# **Synthetic Inositol Phosphate Analogs Reveal** that PPIP5K2 Has a Surface-Mounted Substrate Capture Site that Is a Target for Drug Discovery

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#### **SUMMARY**

Diphosphoinositol pentakisphosphate kinase 2 (PPIP5K2) is one of the mammalian PPIP5K isoforms responsible for synthesis of diphosphoinositol polyphosphates (inositol pyrophosphates; PP-InsPs), regulatory molecules that function at the interface of cell signaling and organismic homeostasis. The development of drugs that inhibit PPIP5K2 could have both experimental and therapeutic applications. Here, we describe a synthetic strategy for producing naturally occurring 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub>, as well as several inositol polyphosphate analogs, and we study their interactions with PPIP5K2 using biochemical and structural approaches. These experiments uncover an additional ligand-binding site on the surface of PPIP5K2, adjacent to the catalytic pocket. This site facilitates substrate capture from the bulk phase, prior to transfer into the catalytic pocket. In addition to demonstrating a "catchand-pass" reaction mechanism in a small molecule kinase, we demonstrate that binding of our analogs to the substrate capture site inhibits PPIP5K2. This work suggests that the substrate-binding site offers new opportunities for targeted drug design.

#### INTRODUCTION

The process of signal transduction that governs many cellular activities frequently relies upon evolutionarily conserved families of small, regulatory molecules. Among them are the diphosphoinositol polyphosphates (inositol pyrophosphates:  $5\text{-PP-InsP}_4,\ 1\text{-PP-InsP}_5\ [1\text{-InsP}_7],\ 5\text{-PP-InsP}_5\ [5\text{-InsP}_7],\ and$ 1,5-[PP]<sub>2</sub>-InsP<sub>4</sub> [InsP<sub>8</sub>]; Figure 1), in which six to eight phosphate groups are crammed around the six-carbon inositol ring. These high-energy molecules are synthesized by two distinct classes of kinases, IP6Ks and PPIP5Ks. The IP6Ks add the 5-diphosphate group (Draskovic et al., 2008); mammals express three IP6K isoforms (Thomas and Potter, 2014). The

PPIP5Ks synthesize the 1-diphosphate (Wang et al., 2012); there are two isoforms in mammals (Thomas and Potter, 2014). Interest in this field has recently been heightened by demonstrations that diphosphoinositol polyphosphates operate at the interface of cell signaling and organismic homeostasis (Choi et al., 2005; Szijgyarto et al., 2011; Shears, 2009; Illies et al., 2007; Chakraborty et al., 2010; Pulloor et al., 2014). Here, a dynamic balance between the activities of IP6Ks and PPIP5Ks is of particular significance. For example, the synthesis of 5-PP-InsP<sub>5</sub> by IP6Ks inhibits the PtdIns(3,4,5)P<sub>3</sub>/ PDK1/AKT/mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) cascade (Chakraborty et al., 2010) that controls cell growth and metabolism in response to changes in levels of nutrients, growth factors, and bioenergetic status (Benjamin et al., 2011). This inhibitory action of 5-PP-InsP5 is reversed through its further phosphorylation by the PPIP5Ks (Gokhale et al., 2013). There may be therapeutic value in inhibiting PPIP5K activity to elevate 5-PP-InsP<sub>5</sub> levels and attenuate the mTOR pathway, which is hyperactivated in 70% of human tumors, contributing to the derangement of cell growth and metabolism that accompanies cancer development and progression (Benjamin et al., 2011). We recently published proof-of-principle of the latter idea by demonstrating that AKT phosphorylation in myoblasts is inhibited when PPIP5K1 expression is "knocked-down" (Gokhale et al., 2013). It is just such therapeutic motives that frequently drive the development of drugs that can specifically target kinases such as PPIP5Ks. Candidate molecules may be rationally designed when information on protein structure is available. To this end, we recently solved the structure of the N-terminal kinase domain of PPIP5K2 (PPIP5K2KD) in complex with natural substrate within the catalytic site (Wang et al., 2012). However, the architecture of the active site exhibits substantial geometric and electrostatic constraints that raise challenges for the design of an effective yet specific inhibitor.

In the current study, we set out to prepare substrate analogs that might modify PPIP5K2 activity. The synthesis of analogs of diphosphoinositol polyphosphates presents particular technical challenges due to the reactive nature of the diphosphate group and the protected diphosphate intermediates (Best et al., 2010). The high negative charge density of these materials also presents purification problems (Capolicchio et al., 2013). Although several of the naturally occurring



Figure 1. Biosynthesis of Diphosphoinositol Phosphates

IP5K, inositol pentakisphosphate 2-kinase; IP6K, inositol hexakisphosphate 5-kinase; PPIP5K, diphosphoinositol pentakisphosphate 1-kinase.

diphosphoinositol polyphosphates have been synthesized (Albert et al., 1997; Best et al., 2010; Wu et al., 2013; Capolicchio et al., 2013), the preparation of useful analogs has only recently been accomplished (Riley et al., 2012; Wu et al., 2013). In the latter studies, analogs of 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> and 5-PP-InsP<sub>5</sub> were synthesized in which the diphosphate groups were replaced with metabolically stabilized phosphonoacetate (PA) or methylenebisphosphonate (PCP) groups. In the current study, we describe the synthesis of a series of diphosphoinositol polyphosphate analogs. We demonstrate how we used these reagents to gain insight into a previously described (Weaver et al., 2013) substrate-stimulated ATPase activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>. These experiments also led us to uncover a second ligand-binding site in PPIP5K2KD that performs an important aspect of the catalytic cycle by enhancing capture of substrate from the bulk phase.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# Stimulation of the ATPase Activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> by 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> and 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub>

We recently reported that PPIP5K2KD exhibits an unusual, nonproductive, substrate-stimulated ATPase activity (e.g., we observed a 2- to 3-fold activation by 25  $\mu M$  of either Ins(1,3,4,5,6)P<sub>5</sub> or InsP<sub>6</sub>; Figure 2A; Weaver et al., 2013). We now report that 25 µM of either of two previously described analogs of diphosphoinositol polyphosphates (Riley et al., 2012) also stimulate ATP hydrolysis 5-fold by 5-O-α-phosphonoacetyl-myo-inositol 1,2,3,4,6-pentakisphosphate (5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> [1]), and 9-fold by 2-O-benzyl-5-O-α-phosphonoacetylmyo-inositol 1,3,4,6-tetrakisphosphate (2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> [2]; Figures 2A and 2B). In view of the precise geometric and electrostatic specificity constraints within the active site (Wang et al., 2012), we did not anticipate that it could accommodate 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub>, which sports a bulky hydrophobic group. It was therefore unexpected that 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP₄ should be a more effective activator of ATPase activity than the two natural substrates, InsP<sub>6</sub> (Figure 2A) and PP-InsP<sub>5</sub> (Weaver et al., 2013). We sought further information on this phenomenon.

# Design and Synthesis of Inositol Phosphate and Diphosphoinositol Phosphate Analogs

To increase insight into the origin of ligand-stimulated ATPase activity of PPIP5K2KD, we explored the contributions of the benzyl (Bn) and α-phosphonoacetyl (PA) groups in 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2). Our approach was to synthesize a series of analogs (Figure 2B) that exchanged Bn for either OH, monophosphate, or alternative hydrophobes, whereas the PA group was replaced by either a monophosphate or a diphosphate. For analogs containing acyl groups at O-2, the appropriate synthetic precursors are orthoesters of mvo-inositol, because acid hydrolysis of these compounds gives rise to 2-O-acyl esters with very high regioselectivity (Godage et al., 2006, 2013). Thus, 2-O-benzoyl-InsP<sub>5</sub> (4) and 2-O-butanoyl-InsP<sub>5</sub> (5; Figures 2B and 3A) were synthesized from myo-inositol orthobenzoate (11) and *mvo*-inositol orthobutanoate (12). respectively. Acid hydrolysis of 11 and 12 (Godage et al., 2013) gave pentaols 13 and 14, respectively, and subsequent phosphorylation and deprotection provided 2-O-benzoyl- $InsP_5$  (4) and 2-O-butanoyl-InsP<sub>5</sub> (5).

For analogs containing alkyl ethers or hydroxyl groups at C-2, synthetic routes proceeding from the symmetrical butane-2,3-diacetal (BDA) protected diol 17 are expedient, as in our recent synthesis of 2-O-(2-aminoethyl)-lnsP $_5$  (6; Riley et al., 2014). The remaining compounds 7–10 were also synthesized from diol 17 using a unified approach (Figures 2B and 3B). Thus, regioselective benzylation of the axial hydroxyl group of diol 17 gave 2-O-benzyl ether 18, and removal of BDA protecting groups gave pentaol 19. Phosphorylation of 19 afforded the symmetrical pentakisphosphate 20 and cleavage of phosphate protection gave 2-O-Bn-InsP $_5$  (7) in 59% overall yield from 17.

For the synthesis of 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8) and 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (9), the C-5 hydroxyl group of **18** was first phosphitylated with bis(cyanoethyl)(*N*,*N*-diisopropylamino)phosphine, followed by oxidation to provide the protected monophosphate **21**. Removal of BDA groups followed by phosphorylation afforded the fully protected pentakisphosphate **23** in high yield (Figure 3B). We constructed the diphosphate group by modifying a recently

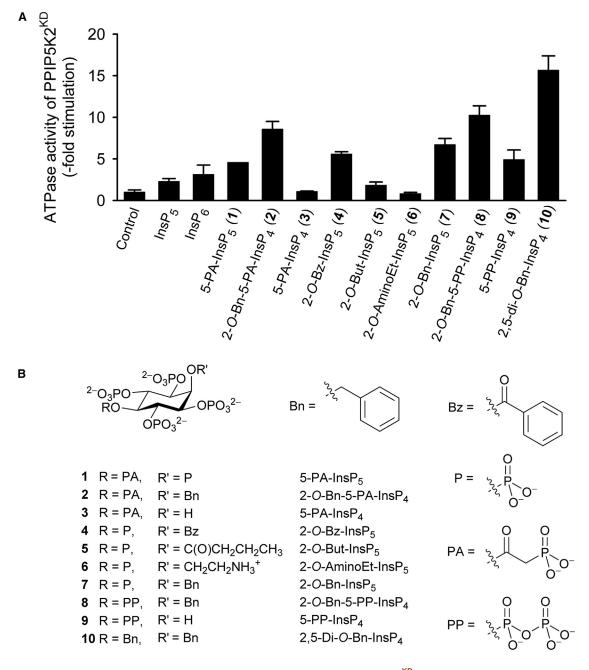


Figure 2. The Effects of Inositol Phosphates and Analogs upon ATPase Activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>

(A) The effects of the indicated inositol phosphates and analogs (25 μM) upon ATPase activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>. Data represent means and SEs from three experiments. Data for Ins(1,2,3,4,5)P<sub>5</sub> (InsP<sub>5</sub>) and InsP<sub>6</sub> are taken from Weaver et al., 2013.
(B) The structures of the reagents that were used.

described methodology (Capolicchio et al., 2013); compound 23 was treated with DBU (1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene) and BSTFA (N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide) to remove both cyanoethyl protecting groups on the 5-phosphate, followed by methanolysis of the temporary trimethylsilyl protection to give the phosphate monoester at the C-5 position. Phosphitylation then afforded a mixed P(III)-P(V) intermediate, which was oxidized to produce 24 (Figure 3B). We next prepared 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8) from crude 24 (which contained DBU), by hydro-

genolysis over palladium hydroxide, which removed the benzyl esters from the phosphates; amines (either in DBU or in triethylamine; Riley et al., 2012) inhibit hydrogenolytic cleavage of the 2-O-benzyl ether. Note that 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP $_4$  (8) is a synthetic analog of an inositol pyrophosphate that retains the actual diphosphate group.

Hydrogenolysis of purified **24** from which DBU was removed yielded 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**9**), in 51% overall yield from **23** (Figure 3B). This molecule is a naturally occurring diphosphoinositol

Figure 3. Chemical Syntheses

(A) Syntheses of 2-O-Bz-InsP $_5$  (4) and 2-O-But-InsP $_5$  (5).

(B) Syntheses of 2-O-Bn-InsP<sub>5</sub>(7), 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8), 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (9), and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10). Reagents and conditions: (a) TFA:H<sub>2</sub>O, 10:1; (b) (BnO)<sub>2</sub>PN( $^{\prime}$ Pr)<sub>2</sub>, 5-phenyl-1-*H*-tetrazole, DCM; (c) *m*CPBA,  $-40^{\circ}$ C to room temperature; (d) Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, H<sub>2</sub>O; (e) BnBr, NaH, DMF; (f) aq TFA (90%):DCM, 1:1; (g) (NCCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>PN( $^{\prime}$ Pr)<sub>2</sub>, 5-phenyl-1-*H*-tetrazole, DCM; (h) *t*BuOOH,  $-40^{\circ}$ C to room temperature; (i) aq ammonia, 70°C; (j) DBU, BSTFA; (k) MeOH, TFA; (l) NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>,  $^{t}$ BuOH, H<sub>2</sub>O.

polyphosphate that features an unphosphorylated 2-OH group (Figure 1); 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> has been implicated in telomere maintenance (York et al., 2005; Saiardi et al., 2005). Finally, for the synthesis of 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10), diol 17 was benzylated followed by cleavage of BDA groups. Subsequent phosphorylation and deprotection of cyanoethyl phosphate esters gave (10) in 63% overall yield from 17 (Figure 3B).

# Stimulation of the ATPase Activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> by Synthetic Inositol Phosphate Analogs

As discussed above (see also Figure 2A), 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP $_4$  (2) strongly activated nonproductive ATPase activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>. The degree of stimulation was dramatically reduced when the latter's benzyl group was replaced with a hydroxyl group to give 5-PA-InsP $_4$  (3, the PA analog of 5-PP-InsP $_4$ ; Riley et al., 2012; Figure 2). Furthermore, 5-PP-InsP $_4$  (9) stimulated ATPase activity at about half the rate shown by 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP $_4$  (8). Taken together, these data (Figure 2) lead to an unexpected conclusion that the ligand's benzyl group makes an important contribution to its association with PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>.

In 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8), the natural and more negatively charged diphosphate (PP) group replaces the PA group at O-5 in 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2). We found that 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8) was slightly (20%) more effective at stimulating ATPase activity than was 2-O-Bn-5-PA-IP<sub>4</sub> (2; Figure 2). Nevertheless, the PA group still contributes to efficacy more than a monophosphate group because 2-O-Bn-InsP<sub>5</sub> (7) was less effective than was 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2; Figure 2).

Even in 2-O-Bn-InsP $_5$  (7), the 2-O-benzyl ether has an enhancing effect, roughly doubling the rate of ATP hydrolysis that is induced by InsP $_6$ , which has a phosphate group at C-2 (Figure 2). To investigate the effect of hydrophobes other than benzyl at O-2, we compared 2-O-Bn-InsP $_5$  (7) with 2-O-Bz-InsP $_5$  (4) and 2-O-But-InsP $_5$  (5). The change from the 2-O-benzyl ether to the structurally related 2-O-benzoyl ester led to only a minimal reduction in ATPase-stimulating activity, while substitution with a 2-O-butanoyl ester gave a sharp reduction in activity (Figure 2). Furthermore, the analog with a positively charged aminoethyl group at O-2 in (2-O-AminoEt-InsP $_5$  [6]) did not stimulate ATPase activity (Figure 2).

We next tested one further analog in which the diphosphate group in 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8) was replaced with a second benzyl group (i.e., 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub>; 10). This compound elicited the highest degree of ATPase activity among all of the analogs that we have synthesized (Figure 2). This was initially a puzzling conclusion, as structural considerations indicate that 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) would at best be a poor ligand for the active site.

Several of the compounds described above were selected for detailed dose-response curves; we used the six compounds that yielded the greatest stimulation of ATPase activity, with the exception of 2-O-Bz-InsP $_5$  (4), which in any case showed similar efficacy to 2-O-Bn-InsP $_5$  (7; Figure 4A). The most potent of this series of compounds was 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP $_4$  (10, half-maximal effective concentration [EC $_{50}$ ] = 340 nM; Figure 4A). In general, the rank order of the EC $_{50}$  values for these compounds approximated the rank order of their maximal effects, with the notable exception of 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP $_4$  (8; Figure 4A).

# Inhibition of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> Catalytic Activity by Inositol Phosphate Analogs

The six compounds that were selected for the dose-response curves in the assays of ATP hydrolysis (Figure 4A) were now investigated for their effects upon diphosphoinositol polyphosphate metabolism by PPIP5K2KD (Figure 4B). We used a high-throughput reverse-kinase assay that records ATP generated from ADP during the dephosphorylation of 100 nM 1,5-[PP]<sub>2</sub>-InsP<sub>4</sub> (Riley et al., 2012; Weaver et al., 2013). Each of the tested analogs inhibited [PP]<sub>2</sub>-InsP<sub>4</sub> metabolism by PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (Figure 4B). The two most potent of these analogs were 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1) and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) (Figure 4B). The inhibitory effect of 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1) was not in itself surprising becasue we have already demonstrated it to be a PPIP5K substrate (Riley et al., 2012). However, the inhibition by 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10) was more unexpected because due to its bulk, and its less negative charge compared to physiological substrates, we predict it to be a poor ligand for the active site of the highly specific PPIP5K2KD (Wang et al., 2012). Nevertheless, its ability to inhibit reverse-kinase activity was directly confirmed by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis of [PP]<sub>2</sub>-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>4</sub> dephosphorylation (Figures S1A–S1C available online). We confirmed that 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10) also inhibited PPIP5K2KD in the "forward," kinase direction using InsP<sub>6</sub>, a physiologically relevant substrate (Figures S1D and S1E). A Dixon plot demonstrated that inhibition by 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) was competitive in nature (K<sub>i</sub> = 240 nM; Figure 4C), arguing that its actions are not allosteric in nature.

The rank order of potencies (as half-maximal inhibitory concentration  $[IC_{50}]$  values) with which this group of molecules inhibited  $[PP]_2$ -InsP<sub>4</sub> dephosphorylation by PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (Figure 4B) is different in two key respects from the rank-order of efficacy (EC<sub>50</sub> values) for their separate stimulation of ATPase activity (Figures 4A and 4B). First, 2-O-Bn-InsP<sub>5</sub> (7) is 4-fold less potent than 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2) at stimulating ATPase activity (Figure 4A), whereas the two analogs are equally efficient at inhibiting  $[PP]_2$ -InsP<sub>4</sub> metabolism (Figure 4B). Second, 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1), the weakest activator of ATPase (Figure 4A), is the most potent inhibitor of  $[PP]_2$ -InsP<sub>4</sub> dephosphorylation (Figure 4B). These are observations that suggest there is some uncoupling of inositol phosphate turnover from the ATPase activity.

### Structural Analysis Reveals that PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> Has Two Adjacent Ligand-Binding Sites

We have previously published an atomic-level description of both 5-PP-InsP $_5$  and InsP $_6$  substrates bound into the catalytic pocket of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (Wang et al., 2012). In a separate study, we (Riley et al., 2012) soaked 2 mM 5-PA-InsP $_5$  (1) into crystals of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>, and reported that this ligand occupies the active site in the same orientation as the natural substrate. At the time of that earlier study, we contoured the simulated annealing omit map at 2  $\sigma$ , and observed some additional but uninterpretable electron density at the entrance of the active site (data not shown). For the current study, we increased the soaking concentration of 5-PA-InsP $_5$  (1) to 10 mM, and have now unequivocally detected an additional ligand-binding site, at 1.7 Å resolution, that is located near the surface of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>, at the entrance to the catalytic center (Figures 5A and 5D; Table S1). This surface-mounted ligand-binding site is too remote from ATP to

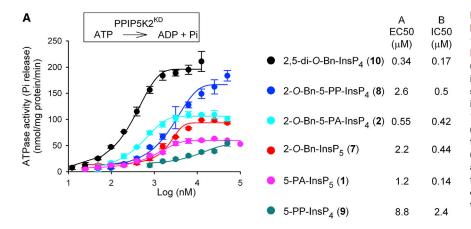
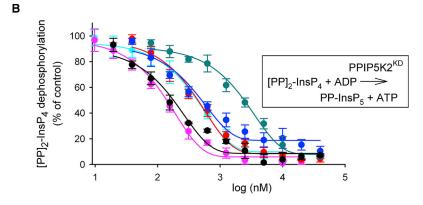
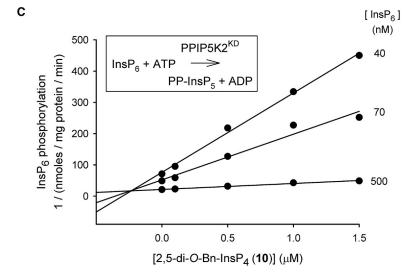


Figure 4. Effects of Inositol Phosphate Analogs upon PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> Activities: ATPase, 1,5-[PP]<sub>2</sub>-InsP<sub>4</sub> Dephosphorylation and InsP<sub>6</sub> Phosphorylation

(A and B) Dose-response curves are shown for the indicated inositol phosphate analogs and their stimulation of ATPase activities (A), and their inhibition of ADP-driven dephosphorylation of 100 nM [PP]<sub>2</sub>-lnsP<sub>4</sub> (B). Error bars represent SEs (n = 3). The EC<sub>50</sub> and IC<sub>50</sub> values for the molecules tested are given in the key to the right of (A) and (B). (C) A Dixon plot of the inhibition of InsP<sub>6</sub> kinase activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> by 2,5-di-O-Bn-lnsP<sub>4</sub> (10); the data are from a representative experiment (one of three), performed in duplicate. Insets illustrate the reaction being assayed.





