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ABSTRACT

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The trioxadispiroketal residue in the marine biotoxin azaspiracid-1, which exists in a configuration capable of a double anomeric effect, is believed to be the thermodynamically most stable bis-acetal diastereomer. In order to get insight into how structural factors affect this equilibrium, a simplified ABC trioxadispiroketal analog of azaspiracid-1 was synthesized and subjected to equilibration and computational studies. These results suggest that while a double anomeric effect may play a major role in the stability of the trioxadispiroketal configuration in the more complex natural product, the substitution pattern of the C ring is also a contributing factor.

Angelmicins B (hibarimicin B) was first isolated from *Microbispora rosea* by Uehara and co-workers in 1993. It is a potent *v-Src* protein tyrosine kinase (PTK) inhibitor ($IC_{50}=23 \mu M$), and also shows growth inhibiting and differentiation inducing activity on human myeloid leukemia (HL-60) cell lines ($IC_{50}=57 nM$).

The work reported in this part of the thesis presents a divergent synthetic strategy for the angelimicin family of anthraquinoid natural products, involving conversion of a central highly oxygenated decalin intermediate to the AB and A'B' subunits. The strategy centers on an intramolecular Diels–Alder (IMDA) reaction on a triene to provide the complex highly oxygenated decalin, which is elaborated to tricyclic

AB and bicyclic A'B' subunits. The differentiating tact in the two syntheses is control of the Suárez radical fragmentation of lactol precursors by modulation of the structural rigidity of the substrate. A more flexible lactol gave the AB tricyclic framework, whereas a more rigid substrate led to the A'B' bicyclic precursor, presumably through divergent pathways from the radical produced in the initial fragmentation step.

Given the symmetry with respect to the biaryl bond of HMP-Y (hibarimicin-mutant product Y1, a biosynthesis precursor of angelmicin B), a bi-directional synthesis is attempted. The bi-directional donors for Hauser annulation and Michael-Dieckmann condensation were synthesized from known 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene in 27% and 42% yield, respectively. When they are applied to the annulation with cyclohex-2-enone, the Hauser annulation was unsuccessful while Michael-Dieckmann condensation gave 40% yield. However, the subsequent required aromatization of Michael-Dieckmann condensation product was unsuccessful.

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Lists of Symbols and Abbreviations

$[\alpha]$	specific rotation
Ac	acetyl
Ac ₂ O	acetic anhydride
Bn	benzyl
Boc	<i>t</i> -butyl carbonate or <i>t</i> -butyl carbamate
<i>brsm</i>	based on recovering starting materials
Bu	butyl
<i>c</i>	concentration
calcd.	calculated
cat.	catalytic
cm	centimeter
COSY	correlation spectroscopy
conc.	concentrated
<i>m</i> -CPBA	<i>meta</i> -chloroperoxybenzoic acid
δ	chemical shift
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene
DIB	diacetoxyiodosobenzene
DCM	dichloromethane
DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone
DIBAL-H	diisobutylaluminum hydride
DMAP	4-(dimethylamino)pyridine
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide

DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DTBMP	2,6-di- <i>tert</i> -butyl-4-methylpyridine
Et	ethyl
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
HMBC	heteronuclear multiple bond correlation
HMDS	hexamethyldisilylazide
HMPA	hexamethylphosphoramide
HRMS	high resolution mass spectroscopy
HSQC	heteronuclear single-quantum correlation spectroscopy
Hz	hertz
IBX	2-Iodoxybenzoic acid
IDCP	iodonium dicollidine perchlorate
imid.	imidazole
KHMDS	potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide
M	molar
Me	methyl
mg	milligram
MHz	megahertz
min	minutes
mmol	millimole
M.p.	melting point
MS	mass spectroscopy
m.s.	molecular sieves
μL	micro liter

NBS	N-bromosuccinimide
nM	nanomolar
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
nOe	nuclear Overhauser effect
Ph	phenyl
ppm	parts per million
PPTS	pyridinium <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
Pr	propyl
r. t.	room temperature
TBAF	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBS	<i>t</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
TBDPS	<i>t</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography

**Chapter 1. Synthetic and Computational Studies
on the ABC Trioxadispiroketal Subunit of the
Marine Biotoxin Azaspiracid-1**

1.1 Introduction and Background

Azspiracid-1 (**1.1**), which belongs to a group of potent and structurally complex polyether biotoxins, was first detected in mussels (*mytilus edulis*) in Ireland in 1995.¹ Although the symptoms of azspiracid poisoning are similar to those associated with the more well-known shellfish toxin, okadaic acid, the mechanism of action of the two biotoxins are believed to be different.^{2, 3} The unusual activity and the structural complexity of the azspiracids have stimulated considerable synthetic interest, the most notable study being the Nicolaou's total synthesis of azspiracid-1, which led to correction of originally reported structure.⁴ The synthesis of **ent-1.1** was subsequently reported by the Evans group.⁵ In the correct structure, the alkene in ring A is located at C₇-C₈ and the configuration of the trioxadispiroketal corresponding to a double anomeric effect.⁶ Our laboratory and the groups of Carter and Forsyth, as well as have completed syntheses of the ABCD subunit^{7, 8g, 9f} and several synthetic studies on less complex segments have been reported.^{8, 9, 10}

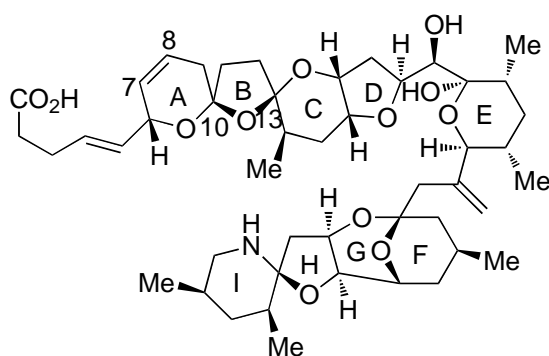
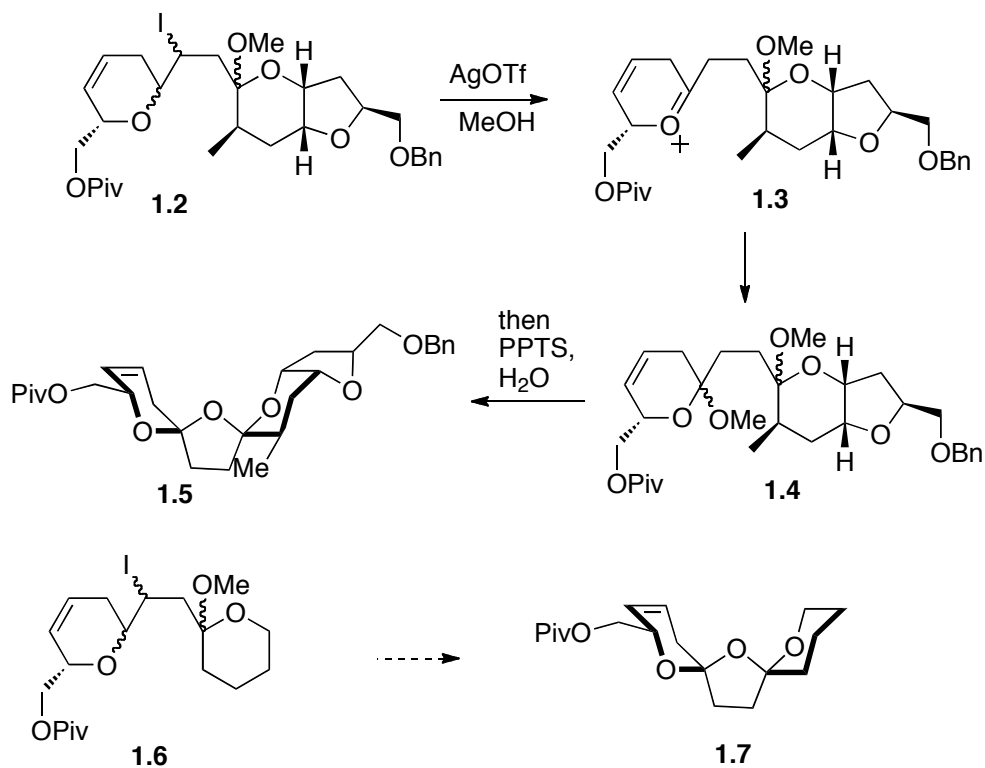


Figure 1.1 Azspiracid-1

An interesting structure feature of the azspiracid-1 is the configuration of the trioxadispiroketal, which is such that it allows for a conformation in which the exocyclic oxygen on both tetrahydropyran rings are axially positioned, i.e. a double anomeric

effect. Accordingly, it has been suggested that the naturally occurring diastereomer of azaspiracid-1 corresponds to the thermodynamically most stable motif. Indeed, it has been shown that the natural trioxadispiroketal is generated as the exclusive or major diastereomer under conditions which may allow for product equilibration.¹¹ In our own investigation of this issue we observed that exposure a methanolic solution of the iodide **1.2** to silver trifluoromethanesulfonate (AgOTf) followed by addition of water and pyridinium p-toluensulfonate (PPTS) to the reaction mixture afforded **1.5** as a single trioxadispiroketal product (**Scheme 1.1**).⁷ This unusual spiroketalization methodology was conceived with potentially labile substrates like azaspiracids in mind and is presumed to proceed via the silver (I) mediated transformation of **1.2** the six-member-ring oxocarbenium ion **1.3**, thence an intermediate bismethyl acetal **1.4**. Under the aqueous acidic conditions, **1.4** undergoes hydrolysis, followed by dispiroketalization to give **1.5**. In order to assess the impact of the double anomeric effect on trioxadispiroketal equilibration, relative to other substituent effects, we undertook a synthetic and computational investigation on the ABC trioxadispiroketal analogue **1.7**, which contains a simplified C-ring residue.¹² These results are described herein.

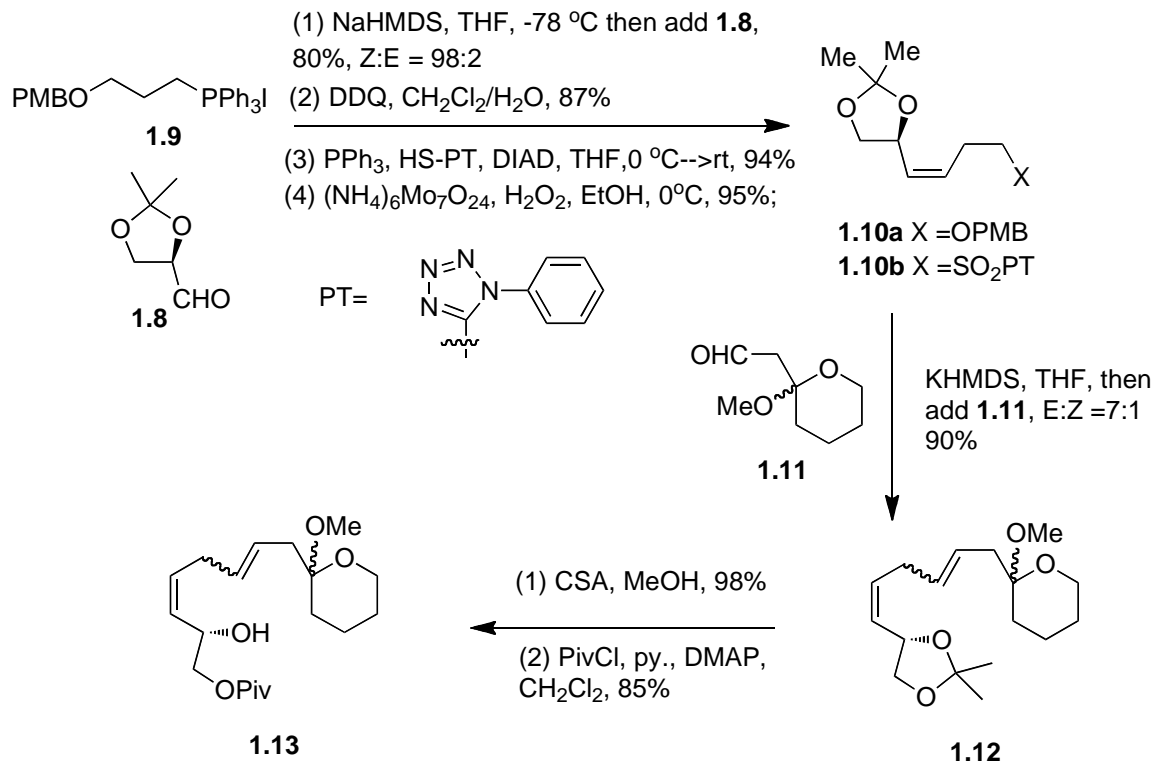


Scheme 1.1

1.2 Results and Discussion

1.2.1 Synthesis of ABC Trioxadispiroketal Analogue 1.7

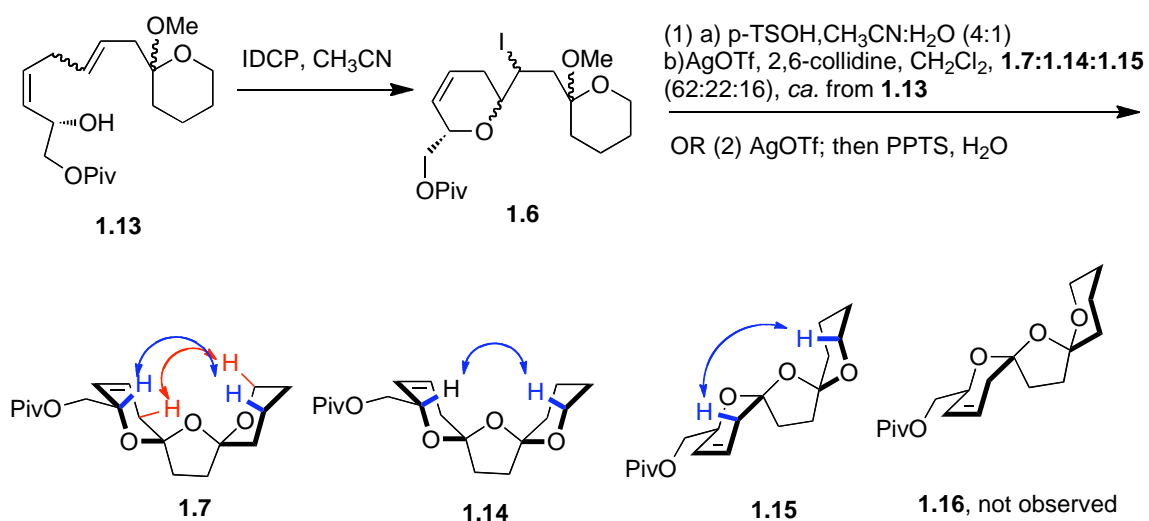
The synthesis of **1.6**, the precursor for the trioxadispiroketalization reaction started from the known aldehyde **1.8** (Scheme 1.2). Accordingly, sulfone **1.10b** was obtained via a standard reaction sequence from **1.8**,^{13, 14} and with aldehyde **1.11**¹⁵ was subjected to a Julia-Kocienski olefination.^{16, 17} This reaction provided **1.12** in 90% yield, as a mixture of isomers (E:Z *ca* 7:1). Alcohol protecting group modification on **1.12** afforded **1.13** as a chromatographically inseparable mixture of diastereomers, (Z and E isomers with respect to the two alkenes, and an approximately 1:1 ratio of acetal anomers).



Scheme 1.2

Treatment of **1.13** with iodonium dicollidine perchlorate (IDCP), in anhydrous CH₃CN provided an unstable mixture of products (Scheme 1.3). NMR analysis of a partially purified sample and characterization of the eventual bis-spiroketal (*vide infra*), supported the formation of the 6-exo-trig product **1.6**, as the major component of this mixture. The crude mixture was subjected to hydrolysis of the methyl acetal using p-TsOH in wet acetonitrile. The presumed lactol product was also unstable, and the crude material was therefore treated without purification, in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, with silver triflate. These conditions led to a 62:22:16 mixture of three bis-spiroketal isomers **1.7:1.14:1.15** in approximately 40% overall yield from **1.5**. Since the bis-spiroketalization step in the synthesis of the more complex ABCD analog **1.5** was

performed using a different reaction conditions (i.e. PPTS, MeOH-H₂O vs. CH₂Cl₂), for more accurate comparison of the results, the present synthesis was repeated following the identical conditions used for **1.5**. Thus, a solution of crude methyl acetal **1.6** in methanol was treated directly with AgOTf, following which water and PPTS were added to the reaction mixture. However, this modification had no significant effect on the overall yield of the spiroketal mixture or isomer ratio. Trioxadispiroketal **1.14** was easily separated. Compounds **1.7** and **1.15** were isolated as an inseparable mixture. Pure sample of **1.7** and **1.15** were obtained through hydrolysis of the pivalate ester, which produced a separable mixture of the derived primary alcohols, **1.7-OH** and **1.15-OH**, respectively. Re-pivaloylation of the individual alcohols provided **1.7** and **1.15**. The stereochemistry of the trioxadispiroketal was assigned by analysis of vicinal J values and exclusive nOe's **1.7** for individual isomers (**Scheme 1.3**). The major component **1.7** was found to have the trioxadispiroketal configuration that has been assigned to azaspiracid-1.



Scheme 1.3

1.2.2 Relative Stability of Anomers

Interestingly, when the NMR samples of the individual trioxadispiroketal in CDCl_3 were allowed to stand at 0°C for several months, each sample produced a mixture of **1.7**, **1.14**, and **1.15** in a similar ratio to that obtained in the spiroketalization reaction probably due to the acidity of HCl in CDCl_3 from its decomposition. This suggested isomer equilibration, and that the product ratio in the AgOTf mediated spiroketalization reflected a thermodynamic ratio.

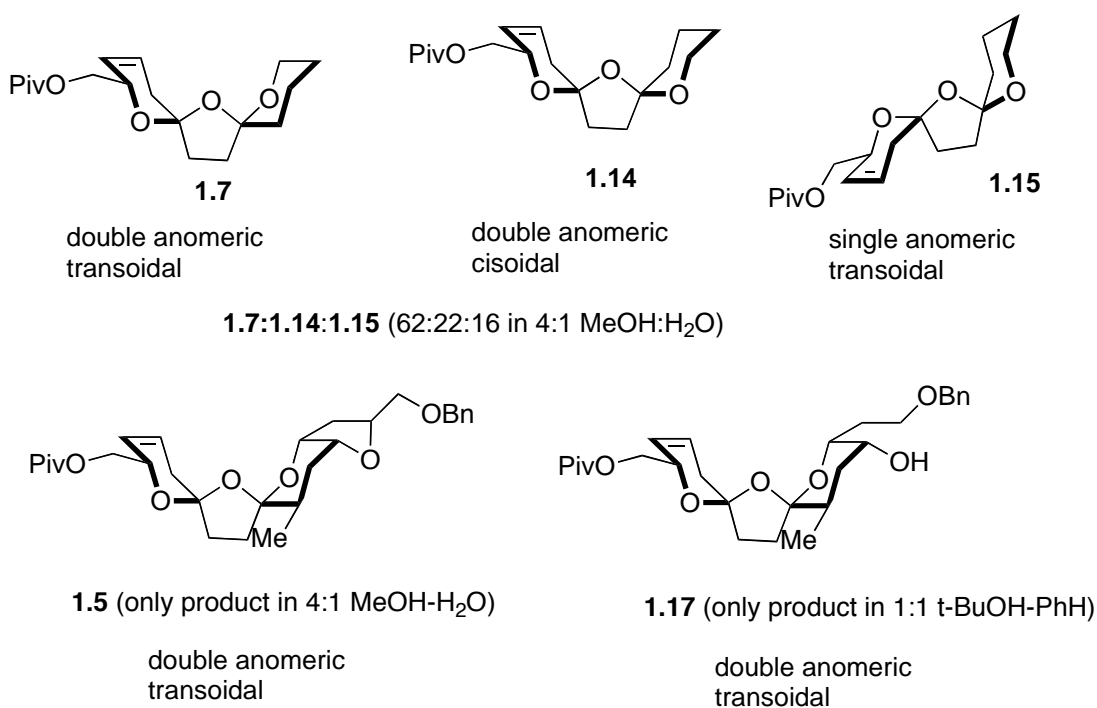
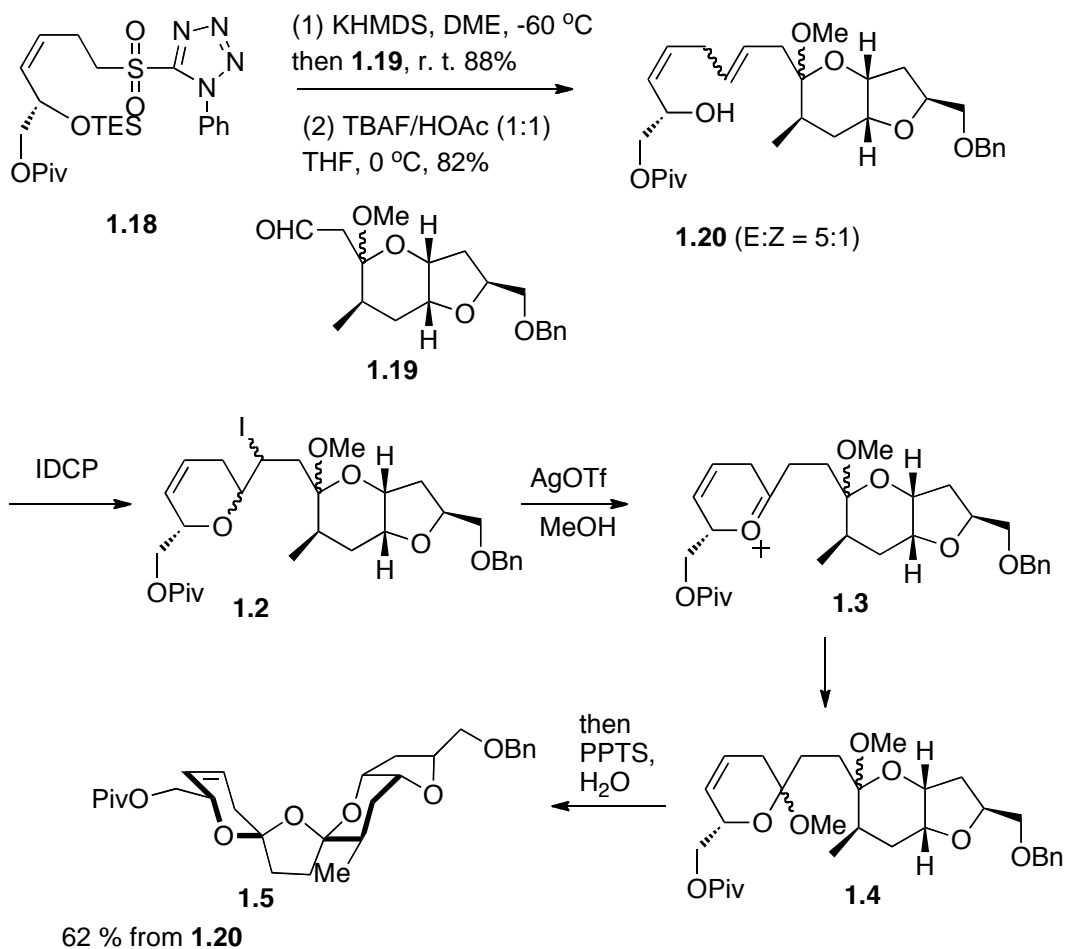


Figure 1.2 Configurational isomers of ABC and ABCD trioxadispiroketal analogues

Comparison of the apparent equilibrium ratio of the ABCD framework **1.5** with the results for the ABC systems **1.7:1.14:1.15** could shed light on the factors that affect the relative stability of the isomers of trioxadispiroketal (**Figure 1.2**). For the ABC system, **1.7** and **1.14** which both represent a double anomeric effect are apparently favored over

1.15 and **1.16** which has a single anomeric effect (i.e. **1.7/1.14:1.15/1.16** = 84:16). Thus for ABC frameworks with no additional substituents on the C ring, isomers that have a greater number of anomeric effects may be intrinsically more stable. Of the two isomers that contain a double anomeric effect, **1.7**, with a *transoid* arrangement of the two oxygen substituents on the five-membered oxacycle, appears to be favored over **1.14**, which has a *cisoid* motif. In comparison **1.5**, the ABCD analog corresponding to **1.14** is obtained as the exclusive bis-spiroketal product and compared to **1.14**, has apparently has a much higher thermodynamic bias relative to its isomers. Thus it appears that in the case of **1.5**, the additive effect of the double anomeric pattern and *transoid* arrangement of oxygen substituents on the five membered ring, is augmented by favorable conformational factors on the C ring. This argument is consistent with results obtained by Carter for the more substituted ABC analog **1.17**.^{7g} In this case equilibration also favors a single configurational isomer, which may represent a synergistic interplay of a double anomeric, a *transoid* motif and the more stable flip chair conformation of the C ring.

The methodology developed herein was later applied to the synthesis of **1.5**, ABCD framework and the results were summarized in **Scheme 1.4**.⁷ The diene **1.20**, the counterpart of **1.13** in our ABC framework synthesis was obtained by similar Julia-Kocienski olefination reaction as our synthesis of **1.13** between the sulfone **1.18** and aldehyde **1.19** followed by desilylation. Then the diene **1.20** was converted to the ABCD framework **1.5** in 62% yield as single isomer following the protocol developed for diene **1.13**.⁷ To further understand the factors affecting the stability of anomers, a computation of relative energies of all four ABC framework anomers was conducted and described in next section.



Scheme 1.4

1.2.3 DFT B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p) Study of Relative Stability of Amomers

In order to estimate the relative energies of **1.7:1.14:1.15:1.16**, notwithstanding solvent effects, we next performed a DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d, p) calculation as implemented in Gaussian 03 after a basis set search within a reasonable computational time.^{18, 19} The relative energies computed for **1.7**, **1.14** and **1.15** qualitatively matched the experimental results (**Figure 1.3**). Trioxadispiroketal **1.7** which corresponds to a double anomeric effect with the anomeric oxygens on the central five membered ring in a *transoid* orientation, was 1.84 kcal/mol and 5.57 kcal/mol more stable than **1.14** and **1.15**,

which represent double anomeric-*cisoid* and a mono anomeric-*transoid* arrangements, respectively. However, the reliability of these calculations is tempered by the fact that mono anomeric-*cisoid* **1.16** which was computed to be lower in energy than **1.15**, was not observed experimentally, whereas **1.15** was.

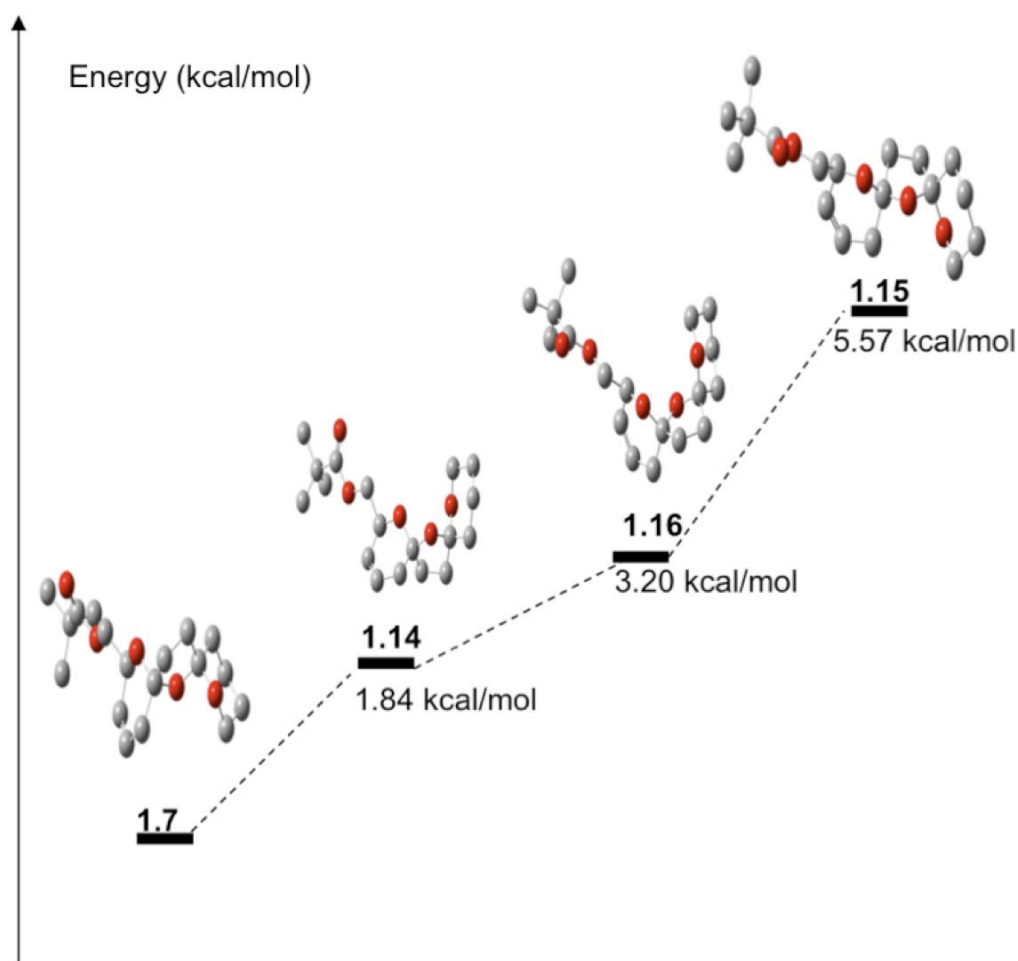


Figure 1.3 Relative B3LYP/6-31+G(d, p) energies of four ABC trioxadispiroketals

1.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the apparent equilibrium distribution of different ABC and ABCD trioxadispiroketal analogues and computational data suggests that the double anomeric

effect is a major contributor to the stability of the trioxadispiroketal configuration in azaspiracid-1, but does not adequately account for the much greater stability of the natural isomer over other trioxadispiroketal isomers.²⁰ The relative arrangement of the oxygen substituents on the five membered ring and conformational effects in the C ring should also be considered. The interrogation of this hypothesis within the context of unnatural analogues of azaspiracid-1 and related trioxadispiroketal frameworks, and expansion of the novel synthetic methodology that underpins this study are in progress, and will be reported in due course.

1.4 Experimental

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions performed in organic solvents were conducted under an atmosphere of argon with oven dried glassware using standard syringe and septa technique. THF was distilled from a blue solution of sodium benzophenone ketyl. CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from phosphorus pentoxide. Anhydrous toluene, methanol, DMF and CH₃CN were purchased from Aldrich and used without purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Whatman silica gel HF₂₅₄ plates or Selecto Scientific alumina B F₂₅₄ plates and UV light, 12- molybdophosphoric acid (PMA stain), or potassium permanganate (KMnO₄ stain) for analysis of the developed plates. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) or Brockmann I alumina gel (150 mesh). H¹-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ or C₆D₆ and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residue of the solvent, i.e CD(H)Cl₃ at 7.27 ppm or C₆D(H)₆ at 7.16 ppm. ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 125 MHz spectrometer in

CDCl₃ or C₆D₆ and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent peak, i.e. CDCl₃ at 77.23 ppm or C₆D₆ at 128.39 ppm. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Ultima Micromass Q-TOF Mass Spectrometer at the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory of University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

(S)-4-((Z)-4-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)-but-1-enyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane (1.10a)

Triphenylphosphine (6.69 g, 25.5 mmol) was added to a solution 1-((3-iodopropoxy)methyl)-4-methoxybenzene (5.19 g, 17.0 mmol) in dry toluene (50 mL). The mixture was refluxed for 60 h, then cooled to rt and concentrated *in vacuo* to give crude **9**. The residue was dissolved in THF (60 mL), cooled to -78 °C, and sodium hexamethyldisilylamide (28.3 mL, 0.6 M in toluene) introduced dropwise. The mixture was kept at rt for 30 min and re-cooled to -78 °C, at which time a solution of aldehyde **1.8** (2.21 g, 17.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was slowly added. After 30 min at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed to rt, stirred at this temperature for 1 h, then diluted with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **1.10a** (3.97 g, 80% over two steps). R_f = 0.40 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 2.43 (dq, J=1.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.43-3.53 (m, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.05 (dd, J=6.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.84 (dq, J=1.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (tdd, J=1.5, 8.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dtd, J=0.9, 7.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.2, 27.0, 28.7, 55.5, 69.5, 69.7, 72.2, 72.9,

109.3, 114.0, 129.4, 129.4, 130.7, 131.1, 159.5. HRMS-ES: m/z $[M+Na^+]$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{24}O_4Na$: 315.1572; found: 315.1584.

5-((Z)-4-((S)-2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-but-3-enylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (1.10b)

2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (3.52 g, 15.5 mmol) was added to a solution of **1.10a** (3.77 g, 12.9 mmol) in a 20/1 mixture of CH_2Cl_2/H_2O (100 mL). The mixture was stirred until TLC indicated complete disappearance of starting material, quenched with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the derived primary alcohol (1.93 g, 87%). $R_f = 0.30$ (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.69 (br. 1H), 2.37-2.46 (m, 2H), 3.57 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (q, $J=3.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.10 (dd, $J=6.1, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dq, $J=0.7, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (tdd, $J=1.3, 8.4, 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dtd, $J=0.7, 7.5, 11.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 26.1, 27.0, 31.5, 62.0, 69.7, 72.0, 109.5, 130.0, 131.2.

A solution of di-isopropyl azodicarboxylate (2.61 g, 15.5 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added at 0 °C to a mixture of the alcohol from the previous step (2.22 g, 12.9 mmol), Ph_3P (4.06 g, 15.5 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole-5-thiol (2.76 g, 15.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL). After 30 min, the reaction was warmed to rt and maintained at this temperature for 30 min. The mixture was then diluted with Et_2O , washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC

to afford the thioether derivative (4.07g, 95%). $R_f = 0.50$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.76 (m, 2H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.52 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, $J=6.2, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dq, $J=0.7, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (tdd, $J=1.3, 8.5, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dtd, $J=0.7, 7.5, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 27.0, 27.6, 33.0, 69.6, 72.0, 109.6, 124.1, 130.0, 130.4, 130.8, 130.9, 136.7, 154.4.

A bright yellow mixture of 30% aqueous H_2O_2 (14.0 mL, 123 mmol) and ammonium molybdate (5.25 g, 3.56 mmol) was added dropwise, at 0°C to a solution of the thioether from the previous step (3.93 g, 11.8 mmol) in a 1/8 mixture of THF/EtOH (30 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was diluted with Et_2O and saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 . The layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted with Et_2O (3 x 100 mL). The organic extract was washed with brine and water, dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. FCC of the residue provided sulfone **1.10b** (3.86 g 90%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.20$ (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 2.84 (m, 2H), 3.56 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.84 (m, 2H), 4.11 (dd, $J=6.1, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (q, $J=6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.61-5.64 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.71 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 26.1, 27.0, 55.8, 69.5, 71.8, 109.78, 125.3, 128.3, 130.0, 131.8 (two lines), 133.2, 153.6. HRMS-ES: m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{NaS}$: 387.1103; found: 387.1115.

Tetrahydro-2-methoxy-2-((5Z)-6-((S)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-hexa-2,5-dienyl)-2H-pyran (1.12)

Potassium hexamethyldisilylamide (23.8 mL of a 0.5M solution in toluene, 11.9 mmol) was added dropwise, at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, to a mixture of sulfone **1.10b** (2.89 g, 7.94 mmol) in THF (50 mL). The mixture was warmed to rt and kept at this temperature for 1 h. The resulting bright yellow solution was then re-cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and aldehyde **1.11** (1.65 g, 10.6 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL), slowly introduced. The reaction mixture was maintained at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h, at rt for an additional 1 h, then diluted with Et₂O and brine. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extract was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford **1.12** as a yellow oil (2.11 g, 90%). $R_f = 0.80$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.77 (tq, $J=4.2, 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, $J=6.7, 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, $J=6.3, 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, $J=6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.53 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J=6.1, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dq, $J=1.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.49 (m, 3H), 5.63 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.8, 25.4, 26.2, 27.0, 31.2, 33.3, 40.0, 47.6, 61.6, 67.0, 72.1, 98.7, 109.3, 125.8, 128.2, 131.1, 132.6. HRMS-ES m/z [$M+\text{Na}^+$] calcd for C₁₇H₂₈O₄Na: 319.1885; found: 319.1890.

(S,3Z)-8-Tetrahydro-2-methoxy-2H-pyran-2-yl)-2-hydroxyocta-3,6-dienyl pivalate
(1.13)

A mixture of diene **1.12** (1.57 g, 5.30 mmol) and CSA (123 mg, 0.53 mmol) in dry MeOH (150 mL) was stirred at rt until TLC indicated complete disappearance of **12**. The reaction was then quenched with solid NaHCO₃ and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The residue was diluted with Et₂O, washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtrated and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC provided the derived diol (1.33 g, 98%). R_f = 0.35 (60% EtOAc/petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (dt, J=4.3, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.42-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.70 (tq, J=4.2, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, J=7.1, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J=6.7, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, J=9.5, 2H), 3.48 (br. 1H), 3.51 (br., 1H), 3.55 (d, J=2.4, 1H), 3.57 (d, J=2.4 1H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 5.30-5.45 (m, 3H), 5.53 (dtd, J=0.6, 7.6, 11.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.6, 25.1, 31.1, 33.0, 39.9, 47.5, 61.5, 66.3, 68.6, 98.8, 125.4, 129.3, 131.2. HRMS-ES *m/z* [M+Na⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₂₄O₄Na: 279.1572; found: 279.1469.

To a solution of the diol from the previous step (1.15 g, 4.50 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (60.0 mL) was added pyridine (1.78 g, 22.5 mmol), DMAP (110 mg, 0.90 mmol), and pivaloyl chloride (652 mg, 5.40 mmol). After 5 h at rt, the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH (5.0 mL), diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 0.1 M HCl, brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford **1.13** as an oil (1.30 g, 85%). R_f = 0.30 (30% EtOAc/petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.23 (s, 9H), δ 1.41 (dt, J=4.3, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.63 (br. 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.77 (tq, J=4.2, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dddd, J=0.9, 2.7, 6.6, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.90 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.63 (m, 2H) 4.02 (ddd, J=0.9, 7.4, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (ddd, J=1.8, 4.0, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.53 (m, 3H), 5.63 (dtd, J=0.8, 7.6, 11.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.8, 25.3, 27.4, 31.2, 33.2, 39.1, 40.0,

47.6, 61.6, 66.4, 68.0, 98.8, 125.8, 128.8, 131.1, 132.2, 178.8. HRMS-ES m/z [M+Na⁺] calcd for C₁₉H₃₂O₅Na: 363.2147; found: 363.2133.

Trioxadispiroketal **1.7**, **1.14** and **1.15**

To a solution of **1.13** (230 mg, 0.657 mmol) in dry CH₃CN (10.0 mL) was added IDCPC (1.23 g, 2.62 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to rt, stirred at this temperature for 3 h, then diluted with Et₂O and 10% Na₂S₂O₃ in saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The two phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL). The organic extract was washed with 0.1 N HCl, brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was not stable and was used directly in the next step.

For characterization purposes, in a separate experiment, one of the diastereomers of **1.6** was separated by FCC ($R_f = 0.70$, 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) 1.21 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 2.04 (md, $J=17.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.13-2.20 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dd, $J=6.2, 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J=6.6, 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.38 (td, $J=3.8, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dd, $J=3.2, 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (m, 1H), 4.41 (dt, $J=4.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, $J=8.6, 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (md, $J=10.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 19.4, 25.6, 27.8, 29.7, 32.8, 33.6, 39.2, 44.0, 47.7, 61.8, 64.1, 71.0, 73.1, 99.6, 125.0, 127.2, 178.1.

The mixture **1.6** was not stable and was quickly dissolved in a 4/1 mixture of CH₃CN/H₂O (20.0 mL) and treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid (20.0 mg, 0.10 mmol). After 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O and quenched with saturated

aqueous NaHCO₃. The two phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL). The organic extract was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was co-evaporated with benzene (two times), re-dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) and treated with silver trifluoromethanesulfonate (675 mg, 2.62 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to rt, stirred at this temperature for 3 h, then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and a 1/1 mixture of 10% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was separated and aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC on neutral alumina to afford two fractions R_f = 0.30, 0.35 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether), comprising trioxadispiroketal **1.14** (20 mg, 9% from **1.5**), and an inseparable mixture **1.7** and **1.15** (65 mg, 30% from **1.5**), respectively. The approximate ratio of **1.7**:**1.14**:**1.15** as determined by integration of the ¹H NMR was 62:22:16. For **1.14**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.20 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.59 (ddd, J=4.0, 9.1, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (tq, J=4.0, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dddd, J=0.9, 3.5, 4.7, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, J= 4.0, 8.4, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (tdd, J= 2.1, 4.2, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (td, J= 8.6, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (tdd, J=1.8, 4.5, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dt, J=2.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J=4.3, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J=6.5, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (m, 1H), 5.60 (tdd, J=1.3, 2.5, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (tdd, J=1.8, 5.0, 11.3Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 20.6, 25.9, 27.7, 35.0, 36.5, 37.8, 38.1, 39.3, 63.6, 66.5, 69.8, 106.1, 108.0, 125.1, 126.0, 178.0. HRMS-Es *m/z* [M+Na⁺] calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₅Na: 347.1834; found: 347.1839.

DIBAL-H (0.12 mL, 1.0 M in hexane) was added at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to a portion of the mixture of **1.7** and **1.15** (10 mg, 0.031 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was maintained at this temperature for 30 min, then quenched with Rochelle's salt, warmed to rt, and extracted with Et_2O (4 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by FCC on neutral alumina to afford the derived primary alcohols **1.7-OH** and **1.15-OH** ($R_f = 0.28, 0.30$ respectively, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). For **1.7-OH**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.54 (dd, $J=5.7, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dt, $J=4.2, 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dddd, $J=1.4, 3.3, 5.1, 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (tdd, $J=2.5, 4.0, 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.60 (m, 3H), 3.87 (ddd, $J=2.5, 9.7, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 5.51 (tdd, $J=1.4, 2.7, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (tdd, $J=2.4, 5.1, 10.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 20.9, 26.0, 35.4, 36.2, 37.1, 37.4, 62.2, 65.8, 71.4, 106.2, 107.6, 125.0, 126.6. For **15-OH**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.32 (tq, $J=4.3, 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.55 (dt, $J=4.4, 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.96 (ddd, $J=1.5, 7.3, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dt, $J=7.9, 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 (tdd, $J=1.3, 5.2, 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 3.46 (tdd, $J=2.3, 4.7, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J=2.9, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (ddd, $J=4.3, 8.8, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (ddd, $J=2.5, 11.2, 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (td, $J=2.8, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 5.57 (dtd, $J=1.3, 2.5, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (tdd, $J=2.6, 5.2, 10.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 20.9, 25.8, 34.9, 35.5, 37.1, 37.4, 61.9, 66.4, 75.8, 105.3, 107.5, 124.1, 126.3.

Using the identical pivaloylation procedure that was described for preparation of **1.13**, **1.7-OH** and **1.15-OH** were individually transformed to **1.7** (7.5 mg) and **1.15**

(2.2 mg). For **1.7** : ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.19 (m, 10H), 1.38-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.64 (dt, $J=4.2, 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.85 (tq, $J=4.0, 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 2.08 (dddd, $J=1.3, 3.3, 4.9, 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (tdd, $J=2.4, 4.1, 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (tdd, $J=2.3, 4.6, 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (ddd, $J=2.5, 9.7, 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J=4.4, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, $J=6.3, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (m, 1H), 5.57 (tdd, $J=1.3, 2.7, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (tdd, $J=2.2, 5.1, 10.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 20.9, 26.0, 27.7, 35.2, 36.3, 37.1, 37.4, 39.2, 62.2, 66.5, 69.0, 106.1, 107.6, 125.4, 126.0, 177.9. HRMS-ES m/z [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 347.1834; found: 347.1842. For **1.15**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.39 (tq, $J=4.3, 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.63 (dt, $J=4.4, 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.01 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 3.53 (tdd, $J=2.3, 4.6, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (ddd, $J=2.6, 11.0, 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, $J=4.8, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (m, 2H), 5.57 (qd, $J=2.0, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 20.9, 26.0, 27.7, 35.4, 35.6, 36.5, 37.3, 39.2, 62.0, 67.5, 72.0, 106.0, 107.4, 124.9, 125.2, 177.9. HRMS-ES m/z [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 347.1834; found: 347.1843.

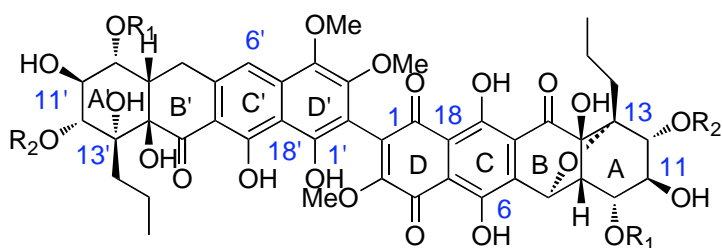
Alternative spiroketalization conditions for **1.7**, **1.14** and **1.15**

Hydroxydiene **1.13** (8.0 mg, 0.023 mmol) was subjected to the identical iodoetherification procedure that was described above. To a solution of the the crude product **1.6** in methanol (0.5 mL) was added AgOTf (18mg, 0.069 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. Then PPTS (6.4 mg, 0.023 mmol) and water (0.10 mL) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred for additional 6 h and quenched by adding saturated $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 20 mL) and

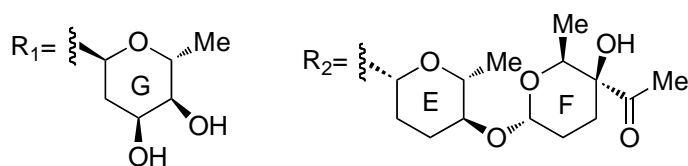
the organic extract was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. H-NMR analysis of the crude product indicated a mixture of **1.7:1.14:1.15** in a respective ratio of 6:2:2.

**Chapter 2. Angelmicin B (Hibarimicin B):
Structure, Bioactivity, Biosynthesis and Previous
Synthetic Studies**

Angelmicin B (**2.1**) was first isolated from *Microbispora rosea* by Uehara and co-workers in 1993.²¹ Several members of the same class of natural products (subsequently named hibarimicins) were later isolated from a different subspecies of *Microbispora rosea* subsp. *hibaria* TP-A0121.²² Angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) (**2.1**) is one of the most complicated and largest molecules among the aromatic polyketide dimers of microbial metabolites.



Angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) (**2.1**)



Hibarimicinone (**2.2**) $R_1 = R_2 = H$

Figure 2.1 Structure of angelmicin B and hibarimicinone

2.1 Bioactivity

Angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) is a potent *v-Src* protein tyrosine kinase (PTK) inhibitor ($IC_{50}=40 \mu\text{g/mL}$ or $23 \mu\text{M}$), and the most selective congener. Angelmicin B also shows growth inhibiting and differentiation inducing activity on human myeloid leukemia (HL-60) cell lines ($IC_{50}=0.10 \mu\text{g/mL}$ or 57 nM).²³ Since the effective concentration of angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) in *v-Src* PTK inhibition is about 400-fold higher than that required for cell growth suppression and differentiation, these activities,

do not appear to be directly related. This suggests that angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) might be involved in the modulation of more than one physiological pathway.²⁴

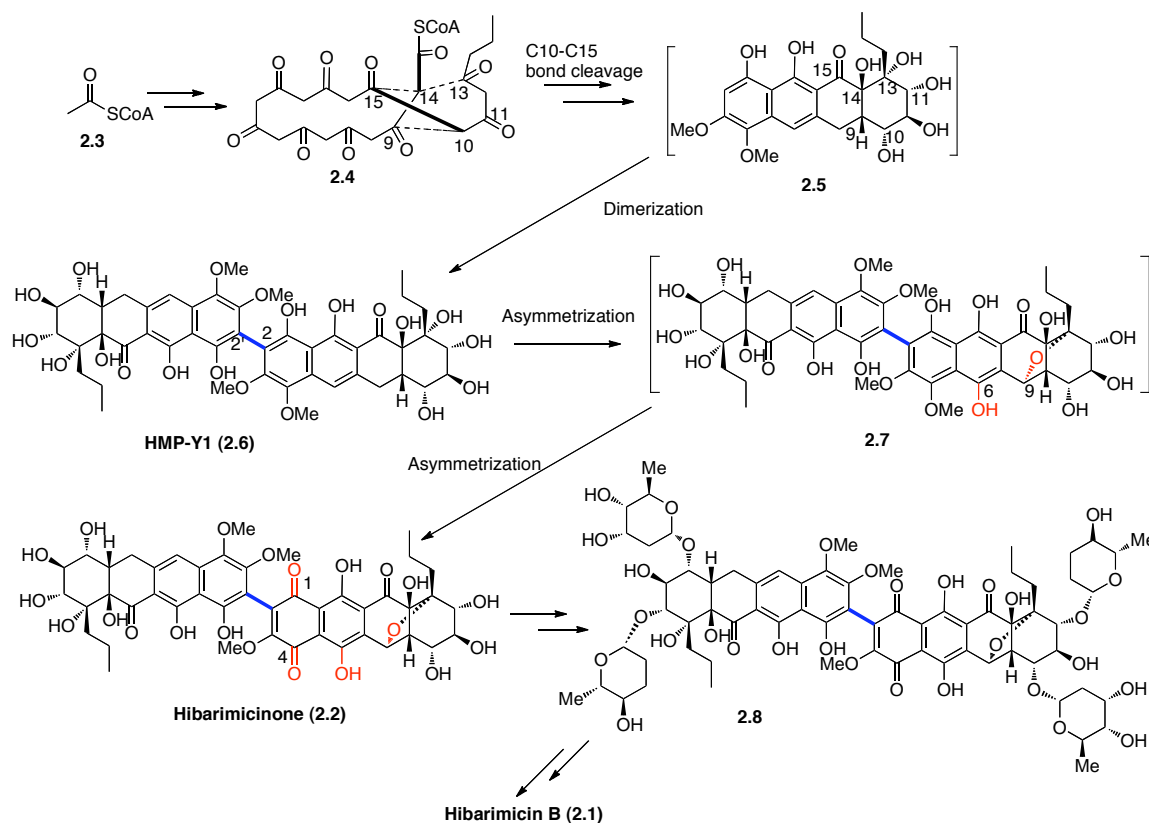
Hibarimicinone **2.2**, the aglycon part and the biosynthetic precursor of angelmicin B (hibarimicin B), is a more potent *v-Src* PTK inhibitor ($IC_{50}=9.7 \mu\text{g/mL}$ or $10.5 \mu\text{M}$), although less selective than angelmicin B (hibarimicin B), and does not induce differentiation of HL-60 cells.^{23, 24} Angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) competitively inhibited ATP binding to the *v-Src* PTK, but hibarimicinone **2.2** showed noncompetitive inhibition. However, both compounds showed similar mixed types of inhibition against a *v-Src* substrate (peptide p34cdc[6-20]) binding to the *v-Src* PTK. These results again suggest that the differentiation-inducing activity of angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) is not directly associated with *v-Src* PTK inhibiting activity, and may be associated with other signaling mechanisms.^{23, 24}

2.2 Structure

Angelmicin B **2.1** consists of six deoxyhexoses and an aglycon part (hibarimicinone), which has eight condensed rings and a tetrahydrofuran (THF) ring bridge with two *n*-propyl side chains.²² It is a pseudo-symmetric dimer comprised of similar highly oxidized naphthyl-naphthoquinone derived cyclitol ABCD and A'B'C'D' segments, which are connected through a D-D' biaryl bond. The A and A' cyclitol residues are glycosylated and the BCD and B'C'D' segments vary in the oxidation states of the individual rings. The absolute configuration of the sugar units (E, F and G), the configuration at C13', and the relative stereochemistry between distal rings (A and A') are unknown. In addition, it

is unclear whether the natural structure represents a preferred atropisomer with respect to the D-D' linkage.

2.3 Biosynthesis



Scheme 2.1

The biosynthetic origin of hibarimicins using ^{13}C -labeling experiments and co-synthesis with blocked mutants was reported in 2002.²⁵ The ^{13}C enriched hibarimicin B was isolated from the fermentation of *Microbispora rosea* subsp. *Hibaria* TP-A0121 with ^{13}C labeled sodium [$1\text{-}^{13}\text{C}$], [$2\text{-}^{13}\text{C}$], [$1,2\text{-}^{13}\text{C}_2$] acetate feeding, solvent extraction and chromatographic purification. Analysis of the ^{13}C NMR data for labeled hibarimicin B showed the enrichment of ^{13}C in the aglycon part of hibarimicin and revealed an irregular distribution of labeled acetates (**Figure 2.2**).

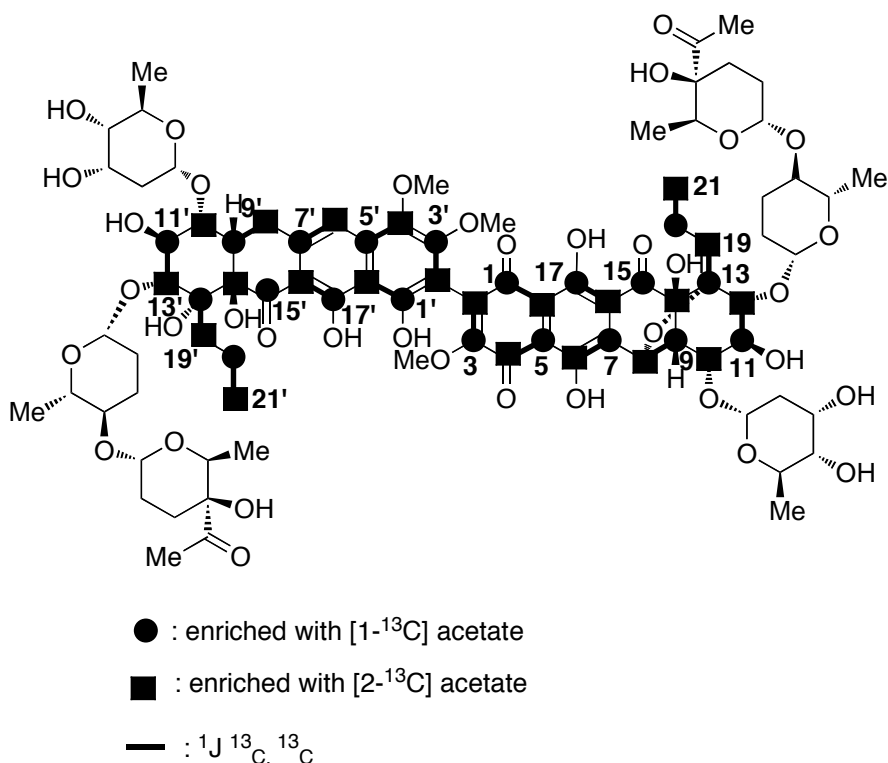
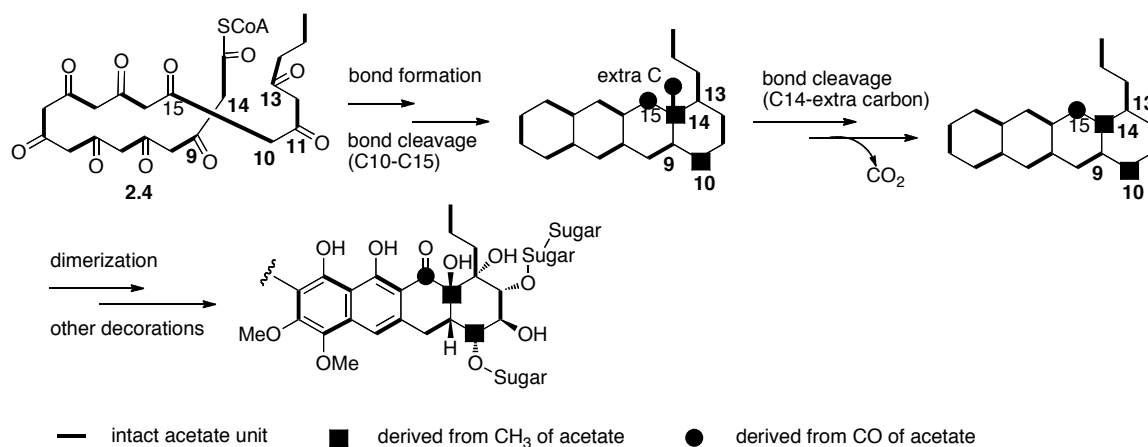


Figure 2.2 Structure of angelmicin B from ¹³C labeled acetate feeding experiments

Alternate alignment of enriched carbons in the aglycon moiety from a [1-¹³C] and [2-¹³C] acetate feeding experiment revealed that aglycon part was biosynthesized through a polyketide pathway. The 2D-INADEQUATE results of hibarimicin B from [1, 2-¹³C₂] acetate feeding experiments showed the symmetric distribution of two polyketide chains and they were coupled between C2-C2' through carbons of methyl groups in acetates. This symmetric carbon skeleton indicated that the aglycon part of hibarimicin was constructed through the oxidative dimerization at C2 and C2' positions.

Even though C-14 and C-15 were incorporated from the carbonyl and methyl groups of labeled acetates, respectively, and directly bonded each other, there were no ¹J ¹³C-¹³C coupling observed between them. This was the same for C-14' and C15'. Furthermore, C-10 was derived from carbon of the methyl group of labeled acetates and was bonded to C-9 and C-11, both derived from carbons of carbonyl of acetates, but there were no one-

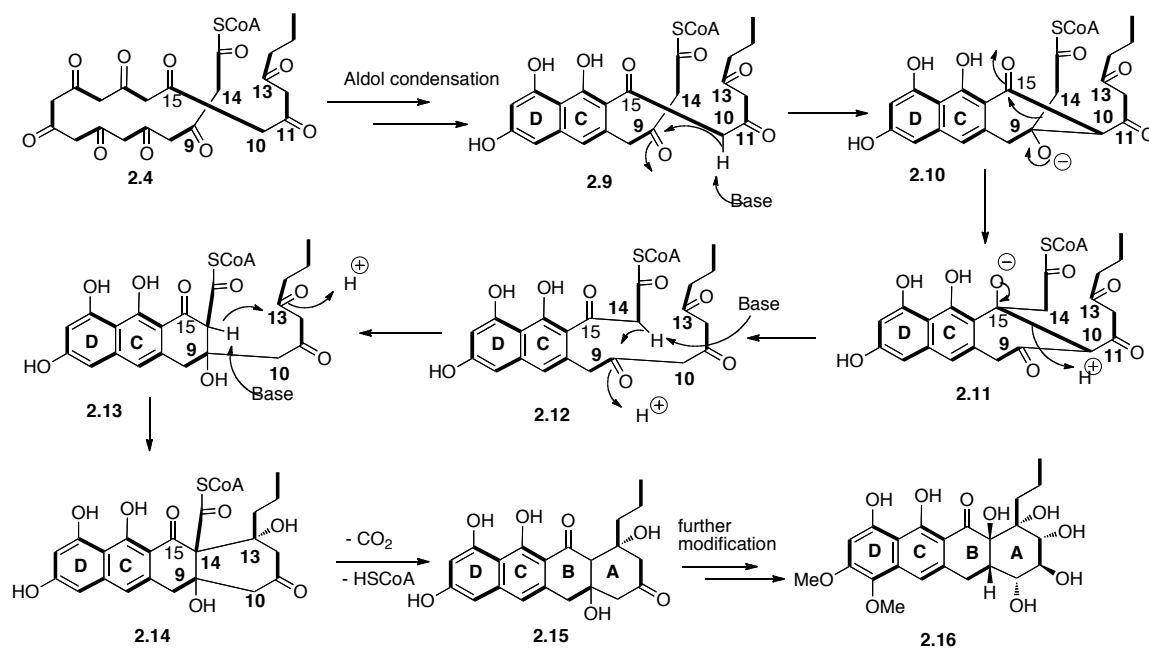
bond ^{13}C - ^{13}C coupling seen. It was also the case for C-10'. The three-bond couplings, $^3J_{\text{C}10, \text{C}15}$ and $^3J_{\text{C}10', \text{C}15'}$, were detected from the difference spectra of selective ^{13}C decoupled 1D-ADEQUATE experiment. These results showed that C-10 and C-15 and also C-10' and C-15' were derived from a single acetate unit, suggesting that each half of aglycon framework was originated from an undecaketide chain and then was oxidatively coupled to form the symmetric aglycon carbon skeleton. Hori and Kajiura hypothesized that starting from an undecaketide **2.4**, the half unit of the aglycon carbon framework **2.5** was constructed from a skeletal rearrangement, involving cleavage of C10-C15 bond, formation of C9-C10, C13-C14 and C14-C15 bonds, and decarboxylation at C14 as well (**Scheme 2.2**).



Scheme 2.2

The authors did not propose a mechanism for the cleavage of C10-C15 bond and the rearrangement of the carbon framework. Here, we propose one possible mechanism, a slight modification from the one by Sulikowski (**Scheme 2.3**). After construction of the CD rings by aldol condensation, the enolate **2.9** resulting from deprotonation of C10 hydrogen attacked the C9 carbonyl. Then the fragmentation happened in cleavage of C9-

C14 bond, and 1,3 migration to form C14-C15 bond. Further fragmentation of **2.11** resulted in formation of C11-C15 bond. Next, the AB rings were constructed through C9-C14 and C13-C14 bond formation by standard enolate chemistry. The half unit of the aglycon carbon framework was accomplished by decarboxylation and further functionalization.



Scheme 2.3

Further biosynthetic studies were performed to confirm the biosynthetic intermediates and dimerization pathway, through the isolation and structure elucidation of metabolites from blocked mutants of the *Microbispora rosea* subspecies. *Hibaria* TP-A0121.²⁵ Several metabolites were isolated, including HMP-Y1 **2.6** (hibarimicin-mutant product Y1) and hibarimicinone **2.2**. From sodium [1-¹³C], [2-¹³C], [1,2-¹³C₂] acetate feeding experiment, the corresponding ¹³C labeled HMP-Y1 **2.6** was isolated from the blocked

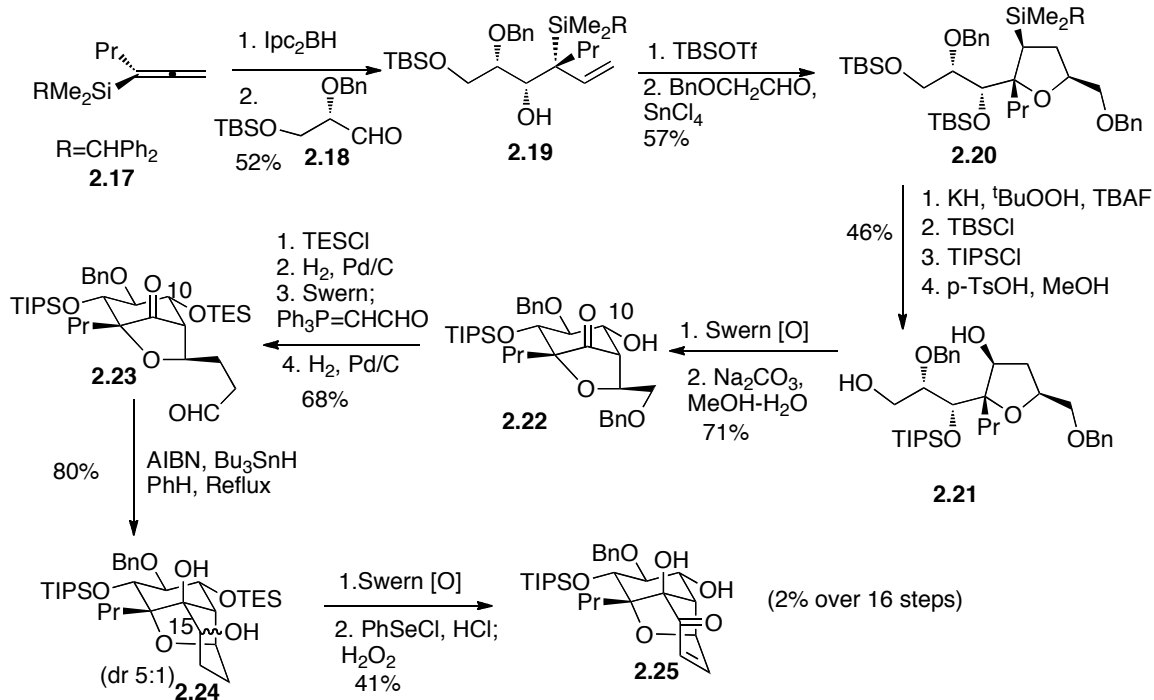
mutants and fully characterized. The 2D-INADEQUATE results of HMP-Y1 from [1, 2-¹³C₂] acetate feeding experiments showed the symmetric distribution of two polyketide chains and they were coupled between C2-C2' through carbons of methyl groups in acetates. This symmetric carbon skeleton indicated that HMP-Y1 **2.6** was possibly constructed through the oxidative dimerization at C2 and C2' positions. Feeding the ¹³C labeled HMP-Y1 **2.6** to *Hibaria* TP-A0121 produced ¹³C labeled hibarimicin B **2.1**. It confirmed that HMP-Y1 **2.6** was the precursor of hibarimicin B **2.1** in its biosynthetic pathway and also demonstrated that the dimerization of the two half units occurred before the asymmetrization on the biosynthetic pathway.

Combining with the ¹³C labeling experiment results of hibarimicin B **2.1**, the researchers assumed that the tetracycle **2.5** was oxidatively coupled through C-2 of the aromatic ring to give a symmetrical HMP-Y1 **2.6**, which was further asymmetrized to hibarimicinone **2.2** by oxidation and modification. The glycosidation of hibarimicinone **2.2** finished the biosynthesis of hibarimicin B **2.1**. Thus, the HMP-Y1 **2.6** could be a valuable intermediate to synthesis of hibarimicin B **2.1** and be as an important synthetic target to correlate its stereochemistry with natural products.

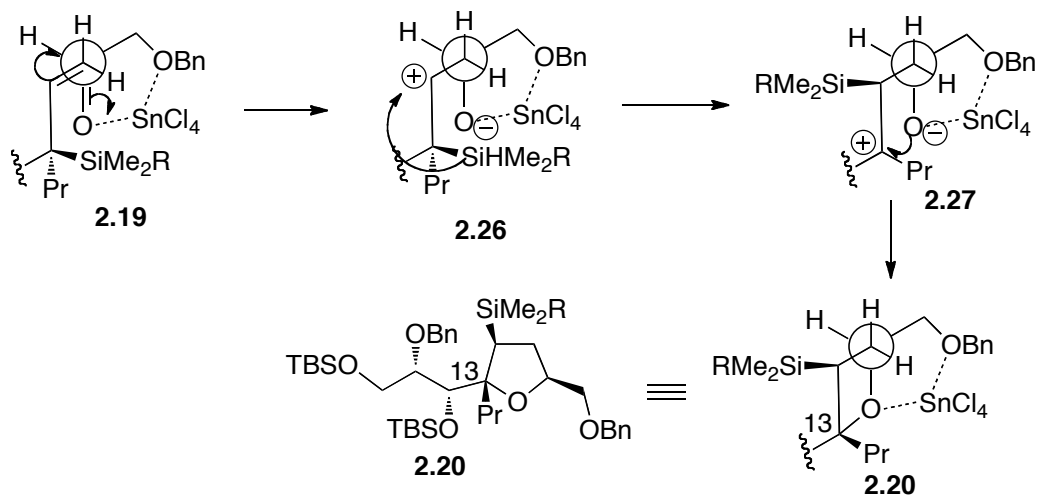
2.4 Previous synthetic studies

In 2005, Roush's group disclosed a synthesis of AB subunit of hibarimicin (Scheme **2.4**).^{26b} The THF **2.20** was constructed via a [3+2] annulation in 57% yield between α -benzloxyacetylaldehyde and an allylic silane **2.19**, which was from asymmetric allylation of Fukuyama aldehyde **2.18**.²⁷ The mechanism of SnCl₄ chelated [3+2] annulation was shown in scheme **2.4**. The secondary carbonocation **2.26** intermediate was undergone a

1,2-silyl shift to form a more stable tertiary carbonocation **2.27**. Then the THF ring was closed from backside in **2.12** as anion-cation combined to establish the quaternary center at C-13. Tamao-Fleming oxidation of the silane in **2.20** and protecting group manipulation of the bis-silylether provided the THF-diol **2.21** in 46% yield.²⁸ Swern oxidation of the diol in **2.21** followed by an intramolecular aldol condensation on the resulting keto-aldehyde, led to a mixture of the bicyclic hydroxy-ketone **2.22** and the undesired C-10 epimer in 81% yield (**2.22**: **10-epi-2.22** = 1.3:1)^{29,30} The latter was converted to **2.22** quantitatively by re-exposure to the aldol reaction conditions. After protection of the C-10 hydroxyl group and selective removal of benzyl group of primary alcohol with hydrogenolysis and conversion to aldehyde by Swern oxidation, an *in situ* treatment of the aldehyde with (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetaldehyde gave the enal, which was hydrogenated over Pd/C to afford the keto aldehyde **2.23** in 68% yield from **2.22** in 5 steps. Pinacol cyclization using Fu's method was performed upon **2.23** to give the diol mixture **2.24** (dr 5:1 at C15), which contains the carbon skeleton and the required chiral centers in AB subunit.³¹ Swern oxidation of the C15 hydroxy group followed by the Sharpless-Reich procedure on the resulting ketone produced AB enone subunit **2.25**.³² Overall, **2.25** was obtained in 2% over 16 steps from allene **2.17** and aldehyde **2.18**.



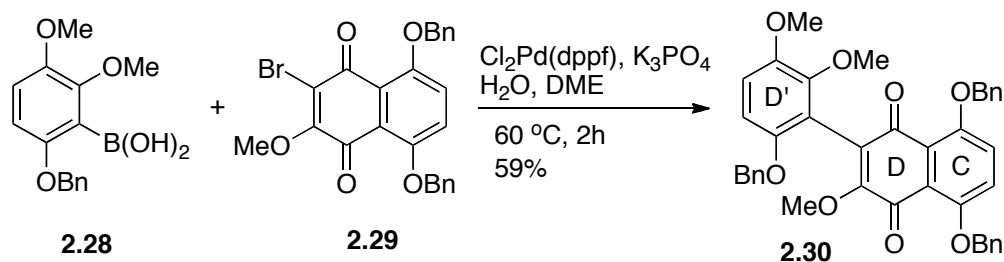
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Scheme 2.5

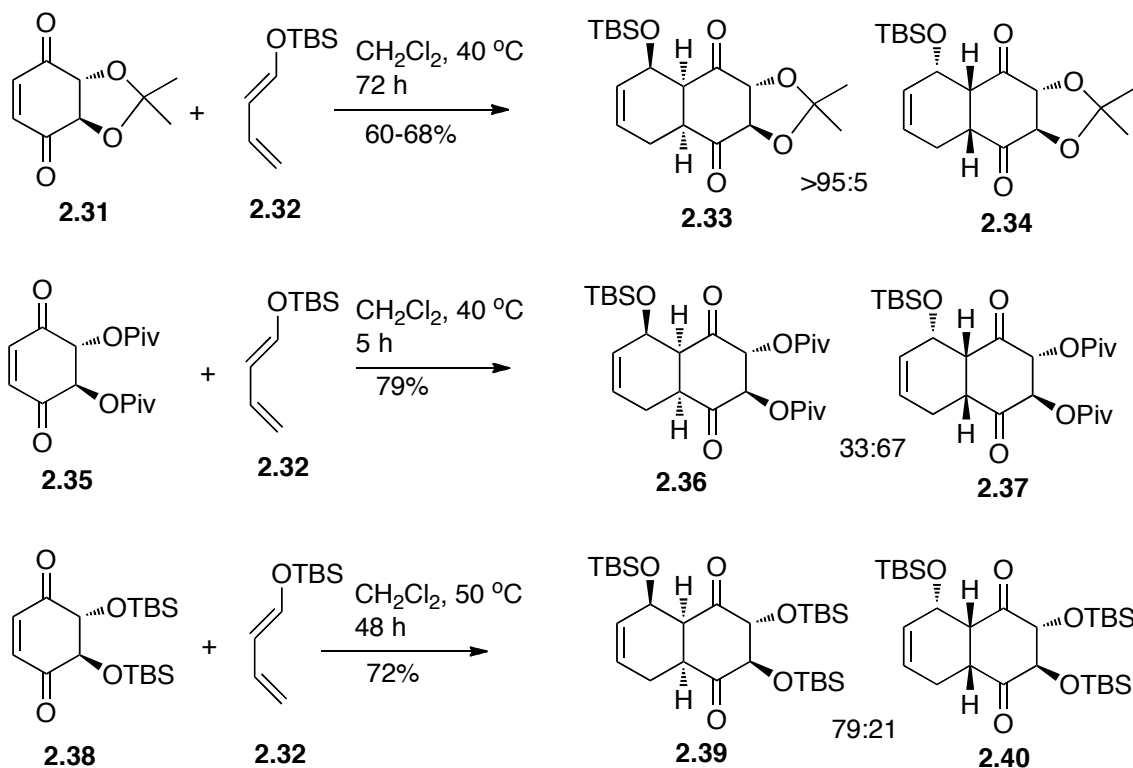
The Roush group also reported a model study for construction of the D-D' biaryl bond.^{26a} Attempts at cross-couplings of highly electron rich, highly substituted, arylhalides and triflate were unsuccessful. Eventually partnering bromonaphthoquinone **2.29** and arylboronic acid **2.28** under Suzuki conditions produced arylnaphthoquinone

2.30.³³ NMR studies and MM2 calculations of aryl naphthoquinone **2.30** showed the existence of atropisomers with an energy barrier for atropisomerization greater than 22 kcal/mol.³⁴ These results suggested that the natural product is possibly a single atropisomer.



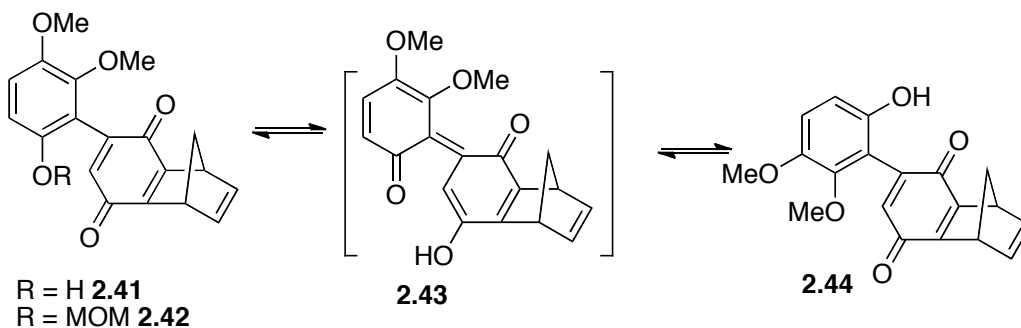
Scheme 2.6

Sulikowski's group also conducted several model studies on the AB/A'B' subunit and the biaryl bond in hibarimicin B **2.1**.³⁵ The stereoselectivity in the Diels-Alder reactions of diene **2.32** and the tartaric acid derived C₂ symmetric dienophiles (**2.31**, **2.35**, **2.38**) showed strong protecting group dependence (Scheme **2.7**).³⁶ The acetonide protected dienophile **2.31** gave predominantly a single diastereomer **2.33** with the undesired stereochemistry of the bridge carbon of the decalin. The bis-silylether dienophile **2.38** led to an increased proportion of the desired decalin **2.40**, but this was still the minor diastereomer. The bis-pivaloyl diene **2.35** gave the best results with a 67:33 ratio in favor of the desired diastereomer **2.37**. The authors explained the observed stereoselectivities in terms of ring strain effects in the transition state for dienophile **2.31**, and gauche interactions in the case of dienophiles **2.35** and **2.38**.



