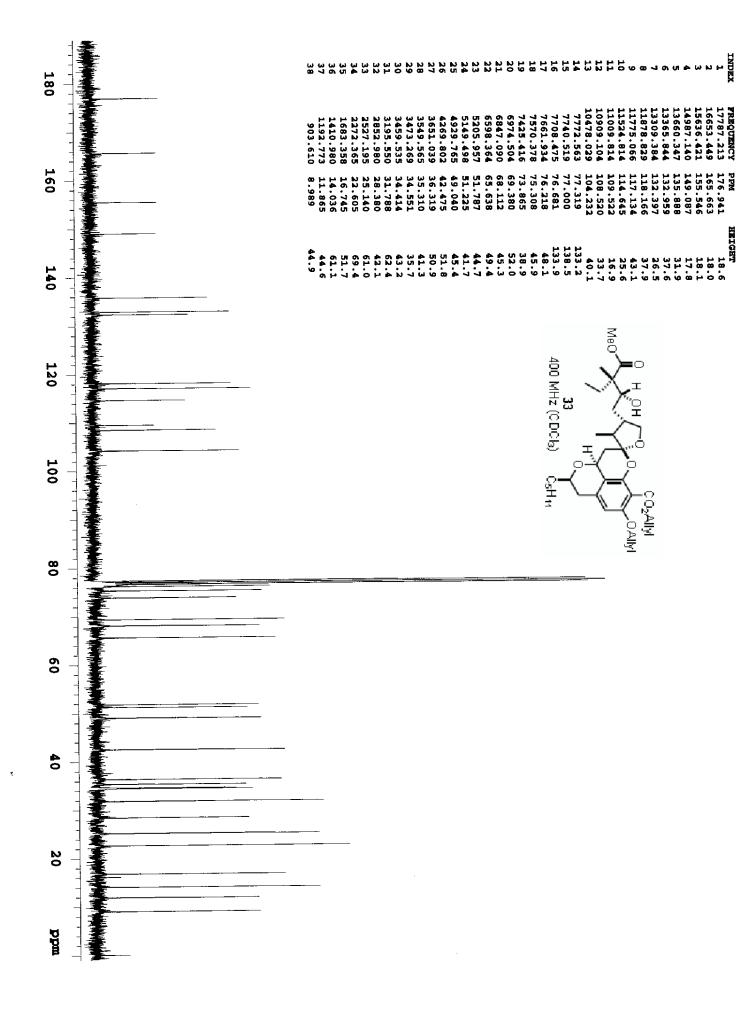












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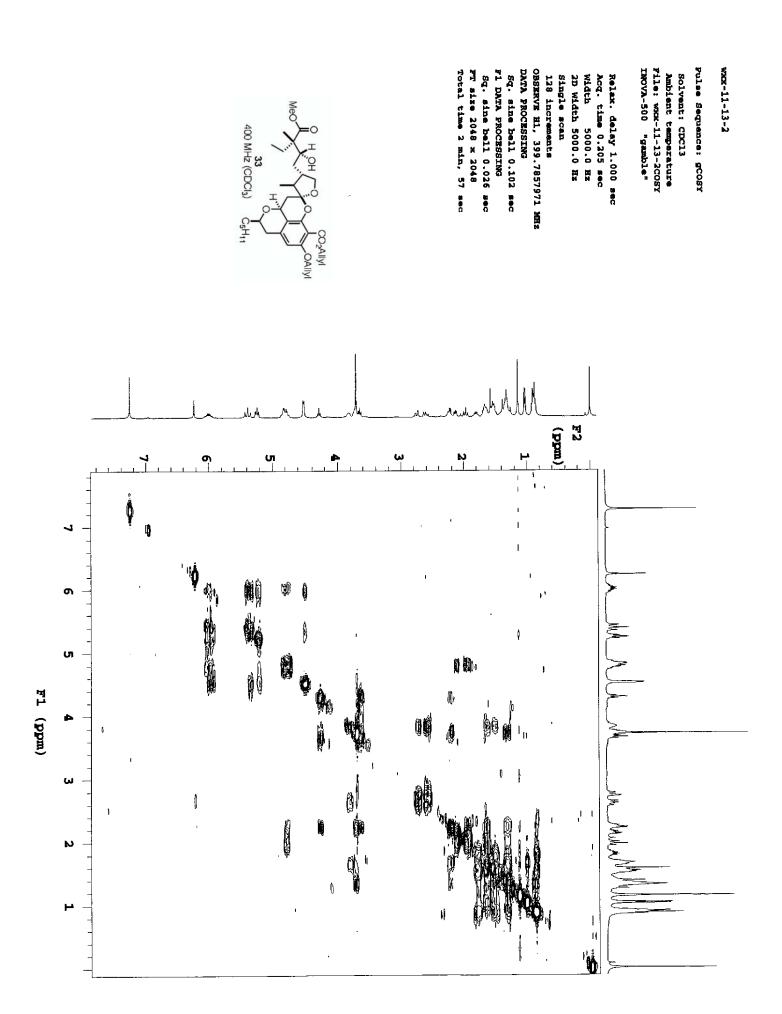
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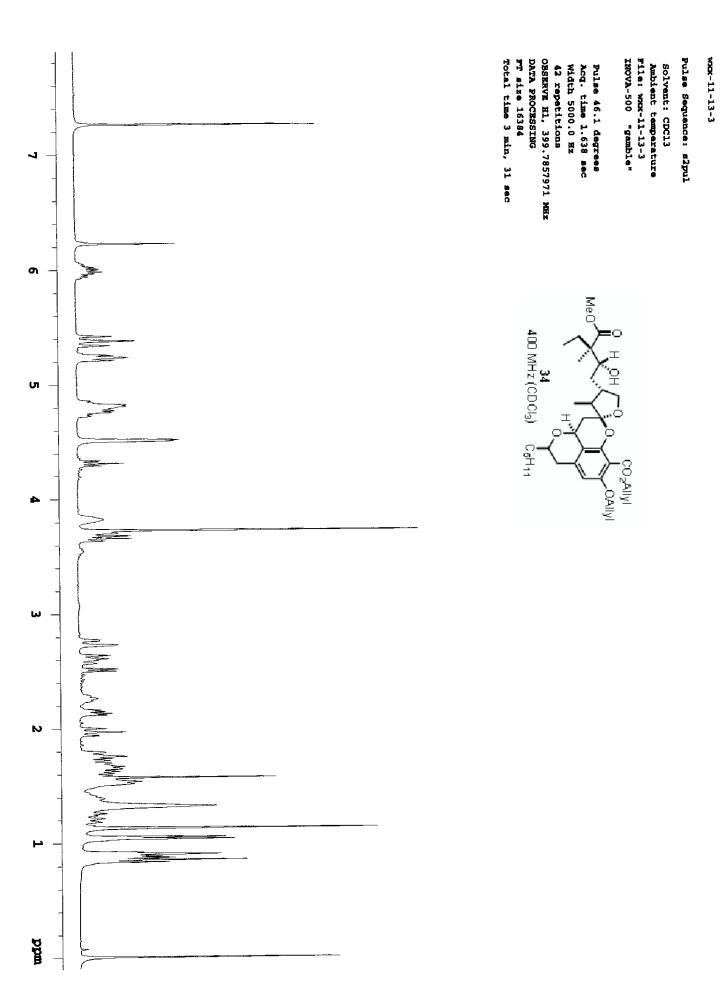
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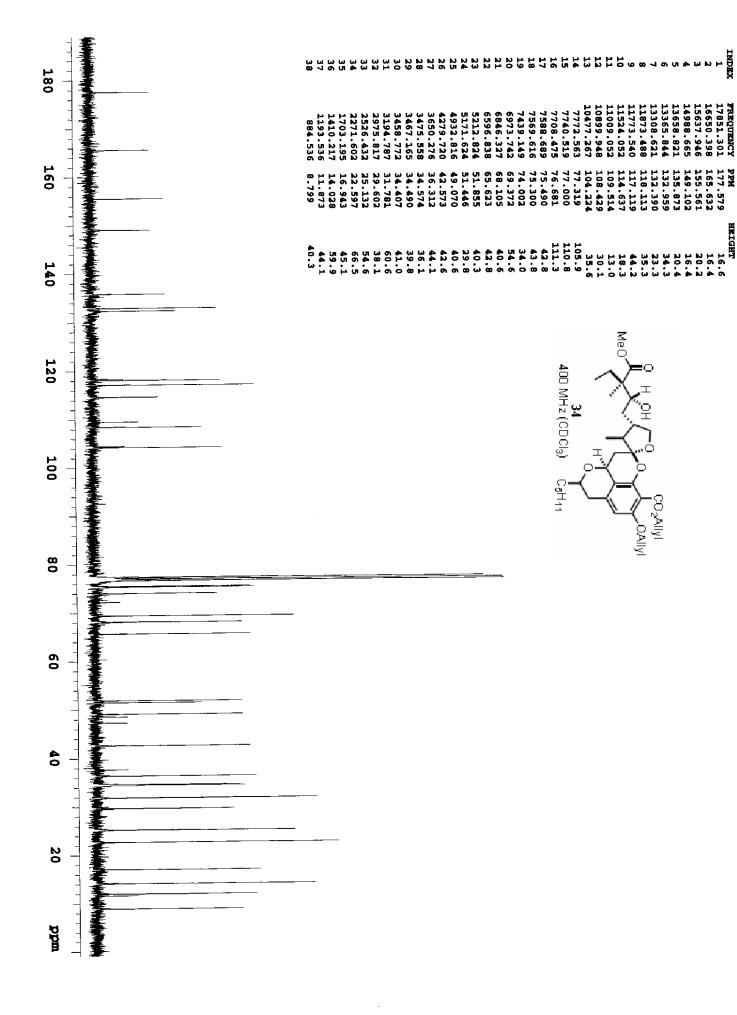
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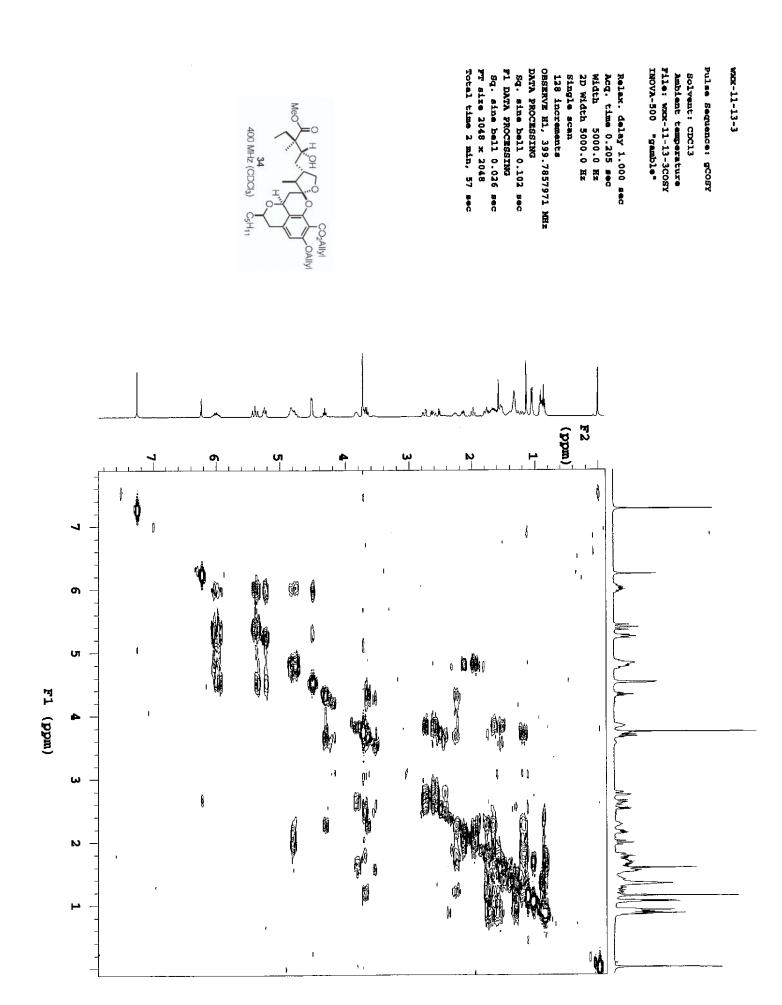
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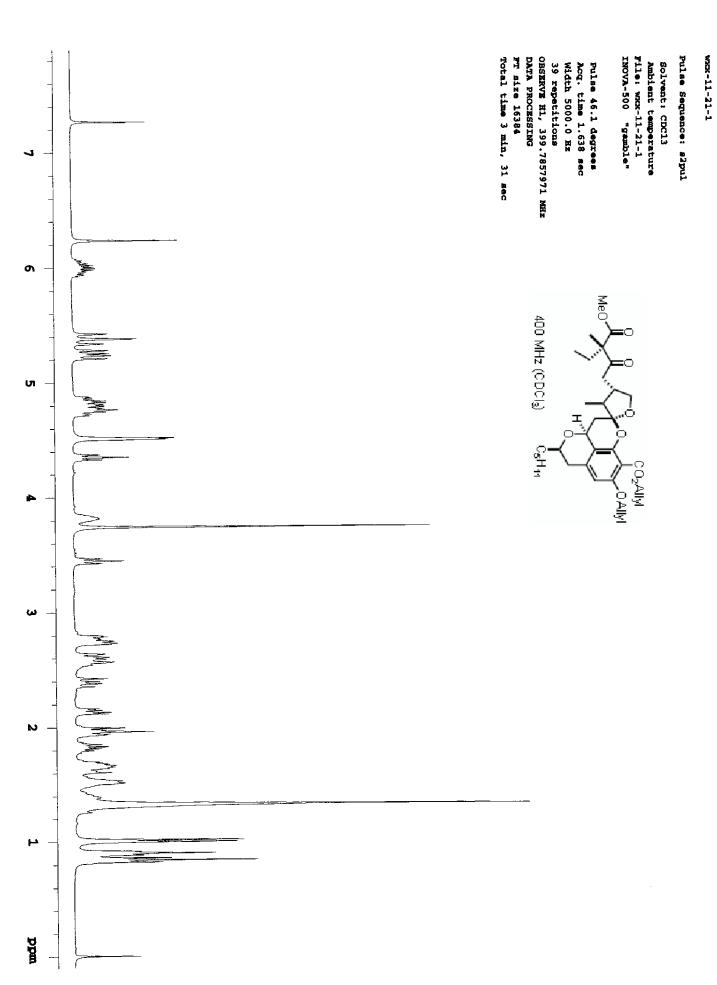
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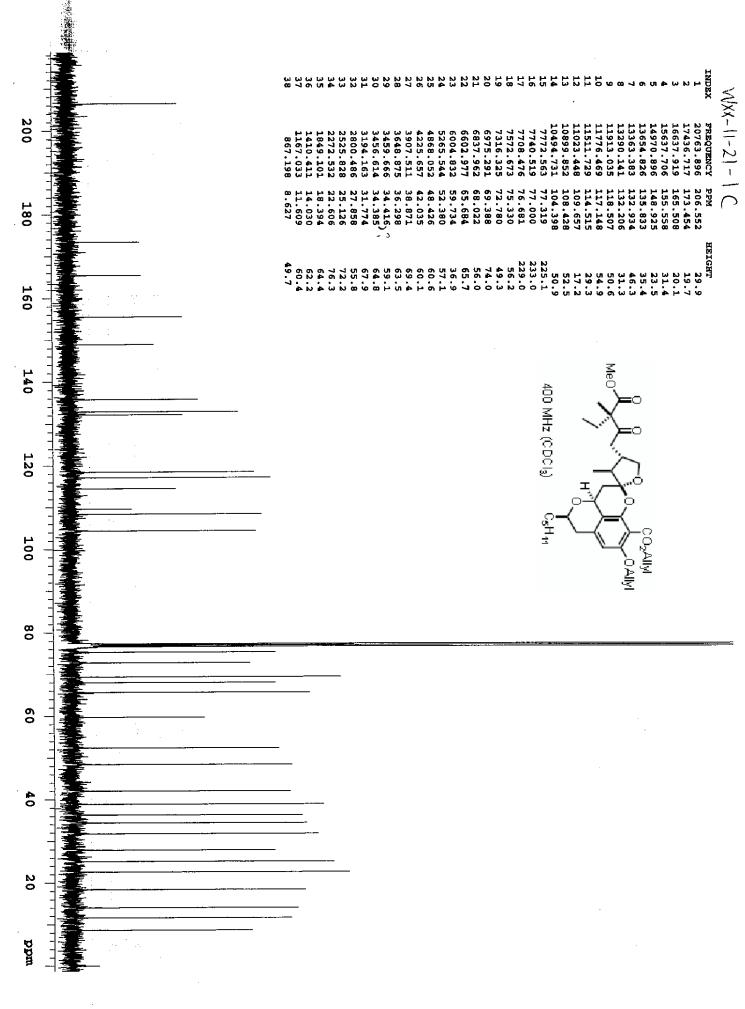
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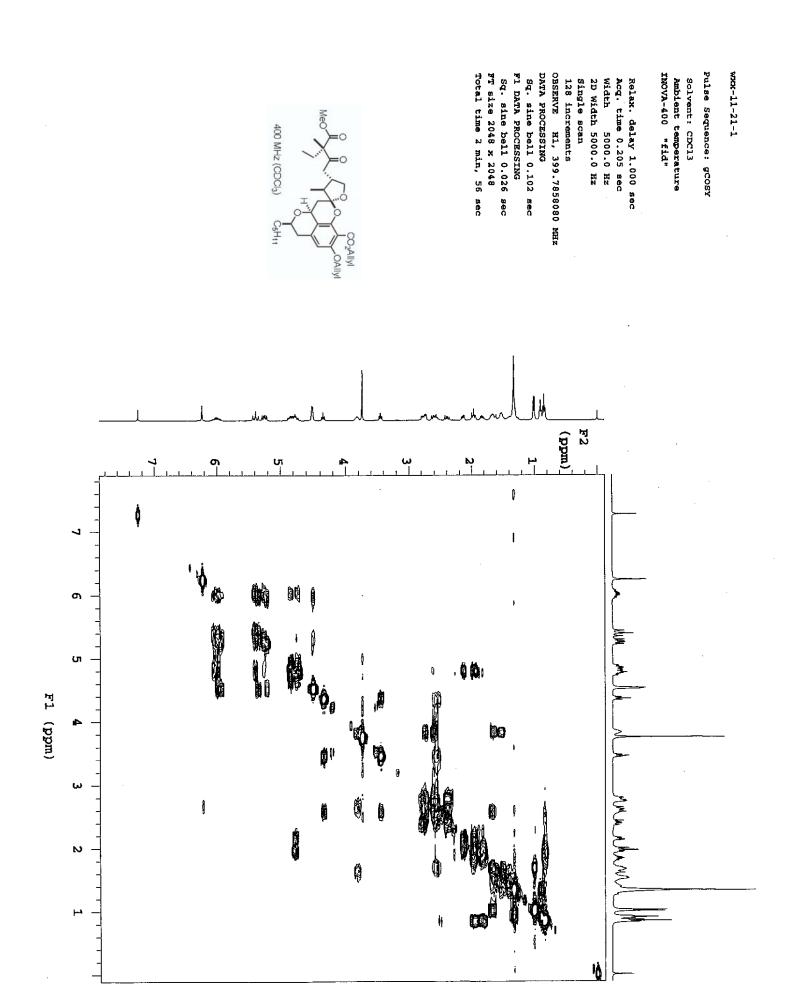