5-10 mM of either 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP4 (2) or 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10) into the PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> crystals. X-ray analysis revealed that both of these analogs were exclusively associated with the second ligand-binding site (Figures 5B, 5C, 5E, and 5F; Table S1). Neither of these analogs was found to occupy the catalytic site. These data suggest that the stimulation of ATPase activity by either natural substrates or their analogs is associated with their occupation of the second binding site, not the catalytic site. That explanation is in turn consistent with other data (Figures 4A and 4B, and see above) that suggest ligand-stimulated ATPase activity is uncoupled from the inositol phosphate kinase activity.

The architecture of this second ligand-binding site is represented by a deep cleft, which is walled on one side by K53, K54, and K103. The opposite face is formed from R213, and a loop created from residues E192 to H194 (Figure 5). In this binding site, the shared groups in 5-PA-InsP $_5$  (1) and 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP $_4$  (2) exhibit almost identical conformations (Figure 6A). As for 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP $_4$  (10) this molecule is rotated  $\sim$ 20° clockwise (Figure 6B). For both 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP $_4$  (2) and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP $_4$  (10), their phosphate groups at C-3 and C-4 would clash with the positions that the C-4 and

C-3 phosphates of  $InsP_6/5$ -PP-InsP<sub>5</sub> normally occupy in the active site (Figures S2A–S2C). This phenomenon presumably contributes to the potency of both 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**2**) and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) as inhibitors of inositol phosphate turnover by PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (Figures 4B and 4C). These structural considerations explain how both compounds can inhibit inositol phosphate kinase activity without occupying the catalytic site.

The association of 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2) and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) with the second binding site is facilitated by their

permit ligand phosphorylation. It should be noted that both this site and the catalytic pocket cannot be occupied simultaneously due to steric clashing (Figures 5A and S2A). That is, these particular structural data arise from a mixture of crystal complexes in which 5-PA-InsP $_5$  (1) is separately bound to either of the two sites.

The stimulation of ATPase activity of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> by either 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**2**) or 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) indicates that these compounds also interact with PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>, so we soaked

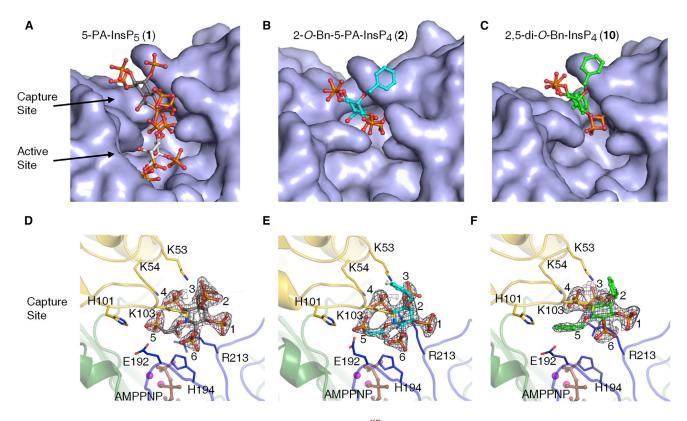


Figure 5. X-Ray Analysis of Inositol Phosphate Analogs Bound to PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> Uncovers Two Ligand-Binding Sites

X-ray analysis was performed after we soaked crystals of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> with either 10 mM of 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1), 5 mM of 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2), or 10 mM of 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10).

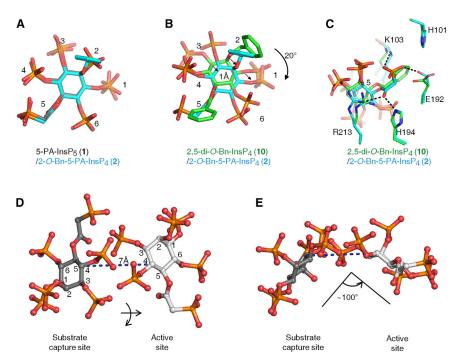
(A–C) Surface representations of ligand binding, with the analogs shown as stick-and-ball models. Atoms are blue for nitrogen; red for oxygen; orange for phosphorus; and gray, cyan or green for carbon.

(D–F) The corresponding depictions of the protein as a ribbon diagram, with some key residues as stick models and numbered. For increased clarity, (D) only shows the 5-PA-InsP $_5$  (1) that binds to the capture site (see the text for the functional rationalization of this site). The carbons around the inositol ring are numbered. AMPPNP is brown and magnesium atoms are magenta. Refined 2Fo-Fc maps are contoured at 1.0  $\sigma$  and are shown in gray mesh.

phosphate groups at C-3 and C-4 making multiple electrostatic interactions with K53, K54, and R213 (Figures 5, S2E, and S2F). The terminal phosphonate of 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2) also forms polar contacts with the backbone of K103 and the H194 side chains (Figures 5 and S2E). Additionally, the 5-O-benzyl group in 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) has van der Waals interactions with the side chains of H101 and E192 (Figures 5 and S2F). The 2-O-benzyl group in this analog is disordered, indicative of its mobility. Nevertheless, our catalytic data (Figure 4) indicate that this benzyl group makes a significant contribution to ligand potency.

The data that we have obtained allow important conclusions to be drawn concerning the likely significance of the second binding site. For example, we can exclude the possibility that, as is the case with certain enzymes (Reed et al., 2010), the role of the second, noncatalytic substrate-binding site is to regulate enzyme activity by substrate inhibition; PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> does not exhibit that property (Weaver et al., 2013). Other enzymes use noncatalytic ligand-binding sites to promote enzyme activation allosterically (Grant, 2012). That also seems unlikely to be the case for PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>, because our inositol phosphate analogs do not enhance kinase activity, but inhibit it instead (Figure 4B; Riley et al., 2012). The nature of the inhi-

bition was competitive (Figure 4C), further arguing against an allosteric effect. Instead, the proximity to the active site of the second ligand-binding site (Figure 4) suggests that the latter plays a role in catalysis of natural substrates, by facilitating their capture from the bulk phase. A precedent for such a phenomenon has been reported for microbial anthranilate phosphoribosyltransferases (Castell et al., 2013; Marino et al., 2006); anthranilate substrate is first captured at a surface-mounted binding-site, before delivery to a proximal catalytic site (Castell et al., 2013). A similar substrate transfer is feasible in PPIP5K2KD, and our structural data provide some atomic-level insight into such a phenomenon. For example, we presume that delivery of natural substrate is efficient, so that substrate only occupies the capture site transiently; this may explain why we could not detect substrate in the capture site in our crystal structures. We found that such substrate transfer within PPIP5K2KD requires that the inositol ring be flipped and rotated by  $\sim 100^{\circ}$  (Figures 6D and 6E). This motion is presumably facilitated by the flexible amino-acid side chains that comprise the active site (Wang et al., 2012). Such conformational dynamics can reinforce catalytic specificity (Herschlag, 1988), which is indeed a notable feature of PPIP5K2KD (Wang et al., 2012).



# **Site-Directed Mutagenesis of the Substrate Capture**

Mutagenesis offers a valuable means of pursuing conclusions drawn from structural analysis. The loop that is formed from residues A191 to H194 screens the catalytic site from ligands that are associated with the second binding site (Figures 5, 7A, and S3). The influence of the carbonyl oxygen of A191 may be indirect, through a hydrogen bond with a water molecule that in turn coordinates with an Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion that interacts with the nucleotide's β-phosphate moiety (Figure 7A). The role of H194 seems more direct; it can form a hydrogen bond with the oxygen atom of the nucleotide's  $\beta$ -phosphate (Figures 7A and S3). This could stabilize the transition state, or have some other catalytic role. These interactions could be relevant to both kinase and ATPase activities of PPIP5K2KD. Consistent with these ideas, an H194A mutant did not exhibit any detectable ATPase activity, either in the presence or absence of 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP4 (2) or 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10), and its inositol phosphate kinase activity was reduced 80-fold compared to that of the wild-type enzyme (data not shown).

As discussed above, our structural and biochemical data led us to hypothesize that the stimulation of ATPase activity by either natural substrates or their analogs is associated with their occupation of the substrate capture site, not the catalytic site. We attempted to consolidate this idea by selecting for mutation residues that might separate ATPase activity from inositol phosphate kinase activity. For example, our X-ray data (Figure 5) indicate that K54 and R213 interact with ligand at the substrate capture site. However, previous mutagenic work has shown that both K54 and R213 also contribute directly to inositol phosphate kinase activity (Wang et al., 2012). Nevertheless, we did observe that K54A and R213A mutants exhibited a substantially impaired degree of stimulation of ATPase activity by either 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2) or

Figure 6. Relative Orientations of Inositol Phosphate Analogs in the Second Ligand-Binding Site of PPIP5K2KD

Data for ligand orientation in the second binding site were obtained as described in Figure 5. Analogs are depicted as stick models. Atoms are blue for nitrogen, red for oxygen, and orange for phosphorus.

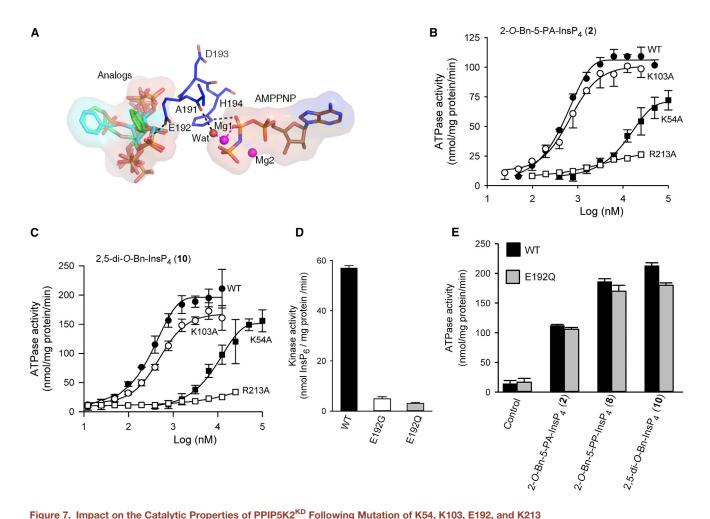
(A) Superimposition of 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1; carbons in gray) and 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP4 (2; carbons in cyan). (B and C) Superimposition of 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10; carbons in green) and 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP4 (2; carbons in cyan). Arrows in (B) emphasize spatial separation, and (C) includes details of ligand interactions with neighboring amino acid residues. (D and E) illustrate that transfer of 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1) between the two sites involves a lateral migration of 7 Å, a ring flip, and a rotation of  $\sim$ 100°. Atoms are blue for nitrogen, red for oxygen, orange for phosphorus, and gray for carbon. The inositol ring is numbered.

2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) (Figures 7B and 7C). These mutagenic data are consistent with the idea that K54 and R213 participate in substrate capture.

The side chain of K103 is also suggested by our structural data to interact with ligand that is bound to the capture site (Figures 5 and S2). Nevertheless, a K103A mutant showed only a slight reduction in 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2)-activated and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10)-activated ATPase activity, compared to wild-type enzyme (Figures 7B and 7C). Likewise, the InsP<sub>6</sub> kinase activity of the K103A mutant (71 ± 4 nmol/mg protein/min, n = 3) was similar to that of wild-type enzyme (61  $\pm$  4 nmol/mg protein/min).

We also mutated E192. This residue is present in the loop between the two ligand-binding sites (Figure 7A). It is too distant from ATP and the catalytic site to influence either directly, and electrostatic repulsion would prevent it from interacting with negatively charged groups on substrates located in the second binding site. Nevertheless, E192 is evolutionarily conserved in PPIP5Ks from mammals to yeast (not shown), suggestive of functional significance. We investigated the significance of E192 by preparing E192G and E192Q mutations that we posited would eliminate electrostatic repulsion between the amino acid side chain and phosphorylated ligands, enhancing ligand binding to the substrate capture site. We further hypothesized that such an effect might reduce the efficiency of transfer of substrate to the catalytic site, which in turn would lead to a reduction in inositol phosphate kinase activity. Indeed, we found that these E192G and E192Q mutations reduced the rate of InsP<sub>6</sub> phosphorylation by 12- and 18-fold respectively, compared to wildtype PIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (Figure 7D). It was of further note that neither of these particular mutations altered the rate of nonproductive, ligand-stimulated ATPase activity elicited by either 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2), 2-O-Bn-5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> (8), or 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10; Figure 7E), confirming the uncoupling of this aspect of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> activity from its kinase activity.

We have shown that 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10) binds to a substrate-capture site on the surface of PPIP5K2KD (Figure 5), thereby inhibiting the enzyme's catalytic activity (Figure 4). This



(A) The spatial separation of AMPPNP from the PPIPSK2<sup>KD</sup> substrate capture site. Protein residues are shown as stick models. AMPPNP, and inositol phosphate analogs 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (1), 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2), and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) and all are shown as stick models. Atoms are blue for nitrogen; red for oxygen; orange for phosphorus; and gray, cyan, or green for carbon. Hydrogen bonds are shown as black dashed lines.

(B and C) Dose-response curves for the effects of 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (2) and 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) upon the ATPase activities of wild-type PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (closed circles; data are taken from Figure 2A) and the following mutants: K54A mutant (closed squares), K103A (open circles), and R213A (open squares).

(D) The InsP<sub>6</sub> kinase activities of wild-type, E192G, and E192Q mutants of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup>, determined with 5 µM substrate.

(E) The ATPase activities of wild-type and E192Q mutants of PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> obtained in the presence of the indicated analogs, at concentrations of 25 µM. Error bars represent SEs from three experiments (error bars are not shown when they are smaller than the symbol).

particular ligand-binding site may be exploitable as a pharmacological target. We therefore examined the specificity of 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP4 (10) by investigating if it interacted with IP6K2, a member of a different class of kinases that also phosphorylate InsP<sub>6</sub> and synthesize diphosphoinositol polyphosphates (see Figure 1). Because the affinity of IP6K2 for InsP<sub>6</sub> (430 nM; Saiardi et al., 2000) is very similar to that for InsP<sub>6</sub> phosphorylation by PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (390 nM; Weaver et al., 2013), an identical substrate concentration ([InsP<sub>6</sub>] = 500 nM) was used to assay both enzymes. As shown in Figure 4C, 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) inhibits PPIP5K2  $^{\mbox{\scriptsize KD}}$  with an IC  $_{50}$  value of 1  $\mu\mbox{\scriptsize M}$  (Figure 4C). This analog was found to be a much weaker inhibitor of IP6K2 activity (IC<sub>50</sub> = 63  $\mu$ M; data not shown). Thus, 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) may be a useful lead molecule for future development of a drug that can specifically inhibit PPIP5Ks and not IP6Ks, even though both groups of enzymes phosphorylate InsP<sub>6</sub>.

In conclusion, our studies have uncovered a "catch-andpass" aspect to the catalytic cycle of PPIP5K2KD. Substrate (either InsP<sub>6</sub> or 5-PP-InsP<sub>5</sub>) first associates with a ligandbinding site on the surface of the kinase. We propose that this phenomenon enhances kinase activity by improving substrate capture from the bulk phase; substrate is then delivered into the catalytic pocket. We are not aware of any other examples of a substrate-capture mechanism in a small-molecule kinase. Indeed, the only example that we have found in the literature for a dedicated substrate capture site on any enzyme is that observed for certain microbial anthranilate phosphoribosyl-transferases (Castell et al., 2013; Marino et al., 2006). Our structural, biochemical, and mutagenic data have also led us to conclude that the stimulation of ATPase activity of PPIP5K by inositol phosphate analogs is associated with their occupation of the substrate capture site, not the catalytic site.

Moreover, the previously puzzling observation (Weaver et al., 2013) that a degree of nonproductive ATP hydrolysis is also stimulated by natural substrate, can now be rationalized as a consequence of its interaction with the capture site. Furthermore, the fact that InsP<sub>6</sub>-stimulated ATPase activity is abolished by an R213A mutation (Weaver et al., 2013) can now be viewed as resulting from an impairment to substrate occupation of the capture site.

Our atomic-level description of the substrate-capture site on PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> indicates its structural determinants of specificity differ substantially from those of the catalytic site. We have further shown that synthesis of diphosphoinositol polyphosphates by PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> is inhibited by ligands that bind to the capture site but not the catalytic site. These findings in turn raise the possibility that there may be cellular constituents that might inhibit catalytic activity by binding to this site. Finally, the substrate capture site offers a selective target for the purposes of rational drug design, including screening in silico (Kitchen et al., 2004), that is free from many of the usual specificity constraints within the catalytic site that typically complicate pharmacological targeting of small-molecule kinases. It may also be possible to design a ligand that occupies both sites.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE**

PPIP5K1 and PPIP5K2 are small-molecule kinases that synthesize diphosphoinositol polyphosphates, which function at the interface of cell signaling and organismic homeostasis. Synthetic chemical modulators of cell-signaling enzymes such as the PPIP5Ks can provide valuable insight into catalytic mechanisms, they decipher the biological roles of the enzymes in situ, and they generate leads for therapeutic drug development. Substrate analogs offer one approach for the preparation of such chemical reagents. However, the architecture of the active site of PPIP5Ks, as revealed by recent X-ray analysis, has identified substantial geometric and electrostatic constraints that limit the options for designing a substrate analog that might be an effective modulator. In the current study, we describe the chemical synthesis of both the naturally occurring 5-PP-InsP<sub>4</sub> and a family of inositol polyphosphate analogs that include molecules with hydrophobes at the 2- and/or 5-positions. Importantly, these molecules have led us to characterize a second, less constrained substrate-binding site on the surface of PPIP5K2, adjacent to the catalytic pocket. We provide an atomic-level description of this surface-mounted site and describe its role in the catalytic cycle in capturing substrate from the bulk phase. With the assistance of site-directed mutagenesis of this site, we show that its occupation is associated with an unusual, ligandactivated ATPase activity. This considerable amount of information had not been accessible with our experiments with natural substrates and represents a success for our chemical biology approach. In addition to adding to the repertoire of catalytic specializations of the PPIP5Ks, our structural and functional characterization of this ligand-binding site offers a promising target for drug development; to this end, 2,5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> is a significant lead compound.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES**

# Protein Expression, Purification, Crystallization, and Structure Determination

The kinase domain of human PPIP5K2 (PPIP5K2KD; residues 1-366) and the N-terminally truncated domain used for the crystallography studies (residues 41-366) were subcloned, expressed, and purified as before. The latter was crystallized by hanging drop vapor diffusion against a well buffer of 12% (w/v) PEG  $3350, 20 \, \text{mM} \, \text{MgCl}_2, 0.1 \, \text{M} \, \text{HEPES}, \text{pH} \, 7.0, 1 \, \text{mM} \, \text{AMP-PNP}, \text{and} \, 2 \, \text{mM} \, \text{CdCl}_2 \, \text{at}$ 4°C. The crystals were then soaked with 5-10 mM compounds in a stabilizing buffer containing 22% (w/v) PEG 3350, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 M sodium acetate. pH 5.2 or 7.0, at 4°C for 3 days. Cryosolvent was prepared by adding 33% ethylene glycol into the soaking buffer. Diffraction data were collected using APS beamlines 22-BM and 22-ID. All data were processed with the program HKL2000. The structure was determined using rigid body and direct Fourier synthesis, and refined with the equivalent and expanded test sets. The structure was further manually rebuilt with COOT and refined with PHENIX and REFMAC from the CCP4 package. Ligand topology and parameter files were prepared using the PRODRG server. The molecular graphics representations were prepared with the program PyMol (Schrödinger). The 2D ligand-protein interaction diagrams were generated by LigPlot+.

#### **Enzyme Assays**

HPLC was used to assay [3H]InsP<sub>6</sub> phosphorylation by human PPIP5K2KD or human IP6K2 in 100 μl buffer containing 50 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 7 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 5 mM ATP, and 1 mM EDTA (for IP6K2, [MgSO<sub>4</sub>] was 12 mM and [ATP] was 10 mM). The initial InsP<sub>6</sub> concentration was either 500 nM, 70 nM, or 40 nM. Various concentrations of 2.5-di-O-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> were present as indicated. Radioactivity was assessed using an in-line Flo1 detector. The ADP-driven dephosphorylation of 100 nM 1,5-[PP] $_2$ -InsP $_4$  by PPIP5K2 $^{\rm KD}$ was usually determined by a luminescence-based assay of ATP accumulation (Riley et al., 2012; Weaver et al., 2013). The IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using GraphPad Prism v6.02 (n  $\geq$  3). In some experiments, 1,5-[PP]<sub>2</sub>-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>4</sub> dephosphorylation by PPIP5K2KD was assayed in 50 µl buffer containing 50 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 7 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 5 mM ADP, 1 mM EDTA. Reactions were then quenched, neutralized, and analyzed with HPLC using a Partisphere SAX column (Weaver et al., 2013); 1 ml fractions were collected for liquid scintillation spectrometry. The ATPase activity of PPIP5K2  $^{\rm KD}$ (10-270 μg/ml) was assayed from Pi release following incubation at 37°C for 120-180 min in 20 μl reaction mixtures containing 20 mM Tris/HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM ATP, 100 mM KCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, and 13 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

In the figures, error bars represent SEs from three experiments.