Scheme 2.7

This study also found that the biaryl model compound **2.41** underwent rapid rotation around the aryl-quinone bond while the MOM protected compound **2.42** existed as approximately 1:1 mixture of two distinct atropisomers.^{35b} The authors suggested that steric hindrance alone could not account for the difference. They concluded that the hydroxy group of **2.41** significantly lowered the rotation barrier due to stabilization of a transition state, which resembles a quinone methide intermediate **2.43**.³⁷

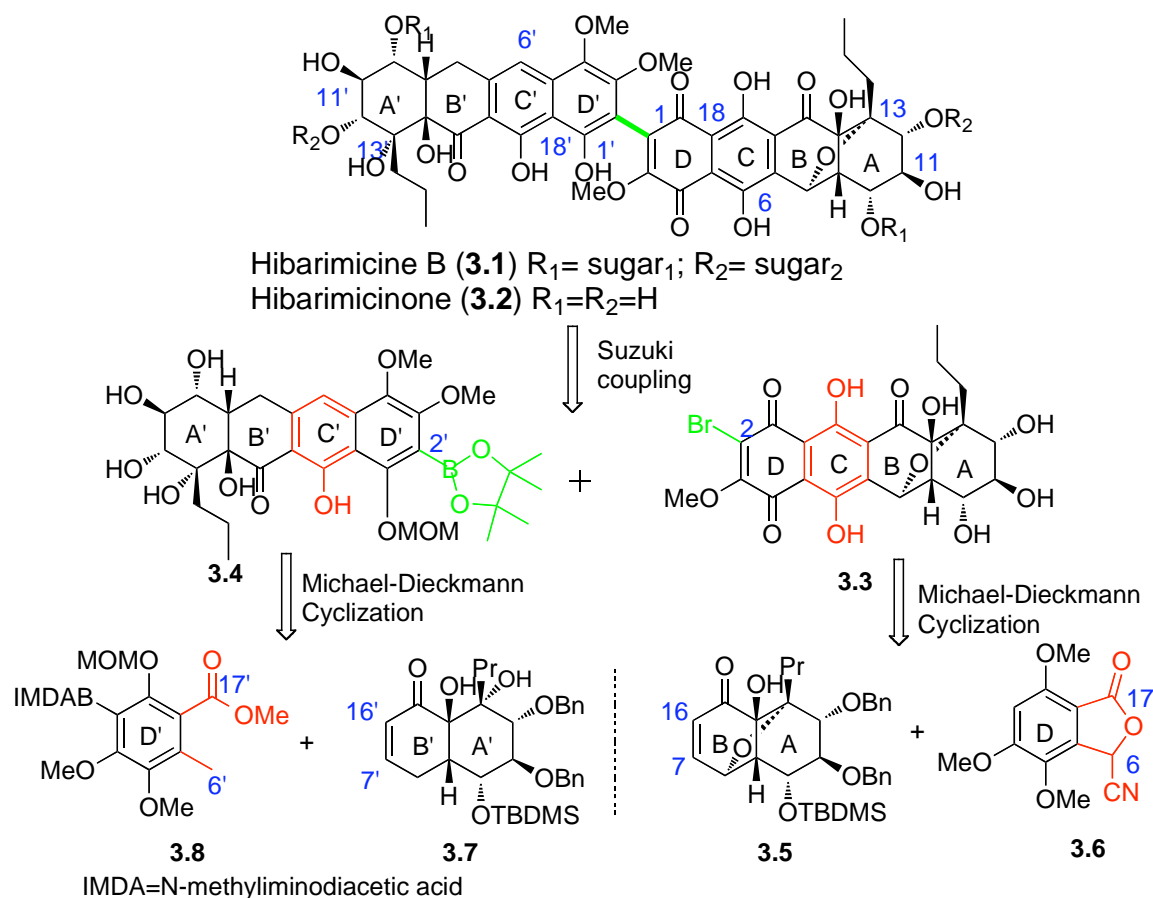


Scheme 2.8

Thus, contrasting results pertaining to the issue of atropisomer existence around the biaryl bond were reported by Roush and Sulikowski from their model studies. This controversy, the structural complexity and ambiguities combined with the intriguing biological properties make angelmicin B (hibarimicin B) a fascinating synthetic target.

**Chapter 3. Synthesis of AB and A'B' Subunit of
Angelmicin B (Hibarimicin B)**

3.1 Introduction

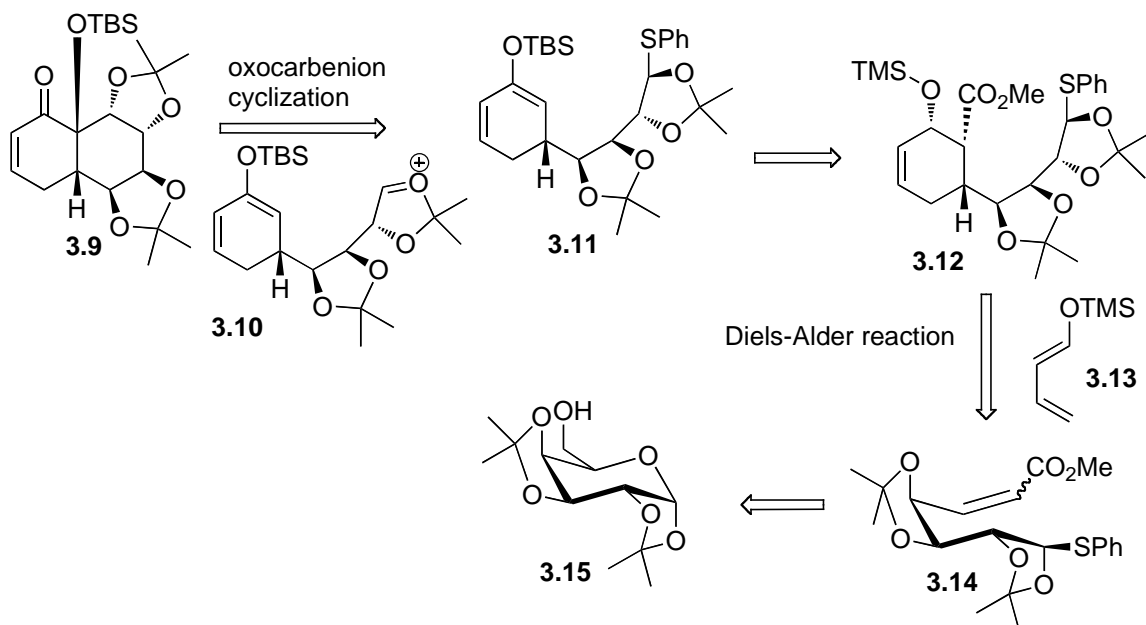


Scheme 3.1 Retrosynthetic analysis of hibarimicin B

Based on the discussion in Chapter 2, we propose that hibarimicin B (**3.1**) could be obtained from a late glycosidation of hibarimicinone **3.2**, which could be prepared through a Suzuki coupling of ABCD **3.3** ring segment and A'B'C'D' **3.4** ring segment following a protocol developed by Roush in their CD-D' model system study (Scheme **3.1**).^{26a} C ring in ABCD **3.3** segments would be cyclized through well-studied Michael-Dieckmann reaction of Michael donor **3.6** and enone **3.5**.³⁸ Very similarly, A'B'C'D' **3.4** ring segment could also be synthesized from 5-methoxyorsellinic acid derivative **3.8** and enone **3.7**.³⁸ In this chapter, we focused on the synthesis of the AB and A'B' enones **3.5** and **3.7**.

3.2 Model studies

Our immediate synthetic target was model compound *cis*-decalin **3.9**. A key step in the synthesis is oxocarbenium cyclization of an enol ether-thioacetal precursor **3.11**. This reaction follows from the success of related cyclization from this laboratory.³⁹

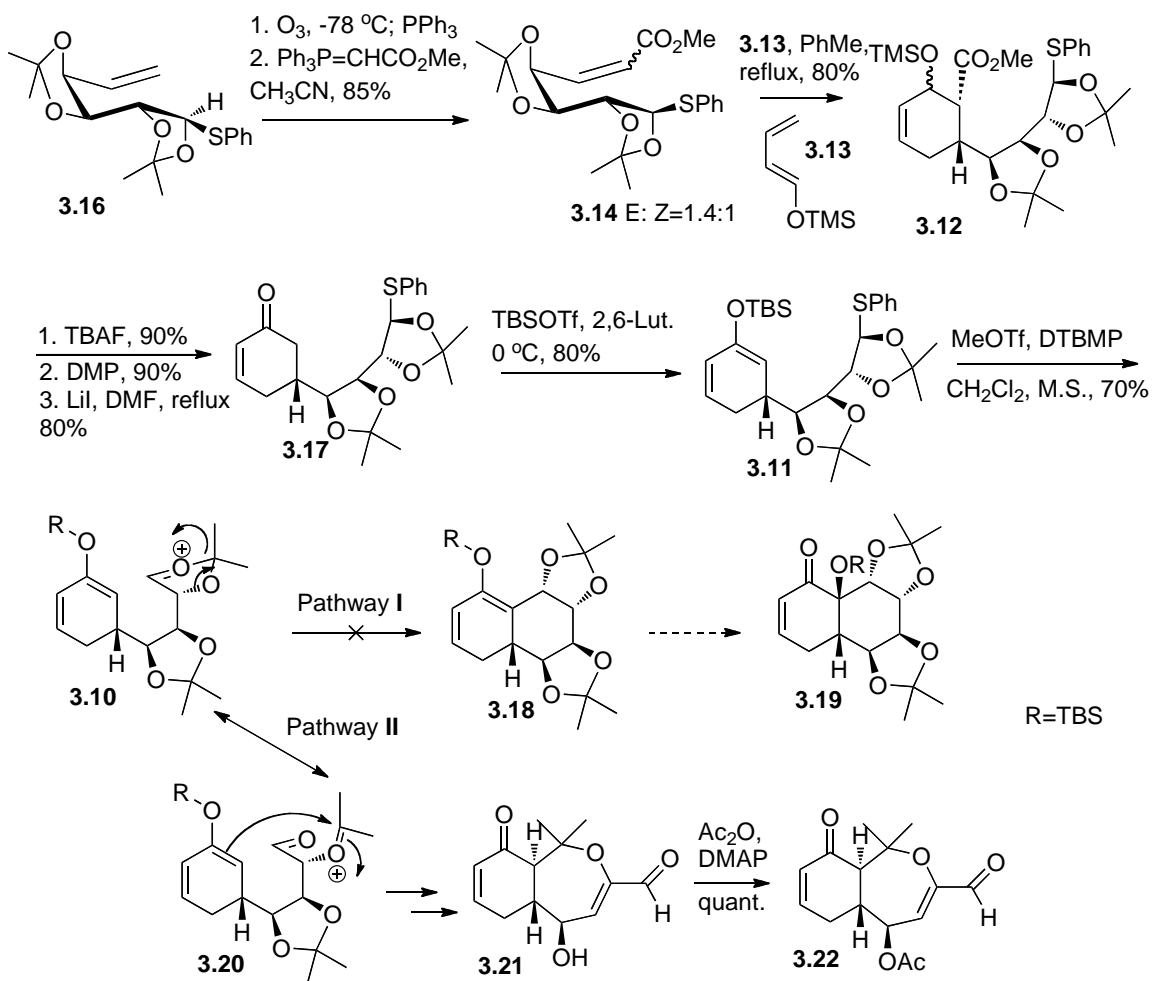


Scheme 3.2 Retrosynthetic analysis of model *cis*-decalin **3.9**

We envisaged synthesis of a model *cis*-decalin **3.9** could through an oxocarbenium ion cyclization from a enol ether precursor **11** (**Scheme 3.2**). The enol ether **3.11** was expected from elaboration of a Diels-Alder adduct **3.12**. The required dienophile **3.14** could be synthesized from commercially available D-galactose derivative **3.15**.

The known alkene **3.16**⁴⁰ from a commercial D-galactopyranose **3.15** was converted to the dienophile **3.14** in 85% yield (E/Z=1.4:1), via a three step procedure, ozonolysis followed by PPh₃ reduction and Wittig olefination with PPh₃=CHCO₂Me. Diels-Alder

reaction of the **Z-3.14** with 1-trimethylsiloxybutadiene **3.13** gave mainly endo Diels-Alder products.⁴¹



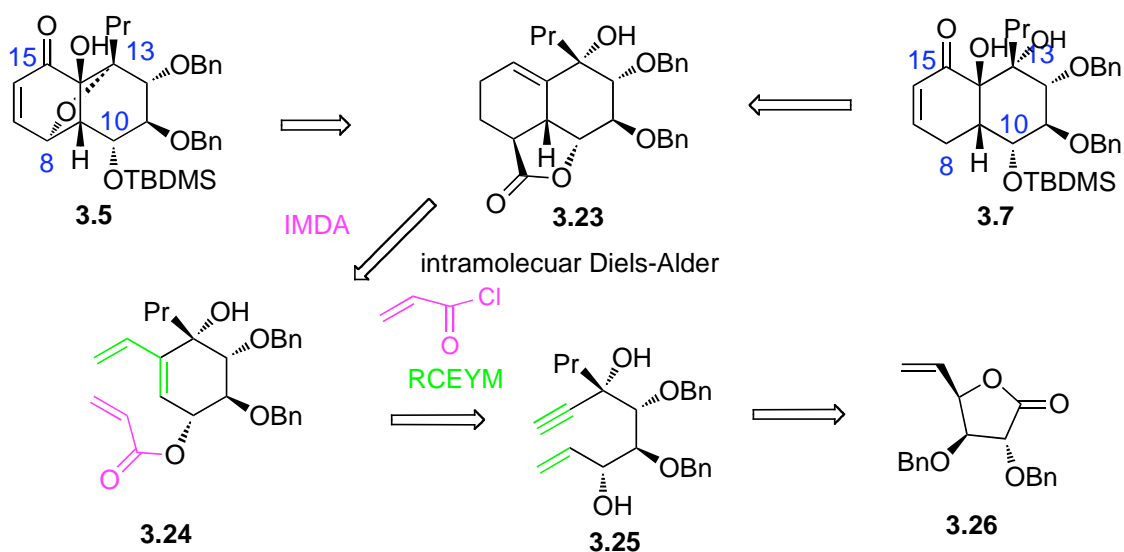
Scheme 3.3.

The major endo adducts **3.12** was determined by 2D-NOESY NMR and J coupling analysis. The stereochemistry C9' was assigned to the same as natural compound, based on NMR analysis of the later compound **3.22**. After desilylation and Dess-Martin oxidation of Diels-Alder adduct **3.12** to β -keto ester and demethoxycarbonylation with LiI in DMF,⁴² cyclohexenone **3.17** was formed in high yield and was converted to silyl enol ether **3.11** by treatment of TBSOTf (*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl triflate). Based on previous work in our laboratory, treatment of enol ether **3.11** with methyl triflate

(MeOTf) and 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine (DTBMP) was expected to give our target compound **3.18**. However, the reaction produced the 7-membered ether **3.21**, instead. Varying the TBS to TMS enol ether and/or reaction conditions, the results were the same. Our speculation was that the oxocarbenium formed during the reaction did not go through pathway **I** to give the target compound **3.18**. Instead, the oxocarbenium **3.10** preferred structure **3.20** probably due to the large steric congestion between the two 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane rings. The oxocarbenium **3.20** reacted along pathway **II** to give the 7-membered ether **3.21**. The structure of **3.21** was assigned based on the derived acetate **3.22**. In conclusion, the oxocarbenium cyclization of enol ether **3.10** resulted in bicycloether **3.21** instead of decalin **3.18**, and thus this approach was discontinued.

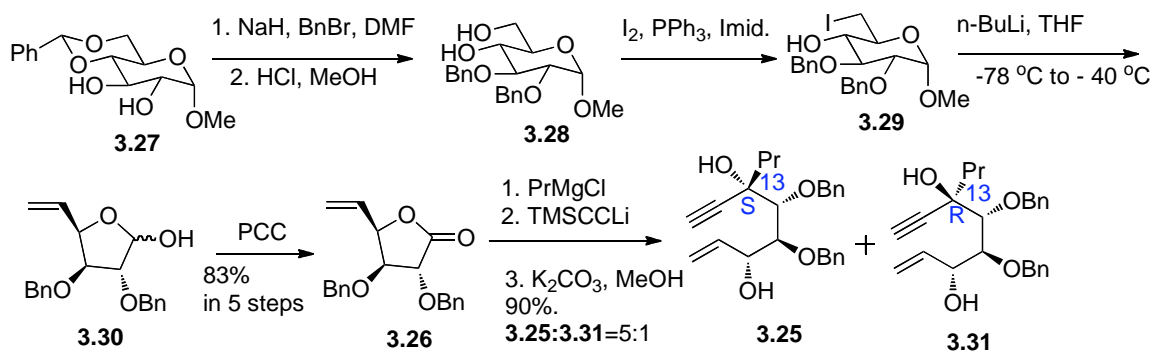
3.3 Retrosynthetic plan

We envisaged an approach to AB subunit **3.5** and A'B' subunit **3.7** that centered on an IMDA⁴³ reaction on triene **3.24** to give a complex *cis*-decalin **3.23**, which is exquisitely suited for elaboration to both **3.5** and **3.7**. Precursor **3.24** appeared to be accessible from enyne **3.25** through a ring closing enyne metathesis (RCEYM).^{44, 45} The known carbohydrate derived lactone **3.26**⁴⁶ seemed to be an appropriate precursor for **3.25**.



Scheme 3.4 Retrosynthetic analysis of common intermediate decalin **3.25**

3.4 Synthesis of Diels-Alder adduct **3.23**

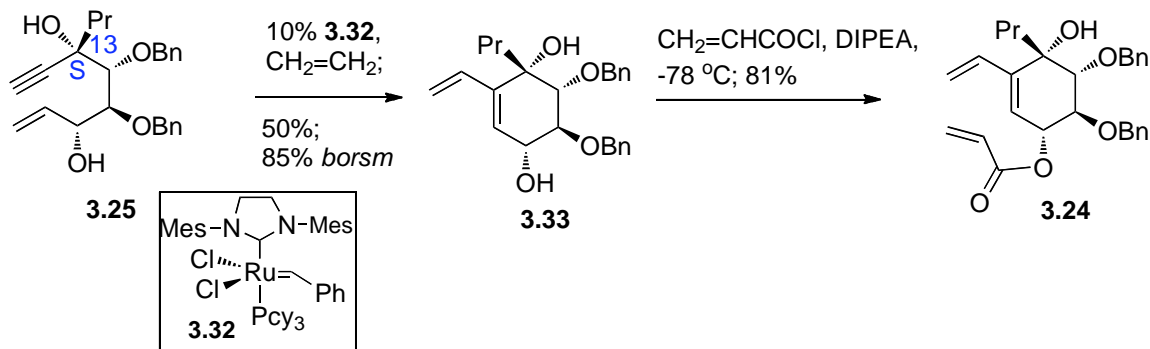


Scheme 3.5 Synthesis of enyne **3.25**

Starting from commercial available D-glucose derivative **3.27**, the known lactone **3.26** was obtained in 5 steps and 83% yield using a modified procedure as shown in scheme **3.5**. Treatment of lactone **3.26**⁴⁶ with nPrMgCl at -78 °C provided the hemiketal product, which was exposed in a separate step to TMSCLi. Desilylation of the crude product

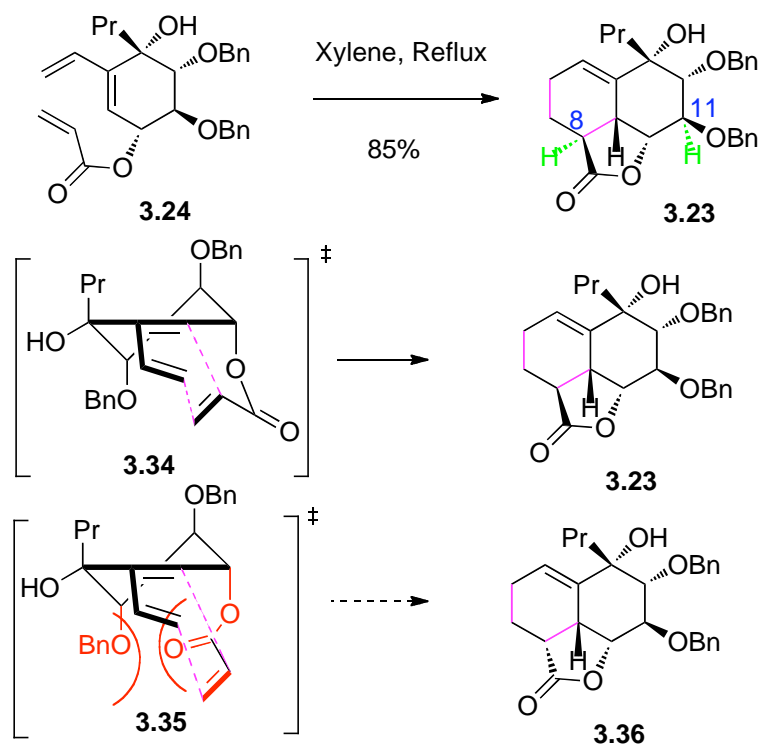
provided a 90% yield of **3.25** and its epimer **3.31** (respective ratio, *ca* 5:1). Similar selectivity has been observed for the addition of acetylide anions to related substrates.⁴⁷

The stereochemistry of **3.25** was confirmed by NOESY of later products (**3.23**, **3.45**) and single crystal X-ray crystallography on **3.45** (*vide infra*).



Scheme 3.6. Synthesis of triene **3.24**

RCEYM on enyne diol **3.25** was effected under Mori's conditions, using 10% Grubb's 2nd generation catalyst under an ethylene atmosphere at room temperature in CH₂Cl₂ (**Scheme 3.6**).⁴⁸ Diene **3.33** was obtained in 50% isolated yield or 85% based on recovering starting materials. Attempts to optimize this reaction by increasing the reaction temperature, varying the alcohol protecting groups or using the TMS protected acetylene were not successful.^{45b,c} Ethylene atmosphere was also found to be essential. Selective esterification of diol **3.33** with acryloyl chloride provided **3.24**, triene substrate for the key IMDA reaction.



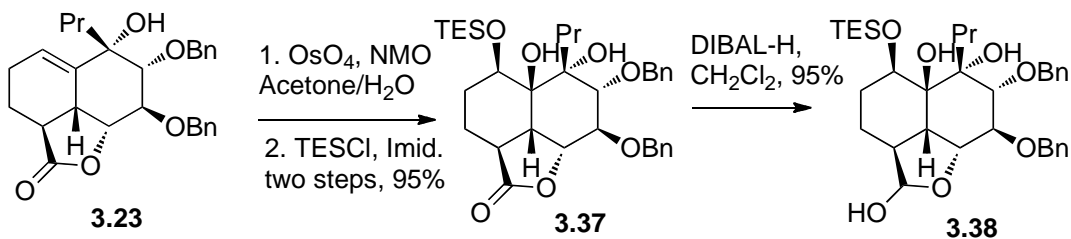
Scheme 3.7. Mechanism of the IMDA reaction.

The reaction of **3.24** in xylene at refluxing afforded the exo adduct **3.23** with the desired configuration at the ring junction (C9), as the sole Diels-Alder adduct. The structure of **3.23** was supported by 2D COSY, NOESY and HSQC experiments. High exo selectivity in IMDA reactions of related substrates has been previously noted.⁴⁹ The exo selectivity was probably due to the steric hinderance in the endo transition state (**Scheme 3.7**).

3.5 Elaboration to AB subunit

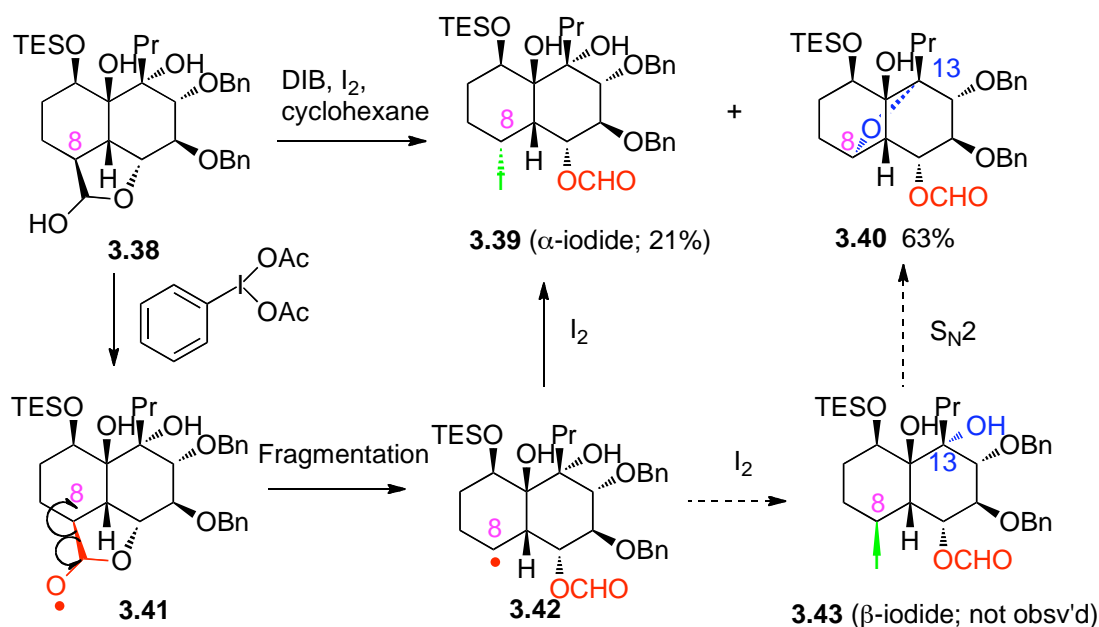
The IMDA product **3.23** was ready for elaboration to the desired target **3.5**. Thus the convex topography of **3.23** suggested that stereoselective dihydroxylation of the alkene would facilitate the introduction of the C14,15 acyloin moiety, and oxidative fragmentation of the lactone (or at the derived lactol) should pave the way for

tetrahydrofuran formation. Accordingly, treatment of **3.23** under standard dihydroxylation conditions afforded a single triol diastereomer (**Scheme 3.8**) and was selective protection of the secondary alcohol as the triethylsilyl ether, the lactone **3.37** was given in 95% yield from **3.23**.



Scheme 3.8

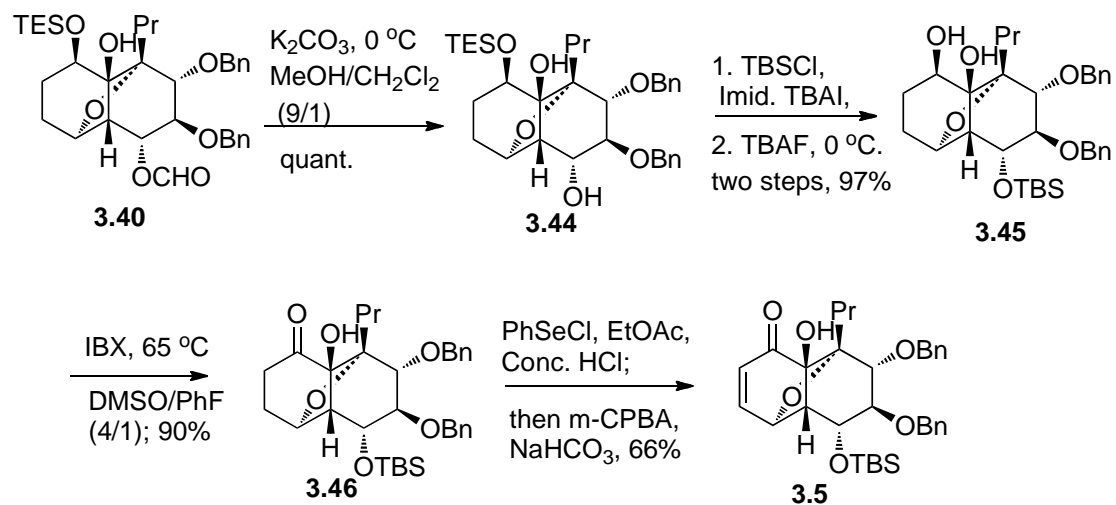
In preparation for introduction of THF ring in the final product, lactone **3.37** was reduced to a lactol **3.38** and was treated with diiodosobenzene diacetate/I₂ following the conditions developed by Suárez (**Scheme 3.9**).¹⁴ We had anticipated a mixture of iodides



Scheme 3.9 Suárez oxidative fragmentation-intramolecular etherification

3.39 and **3.43**. We were pleasantly surprised to find that the major product was in fact THF **3.40**, with a minor amount of **3.39** and no evidence for **3.43**. A small amount of lactone **3.37** was also observed. (95%, **3.40:3.39:3.37** = 6:2:1). It is possible that THF **3.40** and iodide **3.39** both arise after iodination of the C8 alkyl radical that is presumed to be the product of fragmentation of the initial oxy radical. Thus radical iodination may lead to iodides **3.39** and **3.40**, and the latter can undergo a facile intramolecular etherification to give THF **3.40**. However, the possibility that **3.39** and **3.40** may come from divergent pathways from the C8 alkyl radical cannot be excluded.⁵⁰

Because **3.40** and **3.37** were inseparable by column chromatography, the mixture was used in the subsequent step. Thus treatment of the 6/1 ratio of **3.40/3.37** with K₂CO₃ in MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (9/1) at 0 °C gave the tricyclic diol **3.44** and fully recovered **3.37**. After protecting group manipulation, **3.44** was converted to diol **3.45**. Single crystal X-ray crystallography of **3.45** confirmed that the stereochemistry was as required for the AB subunit of angelmicin B (hibramincin B) (**Figure 3.1**). Treatment of **3.45** with *o*-iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX) in DMSO/PhF at 65 °C for 20 h according to the Nicolaou procedure, gave cyclohexanone **3.46** in 90% yield.⁵¹ In contrast to the reported reactivity of this reagent, a prolonged reaction time, higher temperatures or re-treatment of **3.46** with IBX did not effect further oxidation to the cyclohexenone **3.5**. Eventually, using the Sharpless-Reich protocol⁵² that was applied to a similar intermediate in the Roush synthesis, **3.5** was obtained in 66% isolated yield (72% bsm).



Scheme 3.10 End games for enone AB **3.5**

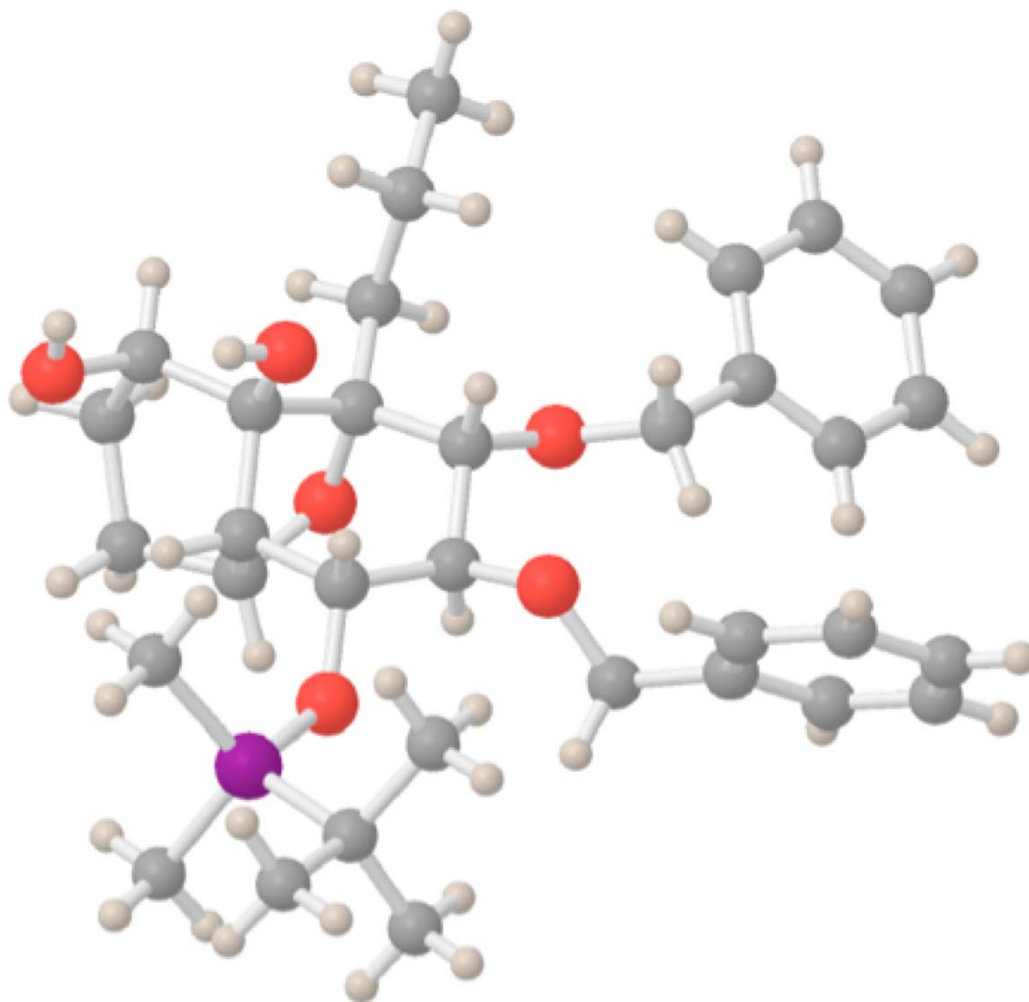
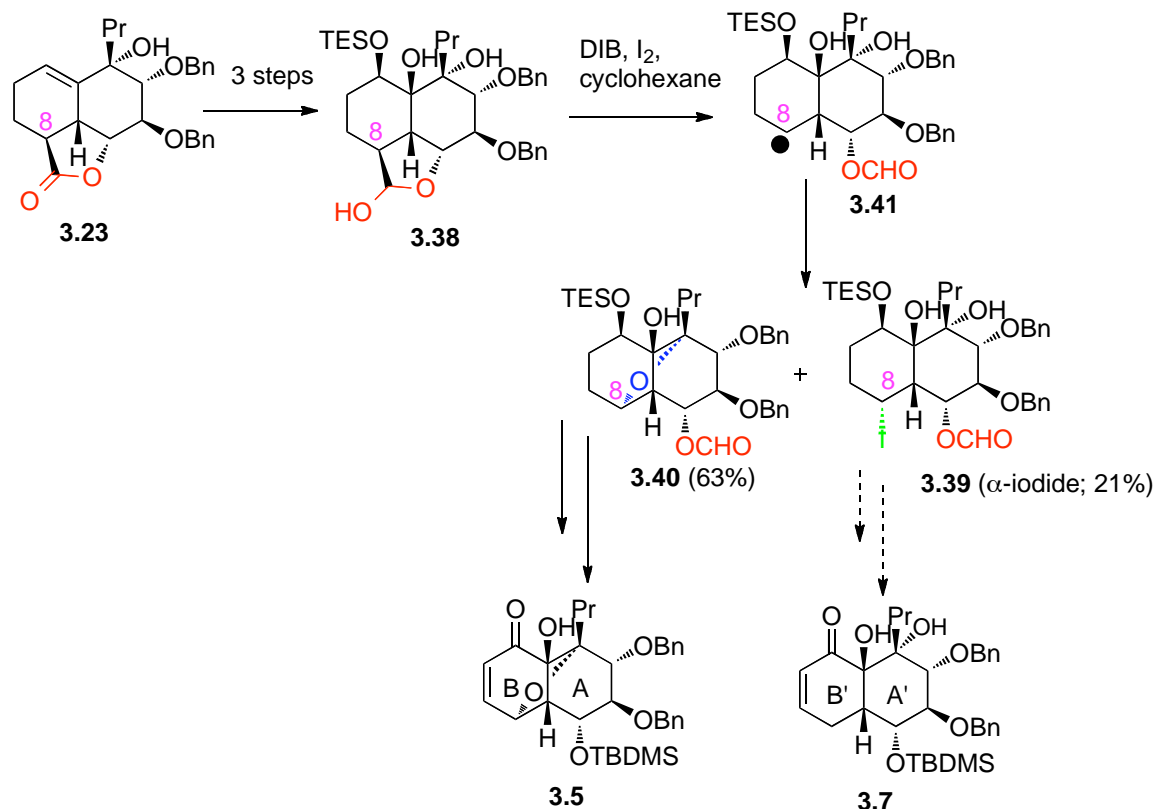


Figure 3.1 X-ray structure of the diol **3.45**

In summary, the AB ring subunit **3.5** of angelimicin B (hibramicin B) from the known lactone **3.26** through a key RCEYM/IMDA and a tandem alkoxy radical fragmentation-etherification sequence, in 15 steps and 9%, or 17 % yield (*brsm*).

3.6 Elaboration to the A'B' subunit

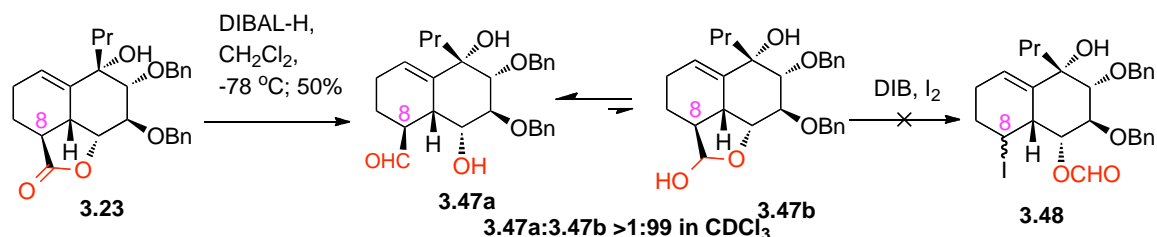


Scheme 3.11

In the previous section a synthesis of enone **3.5**, which is a potential precursor for the AB segment of angelimicin B was presented.⁵³ A key step in this synthesis was the transformation of the complex decalin **3.23** to the tricyclic ether **3.40**. Importantly, a minor product in this reaction was the bicyclic iodide **3.39** which can be converted to enone **3.7** for use as a precursor to the A'B' subunit of angelimicin B. Enone **3.7** can also be used for HMP-Y1. Given its relevance to the synthesis of both HMP-Y1 and

angelimicin B we sought a more streamlined synthesis of enone **3.7**. These results are described herein.⁵⁴

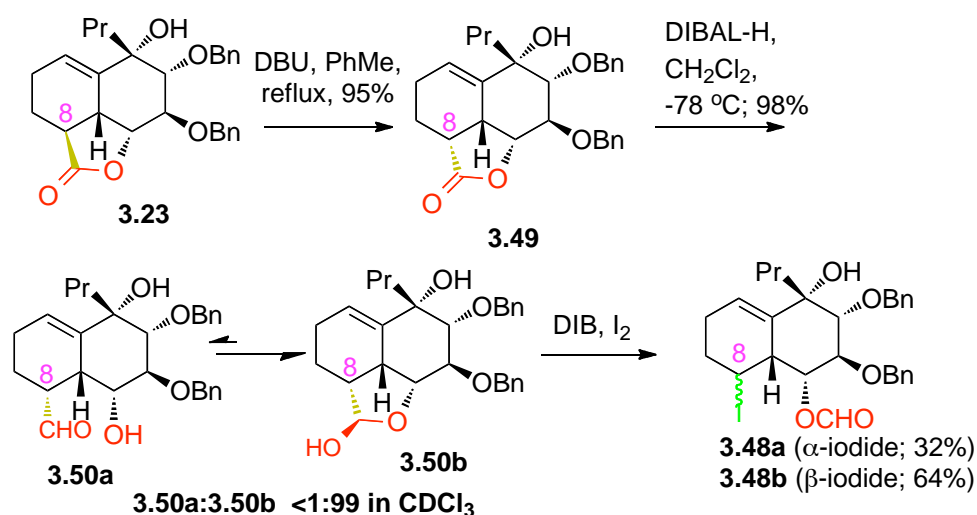
We speculated that the reaction of **3.38** with iodosobenzene diacetate proceeded via a radical fragmentation to **3.41**, which leads to **3.40** and **3.39**.^{55, 56} We therefore reasoned that suppression of the pathway to the tricyclic ether **3.40**, would bias the reaction towards **3.39** and, or the epimeric iodo-derivative. Towards this end, it was decided to perform the fragmentation reaction on a lactol substrate that is more rigid than **3.38**, and therefore less prone to the cyclo-etherification. Alkene-lactol **3.47b** was considered a suitable substrate. This material was prepared by DIBAL-H reduction on **3.23**. However, the ¹H NMR data suggested that this compound existed primarily as the hydroxy-aldehyde **3.47a**, which raised questions about the feasibility of the planned radical fragmentation reaction. Indeed, exposure of **3.47** to iodosobenzene diacetate and iodine led to a complex mixture of intractable products.



Scheme 3.12

Lactol **3.50** was next examined as a candidate for the radical reaction because of the expectation that the lower strain in 1,3-syn bridged framework would lead to a higher proportion of the lactol tautomer **3.50b** (compared to the **3.47**). Accordingly, DBU promoted epimerization of lactone **3.23** at C8, and reduction of the resulting endo lactone **3.49** provided **3.50**. Lactol **3.50**, within the limits of ¹H NMR detection existed entirely as **3.50b**. Exposure of this material to the conditions for radical fragmentation afforded a 2:1

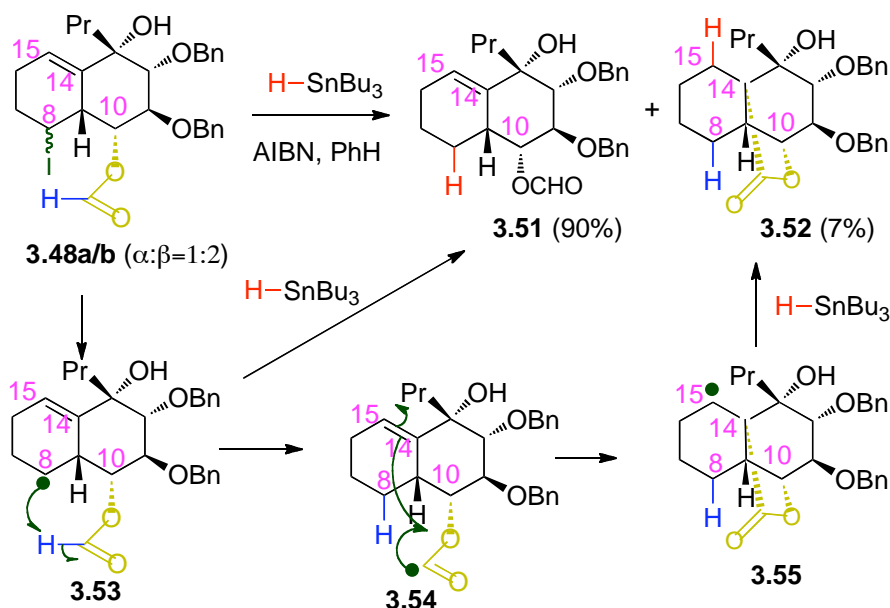
mixture of iodoformates in 96% yield. Thus the framework presented in **3.50** is delicately balanced in terms of the strain requirements for the two key steps in the radical reaction. Strain effects are not sufficiently high to prevent formation of the lactol **3.50b** that is required to trigger the fragmentation step, but channels this pathway to the desired bicyclic product by working against the competing cyclo-etherification process.



Scheme 3.13

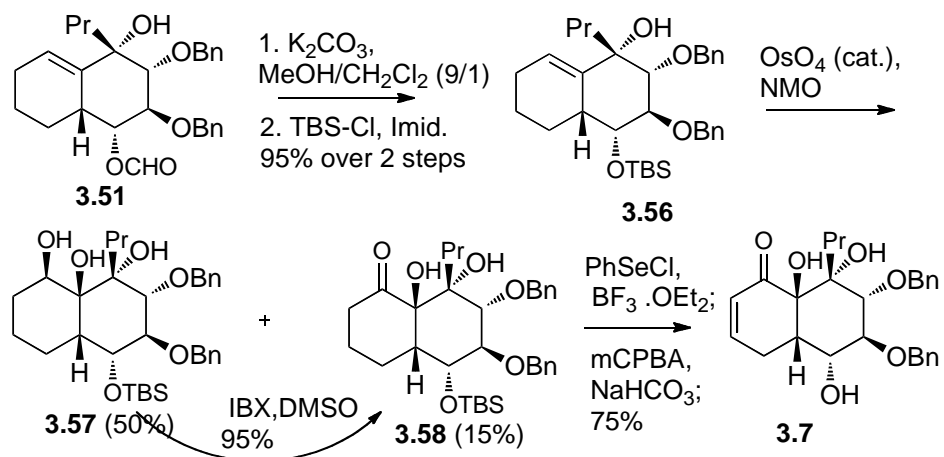
The mixture **3.48** was next elaborated to the A'B' enone target. Treatment of **3.48** under standard deiodination conditions with Bu₃SnH and AIBN in refluxing PhH afforded the expected formate **3.51** in 90% yield together with a minor product **3.52** (7%). A possible mechanism for **3.52** proceeds through intramolecular hydrogen transfer in the first formed radical **3.53** to give the alkoxy carbonyl radical **3.54**. Instead of loss of CO₂ to give C10 carbon radical, a 5-exo-trig cyclization was undergone and resulted in carbon radical **3.55**, which extracted a hydrogen atom from HSnbu₃ to give **3.52**.^{57, 58} This transformation may be of wider interest because **3.52** with a synthetically

formidable bridgehead quaternary center bears resemblance to a variety of naturally occurring terpenoid natural products.^{59, 60}



Scheme 3.14

Standard protecting group operations on **3.51** provided **3.56** in 95% overall yield (**Scheme 3.15**). Stereoselective dihydroxylation on **3.56** afforded the expected triol **3.57** (50%) and a minor amount ketone **3.58** (15%).⁶¹ The stereochemistry of **3.57** was confirmed by the X-ray crystal structure (**Figure 3.2**). Treatment of **3.57** with IBX gave **3.58**.⁵¹ The overall yield of **3.58** from **3.56** was approximately 63%. The transformation of ketone **3.58** to the A'B' **3.7** followed the Sharpless-Reich's protocol that was used on the analogous substrate in the synthesis of the AB enone **3.5**.^{26, 52, 53, 62}



Scheme 3.15. End games for A'B' enone **3.7**

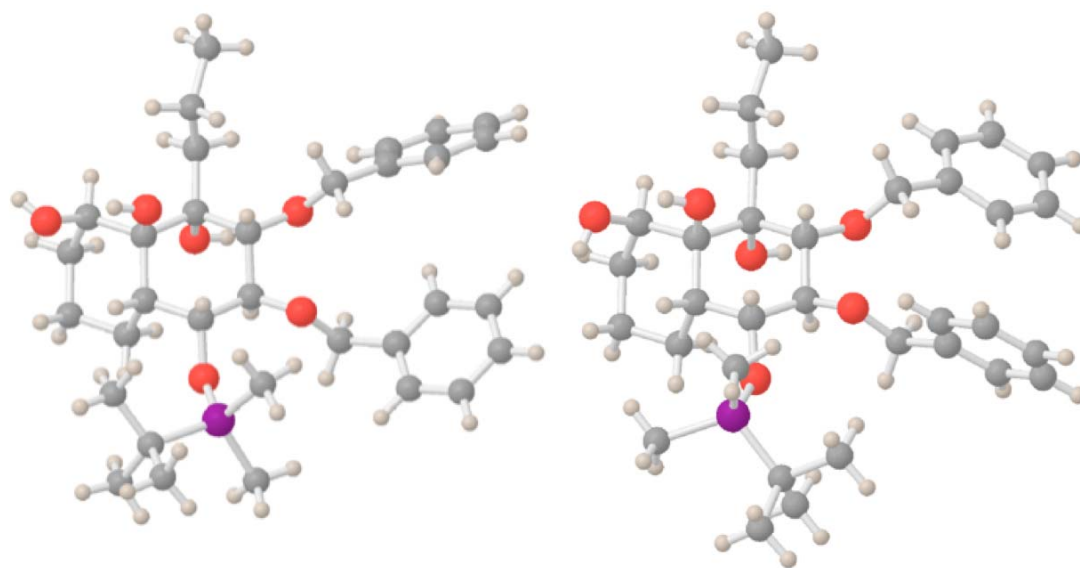


Figure 3.2. X-ray structure of triol **3.57**

3.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, after an unsuccessful oxocarbenium cyclization approach to the synthesis of decalin precursors to angelimicin B, we developed a strategy that centered on RCEYM and IMDA reactions. In summary, a tricyclic THF-bridged AB ring subunit for

angelmicin B (hibramicin B) was prepared from a known lactone through a RCEYM/IMDA sequence and a novel tandem alkoxy radical fragmentation-etherification reaction, in 15 steps and 9% or 17 % yield (*brsm*).⁵³ The Diels Alder adduct from this synthesis was also transformed to an A'B' subunit for angelimicin B.⁵⁴ This synthesis complements the earlier synthesis of the AB segment, and illustrates the versatility of the Diels Alder adduct. The key differentiating reaction in the two syntheses is the Suárez fragmentation of a tricyclic lactol radical, the outcome of which was controlled by the rigidity of the lactol substrate. On a more general note, this ploy illustrates the potential of the Suárez reaction for synthesis of diverse chemical libraries.

3.8 Experimental

General. Unless otherwise noted, all reactions performed in organic solvents were conducted under an atmosphere of argon with oven-dried glassware using standard syringe and septa technique. THF was distilled from a blue solution of sodium benzophenone ketyl. CH_2Cl_2 and fluorobenzene were distilled from phosphorus pentoxide. Diisopropylethylamine (DIEPA) was distilled successively from nihydrin and KOH. Anhydrous toluene, methanol, DMSO and DMF were purchased from Aldrich and used without purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Whatman silica gel HF₂₅₄ plates or Selecto Scientific alumina B F₂₅₄ plates and chromatograms were developed using UV light, 12-molybdophosphoric acid (PMA), or potassium permanganate (KMnO_4). Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) or Brockmann I alumina gel (150 mesh). Optical rotation was measured on a Rudolph Autopol III polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet IR100 spectrometer and the vibrations were reported in wavenumbers (cm^{-1}). ^1H -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 or C_6D_6 and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the signal for the protonated solvent, i.e. $\text{CD}(\text{H})\text{Cl}_3$ at 7.27 ppm or $\text{C}_6\text{D}(\text{H})_6$ at 7.16 ppm. ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 125 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 or C_6D_6 and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent peak, i.e. CDCl_3 at 77.23 ppm or C_6D_6 at 128.39 ppm. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Ultima Micromass Q-TOF Mass Spectrometer at the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory of Hunter college, CUNY.

Methyl 3-((4S,5S)-2,2-dimethyl-5-((4S,5R)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(phenylthio)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)acrylate (3.14)

A solution of thioacetal **3.16**⁴⁰ (2.29g, 6.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at -78 °C was treated with a stream of O₃. On appearance of a persistent light blue color of the reaction mixture, the flow of O₃ was stopped and to the solution was added PPh₃ (1.85, 7.06 mmol). The mixture was then slowly warmed up to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude aldehyde product was used in next step without purification. A small portion was purified for characterization purposes. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.67 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, J=1.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J=2.3, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J=1.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.09, 133.85, 131.73, 129.08, 127.60, 111.82, 111.45, 84.68, 80.87, 78.15, 76.01, 26.99, 26.55, 26.33, 25.29.

The crude aldehyde from above was dissolved in CH₃CN (15 mL) and treated with Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (3.43g 10.3 mmol). The solution was heated at reflux for 3 h. The mixture was poured into brine (100 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3x50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford an *E/Z* mixture of alkenes. (2.47 g, 94% yield). (*E/Z*=1.4/1). *E*-**3.14** alkene, R_f = 0.50, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J=7.1, 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J=1.2, 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, J=1.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J=2.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J=2.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.28,

142.77, 134.35, 131.67, 129.20, 127.62, 124.37, 112.09, 110.65, 85.68, 79.65, 76.84, 76.62, 51.91, 27.43, 26.95, 26.32, 25.72. **Z-3.14** alkene: $R_f=0.64$, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.48 (dd, $J=6.9, 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, $J=1.7, 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dt, $J=1.7, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, $J=2.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, $J=2.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.34, 147.20, 134.04, 132.17, 129.01, 127.58, 120.92, 111.41, 109.93, 84.99, 79.37, 75.48, 75.04, 51.78, 27.48, 26.68, 26.50, 25.51.

(6R)-Methyl 6-((4S,4'R,5S,5'R)-2,2,2',2'-tetramethyl-5'-(phenylthio)-[4,4'-bi(1,3-dioxolan)]-5-yl)-2-((trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-3-enecarboxylate. (3.12)

To a solution of **Z-3.14** (1.40g, 3.41 mmol) in PhMe (5 mL) was added 1-trimethylsiloxybutadiene (5.90 mL, 34.1 mmol). The solution was heated at reflux for 16 h and then concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the Diels-Alder adducts **3.12** (1.80 g, 95% yield). There were 4 isomers (1:0.39:0.25:0.05) based on integration of the OMe signal in the ^1H NMR.

(R)-5-((4S,5S)-2,2-Dimethyl-5-((4R,5R)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(phenylthio)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)cyclohex-2-enone. (3.17)

The above mixture (**3.12**) was dissolved in THF (8.0 mL) and MeOH (2.0 mL) and treated with TBAF (1.0 M, 6.5 mL). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, water (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3x20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and

water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford the derived alcohols. (1.38 g, 84% yield). Two major components were isolated by FCC purification for characterization purpose. Less polar fraction: $R_f=0.48$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (m, 2H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, $J=1.1, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d, $J=10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J=4.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.34 (td, $J=4.7, 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.48, 133.44, 132.63, 129.22, 129.02, 128.97, 127.99, 111.77, 109.05, 85.42, 78.82, 77.84, 74.75, 67.44, 51.98, 47.29, 34.94, 27.47, 26.81, 26.73, 26.50, 25.70. More polar fraction: $R_f=0.40$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.39 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (br. 1H), 4.30 (t, $J=6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, $J=2.1, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, $J=2.1, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.11 (d, $J=6.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 6H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.39, 134.41, 131.78, 129.14, 128.44, 128.25, 127.52, 111.73, 108.67, 85.84, 78.89, 77.48, 75.08, 68.06, 52.43, 52.36, 34.77, 27.42, 26.62, 26.55, 26.16, 25.59.

To the mixture of the two isolated alcohols (1.38g, 2.87 mmol) in wet CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) was added DMP (15 wt% in CH_2Cl_2 , 16.2 mL, 5.74 mmol) and pyridine (2.27 g, 28.7 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (35 mL), saturated aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (7 mL) and Et_2O (100 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3x50 mL), and organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in*

vacuo. The residue was purified by FCC to afford the derived β -keto-ester. (1.18 g, 86%)
 $R_f=0.62$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether.)

To a flask containing the β -keto-ester (170 mg, 0.355 mmol) in DMF (12 mL) was added LiI (441 mg, 3.29 mmol). The solution was heated at reflux for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was poured into brine (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3x20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford the derived ketone (120 mg, 80% yield). $R_f=0.25$ (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether.) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, J=2.8, 5.6, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J=10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J=0.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J=6.2, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J=0.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (td, J=5.0, 18.9 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J=3.7, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (tdd, J=2.7, 9.2, 18.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J=11.9, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.53, 149.78, 133.57, 132.27, 129.77, 129.21, 127.82, 111.68, 109.19, 85.27, 79.55, 78.42, 73.99, 41.39, 35.27, 29.72, 27.25, 26.65, 26.30, 25.74.

((R)-3-((4S,5S)-2,2-Dimethyl-5-((4R,5R)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(phenylthio)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)cyclohexa-1,5-dienyloxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane. (3.11)

To a flask containing ketone (30 mg, 0.071 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) at 0 °C was added 2,6-lutidine (0.041 mL, 0.357 mmol) and TBSOTf (0.025 mL, 0.107 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, 2-propanol (0.2 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with saturated NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O

(3x10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was and purified by FCC to afford the derived silyl enol ether (28 mg, 75% yield). $R_f = 0.80$ (neutral alumina, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 5.82 (qd, $J=1.8, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (td, $J=4.3, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, $J=1.6, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J=6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J=6.3, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 3H), 0.23 (9s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 151.58, 135.54, 132.04, 129.91, 129.59, 127.03, 112.21, 109.54, 101.63, 86.86, 80.04, 78.88, 75.08, 34.25, 27.54, 27.42, 27.29, 26.39, 26.29, 26.21, 18.75, -3.72, -3.74.

(3Z,5S,5aR,9aR)-3-Formyl-1,5,5a,6,9,9a-hexahydro-1,1-dimethyl-9-oxobenzo[c]oxepin-5-yl acetate. (3.22)

To a flask containing enol ether **3.11** (26 mg, 0.0487 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) were added DTBMP (77 mg, 0.487 mmol), molecular sieves (100 mg), MeOTf (56 mg, 0.393 mmol). After stirring for 48 h, the mixture was diluted with saturated NaHCO_3 (5 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3x10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was subjected to FCC. The partially purified product was dissolved in EtOAc (2 mL), and treated with Ac_2O (0.1 mL) and a DMAP (ca 1 mg). After 6 h, the mixture was diluted with saturated NaHCO_3 (5 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3x10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue purified by FCC to give **3.22**. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 6.94 (ddd,

J=2.2, 6.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, J=2.7, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J=4.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.69 (td, J=6.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, J=10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.26, 189.57, 170.42, 152.17, 146.49, 131.51, 130.13, 84.72, 75.23, 55.87, 35.14, 28.77, 28.38, 22.

(2R,3R,4S,5R,6S)-4,5-Bis(benzyloxy)-2-(hydroxymethyl)-6-methoxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-ol (3.28).

NaH (40% in mineral oil, 3.54 g, 88.2 mmol) and TBAI (1.31 g, 3.55 mmol) was added at 0 °C to a DMF solution containing α -D-methyl 4,6-benzylidene- β -D-glucopyranose **3.27** (10.0 g, 35.4 mmol). The mixture was kept at the temperature for 45 min and then warmed to room temperature. After 30 min, the mixture was recooled to 0 °C and benzylbromide (10.5 mL, 88.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was then warmed to room temperature. After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl solution. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 100 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was azeotroped with toluene and then dissolved in methanolic HCl (100 mL). After 3 h, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 was added to the mixture until the pH was 8. Most the MeOH was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with EtOAc and washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC gave **3.28** (12.8g, 34.2 mmol, 97% yield). $R_f = 0.35$ (60% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.31 (m, 10H), 5.04 (d, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78

(d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J=11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.72 (m, 3H), 3.65-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.23 (d, J=2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (d, J=5.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 138.91, 138.17, 128.90, 128.74, 1128.34, 128.25, 128.17, 98.41, 81.49, 80.02, 75.60, 73.37, 70.85, 70.71, 62.79, 55.49.

Methyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-6-deoxy-6-iodo- α -D-glucopyranoside (3.29).

To a flask containing Ph_3P (11.6g, 44.1 mmol) and imidazole (6.94 g, 102 mmol) in dry toluene (150 mL) was added I_2 (11.2 g, 44.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at which time **3.28** (12.6 g, 33.7 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) was added, and the mixture was warmed to 45 °C. When TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was cooled to room temperature. Brine (100 mL) was added, the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 150 mL). The organic extract was dried (Na_2SO_4), concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.29** (16.0g, 95% yield). R_f = 0.26 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.32 (m, 10H), 5.04 (d, J=11.5, 1H), 4.78 (d, J=12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J=12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J=3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, J=9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J=3.3 Hz 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.43 (ddd, J=2.3, 7.1, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dt, J=2.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J=7.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J=2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 138.8, 138.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.29, 128.3, 98.4, 80.9, 80.1, 75.6, 73.9, 73.4, 70.0, 55.8, 7.2.

(3R,4S,5R)-3,4-Bis(benzyloxy)-5-vinyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (3.26)

To a flask containing iodide **3.29** (13.4 g, 26.7 mmol) in THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 32.0 mL, 80.1 mmol), dropwise. After 30 min, the mixture was warmed to $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and was kept at this temperature until TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material. The mixture was then poured into saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted with Et_2O (3x150 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the derived lactol (8.70 g, 99% yield) ($\alpha/\beta = 5/4$). $R_f = 0.20$ (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

A mixture of PCC (14.5 g, 67.5 mmol), sodium acetate (5.54 g, 67.5 mmol) activated molecular sieves (14.5 g), Celite (14.5 g) and florisil (14.5 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. A solution of the lactol from the previous step (8.70 g, 26.7 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was then introduced. After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the mixture was then diluted with Et_2O and filtered through a short column of florisil. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by FCC to afford lactone **3.26** (8.03 g, 93 % yield). $R_f = 0.65$ (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.01 (ddd, $J=6.3, 10.6, 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.45 (td, $J=1.2, 17.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 (td, $J=1.1, 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.04-5.00 (m, 2H), 4.72 (d, $J=11.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J=11.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J=11.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t, $J=6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, $J=6.2$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 137.1, 137.0, 131.5, 128.8, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 119.9, 80.1, 79.9, 76.9, 72.8, 72.6. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 347.1253, found 347.1252.

(3R,4S,5R,6S)-4,5-Bis(benzyloxy)-6-ethynylnon-1-ene-3,6-diol (3.25) and

(3R,4S,5R,6R)-4,5-bis(benzyloxy)-6-ethynylnon-1-ene-3,6-diol (3.31)

n-PrMgCl (2.0 M in Et₂O, 43.2 mL, 86.3 mmol) was added dropwise, at -78 °C, to a solution of lactone **3.26** (8.00 g, 24.7 mmol) in THF (100 mL). After TLC showed no starting material was left, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3x100 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC afforded the derived lactol (8.60 g, 23.4 mmol, 95% yield) ($\alpha/\beta = 2/1$). R_f = 0.40 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

To a flask containing trimethylsilylacetylene (3.08 mL, 22.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at -78 °C was added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 8.50 mL, 21.2 mmol). The mixture was kept at this temperature for 30 min, and then transferred dropwise at -78 °C, to a flask containing a THF solution of the lactol from the previous step (1.62 g, 4.40 mmol). After 30 min, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 0 °C. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was then added and the mixture extracted with Et₂O (3x100 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄) filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was dissolved in methanol (100 mL) and K₂CO₃ (0.95g, 6.88 mmol). Was added to the solution. After TLC showed disappearance of the starting material, water was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC to provided enyne diol **3.25** and its epimer **3.27** in a 5:1 ratio. (**3.25**: 1.37 g, 3.48 mmol, 79%, R_f = 0.45 10% EtOAc in petroleum ether and **3.27**: 0.27g, 0.686 mmol, 16%, R_f=0.42, 10% EtOAc in petroleum). For **3.25**: ¹H NMR

(CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.29 (m, 10H), 5.98 (ddd, J=5.4, 10.5, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (td, J=1.4, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (td, J=1.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J=2.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J=5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.62 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.76 (dt, J=4.5, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (dt, J=4.5, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.7, 138.2, 138.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 116.2, 84.9, 81.8, 81.2, 75.3, 74.9, 73.8, 73.1, 41.5, 17.7, 14.5. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₅H₃₀O₄Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 417.2036, found 417.2034. For **3.27** (epimer) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 10H), 5.99 (ddd, J= 5.4, 10.6, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (td, J=1.0 Hz, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (td, J=1.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (br. 1H), 3.82 (dd, J=2.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (br. 2H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.84 (dt, J=4.7, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dt, J=4.9, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62-1.52 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.5, 138.3, 138.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 116.1, 85.5, 82.6, 81.8, 75.3, 74.9, 74.0, 73.7, 73.0, 41.2, 17.2, 14.4.

(1S,4R,5S,6R)-5,6-Bis(benzyloxy)-1-propyl-2-vinylcyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol (3.33).

Freshly distilled CH₂Cl₂ was degassed for 1 h. Enyne diol **3.25** (0.650 g, 1.65 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL, 0.033 M), and ethylene gas was bubbled through the solution for 45 min. Grubbs's 2nd generation ruthenium catalyst (0.140 g, 0.165 mmol) was then added, and ethylene was bubbled through the solution for an additional 20 min. The mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of ethylene at room temperature for 35 h. Silica gel was then added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. The

residue was purified by FCC to afford **3.33** (0.325g, 50% yield or 87.5% *brsm* yield) and recovered **3.25** (0.250 g, 38%). For **3.33**: $R_f = 0.30$ (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.29 (m, 10H), 6.35 (dd, $J=11.0, 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, $J=2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dd, $J=1.4, 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J=1.5, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, $J=11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, $J=11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, $J=11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, $J=11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br. 1H), 3.79 (dd, $J=7.4, 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, $J=9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.05 (d, $J=5.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.11-0.95 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, $J=7.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 139.4, 138.7, 137.9, 134.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 116.7, 82.2, 78.9, 75.7, 75.6, 75.0, 71.4, 39.3, 17.7, 14.5. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 417.2036, found 417.2046.

(1R,4S,5R,6S)-5,6-bis(benzyloxy)-4-hydroxy-4-propyl-3-vinylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl acrylate (3.24).

Acroyl chloride (0.368 mL, 4.56 mmol) was added dropwise to a flask containing **3.33** (300 mg, 0.761 mmol) and DIPEA (1.06 mL, 6.08 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at -78 °C. After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with Et_2O (3x150 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford **3.24** (275 mg, 81%). $R_f = 0.36$ (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.26 (m, 10H), 6.41 (dd, $J=1.3, 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J=11.0, 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J=10.5, 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dd, $J=1.3, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, $J=1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, $J=1.2, 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, $J=1.4, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, $J=11.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, $J=11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, $J=11.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, $J=11.1$ Hz,

1H), 4.05 (dd, J=8.1, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J=9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 1.67-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.89 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 140.8, 138.5, 138.0, 133.7, 131.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 124.3, 117.2, 79.4, 78.3, 75.9, 75.5, 75.2, 74.1. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₂O₅Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 471.2141, found 471.2154.

(2a*S*,2a¹*R*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8a*R*)-7,8-Bis(benzyloxy)-6-hydroxy-6-propyl-2a¹,3,4,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-2*H*-naphtho[1,8-*bc*]furan-2-one (3.23)

A solution of **3.24** (240 mg, 0.535 mmol) in xylene (18 mL, 0.03 M) was heated at reflux until TLC showed less than 5% starting material left, at which time the solution was cooled to room temperature. The solvent was then removed in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by FCC to give **3.23** (204 mg, 85%). R_f = 0.23 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.64 (td, J=2.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (t, J=9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J=4.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 2.81-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.67 (tt, J=8.8, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 3H), 1.29-1.23 (m, 1H), 0.91 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 139.2, 137.8, 137.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 121.5, 86.8, 82.1, 80.5, 75.2, 75.0, 73.5, 42.9, 41.6, 40.7, 25.5, 21.3, 17.0, 14.5. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₂O₅Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 471.2141, found 471.2140.

(2a*S*,2a¹*S*,5*R*,5a*S*,6*R*,7*R*,8*S*,8a*R*)-7,8-Bis(benzyloxy)-5a,6-dihydroxy-6-propyl-5-((triethylsilyl)oxy)decahydro-2*H*-naphtho[1,8-*bc*]furan-2-one. (3.37)

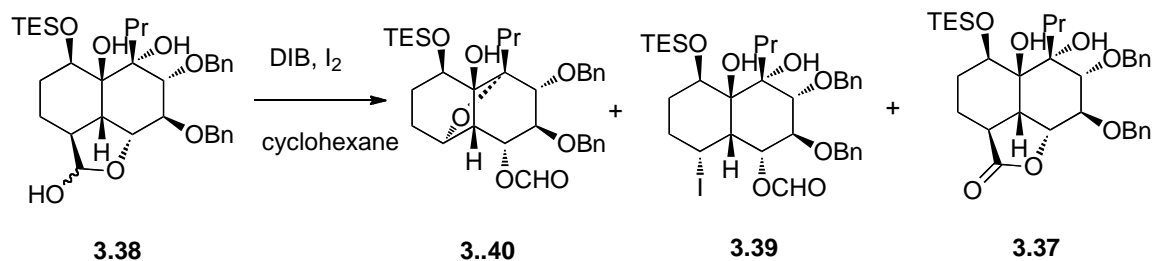
To a flask containing **3.23** (100 mg, 0.223 mmol) in acetone (2 mL) at 0 °C was added OsO₄ (0.28 mL 2.5% in ^tBuOH, 0.022 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine oxide (0.185 mL 50% in water, 0.892 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, 2M aqueous Na₂SO₃ was added. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL), and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford a single dihydroxylated derivative (106 mg, 95%). R_f = 0.40 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.07 (d, J=10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (t, J=7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J=10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (br., 1H), 4.05 (dd, J=8.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J=9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (ddd, J=3.5, 11.9, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (br., 1H), 2.43 (dd, J=7.6, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 2.19-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.70 (ddd, J=4.6, 12.3, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 138.4, 138.4, 128.7, 128.59, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 83.0, 82.3, 81.7, 79.5, 76.5, 74.9, 74.6, 68.5, 47.9, 40.1, 38.4, 32.8, 19.1, 18.5, 15.2. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄O₇Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 505.2196, found 505.2200.

To a solution the triol from the previous step (78 mg, 0.162 mmol) and imidazole (33 mg, 0.585 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added chlorotriethylsilane (0.041 mL, 0.243 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (150 mL) and washed with brine and water. The organic phase was separated, dried (Na₂SO₄), , concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to give **3.37** (96 mg, 100%). R_f = 0.33 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.08 (d, J=10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1H),

4.68 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J=10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, J=2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, J=8.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J=9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (ddd, J=3.3, 11.7, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J=7.6, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.88, (m, 2H), 1.86 (ddd, J=4.9, 12.5, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (ddd, J=4.7, 12.3, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.00 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.89 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.68 (q, J=8.1, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 138.5, 138.5, 128.6, 128.6, 128.27, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 83.1, 82.4, 81.8, 79.5, 76.5, 74.6, 74.5, 70.1, 48.2, 40.1, 38.5, 32.9, 19.3, 18.6, 15.2, 7.0, 5.1. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₄H₄₈O₇NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 619.3061, found 619.3059.

(2*S*,2*aS*,2*a*¹*S*,5*R*,5*aS*,6*R*,7*R*,8*S*,8*aR*)-7,8-Bis(benzyloxy)-6-propyl-5-((triethylsilyl)-oxy)-decahydro-2*H*-naphtho[1,8-*bc*]furan-2,5*a*,6-triol. (3.38)

To a solution of **3.37** (90 mg, 0.151 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBALH (0.81 mL, 1.0 M in hexane, 0.81 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated potassium sodium tartrate and diluted with Et₂O. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature then extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.38** (86 mg, 0.144 mmol) in 95% yield. R_f=0.33 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 138.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 98.3, 84.2, 83.5, 81.7, 79.2, 76.2, 75.3, 74.3, 70.5, 46.8, 43.9, 38.5, 32.8, 18.8, 15.3, 7.0, 5.2. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₄H₅₀O₇NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 621.3218, found 621.3225.



(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,4*aS*,5*R*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-8*a*-hydroxy-1-propyl-8-((triethylsilyl)oxy)decahydro-1,5-epoxynaphthalen-4-yl formate (3.40) and **(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*R*,4*aS*,5*R*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2,3-bis(benzyloxy)-4,4*a*-dihydroxy-8-iodo-4-propyl-5-((triethylsilyl)oxy)decahydronaphthalen-1-yl formate (3.39).**

To a solution of lactol **3.38** (80 mg, 0.13 mmol) in cyclohexane (4.0 mL, 0.03 M) was added diacetoxyiodoxybenzene (DIB) (86 mg, 0.268 mmol) and I₂ (68 mg, 0.27 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with 10% Na₂S₂O₃ in saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated and purified by FCC to give **3.40:3.37:3.39** in 6:1:2 ratio in 95% yield. Compounds **3.37** and **3.40** were homogeneous on TLC and the ratio was determined by ¹H NMR (**3.40:3.37** 61 mg, ca ratio 6:1, R_f=0.65, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); **3.39** (21 mg, R_f= 0.70, 15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). For **3.40**: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 160.85, 139.08, 139.79, 128.58, 128.44, 128.08, 127.81, 127.78, 127.58, 84.09, 84.05, 81.69, 80.49, 75.35, 75.22, 75.19, 74.06, 72.68, 48.05, 31.15, 27.99, 27.57, 17.13, 15.19, 7.02, 5.25. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₄H₄₈O₇NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 619.3061, found 619.3062. For **3.39** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 5.72 (d, J=2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (br., 1H), 5.12 (dd, J=5.1, 11.2 Hz, 1H),

4.93 (td, J=5.6, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (td, J=1.8, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 2.57 (t, J=5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dq, J=5.2, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.89-0.85 (m, 12H), 0.54-0.48 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 138.1, 138.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 81.2, 79.8, 76.8, 76.0, 75.1, 74.8, 74.2, 72.6, 44.8, 35.4, 35.1, 33.7, 28.8, 16.8, 14.9, 7.1, 5.7. . HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{49}\text{O}_7\text{NaSi}$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 747.2184, found 747.2195.

1R,2R,3S,4R,4aR,5R,8R,8aS)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-1-propyl-8 ((triethylsilyloxy)decahydro-1,5-epoxynaphthalene-4,8a-diol. (3.44)

To a solution of mixture of **3.40** and **3.37** (55 mg, 0.092 mmol) in MeOH (4.5 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) at 0°C was added K_2CO_3 (41 mg, 0.30 mmol). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O and saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and extracted with Et_2O (3x50 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (MgSO_4), filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.37** (7.8 mg) and diol **3.44** (45 mg, 0.079 mmol, quant. yield brsm from **3.40**). $R_f=0.27$ (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.25 (m, 10H), 4.98 (d, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J=11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J=11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J=3.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, J=3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 3.35 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.21 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, J=7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.87 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (q, J=8.0 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 139.3, 139.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 87.2, 84.2, 81.9, 80.4,

75.1, 75.0, 74.9, 72.9, 70.4, 49.6, 31.2, 28.1, 27.7, 17.2, 15.2, 7.0, 5.3. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $C_{33}H_{48}O_6NaSi$ (ESI, $M + Na^+$) 591.3112, found 591.3103.