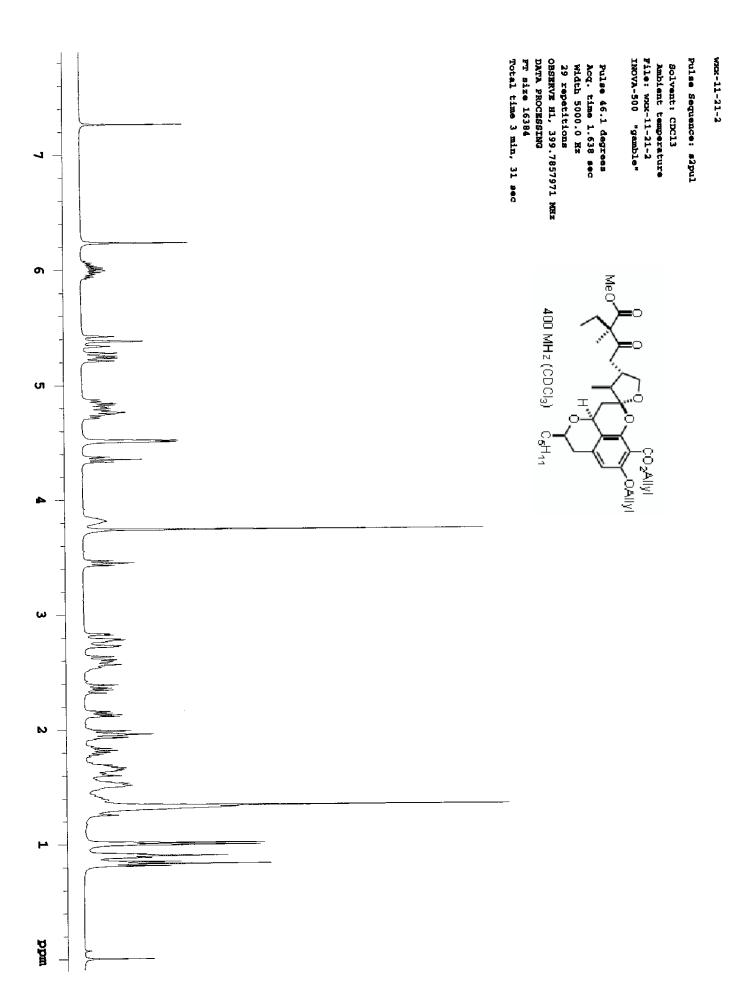


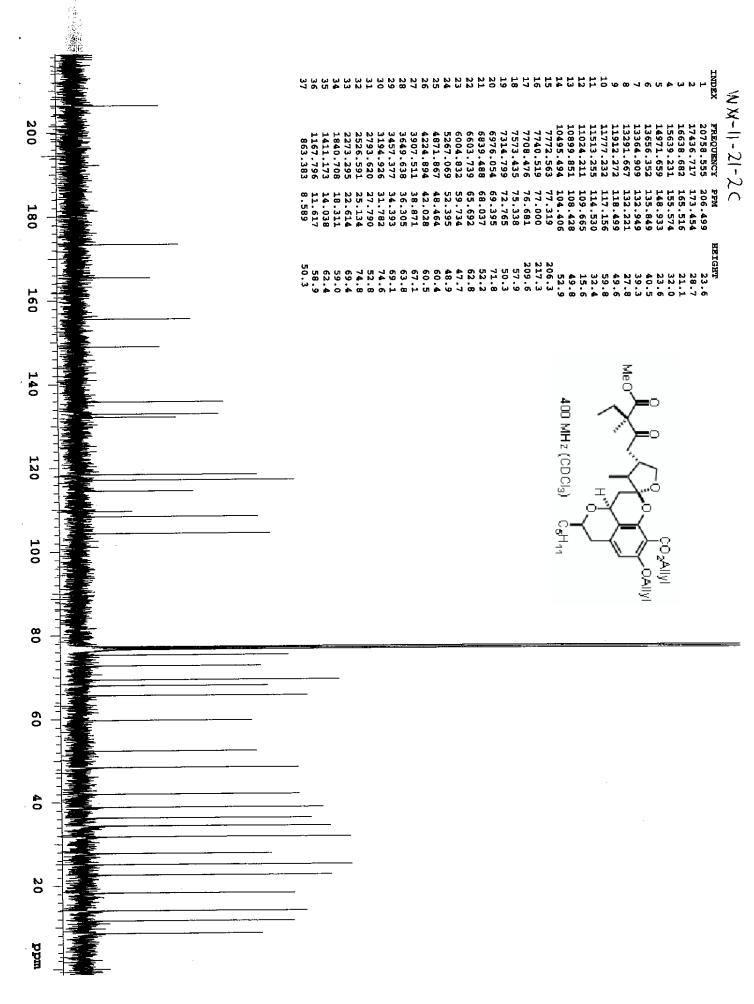
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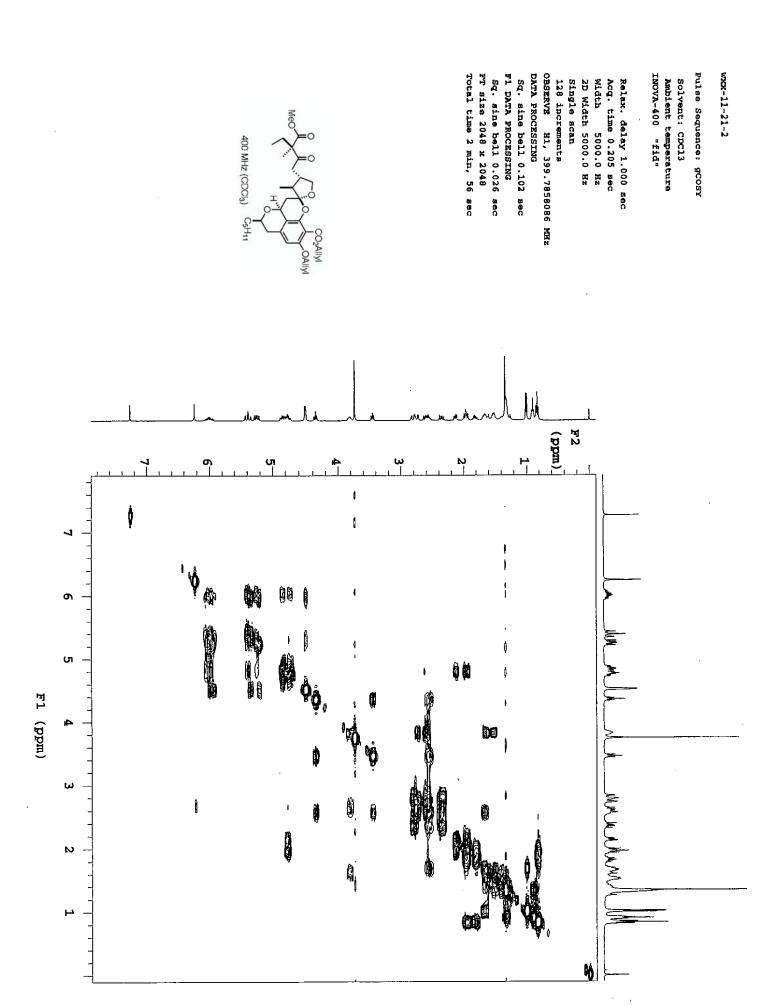
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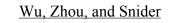