#### **ACCESSION NUMBERS**

The Protein Data Bank accession numbers for the protein/ligand structures reported in this paper are 4NZM, 4NZN, and 4NZO.

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### **Chemical Syntheses:**

## **General Chemistry Methods**

Chemistry: All reagents and solvents were of either commercial quality obtained from Sigma-Aldrich (Gillingham, Dorset, U.K.) or Acros-Fisher Scientific (Loughborough, U.K.) or GOSS Scientific Instruments Ltd (Great Baddow, Essex, U.K.) or synthesized and purified in the laboratory using standard procedures. Some solvents were redistilled and dried where necessary using standard procedures or purchased in anhydrous form. Petroleum ether (40-60 °C) is abbreviated as pet. ether. NMR spectra were recorded with a JOEL EX-270 or a Varian Mercury VX 400 or Bruker Avance III (400 MHz and 500 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are measured in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS) and <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts are measured in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to phosphoric acid as an external standard. Signals are expressed and abbreviated as, s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad) and ap (apparent). All <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assingments are based on gCOSY, gHMQC, gHMBC and DEPT experiments. Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. HRMS mass spectra were recorded at the University of Bath on a Bruker MicroTof 131 instrument or at the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre, University of Wales, Swansea. Microanalysis was carried out by the Microanalysis Service, University of Bath. Melting points (m.p.) were determined using a Reichert-Jung hot stage microscope apparatus or a Stanford Research Systems Optimelt MPA100 automated melting point system and are uncorrected. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated plates (Merck TLC aluminium sheets, silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>) with detection by UV light or with phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol followed by heating. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (partical size 40-63 μm) using glass columns or on an ISCO CombiFlash Rf automated flash chromatography system using RediSep Rf disposable flash columns. Ion-exchange chromatography was performed on an LKB-Pharmacia medium-pressure ion exchange chromatograph with Q-Sepharose Fast Flow resin using a Pharmacia Biotech Gradifrac system with a P-1 pump; eluting with gradients of triethylammonium bicarbonate (TEAB) buffer and using H<sub>2</sub>O of MilliQ quality. 2 M TEAB (pH 7.8) was prepared by bubbling carbon dioxide gas into 2 M triethylamine solution. Phosphate containing fractions were identified using a modification of the Briggs phosphate test (Lampe et al., 1994) and the target polyphosphates were accurately quantified using the Ames phosphate assay (Ames and Dubin, 1960).

#### 2-O-Butanovl 1,3,4,5,6-pentakis-O-[bis(benzyloxy)phosphoryl] myo-inositol (16)

To a solution of **14** (Godage et al., 2013) (323 mg, 1.29 mmol) and 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (1.89 g, 12.91 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added bis(benzyloxy)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (2.60 mL, 7.74 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature, after which time TLC (1:1, ethyl acetate:pet. ether) confirmed the complete consumption of starting material (R<sub>f</sub> 0.0) to product (R<sub>f</sub> 0.9). The reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and 57% mCPBA (3.90 g, 12.91 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 15 min, TLC (1:1, ethyl acetate:pet. ether) showed complete oxidation of pentakisphosphite to pentakisphosphate (R<sub>f</sub> 0.2) and the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (150 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 150 mL), dried and solvent evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (chloroform:acetone, 6:1) to afford **16** (1.83 g, 92%) as a colorless oil, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, Hdecoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –1.71 (2 P, s), –1.27 (2 P, s), –1.01 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.97 (3 H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.67 (2 H, sextet, J 7.4 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (2 H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.49-4.58, 5.00-5.15 (3 H : 22 H, m, C-1-H, C-3-H, C-4-H, C-5-H, C-6-H and  $10 \times CH_2Ar$ ), 6.15 (1 H, br s, C-2-H), 7.22-7.32 (50 H, m, Ar-H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  13.4 (CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>),  $35.7 (CO_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)$ , 69.4 (C-2), 69.5, 69.5, 69.5, 69.6, 69.7, 69.7 (10 ×  $CH_2Ar$ ), 72.9, 74.7, 74.7 (C-1 & C-3, C-4 & C-6 and C-5), 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.0, 128.0, 128.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.4 (50 × Ar-C), 135.5, 135.6, 135.7, 135.8 ( $10 \times Ar-C_{inso}$ ), 171.5 (s,  $CO_2(CH_2)_2CH_3$ ); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{80}H_{84}O_{22}P_5$  1551.4137; Found 1551.4106.

## 2-O-Butanoyl *myo*-inositol 1,3,4,5,6-pentakisphosphate (5)

Compound **16** (1.50 g, 0.97 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (30 mL) and water (5 mL) and 10% palladium hydroxide on activated charcoal (150 mg) were added. The resulting suspension was shaken in a Parr hydrogenator under  $H_2$  for 18 h at room temperature. The catalyst was filtered through a PTFE syringe filter and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The hygroscopic white foam was then purified by RP-18 silica gel column chromatography (0.05 M TEAB: Acetonitrile, 0 to 75%) to afford **5** (964 mg, 89%) as the triethylammonium salt,  $^{31}$ P NMR (109.4 MHz, H-decoupled,  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  0.17 (2 P, s), 1.24 (2 P, s), 1.59 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz,  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  0.76 (3 H, t, J 7.4 Hz,  $CO_2(CH_2)_2CH_3$ ), 1.07 (~42 H, t, J 7.4

Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 1.47 (2 H, sextet, J 7.4 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (2 H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.99 (~29 H, q, J 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 4.04-4.15 (3 H, m, J 2.3, 9.4, 9.8 Hz, C-1-H, C-3-H and C-5-H), 4.31 (2 H, ap. quartet, ddd, C-4-H and C-6-H), 5.53 (1 H, br s, C-2-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta_{\mathbb{C}}$  8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 12.9 (CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.8 (CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.4 (CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 71.6 (C-2), 72.2 (C-1 and C-3), 76.3 (C-4 and C-6), 77.2 (C-5), 175.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>22</sub>P<sub>5</sub>Na 672.9261; Found 672.9259.

## 2-*O*-Benzyl-1,6:3,4-bis-[*O*-(2,3-dimethoxybutane-2,3-diyl)]-*myo*-inositol (18)

Sodium hydride (60%, 235 mg, 5.88 mmol) was added portionwise to a suspension of 1,6:3,4-bis-[*O*-(2,3-dimethoxybutane-2,3-diyl)]-*myo*-inositol **17** (2.0 g, 4.90 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (120 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred for 1 h and benzyl bromide (0.64 mL, 5.39 mmol) was added dropwise over 30 min. Stirring was continued for a further 20 h, after which time TLC (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:1) showed the complete conversion of starting material (R<sub>f</sub> 0.0) to a product (R<sub>f</sub> 0.4) and the excess sodium hydride was destroyed by the dropwise addition of methanol. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (200 mL), washed with water (200 mL), brine (200 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 2:1 to 1:1) to afford 2-O-benzyl ether 18 (1.92 g, 79%) as a white solid, m.p. 214-216 °C (ethanol), (Riley et al., 2012) m.p. 214-216 °C (ethanol); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31 (12 H, s, 4 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40 (1 H, d, J 2.0 Hz, C-5-OH), 3.23 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.28 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54 (2 H, dd, J 2.4, 10.1 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 3.66 (1 H, dt, J2.0, 9.6 Hz, C-5-H), 3.81 (1 H, t, J2.4 Hz, C-2-H), 4.08 (2 H, dd, J 9.6, 10.1 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.86 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.22–7.26 (1 H, m, Ar-H), 7.29– 7.34 (2 H, m, Ar-H), 7.50–7.53 ( H, m, Ar-H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz)  $\delta$  17.7 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.9 (2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.0 (2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 69.1 (C-1 and C-3), 69.4 (C-4 and C-6), 70.6 (C-5), 73.8 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>O), 76.2 (C-2), 99.1 (2  $\times$  C(CH<sub>3</sub>)OCH<sub>3</sub>), 99.6 (2  $\times$  $C(CH_3)OCH_3$ ), 126.9 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 127.6, 127.8 (Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 139.6 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{38}NaO_{10}$  521.2357; Found 521.2337; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>10</sub> (498.57); C 60.23, H, 7.68; Found C 60.3, H, 7.44.

### 2-O-Benzyl-myo-inositol (19)

Aqueous TFA (90%, 5 mL) was added to a solution of 2-*O*-benzyl ether **18** (500 mg, 1.00 mmol) in DCM (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h at room temperature, after which time TLC (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:1) indicated the complete conversion of starting material (R<sub>f</sub> 0.4) to a product (R<sub>f</sub> 0.0). The solvents were then removed by evaporation *in vacuo* followed by coevaporation with methanol a few times until all the traces of butanedione (yellow in colour) was removed to give the pure tetraol **19** (271 mg, quantitative) as a white solid, m.p. 248–250 °C (water), (Riley et al., 2006) m.p. 248–251 °C (water); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMF-d7) δ3.38 (1 H, dt, *J* 4.2, 9.2 Hz, C-5-H), 3.69 (2 H, ddd, *J* 2.6, 5.1, 9.6 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 3.88 (2 H, ddd, *J* 4.2, 9.2, 9.6 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.13 (1 H, t, *J* 2.6 Hz, C-2-H), 4.94 (2 H, d, *J* 5.1 Hz, C-1-OH and C-3-OH), 4.98 (3 H, d, *J* 4.2 Hz, C-4-OH, C-5-OH and C-6-OH), 5.12 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.47-7.51 (1 H, m, Ar-H<sub>para</sub>), 7.55-7.59 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>meta</sub>), 7.68-7.70 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>ortho</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMF-d7) δ<sub>C</sub> 73.2 (C-1 and C-3), 74.2 (C-4 and C-6), 74.9 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>Ph), 76.3 (C-5), 82.4 (C-2), 127.1 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 127.4, 128.2 (Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 140.5 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (270.28), C 57.77; H 6.71; Found C 57.50, H 6.65.

## 2-*O*-Benzyl 1,3,4,5,6-pentakis-*O*-[bis(cyanoethyloxy)phosphoryl] *myo*-inositol (20)

To a solution of 2-*O*-benzyl *myo*-inositol **19** (200 mg, 0.74 mmol) and 1*H*-tetrazole (518 mg, 7.40 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (3 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added bis(cyanoethyl)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (1.48 g, 5.55 mmol). Stirring was continued for 2 h at room temperature, after which time TLC (ethyl acetate:ethanol, 4:1) confirmed the complete consumption of starting material ( $R_f$  0.0) to a product ( $R_f$  0.6) of which  $^{31}P$  NMR (109 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  139.16 (1 P, m, phosphite at C-5), 140.49, 142.81 (2 × 2 P, 2 × m, phosphites at C-1 and C-3 & phosphites at C-4 and C-6). The reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and mCPBA (77%, 1.66 g, 7.40 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 15 min, TLC (ethyl acetate:ethanol, 4:1) showed complete oxidation of pentakisphosphite to pentakisphosphate ( $R_f$  0.2) and the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 200 mL), dried and solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (methanol in ethyl acetate 0 to 20%) to afford the protected pentakisphosphate

**20** (690 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil,  $^{31}$ P NMR (162 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –3.64, –2.52 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6), –2.44 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.73-2.92 (20 H, m, 10 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.29-4.54 (23 H, m, C-1-H, C-3-H, C-5-H and 10 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.70 (1 H, br s, C-2-H), 4.85 (2 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.5, 9.6, 9.6 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.92 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.30–7.33 (1 H, m, Ar-H<sub>para</sub>), 7.36-7.43 (4 H, m, Ar-H<sub>meta</sub> and Ar-H<sub>ortho</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, ACETONE-d6)  $\delta$  19.9, 20.0, 20.0, 20.0, 20.1, 20.1 (10 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 64.2, 64.3, 64.4, 64.4, 64.4, 64.4, 64.5 (10 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 75.9 (m, C-1 and C-3), 76.3 (m, C-5), 76.6 (m, C-4 and C-6), 77.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 77.9 (C-2), 118.5, 118.5, 118.5, 118.5, 118.6 (10 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 128.6 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 128.7, 129.3 (Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 139.2 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>10</sub>NaO<sub>21</sub>P<sub>5</sub> 1223.1967; Found 1223.1951.

## 2-O-Benzyl-myo-inositol 1,3,4,5,6-pentakisphosphate (7)

Compound **20** (600 mg, 0.50 mmol) was then dissolved in concentrated aqueous ammonia solution (30 mL) and heated at 60 °C overnight in a Pyrex pressure tube. After evaporation of solution under vacuum, the residue was purified by ion exchange chromatography on Q Sepharose Fast Flow resin eluting with a gradient of aqueous TEAB (0 to 2.0 moldm<sup>-3</sup>) to afford the pure triethylammonium salt of 2-*O*-benzyl *myo* inositol 1,3,4,5,6-pentakisphosphate **7** (549 mg, 95%) as a hygroscopic white solid, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, H-decoupled, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$ 0.32, 1.20 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 and phosphates at C-4 and C-6), 1.70 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$ 1.05 (~47 H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 2.96 (~31 H, q, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 3.95-4.05 (3 H, m, *J* 2.2, 9.4, 9.8 Hz, C-1-H, C-3-H and C-5-H), 4.25 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, C-2-H), 4.30 (2 H, ap. quartet, ddd, *J* 9.4, 9.8 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.74 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.16-7.20 (1 H, m, Ar-H<sub>para</sub>), 7.22-7.26 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>meta</sub>), 7.37-7.39 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>ortho</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$ c 8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 46.3 (CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 74.1 (m, C-1 and C-3), 75.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 76.2 (m, C-4 and C-6), 77.5 (m, C-5), 78.9 (C-2), 127.9 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 128.3 (Ar-C), 128.4 (Ar-C), 138.3 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/z: [M – H]<sup>-</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>21</sub>P<sub>5</sub> 668.9347; Found 668.9338.

# 2-*O*-Benzyl 5-*O*-[bis(cyanoethyloxy)phosphoryl] 1,6:3,4-bis-[*O*-(2,3-dimethoxybutane-2,3-diyl)]-*myo*-inositol (21)

To a solution of 2-O-benzyl 2,3-butanedione derivative 18 (950 mg, 1.91 mmol) and 5phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (418 mg, 2.86 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added bis(cyanoethyl)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (763 mg, 2.86 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature, after which time  $^{31}P$  NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed a signal at  $\delta$  138.90 (1 P, s, phosphite at C-5) confirming the complete consumption of starting material. The reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and mCPBA (70%, 705 mg, 2.86 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature after which time  $^{31}P$  NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed a signal at  $\delta$  -2.95 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5) confirming the complete oxidation of product. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution ( $2 \times 200$  mL), dried and solvent evaporated in vacuo. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:4) to afford phosphate triester 21 (1.24 g, 95%) as a white foam, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –2.82 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.27 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.77 (4 H, dt, J3.1, 6.4 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 3.21 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.27 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.55 (2 H, dd, J 2.4, 10.2 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 3.80 (1 H, t, J 2.4 Hz, C-2-H), 4.18 (2 H, t, J 10.2 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.27-4.42 (5 H, m, C-5-H and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.84 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.23-7.27 (1 H, m, Ar-H), 7.30–7.34 (2 H, m, Ar-H), 7.48–7.50 (2 H, m, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.5 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.5, 19.6 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 48.0 (2 ×  $OCH_3$ ), 48.0 (2 ×  $OCH_3$ ), 62.0, 62.1 (2 ×  $OCH_2CH_2CN$ ), 67.8 (d,  ${}^3J_{CP}$  3.5 Hz, C-4 and C-6), 68.6 (C-1 and C-3), 73.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 75.7 (C-2), 77.9 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{\text{CP}}$  6.5 Hz, C-5), 99.3 (2 ×  $C(CH_3)OCH_3$ ), 99.6 (2 ×  $C(CH_3)OCH_3$ ), 116.4 (2 ×  $OCH_2CH_2CN$ ), 127.1 (Ar- $C_{para}$ ), 127.7, 127.9 (Ar- $C_{ortho}$  and Ar- $C_{meta}$ ), 139.2 (s, Ar- $C_{ipso}$ ); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>13</sub>P 707.2551; Found 707.2585.

### 2-O-Benzyl 5-O-[bis(cyanoethyloxy)phosphoryl]-myo-inositol (22)

Aqueous TFA (90%, 2 mL) was added to a solution of phosphate triester **21** (250 mg, 0.37 mmol) in DCM (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 25 min at room temperature,

after which time TLC (ethyl acetate:methanol, 4:1) indicated the complete conversion of starting material ( $R_f$  0.7) to a product ( $R_f$  0.4). The solvents were then removed by evaporation *in vacuo* followed by coevaporation with methanol a few times until all the traces of butanedione (yellow colour) was removed to give the pure tetraol **22** (167 mg, quantitative) as a white solid, m.p. 156-158 °C (methanol); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –2.88 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.96 (4 H, t, J 6.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 3.55 (2 H, dd, J 2.4, 9.8 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 3.90 (2 H, t, J 9.7 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 3.99 (1 H, t, J 2.4 Hz, C-2-H), 4.16 (1 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.3 Hz, C-5-H), 4.37-4.48 (4 H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.94 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.29-7.33 (1 H, m, Ar-H), 7.36-7.40 (2 H, m, Ar-H), 7.48-7.50 (2 H, m, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.0, 20.0 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 64.1, 64.2 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 73.3 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C,P}$  3.2 Hz, C-4 and C-6), 73.6 (C-1 and C-3), 76.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 82.1 (C-2), 85.3 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C,P}$  7.2 Hz, C-5), 118.6 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 128.4 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 128.9, 129.2 (Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 140.6 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>9</sub>P 479.1190; Found 479.1217.

# 2-*O*-Benzyl 5-*O*-[bis(cyanoethyloxy)phosphoryl] 1,3,4,6-pentakis-*O*-[bis(benzyloxy)phosphoryl] *myo*-inositol (23)

To a solution of tetraol **22** (167 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (320 mg, 2.19 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added bis(benzyloxy)(*N*,*N*-diisopropylamino)phosphine (0.74 mL, 2.19 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1.5 h at room temperature, after which time TLC (ethyl acetate:methanol, 9:1) confirmed the complete consumption of starting material ( $R_f$  0.2) to a product ( $R_f$  0.8) of which <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  –2.88 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5), 140.93 (2 P, d, *J* 4.9 Hz), 143.52 (2 P, d, *J* 4.9 Hz). The reaction mixture was cooled to –40 °C and *m*CPBA (70%, 540 mg, 2.19 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 30 min, TLC (ethyl acetate:methanol, 9:1) showed complete oxidation of tetrakisphosphite to pentakisphosphate ( $R_f$  0.6) of which <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  –2.95 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5), –2.10 (2 P, s), –1.75 (2 P, s). The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 100 mL), dried and solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate in pet. ether, 60 to 100%) to afford 2-

*O*-benzyl pentakisphosphate **23** (514 mg, 94%) as a colorless oil, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –2.87 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5), –1.91 and –1.62 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.48 (4 H, t, *J* 6.3 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.09-4.20 (4H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.26 (2 H, ddd, *J* 2.3, 10.0 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 4.38 (1 H, ap. quartet, ddd, *J* 9.5, 9.8 Hz, C-5-H), 4.75 (3 H, br s, C-2-H and OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.87-5.08 (18 H, m, 8 × OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph, C-4-H and C-6-H), 7.19–7.28 (45 H, m, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  19.0, 19.1 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 62.6, 62.7 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 69.6, 69.7, 69.7, 69.8, 69.9 (8 × OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 74.9 (m, C-1 and C-3), 75.1 (m, C-4 and C-6), 76.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 76.3 (m, C-5), 76.7 (C-2), 116.8 (2 × OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 127.4, 127.6, 128.0, 128.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>, Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 135.3, 135.4, 135.4, 135.5, 135.6, 135.7, 135.8, 137.8 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>), HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>75</sub>H<sub>77</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>21</sub>P<sub>5</sub> 1519.3599; Found 1519.3588.