(1*R*,4*R*,4*aS*,5*R*,6*R*,7*R*,8*R*,8*aS*)-6,7-Bis(benzyloxy)-8-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5-propyldecahydro-1,5-epoxynaphthalene-4,4*a*-diol (3.45)

To a solution of **3.44** (40 mg, 0.070 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added imidazole (30 mg, 0.42 mmol), TBAI (5.2 mg, 0.014 mmol) and *t*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBDMSCl) (32 mg, 0.21 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried ($MgSO_4$), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the bis-silyl ether-tertiary alcohol derivative (47 mg, 0.69 mmol) in 98% yield. $R_f=0.36$ (5% EtOAc in petroleum ether). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.36-7.21 (m, 10H), 4.98 (d, $J=10.7$, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J=11.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, $J=11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J=11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J=4.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, $J=3.6$, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, $J=3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 2.29 (d, $J=3.6$, 1H), 2.20-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.76 (ddd, $J=5.6$, 6.6, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (dd, $J=6.2$, 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.63-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.48 (dt, $J=4.3$, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (dt, $J=6.4$, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.00 (t, $J=8.0$, 9H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.84 (t, $J=7.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.66 (q, $J=8.0$, 6H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 139.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 87.35, 84.0, 81.7, 80.4, 75.5, 75.1, 74.8, 73.1, 72.2, 51.0, 31.3, 28.4, 27.7, 26.1, 18.2, 17.1, 15.24, 7.0, 5.3, -4.2, -4.3. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $C_{39}H_{62}O_6NaSi_2$ (ESI, $M + Na^+$) 705.3977, found 705.3980.

To a solution of the alcohol from the previous step (42 mg, 0.062 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C was added TBAF (0.074 mL, 1.0 M in THF). After TLC showed no starting material left, the reaction was quenched with H₂O and diluted with Et₂O. The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford diol **3.45** (34.5 mg, 0.061 mmol, 99%) as a white solid. R_f=0.15 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). Melting Point: 168-171 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.21 (m, 10H), 4.98 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J=11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J=3.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J=4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.24 (d, J=3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dt+br, J=3.6, 13.0 Hz, 1H+1OH), 1.78 (ddd, J=5.2, 7.2, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dd, J=6.4, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.60-1.40 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.17 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.83 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 87.4, 84.2, 81.5, 80.2, 75.6, 75.2, 74.9, 72.0, 71.7, 50.6, 31.3, 28.0, 27.8, 16.1, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2, -4.1, -4.2. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₃H₄₈O₆NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 591.3112, found 591.3113.

(1*R*,4*aR*,5*R*,6*R*,7*R*,8*R*,8*aS*)-6,7-Bis(benzyloxy)-8-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4*a*-hydroxy-5-propyloctahydro-1,5-epoxynaphthalen-4(1*H*)-one (3.46)

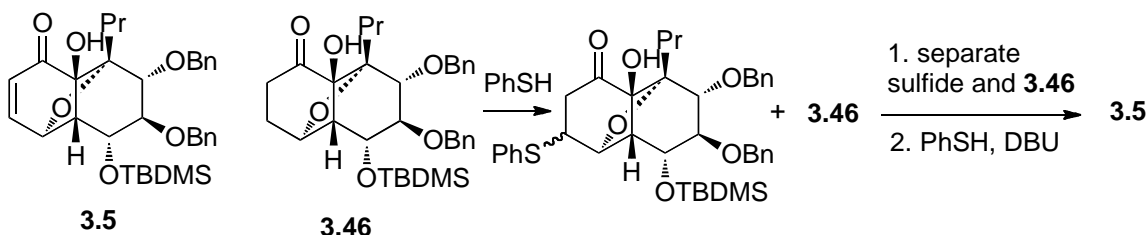
Diol **3.45** (10 mg, 0.0176 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of fluorobenzene (PhF) (0.060 mL) and DMSO (0.240 mL). Iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX) (9.5 mg, 0.034 mmol) was added to the solution, the mixture stirred at 75 °C for 20 h, then cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted

with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.46** (9.0 mg, 0.0159 mmol) in 90% yield. R_f=0.50 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.26 (m, 10H), 4.98 (d, J=11.2, 1H), 4.92 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J=4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J=3.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 2.79-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dd, J=11.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (td, J=10.8, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.11 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.75 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 209.3, 139.2, 138.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 87.1, 85.1, 84.1, 81.6, 75.8, 75.5, 73.6, 71.6, 54.7, 34.3, 33.1, 31.3, 26.0, 18.1, 17.1, 15.1, -4.2, -4.3. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₃H₄₆O₆NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 589.2966, found 589.2960.

(1*R*,4*aR*,5*R*,6*R*,7*R*,8*R*,8*aS*)-6,7-Bis(benzyloxy)-8-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4*a*-hydroxy-5-propyl-4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*-hexahydro-1,5-epoxynaphthalen-4(1*H*)-one (3.5)

To a solution of ketone **3.46** (26 mg, 0.045 mmol) in EtOAc (0.40 mL) at room temperature was added PhSeCl (11 mg, 0.057 mmol) followed by conc. HCl (10 μL). The resulting red-orange solution was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, during which time the solution became yellow. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, extracted with Et₂O, and the organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude *α*-selenoketone. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL), and solid NaHCO₃ (10 mg, 0.12 mmol) followed by *m*-CPBA (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) were added. This mixture was stirred for 20 min, during which time it turned from yellow to colorless. When TLC indicated the complete consumption of the selenide, the reaction was diluted

with Et₂O and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC provided an inseparable mixture of enone **3.5** and ketone **3.46** as colorless oil (18.8 mg, ca ratio: 8:1 as determined by HNMR, **3.5**: 66% based on recovered **3.46**). R_f=0.50 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether).



Purification of enone **3.5**

To obtain a pure sample of **3.5**, the mixture of **3.5** and **3.46** from the previous reaction was subjected to a thio-Michael addition and β -thio elimination sequence.^{63,64} To a reaction vial containing 5.0 mg (**3.5**:**3.46**=8:1, ca 0.0079 mmol of **3.5**) was added H₂O (0.050 mL) and PhSH (0.050 mL). After stirring at rt for 40 min, the mixture was diluted with Et₂O and washed with H₂O. The organic phase was separated, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to afford the thia Michael product (5.0 mg, ca 94 % yield from enone **3.5**) and ketone **3.46** (0.5 mg, ca 90% recovered from ketone **3.46**). For the Michael product : R_f=0.30, (10% Et₂O in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 15H), 4.98 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J=3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J=3.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.90 (t, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J=9.2, 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, J=18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.28-

1.25 (m, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.74 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 207.3, 139.1, 138.7, 134.1, 131.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.47, 87.1, 85.1, 84.3, 81.6, 76.1, 75.9, 75.6, 70.9, 50.3, 47.2, 41.4, 33.6, 26.1, 18.1, 17.0, 15.1, -3.9, -4.5.

To the product from the previous step (4 mg, 0.0059 mmol) was added CH_2Cl_2 (0.050 mL) and DBU (3.5 μL , 0.022 mmol). After stirring at rt for 40 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O and washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl . The organic phase was separated, dried (MgSO_4), concentrated in *vacuo*, and purified by FCC to afford enone **3.5** (1.6 mg, 0.0028 mmol, 48% yield). $R_f=0.25$ (10% Et_2O in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (dd, J=5.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 10H), 6.32 (dd, J=1.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J=1.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J=3.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 1H), 3.98 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, J=3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.26 (m, 1H), 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.74 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 157.5, 139.1, 138.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 127.85, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 87.1, 86.9, 82.5, 81.9, 75.7, 75.5, 71.5, 71.3, 60.8, 35.0, 26.0, 18.1, 17.2, 15.0, -4.2, -4.4. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_6\text{NaSi}$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 587.2810, found 587.2807.

(1S,5S,6R,7S,8R,8aR)-6,7-bis(benzyloxy)-5,8-dihydroxy-5-propyl-1,2,3,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehyde (3.47).

To a solution of **3.23** (85 mg, 0.190 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5mL) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added DIBALH (0.57 mL, 1.0 M in hexane, 0.57 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated

potassium sodium tartrate and diluted with Et₂O. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature then extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.47** (44 mg, 50%): R_f = 0.13 (15% EtOAc: petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.71 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.10 (m, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (qd, J = 1.8, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 1.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (m, 3H), 2.07-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.19 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 203.9, 138.0, 136.6, 135.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 125.6, 83.5, 75.6, 75.4, 74.1, 72.5, 71.9, 48.3, 39.0, 35.0, 23.8, 21.7, 16.5, 14.7; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄O₅Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 473.2298, found 473.2302.

(2a*R*,2a¹*R*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8a*R*)-7,8-Bis(benzyloxy)-6-hydroxy-6-propyl-2a,2a¹,3,4,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-2*H*-naphtho[1,8-*bc*]furan-2-one (3.49)

A solution of lactone **3.23** (680 mg, 1.51 mmol) and DBU (0.25 mL, 1.68 mmol) in toluene (35 mL) was heated at reflux until TLC showed less than 5% of starting material, at which time the solution was cooled to room temperature. The solvent was then removed in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by FCC to give the C-8 epimeric lactone **3.49** as white solid (650 mg, 96%): R_f = 0.30 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); mp: 93-96 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.10 (m, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 4.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.84

(s, 1H), 2.11-2.09 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.48 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.12(m, 1H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 138.2, 137.8, 132.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 83.1, 79.7, 78.9, 75.0, 74.8, 73.5, 41.7, 39.0, 35.6, 20.6, 19.2, 16.8, 14.6; HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ (ESI, M + Na+) 471.2142, found 471.2142.

(2*R*,2*aR*,2*a*¹*R*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8*aR*)-7,8-Bis(benzyloxy)-6-propyl-2*a*,2*a*¹,3,4,6,7,8,8*a*-octahydro-2*H*-naphtho[1,8-*bc*]furan-2,6-diol (3.50).

To a solution of the product from the previous step **3.49** (520 mg, 1.16 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (7 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (2.68 mL, 1.0 M in hexane, 2.68 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate and diluted with Et_2O . The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature then extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.50** (495 mg, 94%): R_f = 0.12 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 5.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 5.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (br., 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50 (ddd, J = 4.5, 12.0, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.24-1.15 (m, 1H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 139.0, 138.2, 135.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 123.8, 101.6, 81.6, 81.5, 80.7, 75.1, 75.0, 73.4, 45.4, 42.4, 38.1, 21.6, 21.5, 16.9, 14.7; HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ (ESI, M + Na+) 473.2298, found 473.2299.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,8*aR*)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-4-hydroxy-8-iodo-4-propyl-1,2,3,4,6,7,8,8*a*-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl formate (3.48a, 3.48b).

To a solution of lactol **3.50** (490 mg, 1.09 mmol) in cyclohexane (36 mL, 0.03 M) was added diacetoxyiodobenzene (456 mg, 1.42 mmol) and I₂ (331 mg, 1.30 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with 10% Na₂S₂O₃ in saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated and purified by FCC to give a mixture of iodides **3.48a:3.48b** (596 mg, 95%) in ca. 2:1 ratio. For **3.48a**: R_f = 0.20 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.19 (m, 1H), 5.40 (br., 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.33 (m, 3H), 3.92 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 1.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.21 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 137.7, 137.1, 135.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 124.0, 81.6, 74.6, 73.6, 73.0, 72.9, 72.5, 45.4, 39.8, 35.3, 29.5, 26.5, 16.5, 14.6; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₃IO₅Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 599.1265, found 599.1252. For **3.48b**: R_f = 0.17 (10% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60-4.55 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (br., 1H), 2.87 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.15-1.08 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 137.8,

137.2, 135.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 123.2, 82.3, 77.1, 75.4, 73.8, 73.5, 72.9, 38.9, 37.8, 33.3, 31.4, 28.0, 16.8, 14.6; HRMS (m/z) calculated for $C_{28}H_{33}IO_5Na$ (ESI, M + Na⁺) 599.1265, found 599.1263.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,8*aR*)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-4-hydroxy-4-propyl-1,2,3,4,6,7,8,8*a*-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl formate (3.51) and **(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,4*aS*,8*aR*)-2,3-bis(benzyloxy)-4-hydroxy-4-propyloctahydro-1*H*-1,4*a*-(epoxymethano)naphthalen-9-one (3.52).**

To a flask containing the mixture **3.48a:3.48b** (614 mg, 1.066 mmol) in benzene (35 mL) at reflux, was added dropwise, a solution of tributyltin hydride (0.423 mL, 1.60 mmol) and AIBN (17.4 mg, 0.106 mmol) in benzene (23 mL). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with brine (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, concentrated and purified by FCC to give formate **3.51** (430 mg, 90%) and carbonate **3.52** (33 mg, 7%). For **3.51**: R_f = 0.23 (10% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.13 (br., 1H), 5.09 (br., 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (br., 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, J = 1.3, 4.6, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.42 (m, 3H), 1.40-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.24-1.14 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 137.9, 137.4, 136.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 124.9, 81.5, 74.9, 74.6, 74.0, 73.7, 72.7, 39.9, 33.0, 25.5, 25.2, 21.3, 16.7, 14.6; HRMS (m/z) calculated for $C_{28}H_{34}O_5Na$ (ESI, M + Na⁺) 473.2298, found 473.2302. For **3.52**: R_f =

0.40 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{29} = -15.0^\circ$ (c=0.20, CHCl₃); IR (neat) $\bar{\nu}$ 3534, 2934, 2863, 1776, 1453, 1099, 1075, 1027; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 1.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 6.0, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (md, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81-1.63 (m, 5H), 1.55-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.04 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 137.5, 137.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 79.0, 76.8, 75.3, 74.9, 73.5, 72.7, 53.1, 38.6, 35.6, 26.5, 23.7, 22.9, 22.8, 17.0, 14.8; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄O₅Na (ESI, M + Na+) 473.2298, found 473.2304.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,4*aR*)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethyl-silyl)oxy)-1-propyl-1,2,3,4,4*a*,5,6,7-octahydronaphthalen-1-ol (3.56).

To a solution of **3.51** (415 mg, 0.922 mmol) in MeOH (8.1 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.9 mL) at 0 °C was added K₂CO₃ (127 mg, 0.922 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water, and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic phase was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the derived diol (375 mg, 96%): R_f = 0.36 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.10 (br s, 1H), 4.64-4.57 (m, 3H), 4.45 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (qd, J = 0.4, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (br., 1H), 2.82 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 1H), 2.54 (br., 1H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.1, 137.9, 136.5,

128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 126.4, 83.4, 76.4, 75.6, 74.0, 73.8, 72.5, 39.2, 35.5, 25.8, 25.4, 21.6, 16.6, 14.7.

To a solution of the product from the previous step (375 mg, 0.889 mmol) in DMF (8.0 mL) was added imidazole (294 mg, 4.32 mmol), TBAI (320 mg, 0.865 mmol) and *t*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (651mg, 4.32 mmol). After TLC showed complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic phase was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **3.56** (470 mg, 99%): R_f = 0.50 (5% EtOAc : petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁸ = -6.2° (c=0.85, CHCl₃); IR (neat) $\bar{\nu}$ 3546, 3030, 2928, 2857, 1454, 1254, 1071, 835, 773; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.27 (m, 10H), 6.07 (br., 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.69-4.60 (m, 3H), 3.86 (br., 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (br., 1H), 2.13-2.02 (m, 3H), 1.85-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.69-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.13 (m, 1H), 1.04-0.94 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.86 (t J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.8, 138.3, 137.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 125.9, 84.5, 81.6, 75.1, 73.9, 73.7, 72.2, 38.1, 36.8, 26.7, 26.1, 25.6, 22.0, 18.3, 17.6, 14.7, -3.6, -4.7; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₃H₄₈O₄NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 559.3214, found 559.3217.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-4-((*tert*-butyl-dimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-propyldecahydronaphthalene-1,8,8*a*-triol (3.57).

To a flask containing alkene **3.56** (465 mg, 0.867 mmol) in acetone (8 mL) at 0 °C was added OsO₄ (0.44 mL 2.5% in ^tBuOH, 0.043 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine oxide (0.539 mL 50% in water, 2.60 mmol). After 24 h, 2M aqueous Na₂SO₃ was added. The

mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford triol **3.57** (247 mg, 50%) and dihydroxyketone **3.58** (74 mg, 15%). For **3.57**: R_f = 0.60 (15% EtOAc : petroleum ether); mp: 149-151 °C; [α]_D²⁷ = +4.7° (c=0.45, CHCl₃); IR (film) $\bar{\nu}$ 3500, 3030, 2954, 2928, 2856, 1454, 1253, 1115, 1056, 873, 836, 775, 735, 698; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 5.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (td, J = 2.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 1H), 2.30 (ddt, J = 2.9, 4.8, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 1.96-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.78-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 139.7, 138.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 84.2, 82.6, 79.0, 76.1, 75.8, 75.2, 72.3, 70.0, 46.9, 38.5, 31.0, 26.2, 21.5, 19.2, 19.1, 18.3, 15.3, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₃H₅₀O₆NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 593.3269, found 593.3273. For **3.58**, see below.

(4a*S*,5*R*,6*R*,7*R*,8*R*,8a*R*)-6,7-Bis(benzyloxy)-5-((*tert*-butyl-dimethylsilyl)oxy)-8,8a-dihydroxy-8-propyloctahydro-naphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (3.58).

Triol **3.57** (30 mg, 0.0526 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (0.240 mL). Iodoxybenzoic acid (38 mg, 0.137 mmol) was added to the solution, the mixture stirred at 75 °C for 20 h, then cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford ketone **3.58** (28 mg, 95%): R_f = 0.66 (10% EtOAc : petroleum ether); ¹H

NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 5.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dt, J = 6.8, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (md, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.32 (dq, J = 4.1, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.94 (md, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (td, J = 5.0, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.42 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.01 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 139.5, 138.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 84.3, 82.3, 80.9, 79.3, 76.4, 75.5, 72.2, 55.7, 40.8, 38.0, 27.6, 26.2, 21.3, 18.3, 17.1, 15.2, -4.3, -4.4; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₃H₄₈O₆NaSi (ESI, M + Na⁺) 591.3112, found 591.3119.

(4a*S*,5*R*,6*S*,7*R*,8*R*,8a*R*)-6,7-Bis(benzyloxy)-5,8,8a-trihydroxy-8-propyl-4a,5,6,7,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1(4*H*)-one (3.7).

To a solution of ketone **3.58** (18 mg, 0.0316 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) at room temperature was added PhSeCl (12 mg, 0.057 mmol) followed by BF₃·OEt₂ (78 μL, 0.632 mmol). The resulting red-orange solution was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, extracted with Et₂O, and the organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude α-selenoketone. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL), and solid NaHCO₃ (10 mg, 0.12 mmol) followed by *m*-CPBA (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) were added. This mixture was stirred for 20 min, during which time it turned from yellow to colorless. When TLC indicated the complete consumption of the selenide, the reaction was diluted with Et₂O, washed with water and brine, and the organic layer dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC provided the trihydroxy-enone **3.7** (11 mg, 75%): R_f = 0.33 (30% EtOAc : petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.29 (m, 10H), 7.12 (dm, J = 10.2 Hz,

1H), 6.23 (dd, J = 2.3, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.22 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 1H), 1.64 (ddd, J = 4.5, 12.3, 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.16 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 154.1, 138.7, 138.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 83.6, 82.8, 80.2, 77.6, 76.1, 75.8, 70.3, 46.0, 36.9, 27.1, 18.0, 15.2; HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₇H₃₂O₆Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 475.2091, found 475.2097.

Chapter 4. Studies towards Total Synthesis of
HMP-Y1

4.1 Introduction and Background

In Chapter 3 we described synthesis of the AB and A'B' segments of the angelimicin. Chapter 4 discusses the progress on the total synthesis of HMP-Y1 (**Figure 4.1**). HMP-Y1 is an attractive target because it is symmetrical with respect to the biaryl bond, thereby making it a less challenging target than asymmetric congeners like angelimicin B. Furthermore, it may be possible to execute an oxidative desymmetrization strategy to convert HMP-Y1 to angelimicin B, as is believed to occur in the biosynthesis of angelimicin B.

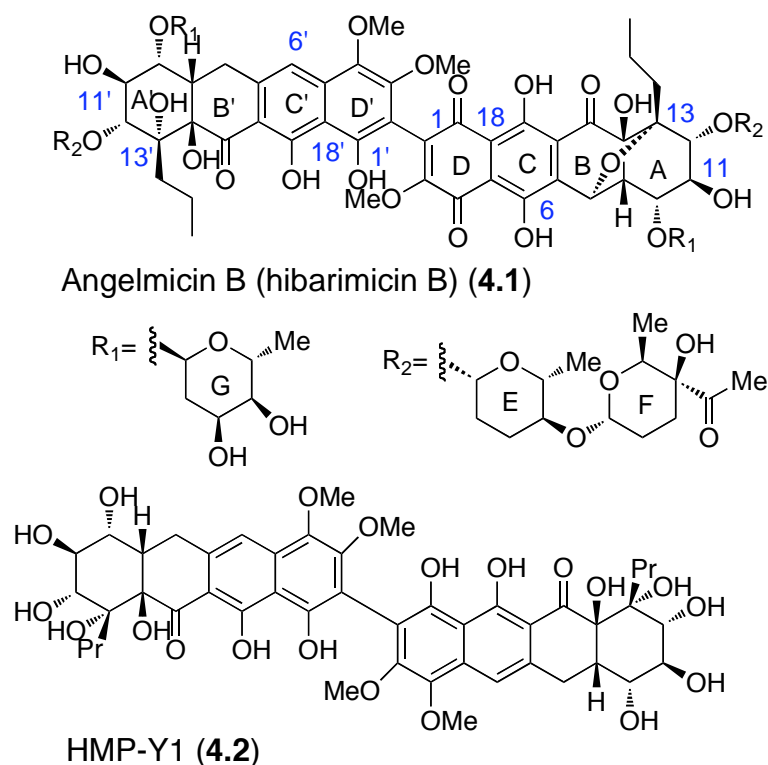
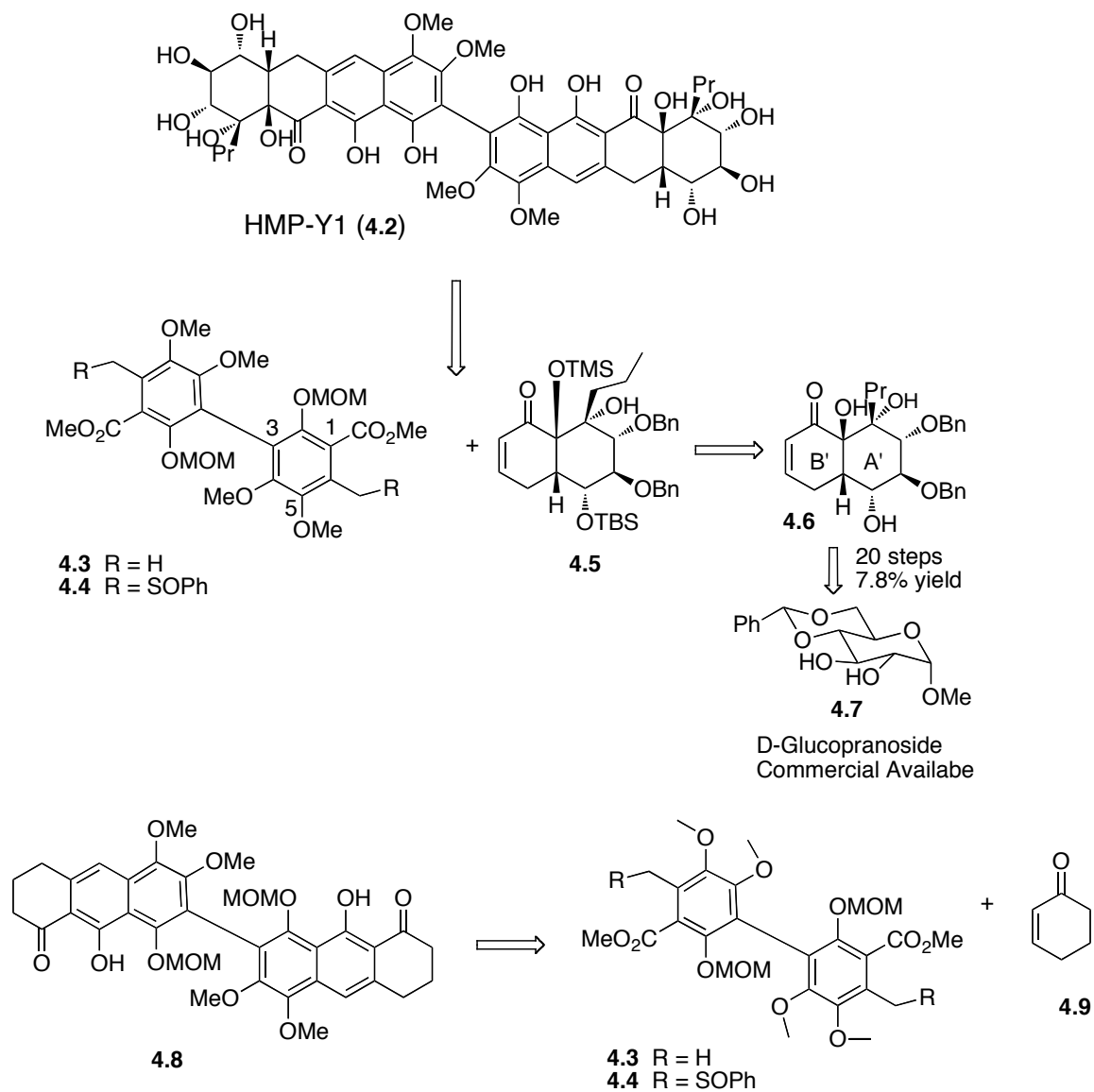


Figure 4.1 Structure of angelimicin B and HMP-Y1

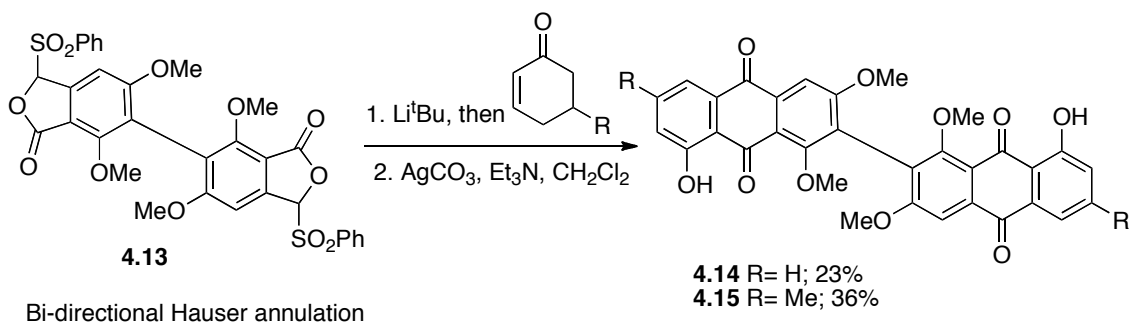
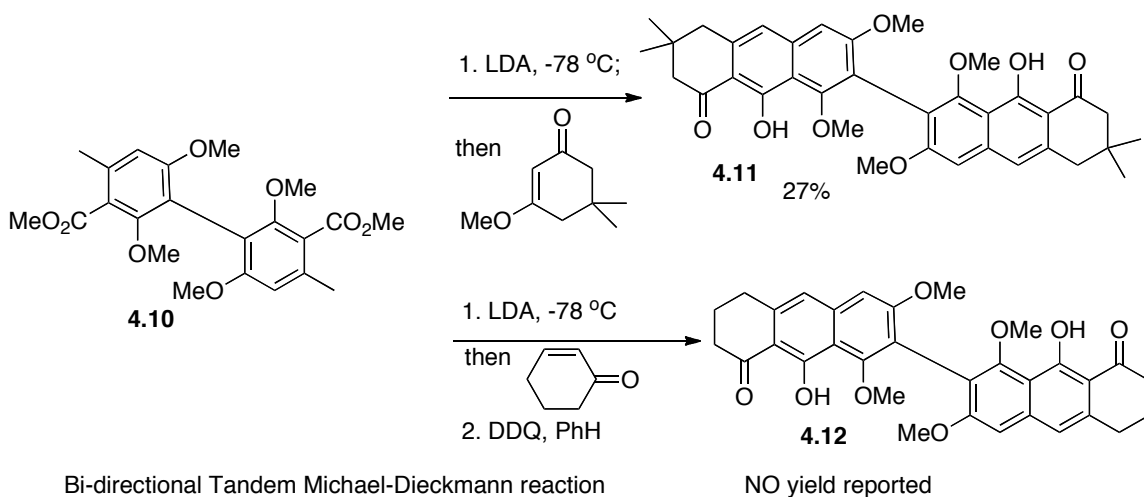
4.2 Retrosynthetic Plan

Given the symmetry with respect to the biaryl bond, we envisaged a bidirectional synthesis of HMP-Y1 (**Scheme 4.1**). Thus **4.2** can be prepared by a Hauser annulation (R = SPh)^{65, 66} or a tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensation⁶⁷ (R=H) on the dimeric 5-methoxyorsellinates **4.4** or **4.3** respectively, and enone **4.5**, followed by aromatization of the annulated adducts. Enone **4.5** should be available by straightforward alcohol protecting group chemistry on the AB enone **4.6** that was prepared in Chapter 3. These bidirectional strategies were tested using cyclohexenone **4.9** as a model for enone **4.5**.

To the best of our knowledge, there is only one example of a bi-directional tandem-Michael-Dieckmann condensation⁶⁸ and one example of a bi-directional Hauser annulation⁶⁹ in the literature (**Scheme 4.2**). The highest yield was 36%, and unlike **4.3** and **4.4**, the bi-orsellinate substrates were unsubstituted at the 5-position. The closest cases to our case are the Michael Dieckmann reactions between 5,5-dimethyl-3-methoxycyclohexenone or cyclohexenone and the bis-orsellinate **4.10**, which is similar to **4.3**. However, no yield was given for one product **4.12**, and the other **4.11**, is reported without C-13 NMR. The bis-Hauser annulation was performed with the bis-phthalide **4.13**, which gave the bis-dihydroquinones **4.14** and **4.15**. For the naphthalene core in HMP-Y1, a bis-sulfoxide substrate **4.4** instead of a bis-phthalide precursor like **4.13** is required.



Scheme 4.1

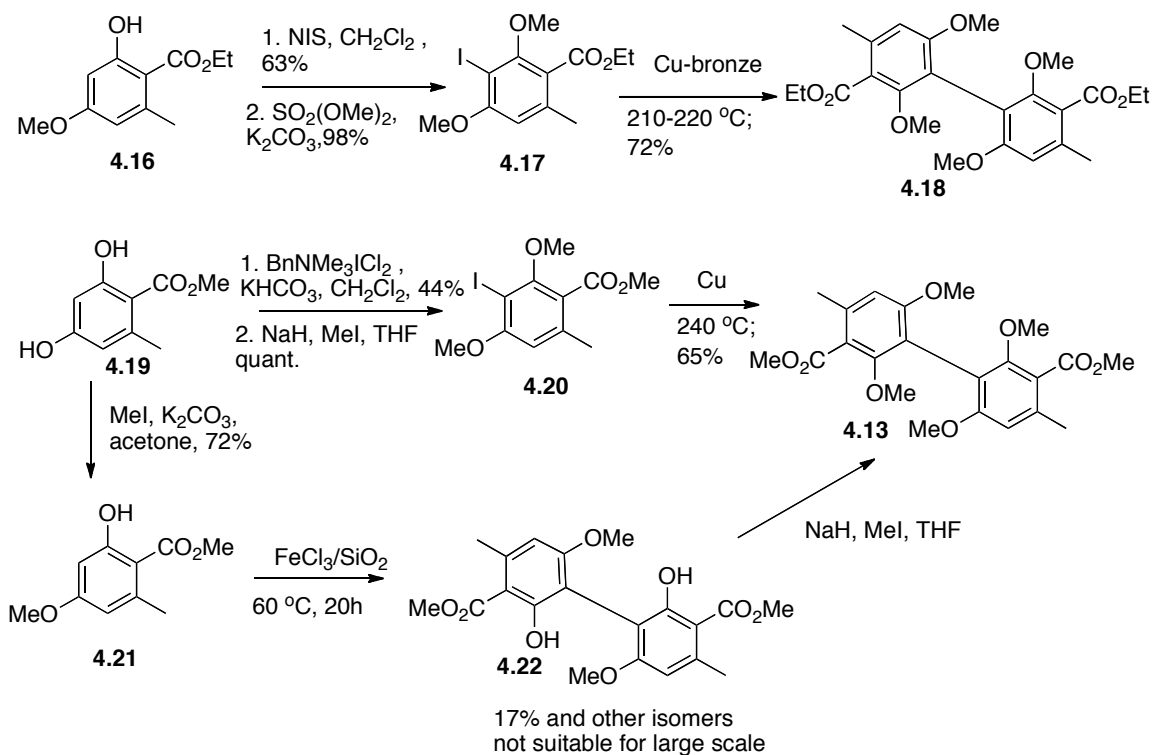


Scheme 4.2

4.3 Model Studies on Cyclohex-2-enone

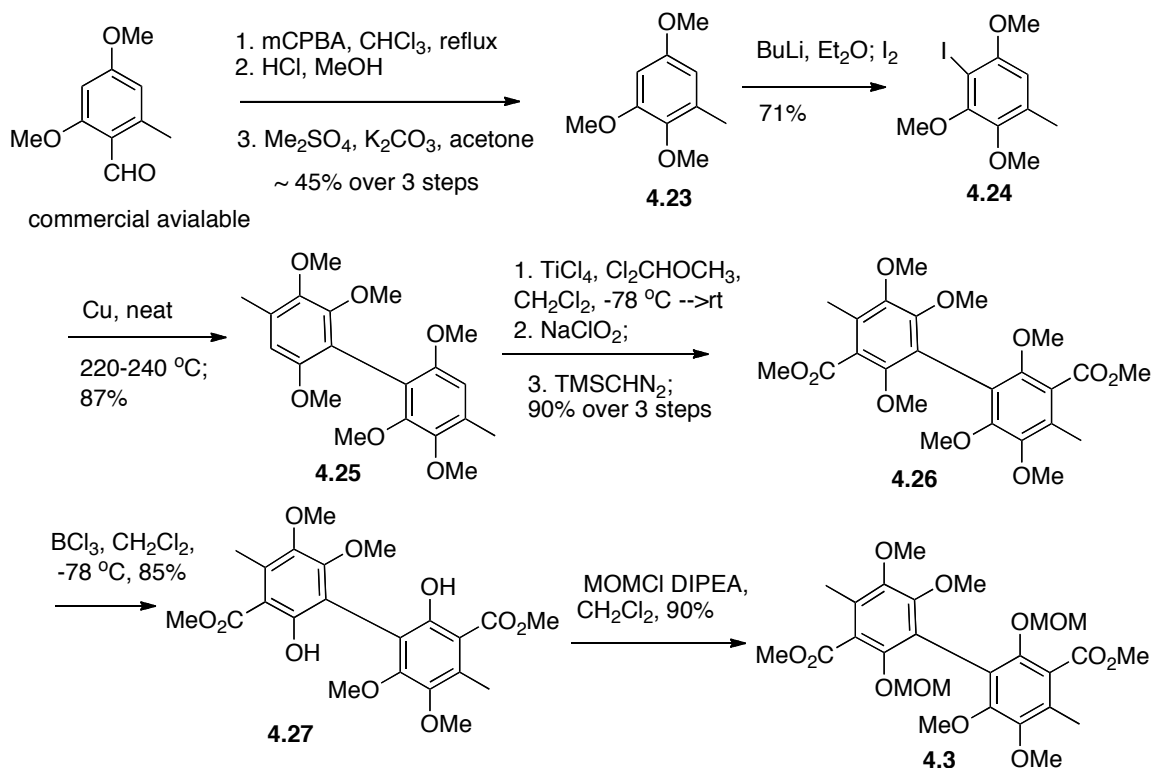
4.3.1 Precursors for Michael-Dieckmann Condensation 4.3

We envisaged using an Ullmann strategy for 3,3'-dimeric methyl 5-methoxyorsellinate **4.3**.⁷⁰ However, while this approach has been applied to dimeric orsellinates (**Scheme 4.3**), to the best of our knowledge neither the Ullmann coupling for the 5-methoxyorsellinates, nor the requisite iodinated precursors, has been reported. Therefore we decided to perform the Ullmann coupling on a less substituted precursor, and to introduce the carboxylate residue at a later stage.



Scheme 4.3

The known 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.23**⁷¹ was synthesized from commercial available orsellinal by a modified three-step procedure in 45% yield as shown in **Scheme 4.4**.



Scheme 4.4

Regioselective iodination of 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.23** was performed through *ortho*-lithiation of 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene with *n*-BuLi followed by quenching of the resulting aryllithium with I₂ which led to 4-iodo-2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.24** in 71% yield without any detectable 6-iodo-2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene. Heating the very hindered aryl iodide **4.24** with copper powder at 220-240 °C under nitrogen provided the desired Ullmann product, bis-4,4'-(2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene) **4.25** in 87% yield. Compound **4.25** was formylated with Cl₂CHOCH₃ and TiCl₄,⁷² and oxidation of the product with NaClO₂ and esterification of the resulting acid gave the 3,3' coupled 5-methoxyorsellinate dimer **4.26**. Overall, the fully substituted biaryl **4.26** was obtained from known 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.23** in 55% yield through five steps and three chromatography purifications. Because of anticipated problems in selectively removing the 2,2'-methyl

group in the annulated product, **4.26** was selectively de-methylated with BCl_3 to give bis-phenol **4.27**, then re-protected, and the MOM groups were installed on the bis-phenol to give **4.3**.

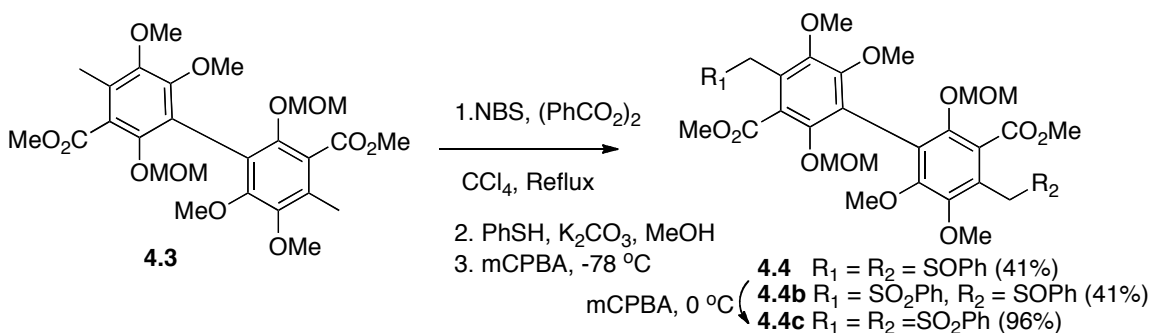
4.3.2 Precursor for Hauser Annulation

The dimeric sulfoxide **4.4** for the Hauser type annulation was obtained in 32% yield through a three step sequence: free radical di-bromination on **4.3** with NBS, substitution of the resulting dibromide with thiophenol to give the bis-thioether, and mCPBA oxidation of the bis-thioether. The oxidation step produced an approximately 1:1 ratio of the desired bis-sulfoxide **4.4** (41%) and the mixed sulfoxide-sulfone product **4.4b** from over-oxidation (41%). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR analysis of bis-sulfoxide **4.4** suggested a mixture of three diastereoisomers. Thus, certain individual protons and carbons appeared as four signals, one signal each for the two C_2 symmetric chiral dimers, and two resonances for the non-equivalent nuclei in the meso dimer. For example, the proton signals for two carboxymethyl groups appeared as a 6H set of four singlets in the 3.83-3.85 ppm range, and the carbonyl carbons showed as four peaks between 167.4 and 167.5 ppm. Similar results have been observed in the literature.⁶⁹ The NMR data for sulfoxide-sulfone **4.4b** indicated a mixture of two diastereomers. The structure of **4.4b** was confirmed by oxidation of the mixture to the bis-sulfone **4.4c** (Scheme 4.5).

4.3.3 Attempted Hauser Annulation

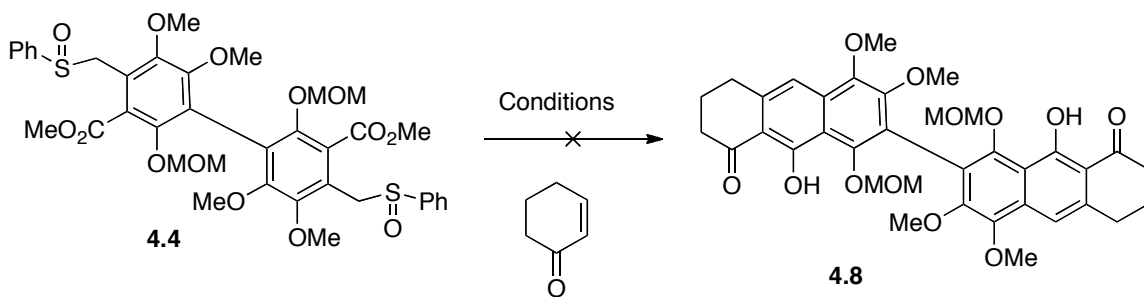
Two standard Hauser annulation conditions were first tested (Table 4.1).⁶⁶ Treatment of bis-sulfoxide **4.4** with LDA in THF at -78°C followed by addition of cyclohexenone

resulted in no desired product and approximately 30% recovered **4.4**. The reaction was also unsuccessful with lithium *t*-butoxide (LTB) as the base in THF at $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. It was recently reported that using DMSO as co-solvent dramatically increases the yield.⁷³ However, mixed solvent variations, THF/DMSO (3/1)/LTB and THF/HMPA (10/1), were also unsuccessful. Attempts at using the bis-sulfone **4.4c** instead of the bis-sulfoxide **4.4** were also not productive. This strategy was not further pursued.



Scheme 4.5

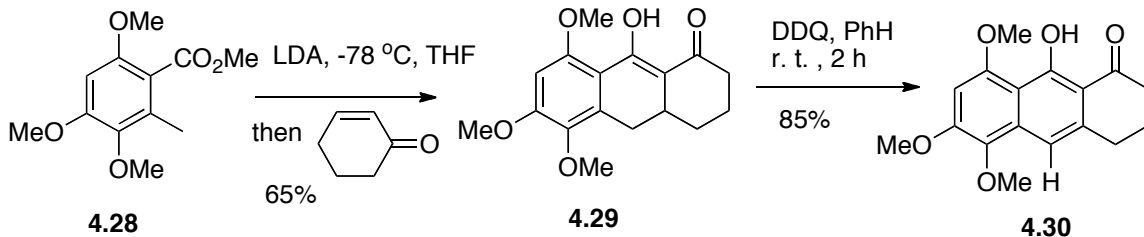
Table 4.1 Attempted Bi-directional Hauser annulation.



Entry	Conditions	Product
1	LDA, THF, $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to rt	~30% r. s. m., 0% product
2	LTB, THF, $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to rt	~70% r. s. m., 0% product
3	LTB, THF/DMSO (3/1), $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to rt	~20% r. s. m., 0% product
4	LDA, THF/HMPA (10/1), $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to rt	~20% r. s. m., 0% product

r.s.m.: recovered starting material (bis-sulfoxide **4.4**)

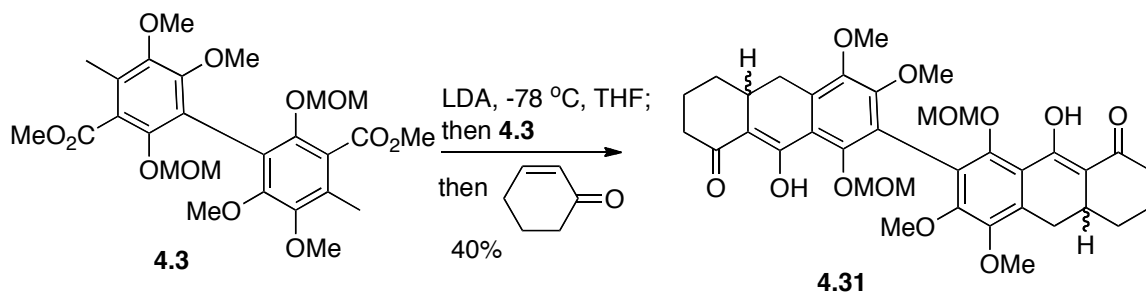
4.3.4 Bi-directional Tandem-Michael-Dieckmann Condensation.



Scheme 4.6

The two-step annulation approach, i.e. bi-directional tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensation followed by aromatization, was next tested. Due to the lack of experimental details in the reported example of the bi-directional reaction, conditions were first developed on the monomeric variant using the known 5-methoxyorsellinate **4.28**⁷⁴ (Scheme 4.6). Furthermore, although orsellinates are well-known substrates in tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensations, a 5-methoxyorsellinate **4.28** has never been reported. Thus, **4.28** was treated with LDA at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in THF to form the dark red lithiated enolate. Cyclohex-2-enone was then added at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the mixture was warmed to room temperature. The condensation product **4.29** was obtained in 65% yield. Treatment of **4.29** in dry benzene at room temperature with DDQ over 2 h, gave the aromatized product **4.30** as a yellow solid, in 85% isolated yield. Comparison of ^1H NMR data for **4.29** and **4.30** showed an extra signal at 7.23 ppm for **4.30**, which indicated aromatization of the middle ring of **4.29**. There are also three signals integrating for 2H each in the upfield region in the spectrum for **4.30**, i.e. one triplet at 3.00 ppm, another triplet at 2.74 ppm and a quintet at 2.10 ppm. On the other hand, **4.29** shows eight distinguishable signals for 9H between 1.24 and 3.23 ppm. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum for **4.30** shows two less sp^3 and two extra sp^2 carbon signals compared to the data for **4.29**. Together these

data confirmed the structures of compound **4.29** and **4.30** and are helpful for analysis of the more complex bi-directional condensation product, and its aromatized derivative.



Scheme 4.7

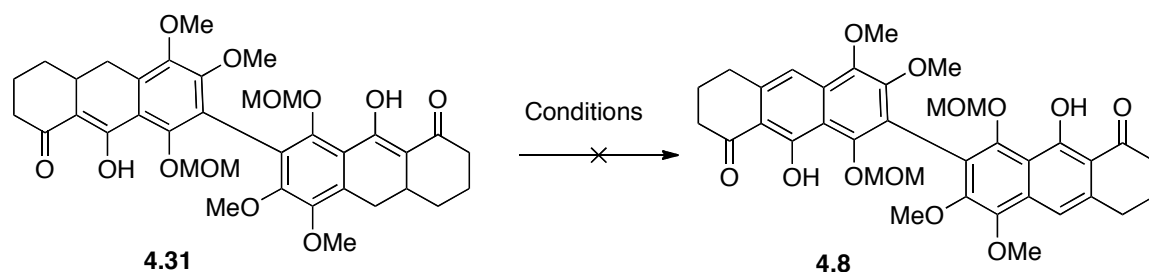
Thus, the reaction of the bis-lithiated enolate of **4.3** and cyclohex-2-enone following the procedure developed for 5-methoxyorsellinate **4.28** provided **4.31**, the product of the bi-directional tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensation, in ~ 40% yield.

^1H NMR spectrum of **4.31** was compared to that of **4.29**. In the upfield region, the signal patterns are very similar but more complex for **4.31**. In the ^{13}C NMR spectra nearly all carbon signals for both compounds matched very well, though individual carbons for **4.31** comprised four peaks compared to the corresponding carbons in **4.29**, which showed as single peaks. As for the bis-sulfoxide **4.4**, this data suggests that **4.31** consists of a mixture of three diastereomers, due to the two chiral centers and the chiral axis of the 2,2' biaryl bond.

The next step was to aromatize the compound **4.31**. However, treatment of dimer **4.31** with DDQ at room temperature in dry benzene for 2 h, following the conditions that were used for the monomer **4.30**, did not lead to any noticeable change. Prolonged reaction time, or elevated temperatures resulted in decomposition. Several other aromatization procedures were attempted but were also unsuccessful (Table 4.2). During the final stages of our study, the Sulikowski's group reported that exposure of a very

similar substrate to **4.31** to DDQ in benzene at reflux for 5 h led to aromatization (*vide infra*). However, treatment of **4.31** under these conditions led to decomposition. Together with the Sulikowski result and our observations on the reaction of **4.31** with DDQ in benzene at different temperatures and over different time periods, suggest that the reaction time may be critical for success of this reaction.

Table 4.2. Attempted aromatization of compound **4.31** to **4.8**



Entry	Conditions	Product
1	DDQ, dry benzene at r. t., 2 h or 8 h	No reaction
2	DDQ, dry benzene, 50 °C, 16 h	Decomposition ^a
3	DDQ, dry benzene, reflux, 2 h	Complex mixture on TLC
4	DDQ, dry benzene, reflux, 16 h	Decomposition ^a
5	Pd(OAc) ₂ , CH ₃ CN (dry or wet), r. t.	Decomposition ^a
6	Ag ₂ CO ₃ on Celite, Et ₃ N, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , r. t.	No reaction
7	Ag ₂ CO ₃ on Celite, Et ₃ N, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , reflux	Decomposition ^a
8	Ph ₃ CBF ₄ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ at r. t.	Unknown compound

^a: Disappearance of **4.31** with many spots on the TLC.

4.4 Conclusion

The bisulfoxide **4.4** for the bi-directional Hauser annulation and the dimeric 5-methoxyorsellinate **4.3** for the bi-directional tandem-Michael-Dieckmann condensation

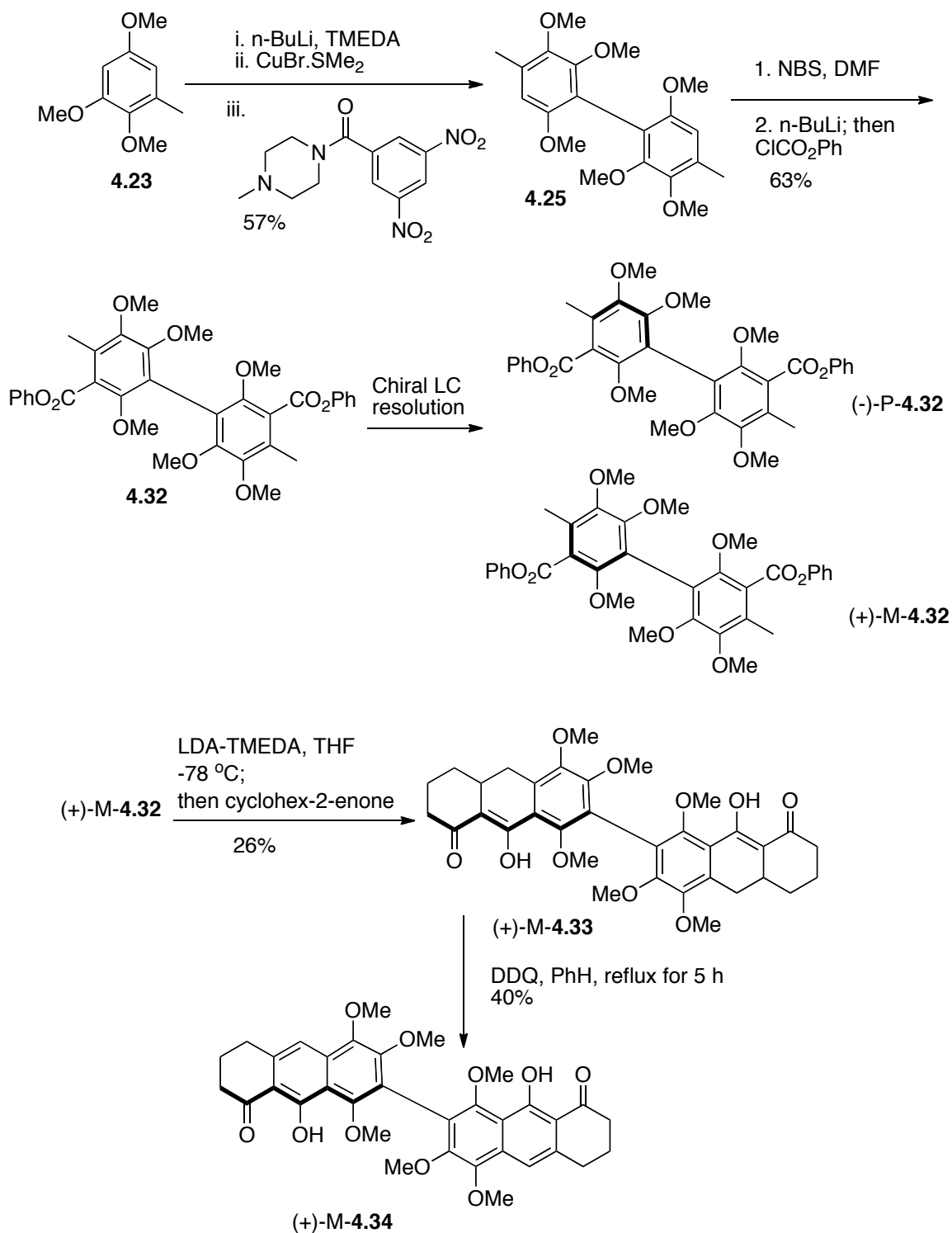
were synthesized in ten and seven steps from known 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.23** in 27% and 21% yield, respectively. The Hauser annulation with **4.4** and cyclohexenone was unsuccessful. The bi-directional tandem-Michael-Dieckmann condensation with **4.3** and cyclohexenone afforded the desired product **4.31** in 40% yield. However, the subsequent aromatization of **4.31** to **4.8** was unsuccessful while aromatization of the monomeric counterpart **4.28** to **4.29** proceeded smoothly. Comparing to Sulikowski's results, the success of the aromatization may be very sensitive to the reaction time.

4.5 Updated Literature Reported on Synthesis

At the completion of this thesis research, several synthetic studies by the Sulikowski, Tatsuta and Shair groups on hibarimincines were reported.⁷⁵ In the Sulikowski work a bi-directional tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensation that is very similar to ours was performed (**Scheme 4.8**).^{75a} The main difference was in the protecting groups on the phenol and carboxylic acid residues in the Michael donor. In the Sulikowski case, the Michael donor was also optically active, whereas our material was racemic. Thus, lithiated (+)-M-**4.32** was condensed with cyclohex-2-enone to give (+)-M-**4.33** in 26% yield after optimization, which was similar to the 40% yield obtained for our reaction with **4.3** (**Scheme 4.7**). Treatment of (+)-M-**4.33** with DDQ in benzene at reflux for 5 h afforded the aromatized product (+)-M-**4.34** in 40% yield. The same sequence of reactions on the (-)-P-**4.32**, provided the enantiomer of (+)-M-**4.34**. Comparison of the CD spectra of (+)-M-**4.34** to HMP-Y6 led to the assignment of HMP-Y6 and hibarimicin B atropoisomers as *aR* and *aS*, respectively. Sulikowski's synthesis of the Michael donor **4.32** was also very similar to our synthesis of **4.3**. In both cases 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene

4.23 was used as starting material for the same biphenyl intermediate **4.25**. Our synthesis used a two-step iodination-Ullmann coupling sequence and furnished **4.25** in 62% overall yield (**Scheme 4.4**). The Sulikowski route involved a lithiation-cupration-Spring oxidative coupling and gave **4.25** in 51-63%.⁷⁶ For introduction of the caboxymethyl group in **4.25** we employed a Friedel-Crafts-like formylation-oxidation strategy whereas the Sulikowski group subjected **4.25** to bromination, followed by a lithium-halogen exchange and phenyl chloroformate quench. The enantiomers of the product in the latter case, **4.32**, were resolved by chiral liquid chromatography.

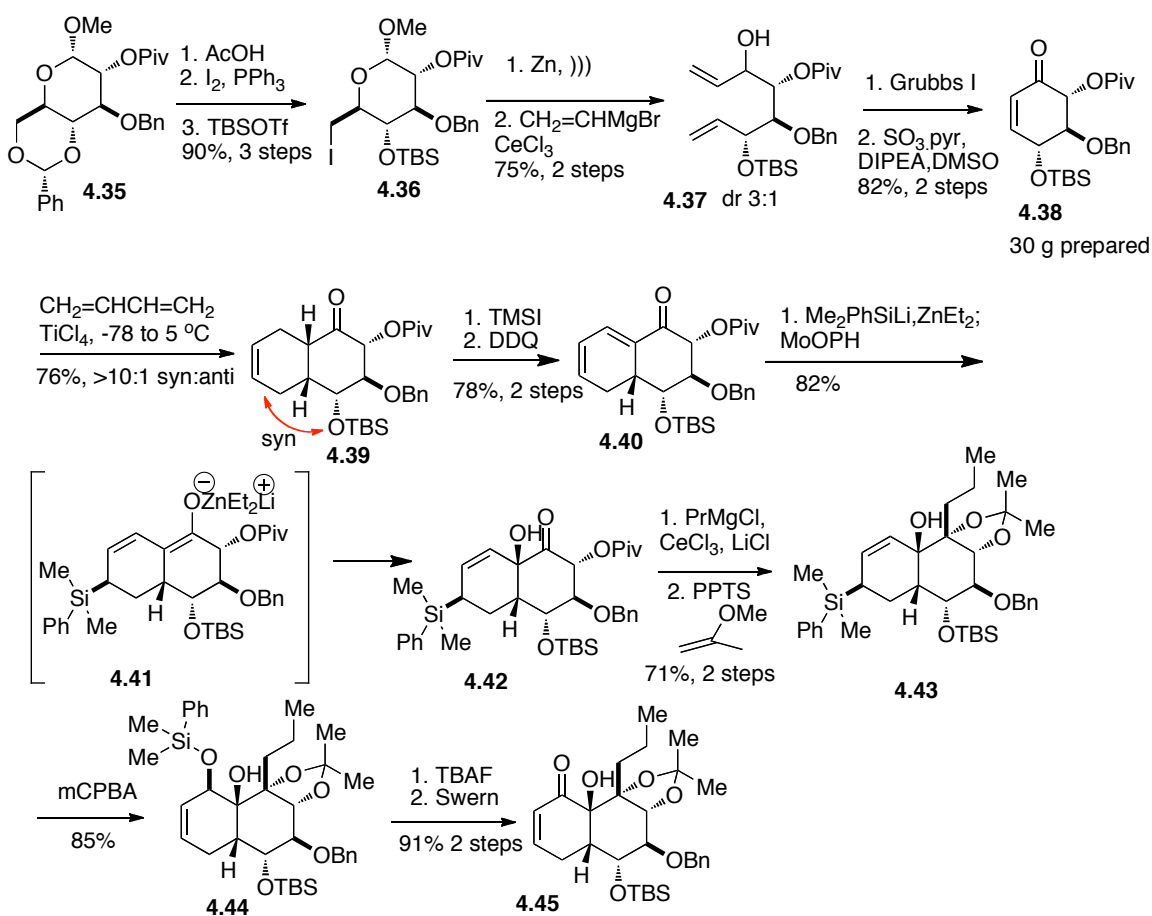
Shair's synthesis of A'B' subunit started with **4.35**, an orthogonally protected derivative of **3.27**, the same D-glucose precursor that was used in our synthesis.^{75c} Iodide **4.36** was obtained from **4.35** in three standard steps in 90% yield and was converted into dien-ol **4.37** in 75% yield and 3:1 diastereoselectivity. Since the chiral center would be destroyed in later steps, no separation was needed. The enone **4.38** was obtained in two steps, RCM with the first generation Grubb's catalyst followed by Parikh-Doering oxidation on the resulting allylic alcohol. A TiCl₄ catalyzed contrasteric Diels-Alder reaction on **4.38** gave the key *syn* Diels-Alder product **4.39** in 76% yield and high selectivity (>10:1 *syn/anti*). The Diels-Alder adduct **4.39** was converted to the dienone **4.40** through a thermodynamic enol intermediate. The regio- and diastereoselective 1,6-conjugated addition of dimethylphenylsilyl zincate to the dienone **4.40** generated zinc enolate intermediate **4.41**.



Scheme 4.8 Sulikowshi's synthesis of model compound **4.34**

The *in situ* oxidation of **4.41** delivered *cis*-decalin **4.42** as a single regio- and diastereoisomer in 82% yield. The CeCl_3 promoted addition of propylmagnesium chloride to **4.42**

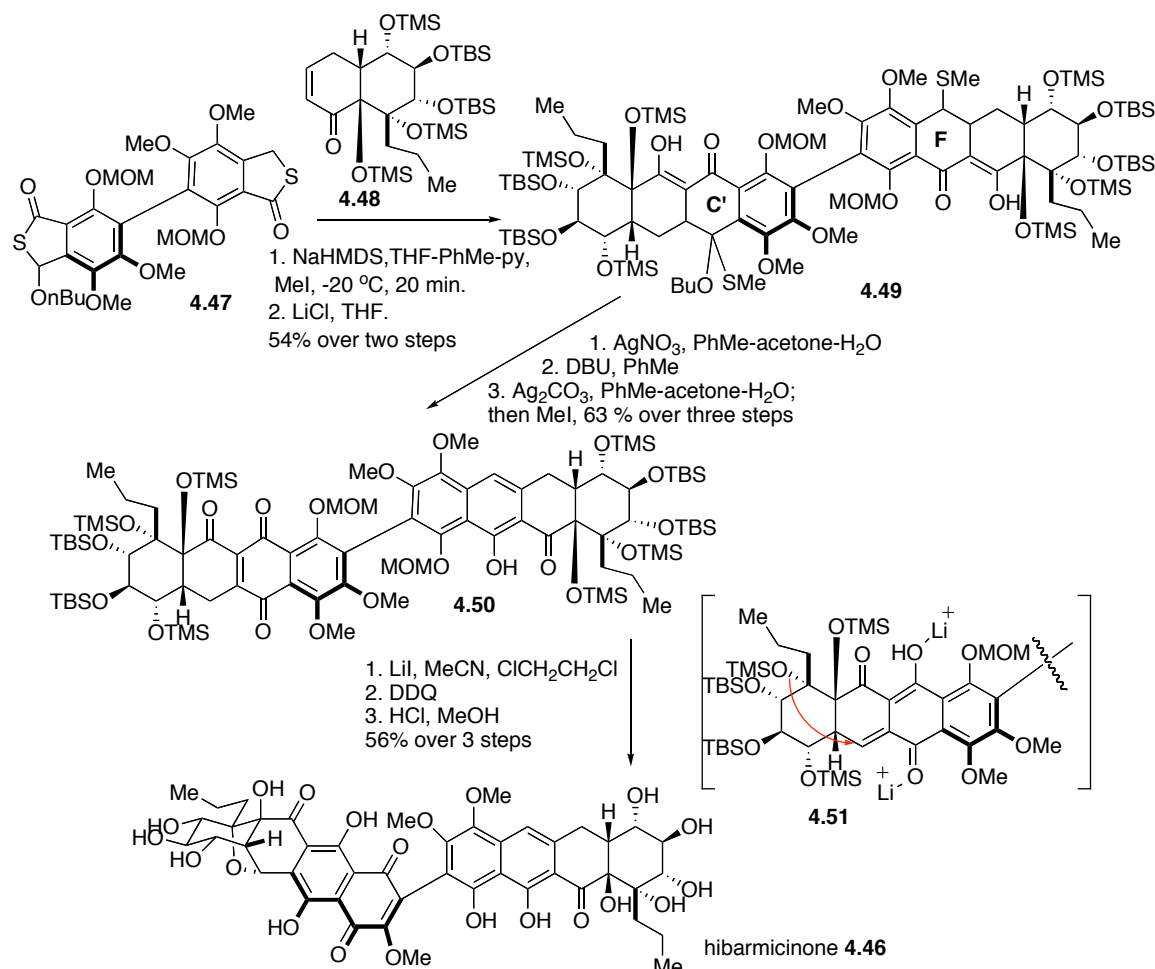
led to carbonyl addition exclusively from the convex face of the molecule, together with cleavage of pivoyl ester. The resulting diol was protected as the acetonide, affording **4.43** in 71% yield over two steps (**Scheme 4.9**). Treatment of allylsilane **4.43** with *m*-CPBA provided **4.44** in 85% yield. Selective removal of the dimethylphenylsilyl group with TBAF and Swern oxidation of the resulting allylic alcohol delivered **4.45** in 91% yield over two steps. The overall synthesis delivered a gram of the protected A'B' subunit of hibarimicin B.



Scheme 4.9. Shair's synthesis of A'B' subunit.

The Tatsuta group reported the first total synthesis of hibarimicinone **4.46**, the aglycon part of hibarimicins and determined the absolute stereochemistry of the hibarimicinone (**Scheme 4.10**).^{75b} This study revealed that the absolute stereochemistry

of AB and A'B' subunits prepared in our and Shair's initial syntheses were opposite to that in the natural product.

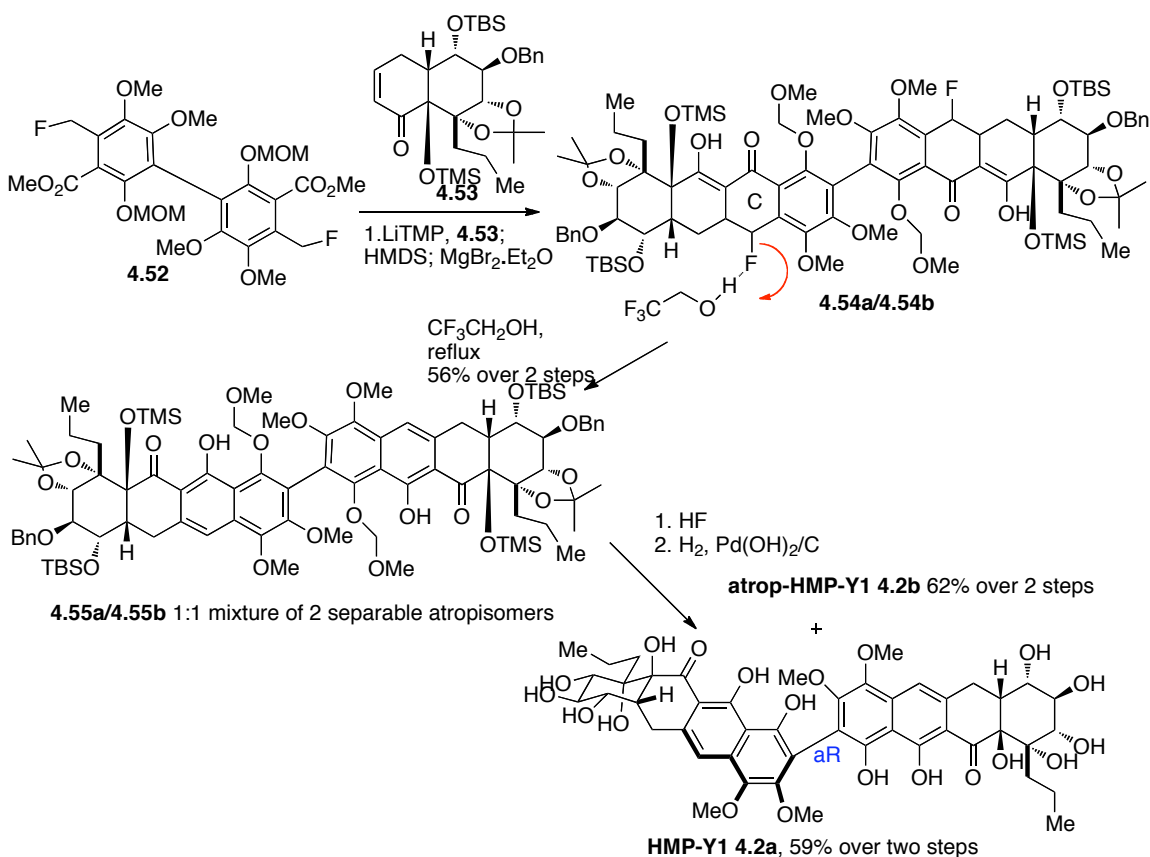


Scheme 4.10. Tatsuta's synthesis of hibarmicinone **4.46**.

A bi-directional Michael-Dieckmann cyclization on an unsymmetrical Michael donor approach was used to construct the carbon skeleton. The mixed benzothiolactone **4.47** was annulated with enone **4.48** with NaHMDS as base in a mixed solvent containing THF, toluene and pyridine. The annulated product **4.49** was then submitted to a three-step sequence to furnish the key intermediate **4.50** in 63% yield, hydrolysis of mixed thioketal, DBU promoted tautomerization of ring C', and eliminative-aromatization in ring F. Exposure of **4.50** to excess LiI led to tetrahydrofuran formation. This reaction

presumably proceeds via the LiI promoted intramolecular conjugated addition to enone **4.51**. Subsequent DDQ oxidation and global deprotection on this product afforded hibarimicinone **4.46** in 56% overall yield from **4.50**.

More recently the Shair group reported the total syntheses of HMP-Y1 **4.2**, and hibarimicinone **4.46** using a bi-directional strategy (Scheme 4.11).^{75d} A novel Michael-Dieckmann reaction sequence on a symmetrical bis-benzylic fluoride was developed for HMP-Y1, and a bi-directional double annulation on an unsymmetrical precursor followed by a biomimetic etherification, was developed for hibarimicinone.

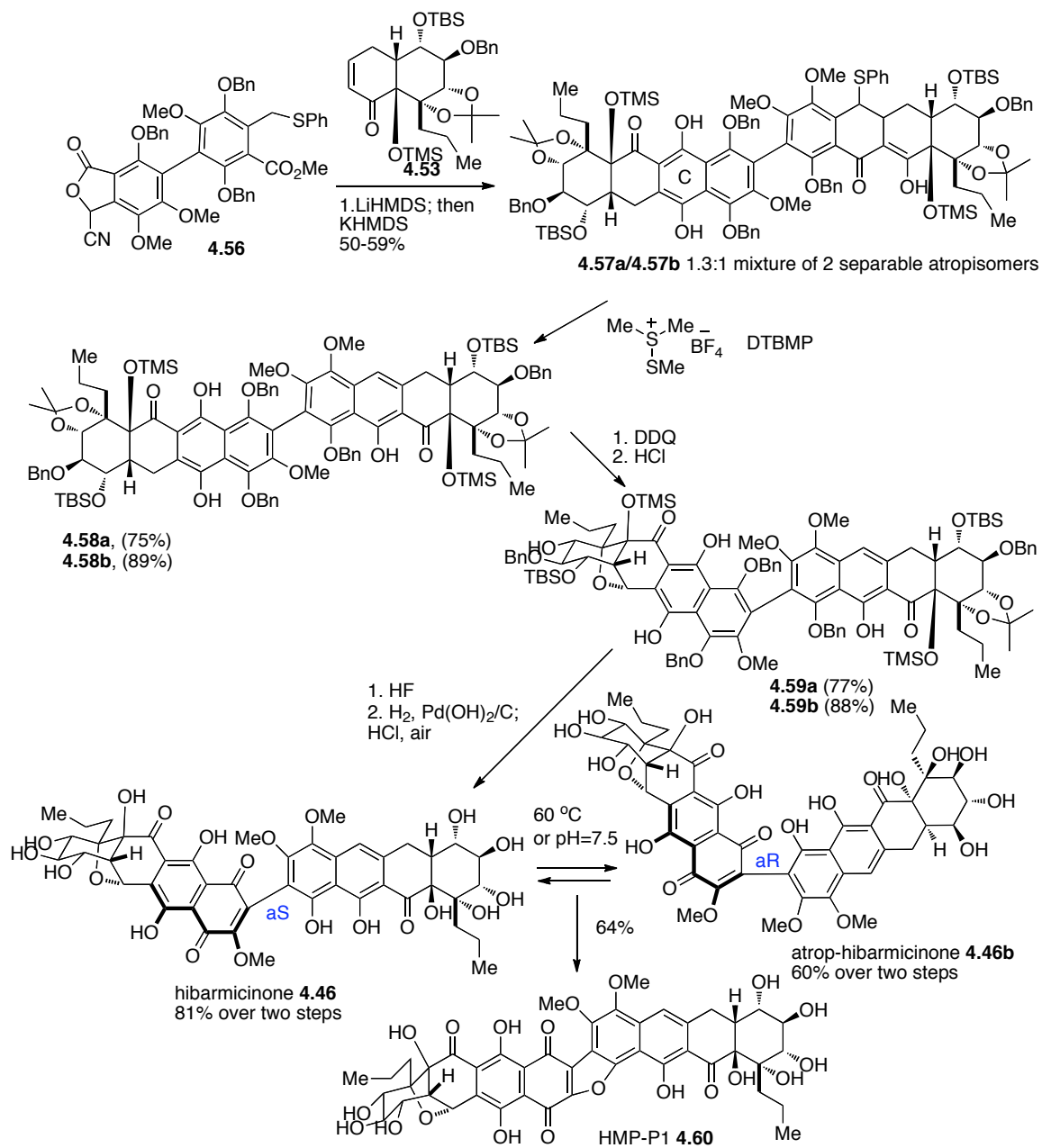


Scheme 4.11. Shair's total synthesis of HMP-Y1 **4.2a**.

The MgBr₂.Et₂O promoted condensation of lithiated bis-fluoride **4.52** and enone **4.53**, the enantiomer of aforementioned **4.45**, provided mixture **4.54a/4.54b**. Without

purification, heating of this mixture in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ provided a separable mixture of atropisomers **4.55a** and **4.55b**, via the formal elimination of HF. The overall yield of **4.55a** and **4.55b** over two steps was 56%. Global deprotection of **4.55a** and **4.55b** with HF followed by hydrogenolysis afforded HMP-Y1 as well as atrop-HMP-Y1. By comparing NMR data and CD spectra, HMP-Y1 **4.2a** was assigned as the *aR* configuration, in agreement with Tatsuta's result.

Shair's hibarmicinone **4.46** synthesis started with the bi-directional double annulation using unsymmetrical biaryl **4.56** and enone **4.53**. The mixture was first treated with LiHMDS followed by subsequent addition of KHMDS and afforded the annulation product **4.57a** and **4.57b** as two separable atropisomers. Elimination of phenyl sulfide was accomplished with dimethyl(methylthio)sulfonium tetrafluoroborate to deliver the aromatization product **4.58a** and **4.58b**. DDQ oxidation to form the C-ring quinone and HCl promoted biomimetic etherification delivered **4.59a** and **4.59b**. Deprotection of acid sensitive groups with HF, hydrogenolysis of benzyl ethers, and exposure of the resulting compound to air provided hibarimicinone **4.46** and atrop-hibarimicinone **4.46b**. The atropisomers are relatively stable in acidic conditions, but are quickly interconverted at high pH, such as pH 7.5 buffer and are transformed into HMP-P1 **4.60**. These observations suggest that the rotational barriers about the biaryl bond in hibarmicinone are pH-dependent.



Scheme 4.12. Shair's syntheses of hibarmicinone and HMP-P1.

4.6 Experimental

2-Iodo-1,3,4-trimethoxy-5-methylbenzene (4.24).