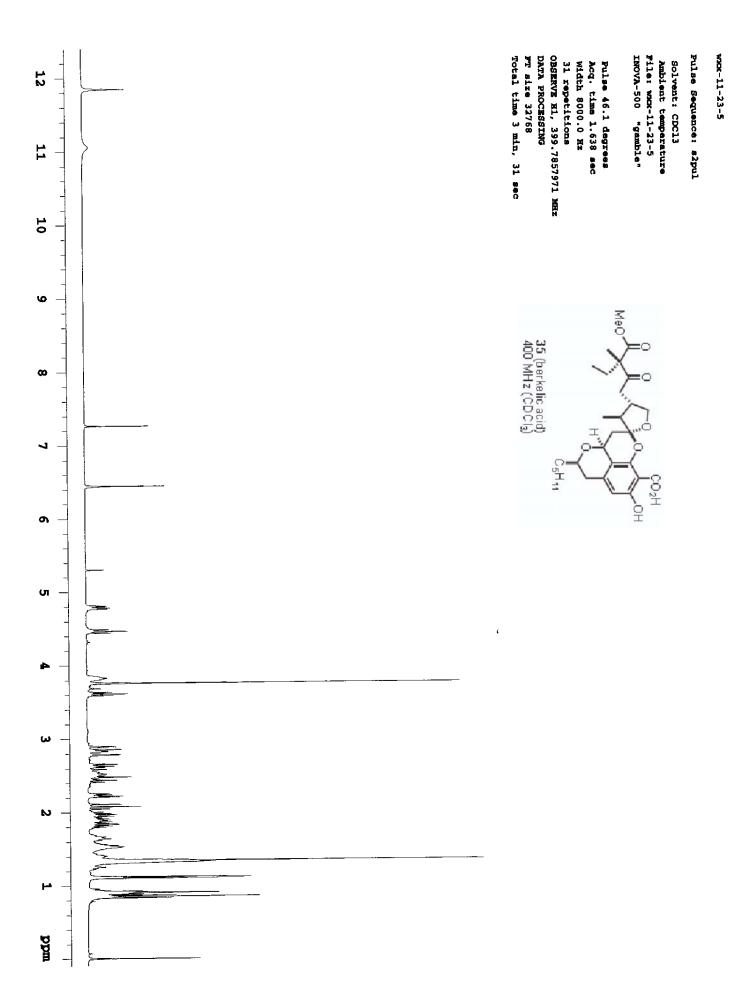


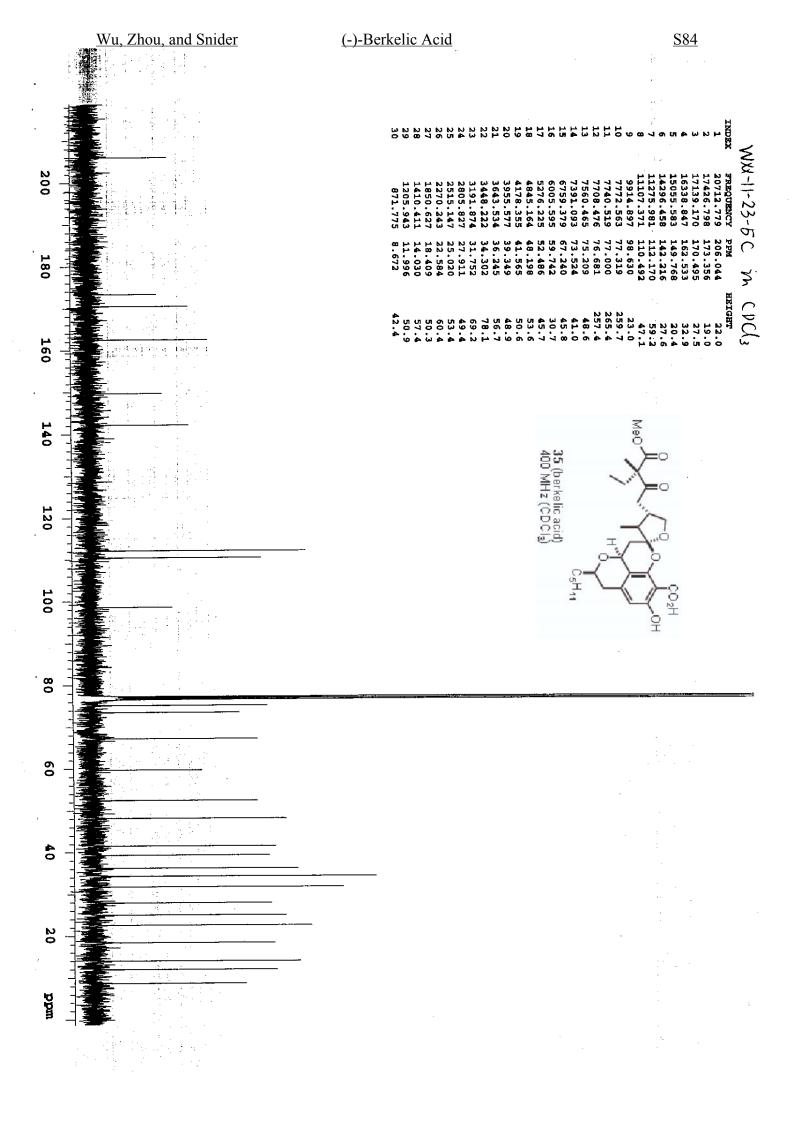


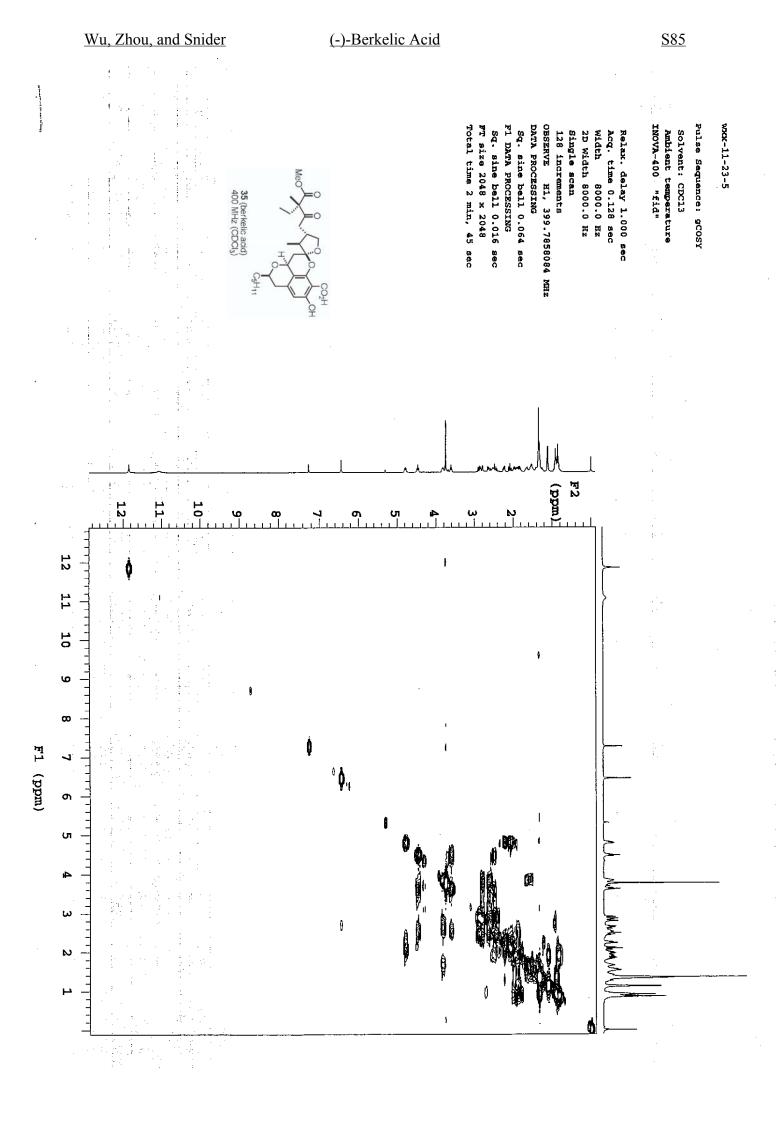
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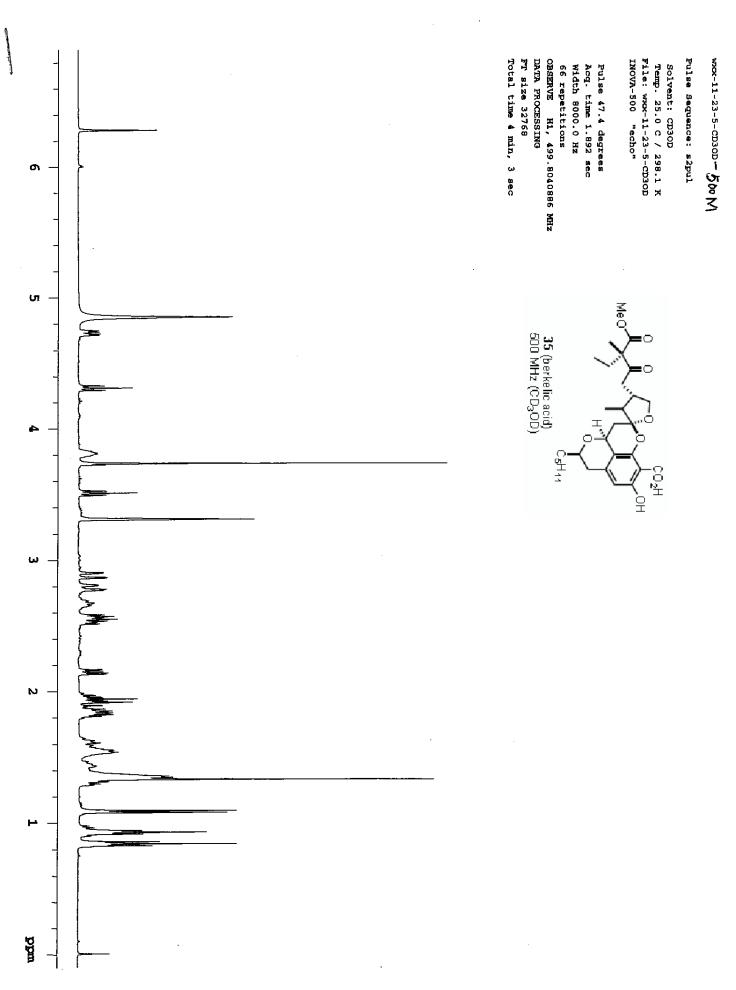