## 2-O-Benzyl 5-diphosphoinositol 1,3,4,6-tetrakisphosphate (8)

To a solution of 2-O-Bn pentakisphosphate 23 (42 mg, 0.03 mmol) in dry CDCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added DBU (16.76 µL, 0.11 mmol) followed by BSTFA (29.77 µL, 0.11 mmol) and the reaction mixture was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. After stirring the reaction mixture for 1 h at room temperature, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$ -17.52 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5), -2.28, -1.68 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) confirming the complete removal of cyanoethyl protection on C-5 phosphate of starting material to the TMS protected phosphate at the C-5 position (23a, see the attached spectra). MeOH (28.38 µL, 0.70 mmol) followed by TFA (8.59 µL, 0.11 mmol) was then added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 15 min after which time <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  -3.04, -2.25 (2)  $\times$  2 P, 2  $\times$  s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) and -0.51 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5) confirming the complete removal of TMS protection on C-5 phosphate to provide the phosphate monoester at the C-5 position (23b, see the attached spectrum). The solvents were then evaporated and the residue was dried under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (6.15 mg, 0.04 mmol), followed by bis(benzyloxy)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (14.14 μL, 0.04 mmol). Stirring was continued for 30 min at room temperature, after which time <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  –10.94 (1 P, s, C-5-O-

 $P(O)(OH)OP(OBn)_2$ , -2.28, -2.11 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6), 127.82 (1 P, s, C-5-O-P(O)(OH)OP(OBn)<sub>2</sub>) confirming the completion of the phosphitylation of C-5 phosphate (23c, see the attached spectrum). The reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and 70% mCPBA (10.37 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 15 min,  $^{31}$ P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  13.44 (1 P, d, J 14.6 Hz, C-5-O-P(O)(OH)OP(O)(OBn)<sub>2</sub>), 11.23 (1 P, d, J 14.6 Hz, C-5-O- $P(O)(OH)OP(O)(OBn)_2$ , -2.28, -1.99 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) confirming the completion of the oxidation (see the attached spectrum of the reaction mixture). The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (100 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 100 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and solvent evaporated in vacuo. Without further purification, the crude product was redissolved in t-BuOH (2 mL) and deionised water (0.5 mL); NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (25.92 mg, 0.31 mmol) and 10% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub> on activated charcoal (15 mg) were then added and stirred under an atmosphere of H2 (using a balloon) at room temperature. After 1 h, more deionised water (1.5 mL) was added and the hydrogenolysis continued for a further 30 min. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a PTFE syringe filter and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by ion-exchange chromatography on Q Sepharose Fast Flow resin eluting with a gradient of aqueous TEAB (0 to 2.0 moldm<sup>-3</sup>) to give the triethylammonium salt of 2-O-Bn-5PP-IP<sub>4</sub> **8** (21 mg, 58%) as a white foam,  ${}^{31}$ P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  -11.24 (1 P, d, J 21.1 Hz, C-5-OP), -10.76 (1 P, d, J 21.1 Hz,  $POPO_3^{2-}$ ), 0.20, 0.55 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, C-1-P and C-3-P & C-4-P and C-6-P);  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  1.16 (~48 H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 3.08 (~31 H, q, J 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 4.16 (2 H, ddd, J 2.6, 9.9 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 4.20 (1 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 8.6 Hz, C-5-H), 4.25 (1 H, t, J 2.6 Hz, C-2-H), 4.45 (2 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.4 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.84 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.26-7.29 (1 H, m, Ar-H<sub>para</sub>), 7.32-7.35 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>meta</sub>), 7.48-7.49 (2 H, m, Ar-H<sub>ortho</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125.8 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 8.2 (CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 46.6 (CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 74.3 (d, J 5.4 Hz, C-1 and C-3), 76.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 76.3 (m, C-4 and C-6), 77.8 (broad, C-5), 79.1 (C-2), 128.0 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 128.5, 128.6 (Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar- $C_{meta}$ ), 138.2 (Ar- $C_{ipso}$ ); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M - H]^-$  Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{23}O_{24}P_6$ 748.9010; Found 748.9020.

# 2-*O*-Benzyl 5-*O*-[[Bis(benzyloxy)phosphoryloxy]benzyloxyphosphoryl]1,3,4,6-tetrakis-*O*-[bis(benzyloxy)phosphoryl] *myo*-inositol (24)

To a solution of pentakisphosphate 23 (150 mg, 0.10 mmol) in dry CDCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added DBU (59.87 µL, 0.40 mmol) followed by BSTFA (106.33 µL, 0.40 mmol) and the reaction mixture was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. After stirring the reaction mixture for 1 h at room temperature, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$ -17.52 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5), -2.28, -1.68 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) confirming the complete removal of cyanoethyl protection on C-5 phosphate of starting material to the TMS protected phosphate at the C-5 position (23a, see the attached spectra). MeOH (101.34 µL, 2.50 mmol) followed by TFA (30.66 µL, 0.40 mmol) was then added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 15 min after which time <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  –3.04, –2.25 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) and -0.51 (1 P, s, phosphate at C-5) confirming the complete removal of TMS protection on C-5 phosphate to provide the phosphate monoester (23b, see the attached spectrum). The solvents were then evaporated and the residue was dried under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added 5-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (21.96 mg, 0.15 mmol), followed by bis(benzyloxy)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (50.49 µL, 0.15 mmol). Stirring was continued for 30 min at room temperature, after which time <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, Hdecoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  -10.94 (1 P, s, C-5-O-P(O)(OH)OP(OBn)<sub>2</sub>), -2.28, -2.11 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6), 127.82 (1 P, s, C-5-O-P(O)(OH)OP(OBn)<sub>2</sub>) confirming the completion of the phosphitylation of C-5 phosphate (23c, see the attached spectrum). The reaction mixture was cooled to −40 °C and 70% mCPBA (37.05 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 30 min, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  13.44 (1 P, d, J 14.6 Hz, C-5-O- $P(O)(OH)OP(O)(OBn)_2)$ , 11.23 (1 P, d, J 14.6 Hz, C-5-O-P(O)(OH)OP(O)(OBn)\_2), -2.28, -1.99 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6) confirming the completion of the oxidation (see the attached spectrum of the reaction mixture). The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 200 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and solvent evaporated in vacuo. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate in pet.ether, 0 to 100% followed by MeOH in ethyl acetate, 0 to 20%) to obtain hexakisphosphate 24 (130 mg, 79%) as a colorless

oil, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –12.77 (1 P, broad), –10.74 (1 P, d, *J* 14.6 Hz), –2.87 and –2.31 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.86-5.14 (28 H, br peaks, m, C-1-H, C-2-H, C-3-H, C-4-H, C-5-H, C-6-H and 22 × OC*H*<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.04-7.25 (55H, m, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  69.5, 69.5, 69.7, 69.7, 70.0, 70.2 (br peaks, O*C*H<sub>2</sub>Ph), 75.1 (br m, Inositol-*C*), 76.7(Inositol-*C*), 127.2, 127.3, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.5 (Ar-C<sub>para</sub>, Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 135.5, 135.5, 135.6, 135.7, 135.9, 138.0 (Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>83</sub>H<sub>84</sub>NaO<sub>24</sub>P<sub>6</sub> 1673.3670; Found 1673.3623.

## 5-diphosphoinositol 1,3,4,6-tetrakisphosphate (9)

Compound 24 (130 mg, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in t-BuOH (2 mL) and deionised water (0.5 mL). NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (72.74 mg, 0.87 mmol) and 10% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub> on activated charcoal (46 mg) were then added and stirred under an atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> (using a balloon) at room temperature. After 1 h, more deionised water (1.5 mL) was added and the hydrogenolysis continued for a further 30 min. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a PTFE syringe filter and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by ion-exchange chromatography on Q Sepharose Fast Flow resin eluting with a gradient of aqueous TEAB (0 to 2.0 moldm<sup>-3</sup>) to give the triethylammonium salt of 5-diphosphoinositol tetrakisphosphate 9 (61 mg, 65%) as a white foam;  $^{31}P$  NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  -11.38 (1 P, d, J 21.1 Hz, C-5-OP), -10.80 (1 P, d, J 21.1 Hz,  $POPO_3^{2-}$ ), 0.31, 0.60 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, C-1-P and C-3-P & C-4-P and C-6-P);  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  1.17 (~48 H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 3.10 (~31 H, q, J 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 4.06 (2 H, ddd, J 2.7, 9.9 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 4.17 (1 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.0 Hz, C-5-H), 4.20 (1H, t, J 2.6 Hz, C-2-H), 4.17 (2H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.4 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  8.2 (CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 46.5 (CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 70.7 (C-2), 74.1 (d, J 5.1 Hz, C-1 and C-3), 75.9 (m, C-4 and C-6), 77.7 (m, C-5); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M - H]^-$  Calcd for  $C_6H_{17}O_{24}P_6$  658.8541; Found 658.8555.

## **2,5-Di-***O*-benzyl-**1,6:3,4-bis-**[*O*-(**2,3-dimethoxybutane-2,3-diyl**)]-*myo*-inositol (**25**)

Sodium hydride (60%, 343 mg, 8.57 mmol) was added portionwise to a suspension of diol **17** (1.0 g, 2.45 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (40 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred for 30 min and benzyl bromide (0.82 mL, 6.86 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min. Stirring was continued for a further 18 h, after which time TLC (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:1) showed the

complete conversion of starting material (R<sub>f</sub> 0.0) to a product (R<sub>f</sub> 0.7) and the excess sodium hydride was destroyed by the dropwise addition of methanol. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 mL), washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting compound was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 2:1 to 1:1) to afford 2,5-di-Obenzyl ether **25** (1.41 g, 98%) as a white solid, m.p. 164-166 °C (ethanol); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.26 (6 H, s, 2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (6 H, s, 2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19 (6 H, s, 2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (6 H, s,  $2 \times OCH_3$ ), 3.47-3.54 (3 H, m, C-1-H, C-3-H and C-5-H), 3.75 (1 H, br s, C-2-H), 4.14 (2 H, t, J 9.4, 10.2 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.80 (2 H, d, J 2.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.81 (2 H, d, J 2.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.16-7.20 (2 H, m, Ar-H), 7.22-7.27 (4 H, m, Ar-H), 7.34-7.37 (2 H, m, Ar-H), 7.44-7.46 (2 H, m, Ar-H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  17.6 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (2 ×  $CH_3$ ), 47.8 (2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 47.9 (2 × OCH<sub>3</sub>), 69.3 (C-1 and C-3), 69.9 (C-4 and C-6), 73.7  $(OCH_2Ph)$ , 75.0  $(OCH_2Ph)$ , 76.0 (C-2), 78.8 (C-5), 99.0  $(2 \times C(CH_3)OCH_3)$ , 99.5  $(2 \times C(CH_3)OCH_3)$  $C(CH_3)OCH_3)$ , 126.9, 127.2 (2 × Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 127.5, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0 (2 × Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar- $C_{meta}$ ), 139.6 (2 × Ar- $C_{ipso}$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{44}O_{10}$ ; C 65.29, H, 7.53; found C 65.20, H, 7.63.

#### 2,5-Di-*O*-benzyl-*myo*-inositol (26)

A mixture of TFA (1.8 mL) and water (0.2 mL) was added to a solution of 2,5-di-O-benzyl ether **25** (300 mg, 0.51 mmol) in DCM (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, after which time TLC (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:1) indicated the complete conversion of starting material ( $R_f$  0.7) to a product ( $R_f$  0.0). The solvents were then removed by evaporation *in vacuo* followed by coevaporation with methanol a few times until all the traces of butanedione (yellow in colour) was removed to give the pure tetraol **26** (184 mg, quantitative) as a white solid, m.p. 267-269 °C (methanol), (Mills and Potter, 2003) m.p. 271-273 °C (DMF-ethanol);  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  3.09 (1 H, t, J 9.1 Hz, C-5-H), 3.38 (2 H, dd, J 2.2, 9.7 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 3.65 (2 H, t, J 9.4 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 3.79 (1 H, br s, C-2-H), 4.84 (8 H, br s, C-1-OH, C-3-OH, C-4-OH, C-6-OH and 2 × OC $H_2$ Ph), 7.27-7.48 (10 H, m, Ar-H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 72.1 (C-1 and C-3), 73.0 (C-4 and C-6), 73.7, 74.1 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 81.8 (C-2), 84.2 (C-5), 126.9, 126.9 (2 × Ar-C<sub>para</sub>), 127.0, 127.5, 127.9, 127.9 (2 × Ar-C<sub>ortho</sub> and Ar-C<sub>metal</sub>), 139.9, 139.9 (2 × Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> 383.1465; Found 383.1466.

#### Myo inositol 2,5-di-O-benzyl 1,3,4,6-tetrakisphosphate (10)

To a solution of 2,5-di-O-benzyl myo-inositol 26 (160 mg, 0.44 mmol) and 5-phenyl-1Htetrazole (389 mg, 2.66 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) under an atmosphere of argon, was added bis(cyanoethyl)(N,N-diisopropylamino)phosphine (711 mg, 2.66 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature, after which time TLC (ethyl acetate:methanol, 9:1) confirmed the complete consumption of starting material (R<sub>f</sub> 0.2) to a product (R<sub>f</sub> 0.6) of which  $^{31}P$  NMR (109.4 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$  140.40 (2 P, s) and 142.51 (2 P, s). The reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and t-BuOOH (0.38 mL, 2.66 mmol) was added portionwise while stirring. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 30 min, TLC (ethyl acetate:methanol, 9:1) showed complete oxidation of tetrakisphosphite to tetrakisphosphate (R<sub>f</sub> 0.3) of which <sup>31</sup>P NMR (109.4 MHz, H-decoupled, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed signals at  $\delta$ -2.81 (2 P, s) and -2.08 (2 P, s). The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL), washed with 10% sodium sulphite solution (2 × 100 mL), dried and solvent evaporated in vacuo to afford the crude 2,5-di-O-benzyl 1,3,4,6-tetrakis-*O*-[bis(cyanoethyloxy)phosphoryl] myo inositol. Without further purification crude product was then dissolved in concentrated aqueous ammonia solution (30 mL) and heated at 70 °C overnight in a Pyrex pressure tube. After evaporation of solution under vacuum, the residue was purified by ion exchange chromatography on Q Sepharose Fast Flow resin eluting with a gradient of aqueous TEAB (0 to 2.0 moldm<sup>-3</sup>) to afford the pure triethylammonium salt of 2,5-di-O-benzyl tetrakisphosphate 10 (294 mg, 64%) as a hygroscopic white solid, <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, H-decoupled, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$ -0.77 and 0.09 (2 × 2 P, 2 × s, phosphates at C-1 and C-3 & phosphates at C-4 and C-6);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  1.12 (~32 H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of  $TEA^{+}$ ), 3.03 (~22 H, q, J 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> of  $TEA^{+}$ ), 3.59 (1 H, t, J 9.4 Hz, C-5-H), 4.16 (1 H, ddd, J 2.3, 9.8 Hz, C-1-H and C-3-H), 4.24 (1 H, t, J 2.3 Hz, C-2-H), 4.44 (2 H, ap. quartet, ddd, J 9.4, 9.8 Hz, C-4-H and C-6-H), 4.76 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.81 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 7.23-7.33 (6 H, m, Ar-H), 7.44-7.50 (4 H, m, Ar-H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 46.5 (CH<sub>2</sub> of TEA<sup>+</sup>), 74.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 74.7 (m, C-1 and C-3), 76.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 77.0 (m, C-4 and C-6), 79.1 (C-2), 79.8 (C-5), 128.0, 128.1 (2 × Ar- $C_{para}$ ), 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 129.3 (2 × Ar- $C_{ortho}$ and Ar-C<sub>meta</sub>), 137.4, 138.1 (2 × Ar-C<sub>ipso</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NaO<sub>18</sub>P<sub>4</sub> 703.0118; Found 703.0103.

## Protein Expression, Purification, Crystallization and Structure Determination

Full-length human IP6K2, the kinase domain of human PPIP5K2 (PPIP5K2KD; residues 1-366), and the N-terminally truncated domain used for the crystallography studies (residues 41-366) were all sub-cloned, expressed and purified as before (Wang et al., 2012; Weaver et al., 2013). The PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> was crystallized by hanging drop vapor diffusion against a well buffer of 12% (w/v) PEG 3350, 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 M HEPES, pH 7.0, 1 mM AMP-PNP and 2 mM CdCl<sub>2</sub> at 4 °C. The crystals were then soaked with 5-10 mM compounds in a stabilizing buffer containing 22% (w/v) PEG 3350, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 M sodium acetate, pH 5.2 or 7.0 at 4 °C for 3 days. Cryosolvent was prepared by adding 33% ethylene glycol into the soaking buffer. Diffraction data were collected using APS beamlines 22-BM and 22-ID. All data were processed with the program HKL2000. The structure was determined using rigid body and direct Fourier synthesis, and refined with the equivalent and expanded test sets. The structure was further manually rebuilt with COOT and refined with PHENIX and REFMAC from the CCP4 package. Ligand topology and parameter files were prepared using the PRODRG server. The molecular graphics representations were prepared with the program PyMol (Schrödinger, LLC). The 2D ligand-protein interaction diagrams were generated by LigPlot+. Atomic coordinates and structure factors have been deposited with the Protein Data Bank with accession codes: 4NZM, 4NZN, 4NZO.

### Mutagenesis

Mutants were generated using a site-directed mutagenesis kit (Stratagene). Pairs of complementary primers were designed as shown below, with mutagenic primers underlined (only 5' primers are given):

K54A: GGAATATGTTCCATGGCAAAG<u>GCA</u>TCCAAATCCAAACCAATGAAG K103A:

CCTTTATGTGATTGTCTTATTTCTTTCCATTCT**GCA**GGATTTCCACTGGACAAAGCGG E192G:

TTTGTAGAAAAGCCAGTCAGTGCA $\underline{GGA}$ GATCACAATGTTTACATTTATTACCCAACT

E192Q:

TTTGTAGAAAAGCCAGTCAGTGCA $\underline{CAA}$ GATCACAATGTTTACATTTATTACCCAACTTC

All mutated constructs were sequenced. Mutant proteins were expressed and purified as for wild-type protein.

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Table.S1, related to Figure 5. Data collection and structure refinement statistics

PDB Accession Codes	4NZM	4NZN	4NZO	
Data collection	10 mM 5-PA-InsP5	5 mM 2-O-Bn-5-PA-InsP <sub>4</sub>	10 mM 2,5-di- <i>O</i> -Bn-InsP <sub>4</sub> at pH7.0	
	at pH 5.2	at pH 5.2		
Cell dimensions (a,b, c (Å))	111.2 41.4 89.6	110.7 41.3 89.3	111.1, 41.3, 89.1	
Resolution (Å)*	50-2.0 (2.03)	50-1.75 (1.79)	50-1.9 (1.93)	
Rsym*	0.114 (0.511)	0.071 (0.531)	0.073 (0.460)	
$I/\sigma I^*$	17.4 (3.2)	28.0 (2.5)	29.3 (3.7)	
Completeness (%)*	97.4 (91.3)	99.8 (97.9)	99.9 (99.6)	
Redundancy*	4.9 (3.0)	5.7 (4.8)	7.2 (6.4)	
Refinement				
Resolution(Å)*	34.28-2.0 (2.05)	33.2-1.75 (2.05)	35.53-1.9 (1.95)	
No. reflections	26130	39720	31228	
${R_{ m work}}^*$	19.8 (20.8)	14.1(22.7)	17.9 (22.2)	
${R_{\mathrm{free}}}^*$	23.1 (24.5)	18.0(27.6)	21.5 (26.8)	
No. atoms				
Protein	2700	2639	2658	
Analog	78	42	42	
AMP-PNP	31	31	31	
Mg	4	3	3	
Solvent	348	348	342	
B-factors (Å2)				
Protein	22.5	22.5	26.2	
Analog	28.7	62.4	65.5	
AMP-PNP	20.7	15.6	22.0	
Mg	35.7	17.5	23.7	
Solvent	35.6	37.9	36.8	
R.m.s. deviations				
Bond length(Å)	0.01	0.006	0.01	
Bond Angle (°)	1.30	1.38	1.54	

<sup>\*</sup> The numbers in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell

### **Figure Legends**

S1, related to Figure 4. 2,5-Di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (10) inhibits both ADP-driven [PP]<sub>2</sub>-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>4</sub> dephosphorylation and ATP-driven [<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>6</sub> phosphorylation by PPIP5K2 <sup>KD</sup>: HPLC analysis.

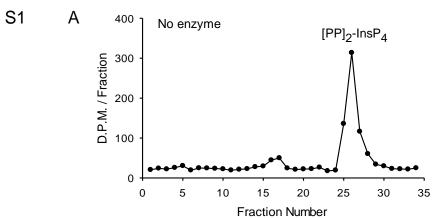
**A, B, C**: Incubation buffers (see Methods) contained 200 nM 1,5-[PP]<sub>2</sub>-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>4</sub> and either no enzyme (panel **A**), or 1 ng PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> (panel **B**) or 1 ng PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> plus 2 μM 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) (panel **C**). After 20 min reactions were quenched and analyzed by HPLC (Weaver et al., 2013). After accounting for the small (11%) contamination of the [PP]<sub>2</sub>-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>4</sub> with PP-[<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>5</sub> (panel A), reactions rates in the absence and presence of 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) were calculated to be 192 and 95 nmol/mg protein/min, respectively. **D**, **E**:Incubation buffers (see Methods) contained 500 nM [<sup>3</sup>H]InsP<sub>6</sub> plus either 12.5 ng PPIP5K2 (panel **D**) or 30 ng PPIP5K2<sup>KD</sup> plus 1.5 μM 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) (panel **E**). Reactions rates in the absence and presence of 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) were calculated to be 52 and 21 nmol/mg protein/min, respectively.