To a solution of 2,3,5-trimethoxytoluene **4.23** (1.49 g, 8.19 mmol) in Et₂O (30 mL) at 0 °C, was added n-BuLi (4.6 mL, 2.5M in hexane, 11.50 mmol). The reaction mixture was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. At this time the resulting white suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of I₂ (2.91g, 11.5 mmol) in Et₂O (15 mL) was added. The yellow solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous NaHSO₃. The solution was extracted with Et₂O (3x100 mL) and the organic phase was washed with brine, H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification of the residue by FCC gave iodide **4.24** (1.80 g, 71%). R_f = 0.30 (5% EtOAc in petroleum ether). Mp: 42 - 44 °C. IR (thin film) cm⁻¹: 2935, 1583, 1470, 1392, 1237, 1101, 1010, 795. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.0, 153.9, 145.8, 132.9, 108.5, 81.1, 60.7, 60.6, 56.9, 16.4. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₁₀H₁₃O₃Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 330.9807, found 330.9795.

2,2',3,3',6,6'-Hexamethoxy-4,4'-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (4.25).

A mixture of iodide **4.24** (1.80 g, 5.84 mmol) and fine copper powder (3.74 g, 58.4 mmol) was heated to 220-240 °C under nitrogen for 3 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and transferred to a Soxhlet apparatus. The extraction was effected with acetone (250 mL) for 16 h under nitrogen. The extract was concentrated and purified by FCC to give a white solid **4.25** (910 mg, 86%). R_f = 0.50 (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether). Mp: 114-116 °C; Lit: 114-117 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.57 (s, 2H),

3.83, (s, 6H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.6, 151.9, 145.4, 131.3, 116.0, 108.3, 60.4, 56.2, 16.6.

Dimethyl 2,2',5,5',6,6'-hexamethoxy-4,4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate (4.26).

To a solution of biphenyl **4.25** (510 mg, 1.42 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) at -78°C , was added TiCl_4 (5.68 mL, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 5.68 mmol) and $\text{Cl}_2\text{CHOCH}_3$ (0.51 mL, 5.68 mmol). After 5 min, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and maintained at this temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with 1N HCl (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 50 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with brine, water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the crude aldehyde. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.60 (s, 6H), 2.61 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.9, 160.0, 156.6, 148.2, 136.2, 124.2, 120.0, 63.6, 60.8, 60.5, 13.0.

The material from the previous step was dissolved in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) and CH_3CN (6 mL). To this vigorously stirred solution was added 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene (0.5 mL) and an aqueous solution (9 mL) containing NaH_2PO_4 (1.96 g, 14.2 mmol), NaClO_2 (511 mg, 5.68 mmol), and H_2O_2 (0.644 mL, 30% in H_2O , 5.68 mmol). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with brine, water, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the crude carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.87 (br. 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.56 (s, 6H), 2.47 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0, 153.3, 152.1, 147.8, 131.6, 123.4, 120.4, 62.3, 60.6, 60.3, 13.4.

The crude carboxylic acid was azeotroped with toluene (2x10 mL) and then re-dissolved in PhMe (15 mL) and MeOH (5 mL). TMSCHN₂ (2.0 mL, 2M in hexane, 4.00 mmol) was then added to the mixture at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with acetic acid (1 mL) and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by FCC to give the biphenyl di-ester **4.26** (630 mg, 1.32 mmol). Recrystallization of this material from CH₂Cl₂ afforded white prisms (570 mg, 90%). Mp: 133-135 °C R_f = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). IR (thin film) cm⁻¹: 2948, 1732, 1461, 1399, 1273, 1213, 1094, 1058. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.51 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 152.9, 151.8, 130.4, 124.8, 120.7, 62.0, 60.6, 60.4, 52.5, 13.2. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₄H₃₀O₁₀Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 501.1737, found 501.1739.

Dimethyl 2,2'-dihydroxy-5,5',6,6'-tetramethoxy-4,4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate (4.27)

To a solution of **4.26** (1.326 g, 2.77 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added BCl₃ (8.32 mL, 1 M in hexane, 8.32 mmol) at -78 °C. After the complete disappearance of starting material, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The reaction mixture was diluted with extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.27** (1.06 g, 85%) as a foaming solid. R_f = 0.40 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.50 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 2.53 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 158.0, 157.3, 144.6, 134.8, 114.3, 108.4, 60.7 (2C), 52.3, 15.1.

Dimethyl 5,5',6,6'-tetramethoxy-2,2'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-4,4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate (4.3)

To a solution of bis-phenol **4.27** (1.06g, 2.41 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added DIPEA (4.2 mL, 24.1 mmol) and MOMCl (1.83 mL, 24.1 mmol) at 0 °C. After 10 min the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred at this temperature for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.3** (1.17 g, 90%) as a white prism solid. R_f=0.20 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). IR (thin film) cm⁻¹: 2949, 1732, 1454, 1393, 1354, 1301, 1272, 1212, 1162, 1057, 1006, 930, 738. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.78 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.07 (s, 6H), 2.26 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 153.0, 148.9, 148.0, 130.4, 125.5, 121.6, 100.3, 60.4, 60.3, 56.7, 52.5, 13.3. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₂₆H₃₄O₁₂Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 561.1948, found 561.1945.

Dimethyl 5,5',6,6'-tetramethoxy-2,2'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-4,4'-bis((phenylsulfinyl)-methyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate (4.4)

To a solution of **4.3** (345 mg, 0.641 mmol) in CCl₄ (9 mL) was added NBS (136mg, 0.768 mmol), (PhCOO)₂ (16 mg, 0.066 mmol), NaOAc (100 mg, 1.22 mmol). After heating at reflux for 30 min, additional portions of NBS (136 mg, 0.768 mmol) and (PhCOO)₂ (16 mg, 0.066 mmol) were added. Heat was continued for an additional 30 min, at which time the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 10%

Na₂SO₃ (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL) and the organic phase dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the dibromo derivative (440 mg, 98%). R_f=0.25 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.80 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d, J= 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (d, J= 9.7 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.00 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 153.2, 149.9, 148.0, 130.9, 124.8, 124.7, 100.8, 60.8, 60.3, 56.7, 52.8, 24.0.

To a solution of product from the previous step (440 mg, 0.632 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) was added PhSH (0.322 mL, 3.16 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (872 mg, 6.32 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 16 h, then diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford the derived bis-phenylthio ether (340 mg, 70%) as a white semi-solid. R_f = 0.35 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (d, J= 12.2 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (d, J= 12.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 2.99 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 153.1, 149.8, 148.2, 136.3, 131.0, 130.9, 129.0, 126.9, 124.7, 123.5, 100.5, 61.1, 60.2, 56.8, 52.6, 30.8. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₈H₄₂O₁₂NaS₂ (ESI, M + Na⁺) 777.2015, found 777.2011.

To a solution of the bis-phenylthio ether (340 mg, 0.450 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at -78 °C was added NaOAc (147 mg, 3.60 mmol) and mCPBA (309 mg, 1.80 mmol). After TLC showed less than 5% starting material, the mixture was quenched with 2M Na₂SO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford an approximately 1:1

ration of bis-sulfoxide **4.4** (145 mg, 41%, mixture of three diastereomers) and mixed sulfoxide-sulfone **4.4b** (147 mg, 41%, mixture of two diastereomers). For **4.4**: $R_f = 0.10$ (80% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 8H), 4.76-4.70 (m, 4H), 4.52-4.48 (m, 2H), 4.27-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.83 (4 singlet, 6H), 3.75-3.74 (4 singlet, 6H), 3.67-3.64 (4 singlet, 6H), 3.09-3.07 (4 singlet, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 167.5 (2 signals), 167.4 (2 signals), 153.3, 153.2 (2 signals), 153.1, 150.1 (2 signals), 150.0 (2 signals), 148.8 (2 signals), 148.6 (2 signals), 143.8 (4 signals), 131.2 (4 signals), 129.1 (4 signals), 125.0, 124.7, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3 (many aromatic signals overlapped), 100.6 (2 signals), 100.5 (2 signals), 60.8 (4 signals), 60.1 (4 signals), 56.9 (4 signals), 56.2 (4 signals), 52.6 (4 signals). HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_{14}\text{S}_2$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 786.2016, found 786.2016. For **4.4b**: $R_f = 0.15$ (80% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.47 (m, 8H), 4.93-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.82-4.73 (m, 4H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.93, 3.92 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.88, 3.86 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.77, 3.76 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.75 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.68, 3.66 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.59, 3.58 (2 singlet, 3H), 3.12, 3.11, 3.09 (4 singlet, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 167.5 (2 signals), 167.4 (2 signals), 153.3, 153.2 (2 signals), 153.1, 150.5, 150.3, 149.1, 148.8, 148.7, 143.9, 139.5, 133.8, 131.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 125.6, 125.4, 125.0, 124.8, 124.7, 124.6, 124.5, 124.4, 121.7, 121.6, 100.8 (2 signals), 100.7 (2 signals), 60.9 (2 signals), 60.7 (2 signals), 60.6, 60.2 (2 signals), 60.0 (2 signals), 57.0 (3 signals), 56.3 (2 signals), 53.2, 52.9, 52.8, 52.7. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_{15}\text{S}_2$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 803.2038, found 803.2030.

Dimethyl 5,5',6,6'-tetramethoxy-2,2'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-4,4'-bis((phenylsulfonyl)-methyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarboxylate (4.4c)

To a solution of **4.4/4.4b** (100 mg, 0.127 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at 0 °C was added mCPBA (87 mg, 0.508 mmol) and NaOAc (87 mg, 1.06 mmol). After TLC showed less than 5% starting material, the reaction was quenched with 2M Na₂SO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.4c** (100 mg, 96%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.33 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 4.90 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (d, J= 13.3 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.56 (s, 6H), 3.11 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 153.0, 150.5, 149.1, 139.4, 133.8, 129.1, 128.6, 125.5, 125.3, 121.7, 100.8, 60.6, 60.0, 57.0, 52.9, 23.4. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₃₈H₄₂O₁₆NaS₂ (ESI, M + Na⁺) 841.1819, found 841.1812.

Bi-directional Hauser annulation studies

Procedure A: To a solution of ⁱPr₂NH (0.090 mL, 0.638 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.254 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 0.638 mmol) at -78 °C. After 2 h a solution of **4.4** (50 mg, 0.0634 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added to the mixture, dropwise, over 1 h. The mixture was warmed to -40 °C for 1 h and then re-cooled to -78 °C. Cyclohex-2-enone (19 mg, 0.198 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C, over 1 h, to the resulting dark yellow solution. The reaction was maintained for an additional 2 h at this temperature, and then warmed to room temperature. Stirring was continued at room temperature for 8 h, at which point the reaction was quenched with

saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL) and the organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in *vacuo*. TLC of the residue showed a homogeneous material, which after FCC and NMR analysis was identified as the starting material **4.4**.

In another experiment, procedure A was repeated using THF/HMPA (10: 1) as the reaction solvent. Similar results were obtained in both experiments.

Procedure B: To a solution of $^t\text{BuOH}$ (47 mg, 0.635 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added nBuLi (0.254 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 0.638 mmol) at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After 2 h, a solution of **4.3** (50 mg, 0.0634 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added dropwise, over 1 h to the mixture. The solution was stirred at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 h, at which time cyclohex-2-enone (19 mg, 0.198 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added dropwise, over 1 h, to the resulting dark yellow solution. After stirring at this temperature for an additional 2 h, the mixture was warmed to room temperature. Stirring was continued at room temperature for 8 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and the mixture extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in *vacuo*. TLC of the crude residue indicated a homogeneous material, which after FCC and NMR analysis was identified as unreacted **4.3**.

In another experiment, procedure B was repeated using THF/DMSO (3: 1) as the reaction solvent. Similar results were obtained in both experiments.

Michael-Dieckmann condensation studies**9-Hydroxy-5,6,8-trimethoxy-3,4,4a,10-tetrahydroanthracen-1(2H)-one (4.29)**

To a solution of ⁱPr₂NH (0.090 mL, 0.638 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.254 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 0.638 mmol) at -78 °C. After 2 h a solution of **4.28** (50 mg, 0.210 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added to the mixture, dropwise, over 1 h. After stirring at -78 °C for an additional 4 h a dark-red solution was obtained. To this solution was added cyclohex-2-enone (24 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) dropwise, over 1 h. After stirring an additional 2 h at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and maintained at this temperature for 8h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and the mixture extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.29** (42 mg, 65%). R_f = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.23 (dd, J = 15.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.14 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.2, 181.6, 158.3, 157.1, 138.8, 138.0, 114.1, 109.0, 95.3, 61.0, 56.6, 55.9, 32.8, 31.4, 30.4, 30.1, 21.2.

9,9'-Dihydroxy-3,3',4,4'-tetramethoxy-1,1'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6,6',7,7',10,10a,10',10'a-octahydro-[2,2'-bianthracene]-8,8'(5H,5'H)-dione (4.31)

To a solution of ⁱPr₂NH (0.785 mL, 5.57 mmol) in THF (55 mL) was added n-BuLi (2.23 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 5.57 mmol) at -78 °C. After 2 h a solution of **4.3** (300 mg, 0.557 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added to the LDA solution, dropwise over 2 h. The

resulting red solution was warmed to $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and kept at this temperature for 2 h, during which time the color became dark red. The solution was then re-cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cyclohex-2-enone (160 mg, 1.67 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added dropwise, over 1 h. After stirring an additional 2 h at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, the reaction was warmed to room temperature, maintained at this temperature for 8 h, and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl . The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL), and the organic phase dried (Na_2SO_4 concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.31** (150 mg, 40%) as a white gum. $R_f = 0.51$ (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). IR (thin film) cm^{-1} : 2983, 1600, 1568, 1323, 1156, 1033, 1020. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.52 (4 singlet, 2H), 4.98-4.84 (4 doublet, 4H), 3.89-3.80 (8 singlet, 12H), 3.30 (m, 2H), 2.90 (4 singlet, 6H), 2.59-2.44 (m, 6H), 2.25-2.19 (m, 4H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.39 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (major component): 188.5, 184.2, 155.9, 153.1, 145.2, 137.6, 123.2, 120.6, 109.1, 100.8, 60.6, 56.3, 33.0, 31.8, 30.430.2, 21.1. HRMS (m/z) calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{12}\text{Na}$ (ESI, $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 689.2574, found 689.2568.

Aromatization studies

9-hydroxy-5,6,8-trimethoxy-3,4-dihydroanthracen-1(2H)-one (4.30).

DDQ (60 mg, 0.262 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of **4.29** (40 mg, 0.131 mmol) in dry PhH (13 mL) under nitrogen. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched with NaHSO_3 solution (5 mL, 2 M) and the mixture extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to afford **4.30** (34 mg, 85%) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.40$ (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether). IR (thin film) cm^{-1} : 2940, 1625, 1597, 1461, 1388, 1345, 1311, 1114. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.00 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 1.1\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 6H), 3.87 (s,

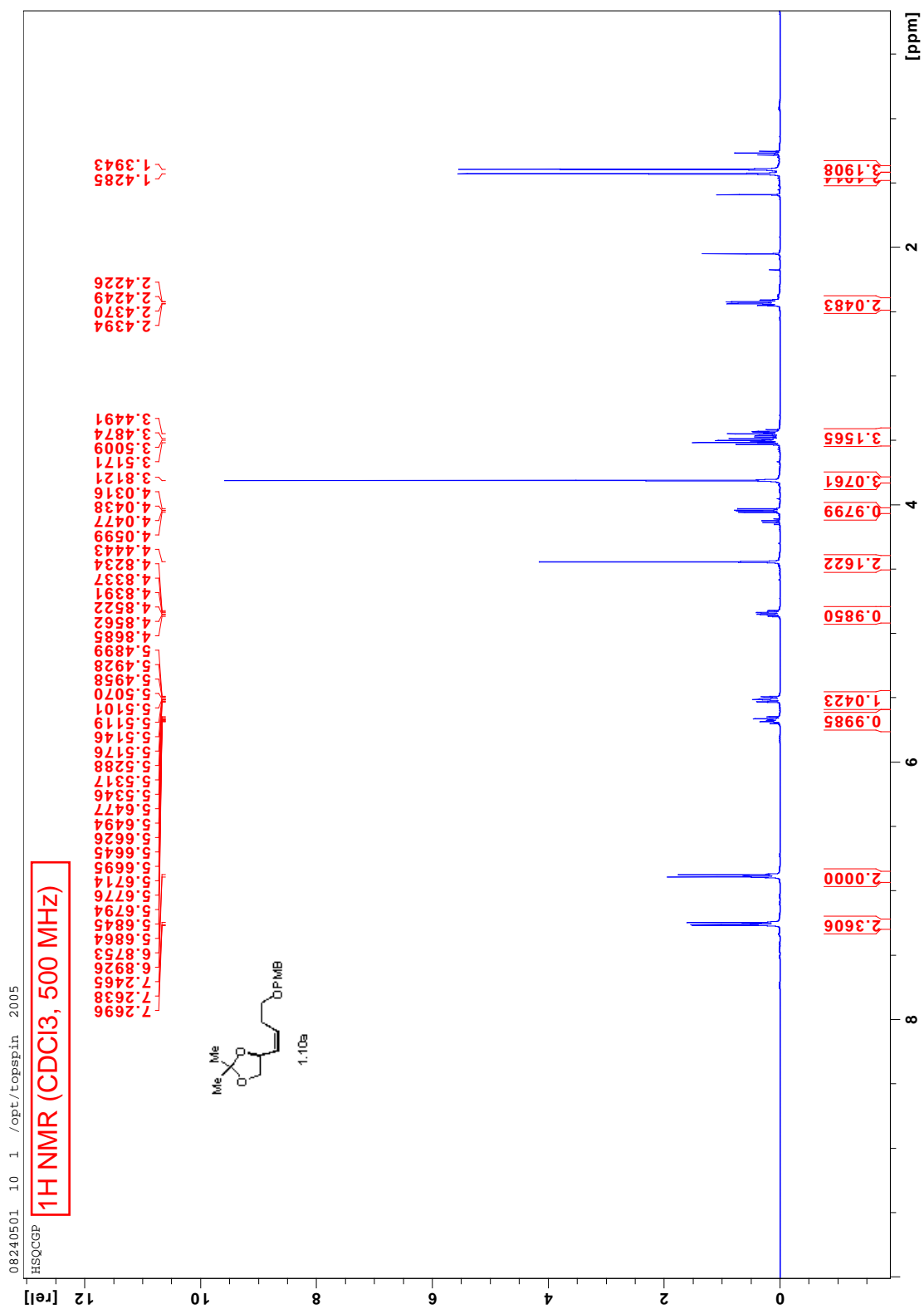
3H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, , 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (quin., J = 6.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.4, 166.7, 157.8, 153.1, 139.7, 135.9, 134.8, 110.7, 110.1, 109.4, 94.5, 61.2, 56.8, 56.5, 39.0, 30.7, 23.0. HRMS (*m/z*) calculated for C₁₇H₁₈O₅Na (ESI, M + Na⁺) 325.1052, found 325.1032.

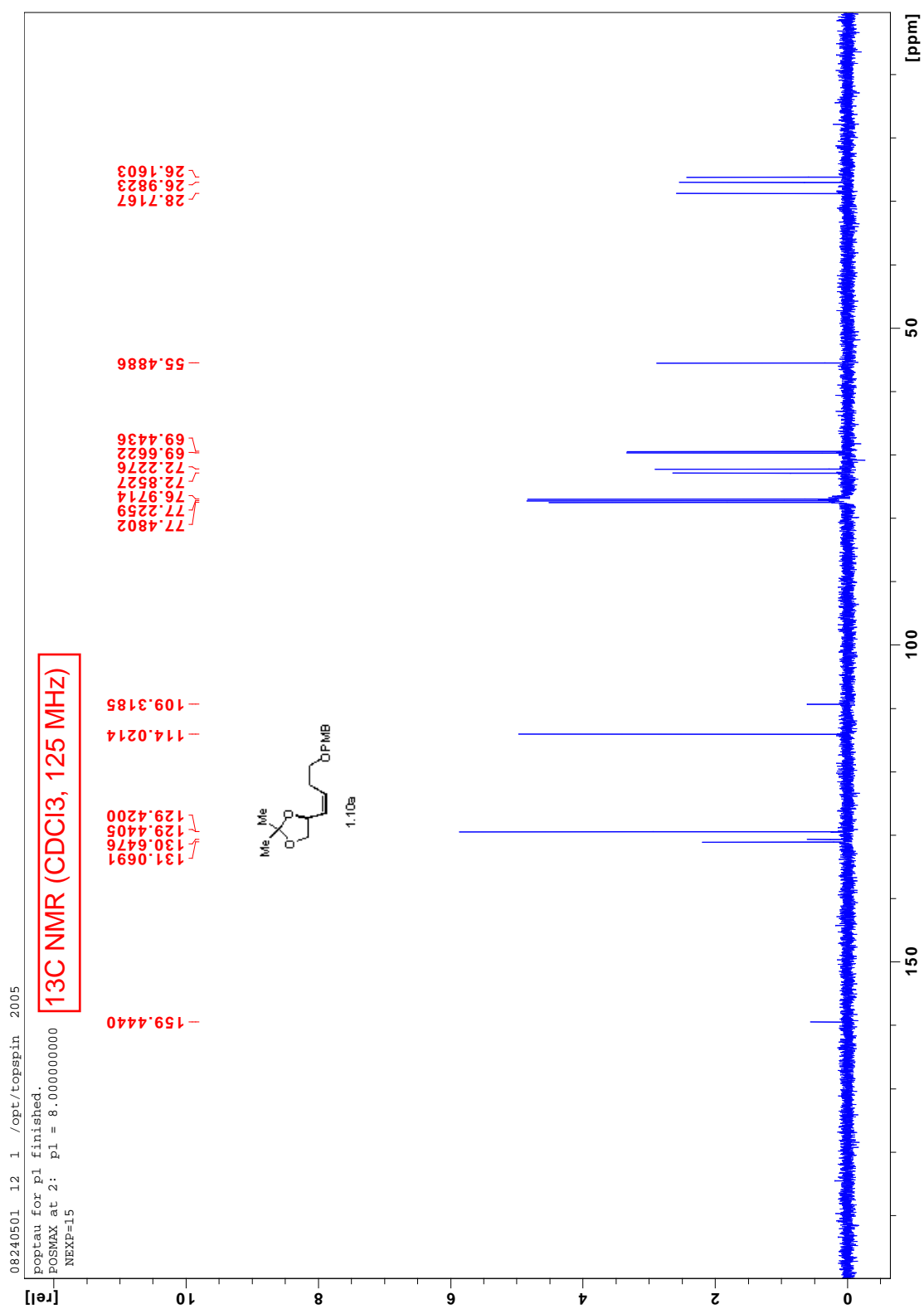
Attempted aromatization of **4.31** to **4.8**

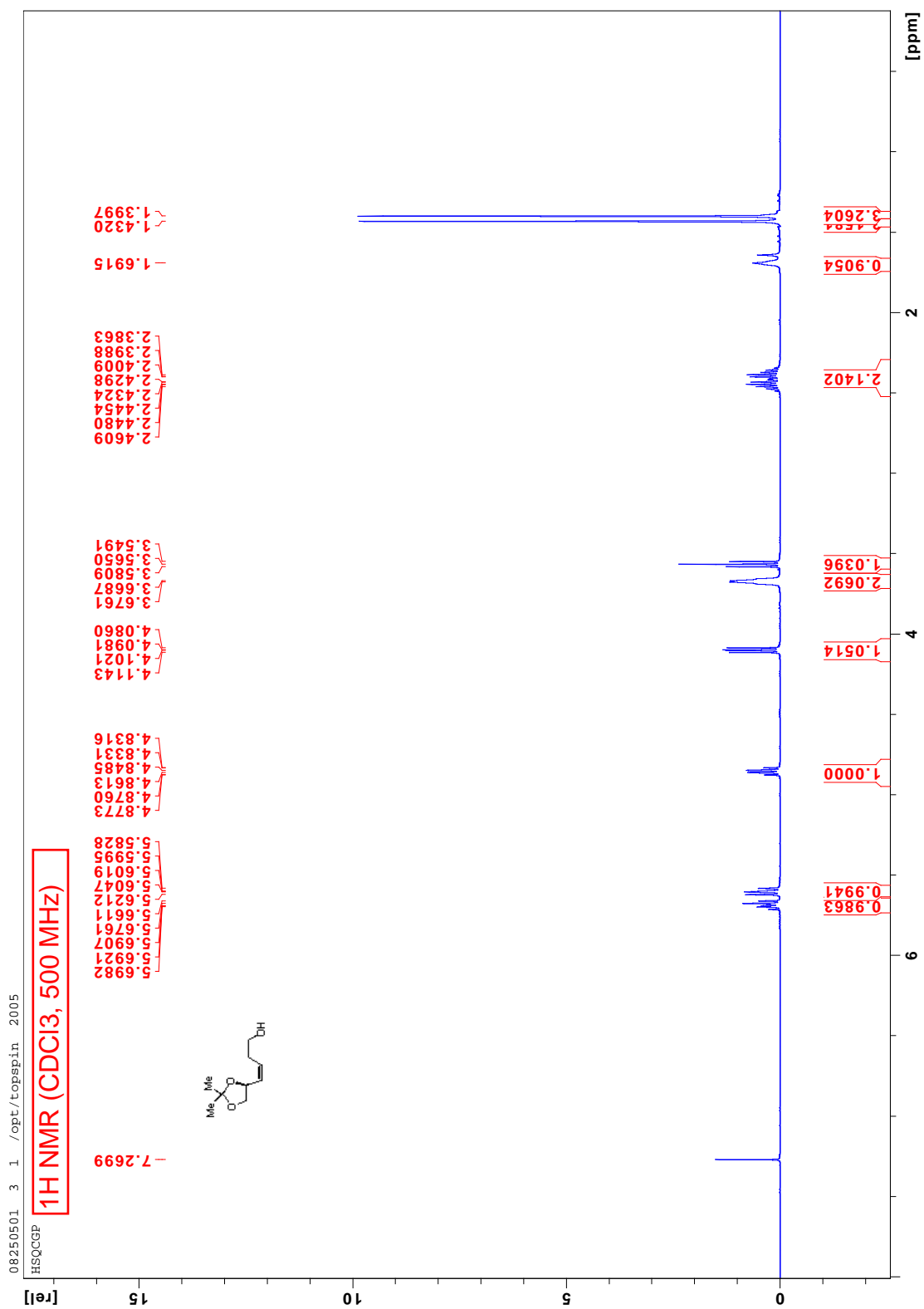
DDQ (113 mg, 0.500 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of **4.31** (67 mg, 0.100 mmol) in dry PhH (15 mL) under nitrogen. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched with NaHSO₃ solution (5 mL, 2 M), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by FCC to give recovered **4.31** (60 mg).

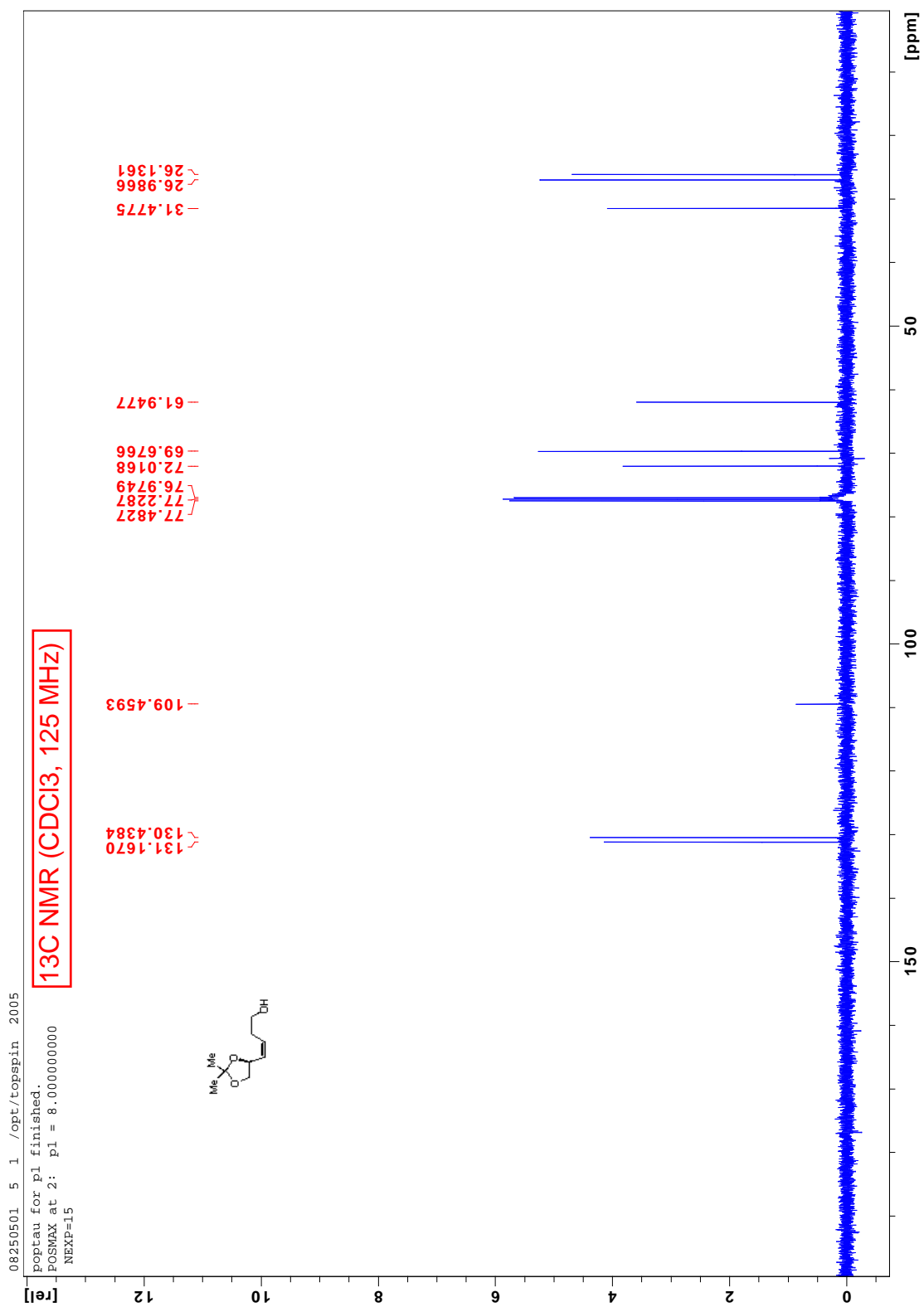
This procedure was repeated using different reaction times and temperatures. These conditions gave either recovered **4.31** and, or an intractable mixture of several products (**Table 4.2**).

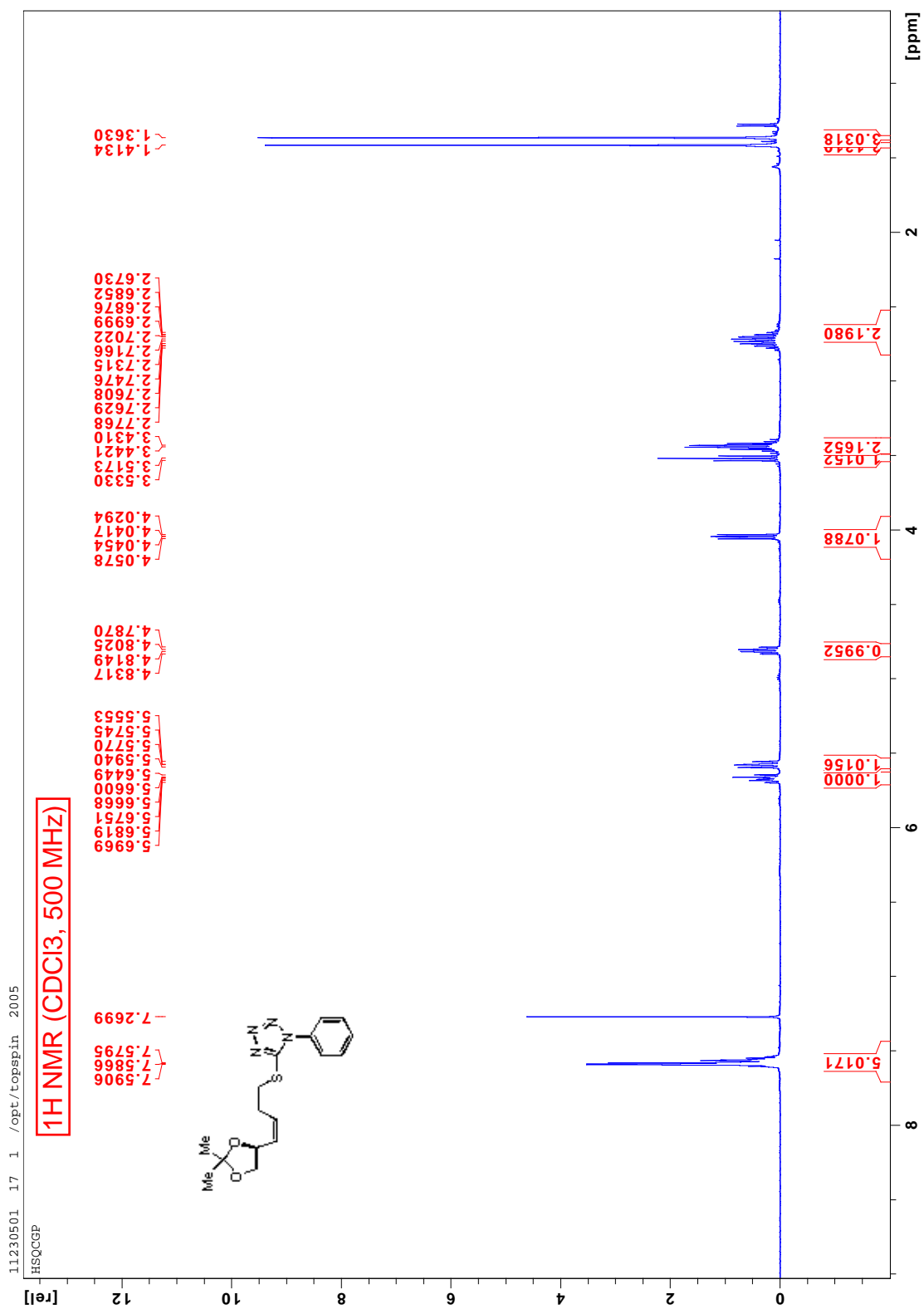
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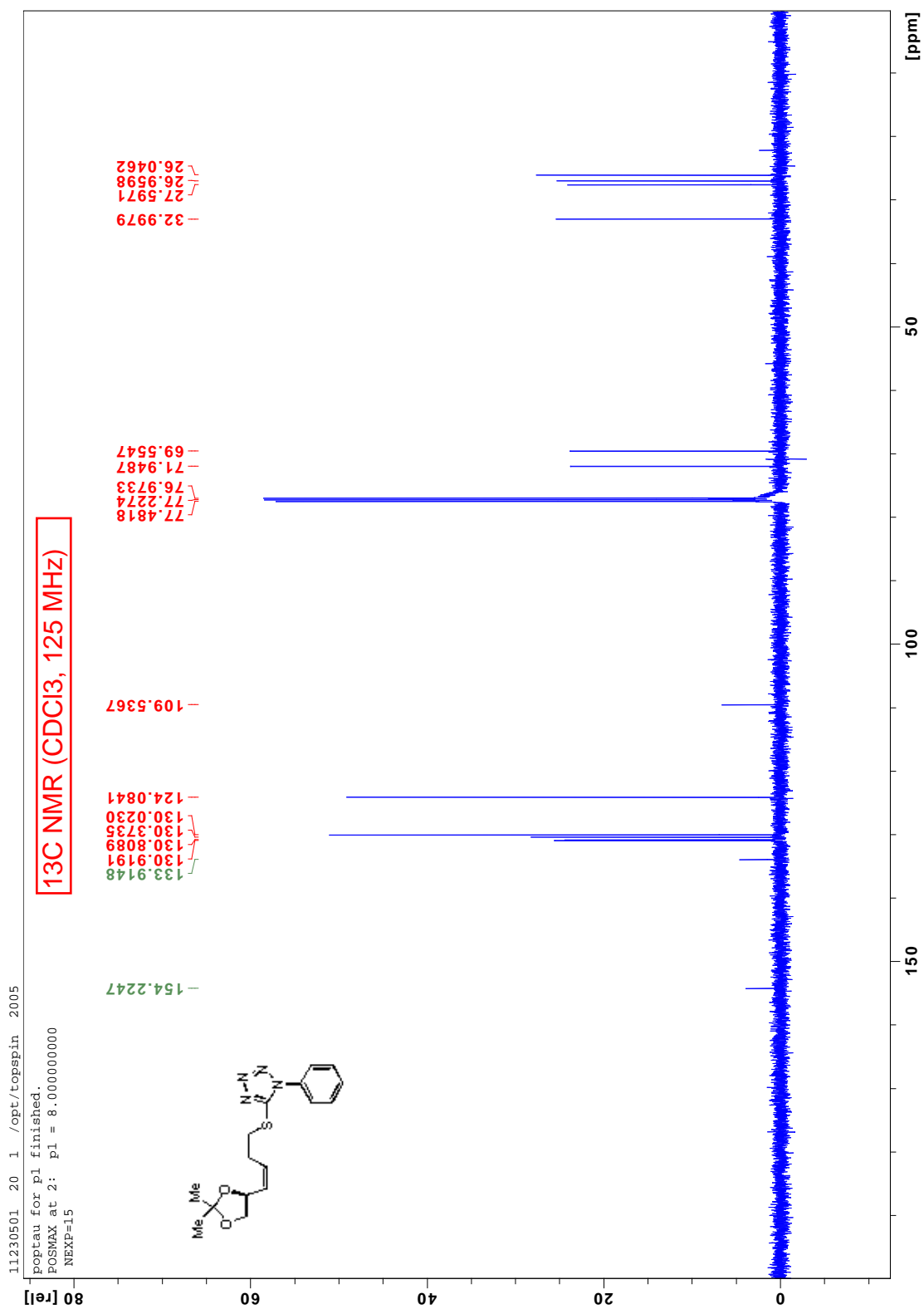