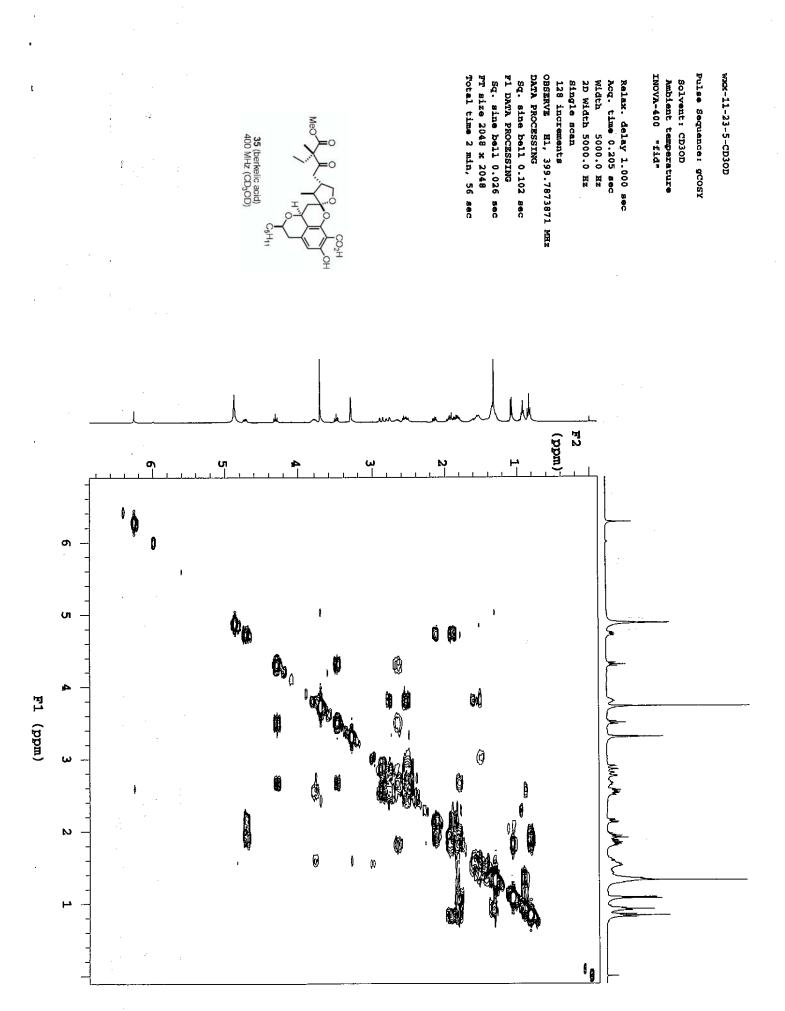


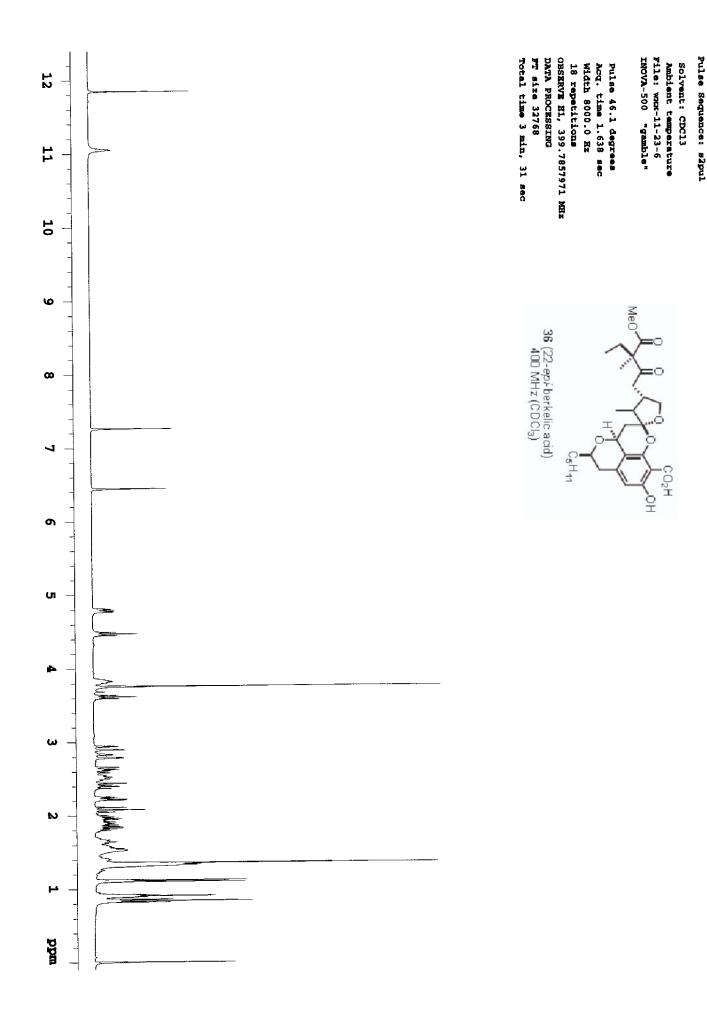




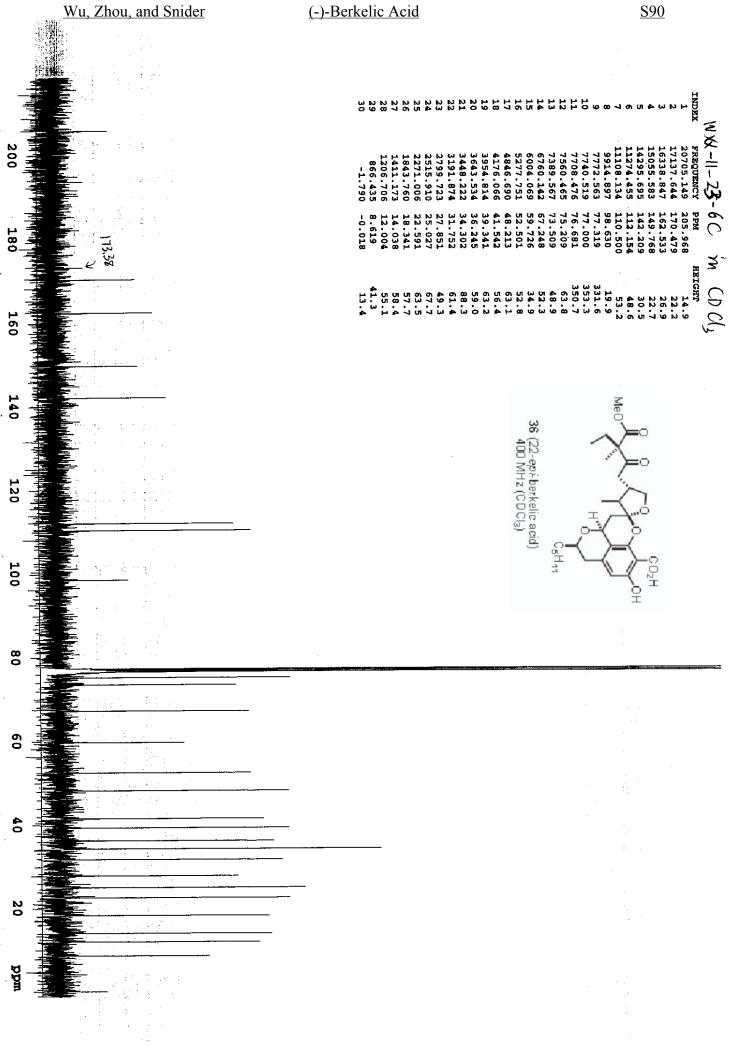


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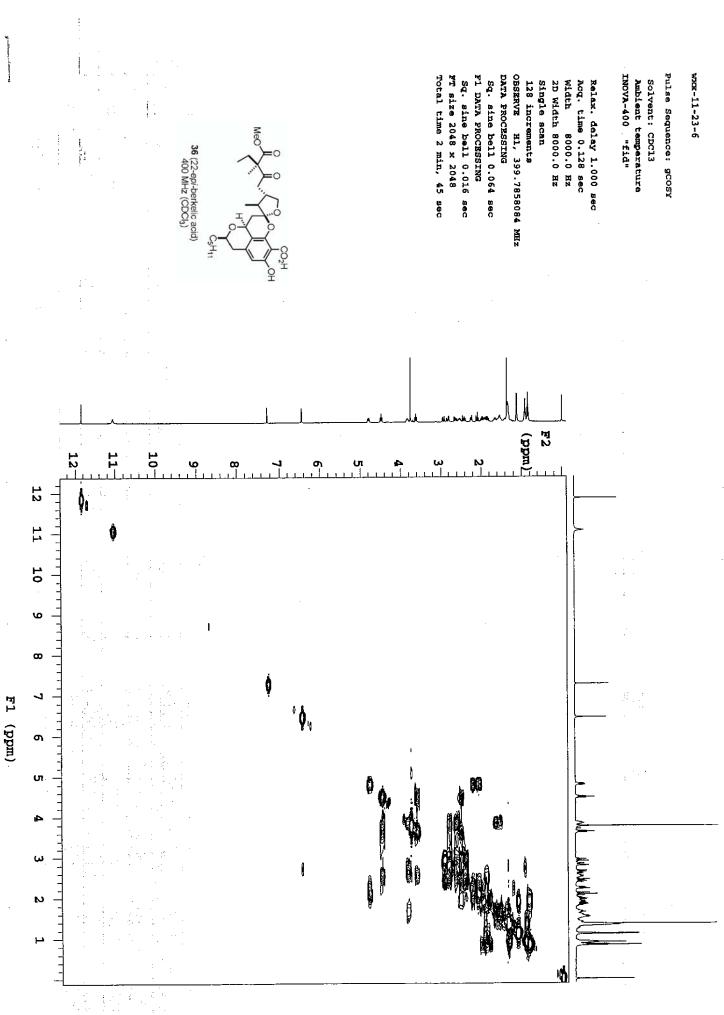




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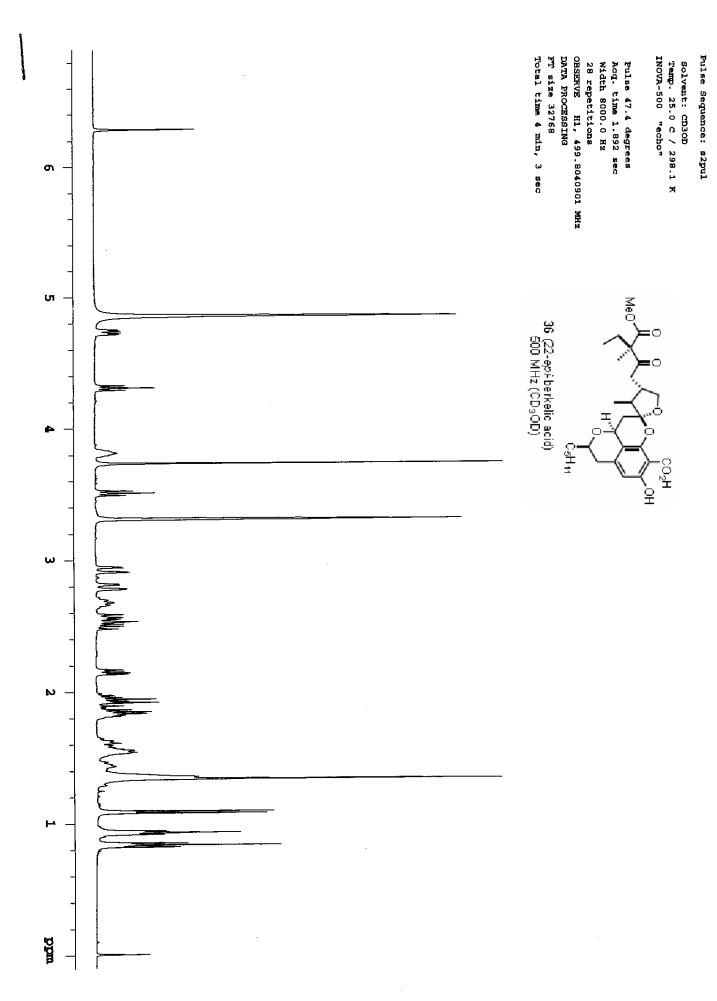
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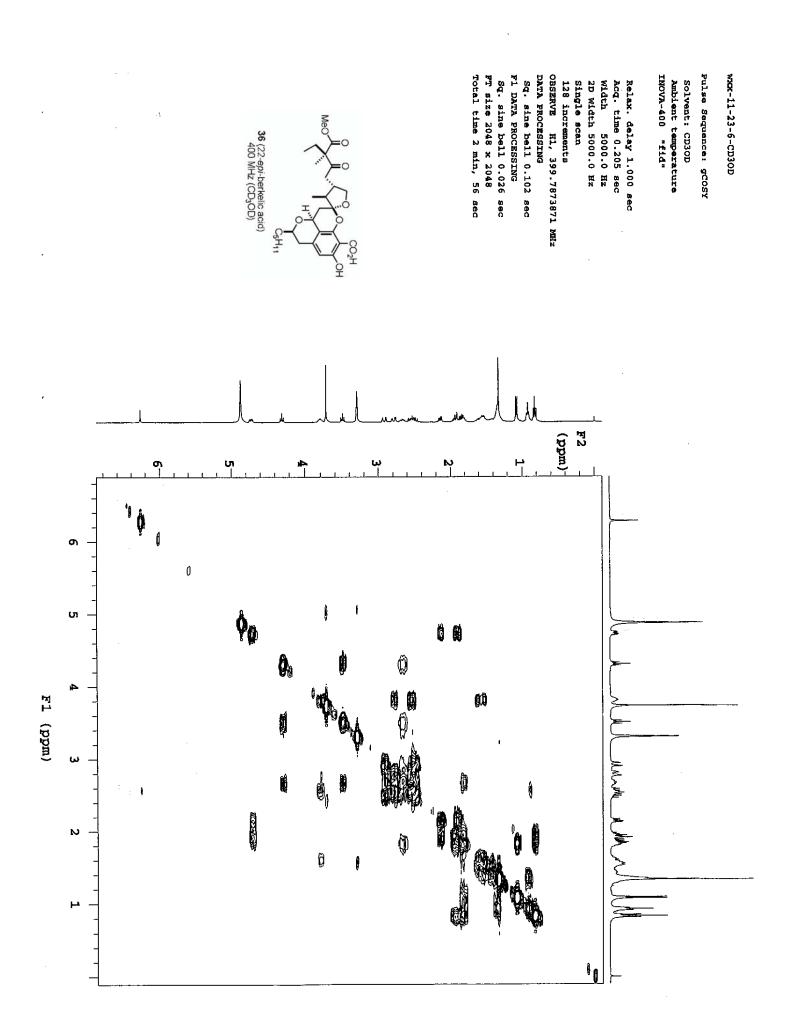