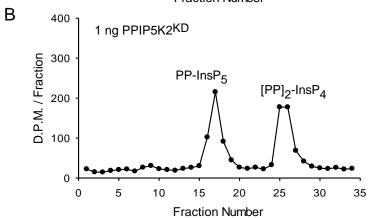
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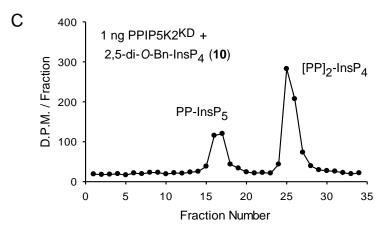
Panel **A** illustrates the steric clashing that prevents 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (**1**) from simultaneously binding to both the active site and the substrate capture site. Panels **B** and **C** illustrate how occupation of the substrate capture site by 2-*O*-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**2**) and 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) respectively imposes steric constraints that prevents InsP<sub>6</sub> from binding to the catalytic site. Analogs are depicted as stick models. Atoms are colored red for oxygen and orange for phosphorus, carbons colored gray in 5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**1**), cyan in 2-*O*-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**2**), green in 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**), and magenta in InsP<sub>6</sub>. Clashing phosphate groups at C-3 and C-4 on the inositol rings are highlighted. Close contacts are depicted in dashed line with distances. Panels **D**, **E**, and **F** describe Ligplots for 5-PA-InsP<sub>5</sub> (**1**), 2-*O*-Bn-5-PA-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**2**), and 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP<sub>4</sub> (**10**) respectively.

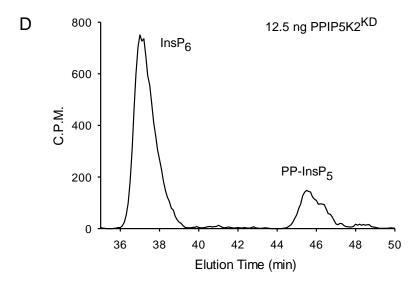
# S3, related to Figure 7. Cross-eye stereo view of the spatial separation of AMP-PNP from the substrate capture site.

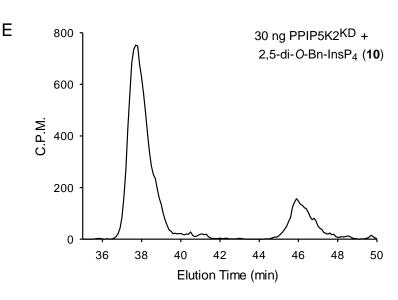
Protein residues are shown as stick models. AMPPNP, and inositol phosphate analogs 5-PA-InsP5 (1), 2-*O*-Bn-5-PA-InsP4 (2), and 2,5-di-*O*-Bn-InsP4 (10) all are shown as thicker stick models. Magnesium atoms and water molecules are shown as spheres. Atoms are colored magenta for magnesium, blue for nitrogen, red for oxygen, orange for phosphorus, and carbon for grey, cyan or green. Hydrogen bonds are shown as black dashed lines.