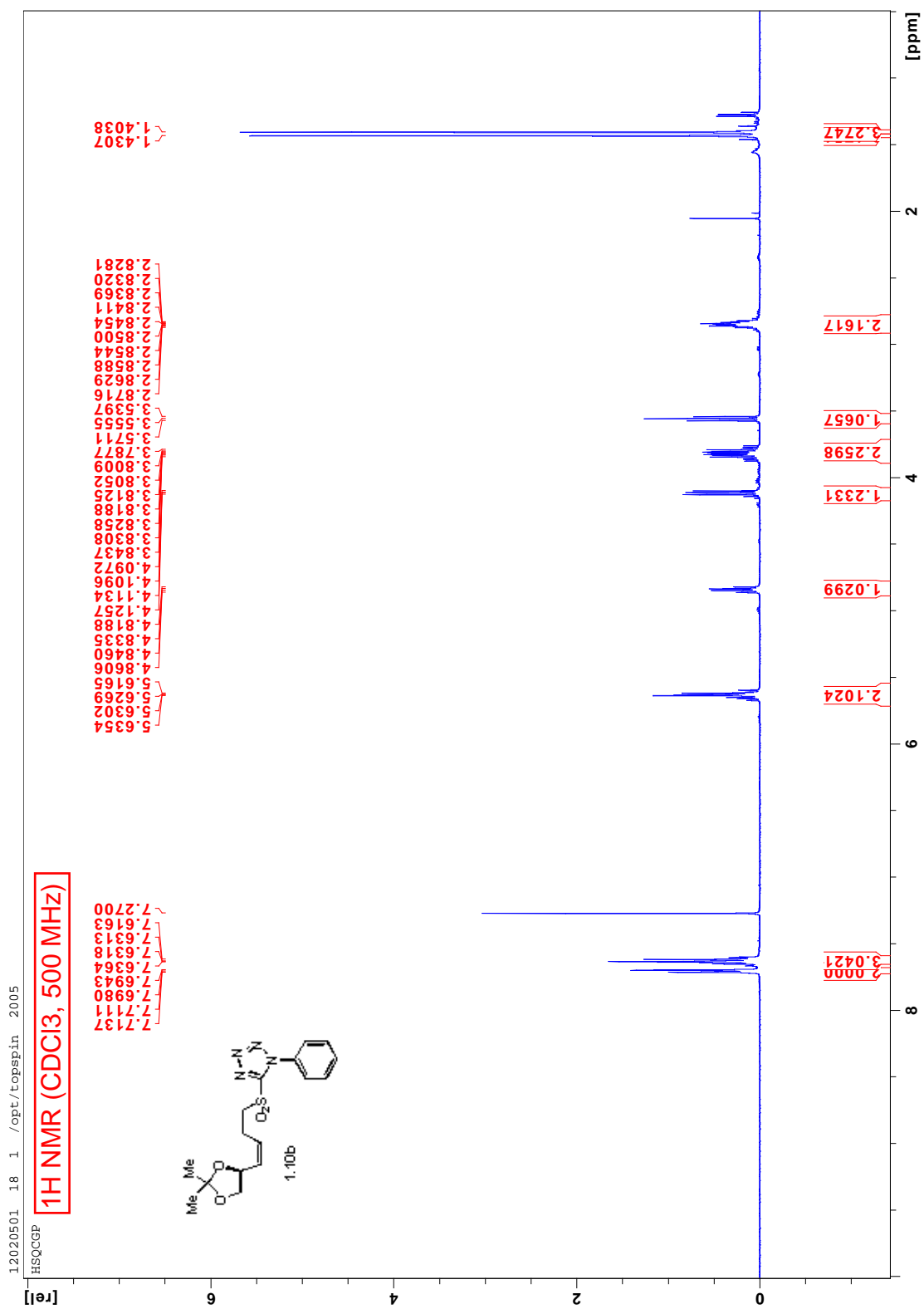


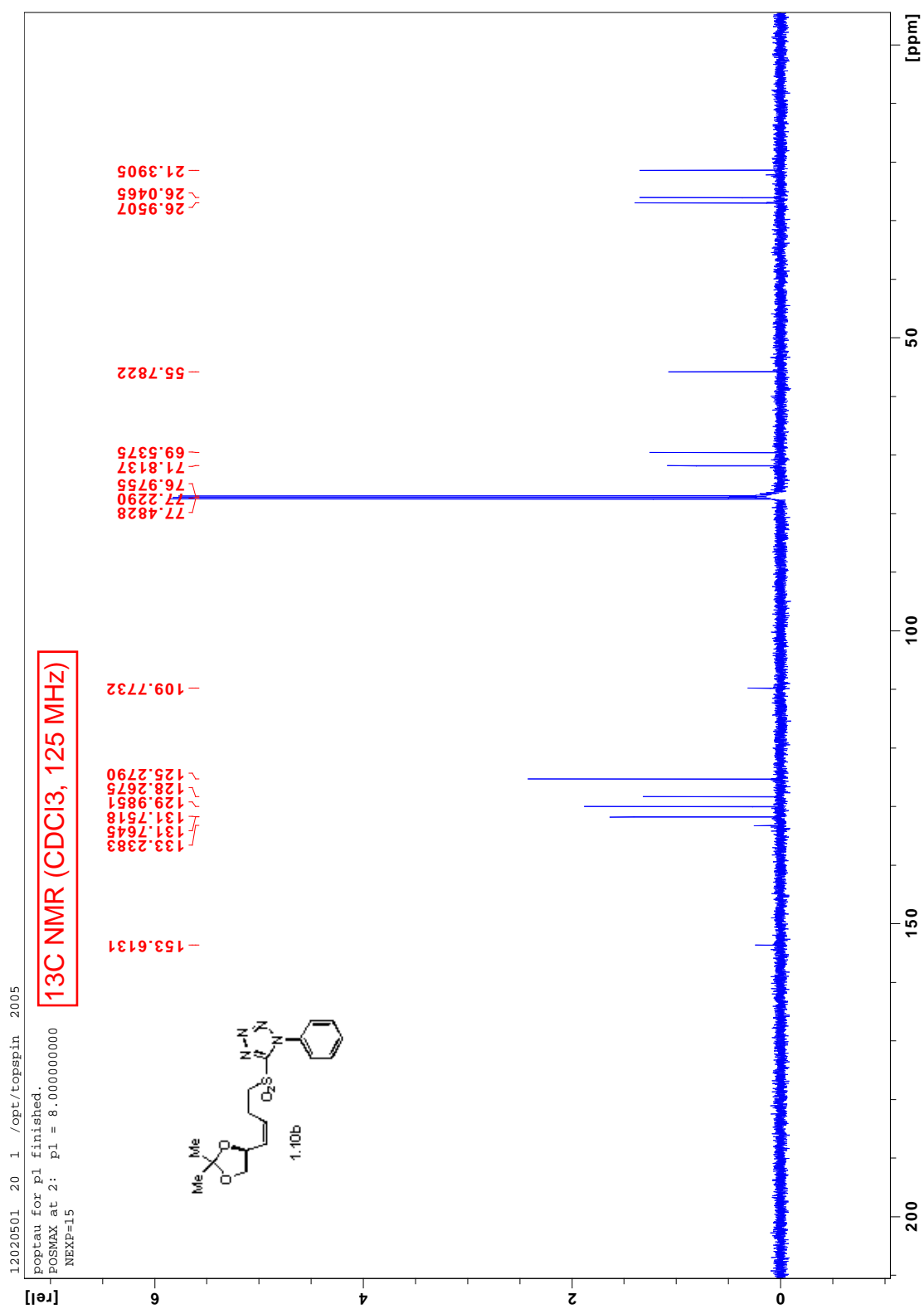


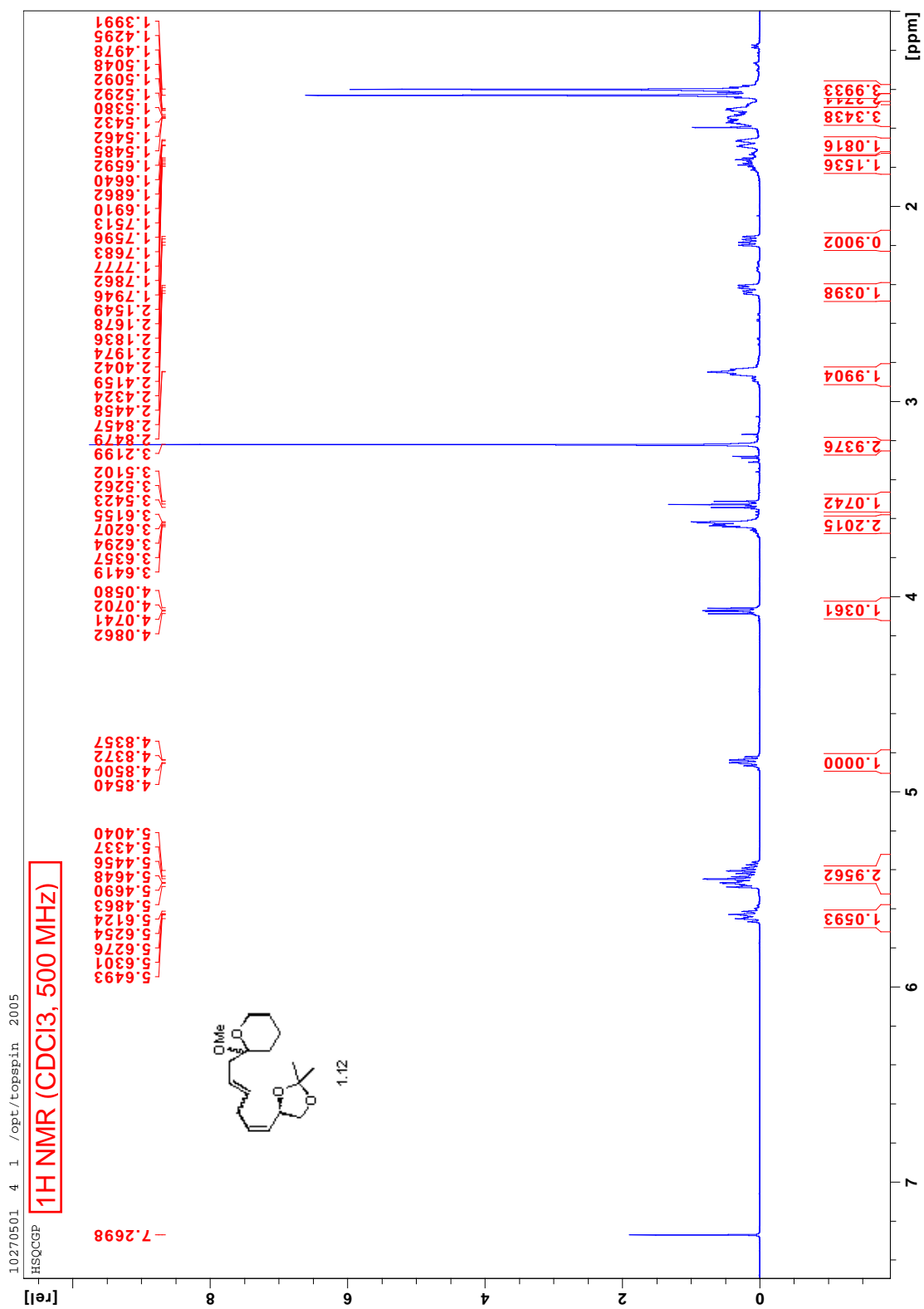


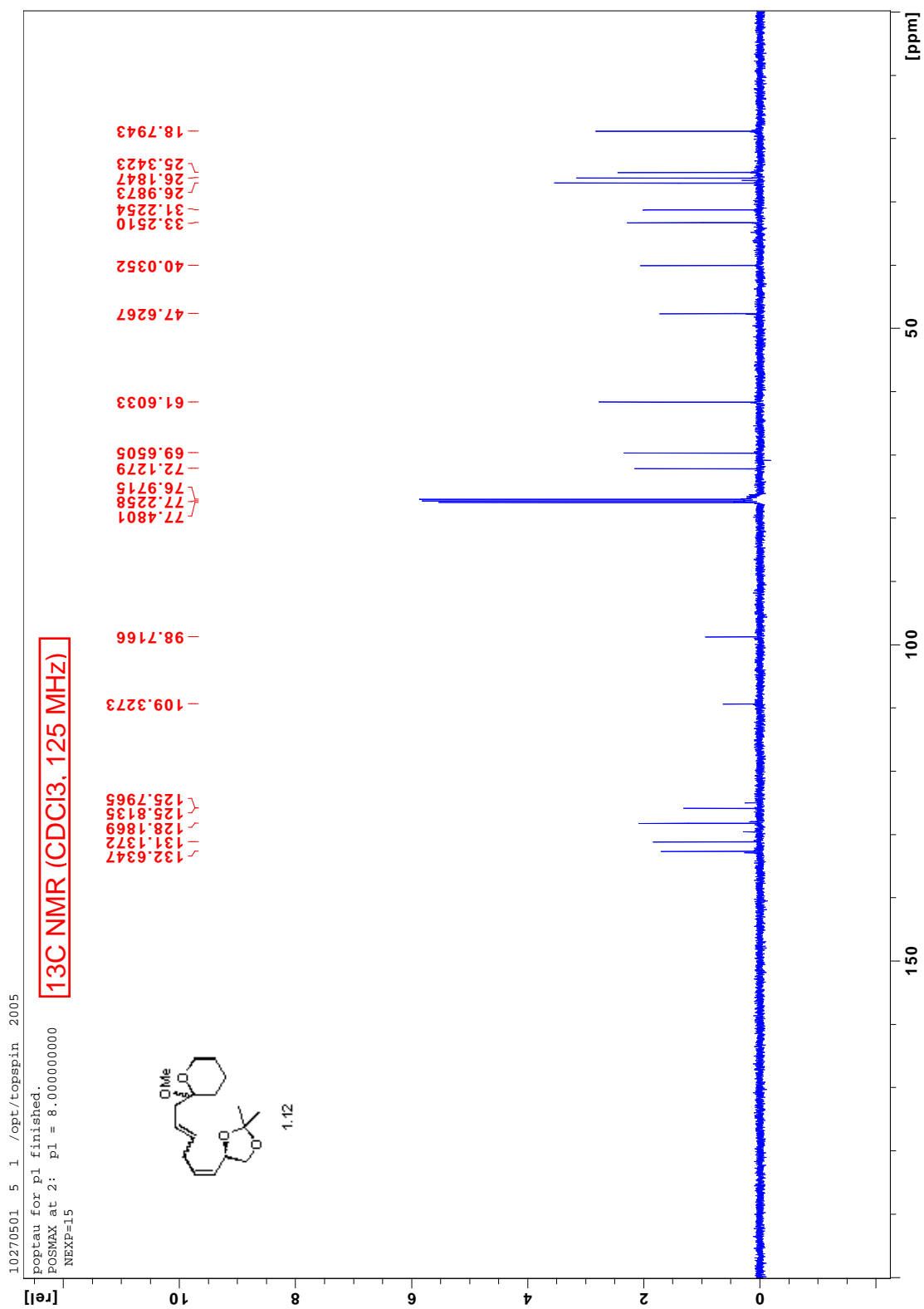


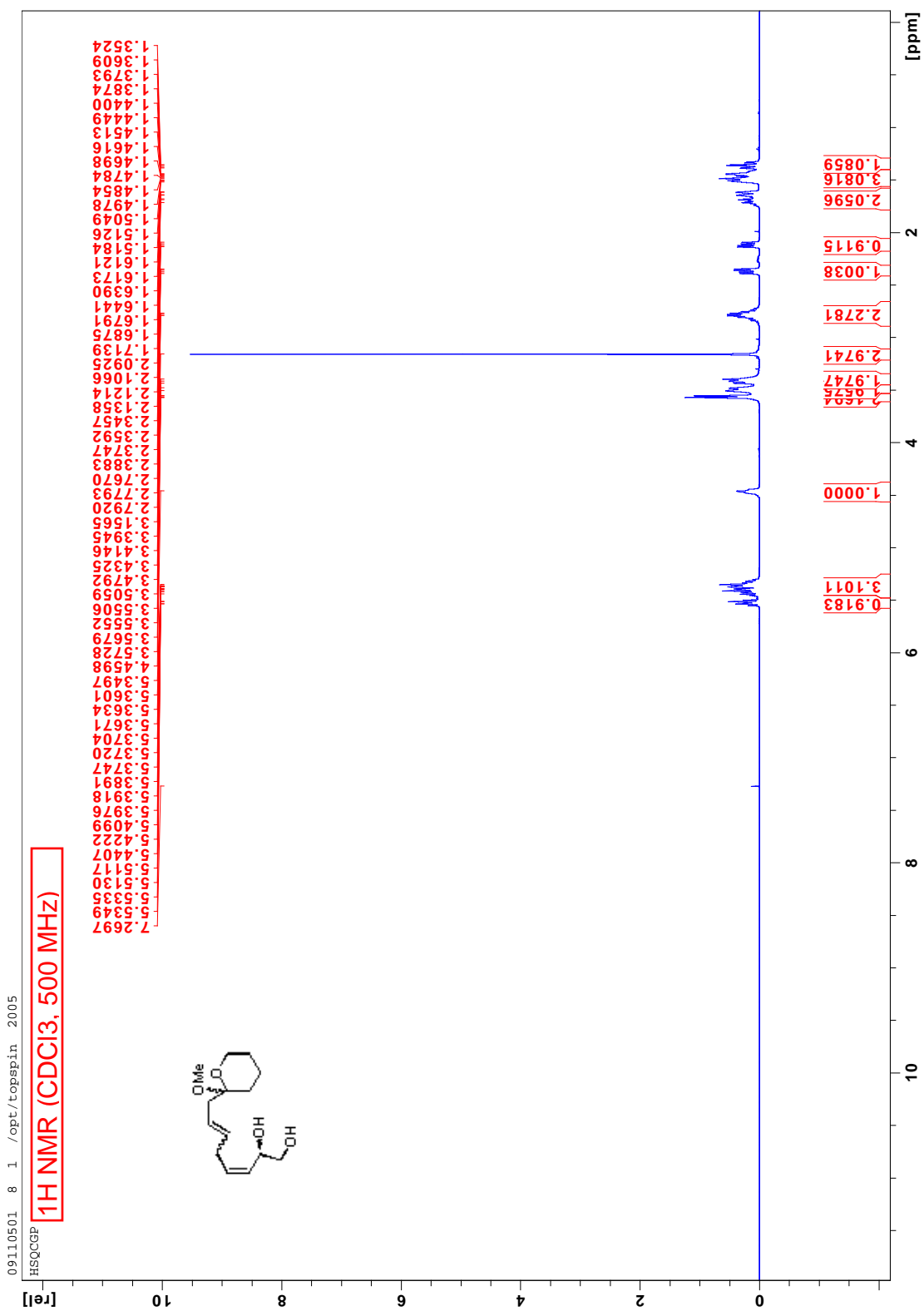


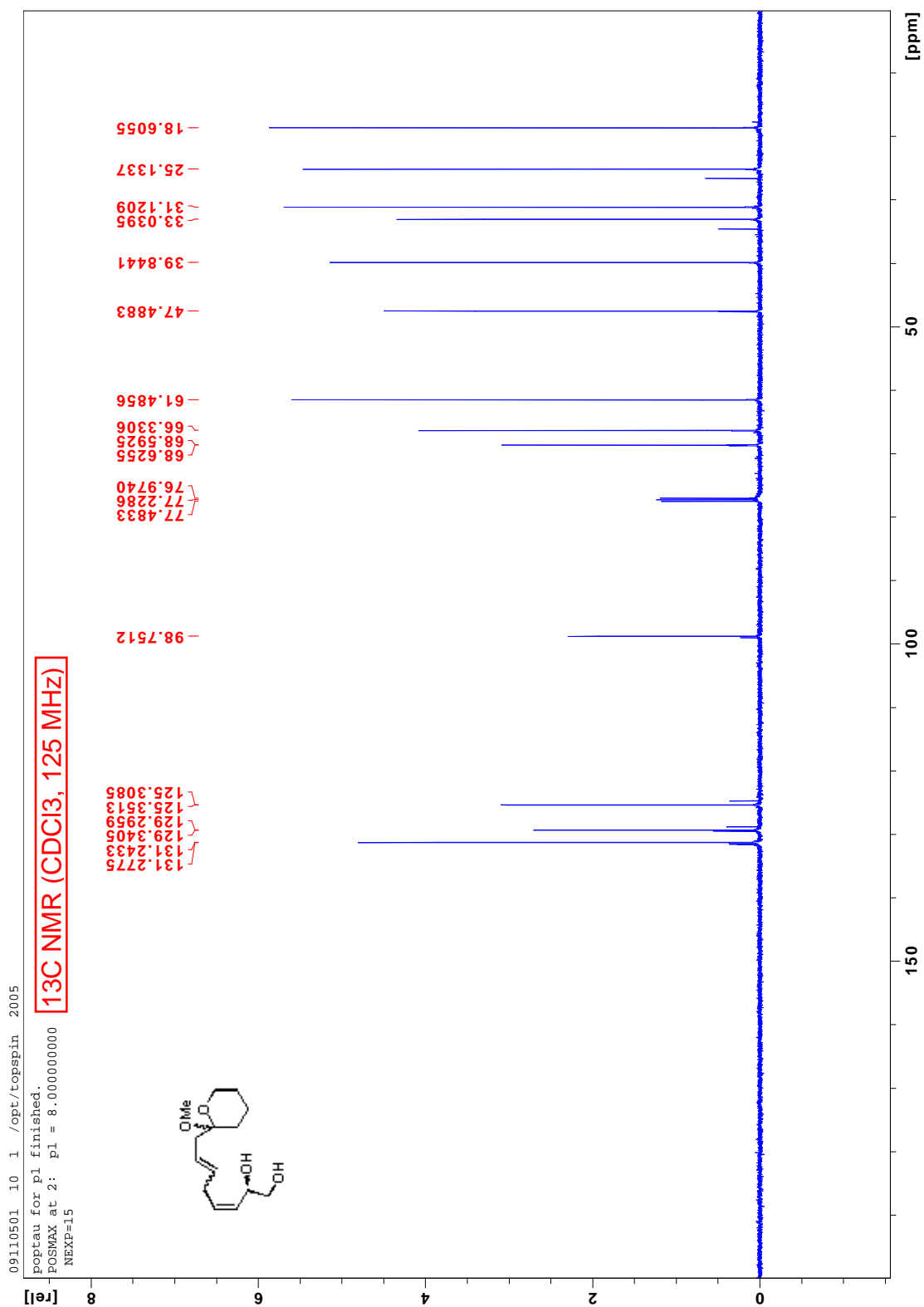


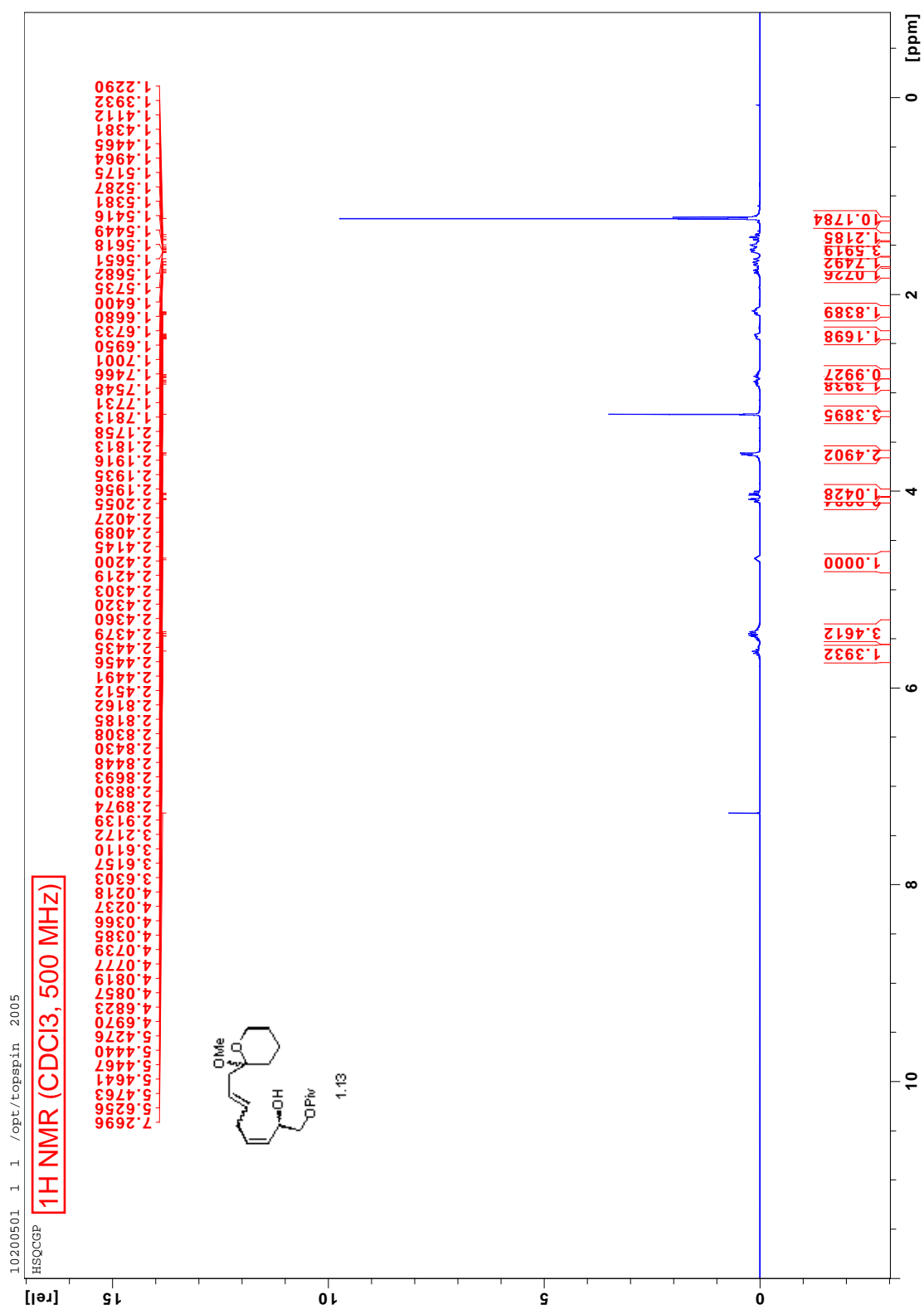


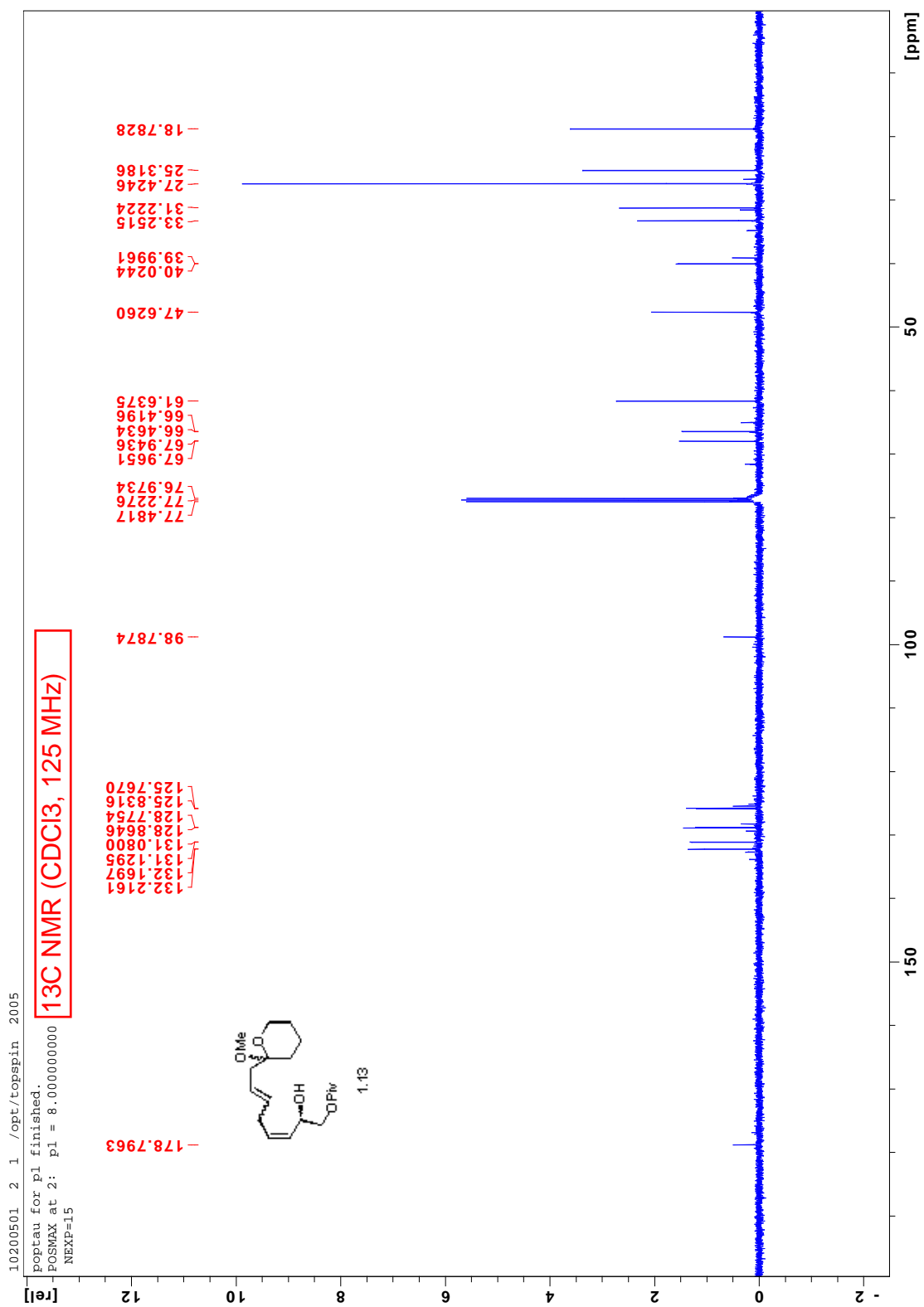


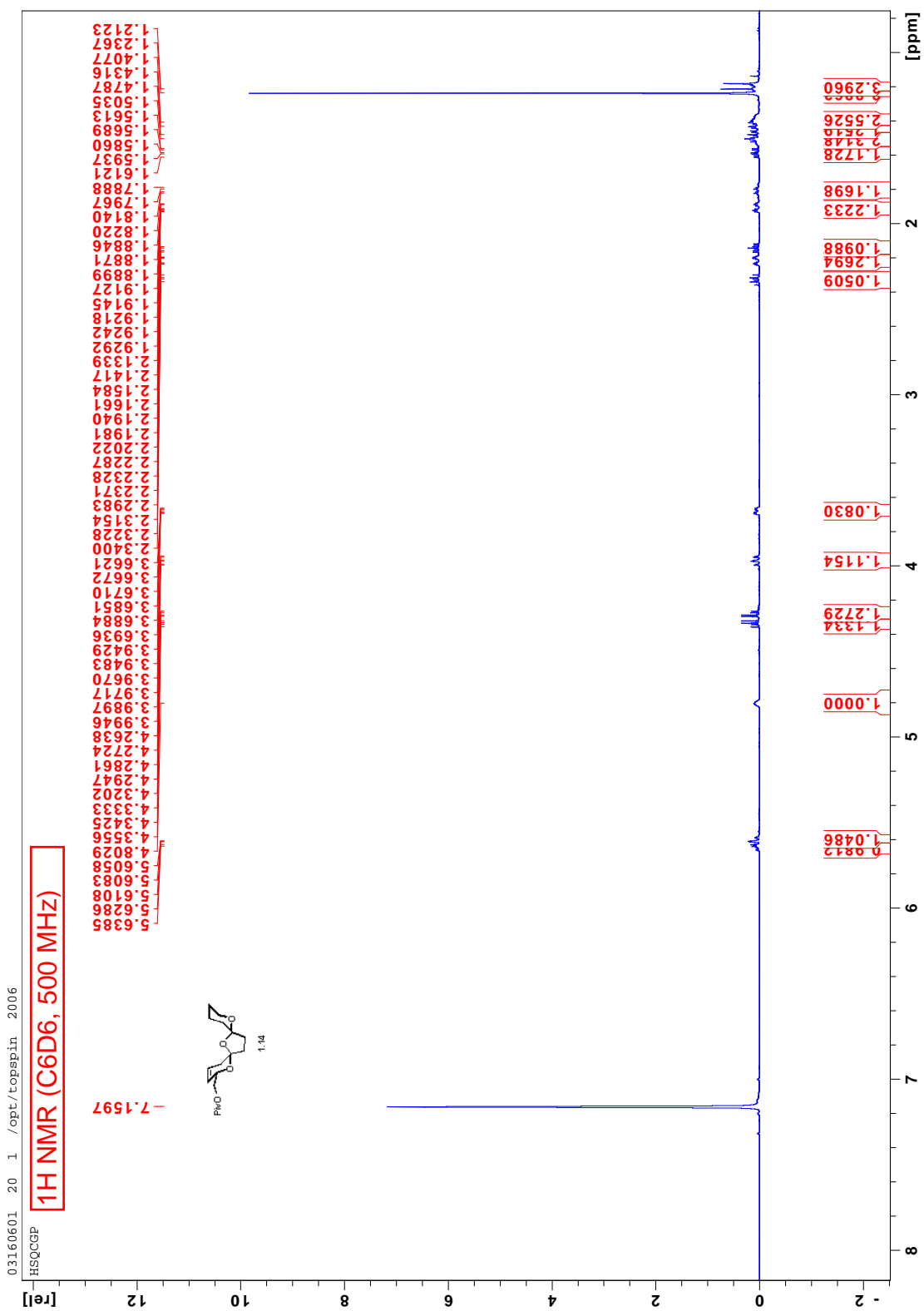


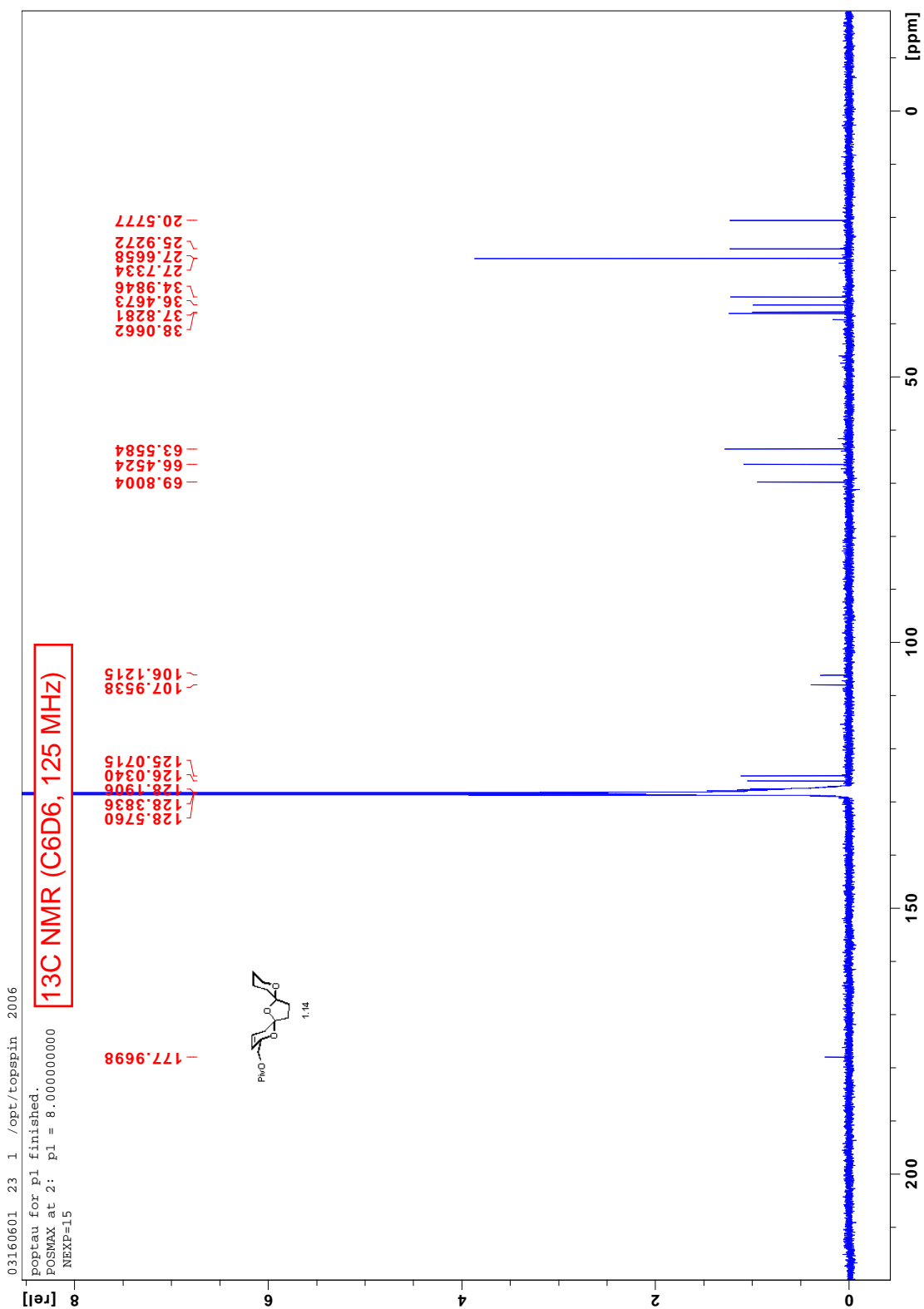


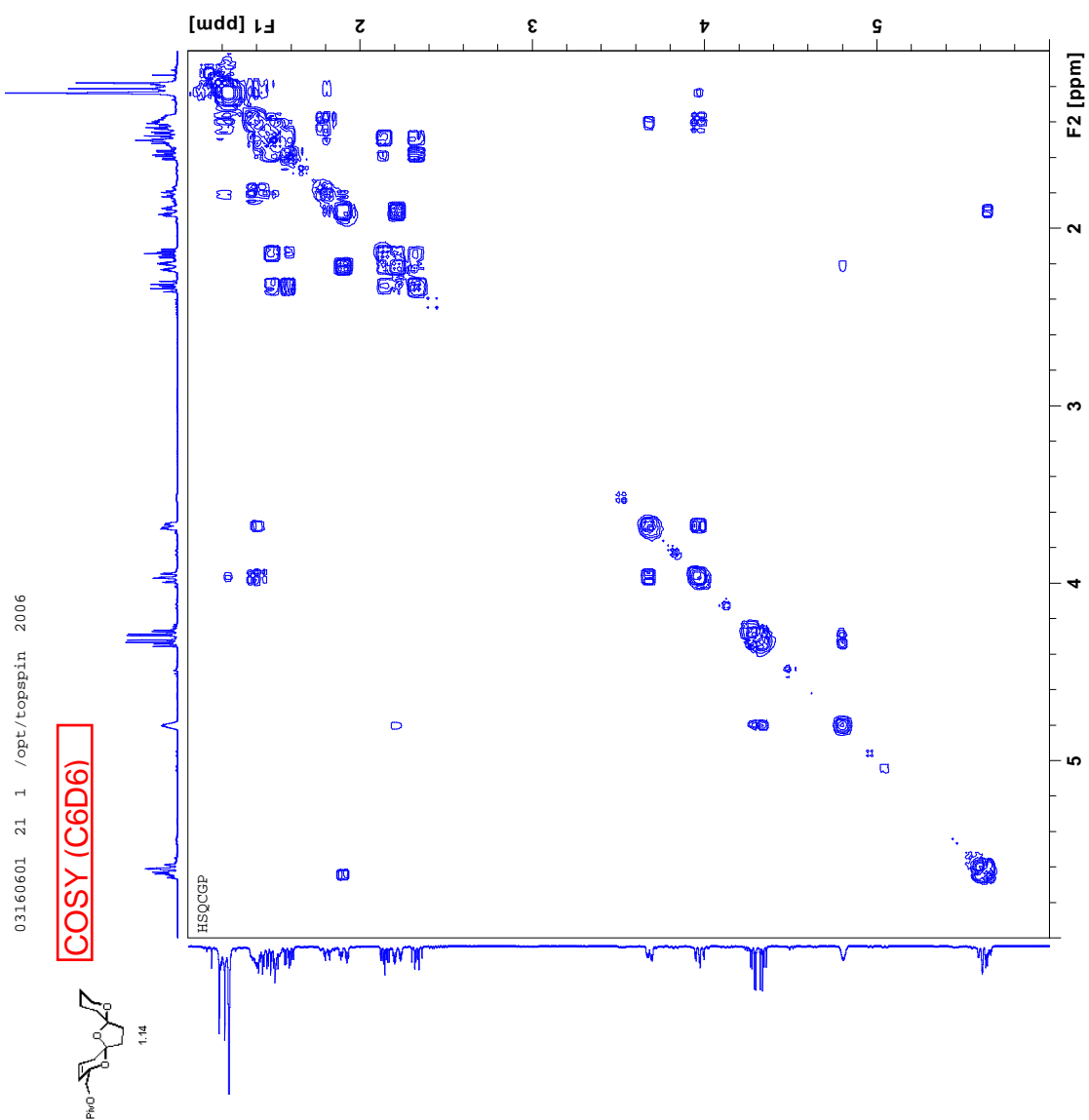


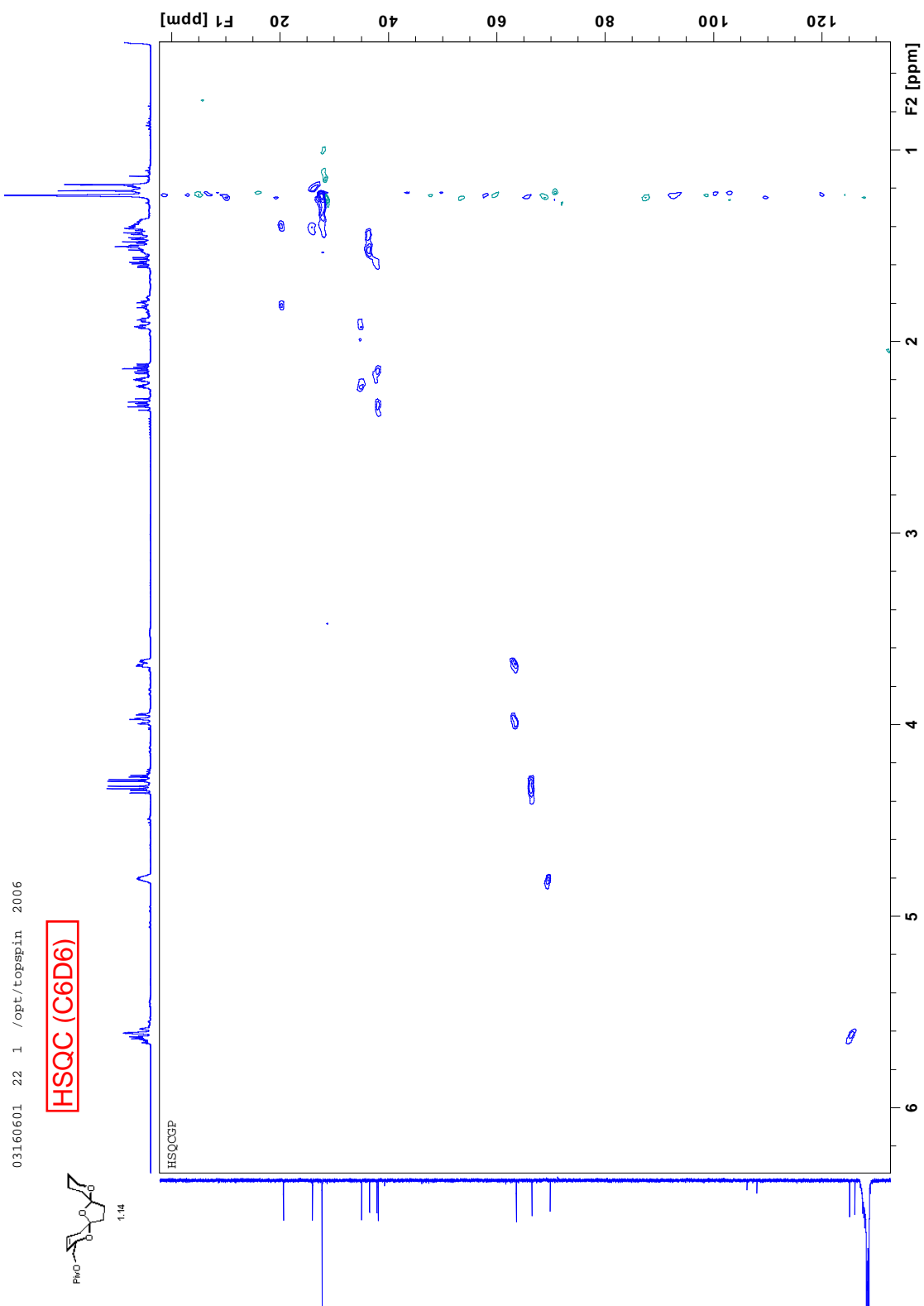


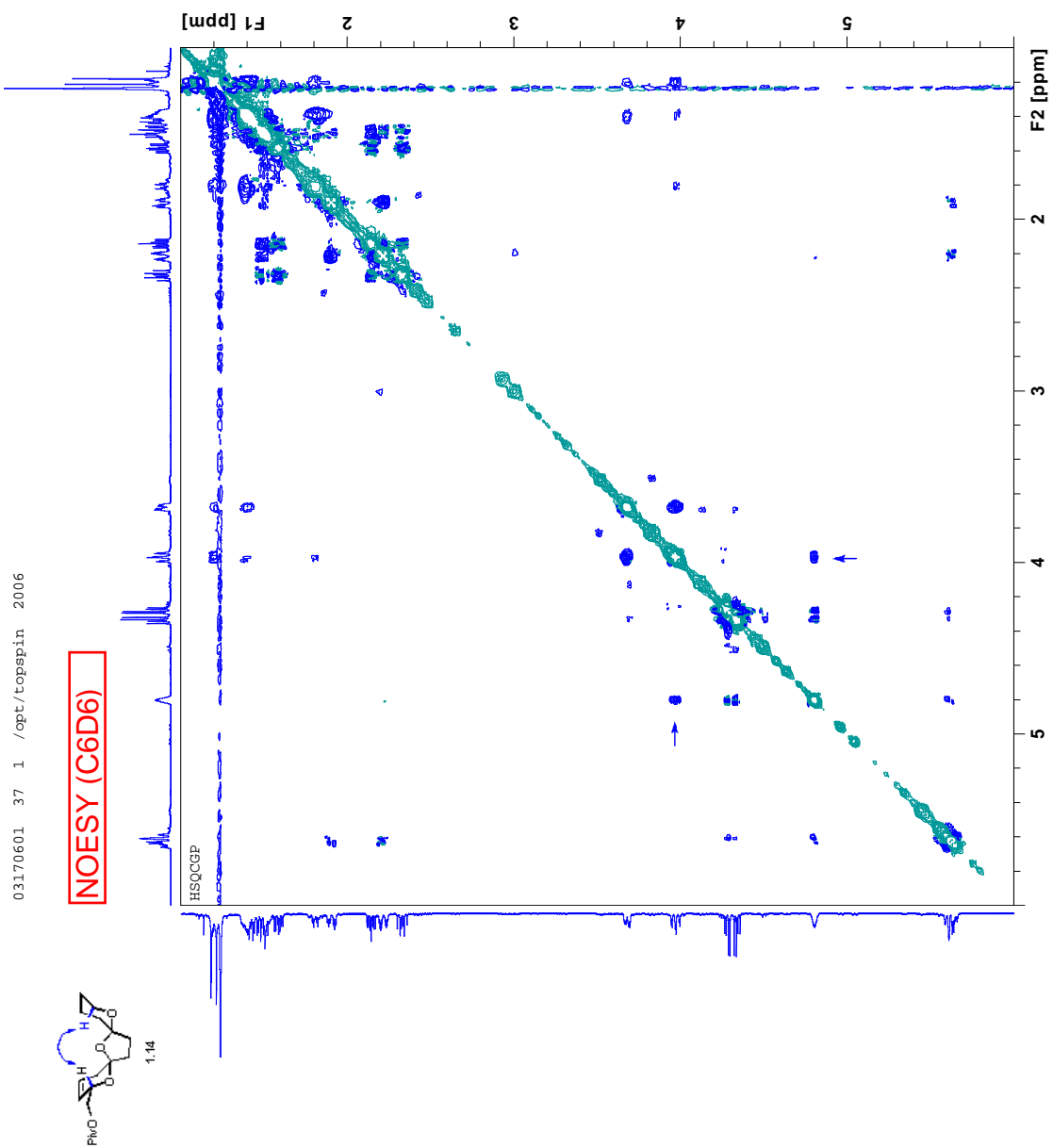


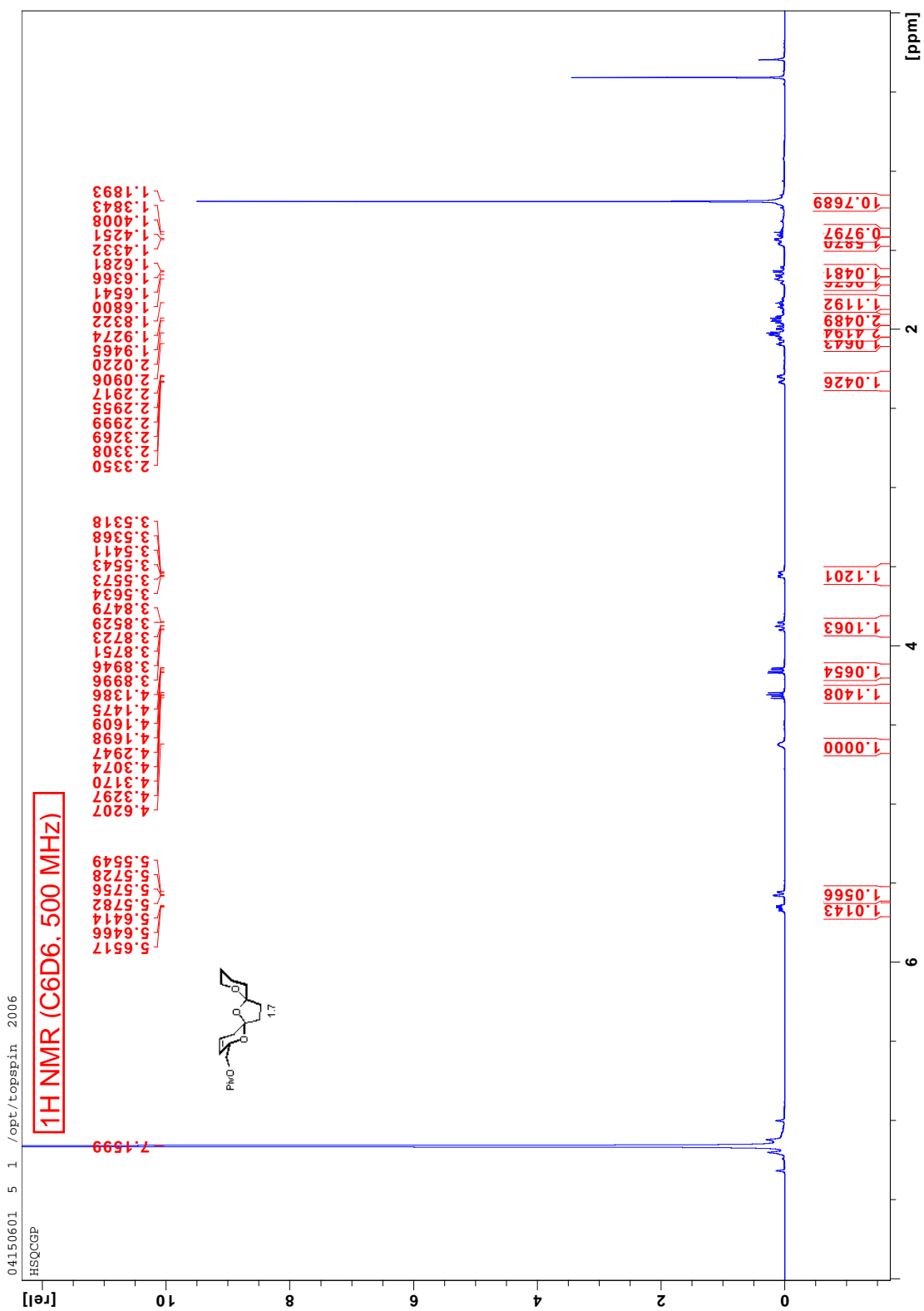


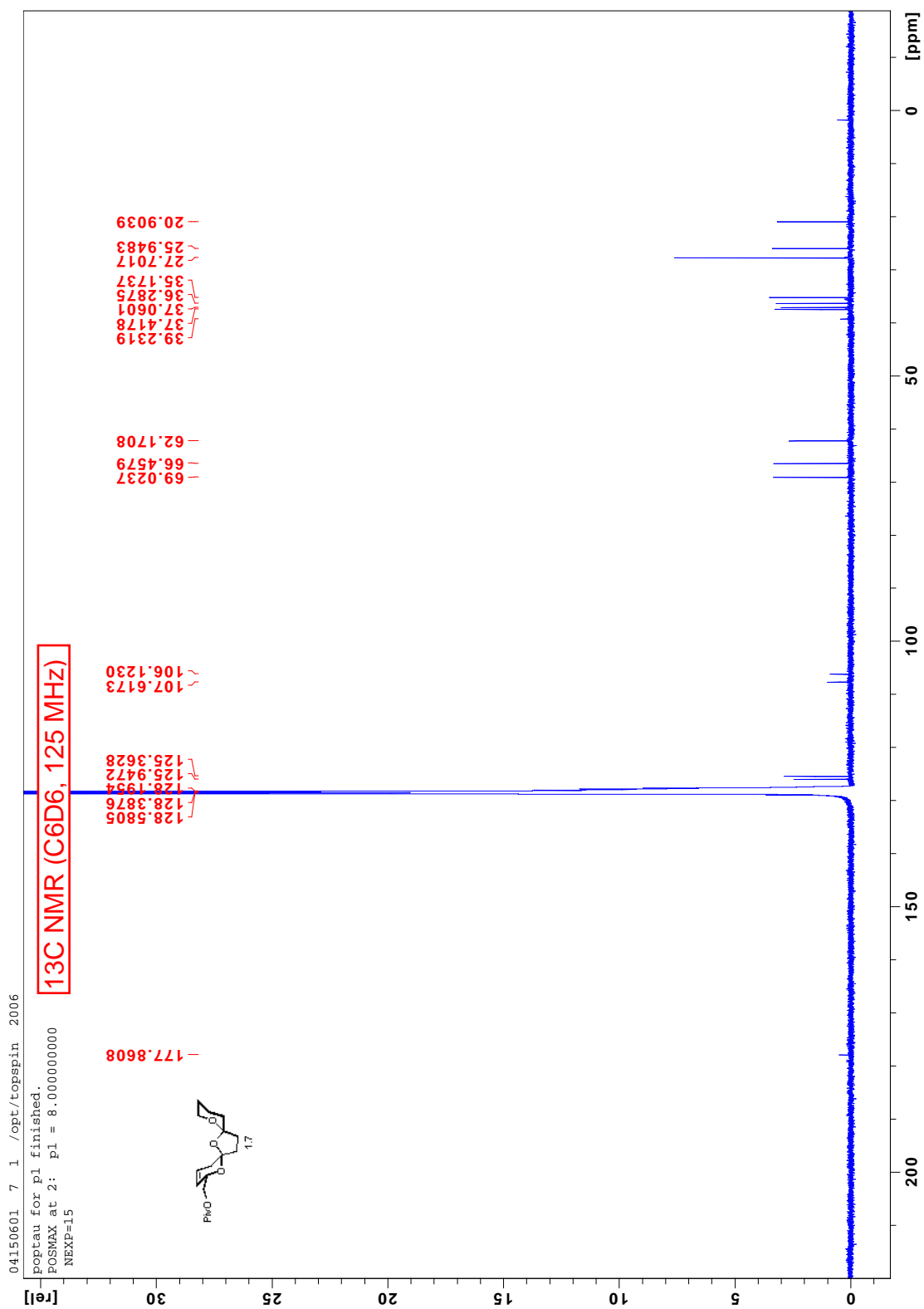


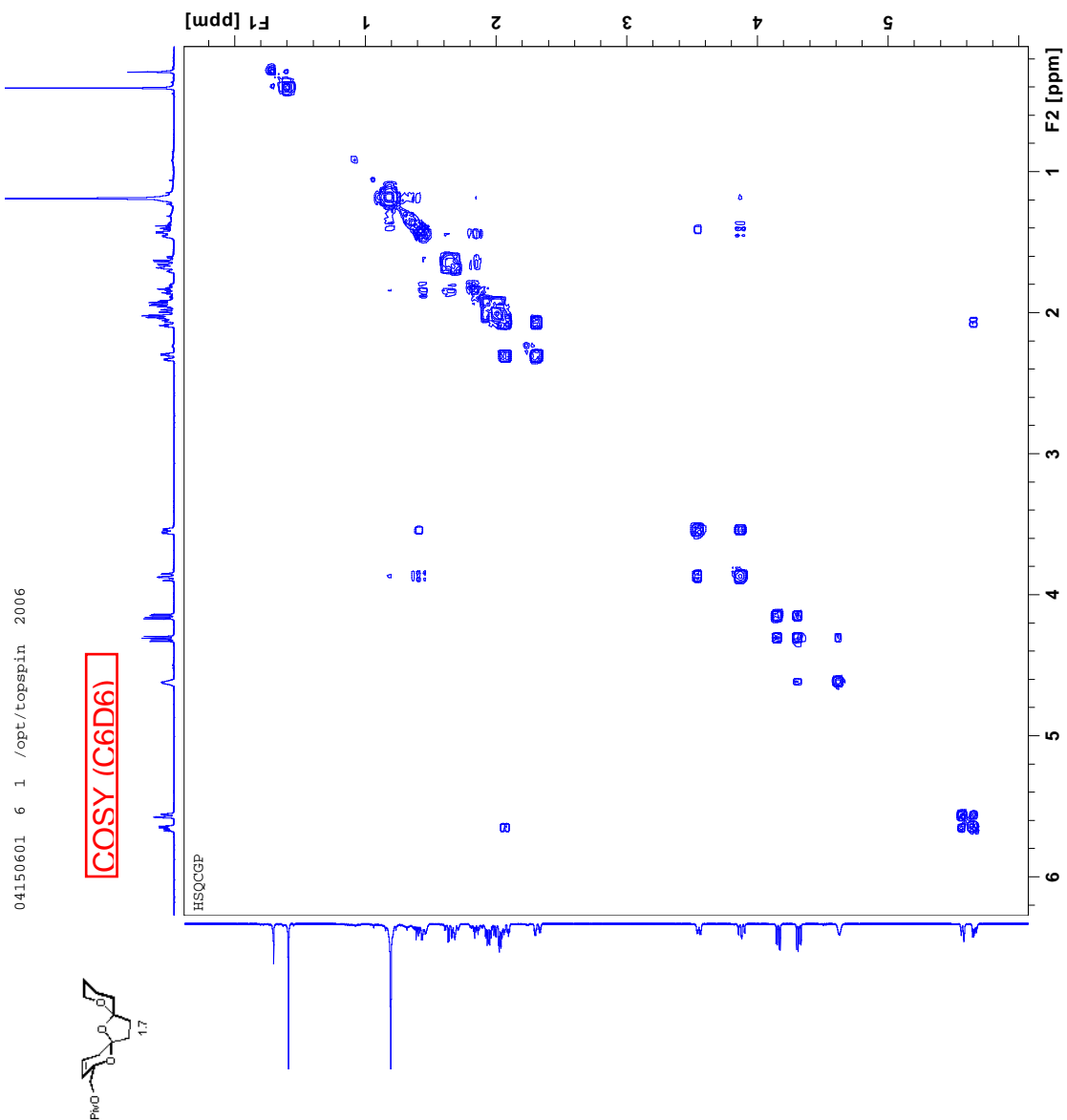


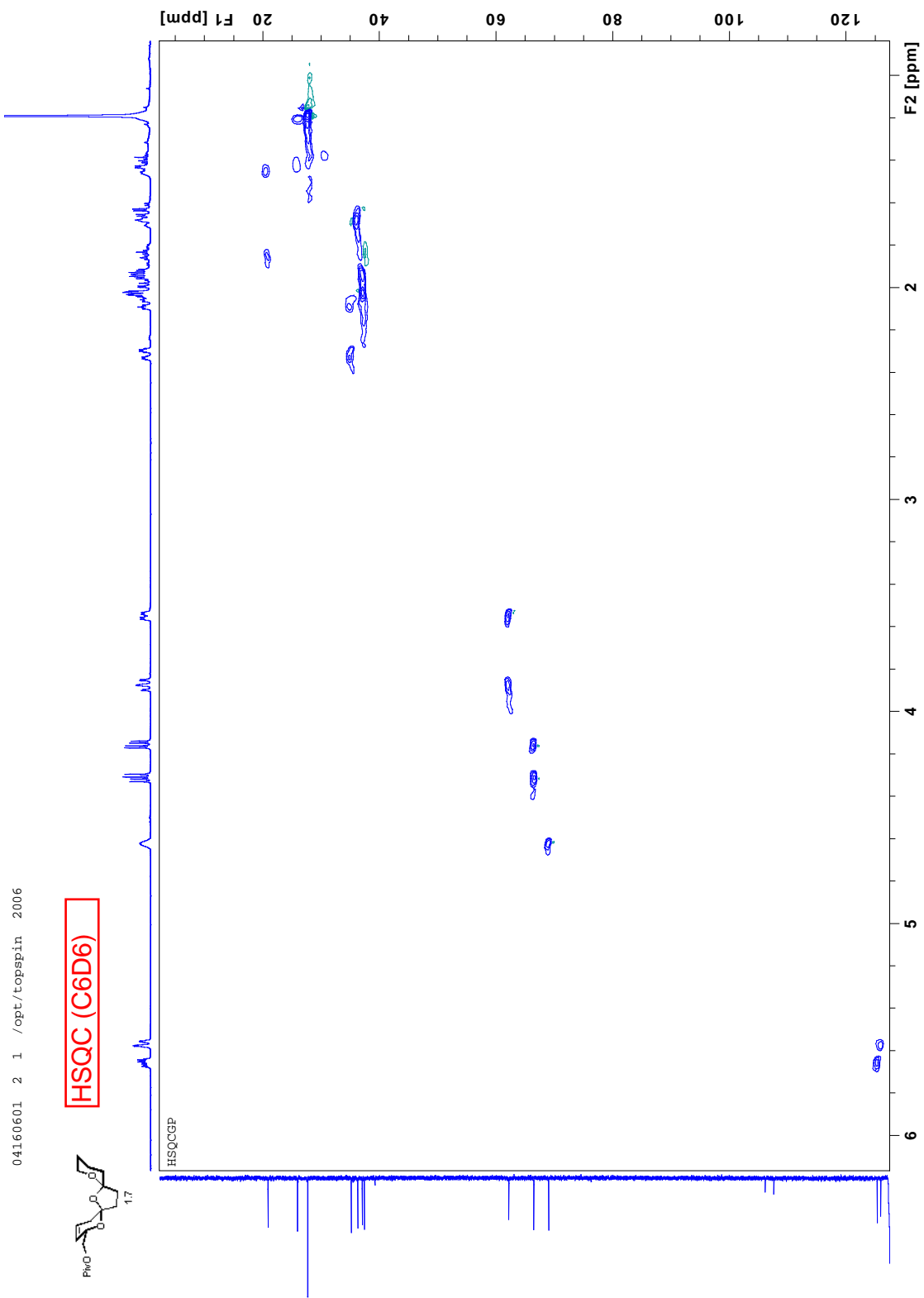






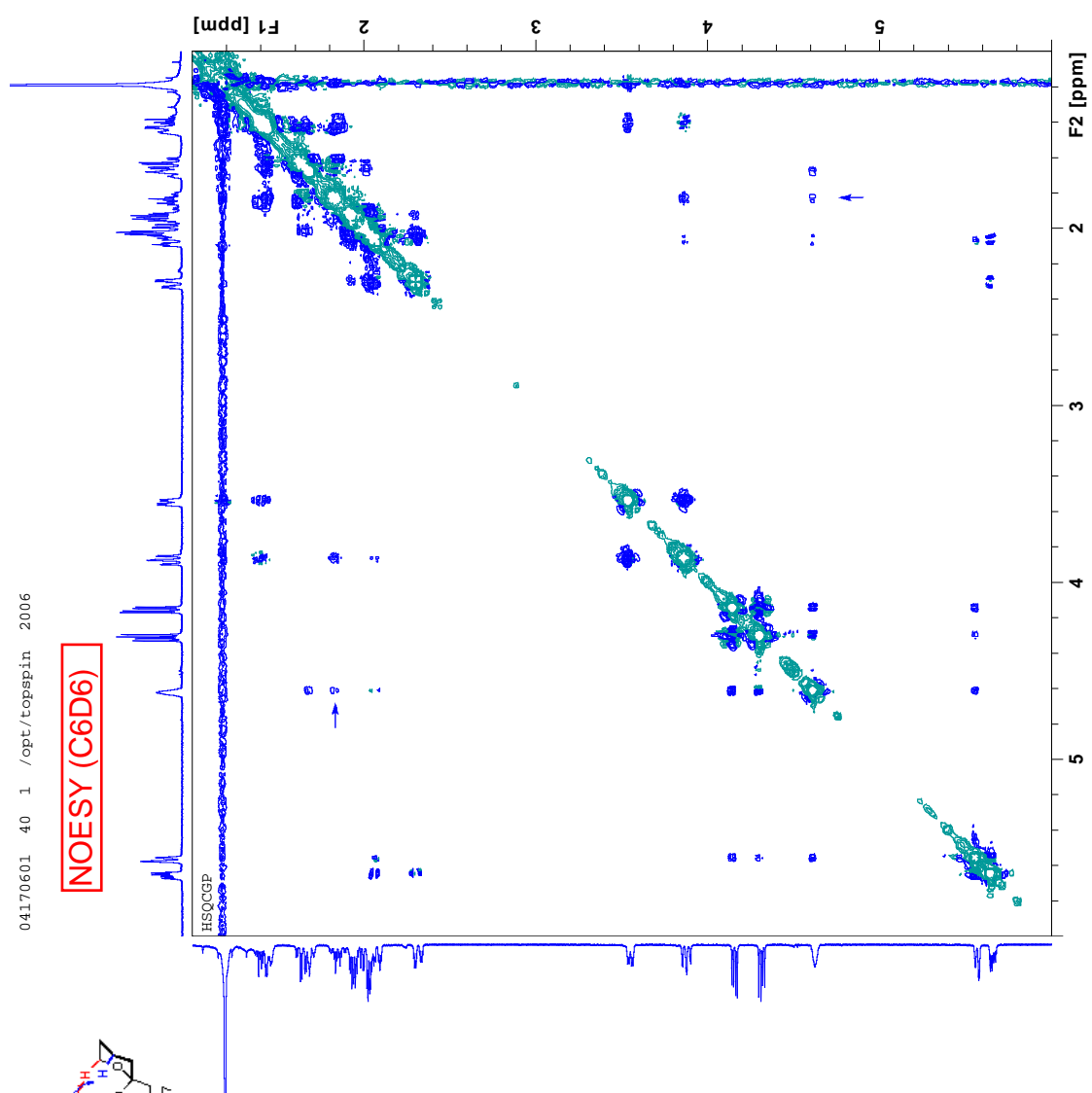
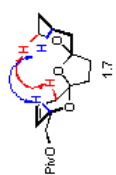


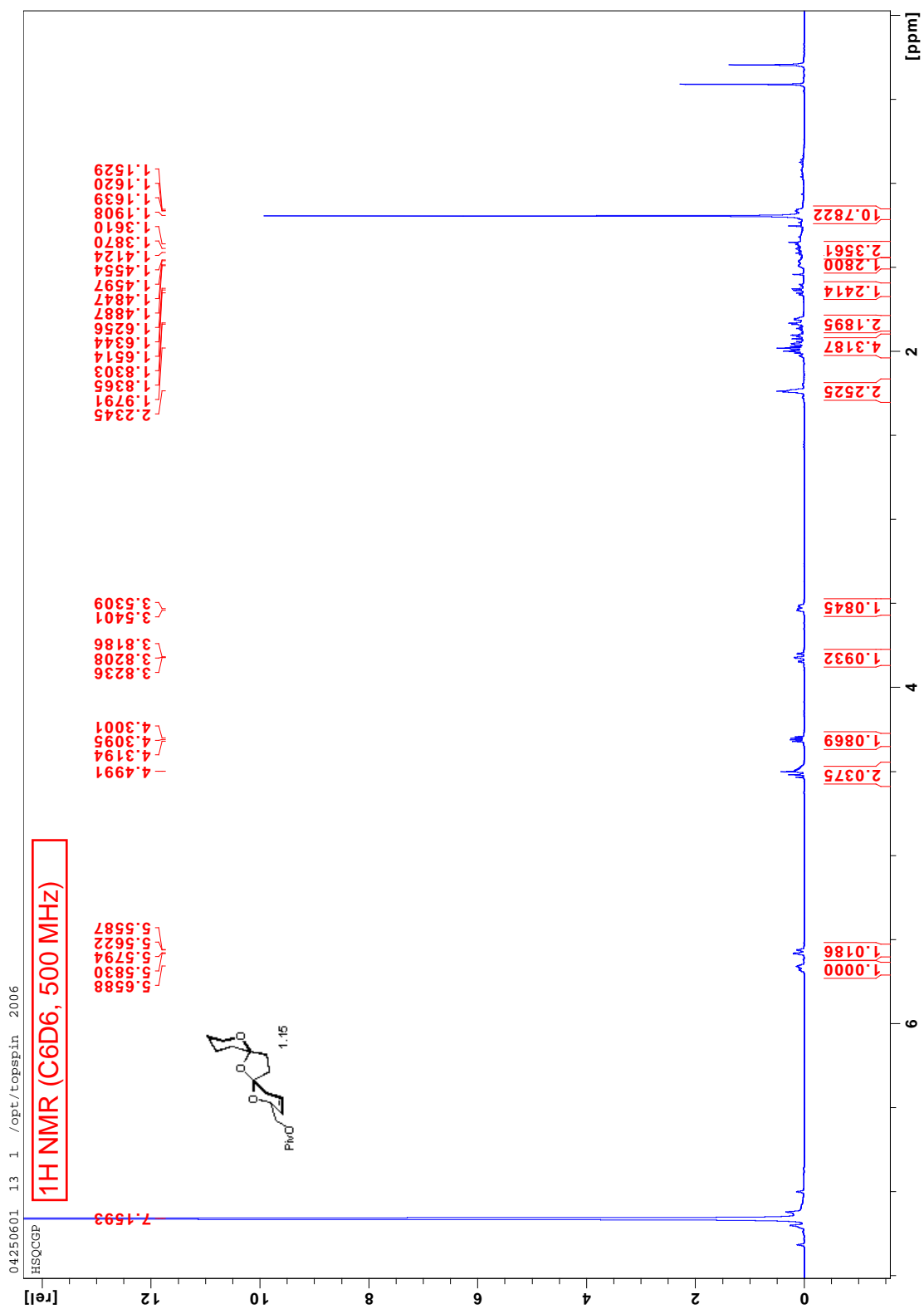


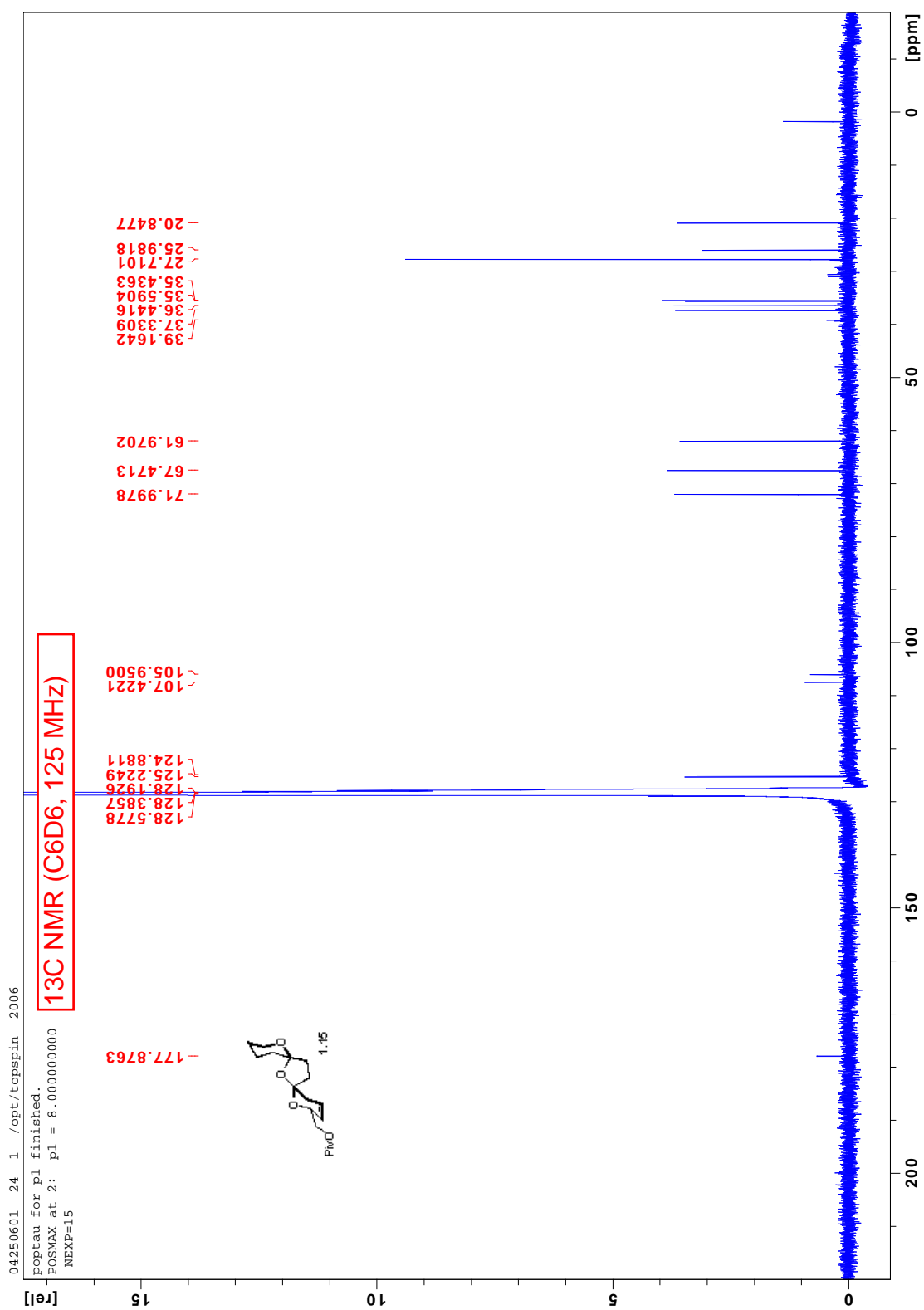


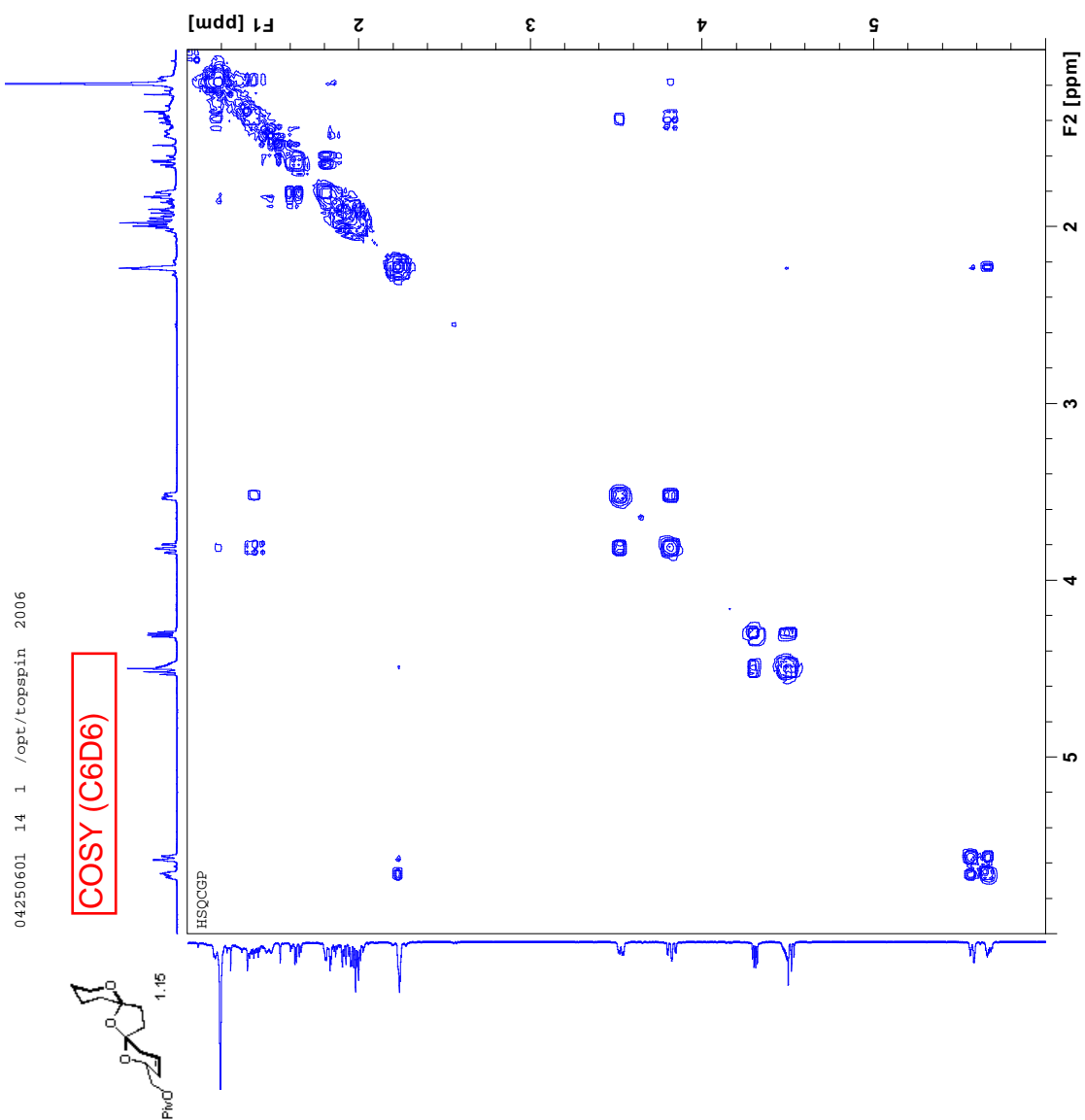
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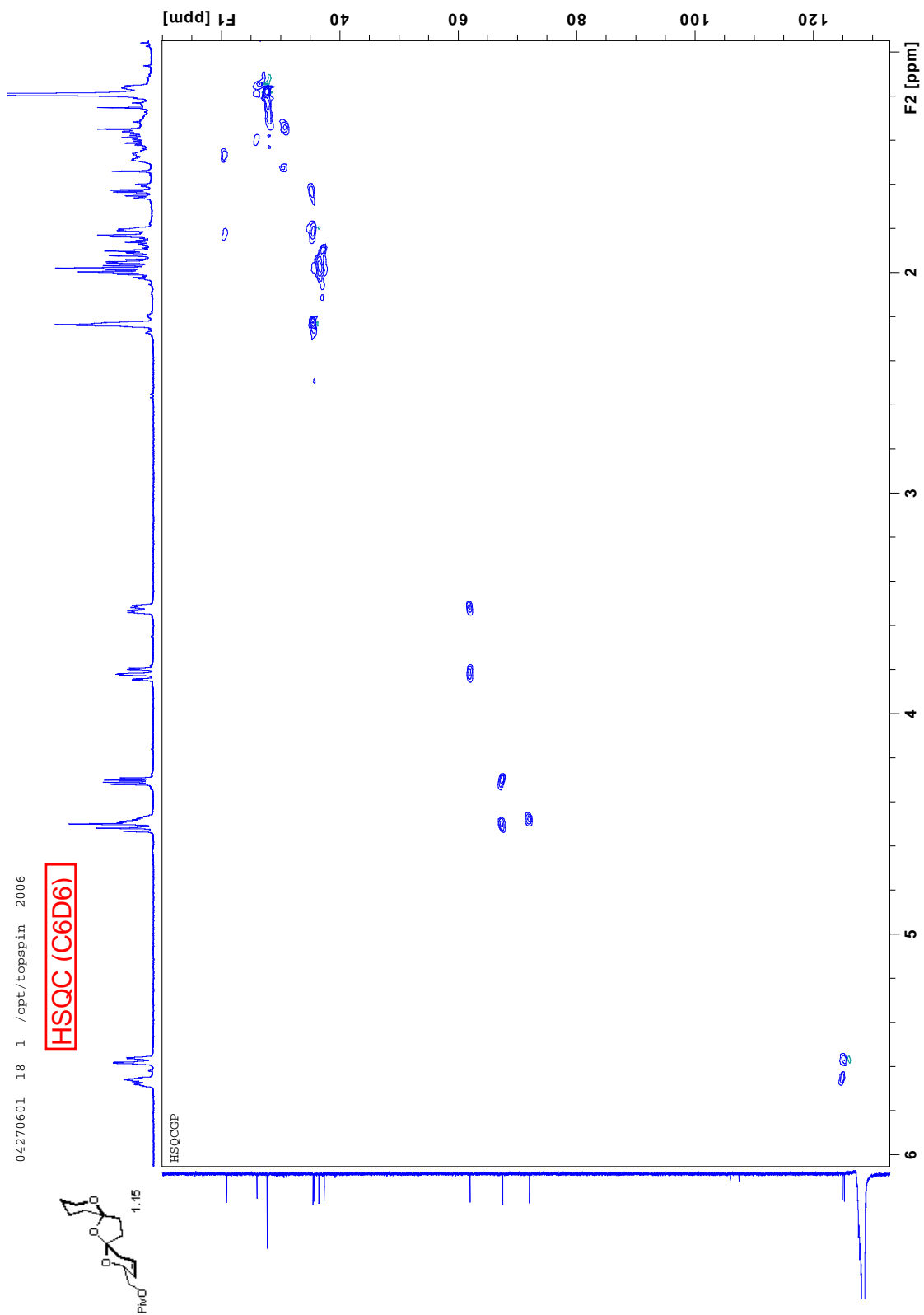
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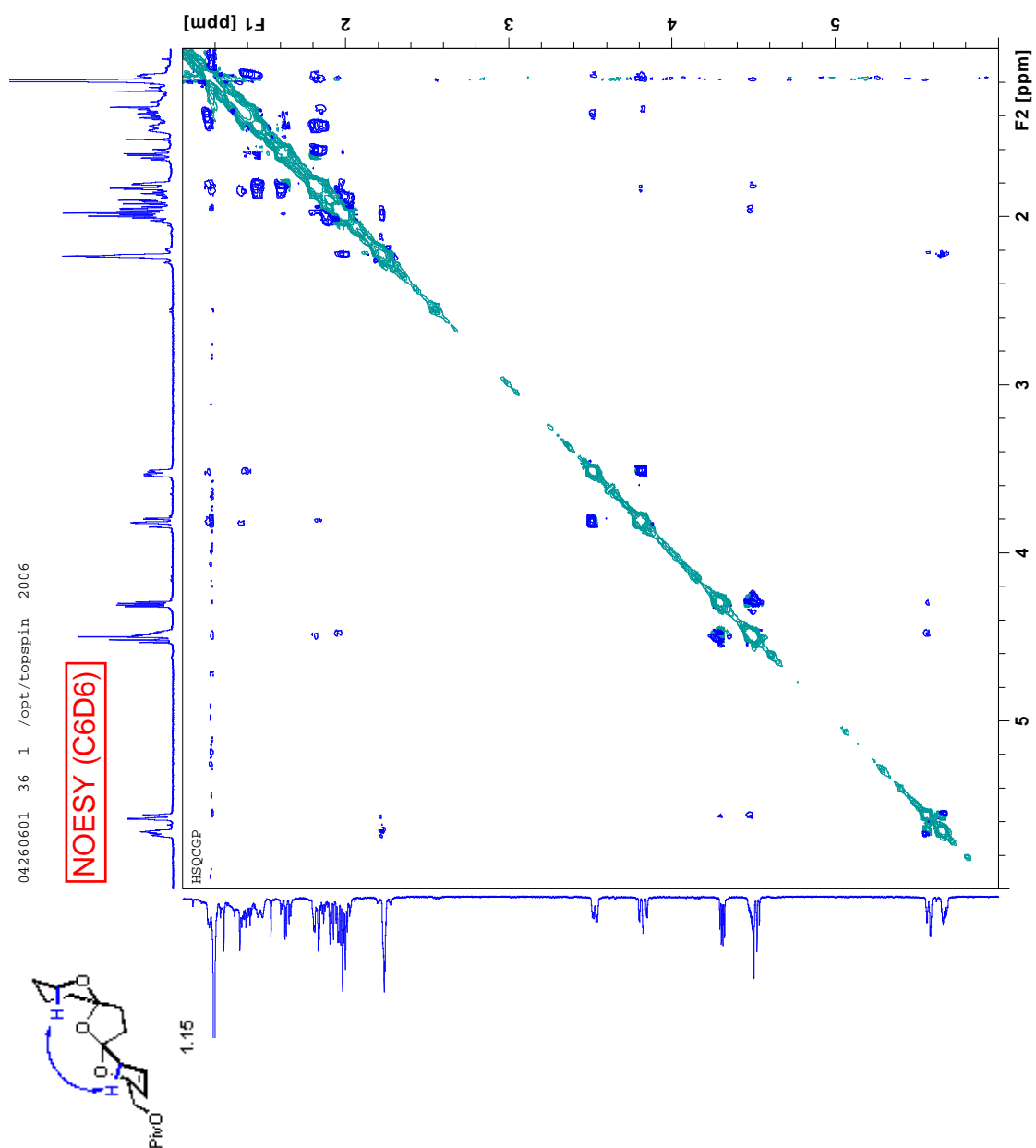