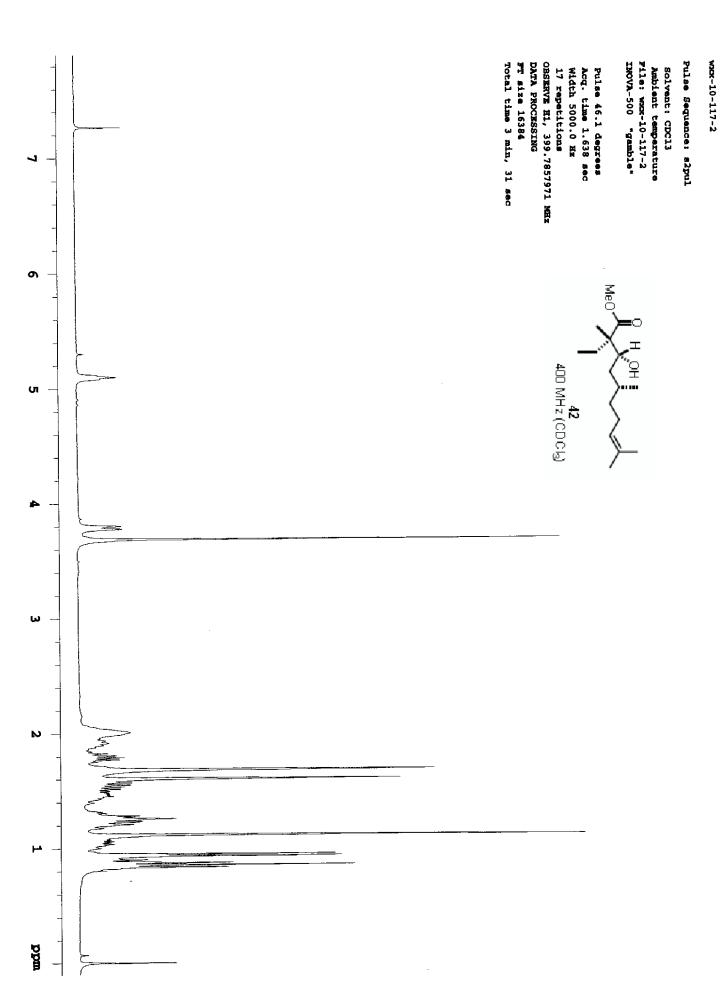
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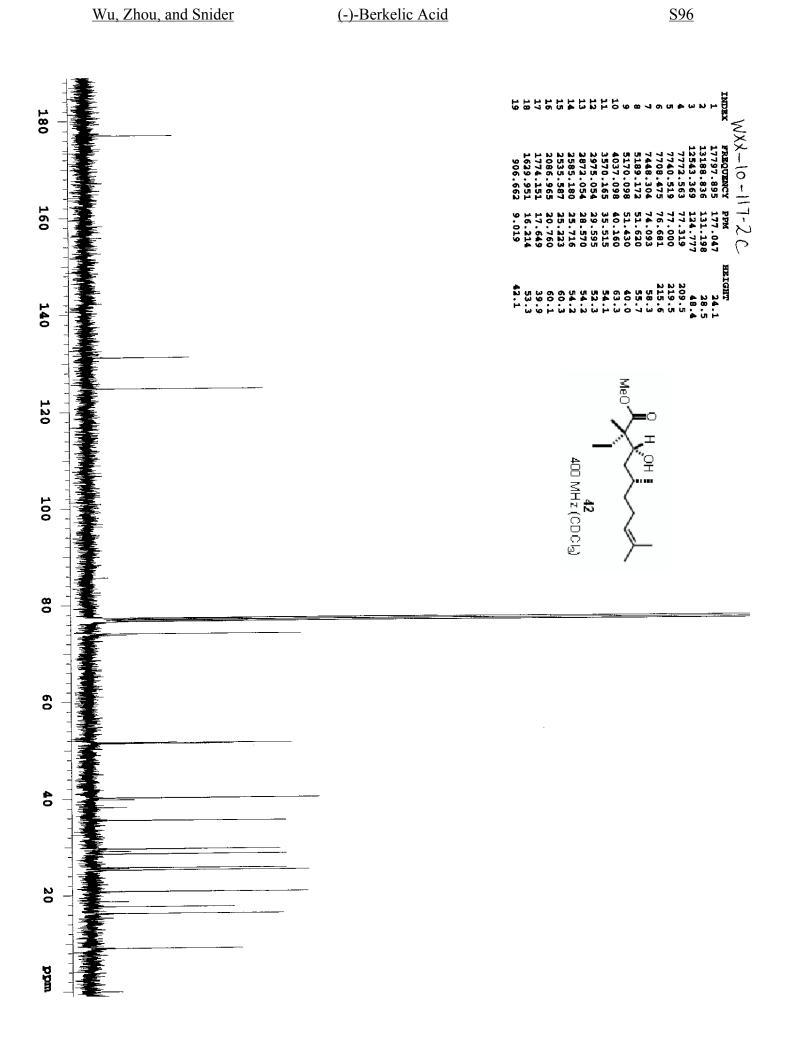
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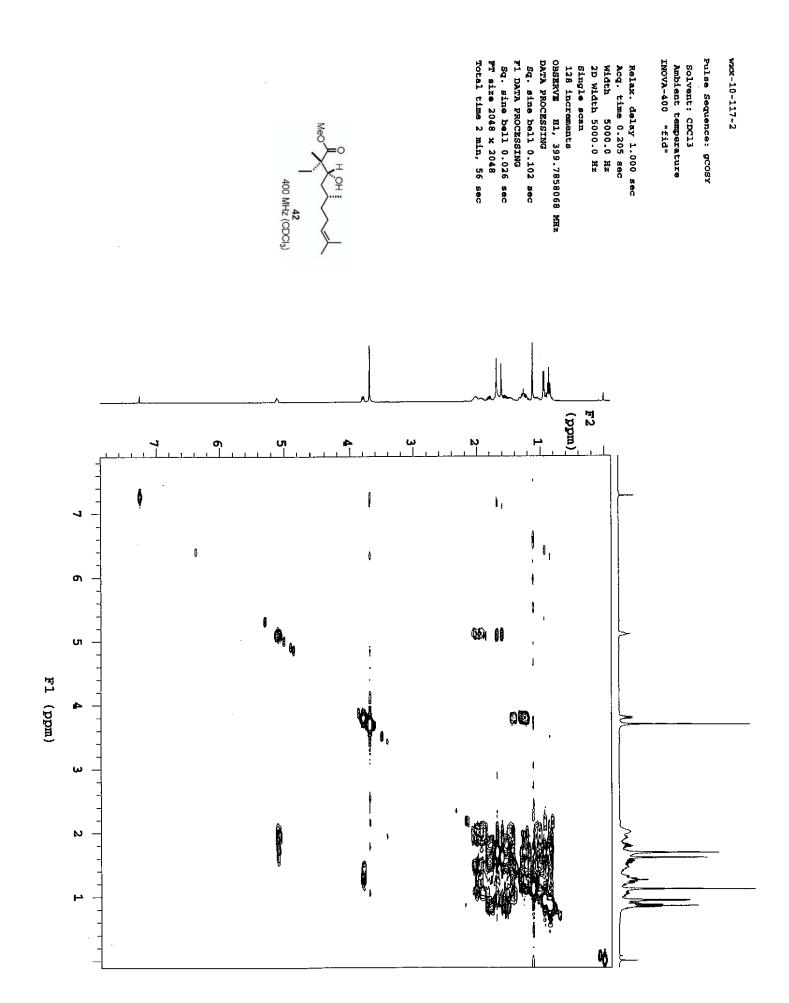
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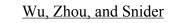
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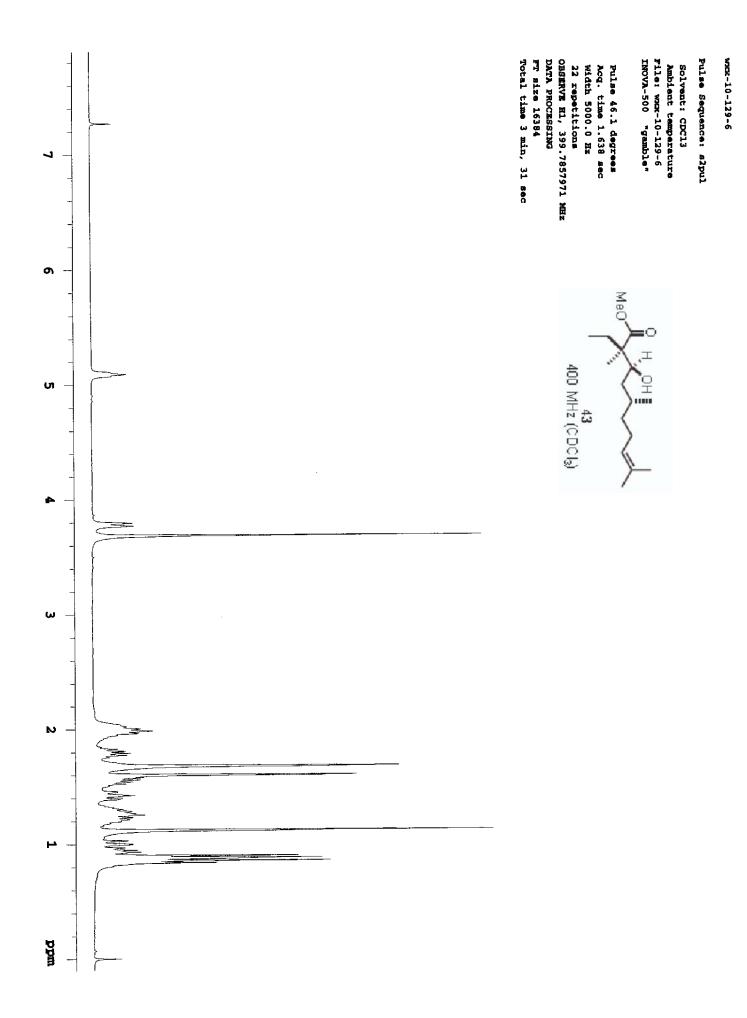