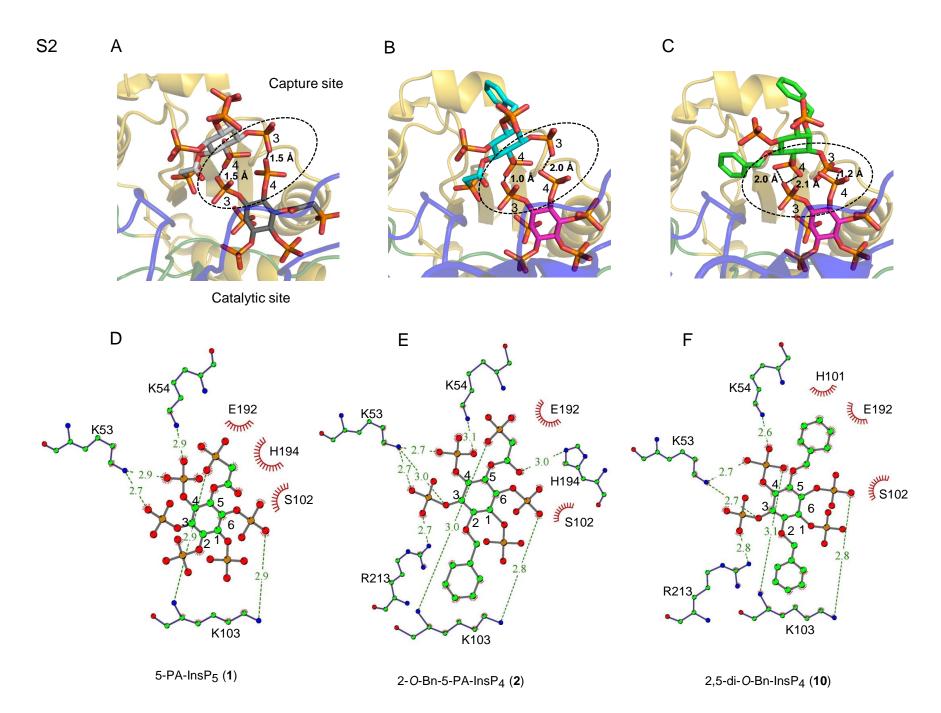


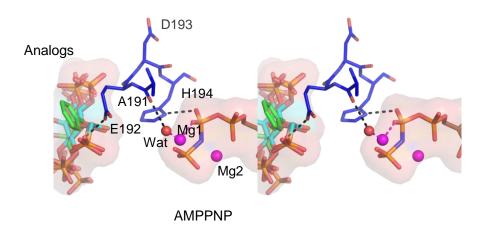




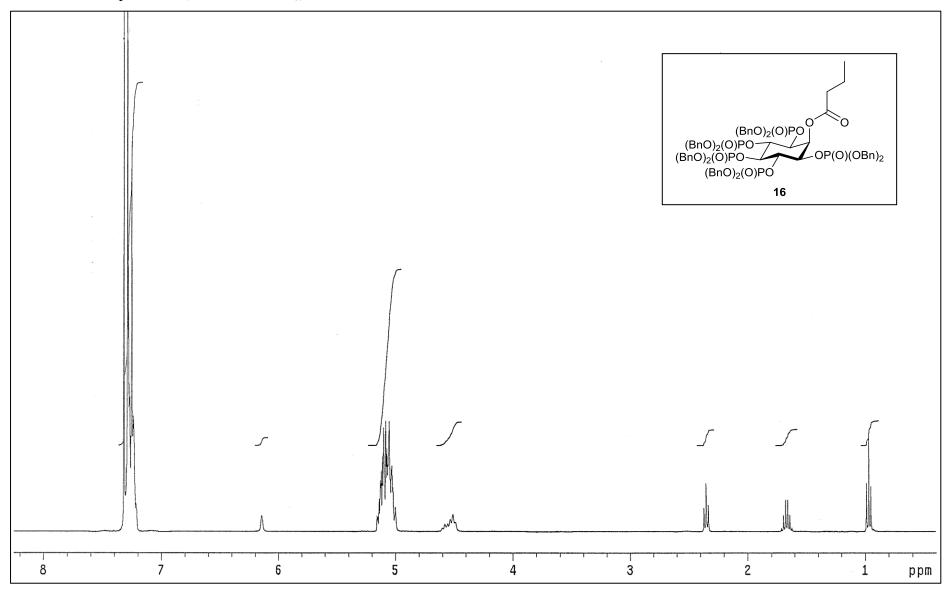




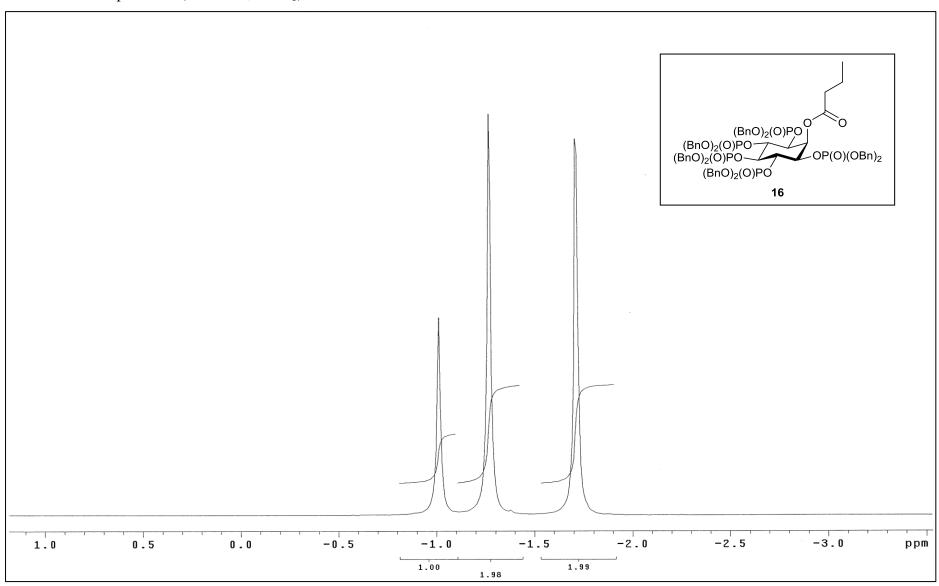




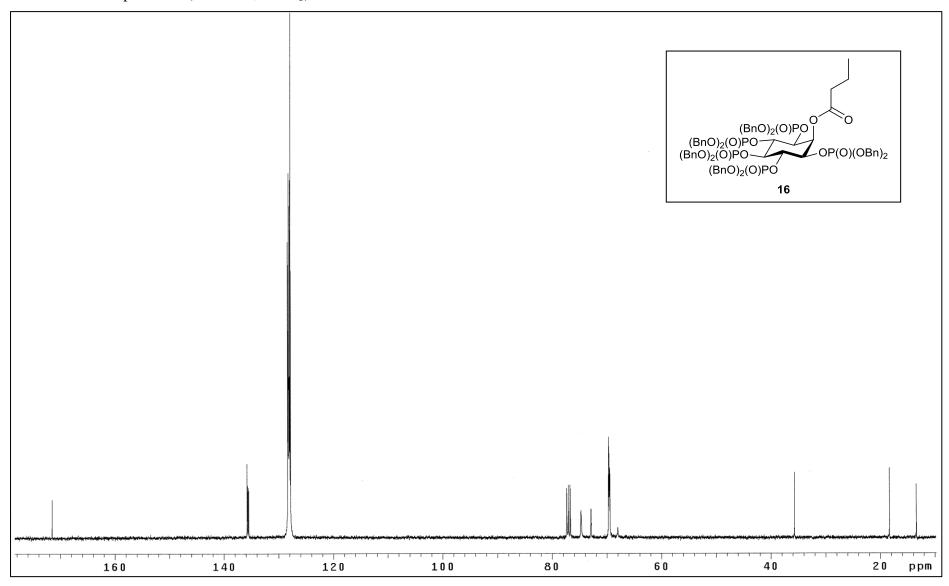
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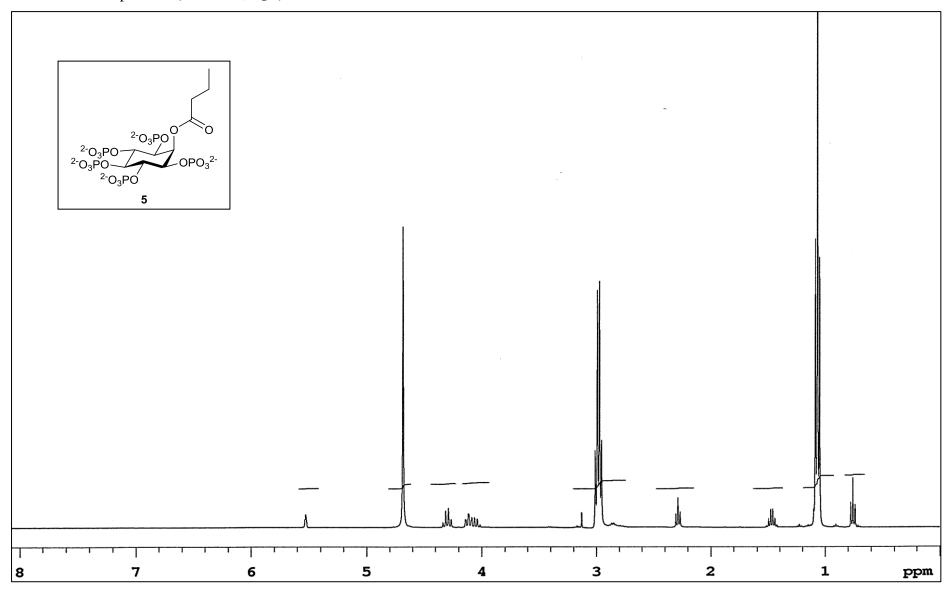
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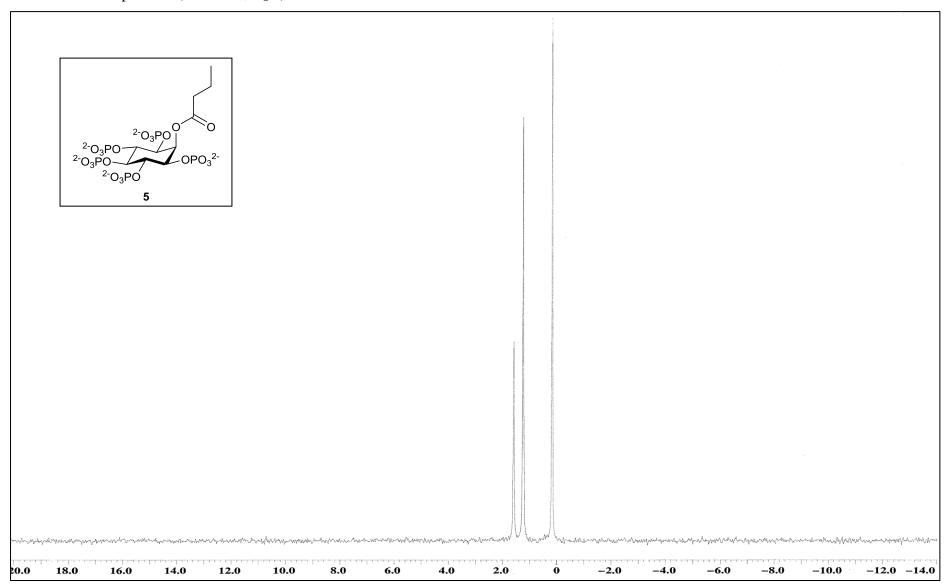
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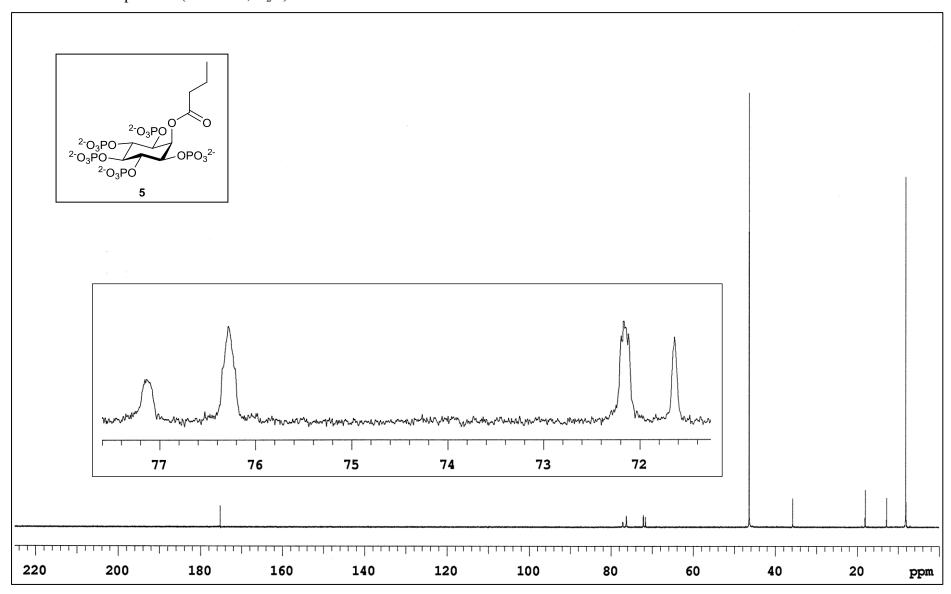
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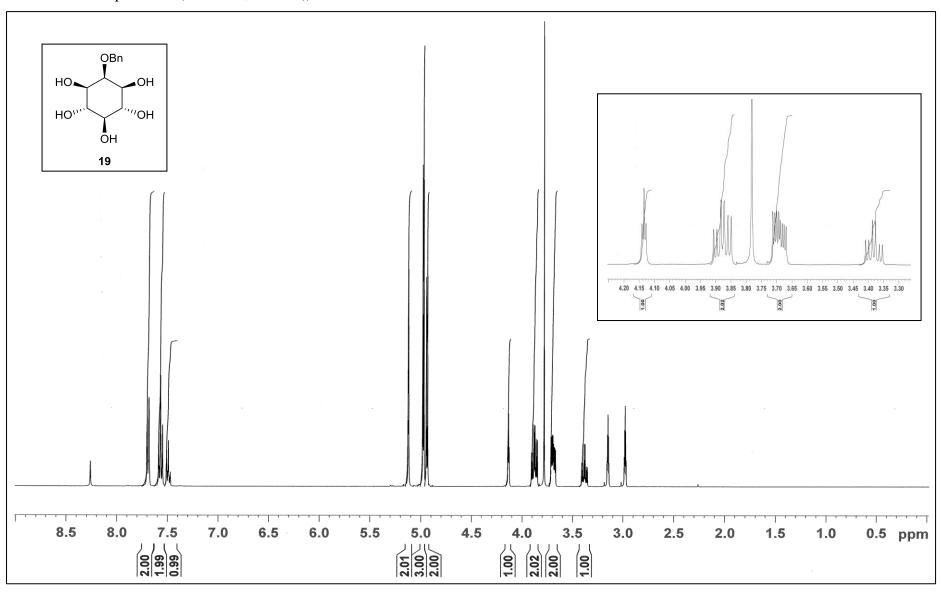
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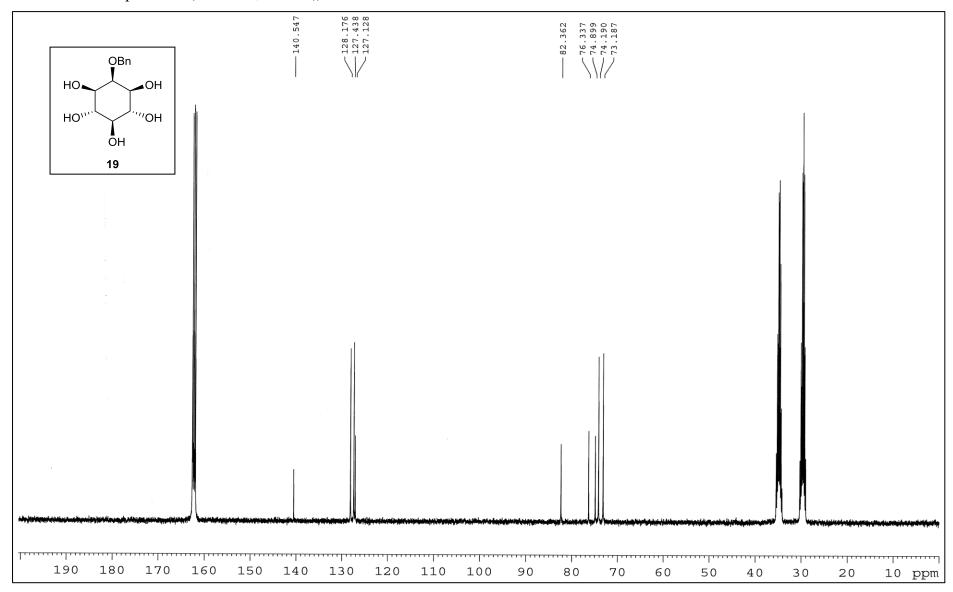
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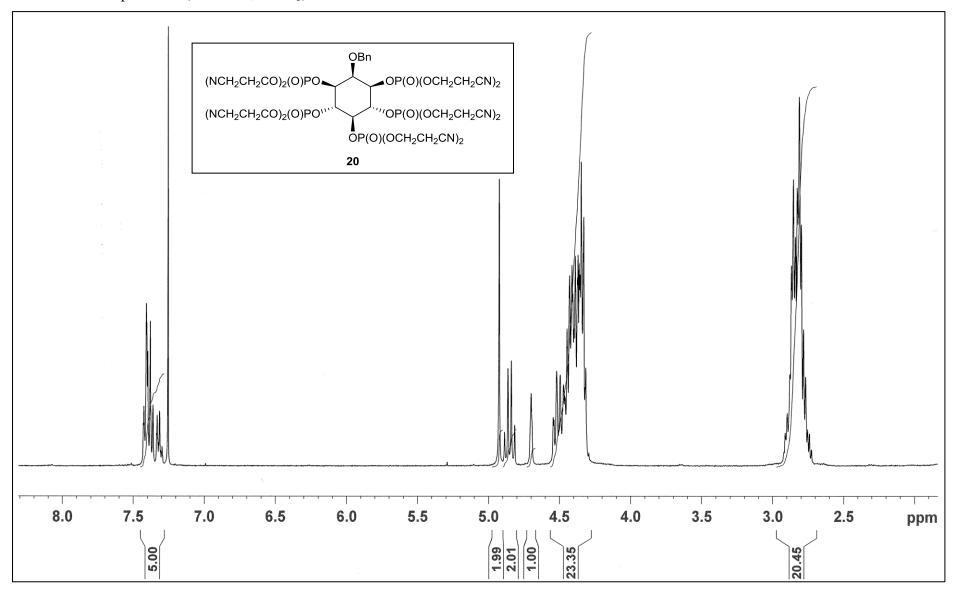
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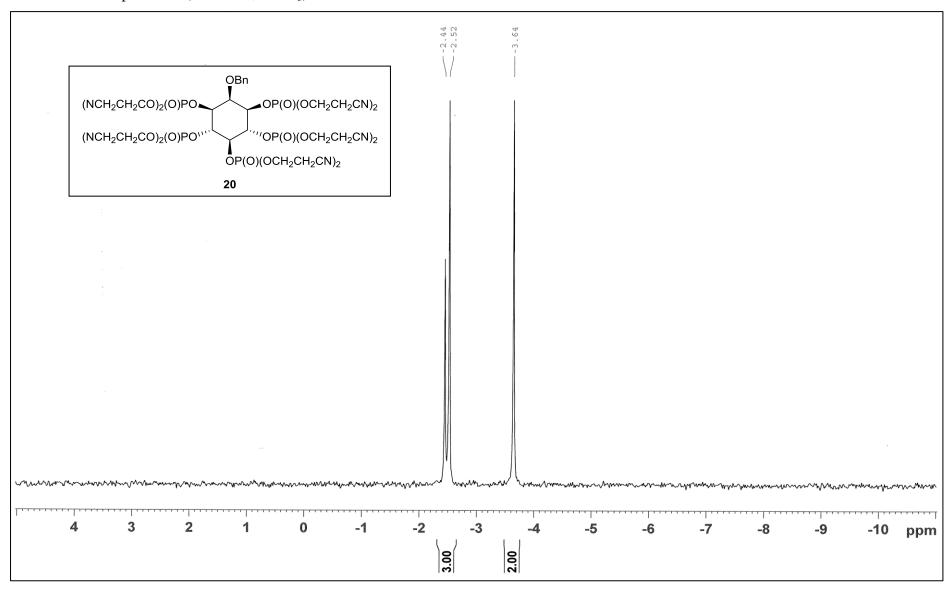
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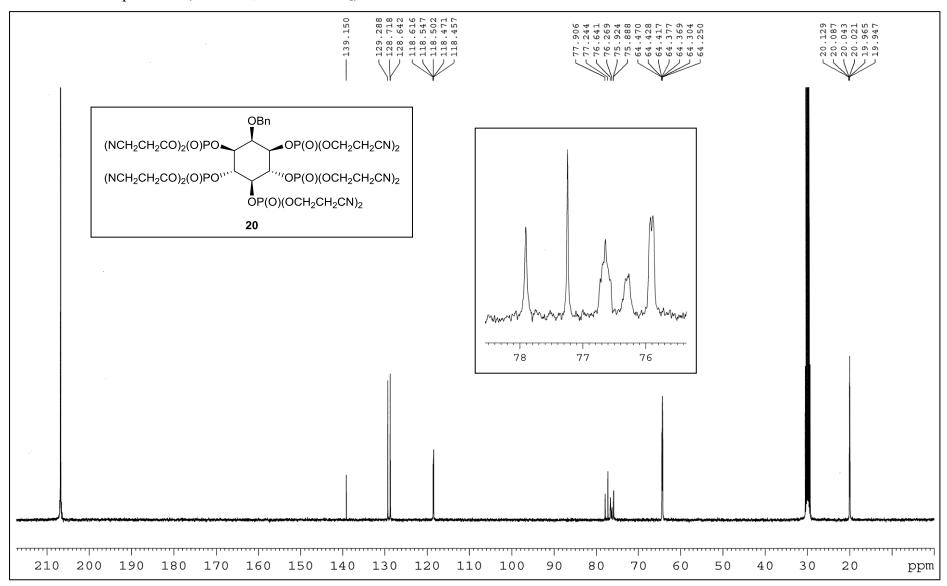
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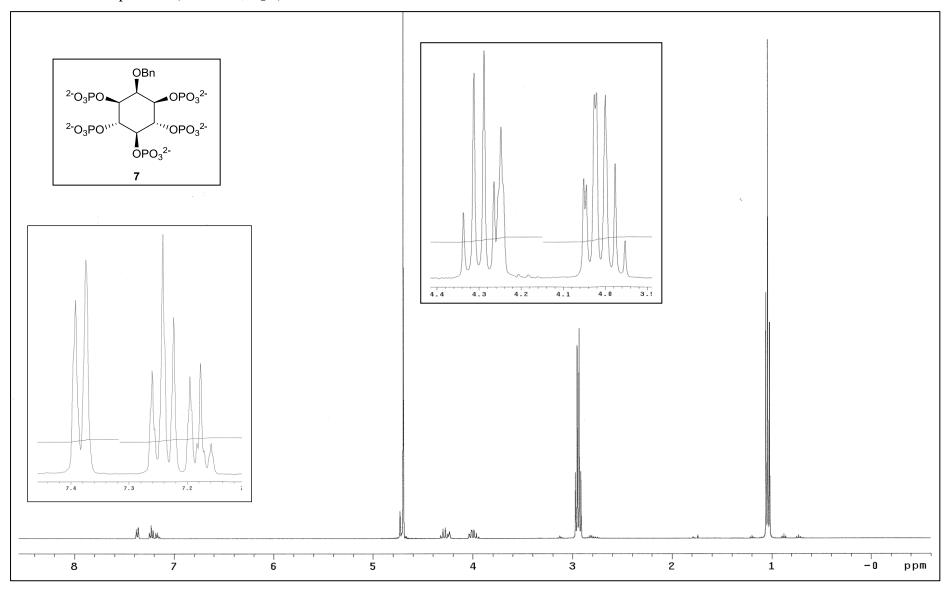
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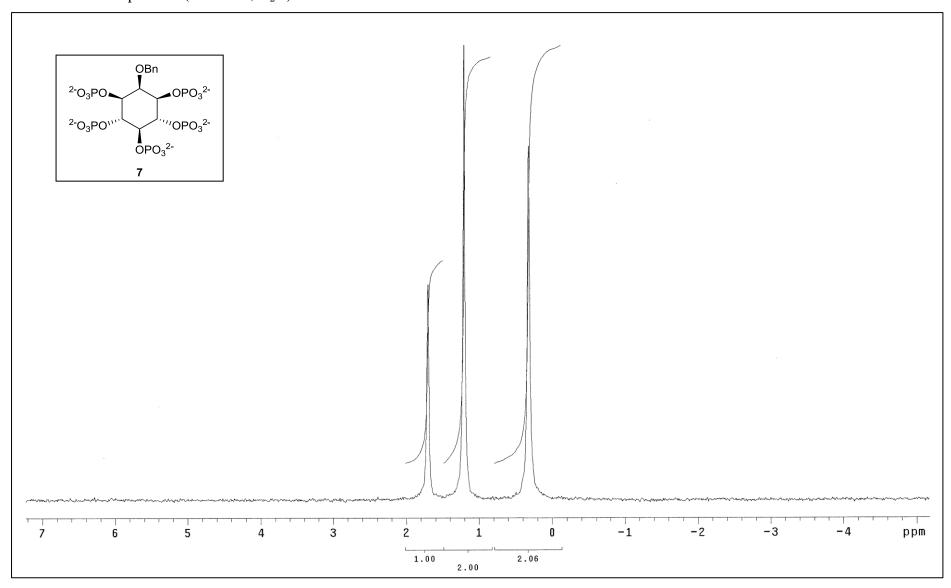
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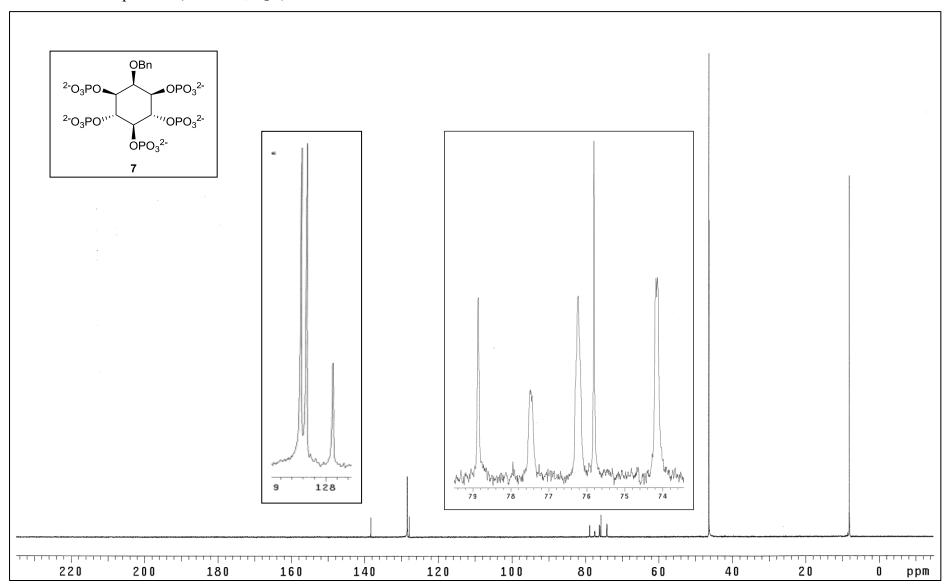
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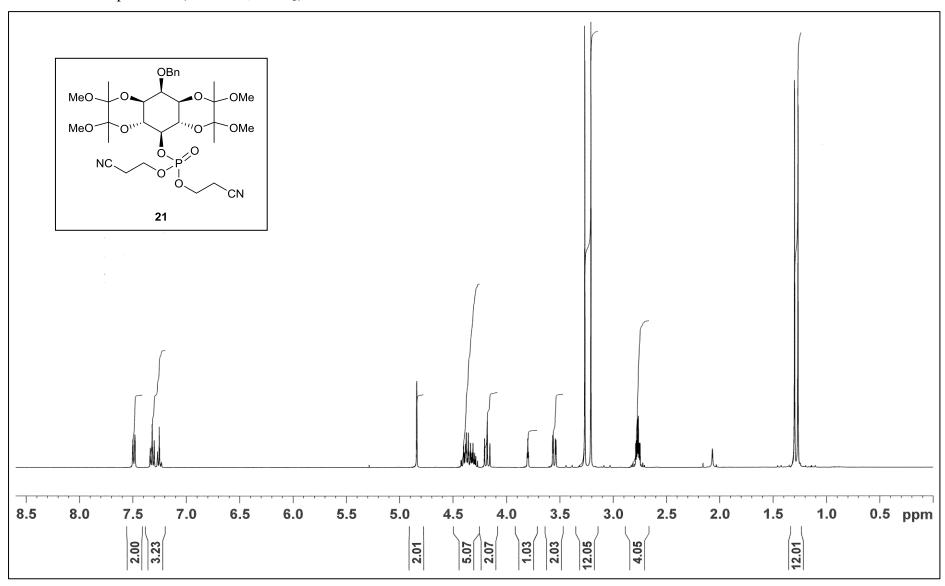
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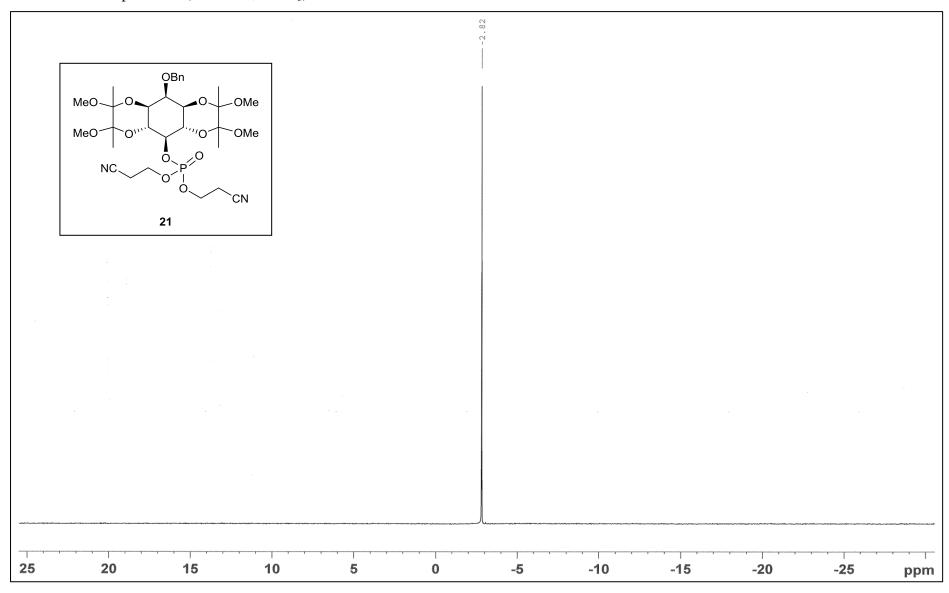
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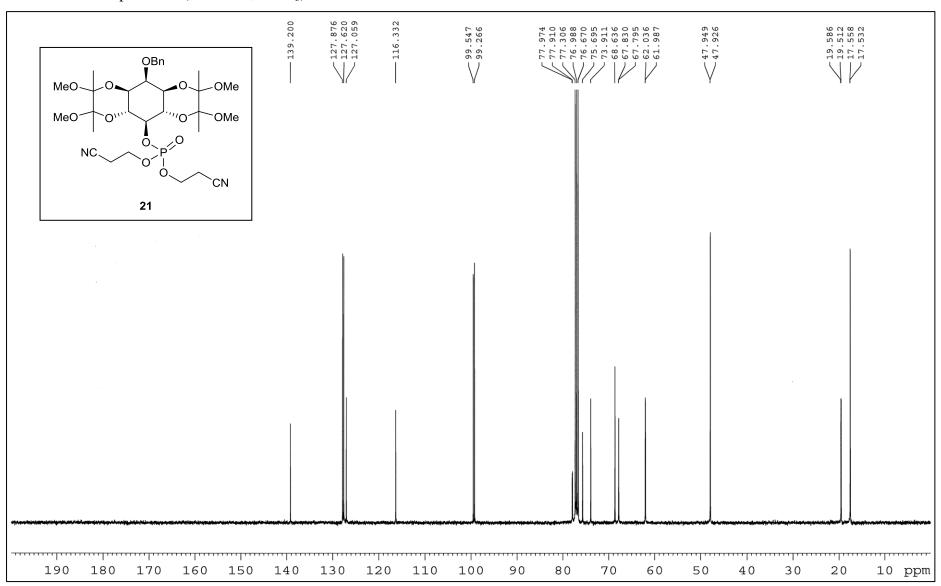
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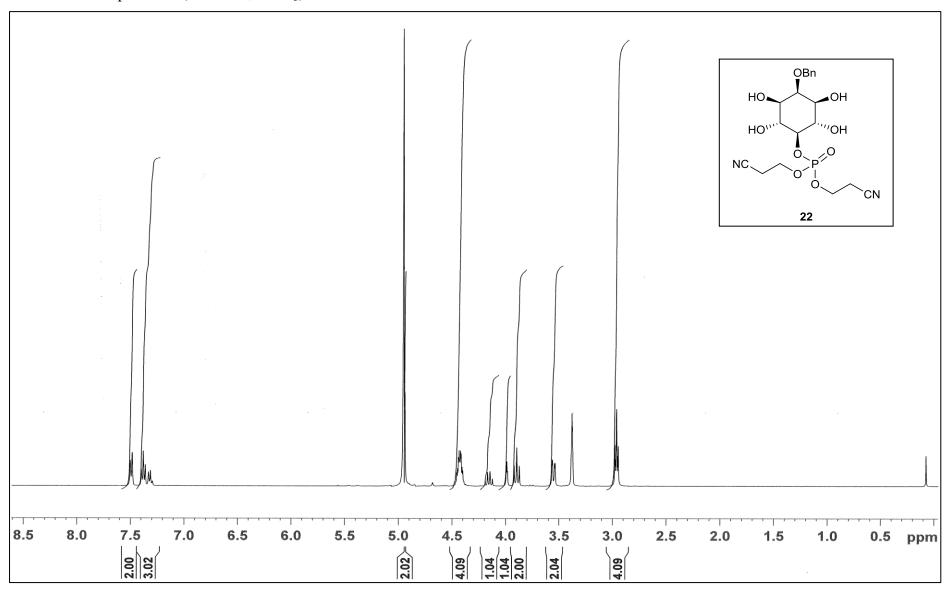
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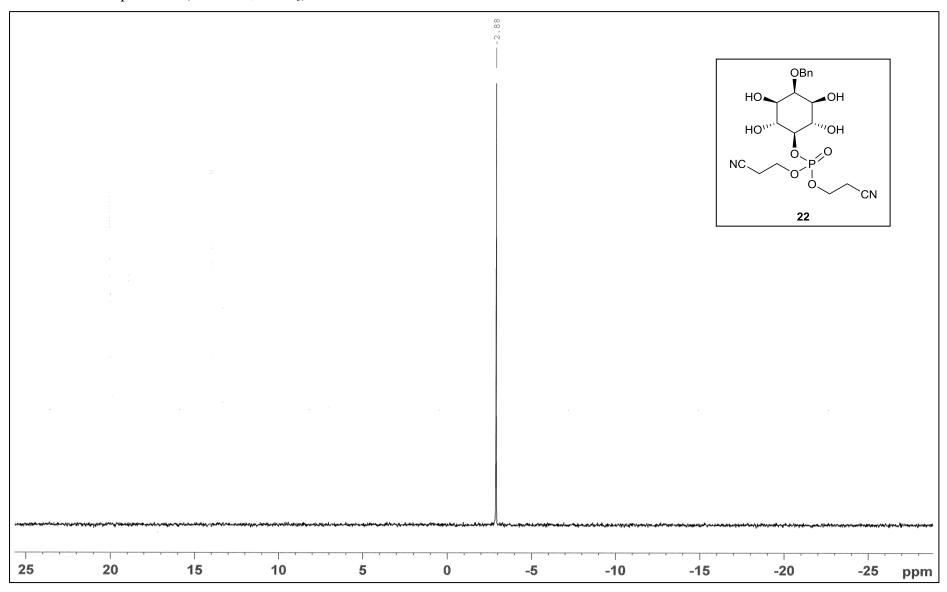
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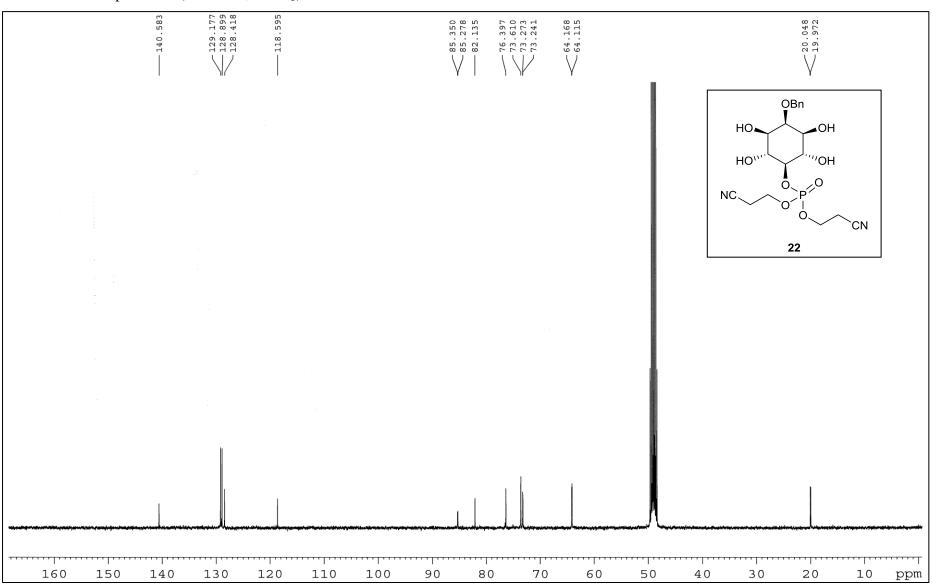
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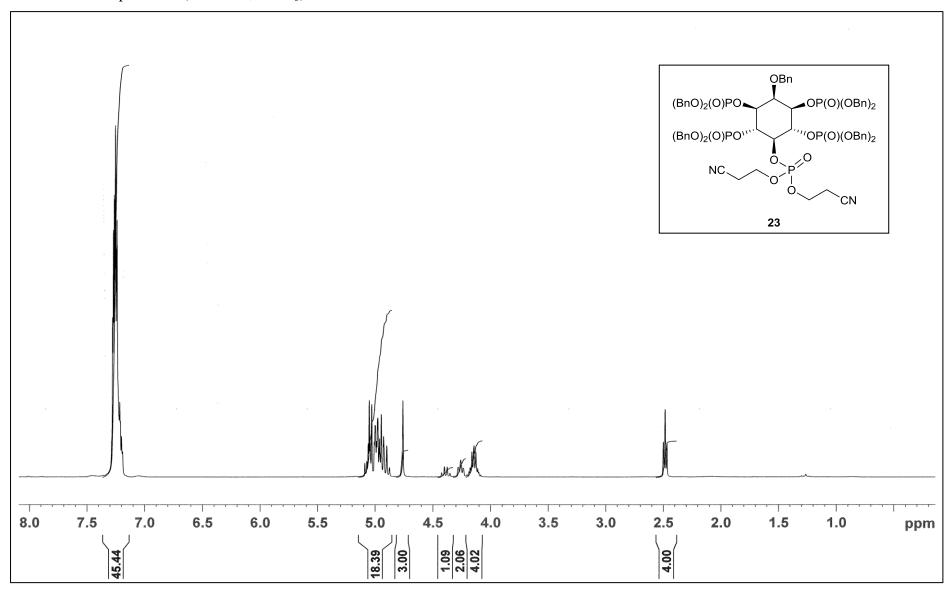
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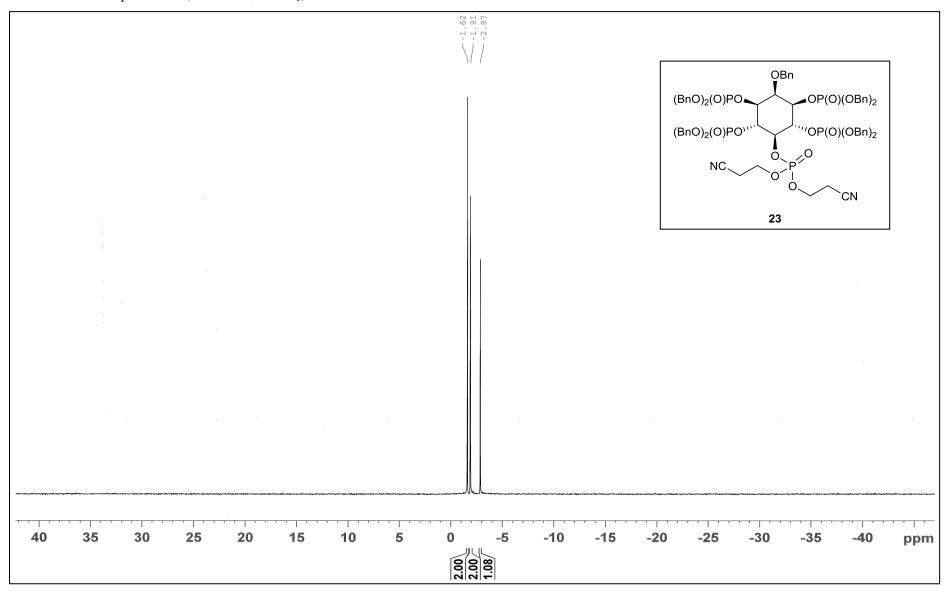
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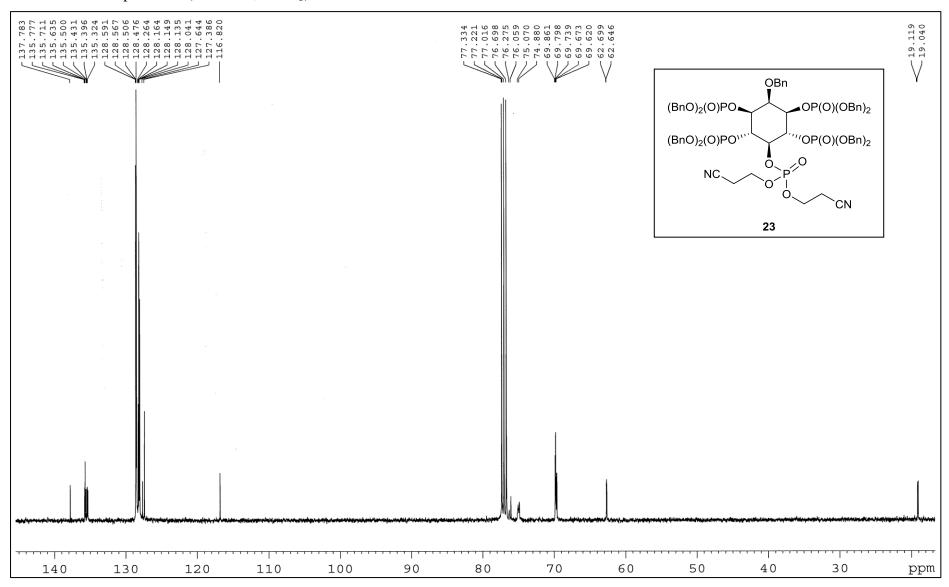
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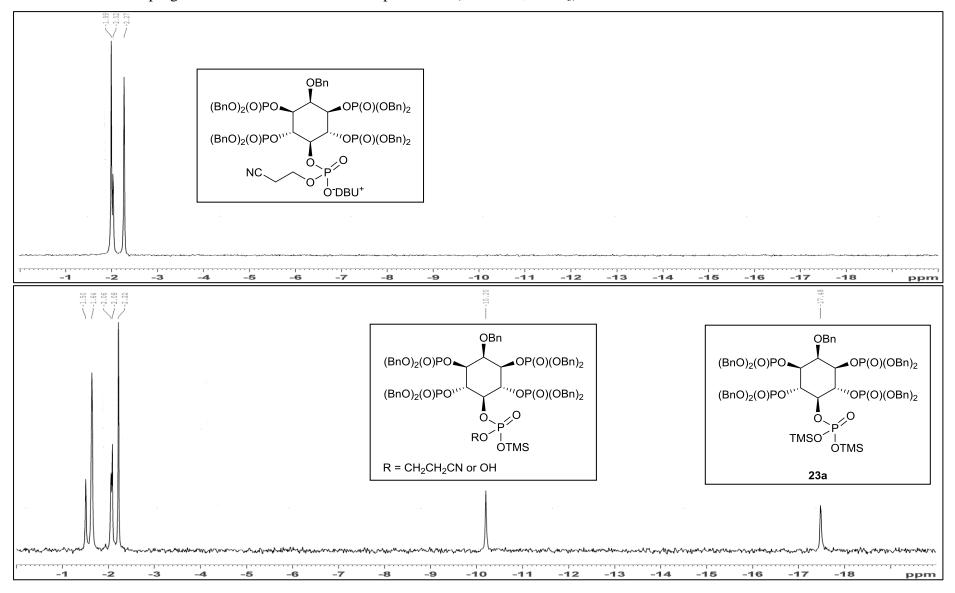
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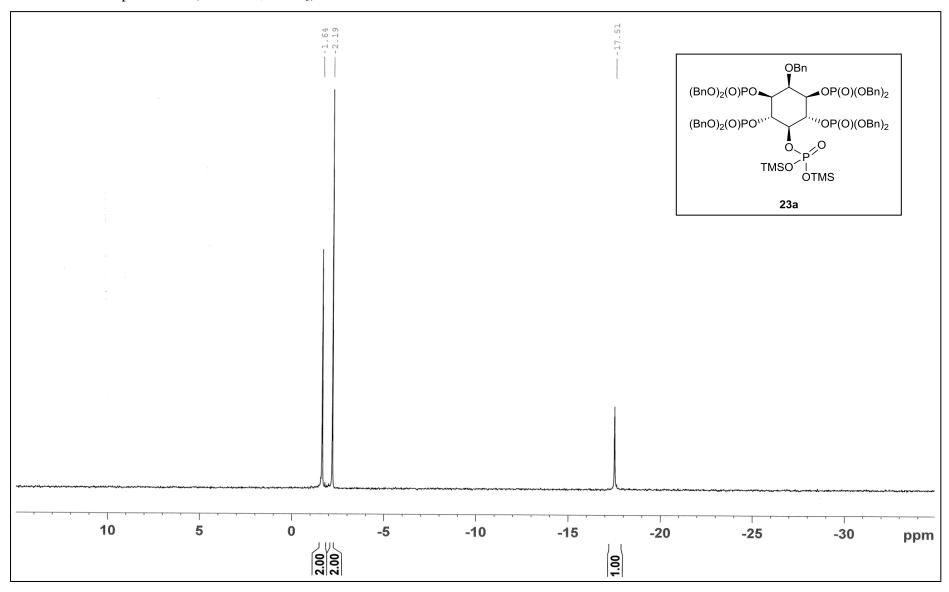
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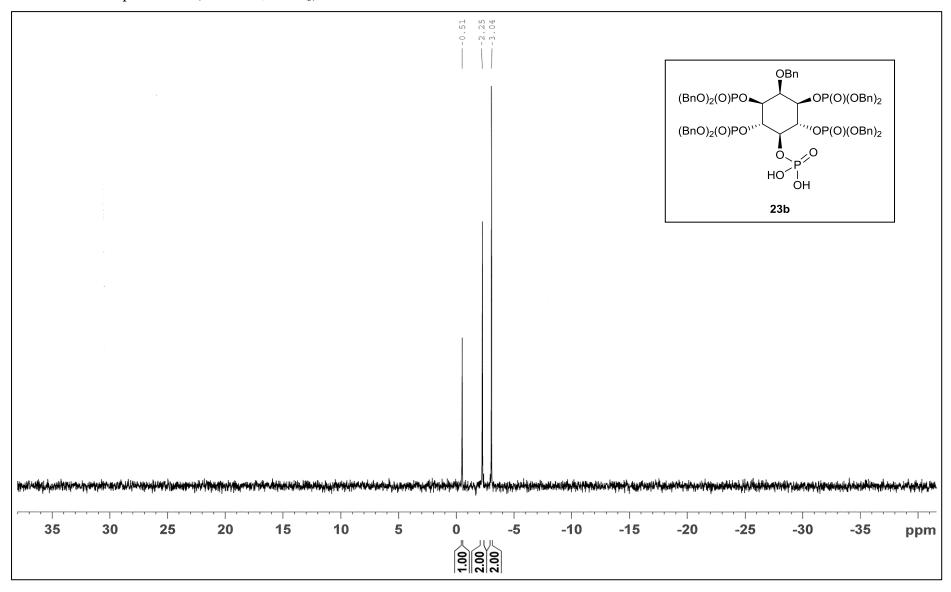
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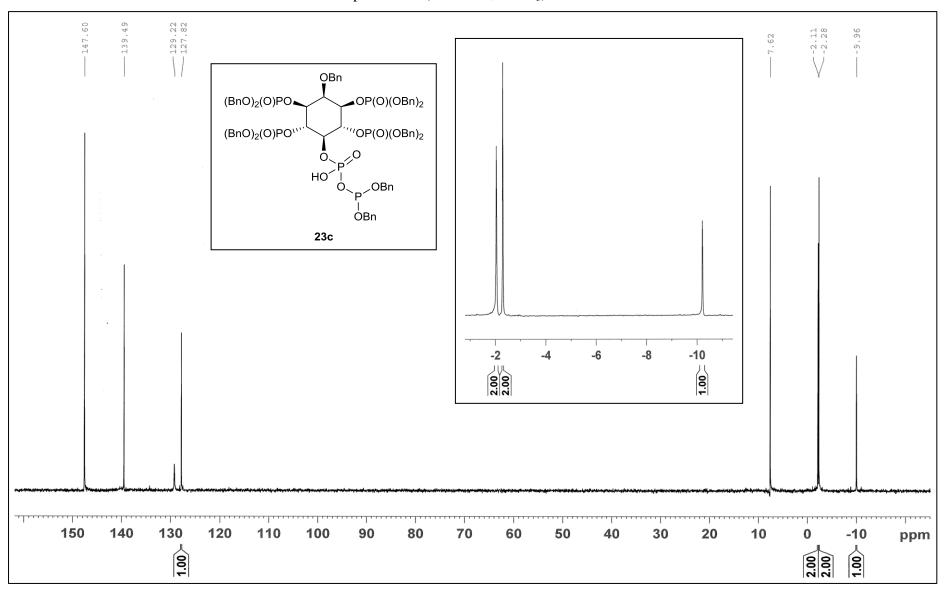
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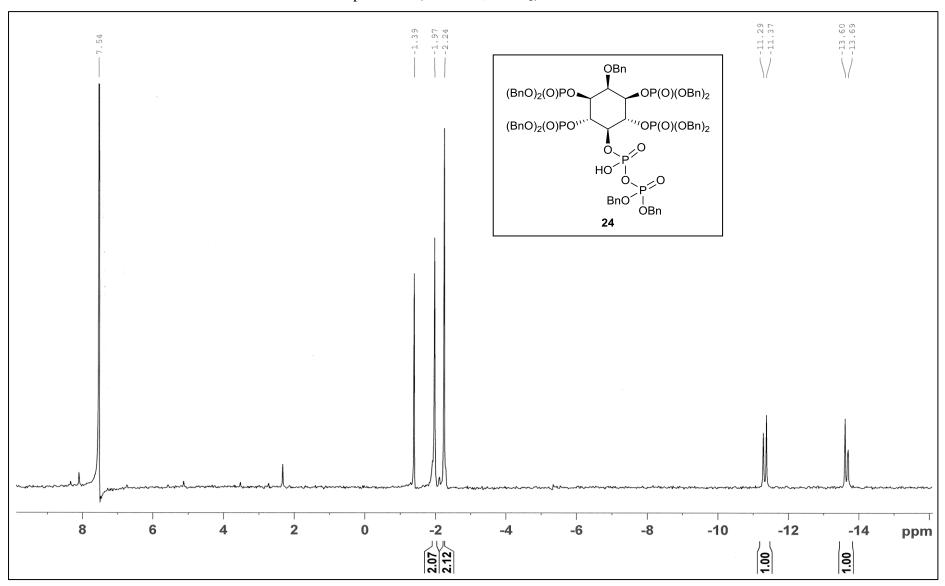
<sup>31</sup>P NMR of Compound **23b** (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