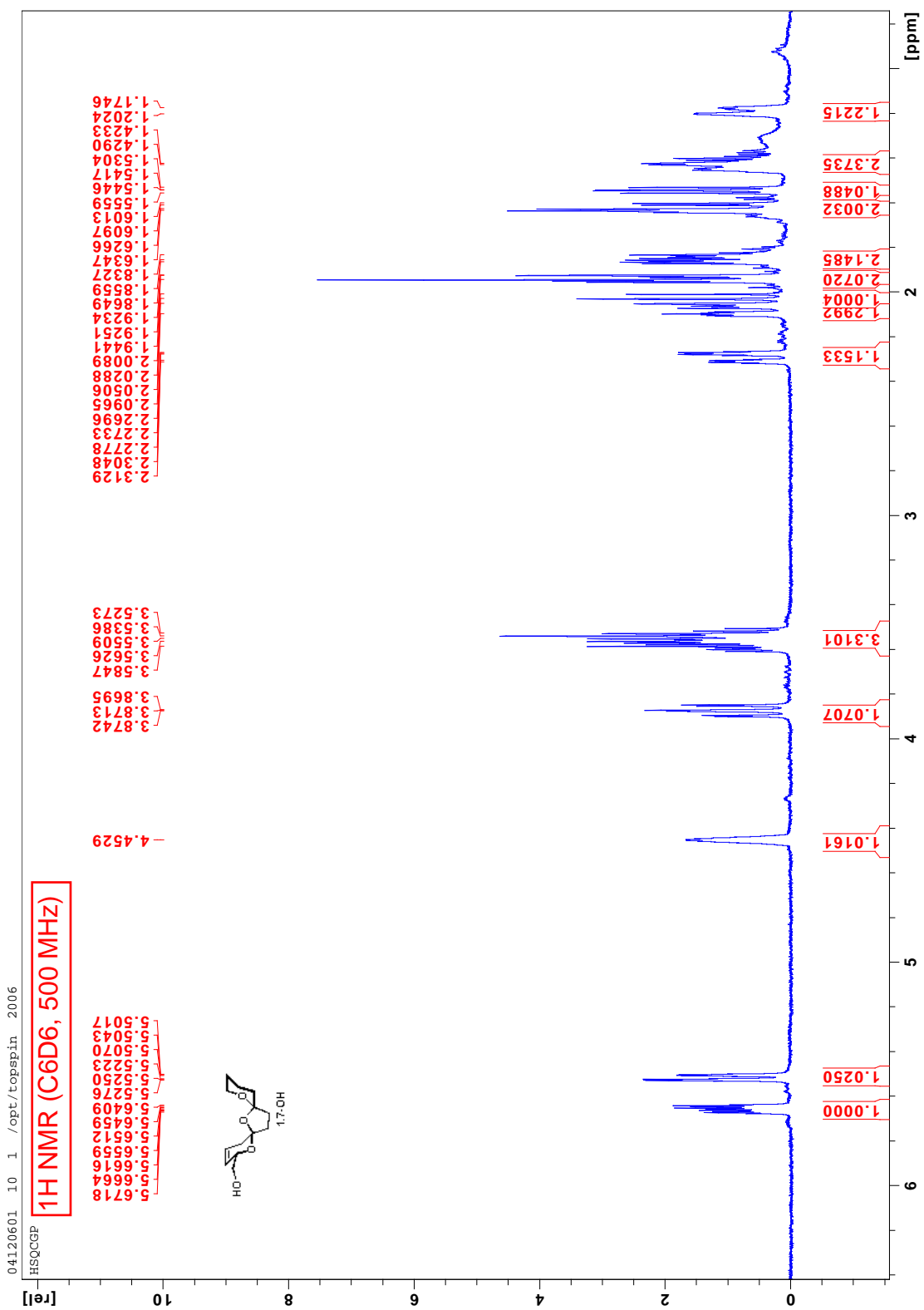


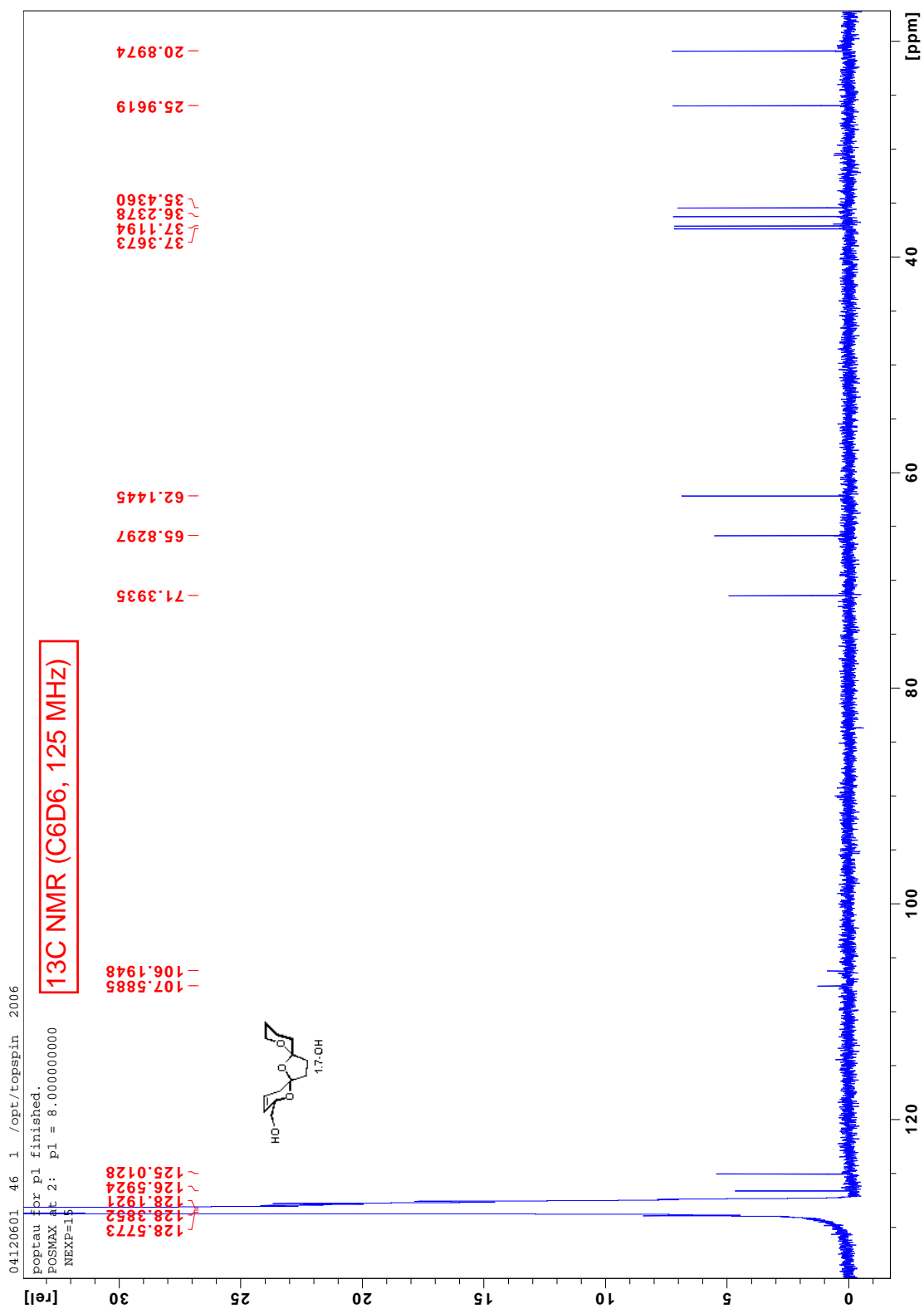


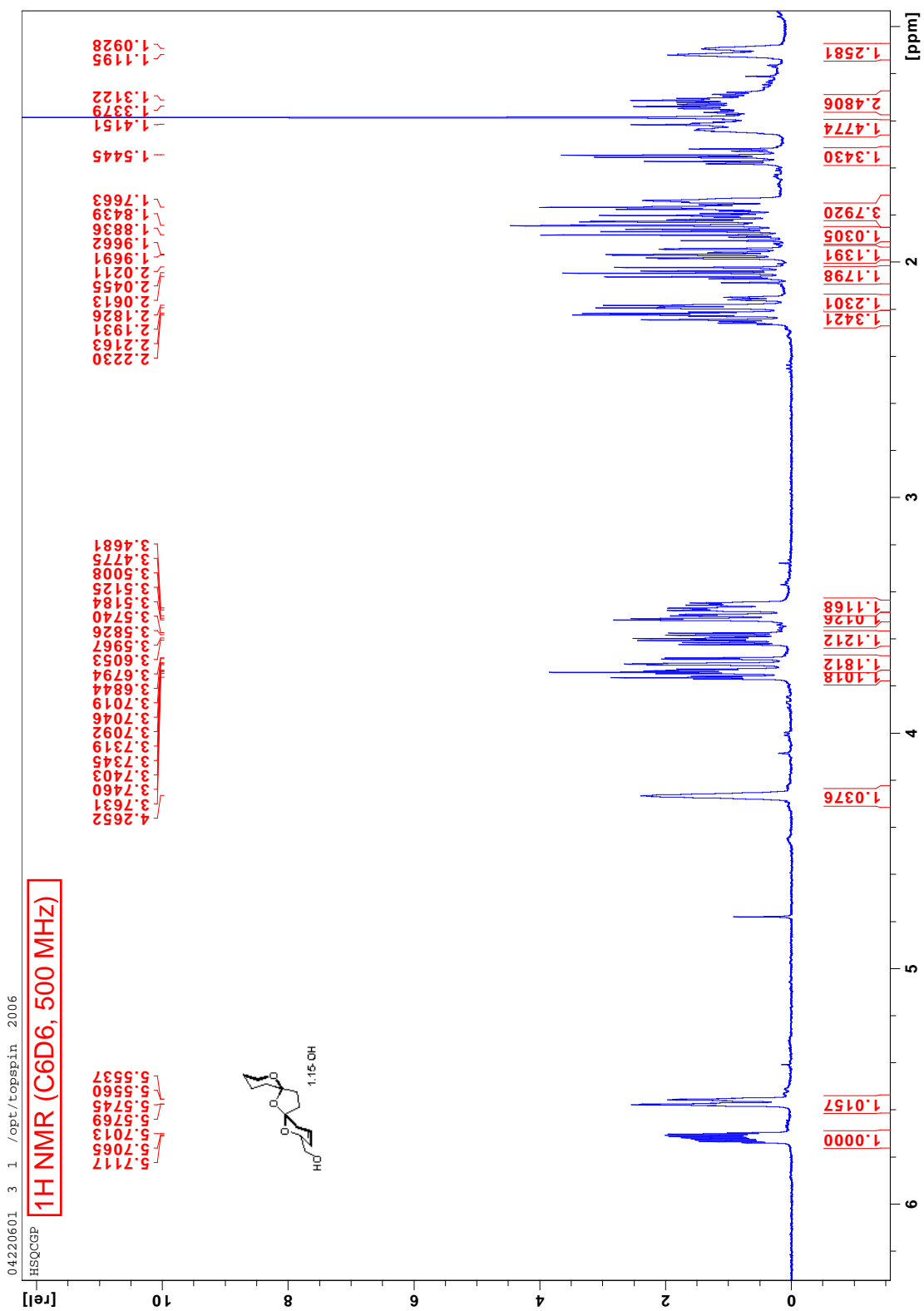


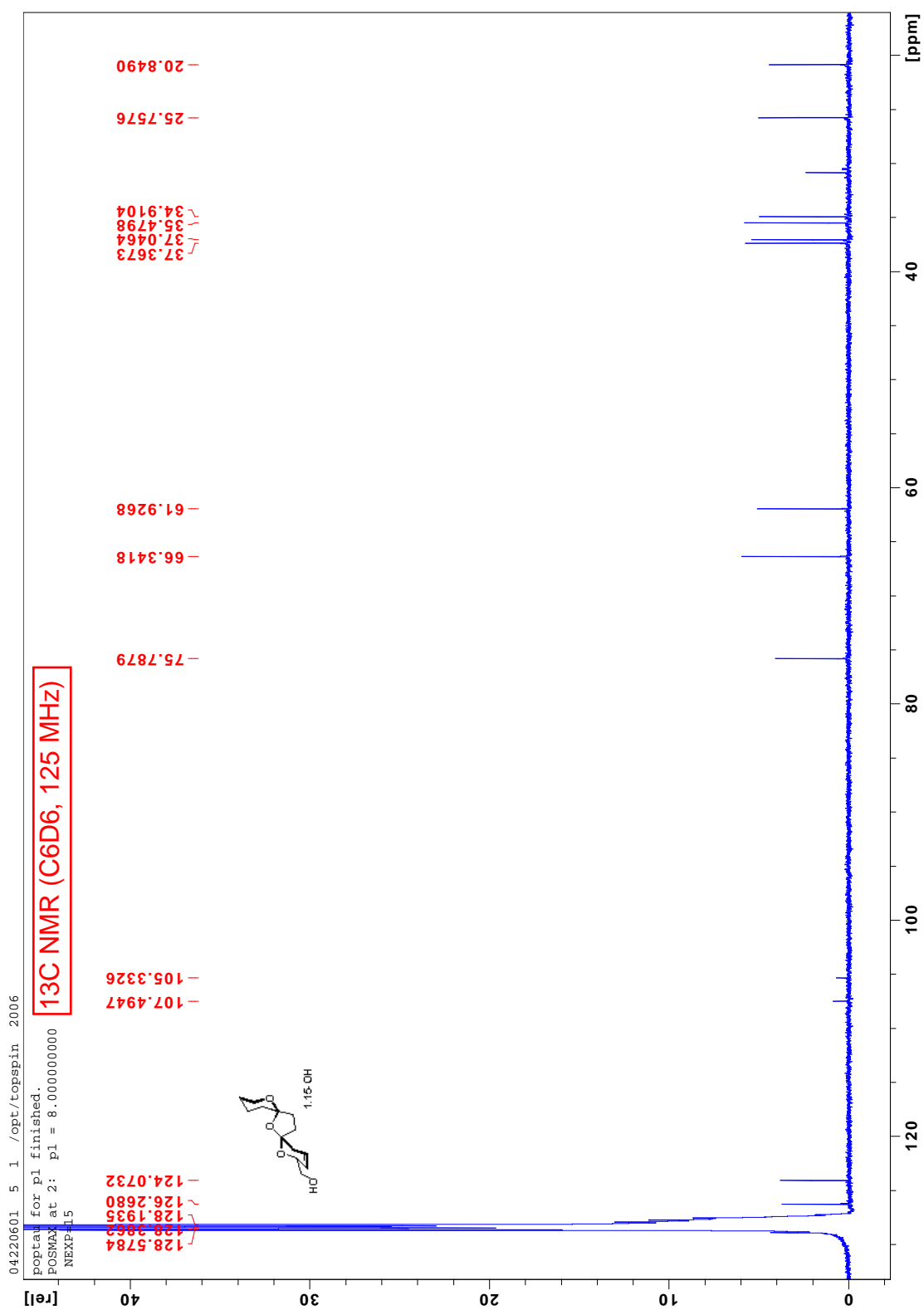


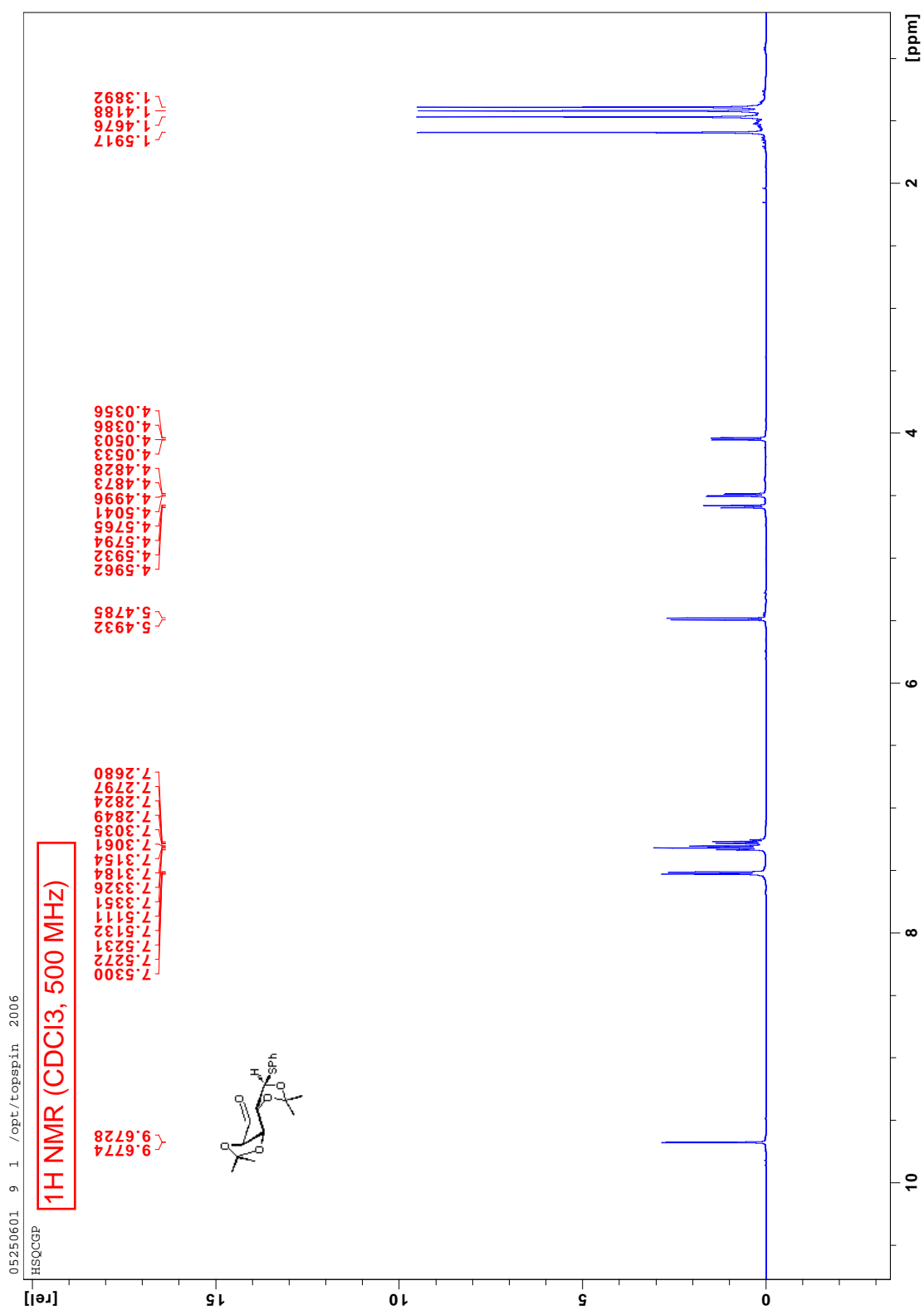


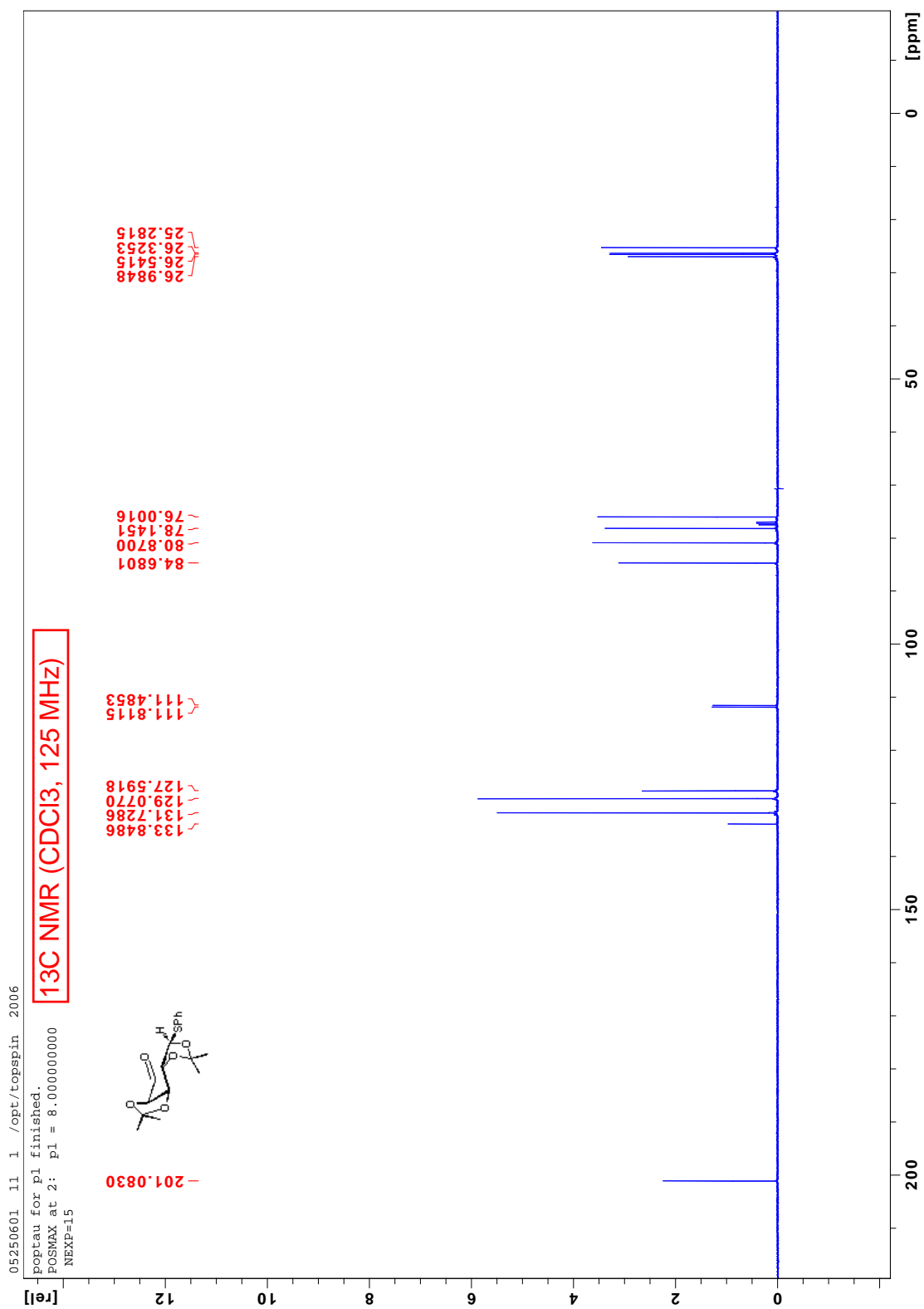


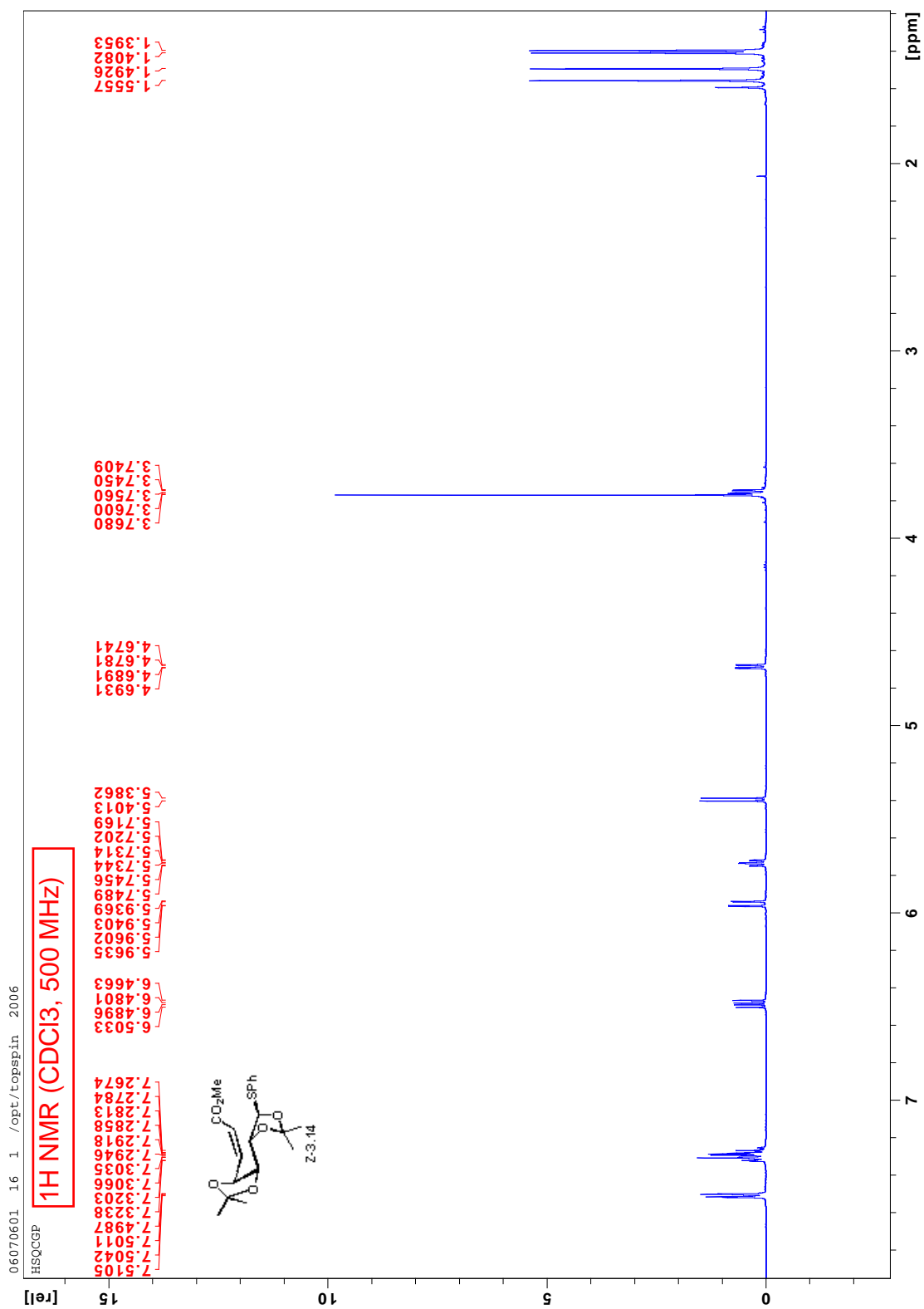


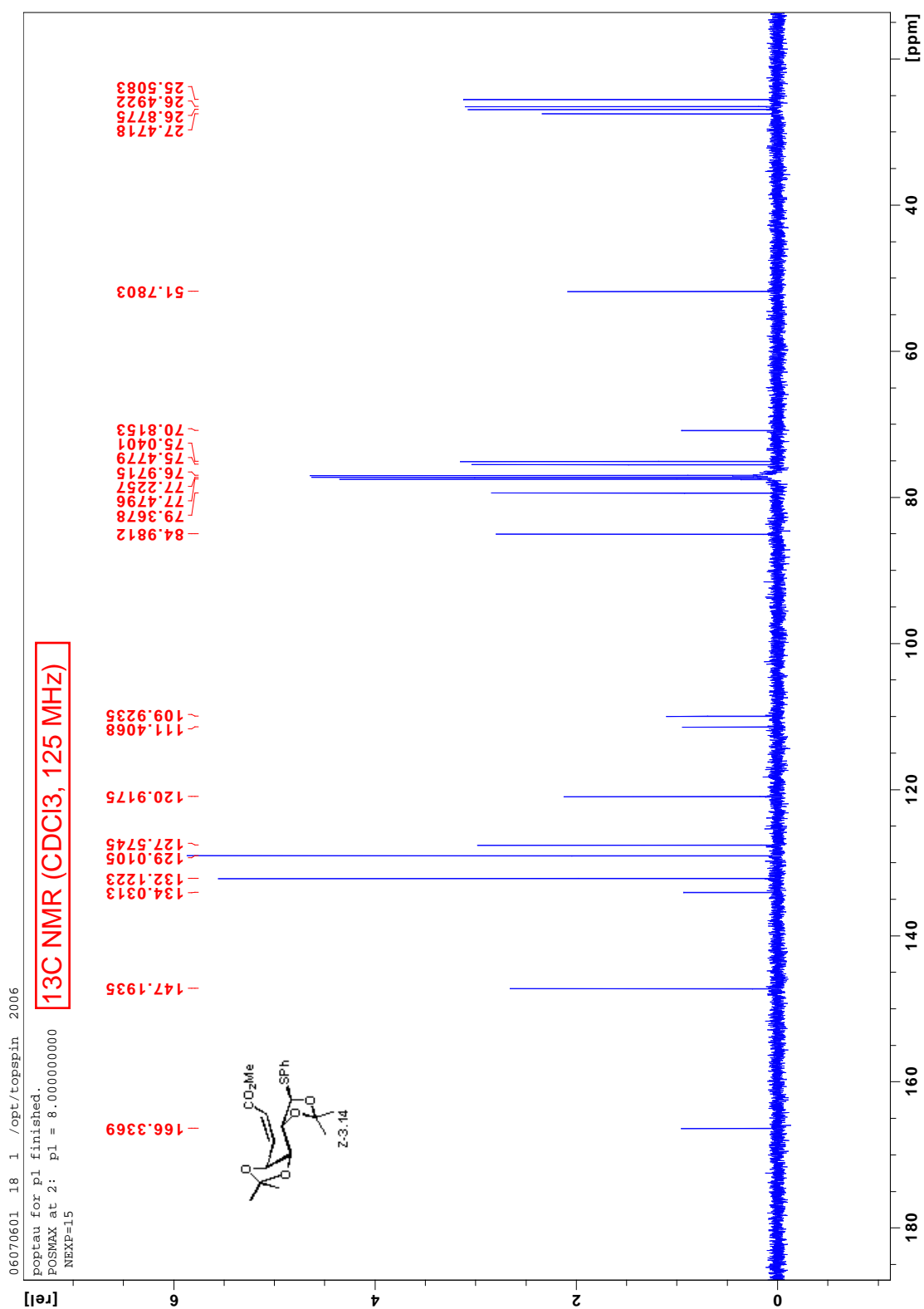


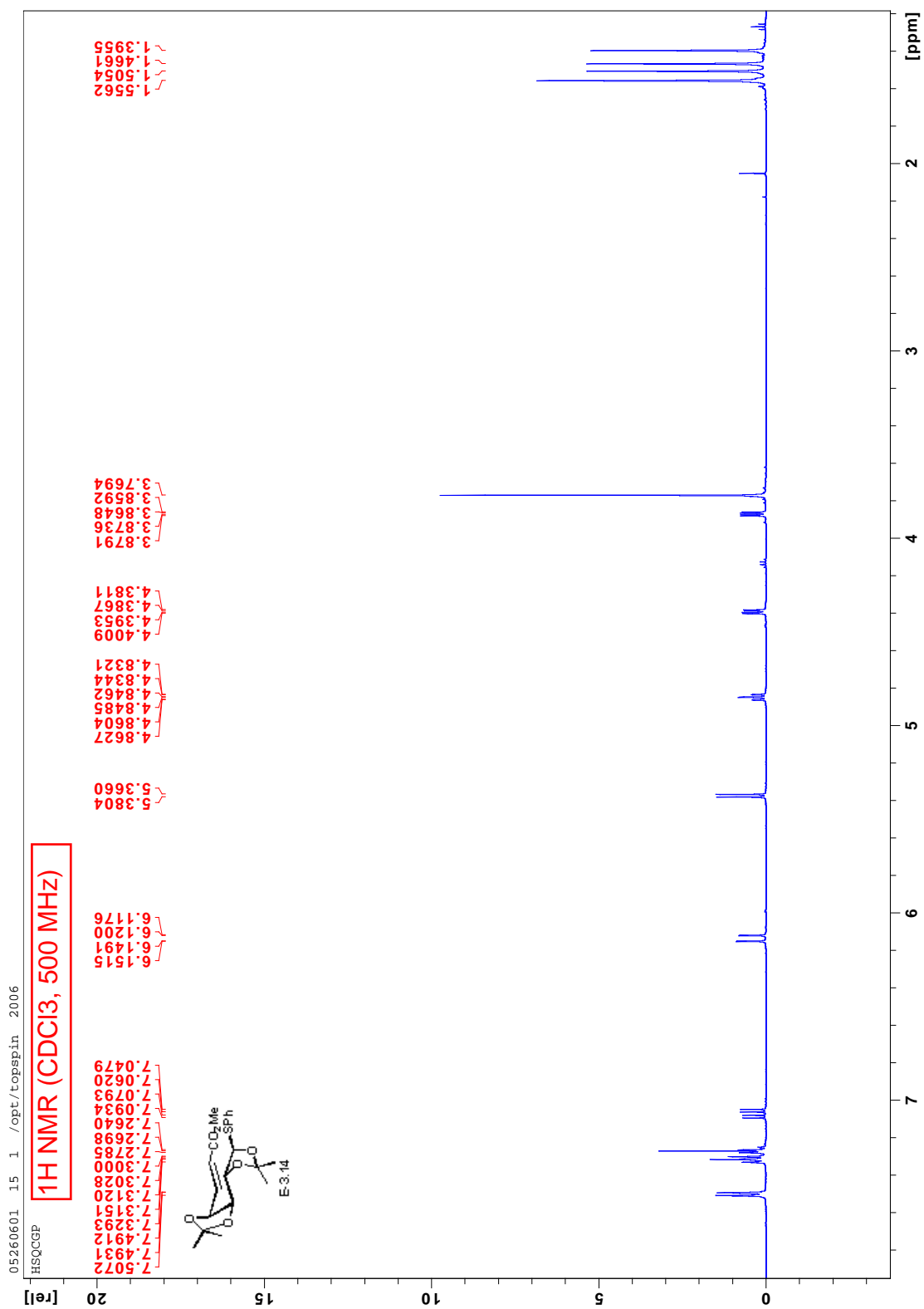


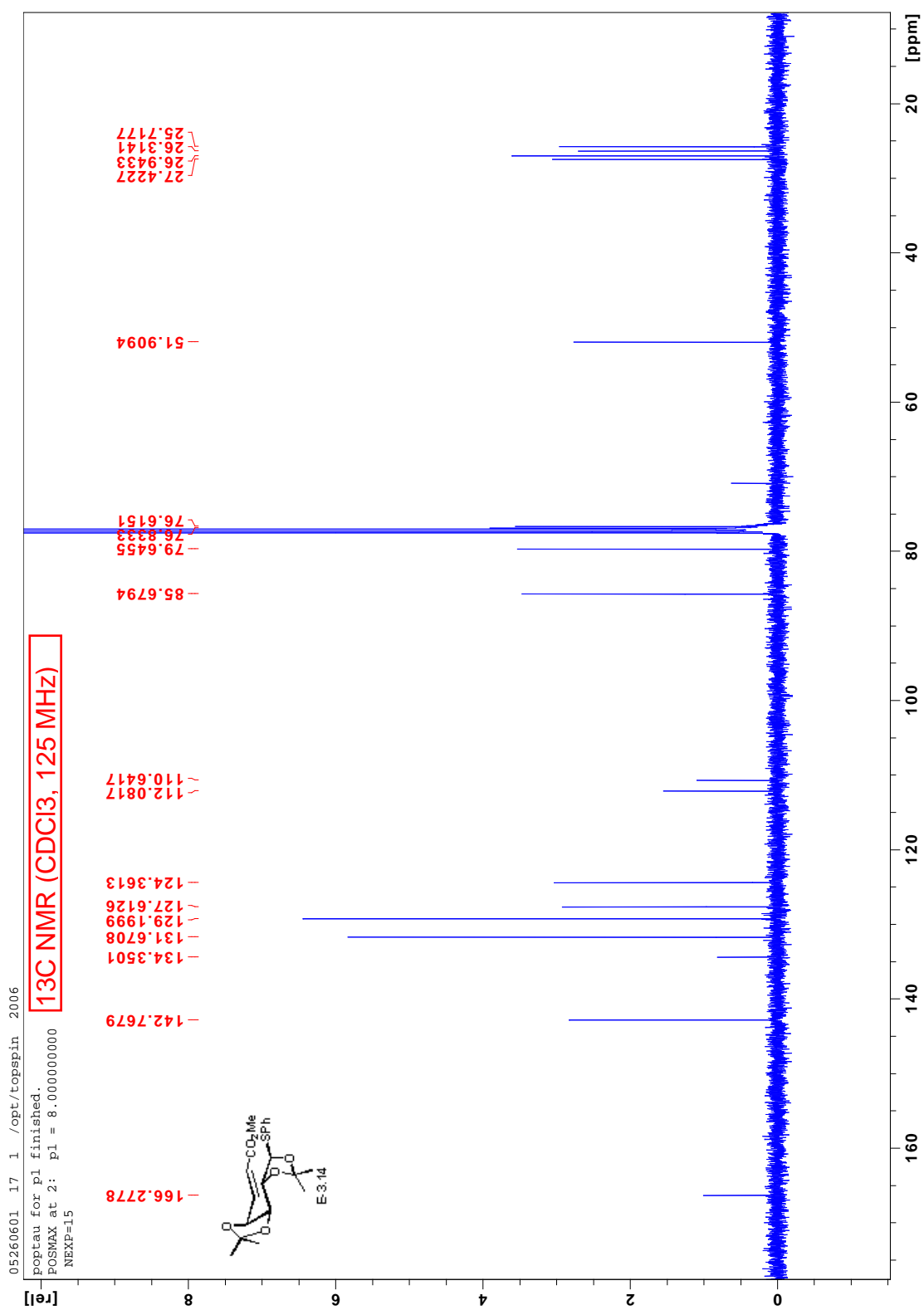


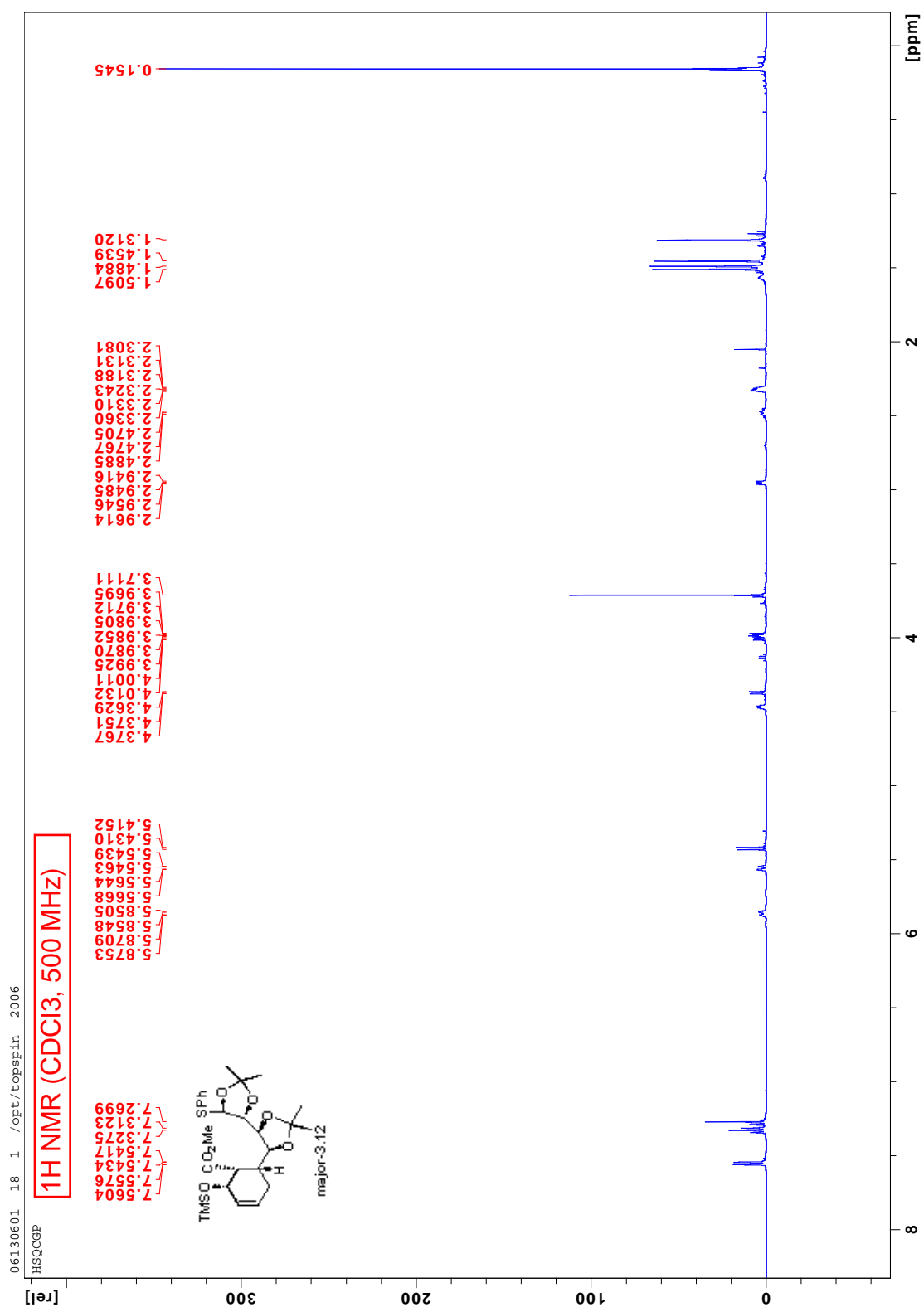


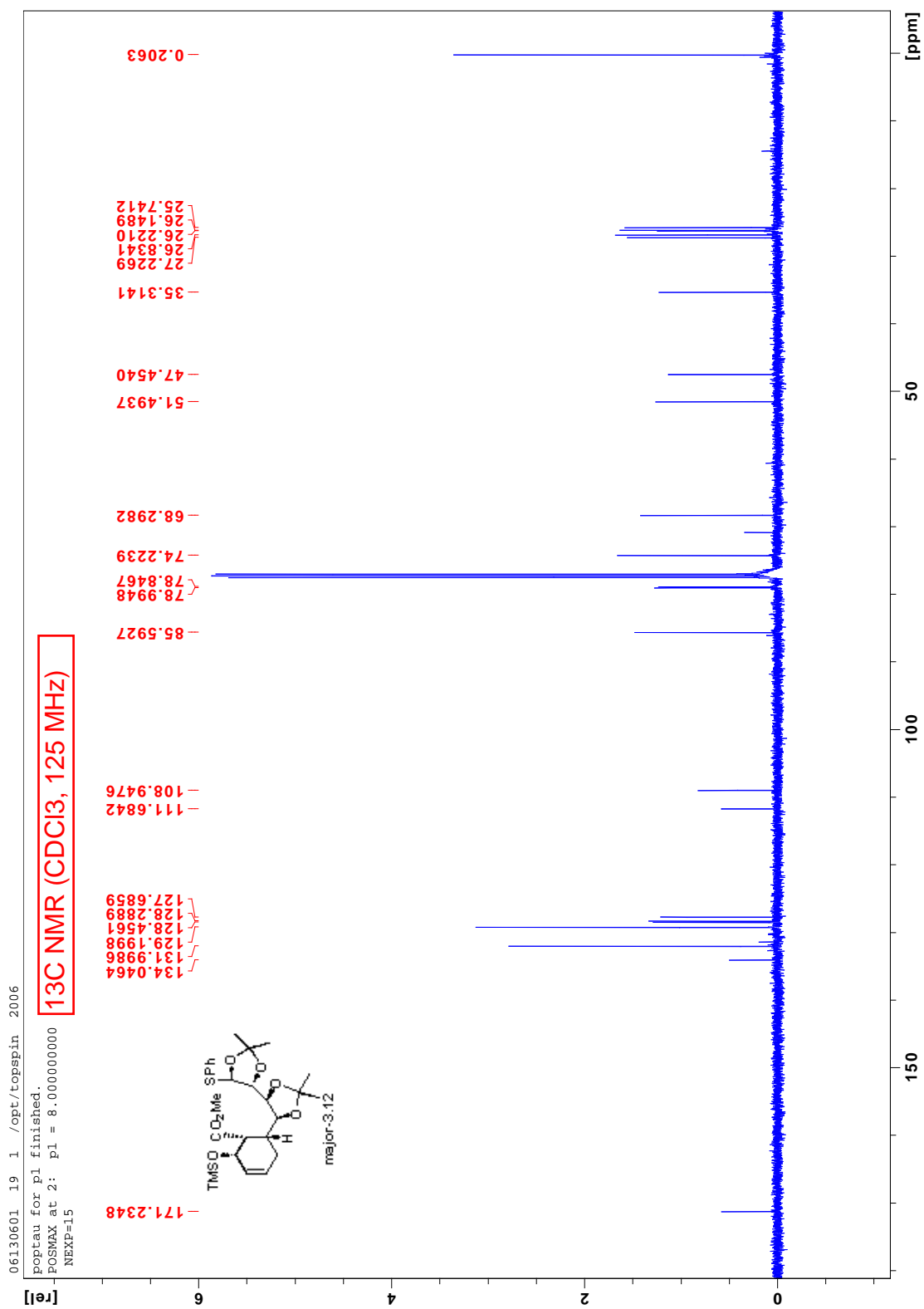


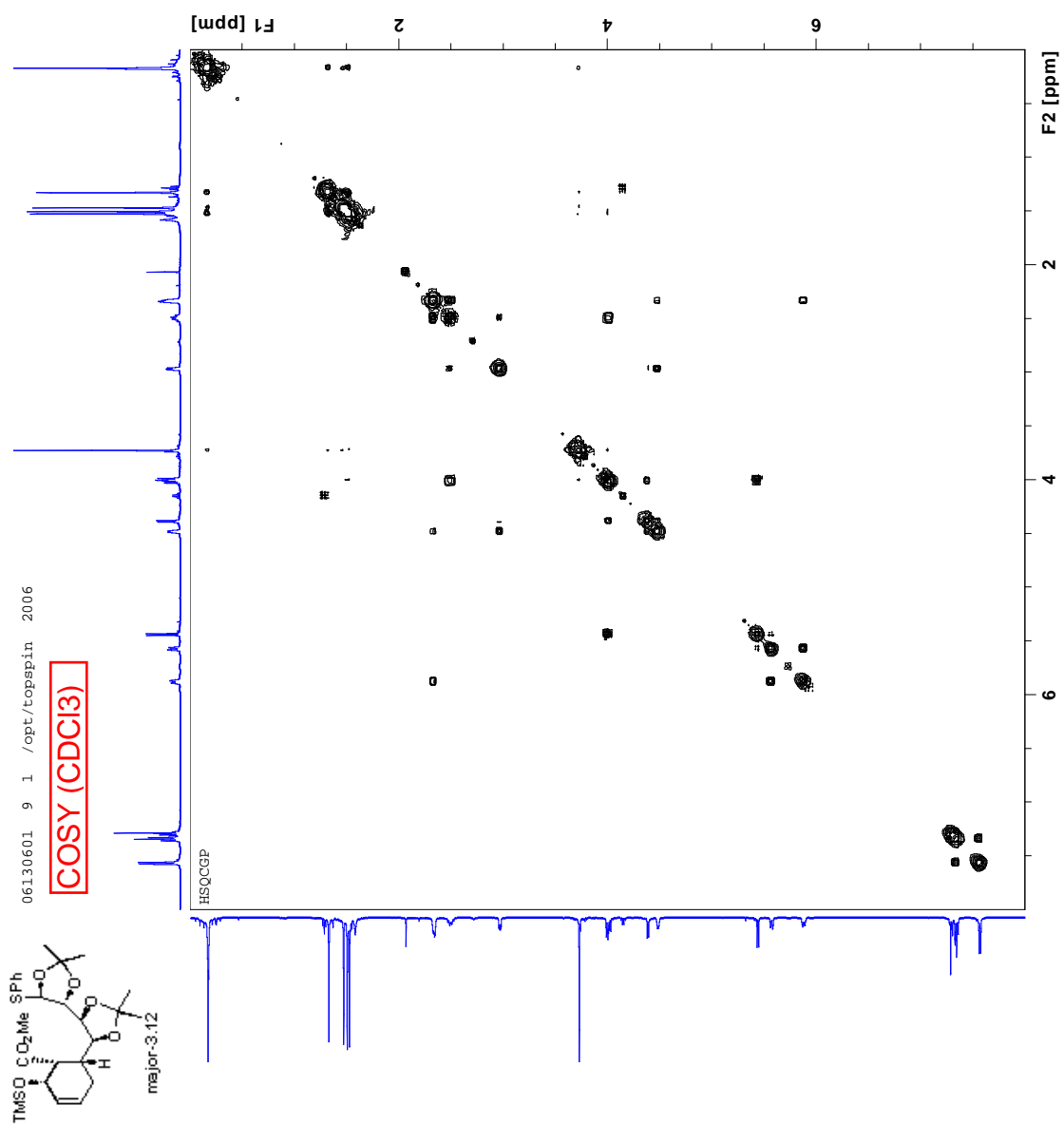


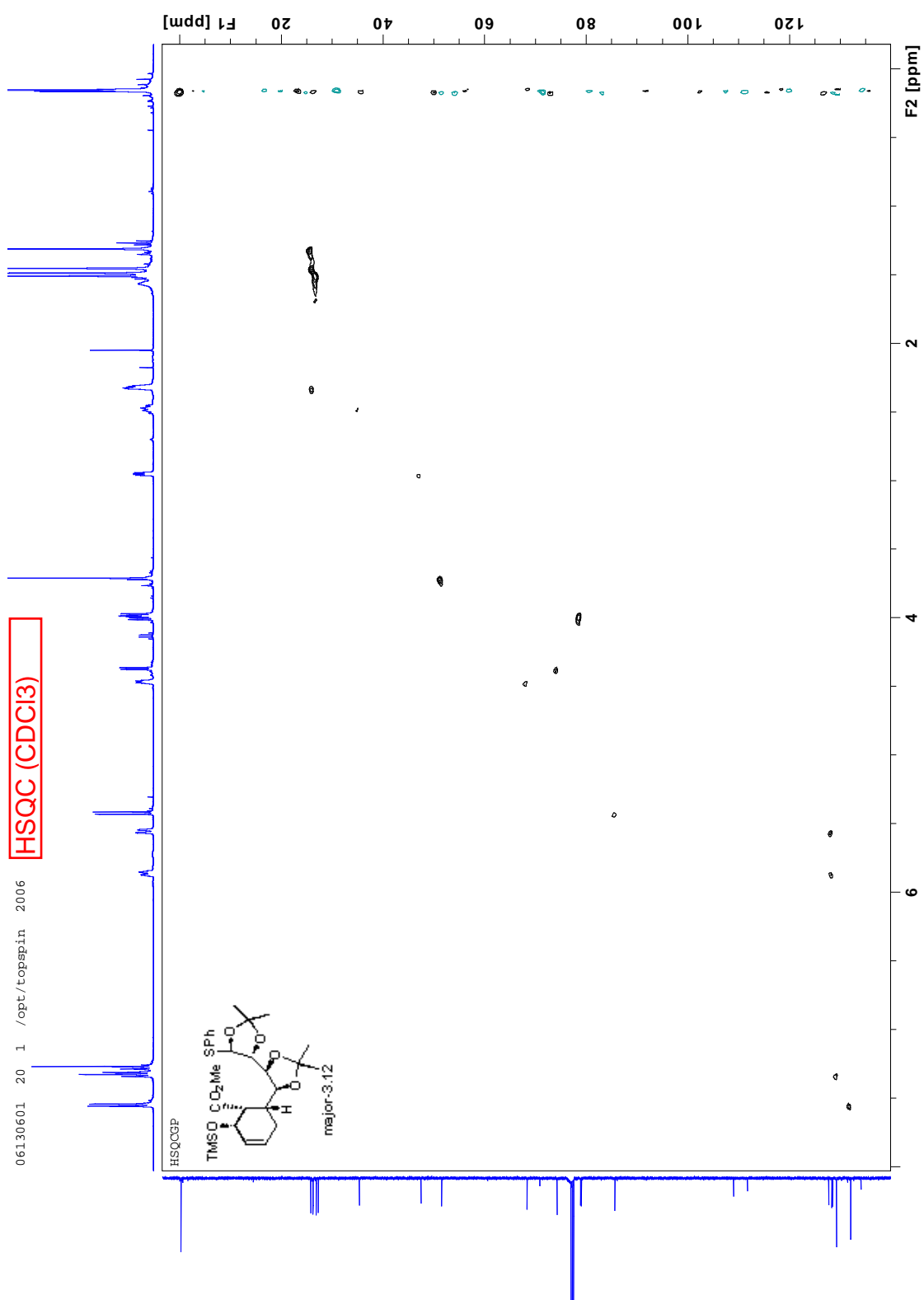


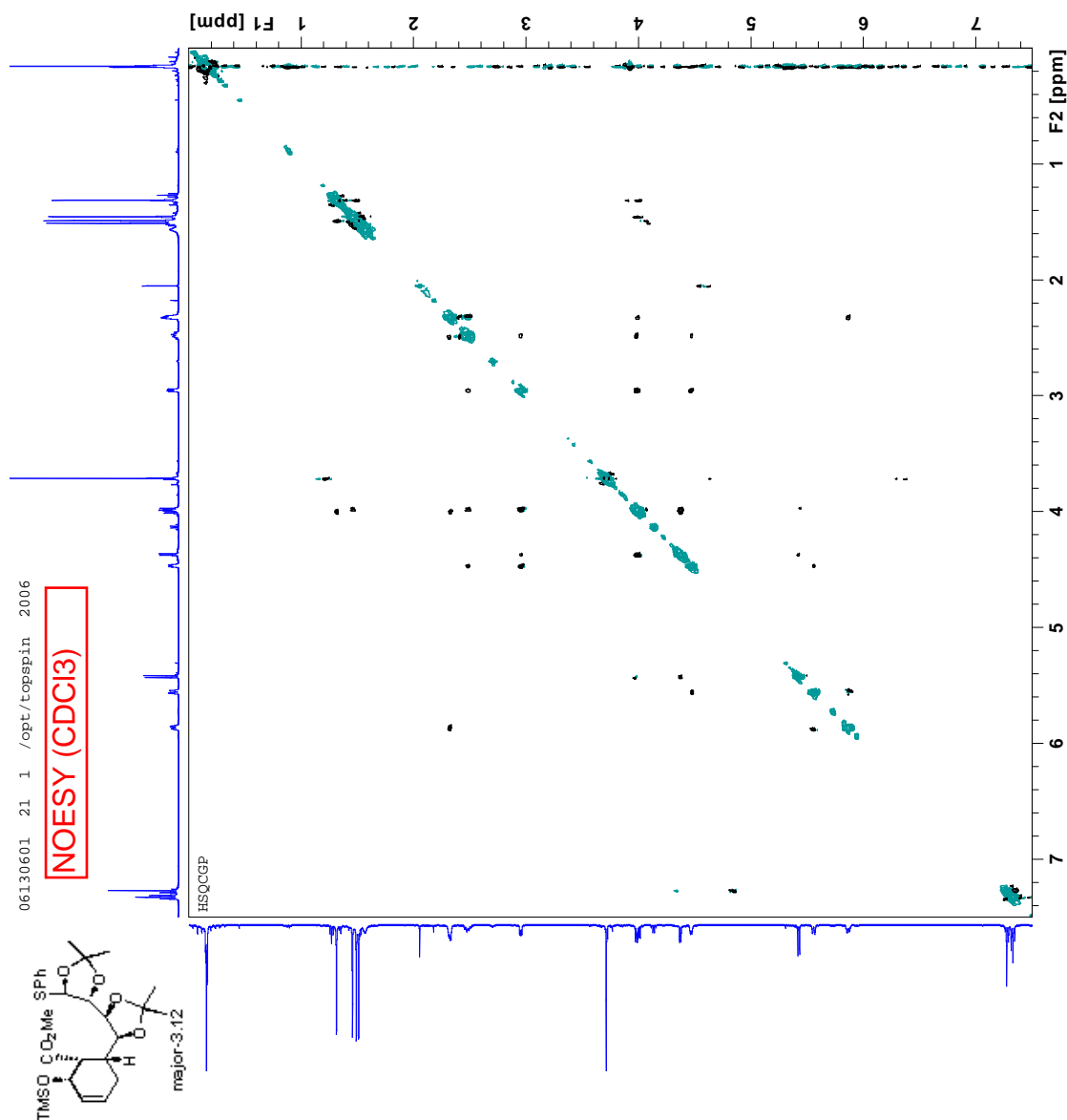


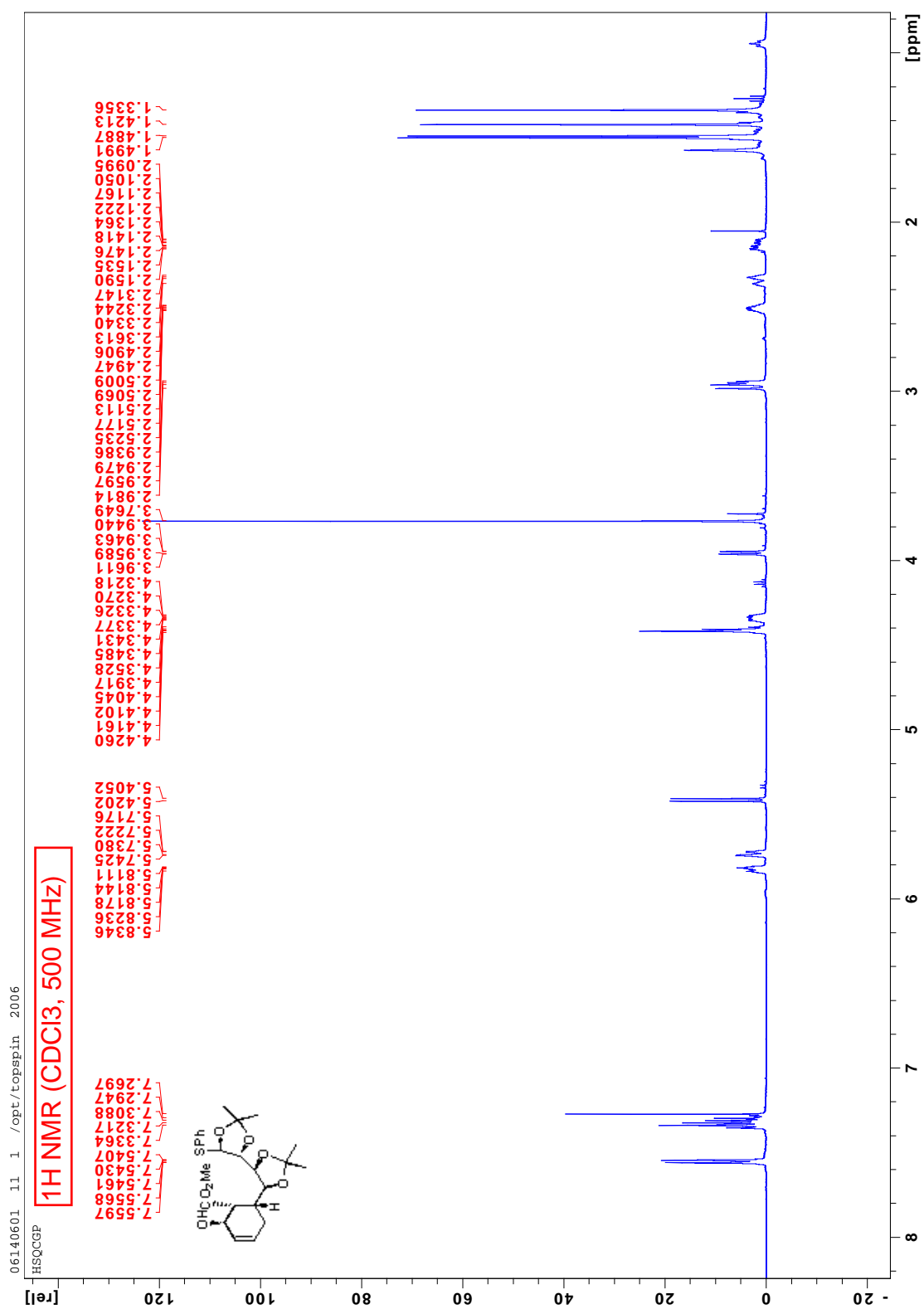


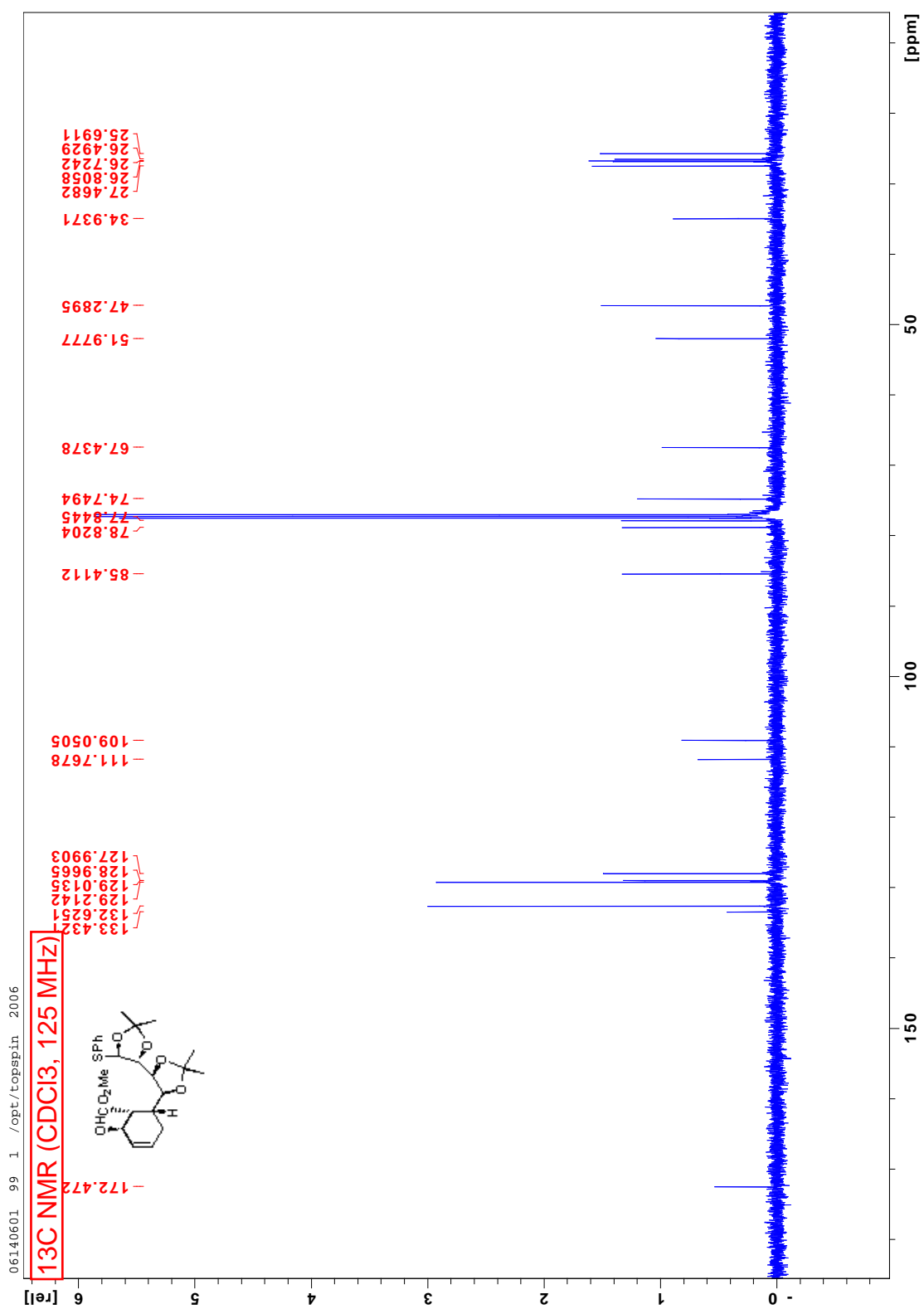


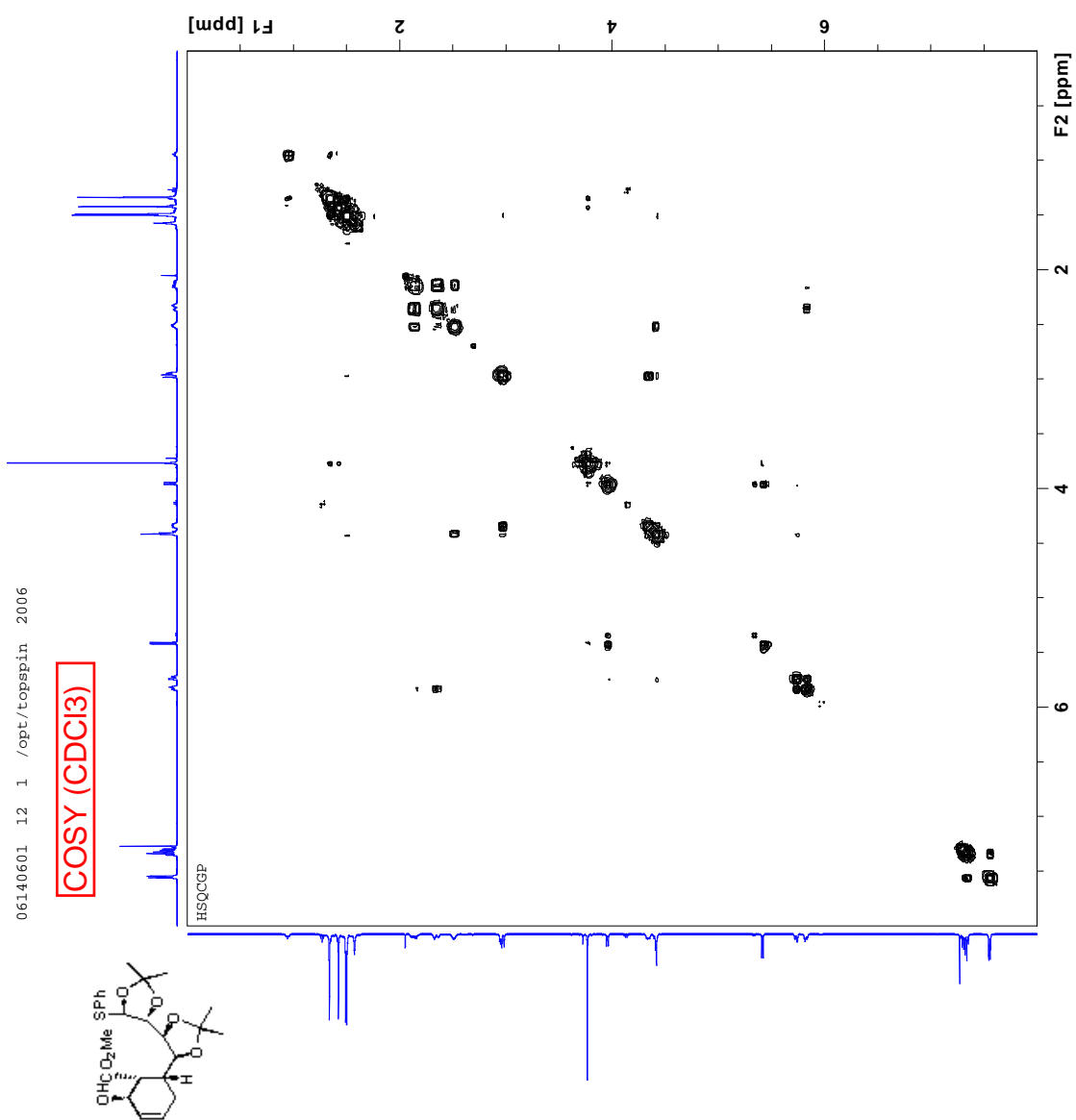


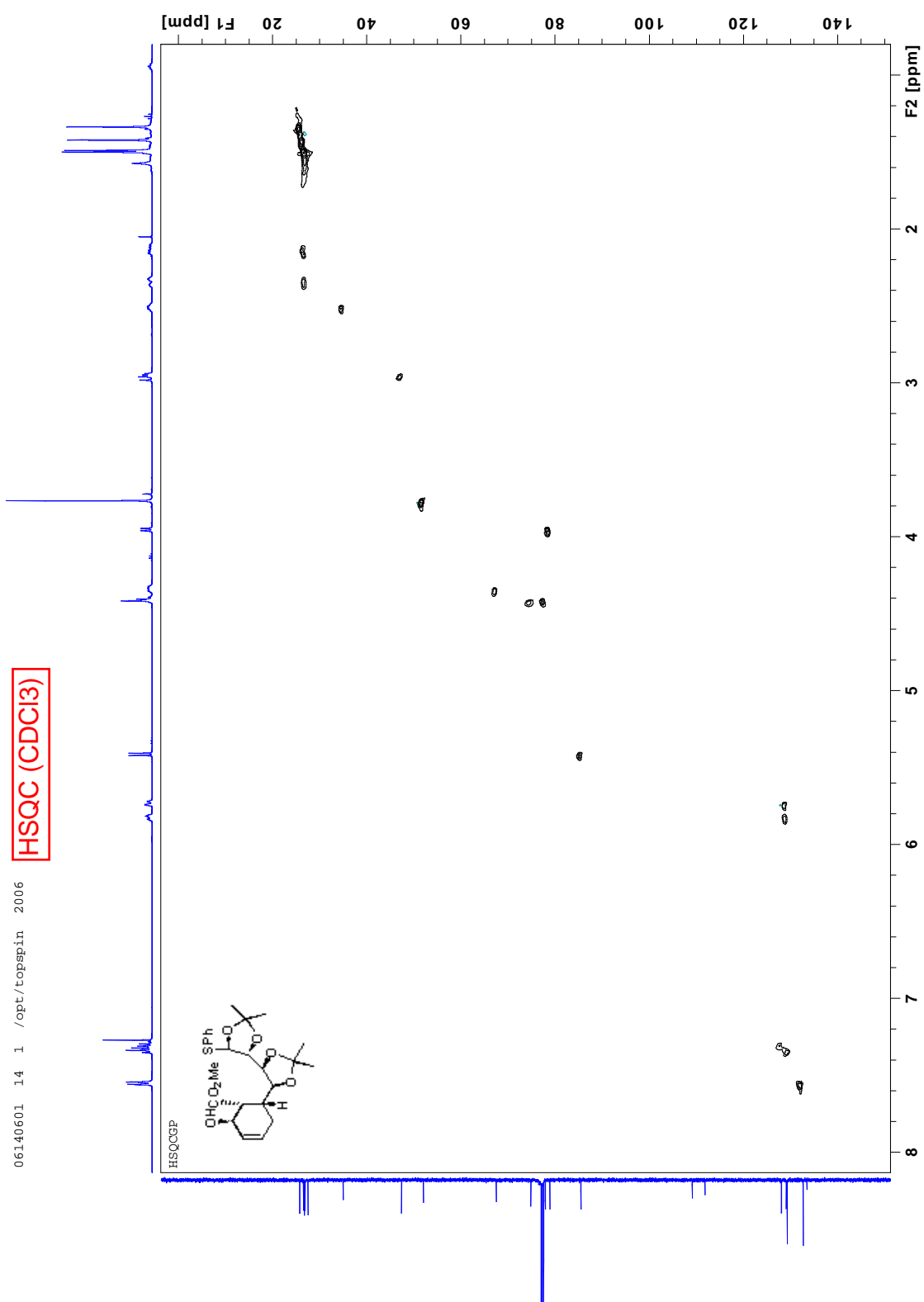


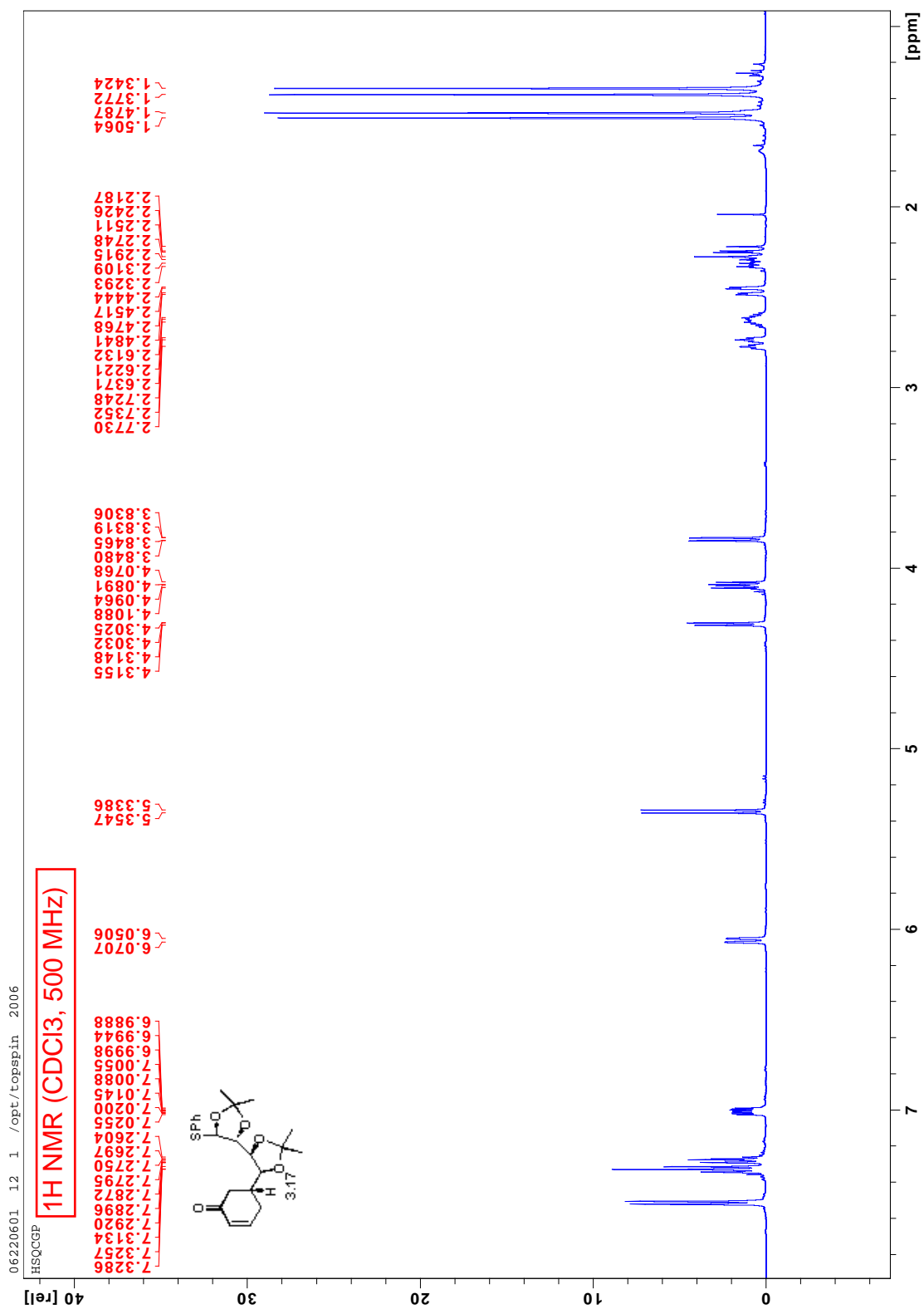


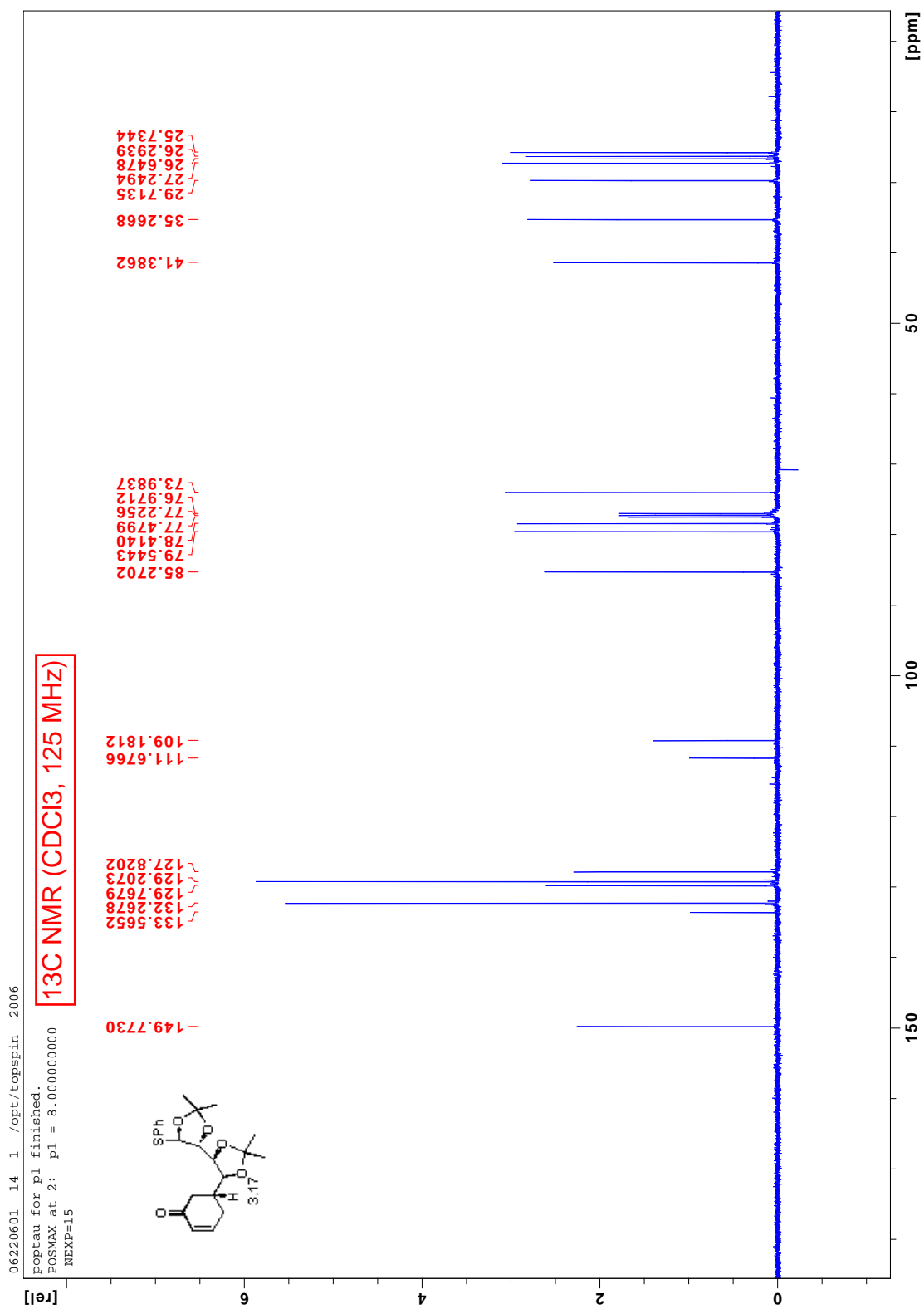


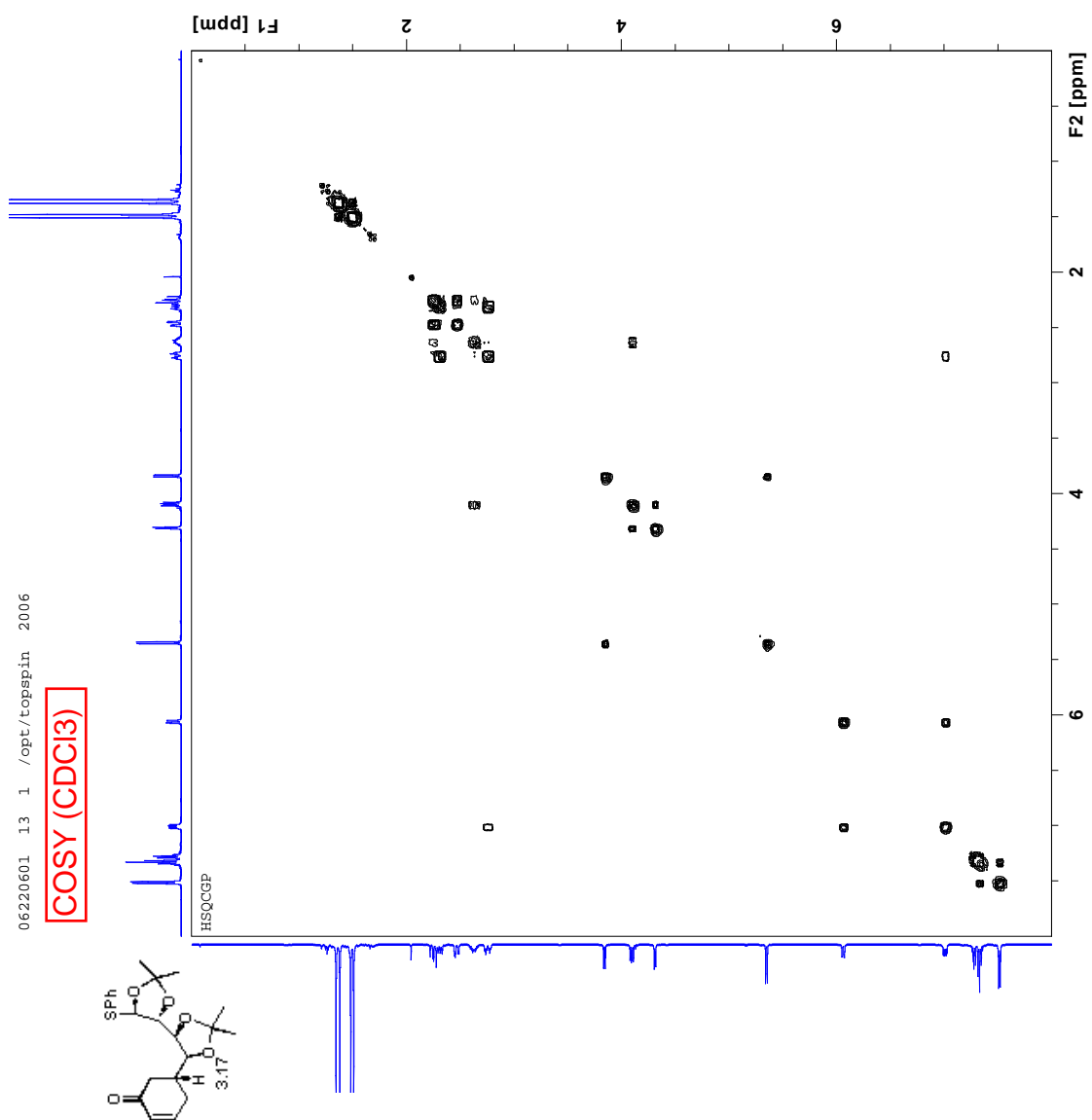