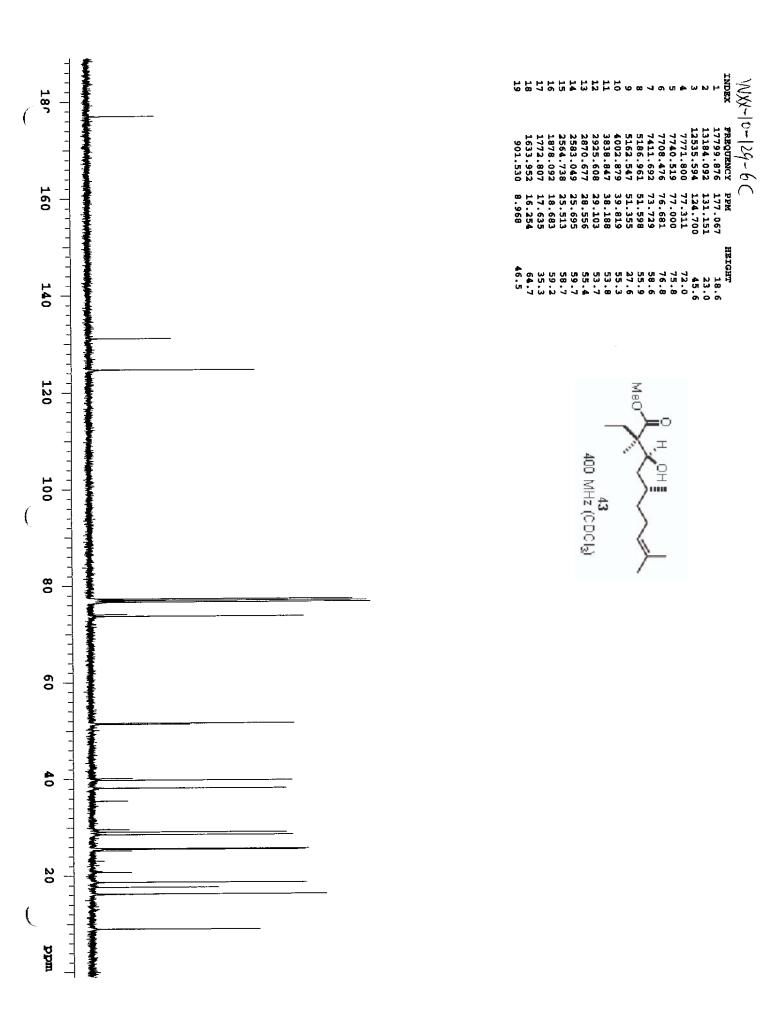




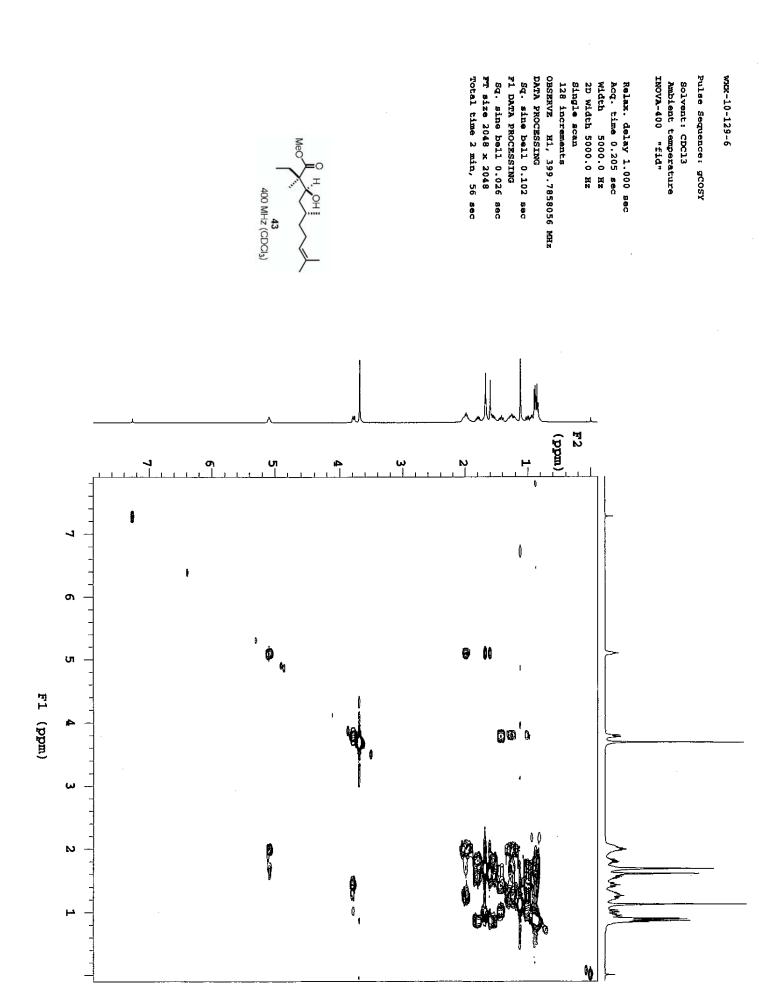


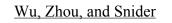


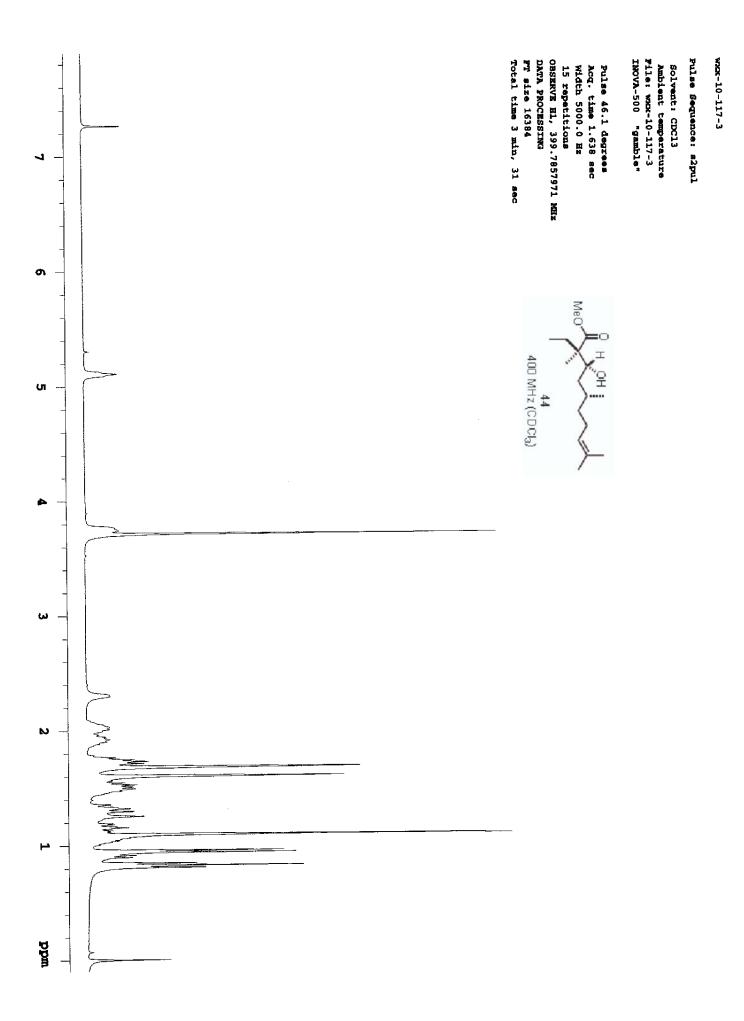


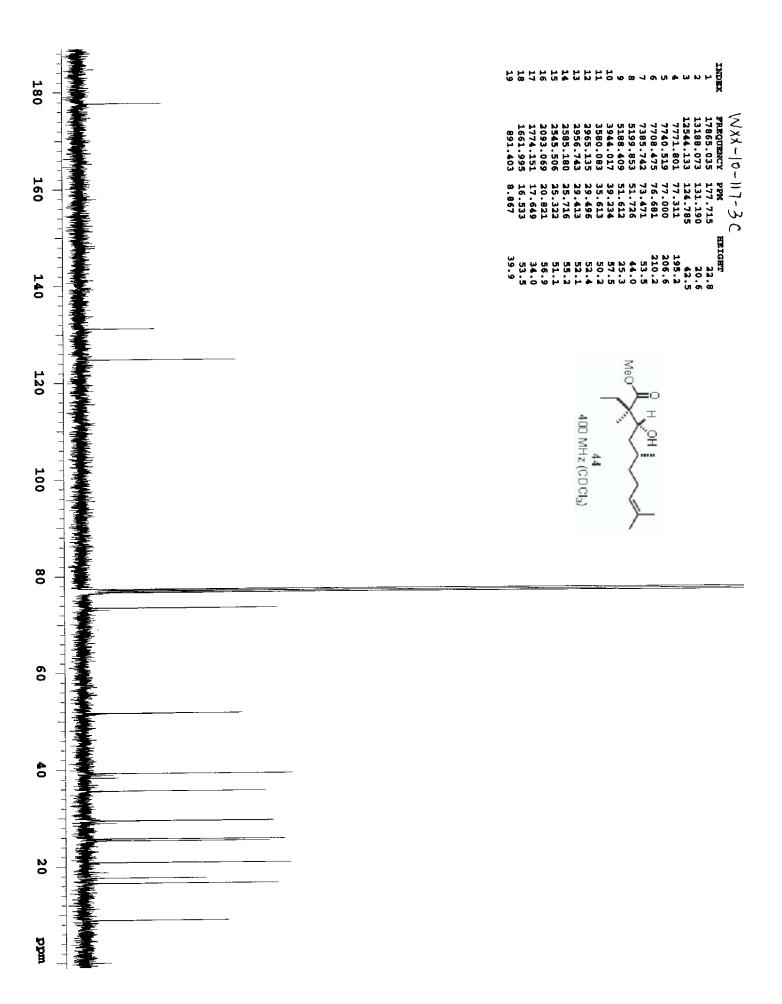


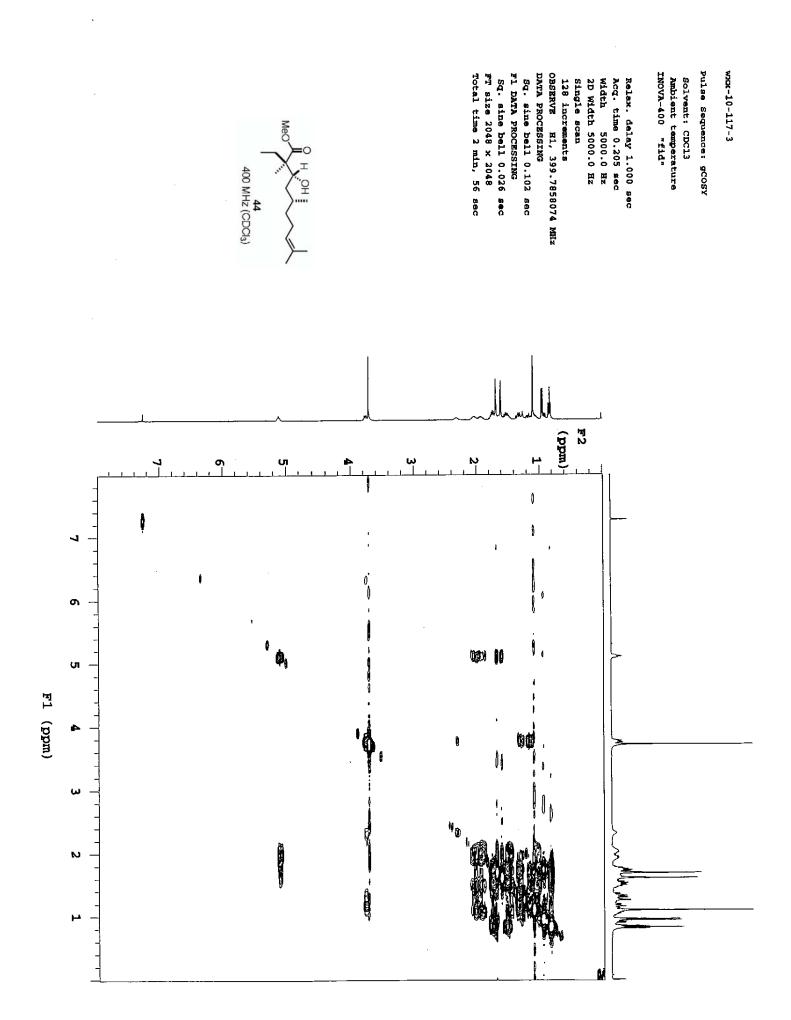
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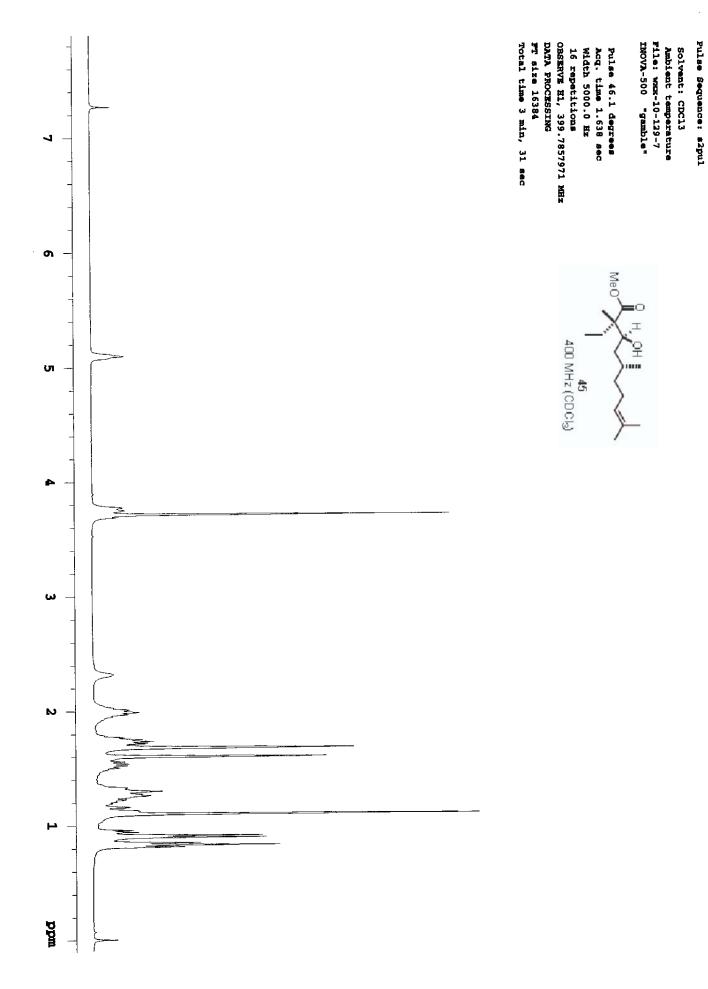