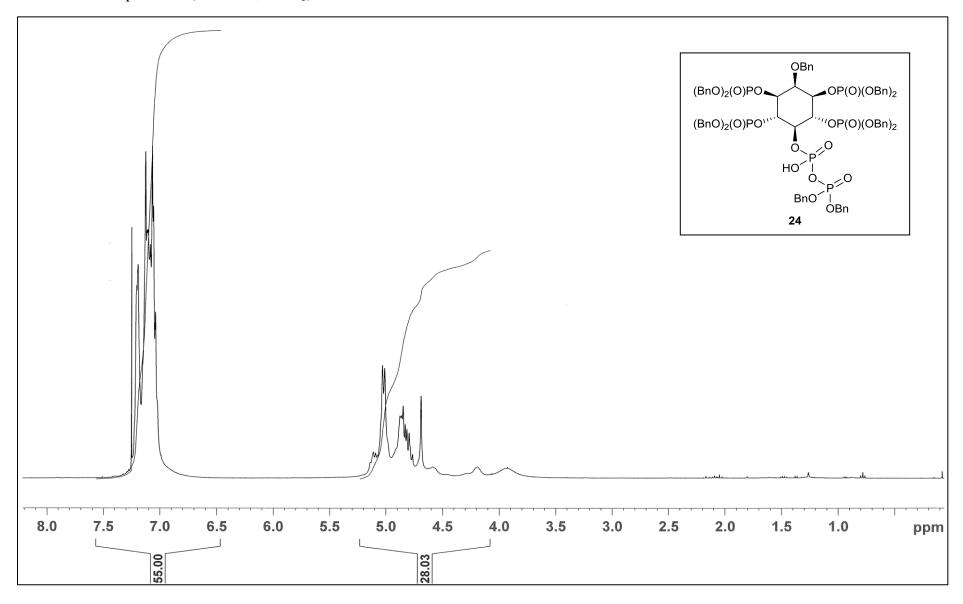
<sup>31</sup>P NMR of reaction mixture in the formation of Compound **23c** (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