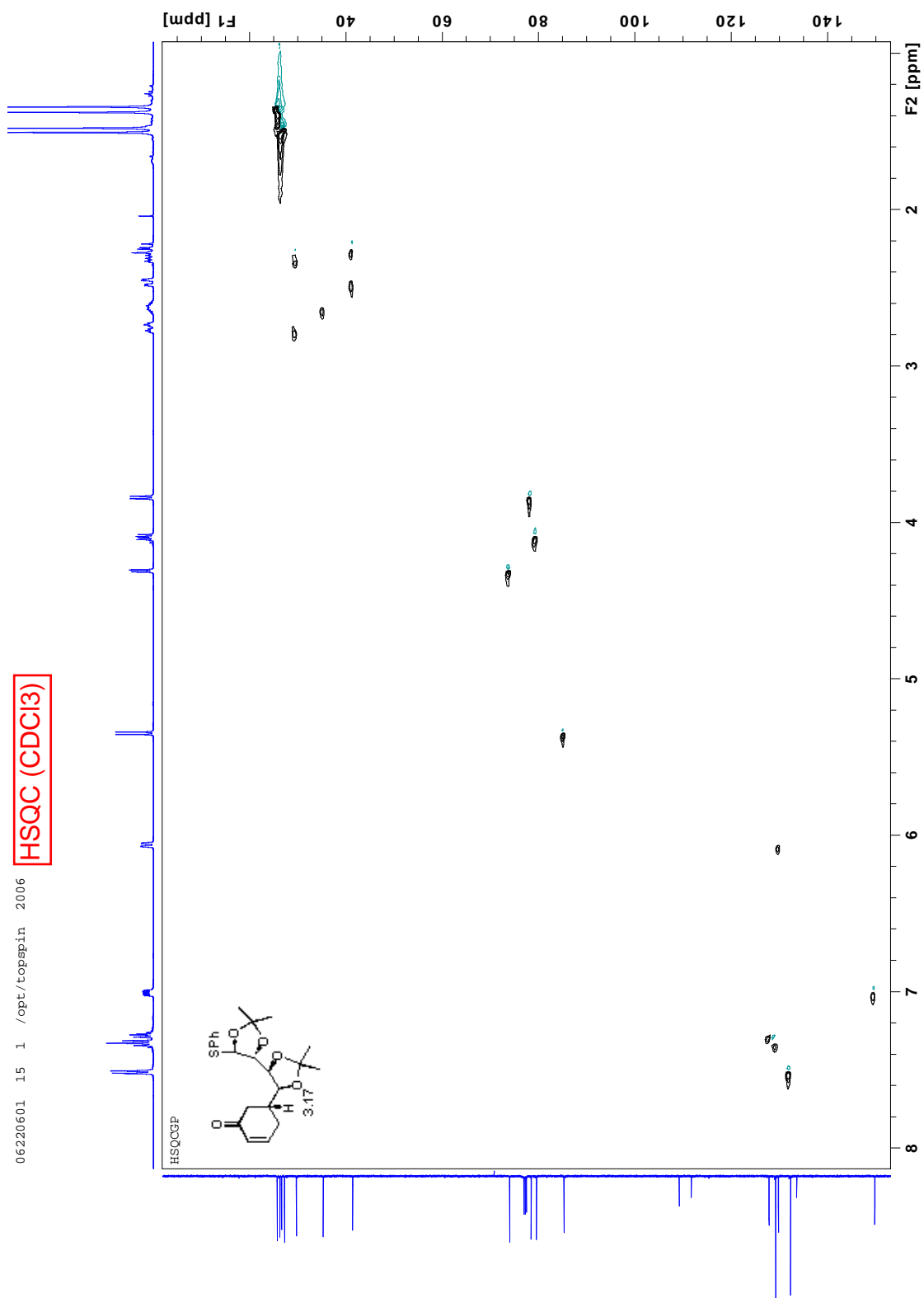


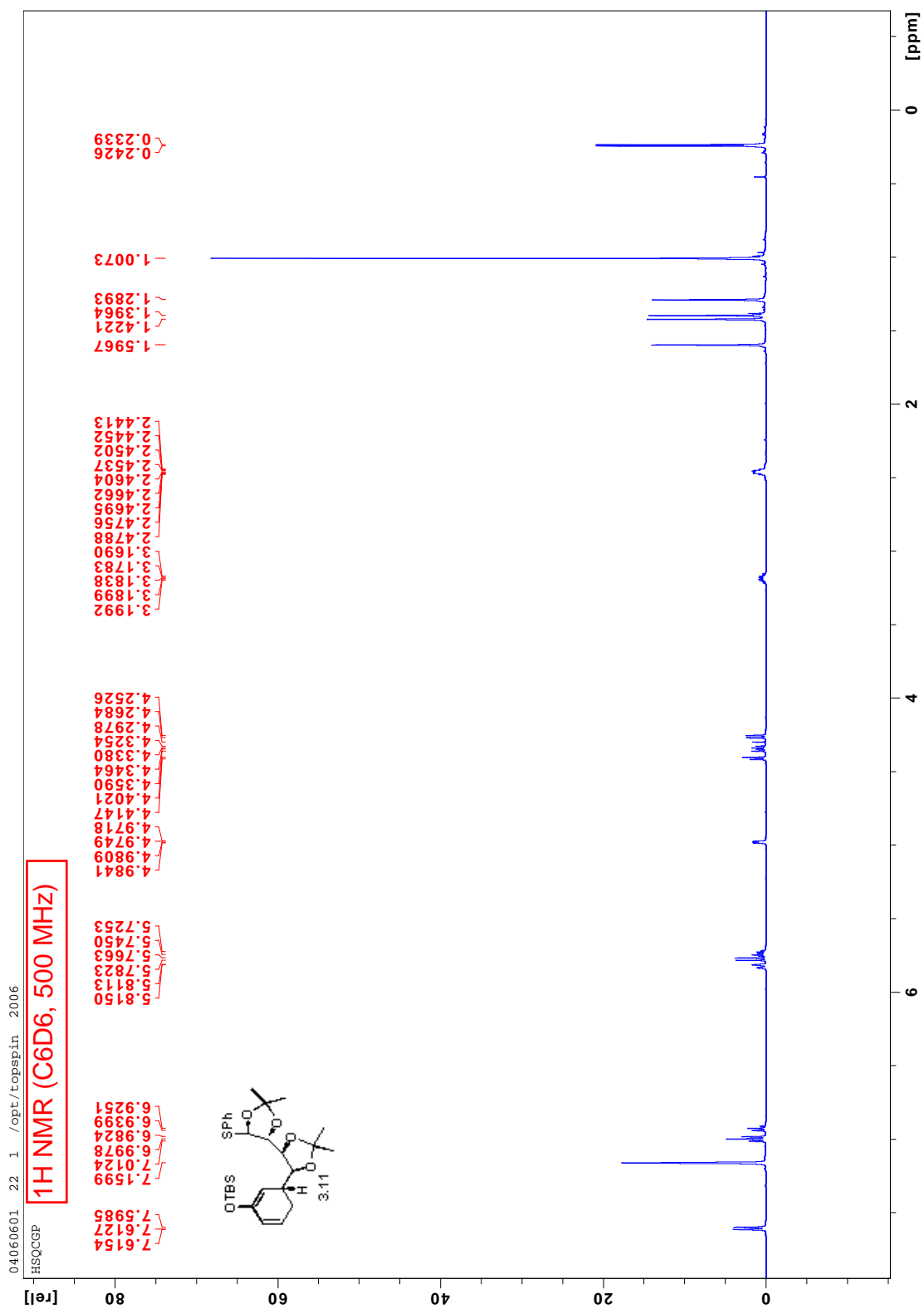


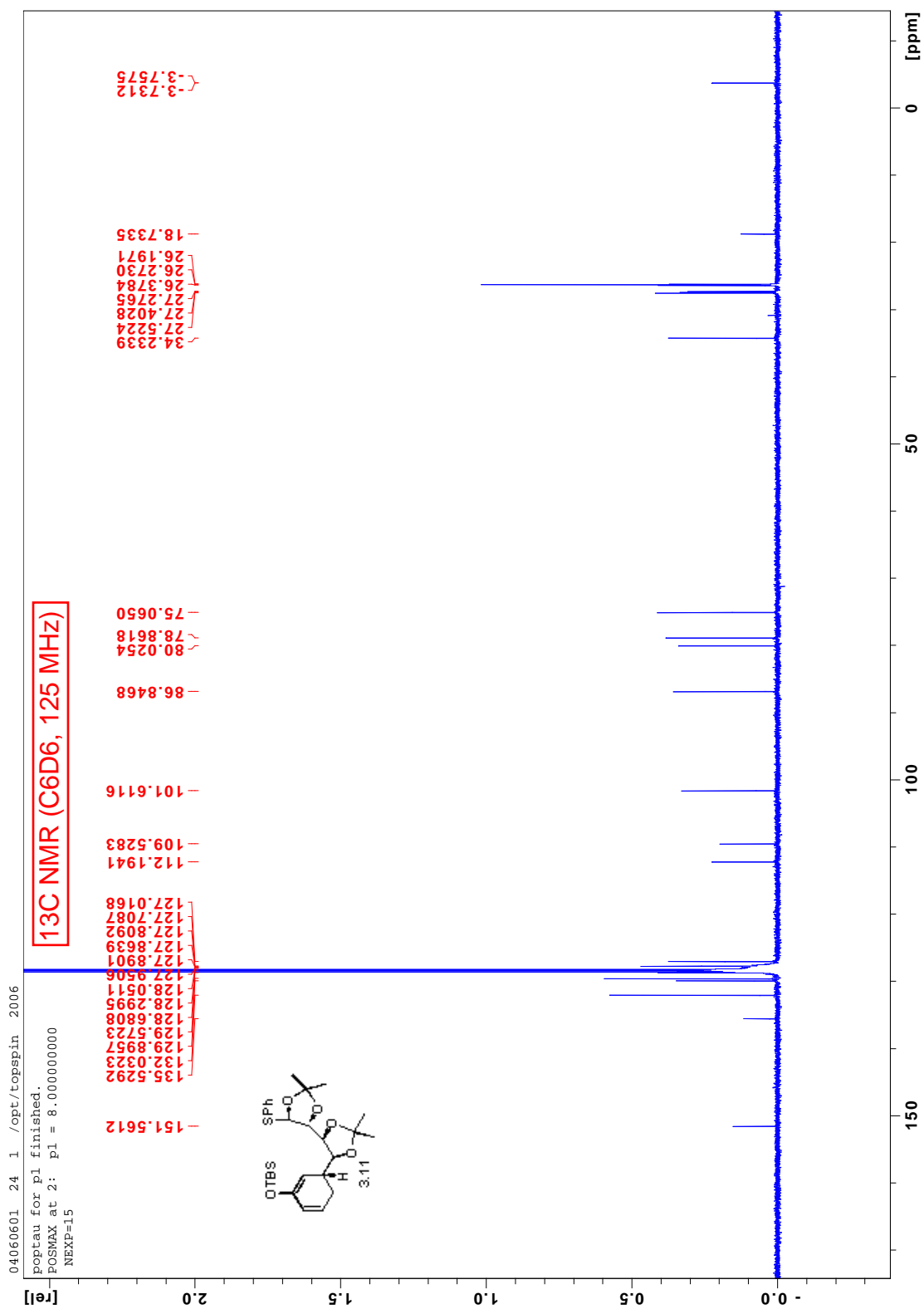


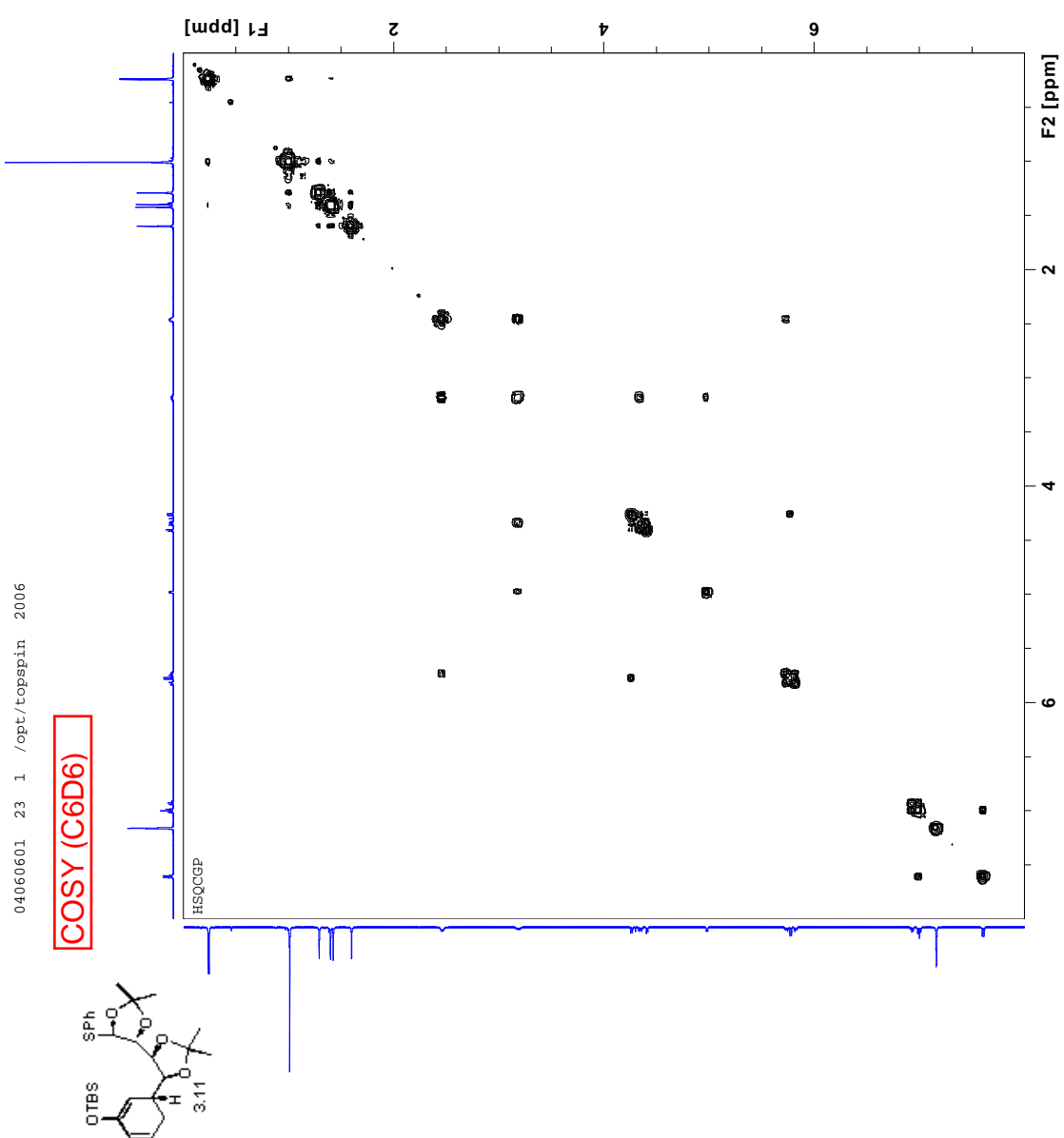


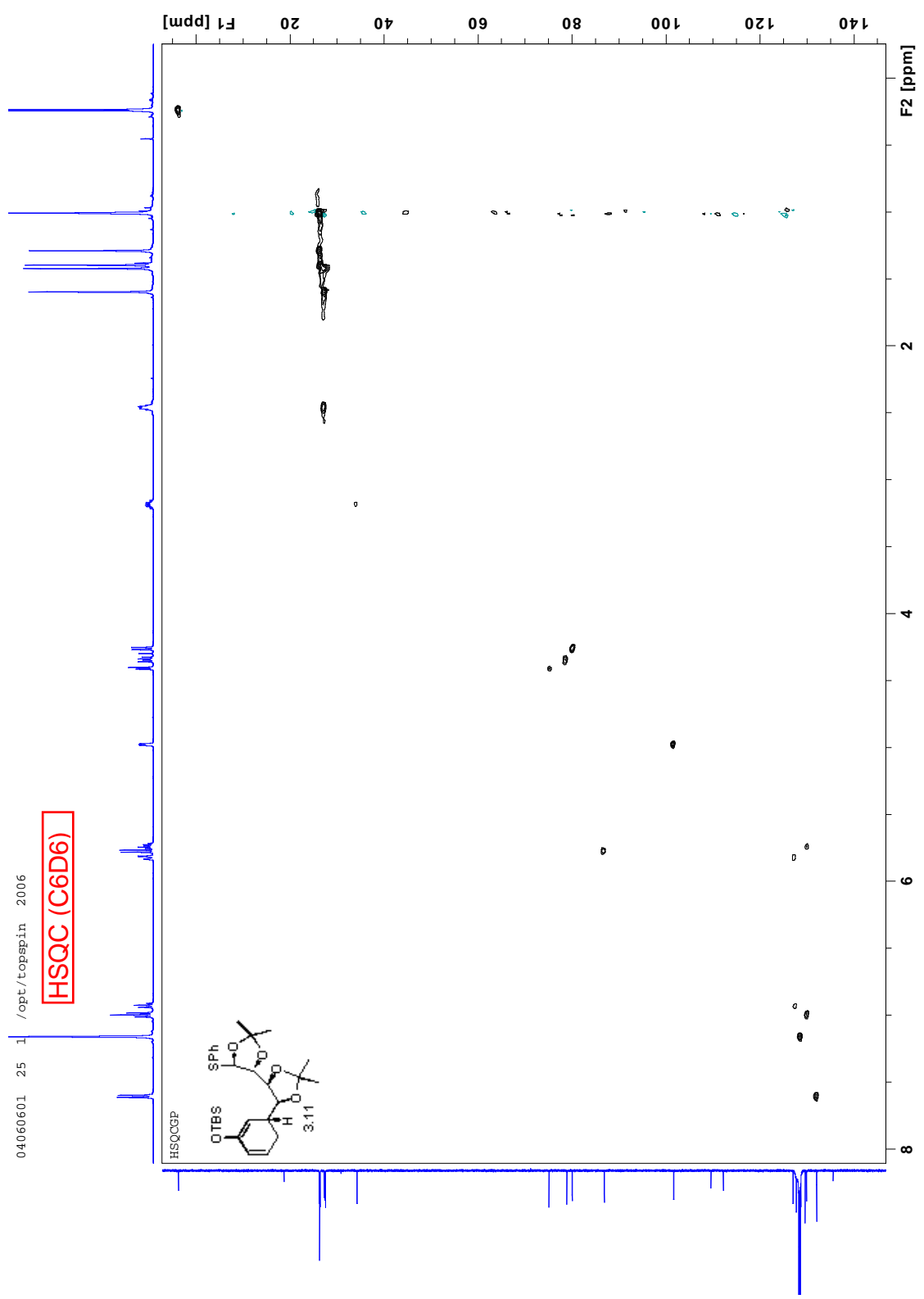


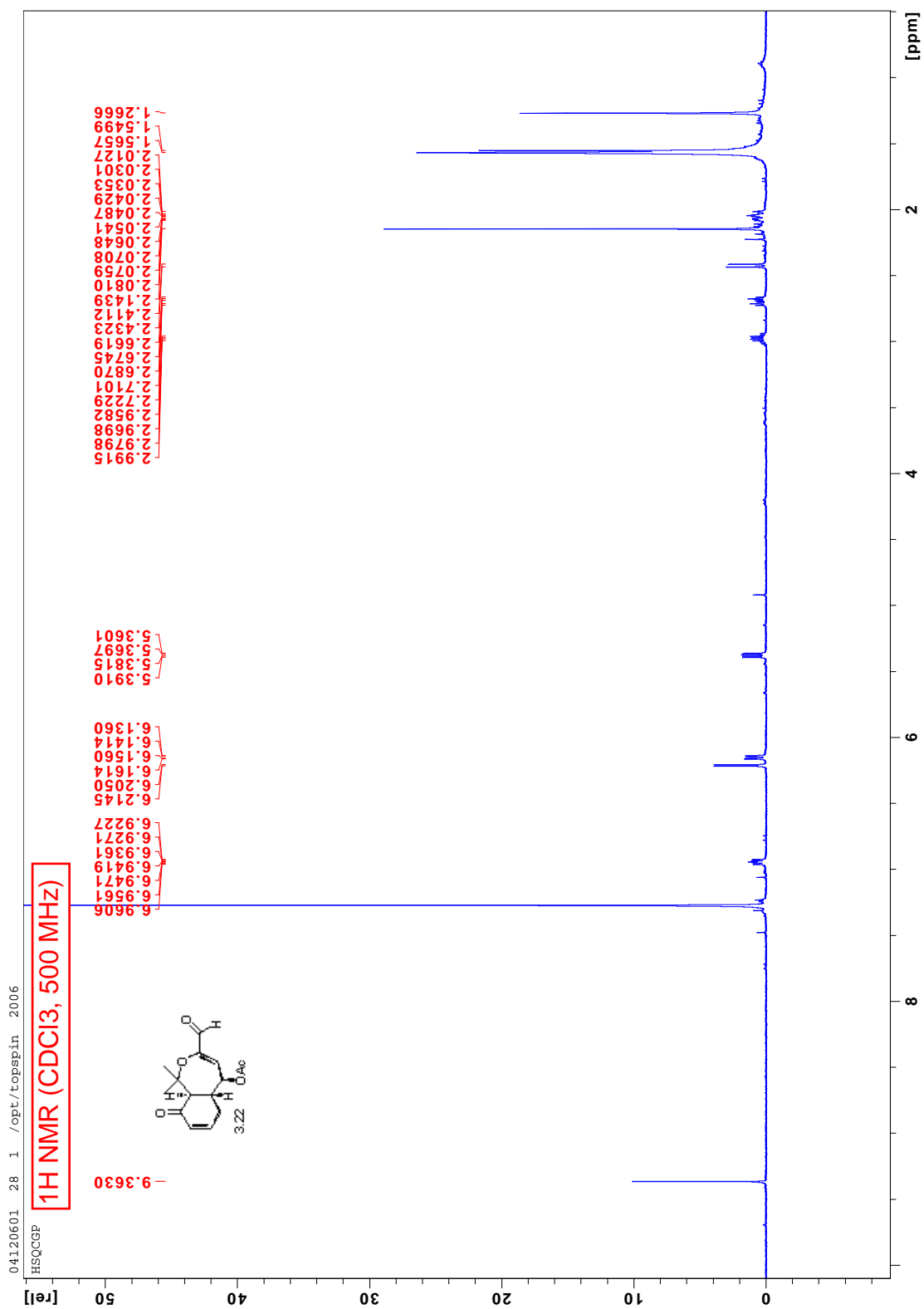


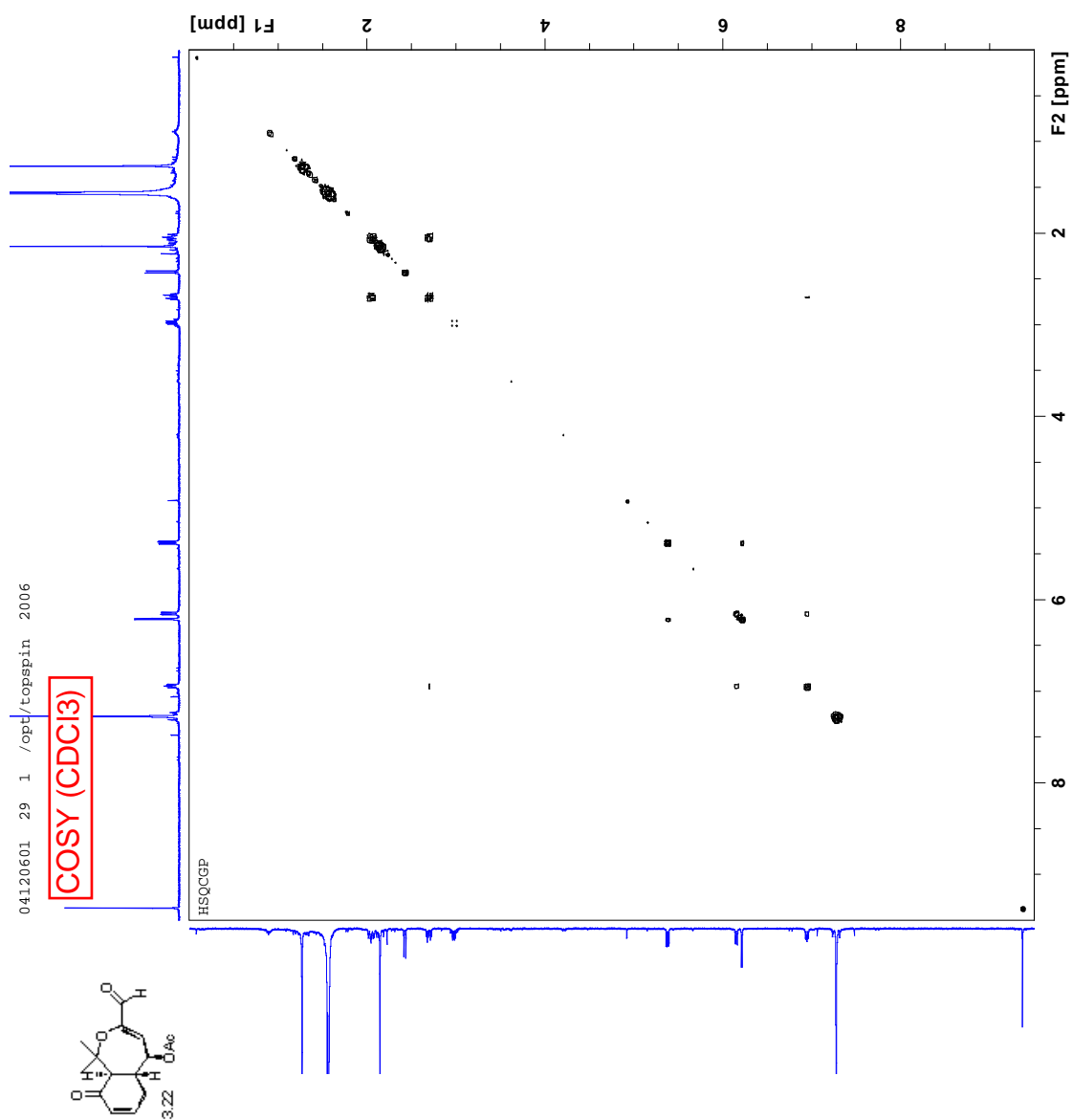


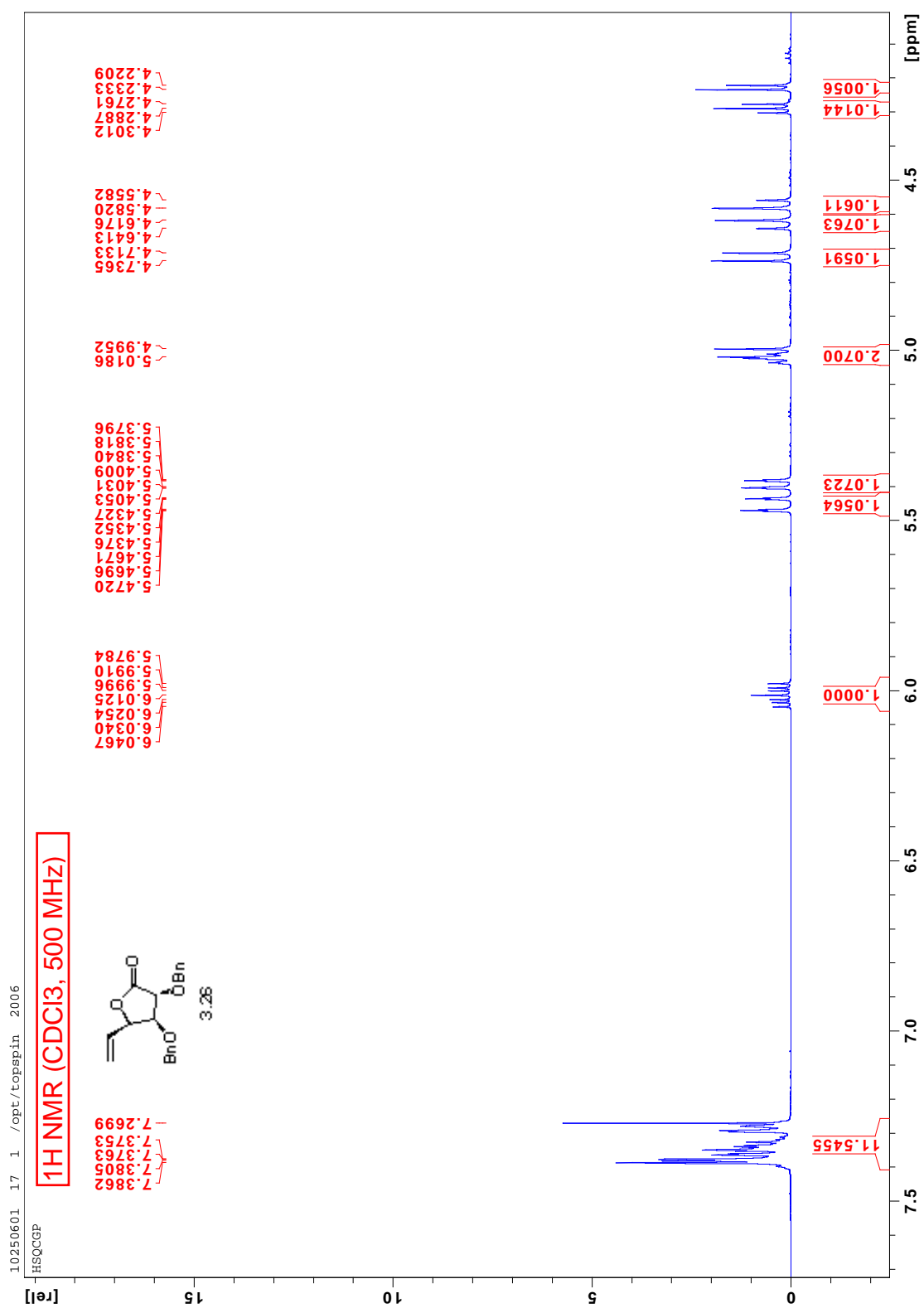


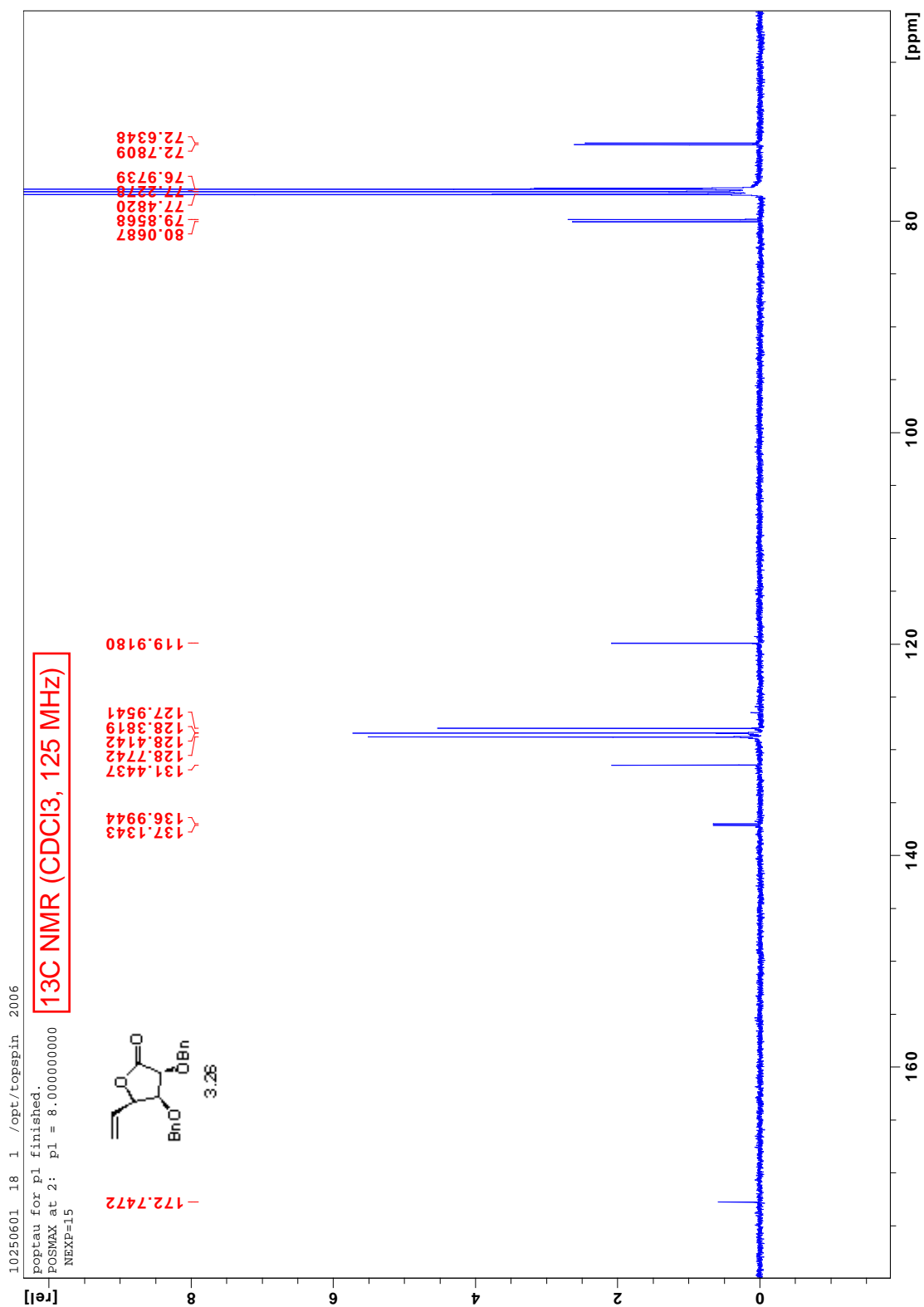


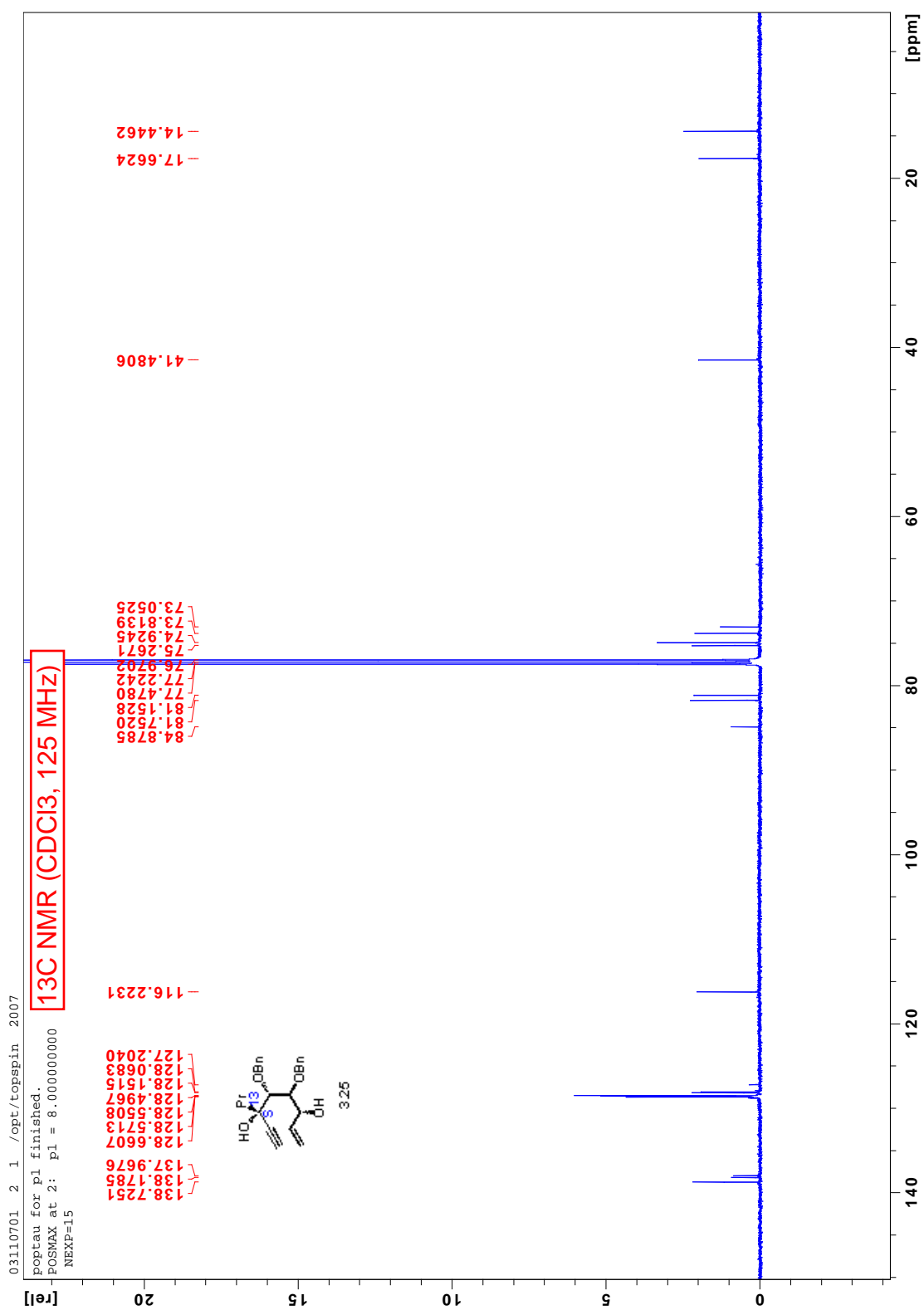


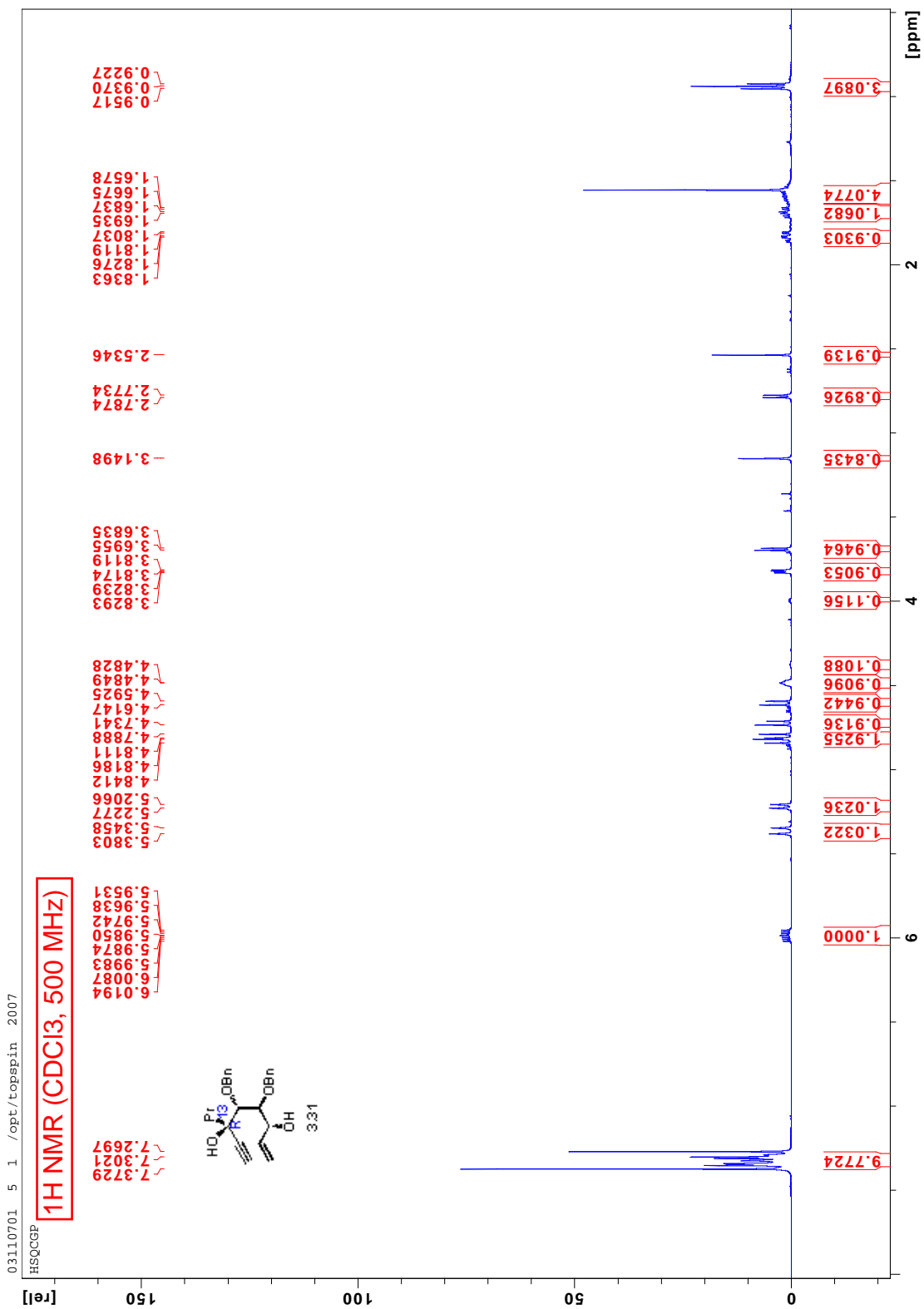


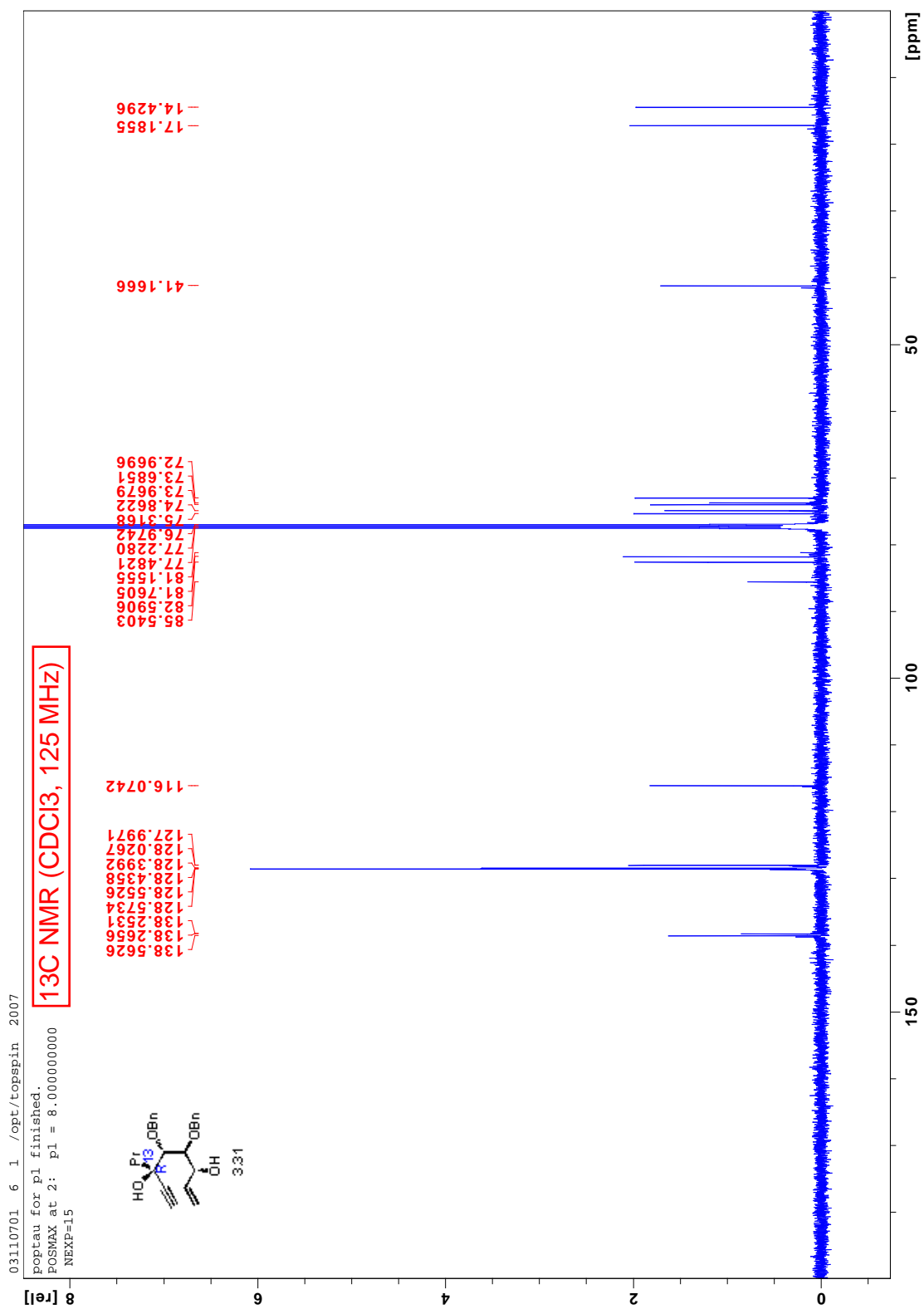


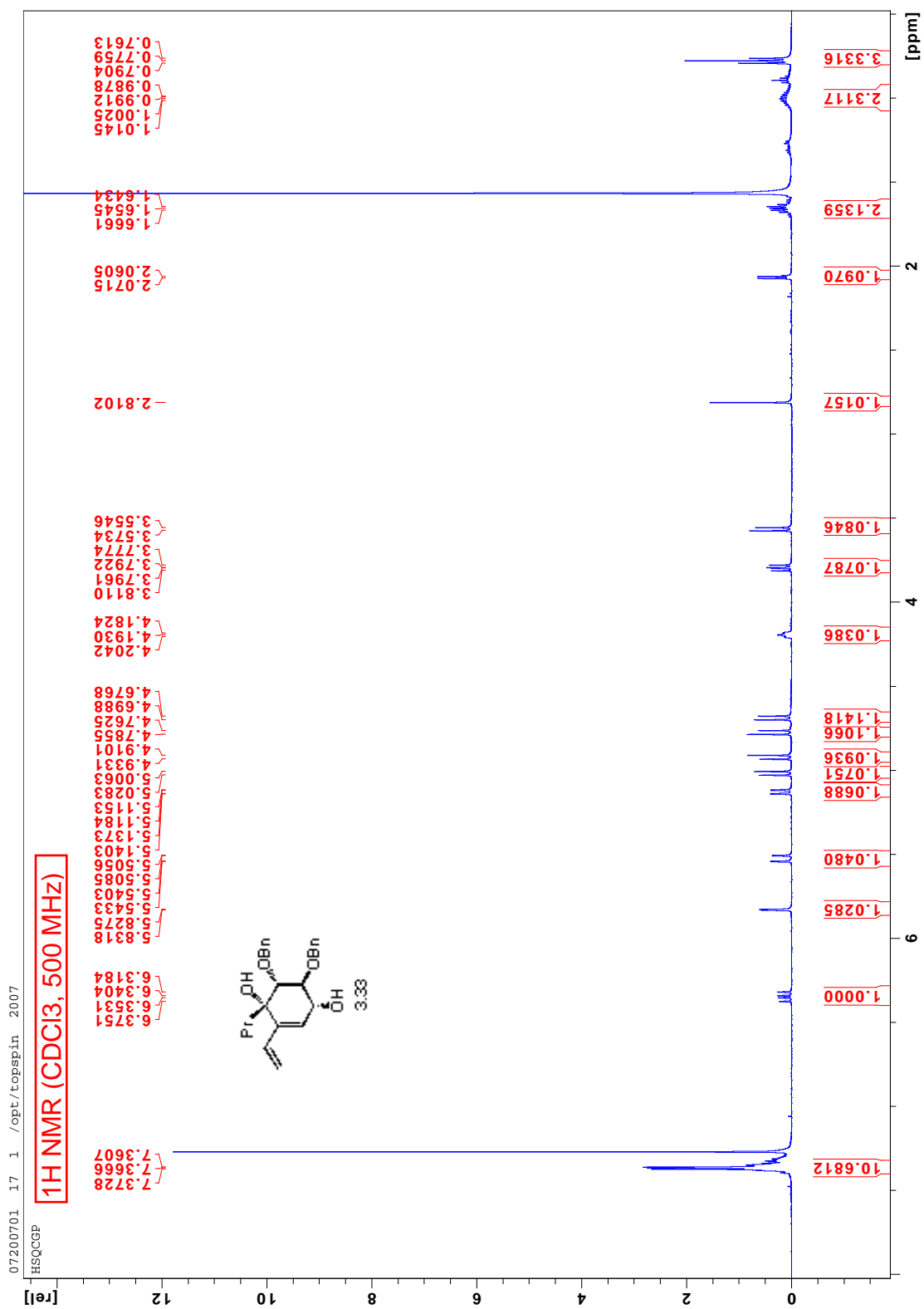


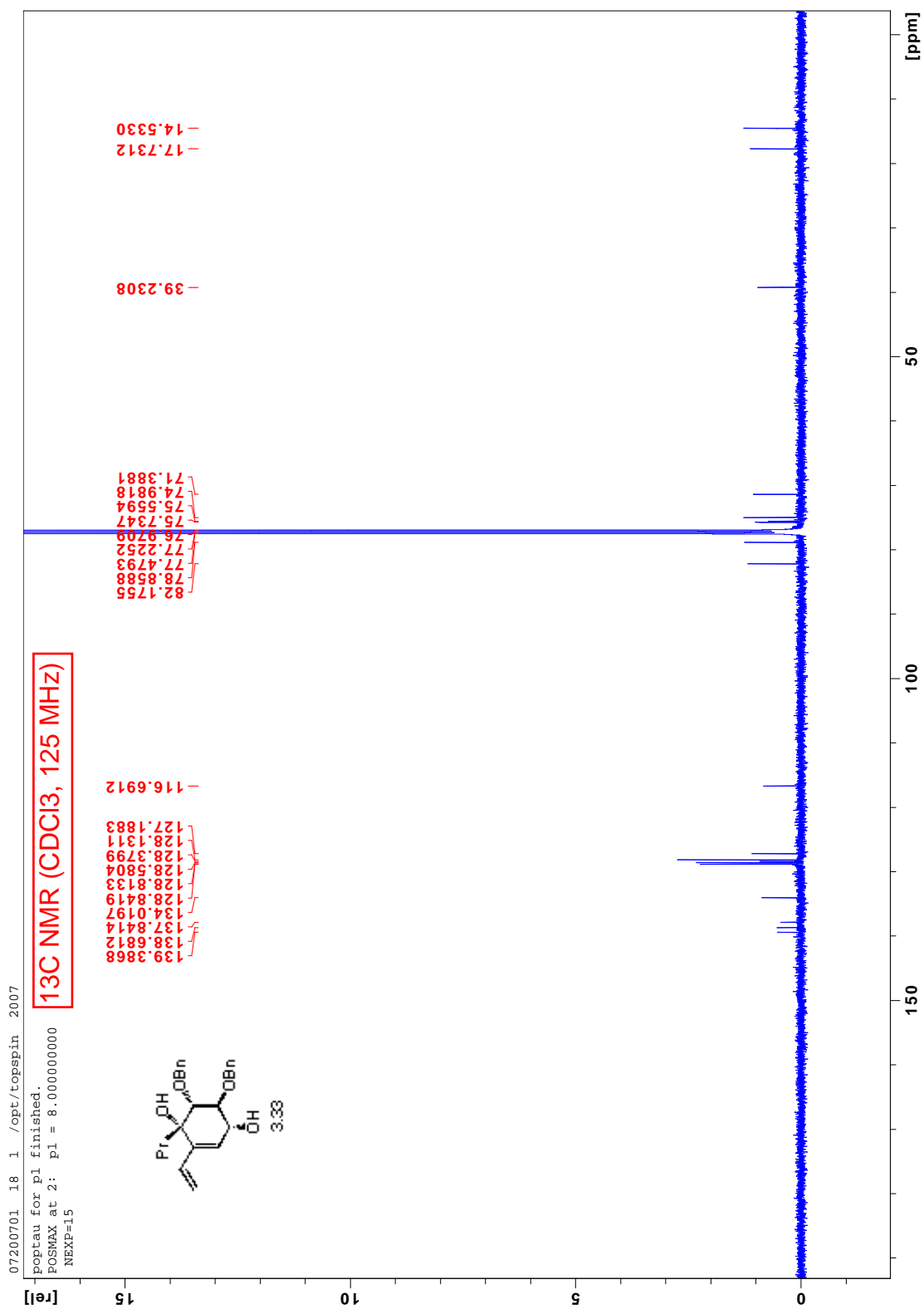


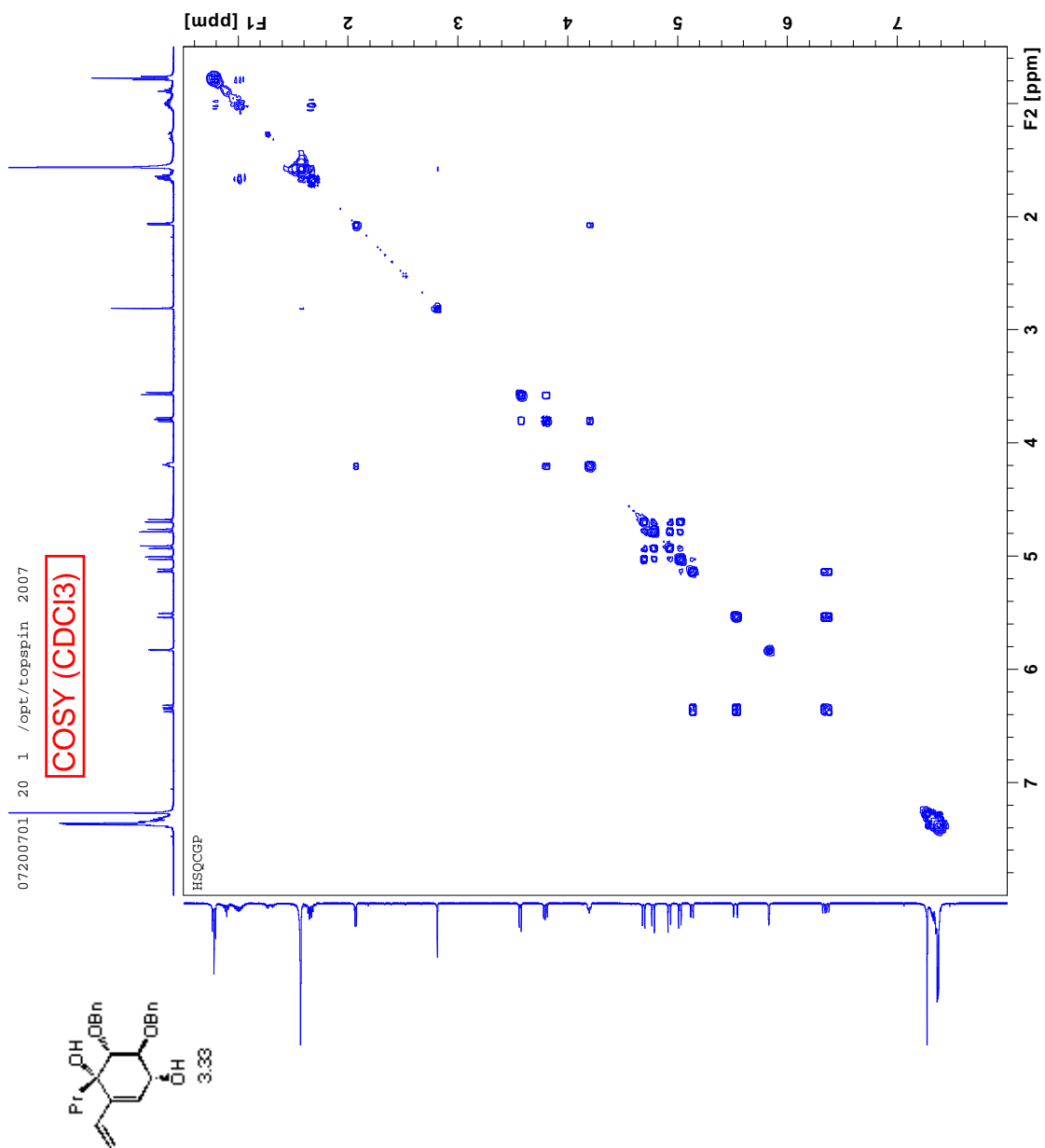


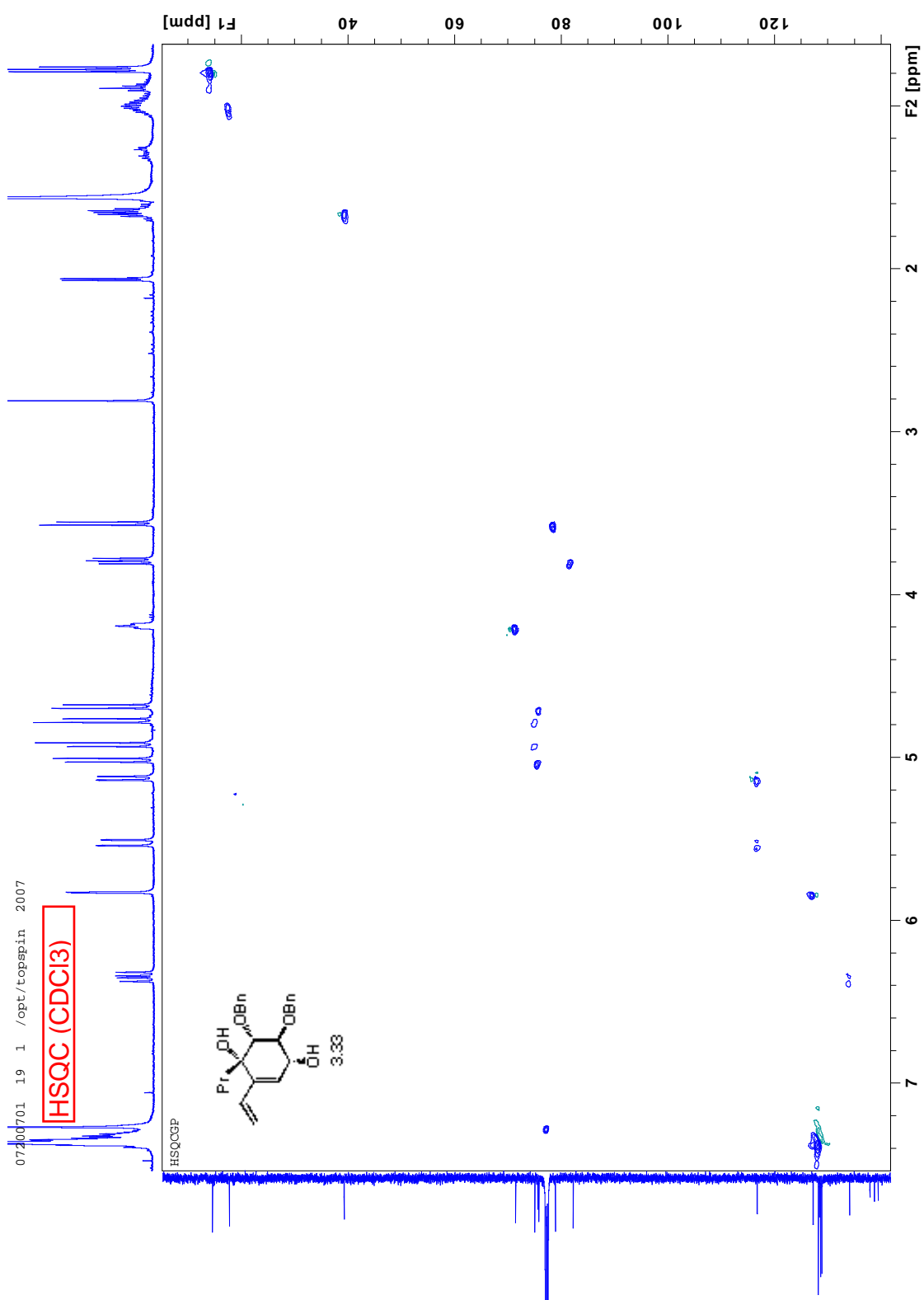


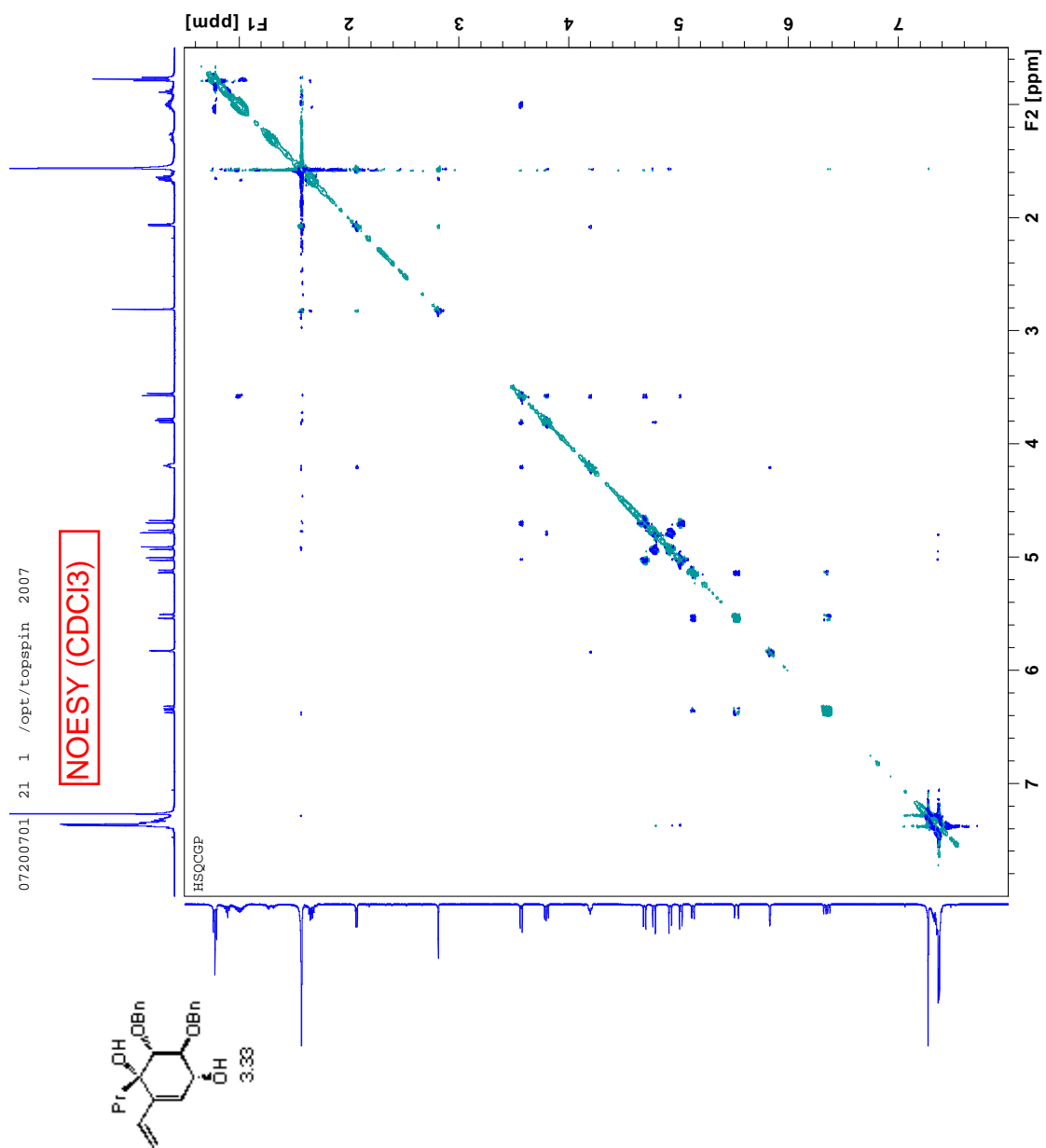


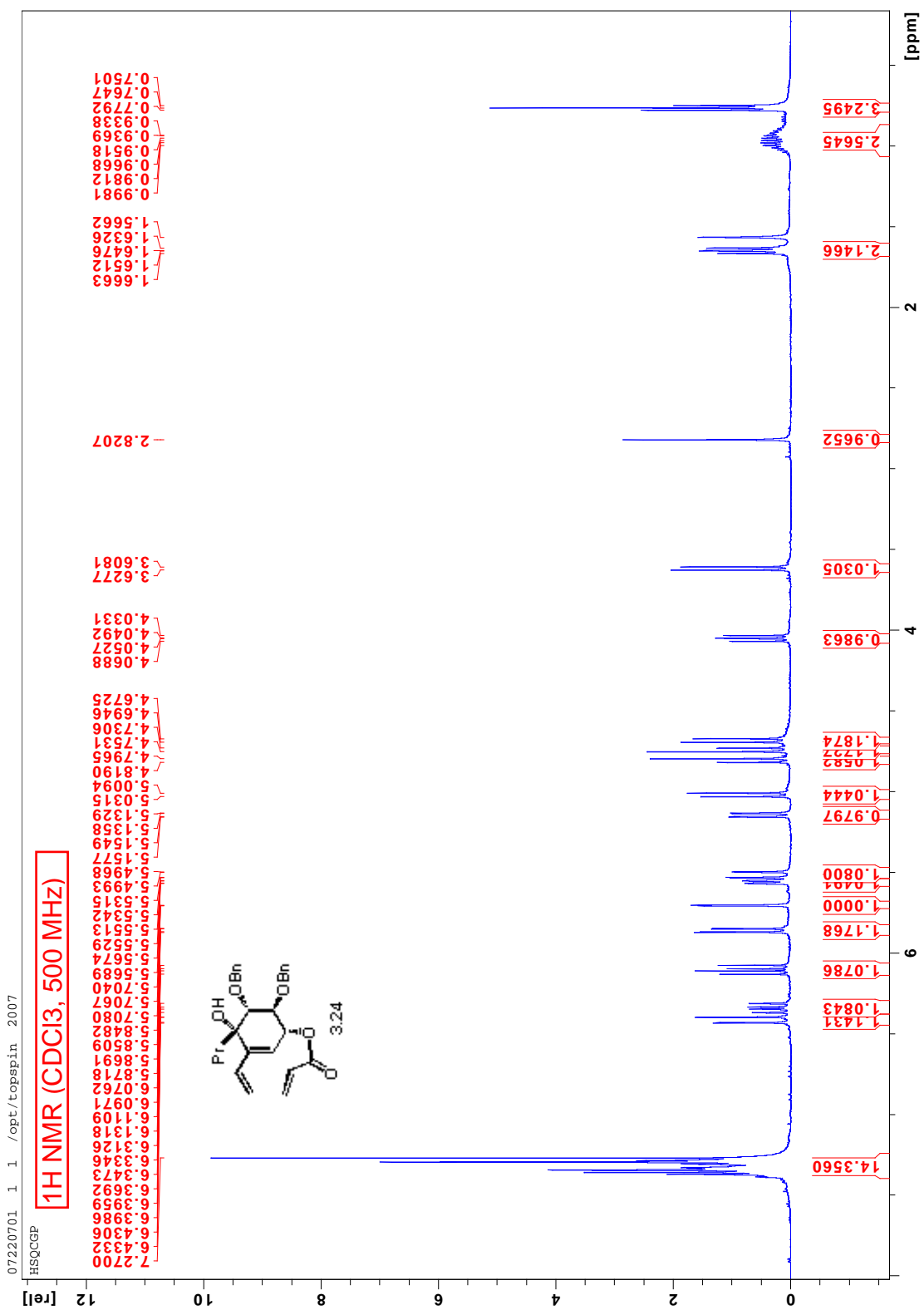


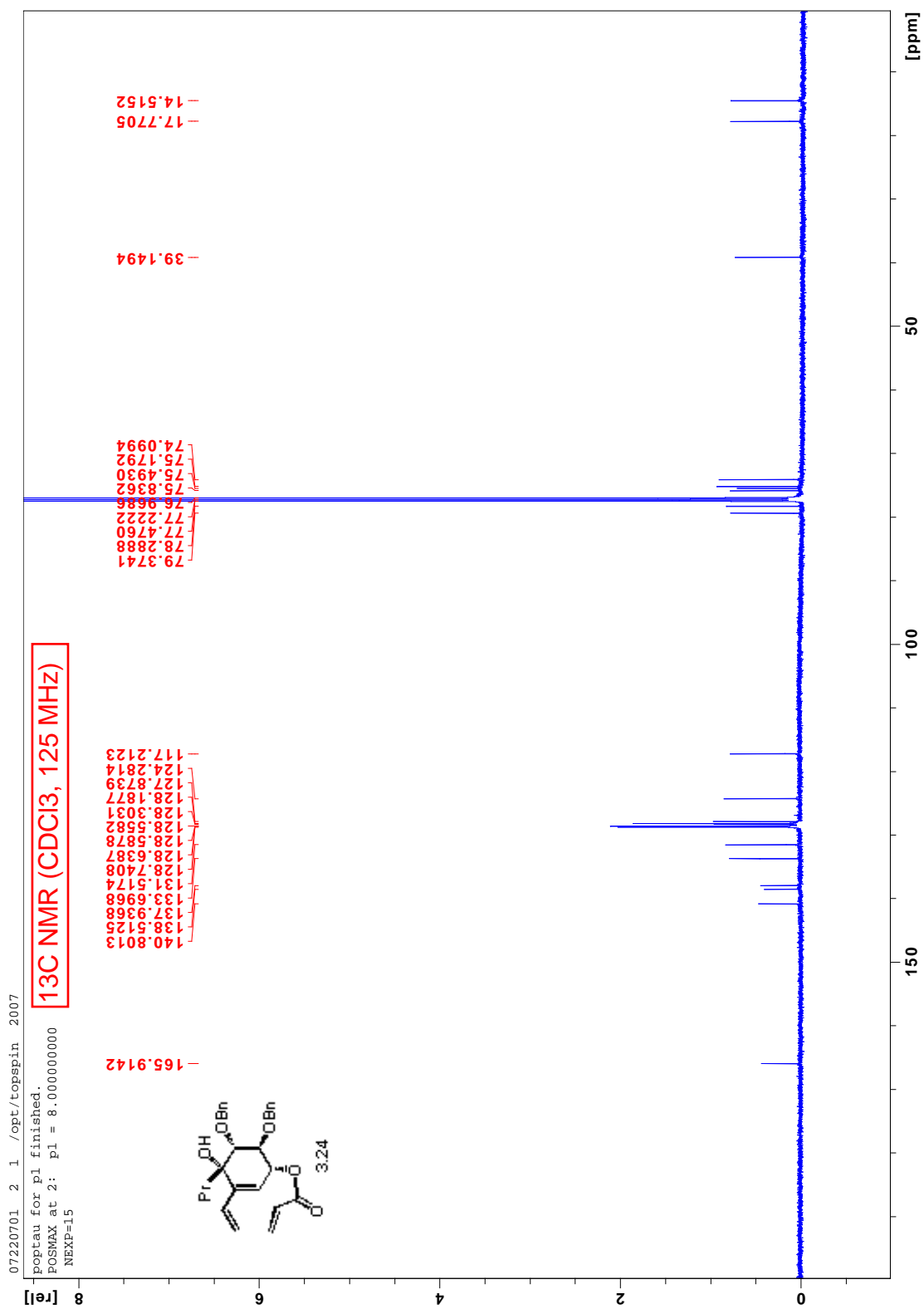


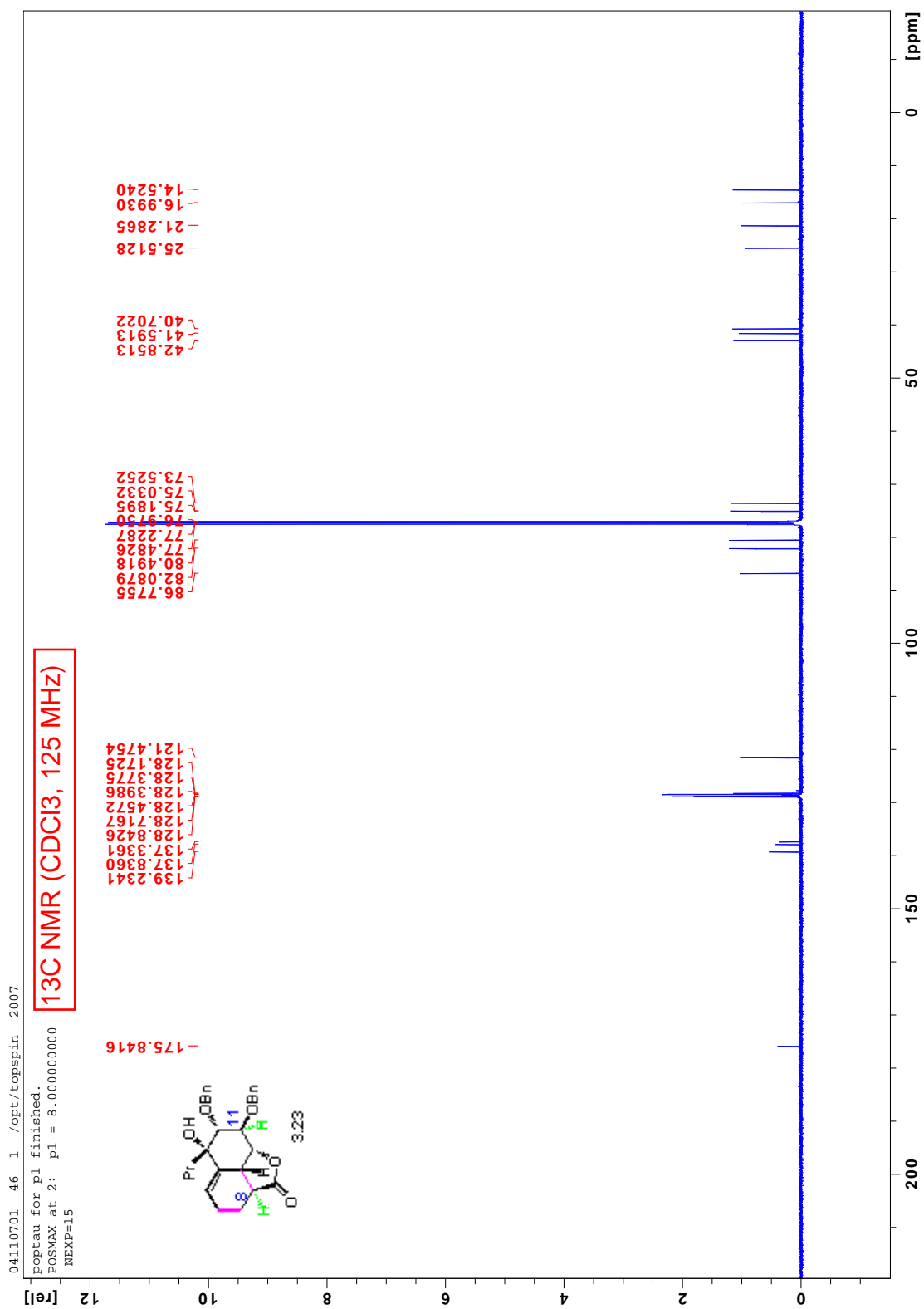


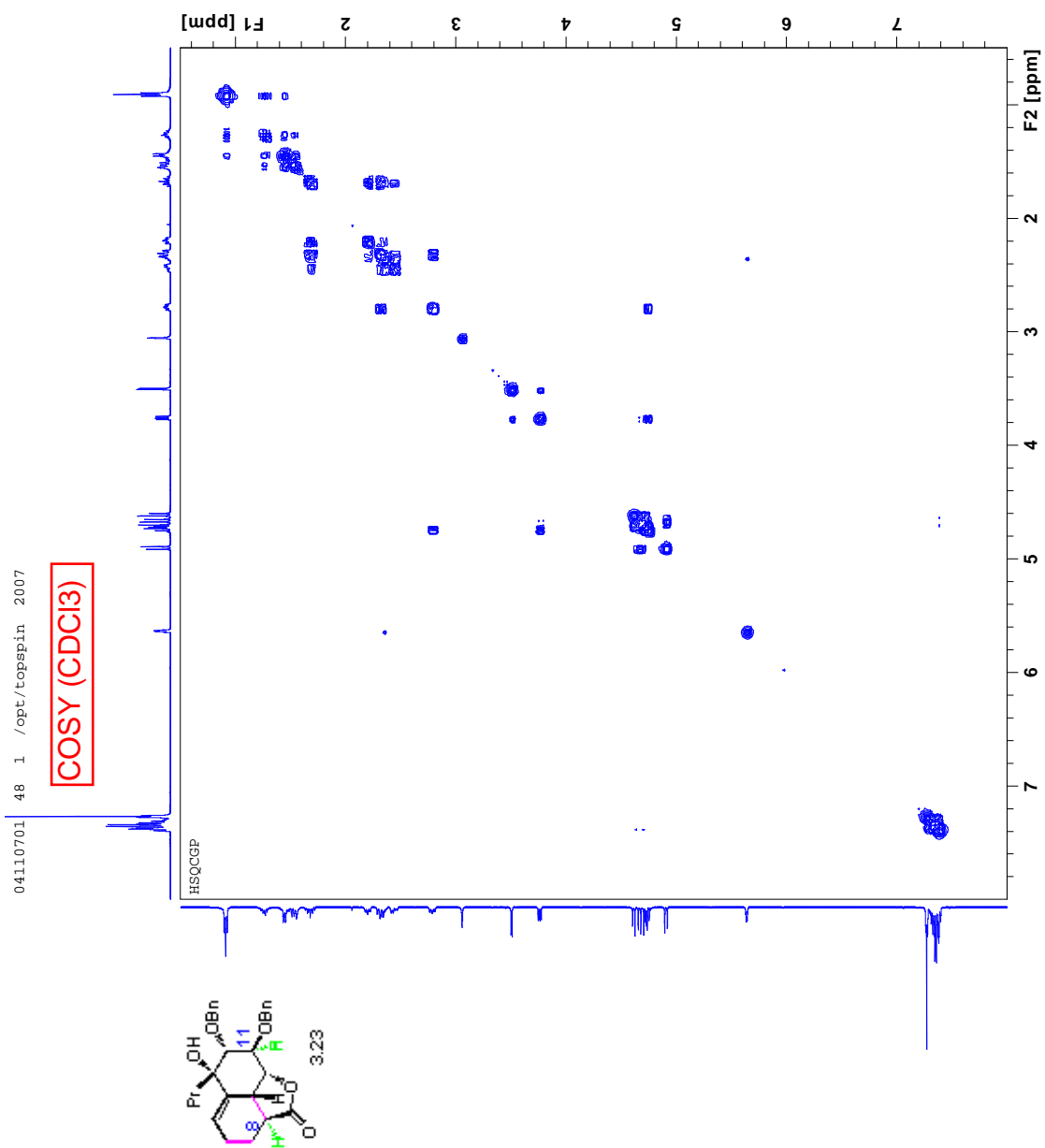


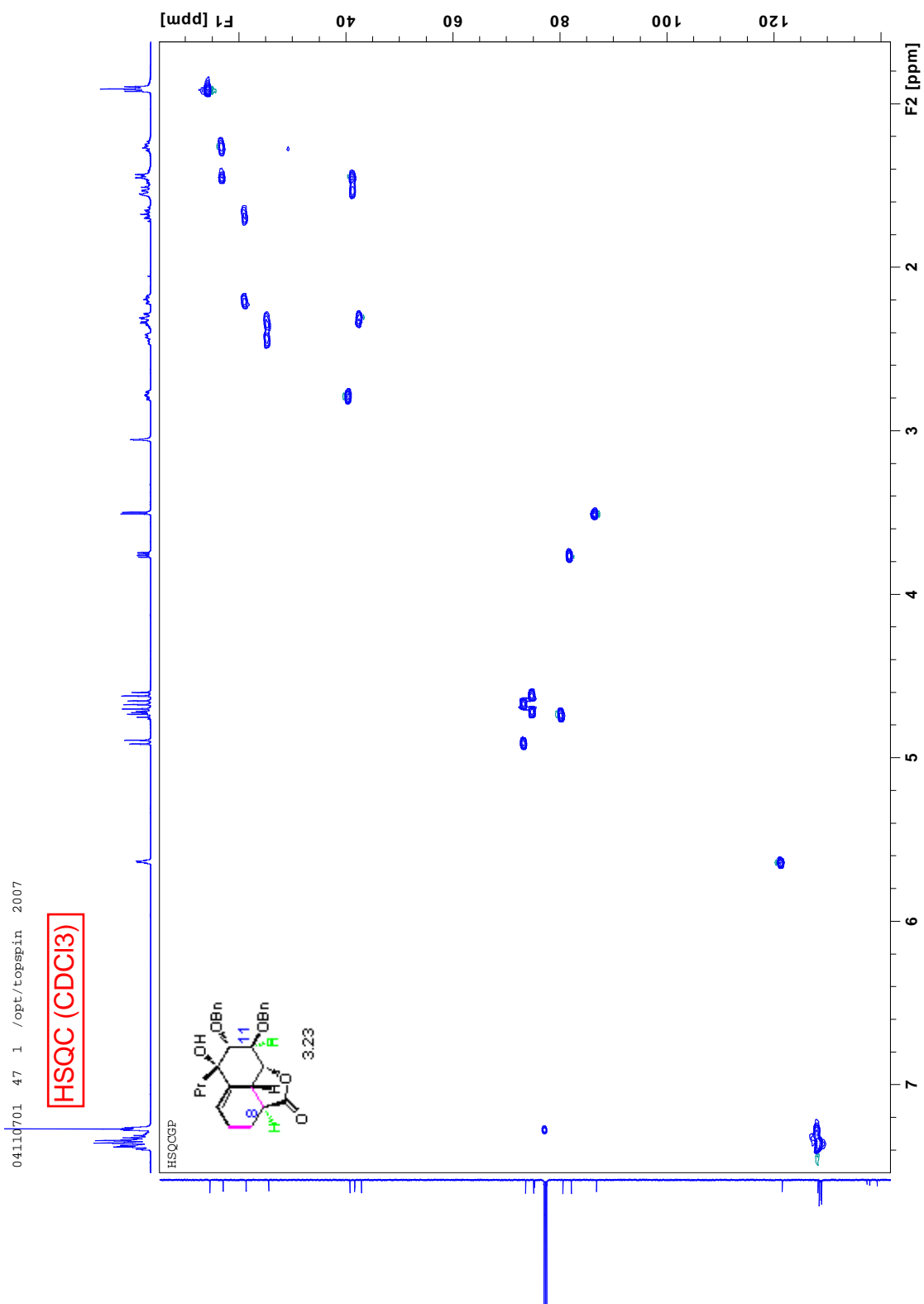


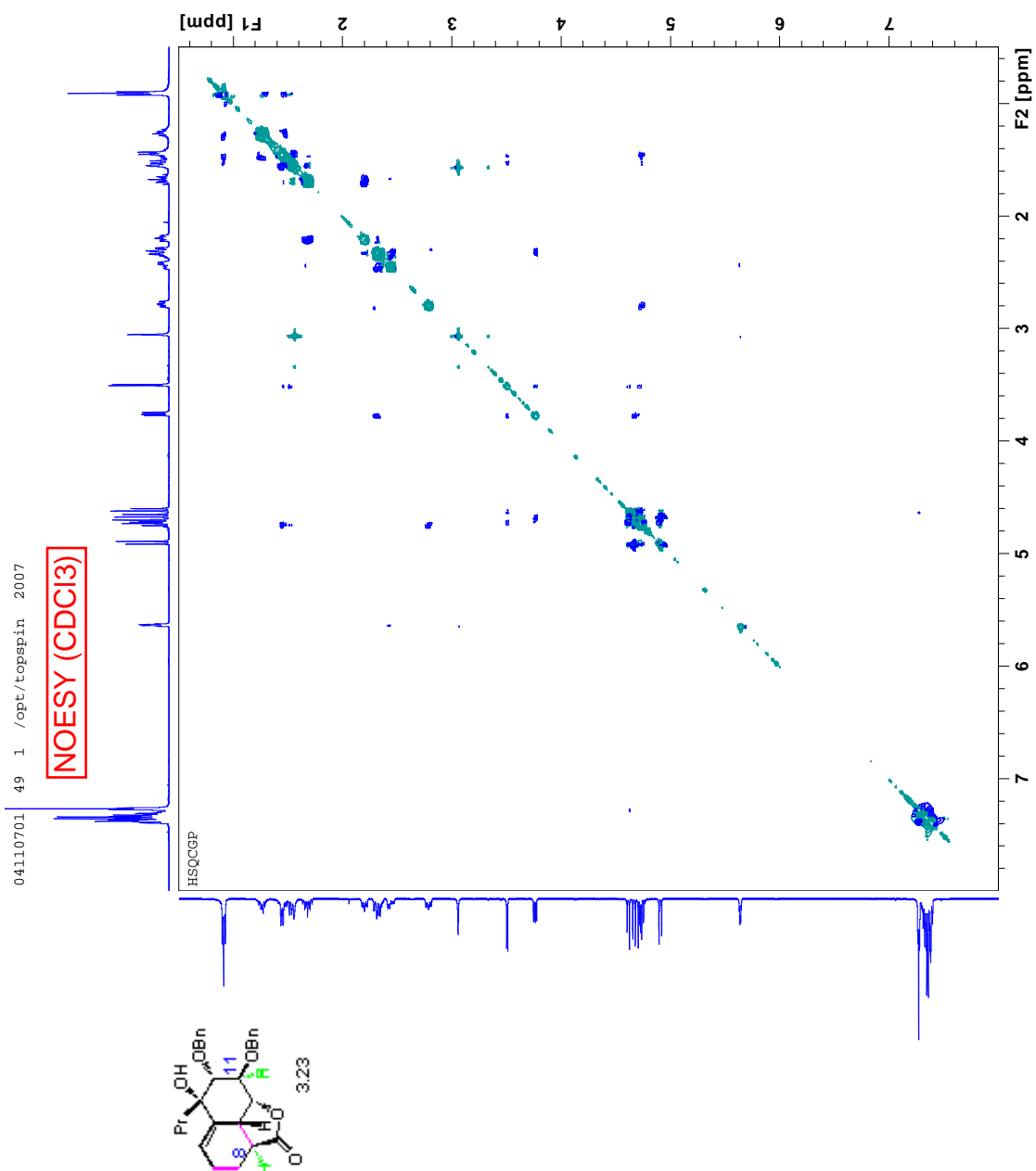