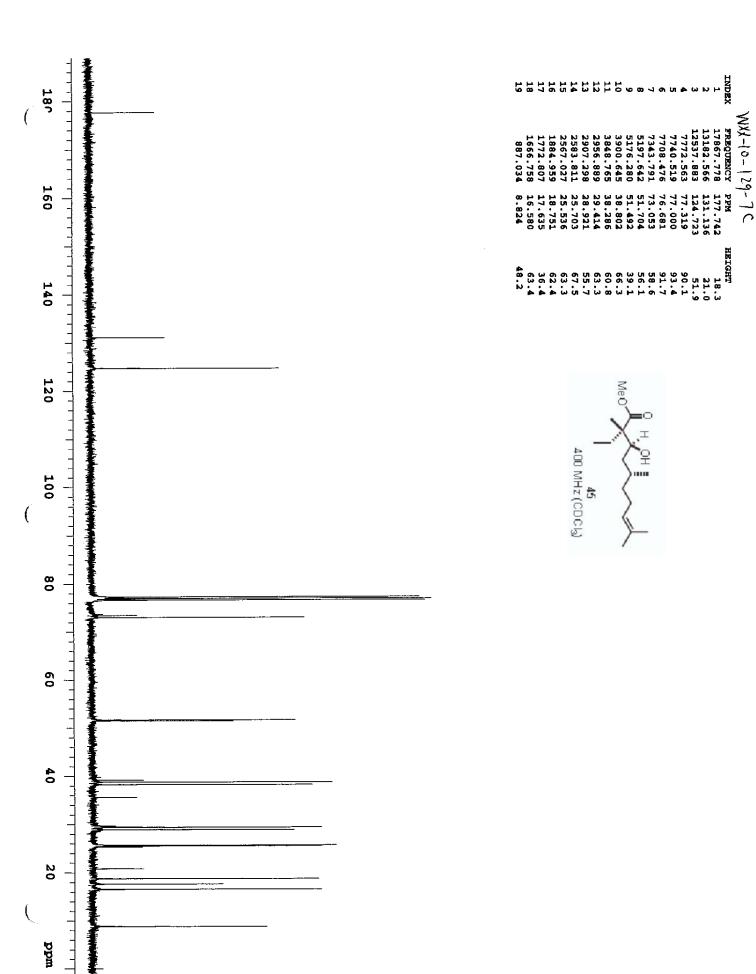




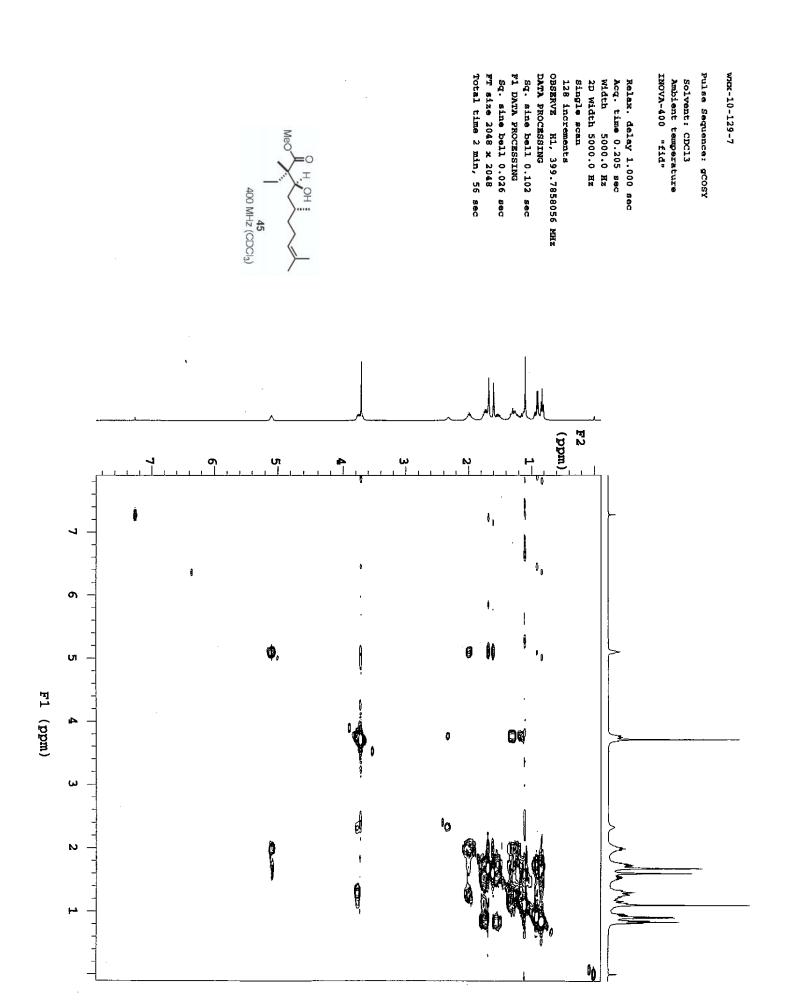


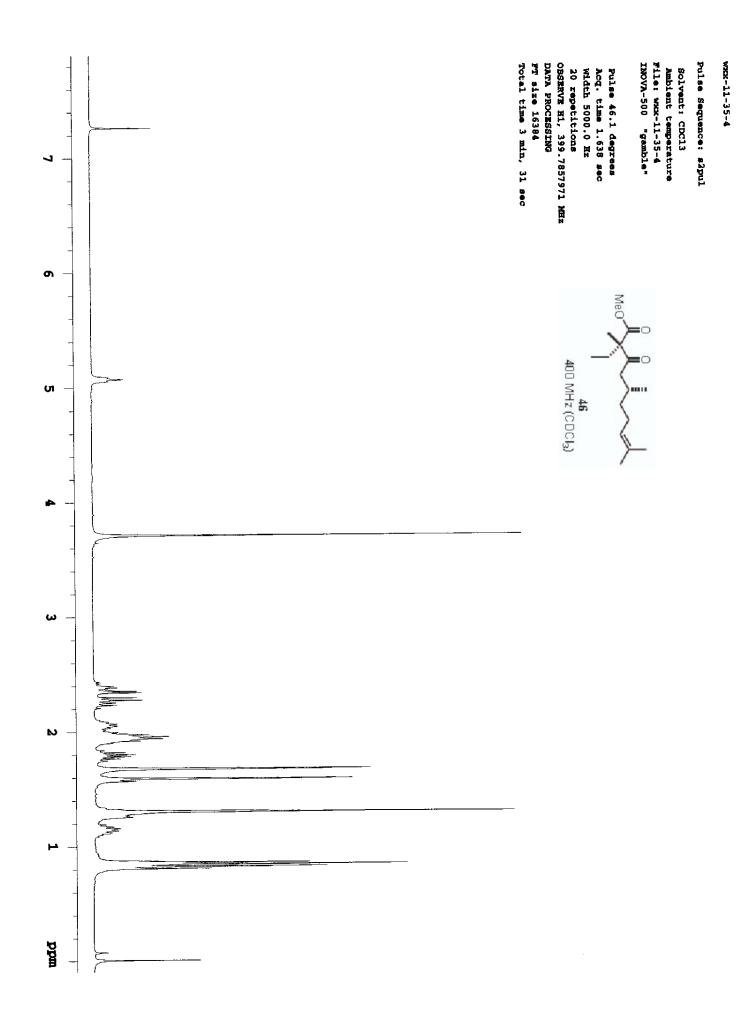


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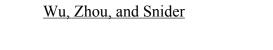


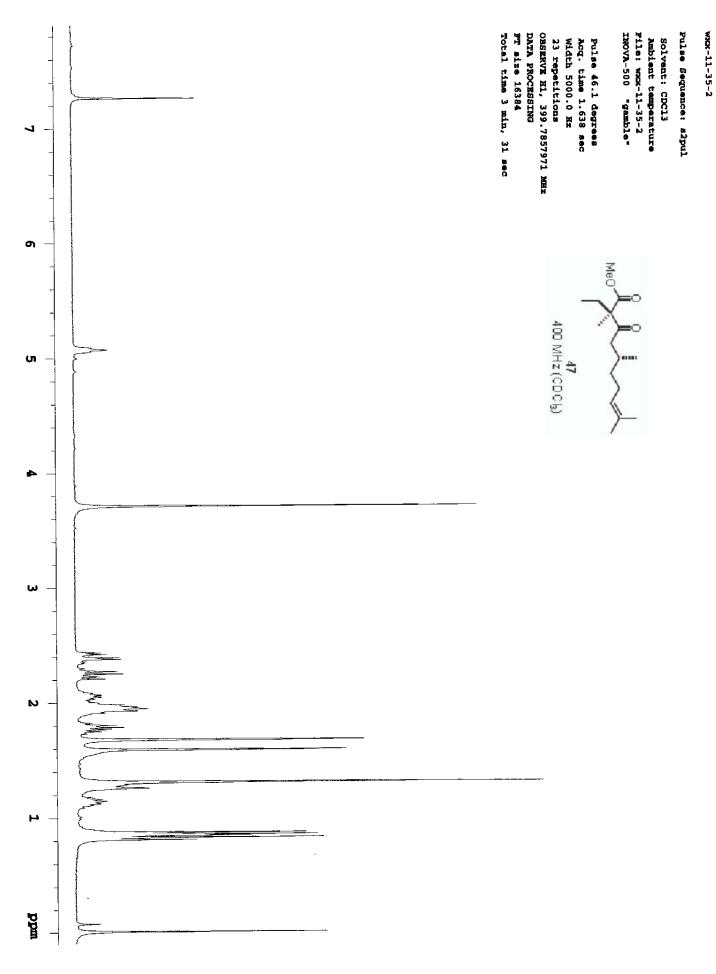
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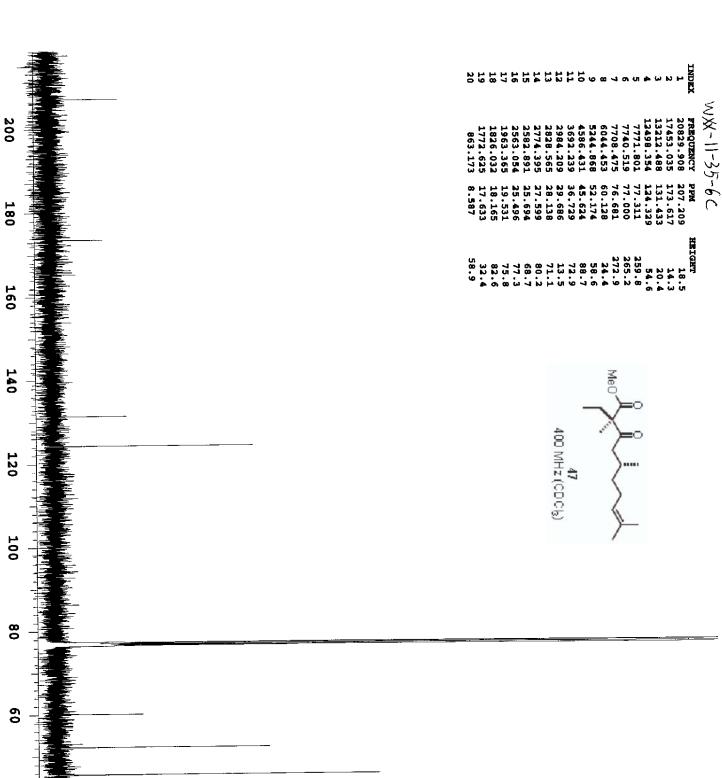


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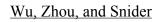
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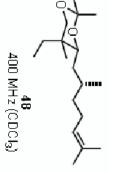


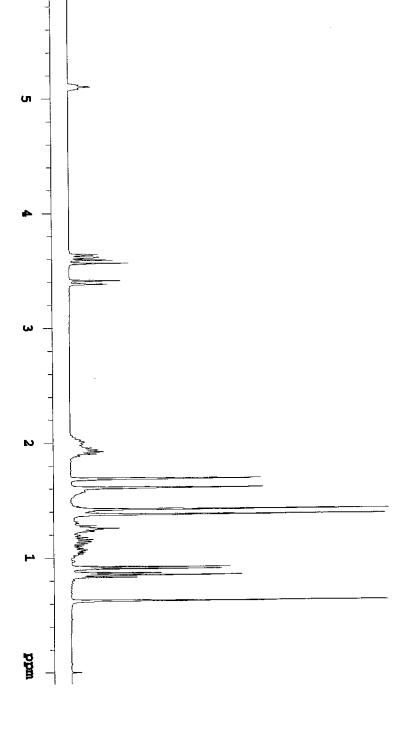


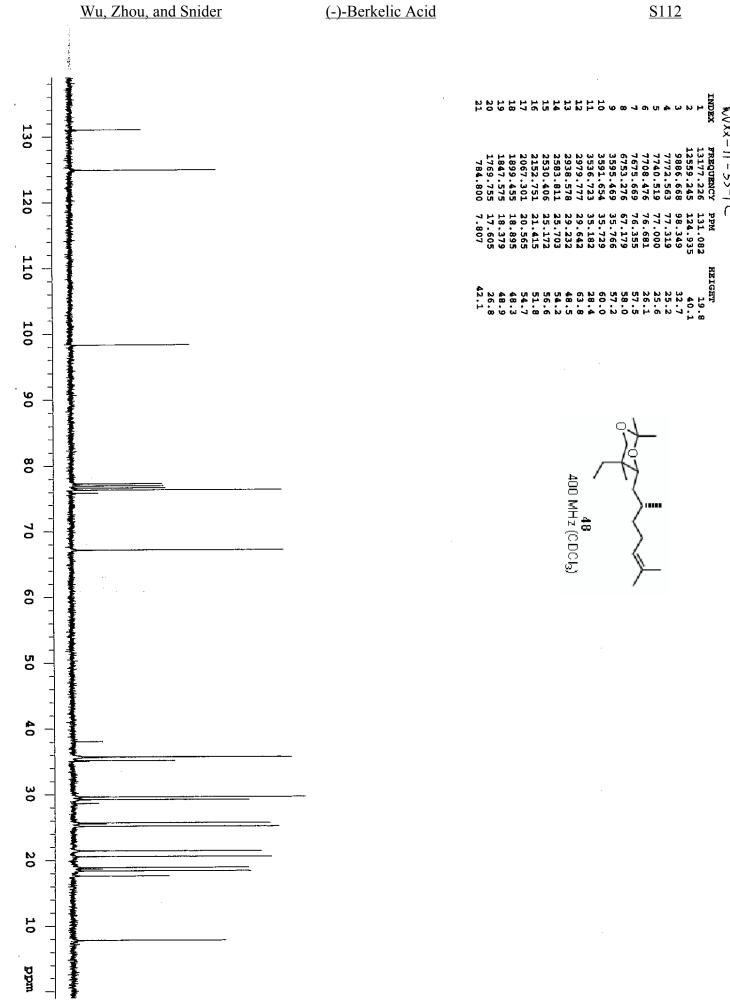
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INOVA-500 "gamble"