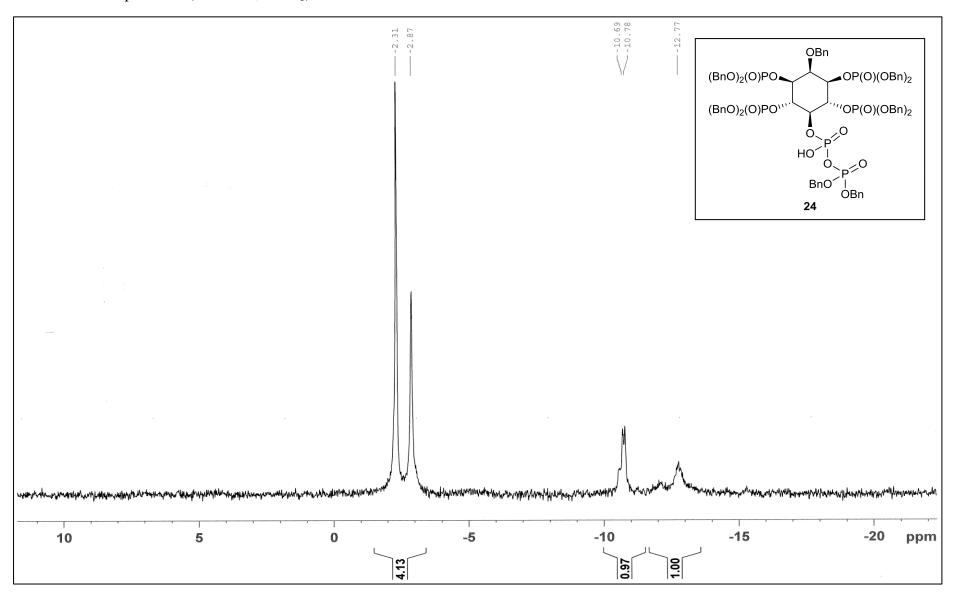
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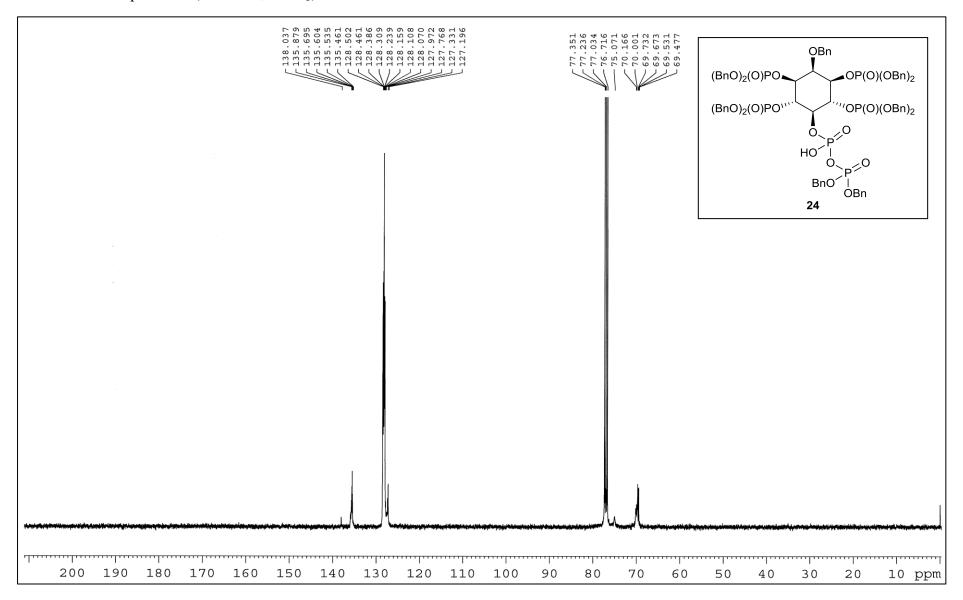
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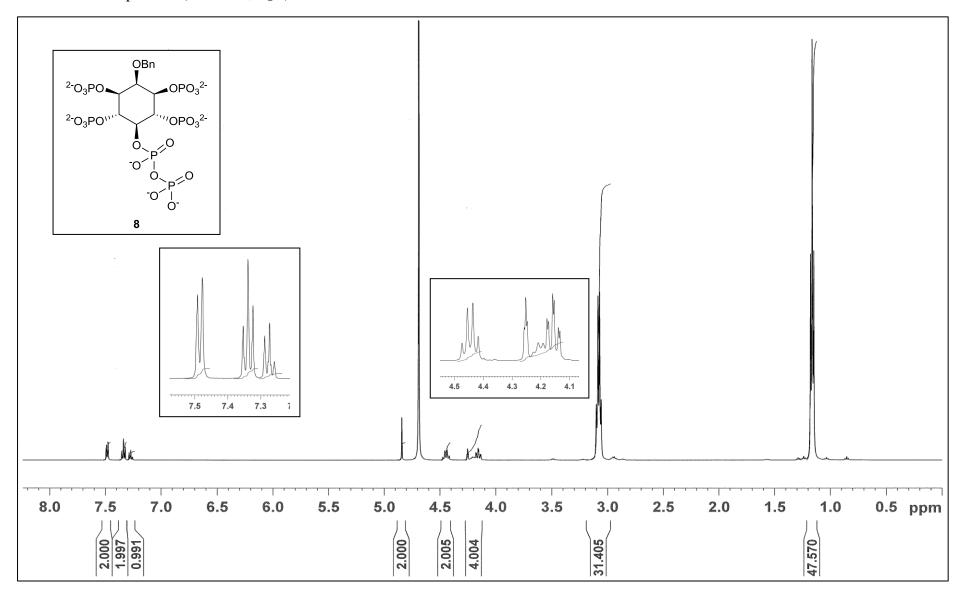
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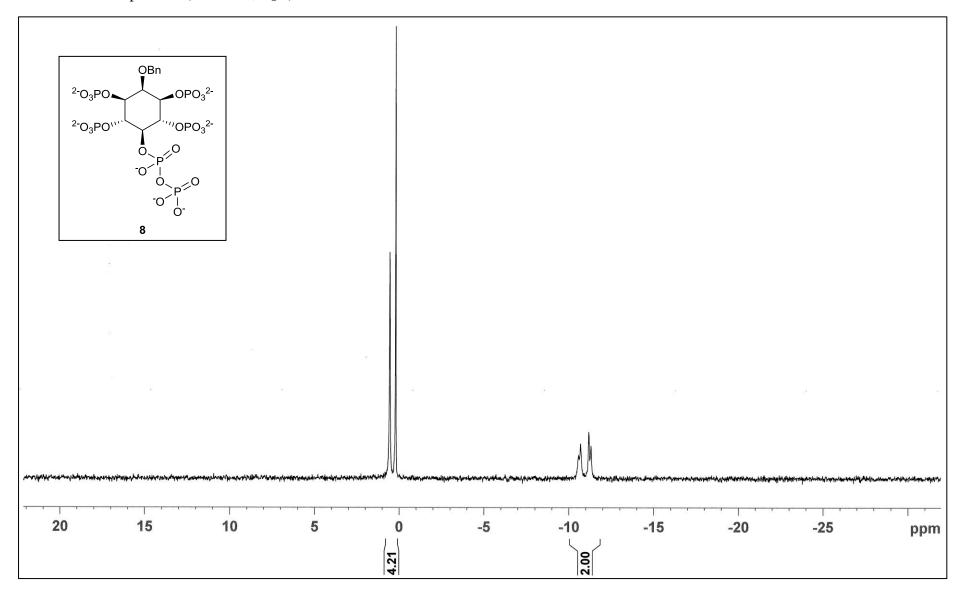
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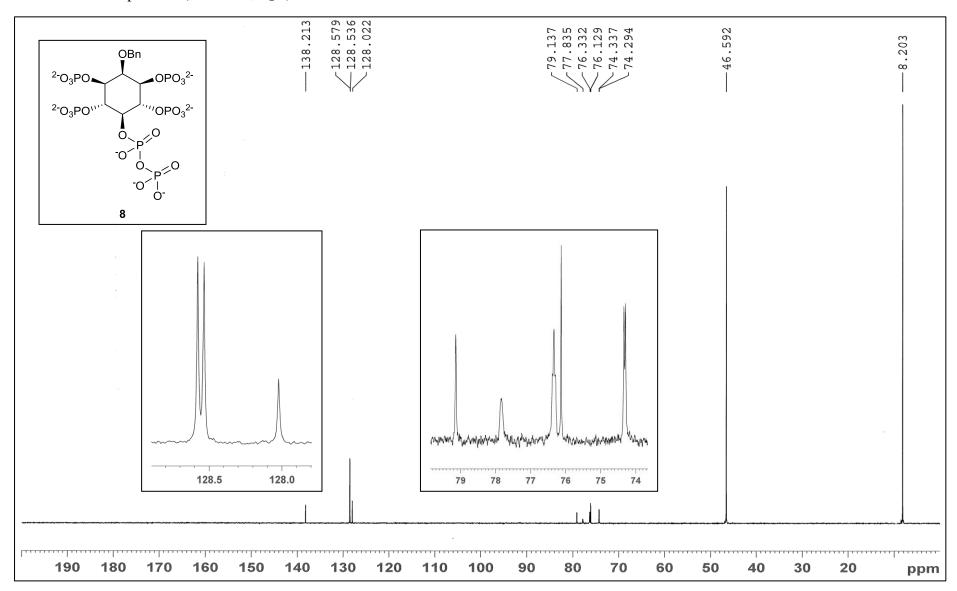
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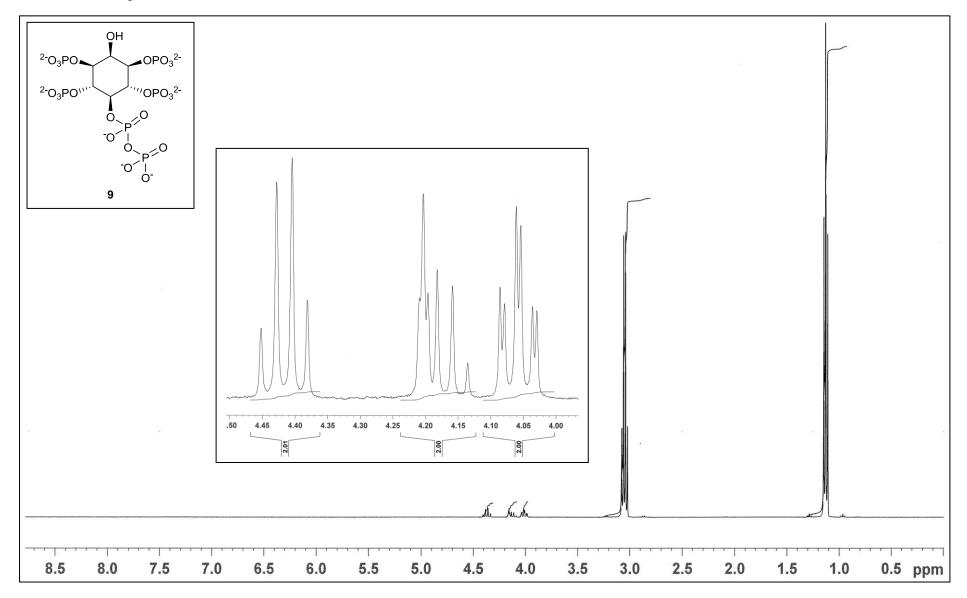
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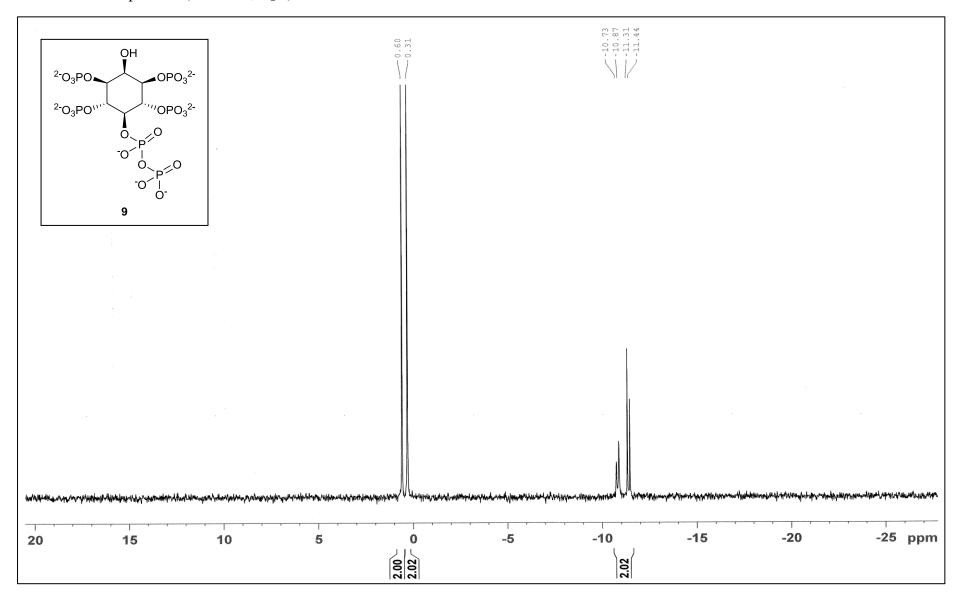
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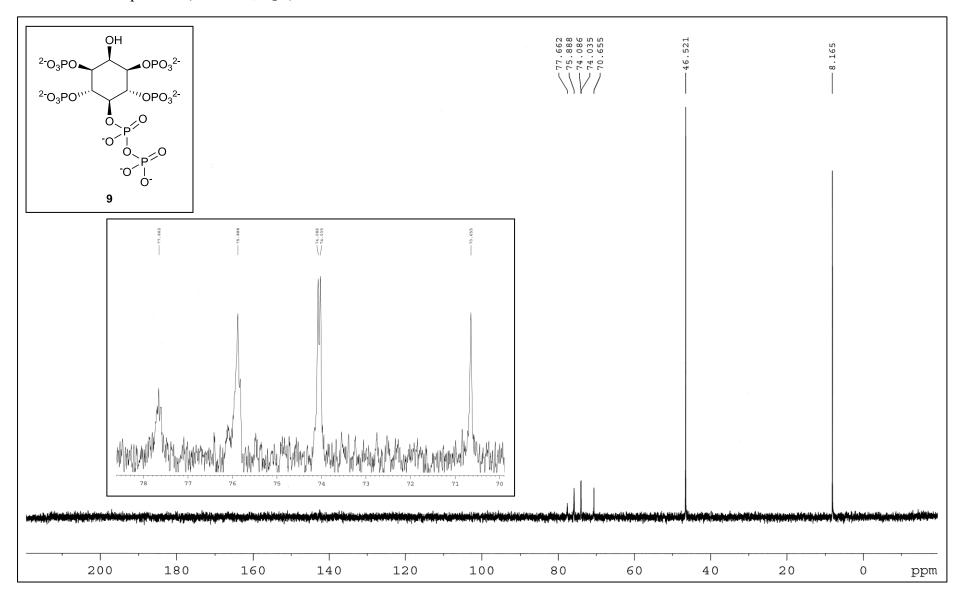
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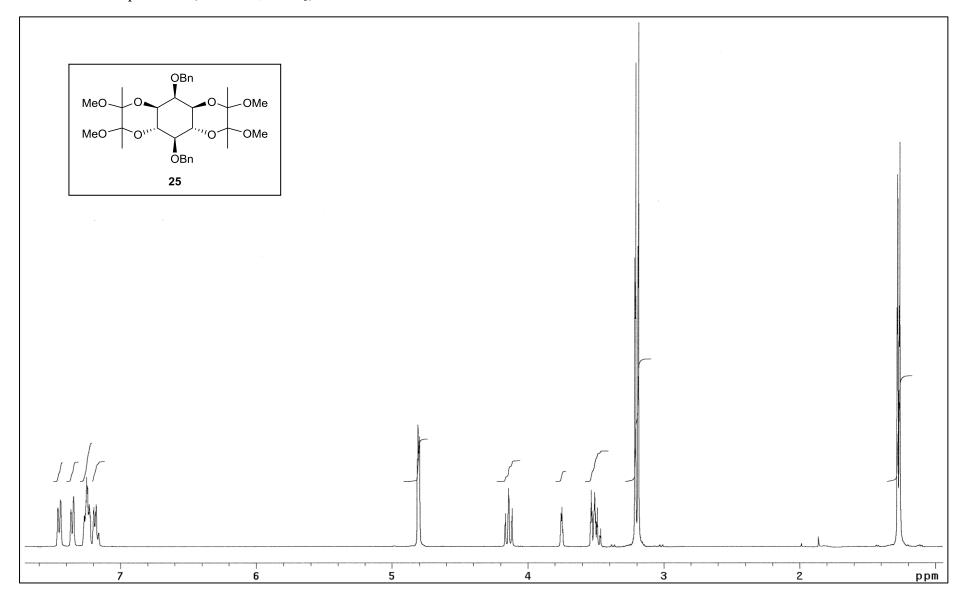
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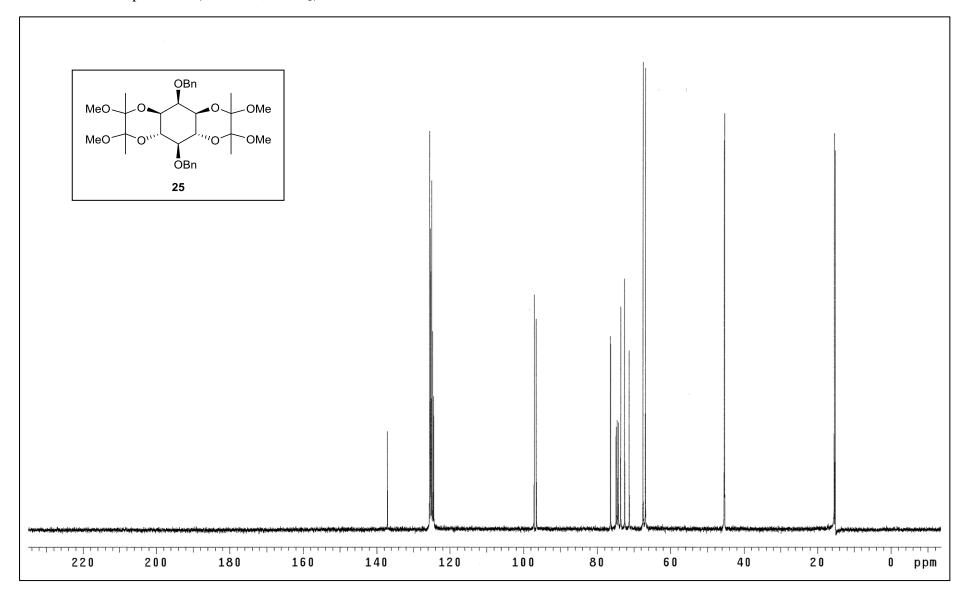
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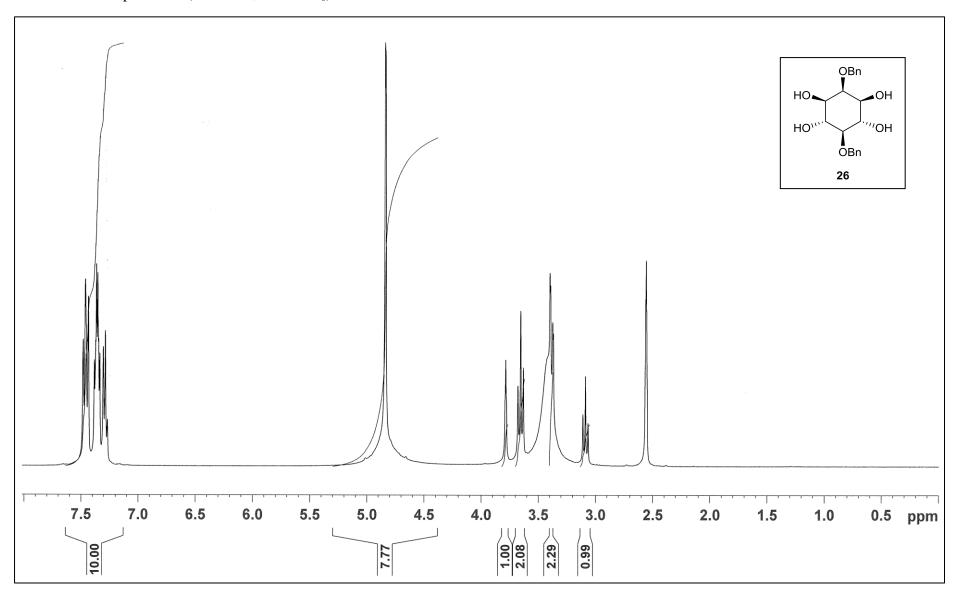
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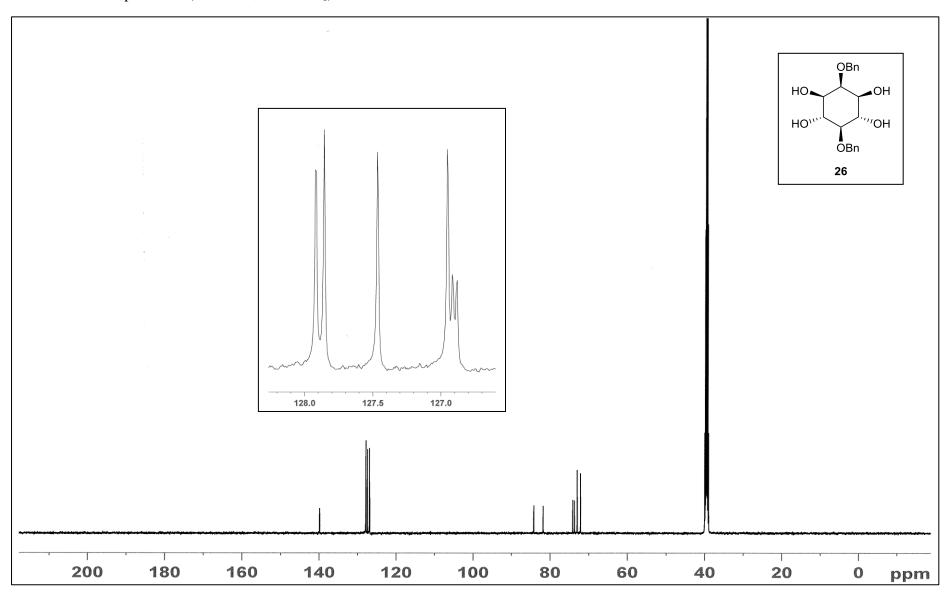
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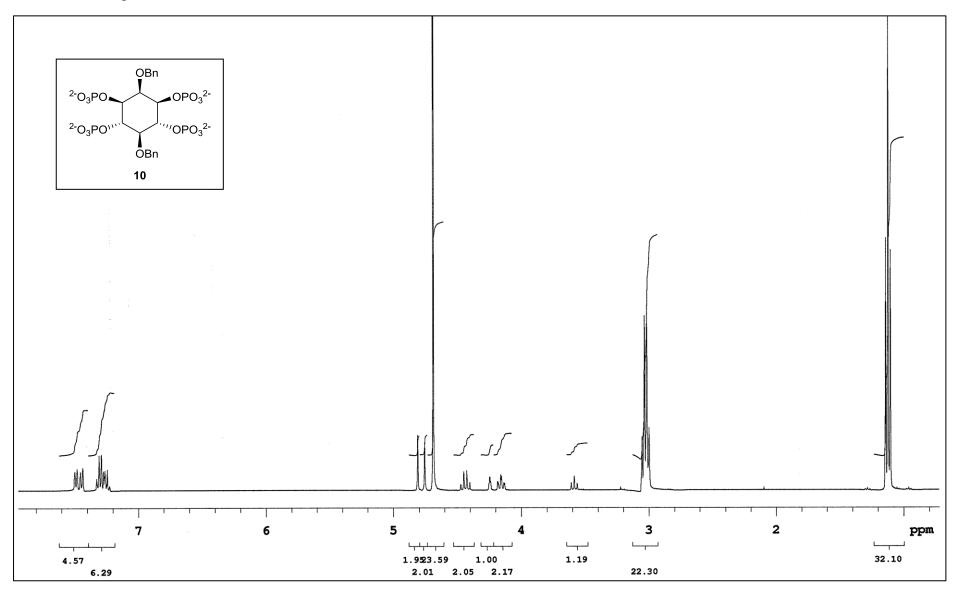
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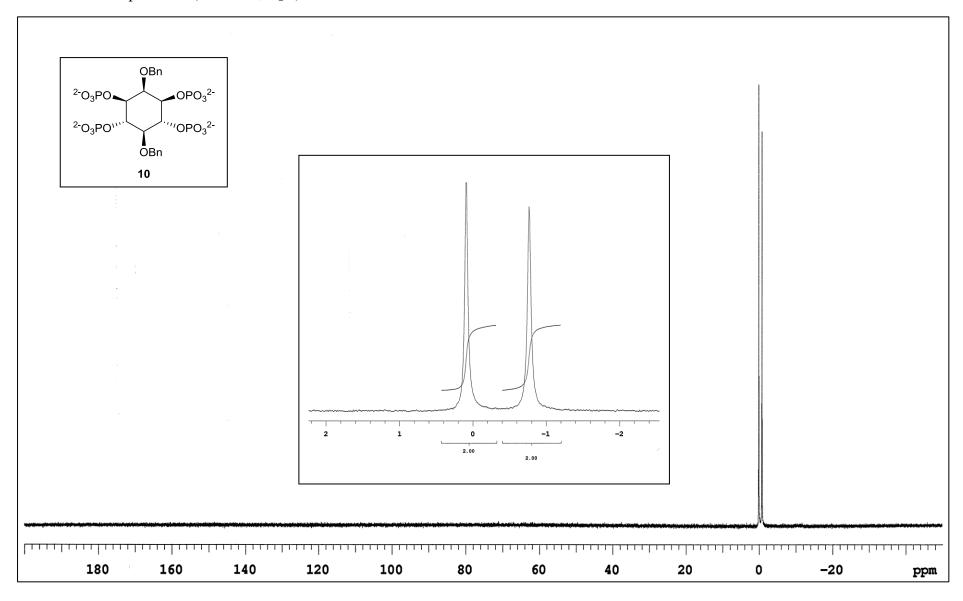
<sup>13</sup>C NMR of Compound **26** (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)



 $^{1}H$  NMR of Compound 10 (400 MHz,  $D_{2}O$ )



 $^{31}$ P NMR of Compound **10** (162 MHz,  $D_2O$ )



<sup>13</sup>C NMR of Compound **10** (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)