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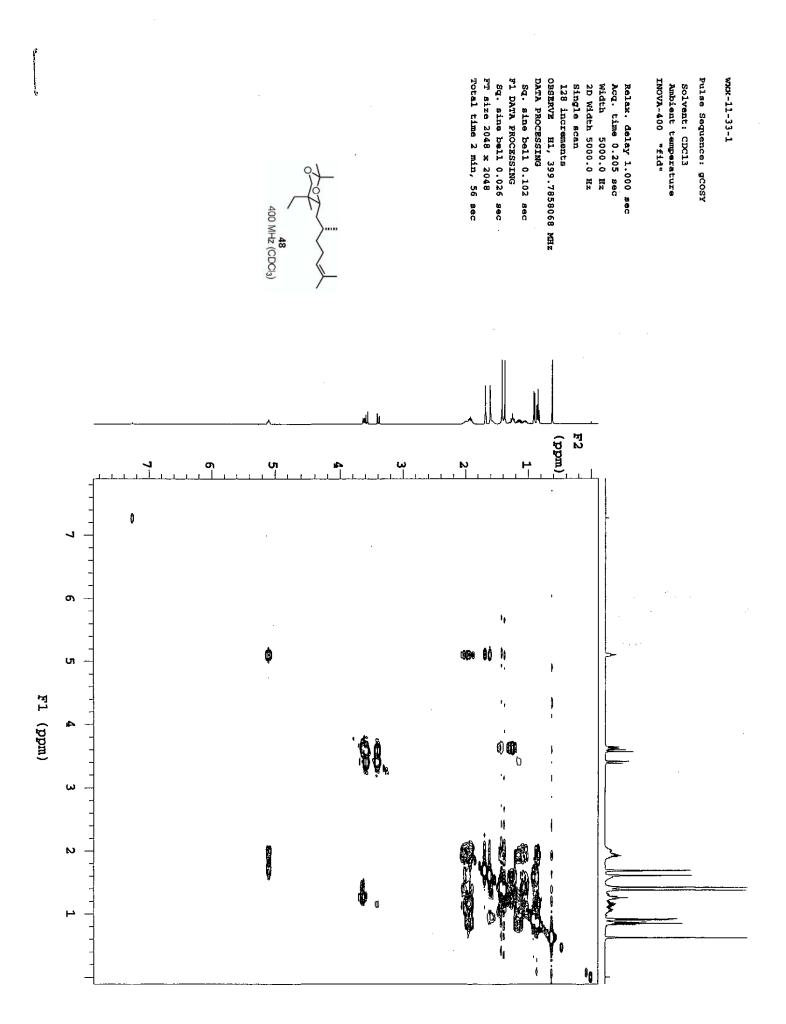


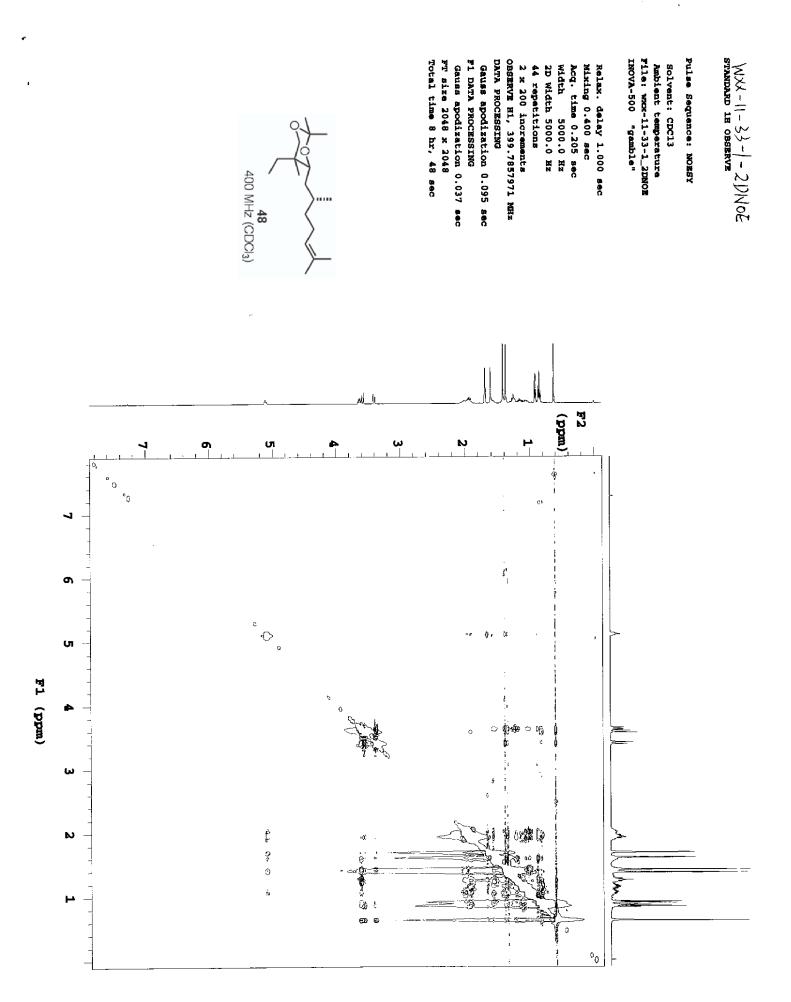
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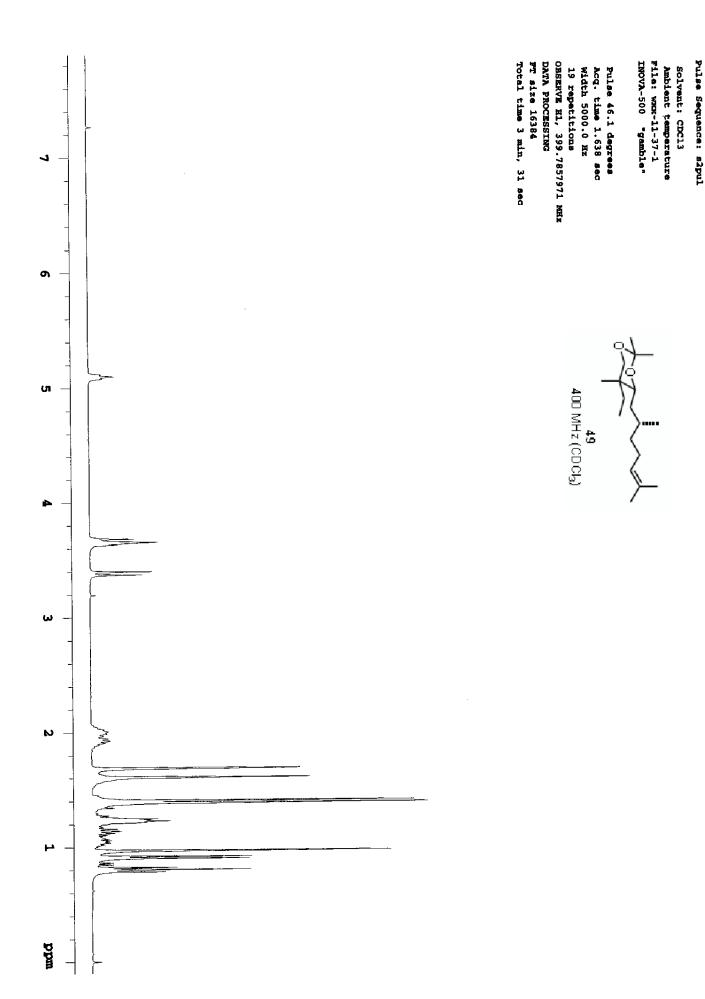
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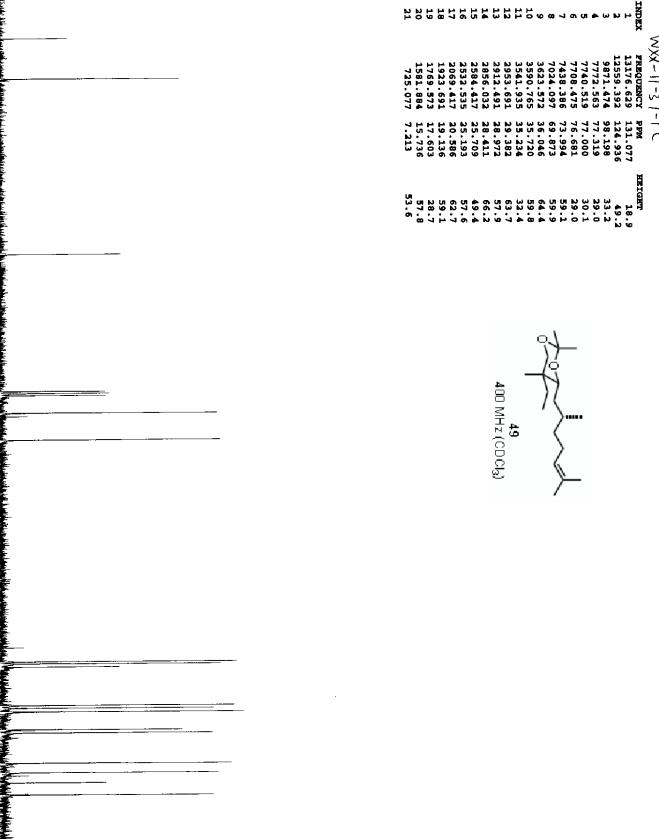
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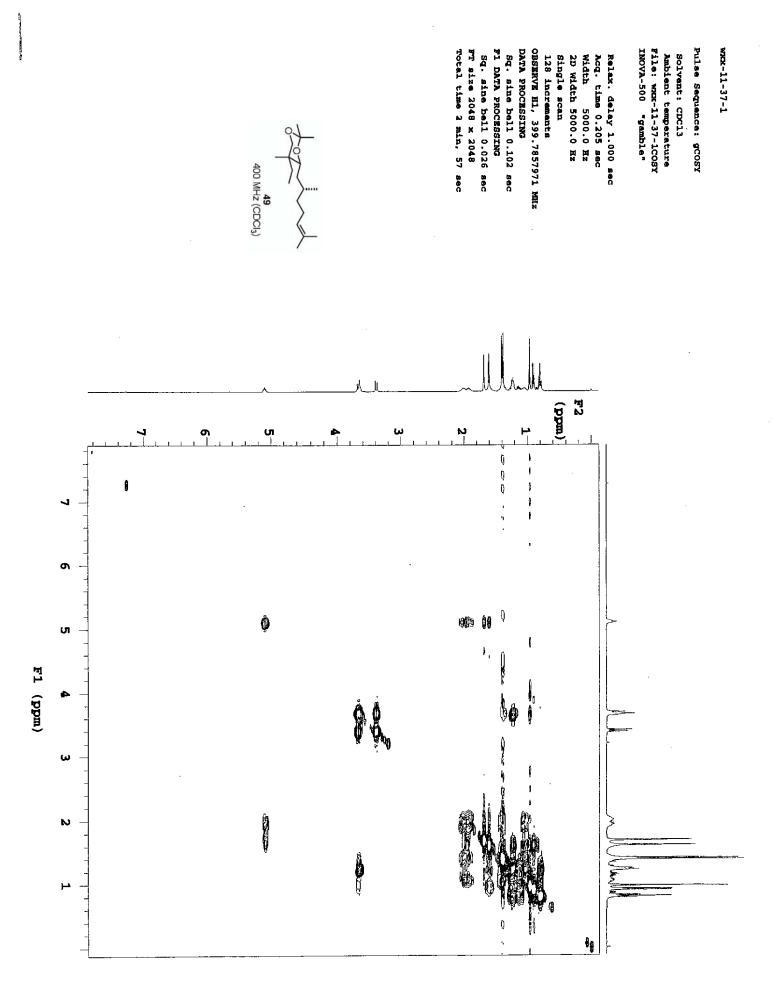
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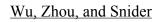


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Pulse Sequence: s2pul

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Pulse 46.1 degrees Acq. time 1.638 sec Width 5000.0 Hz DATA PROCESSING FT size 16384 Total time 3 min, 31 sec 76 repetitions OBSERVE M1, 399.7858276 MHz