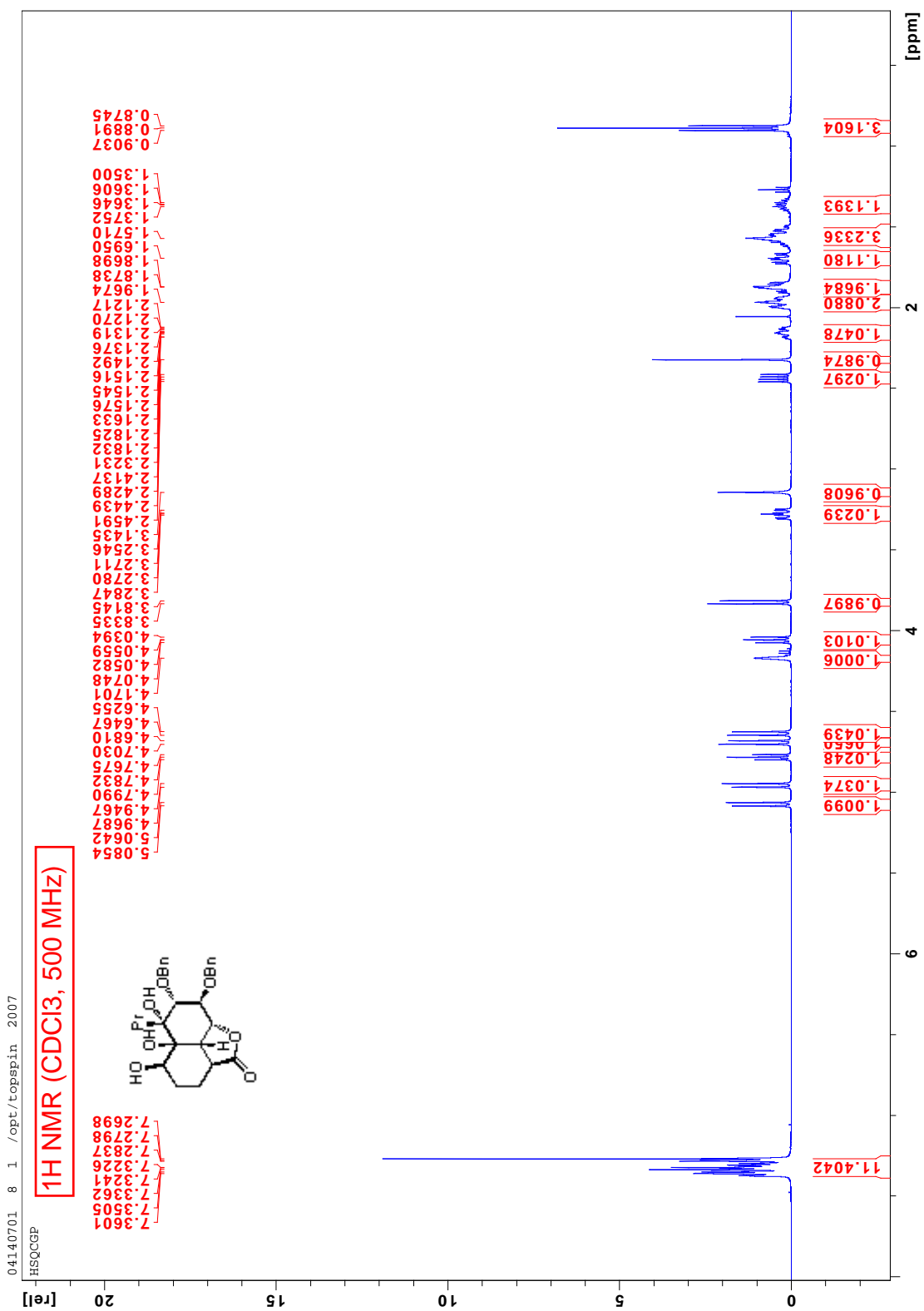


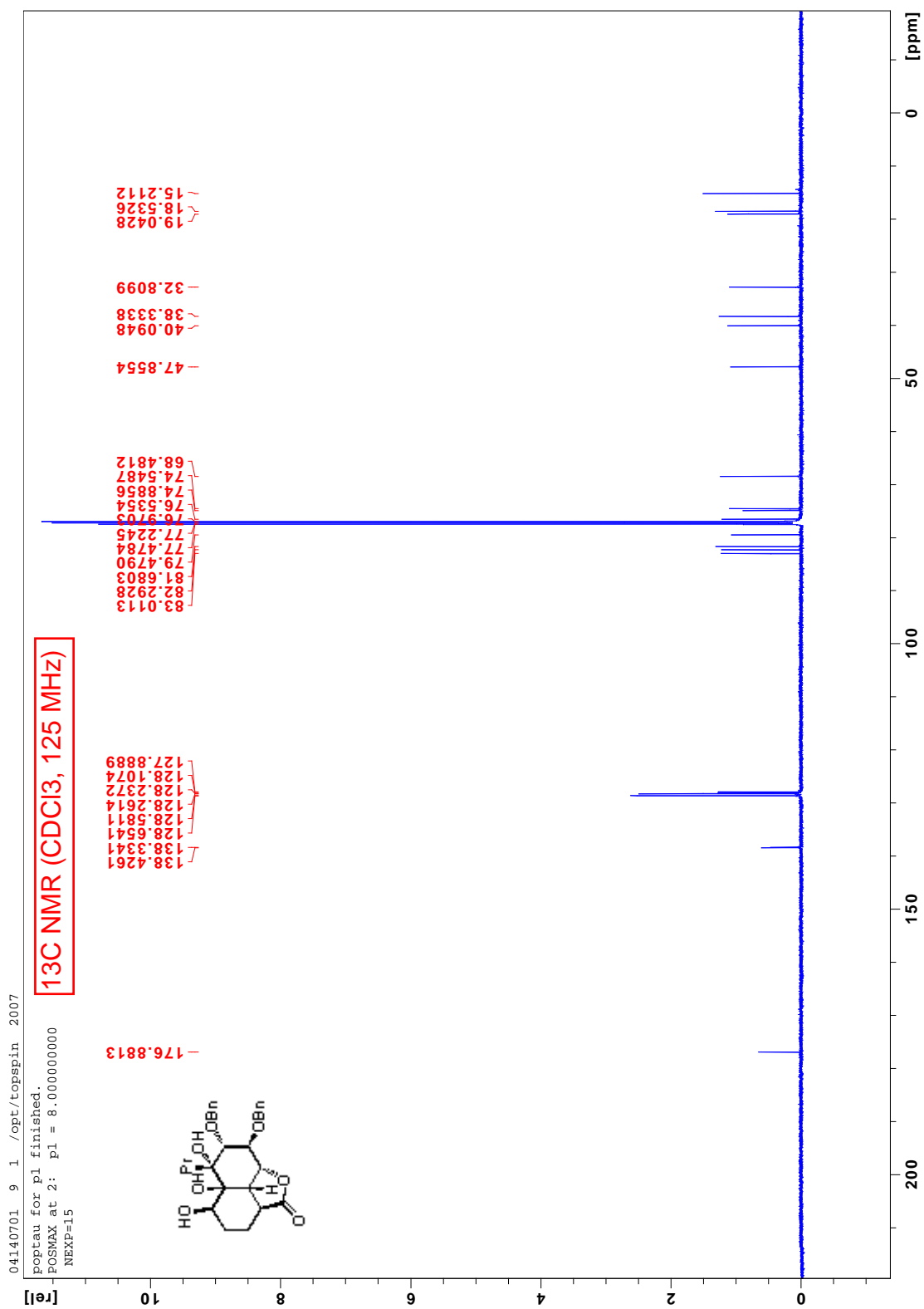


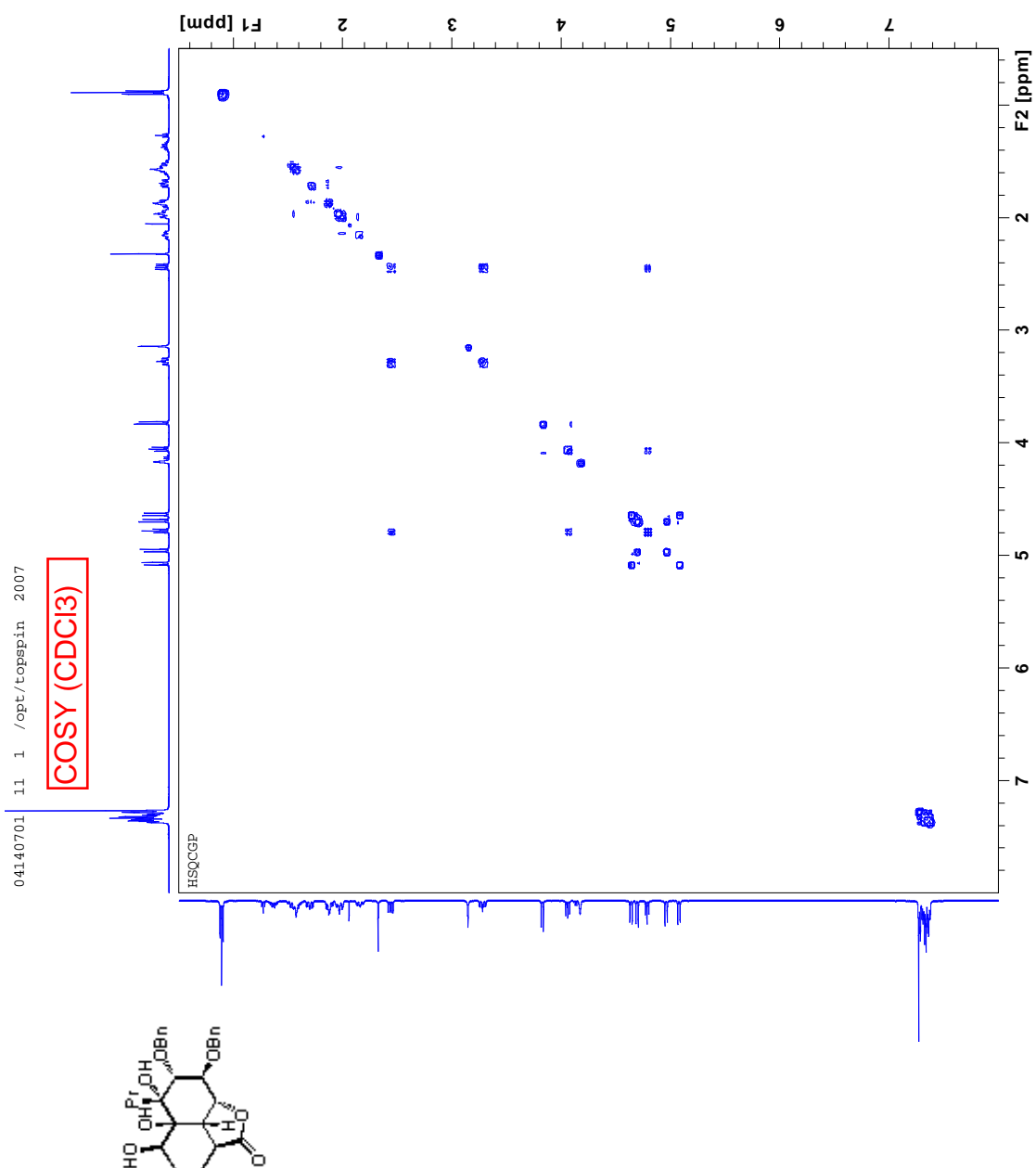


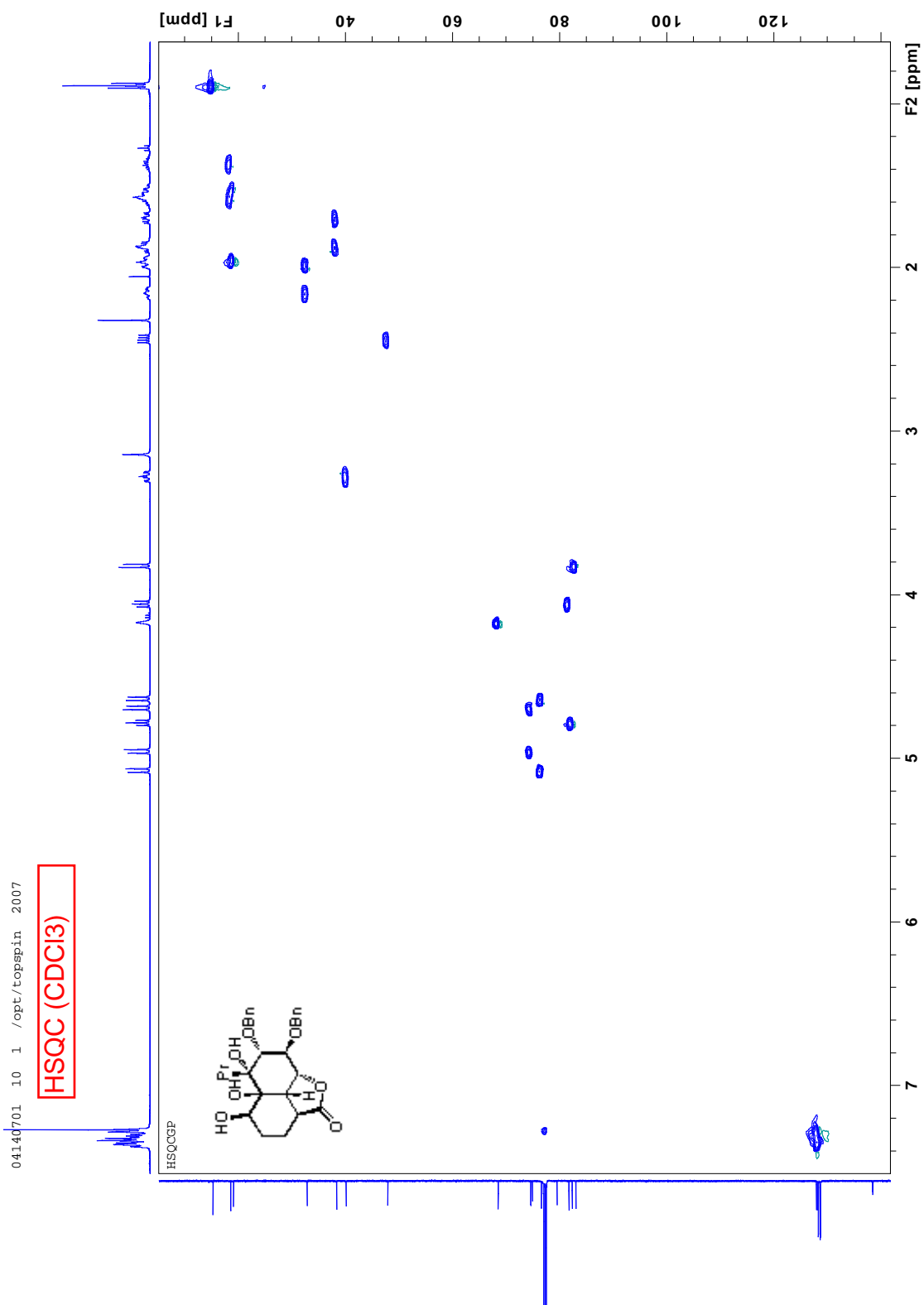


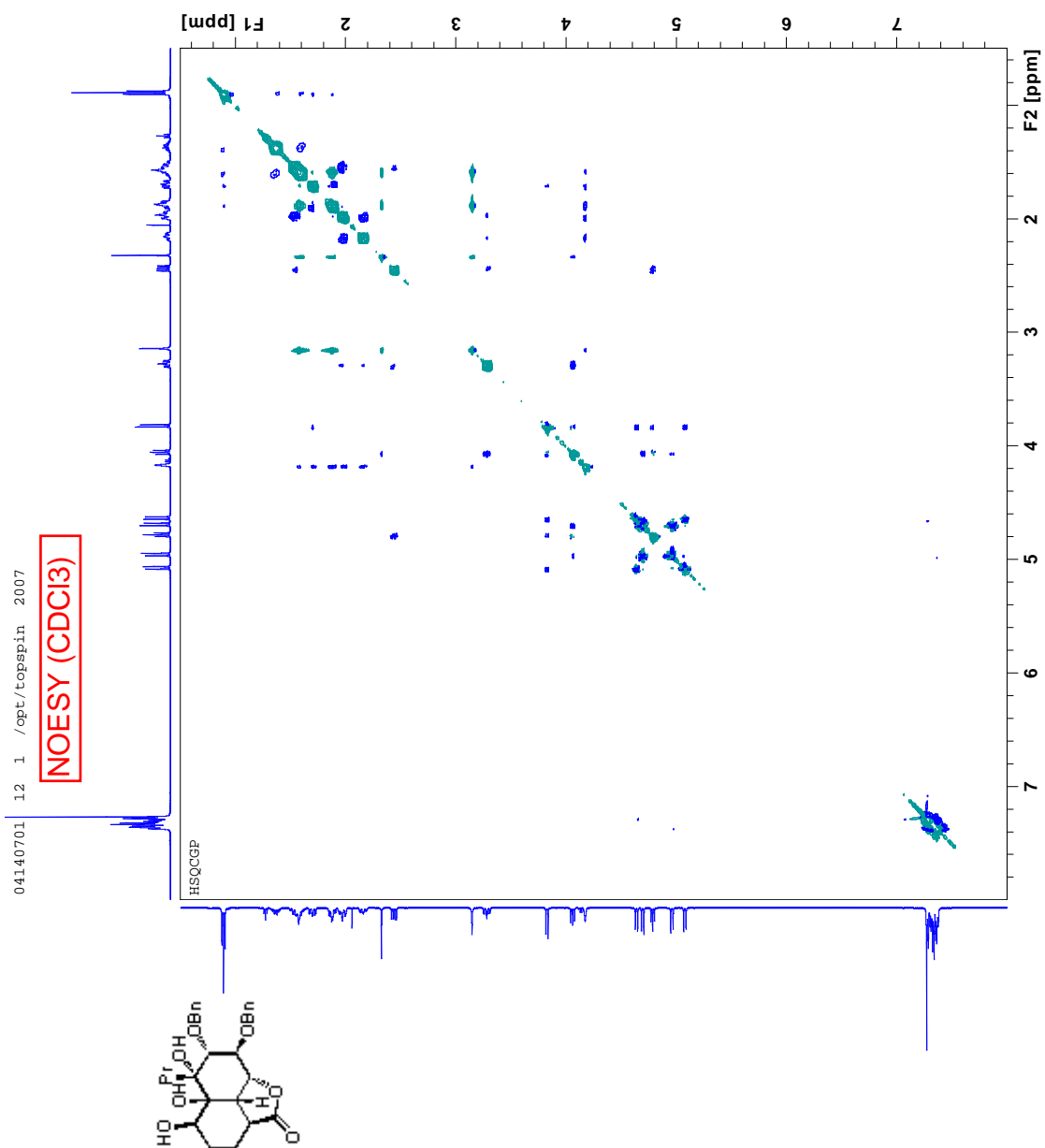


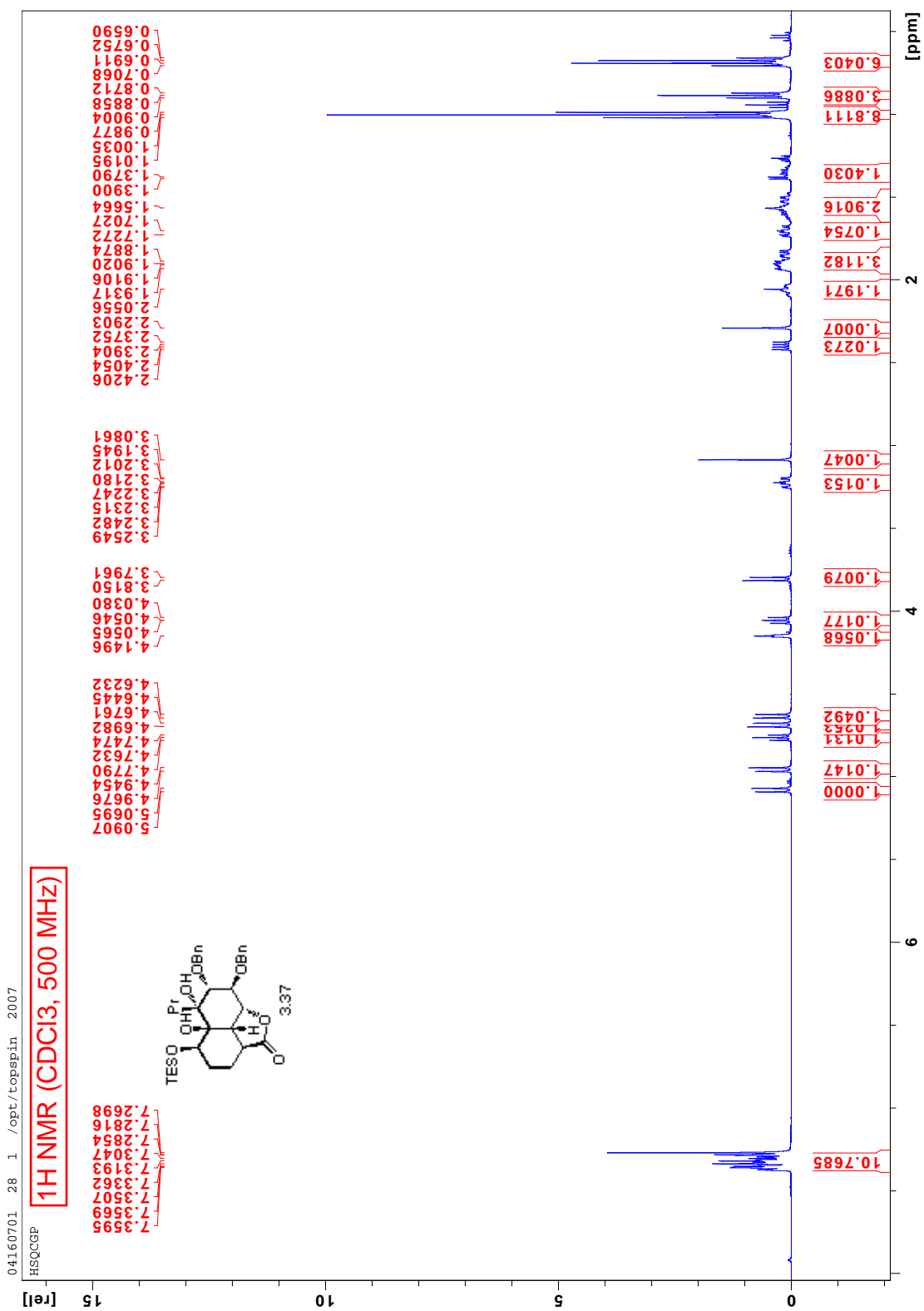


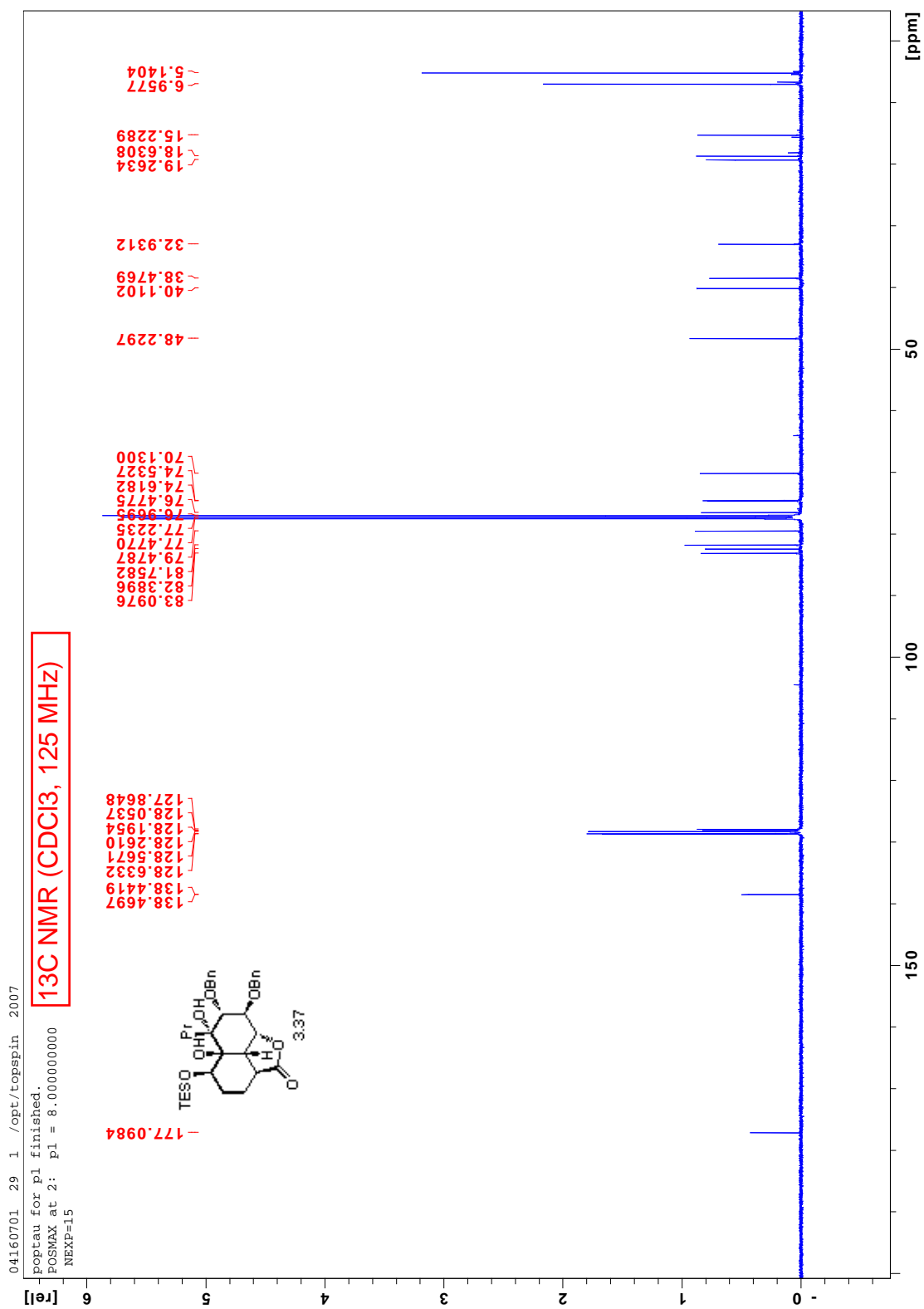


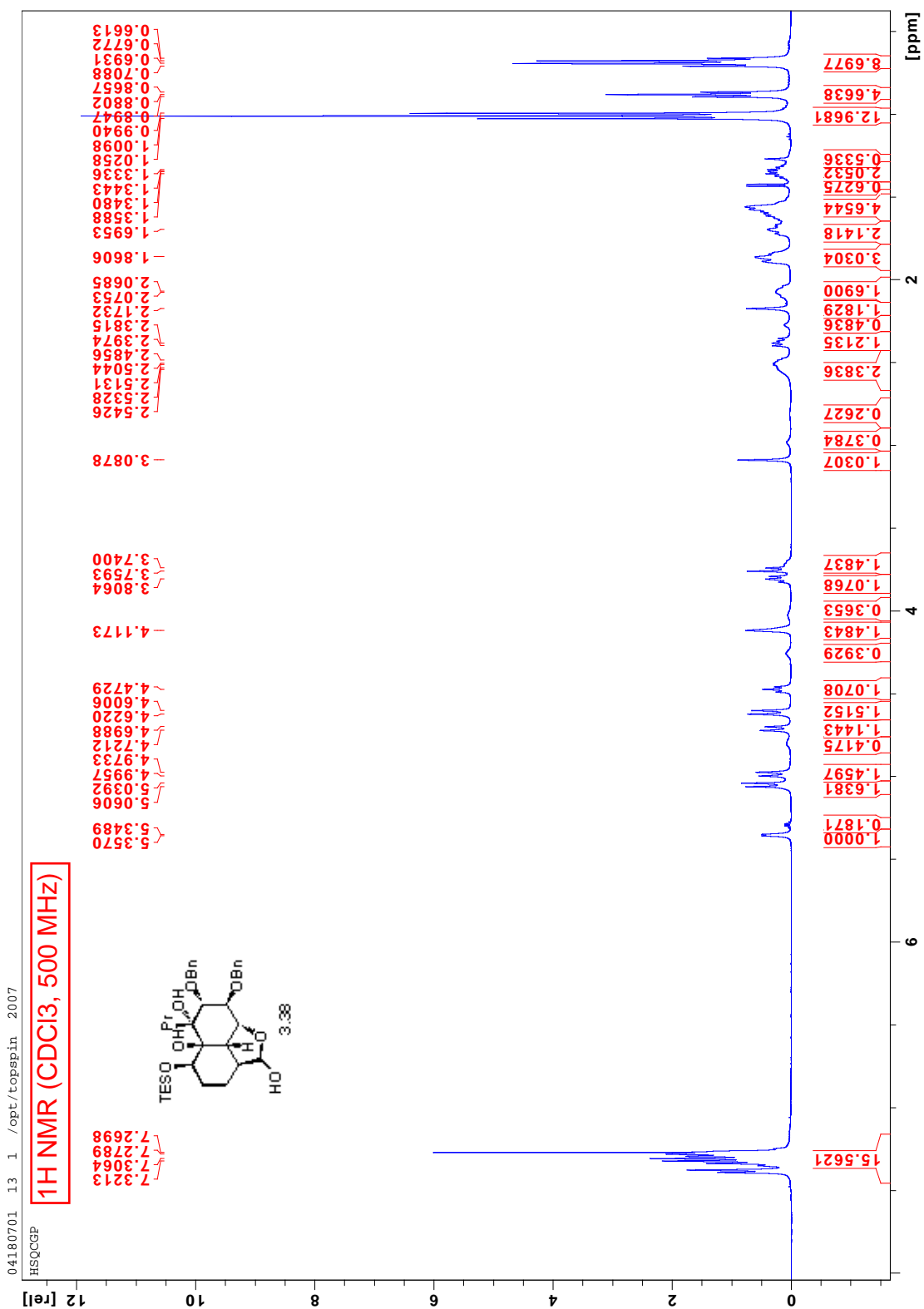


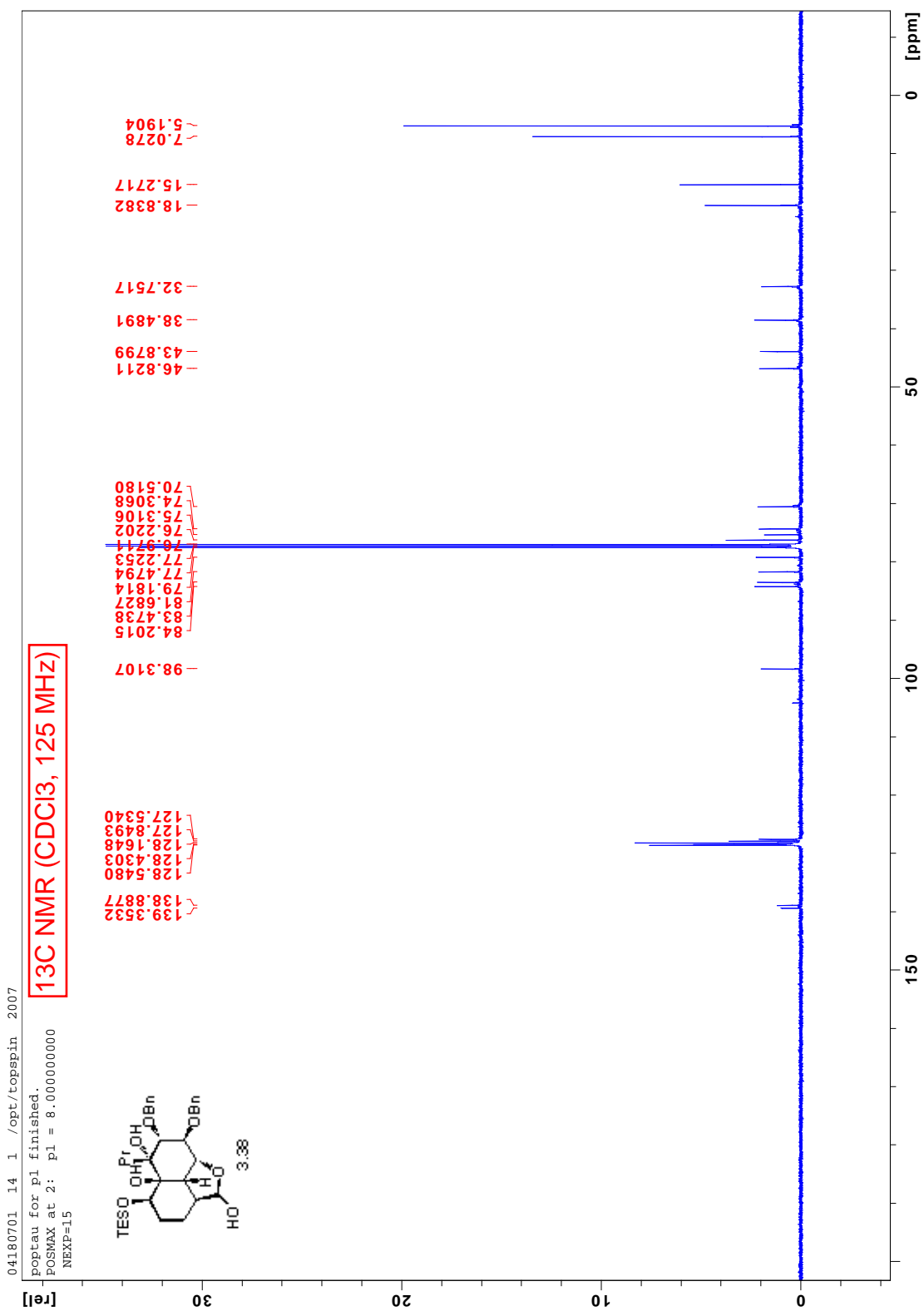


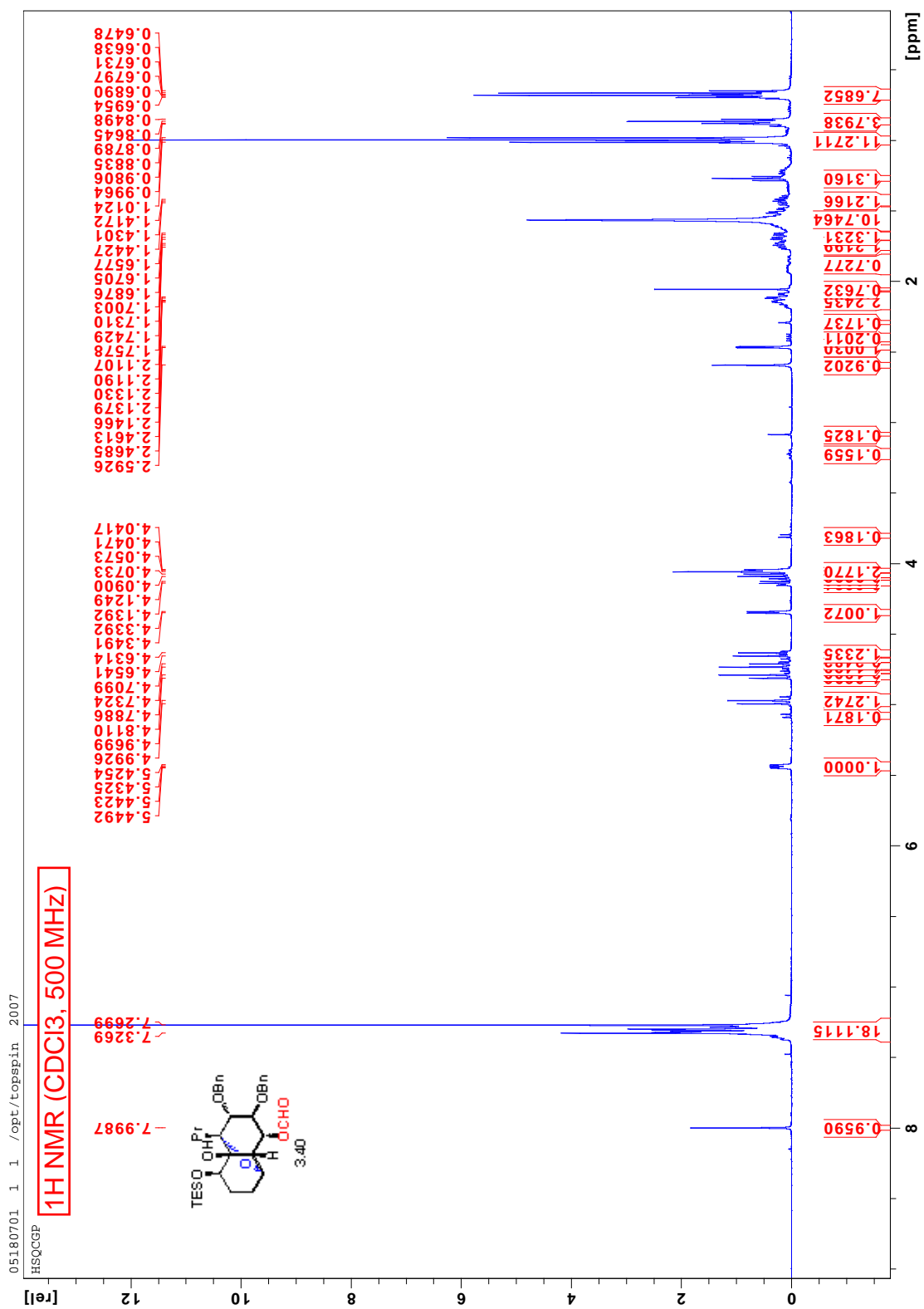


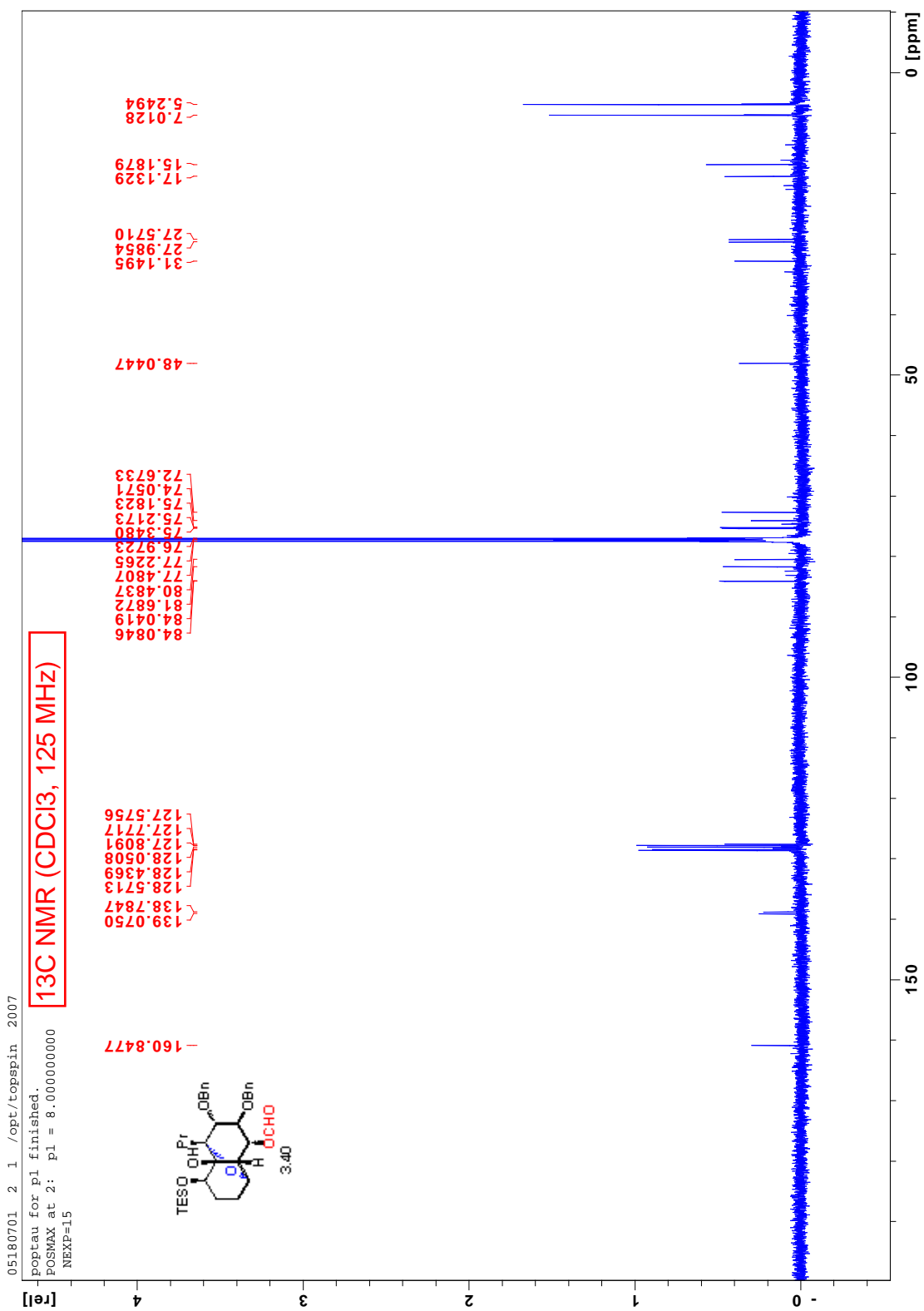


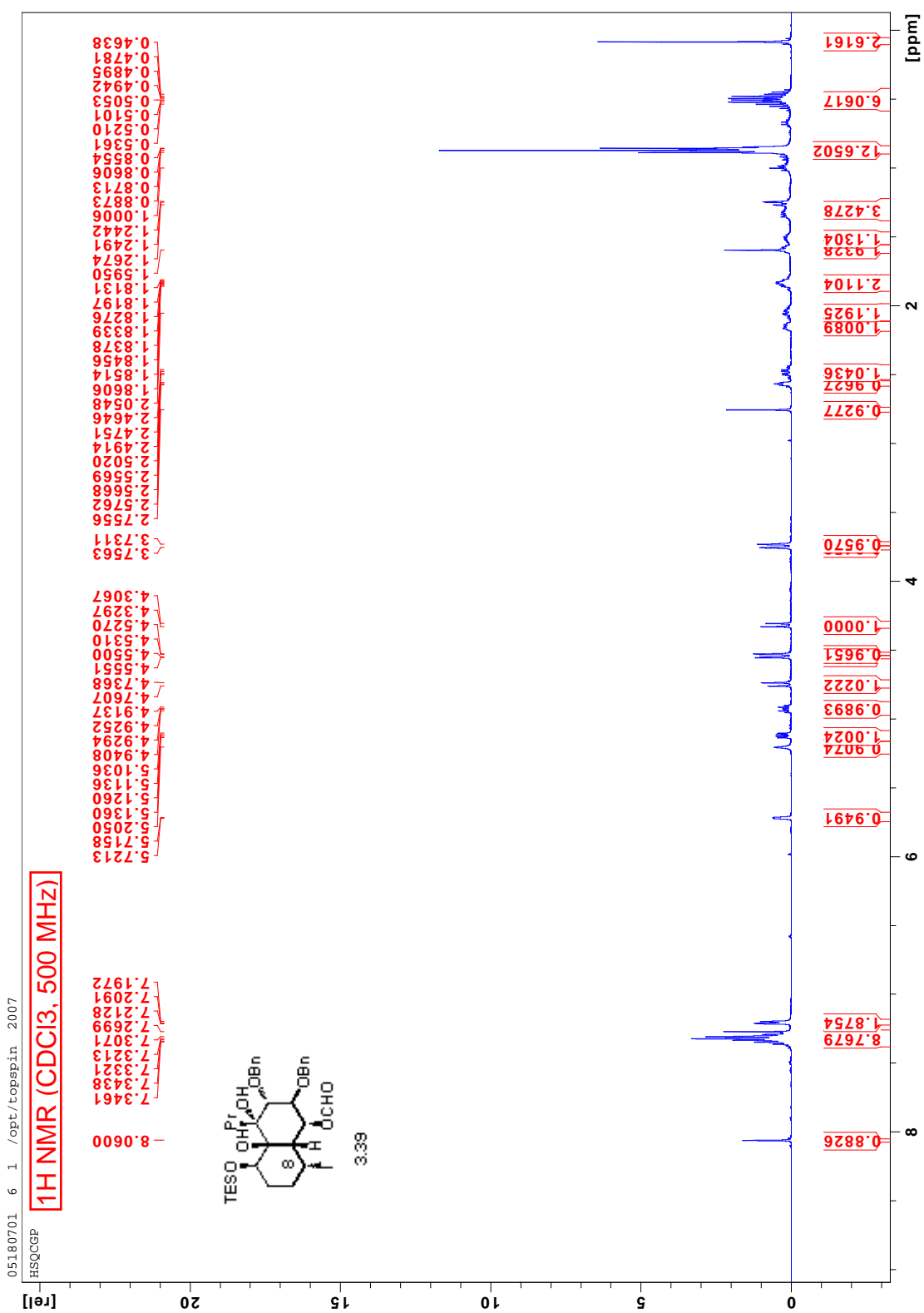


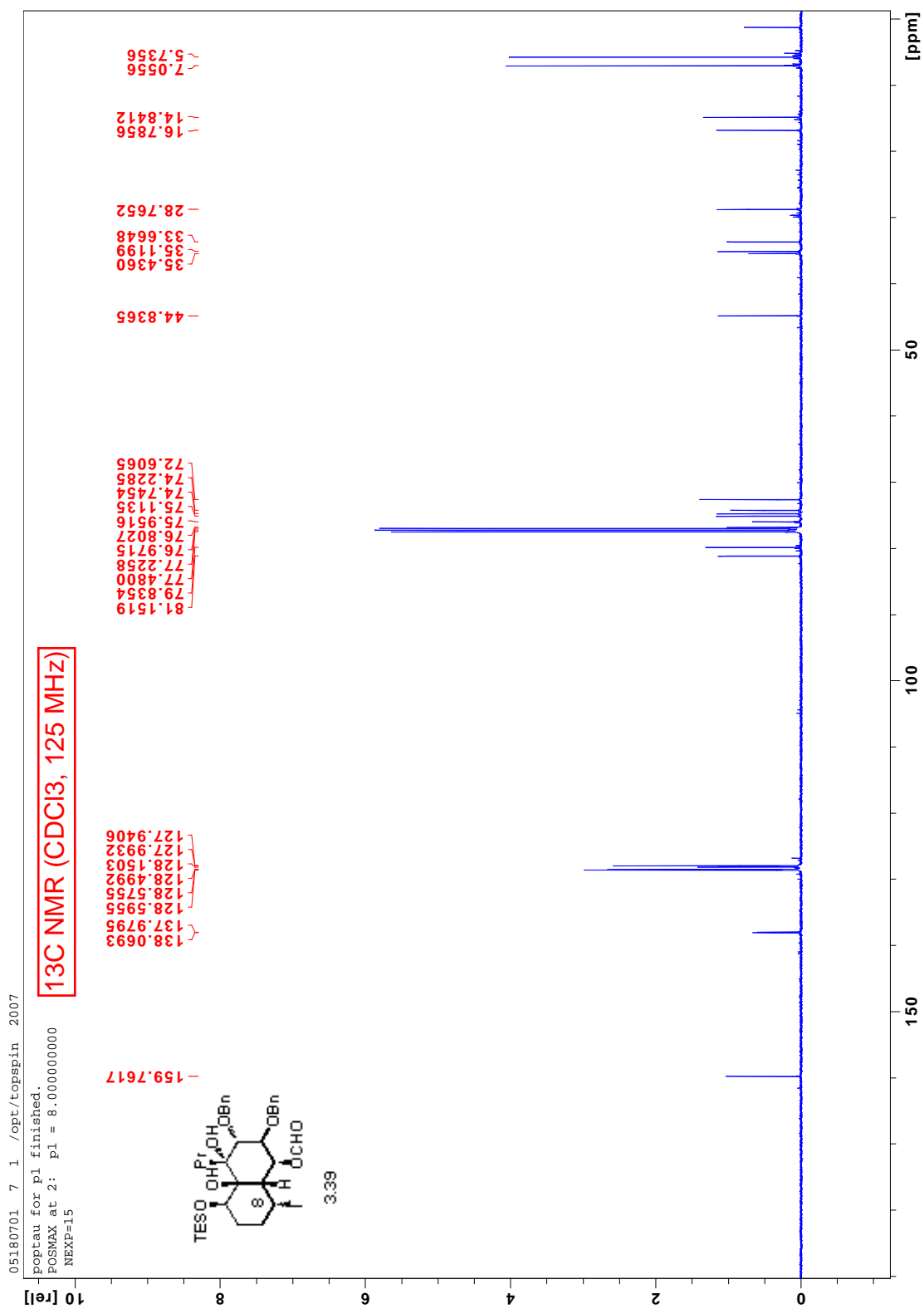


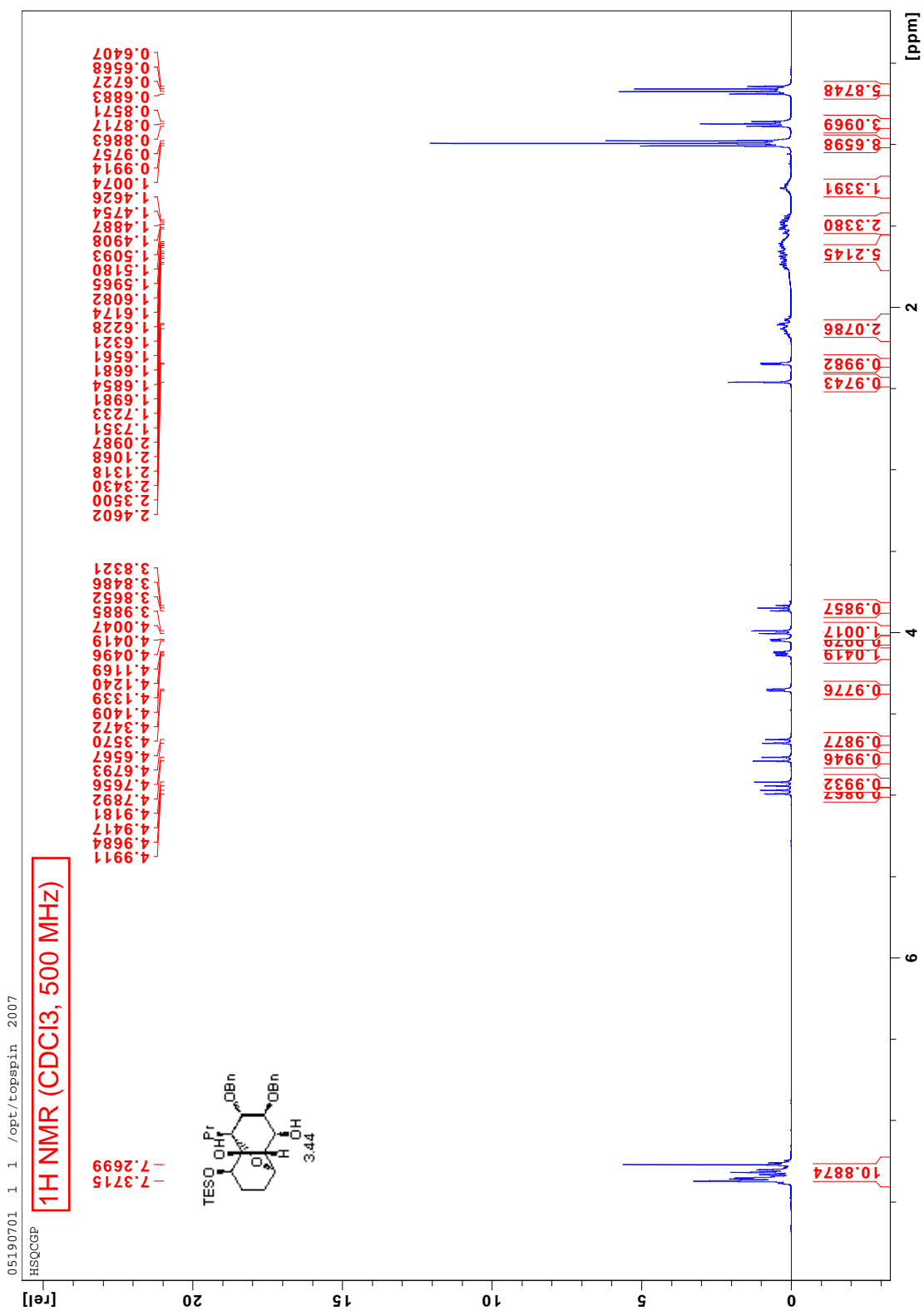


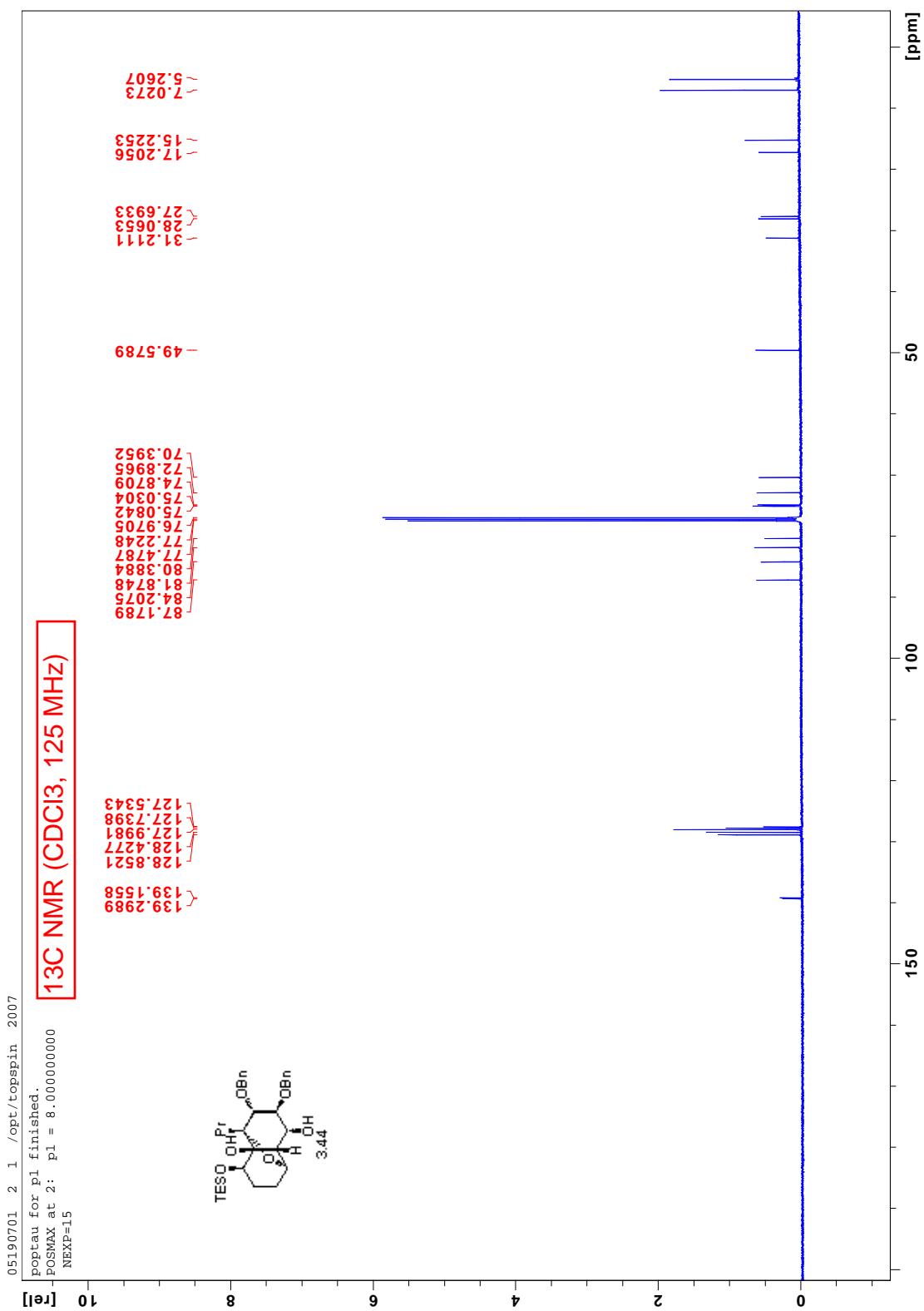


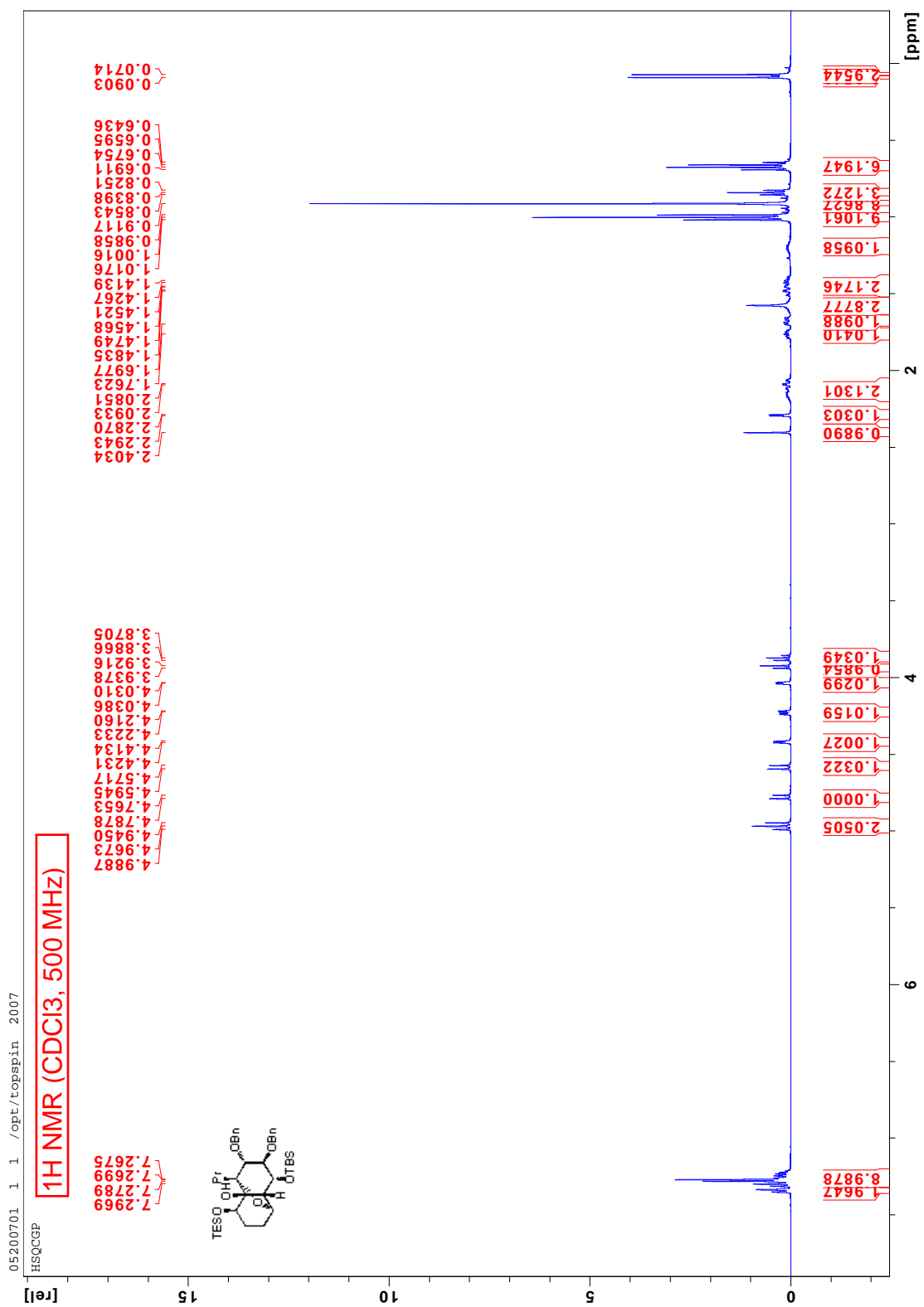


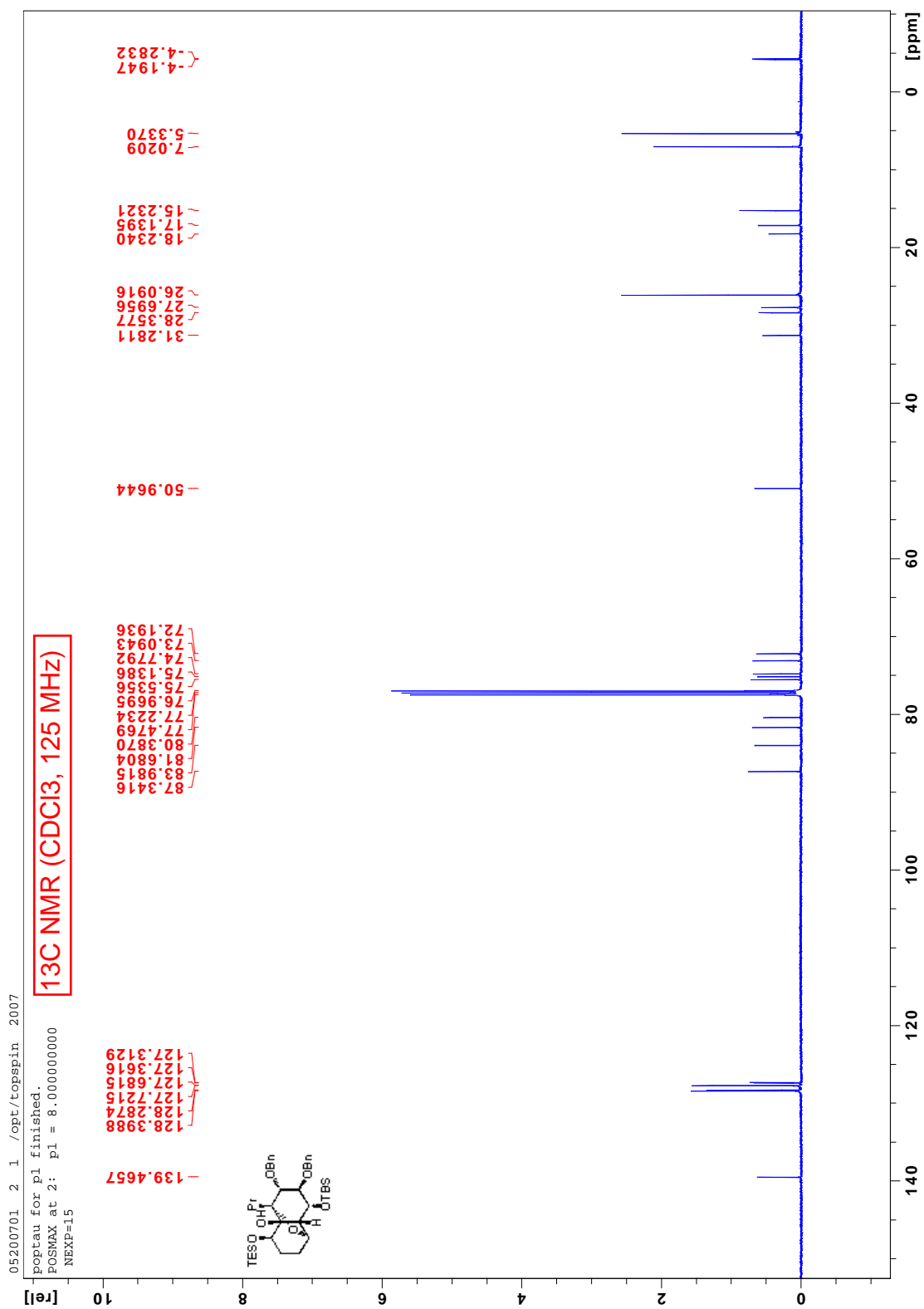


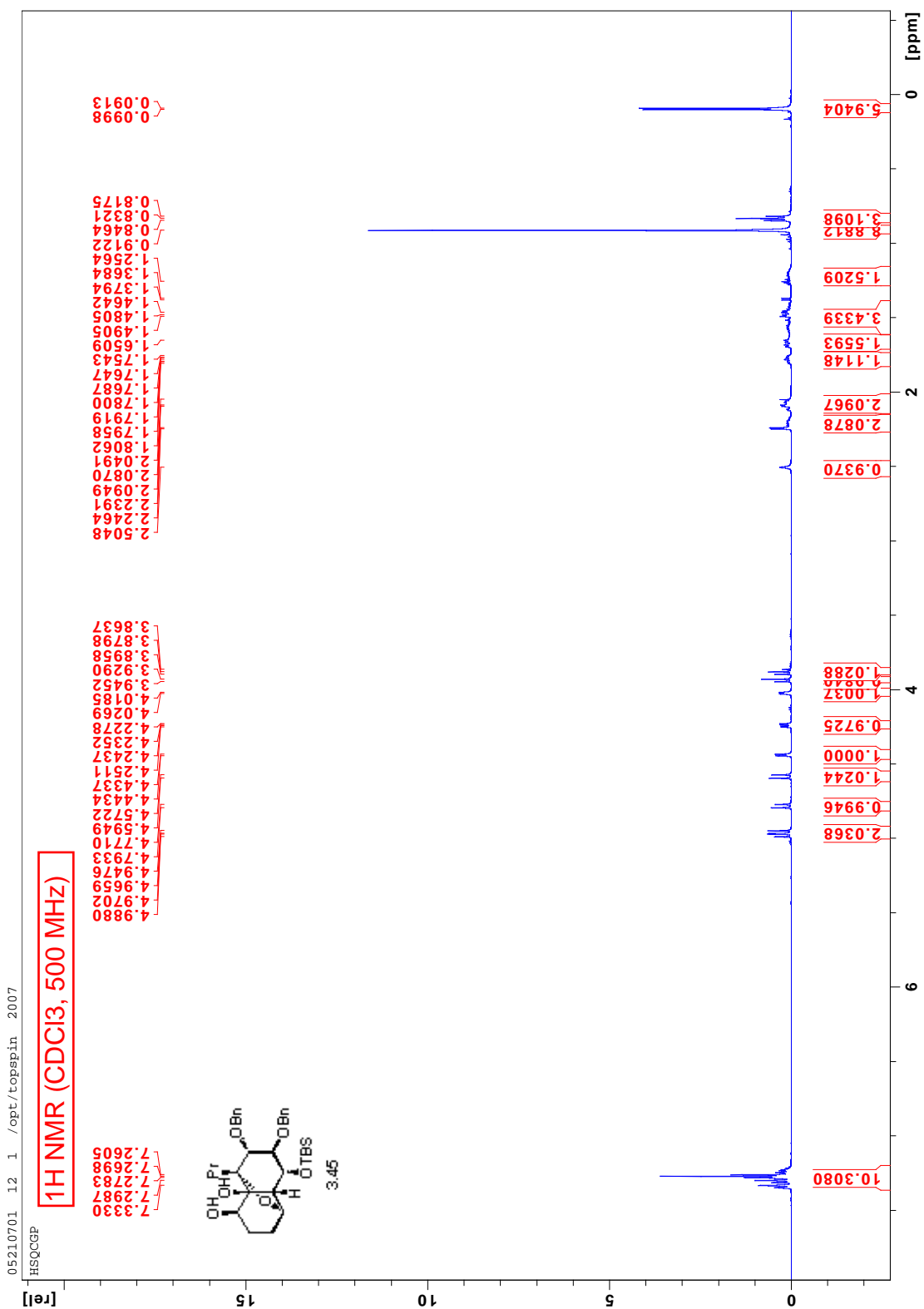


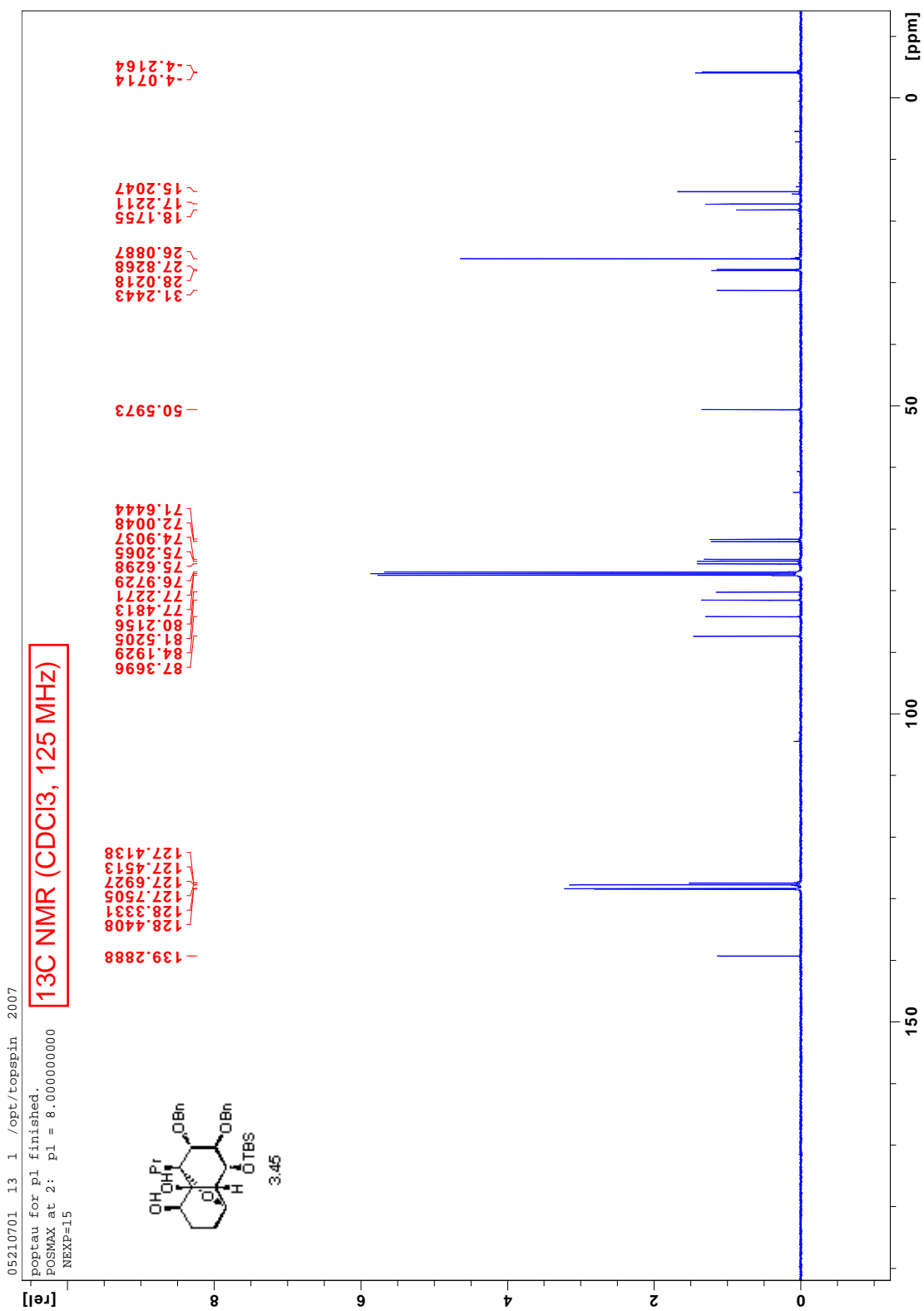


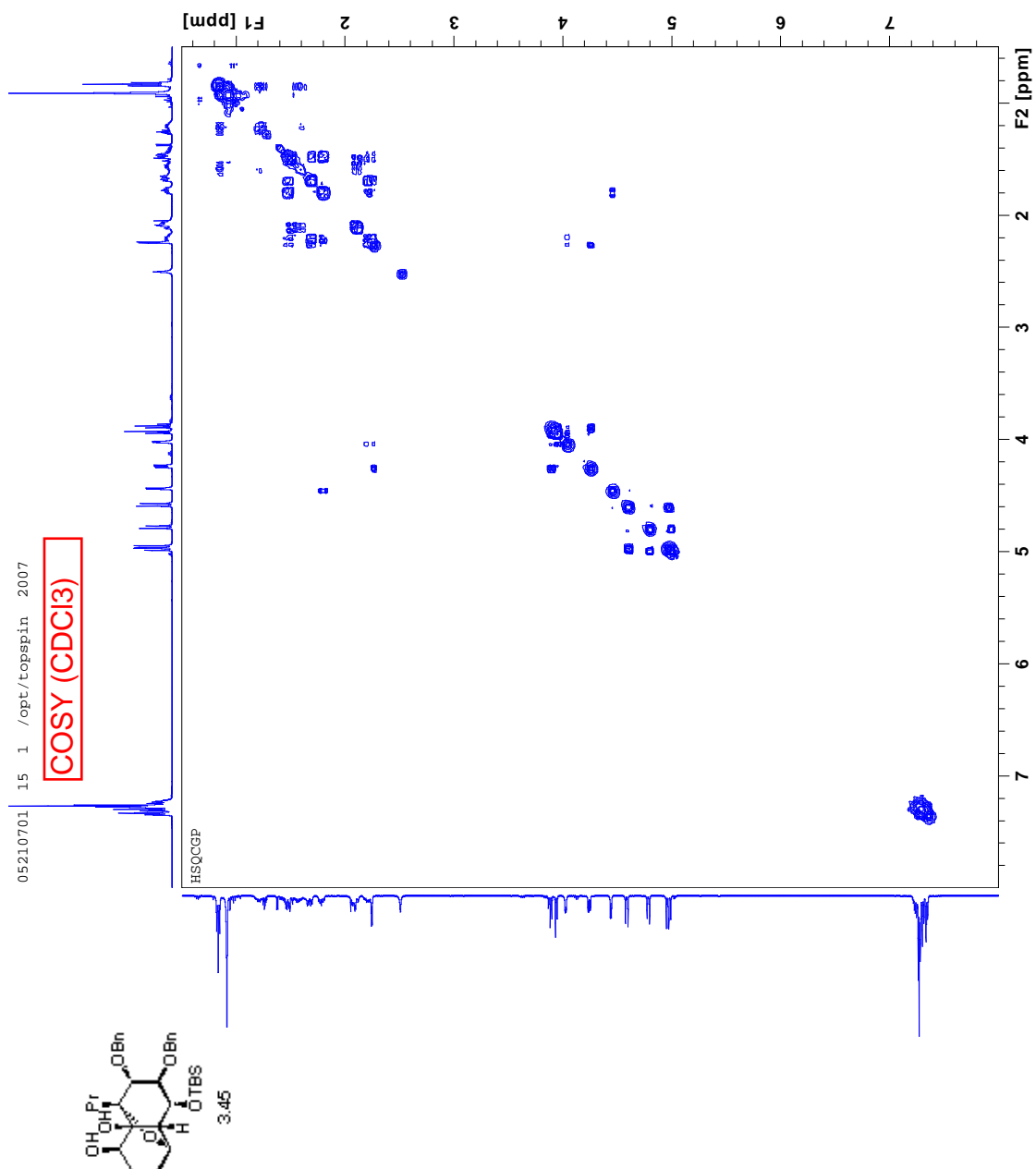


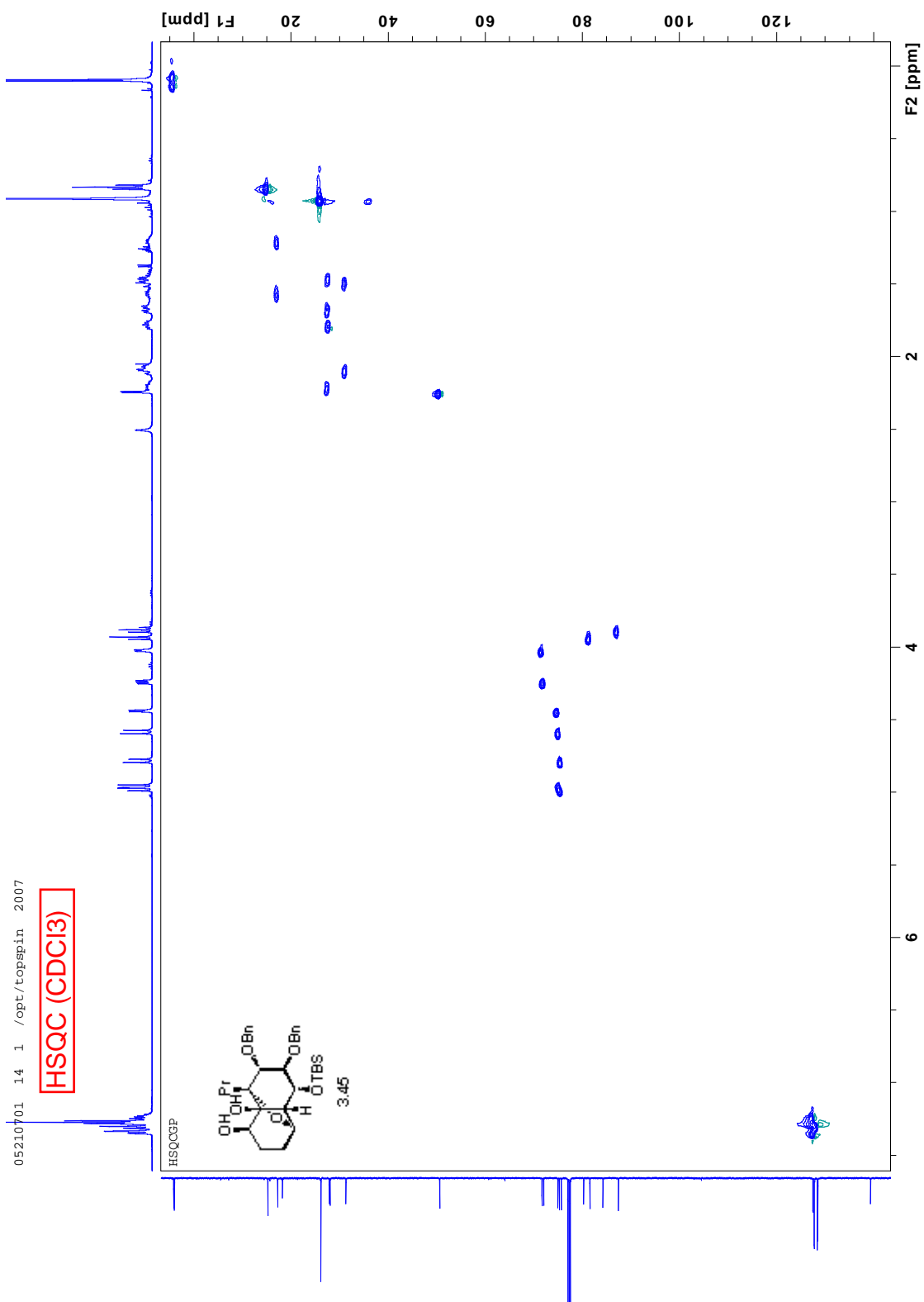


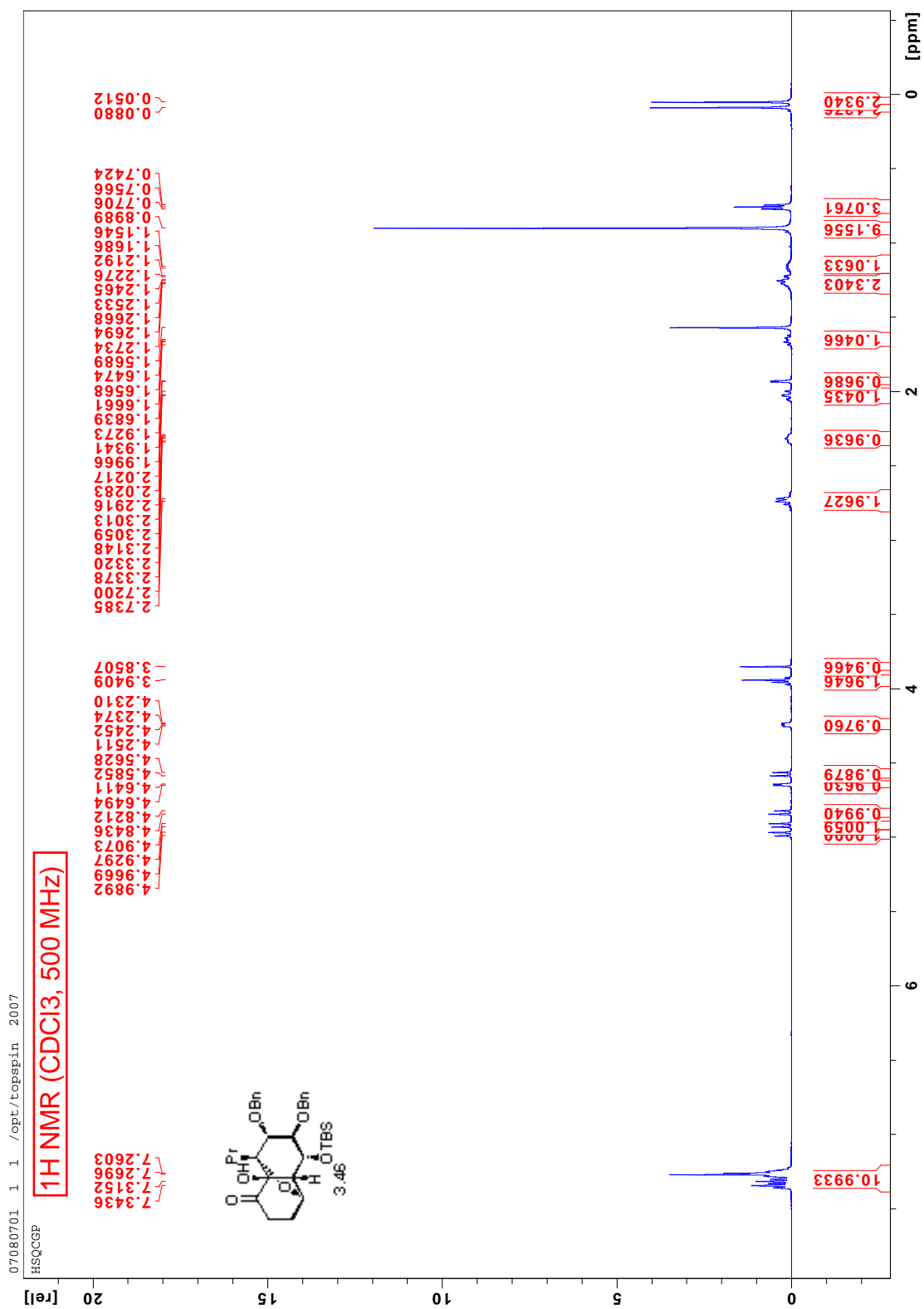


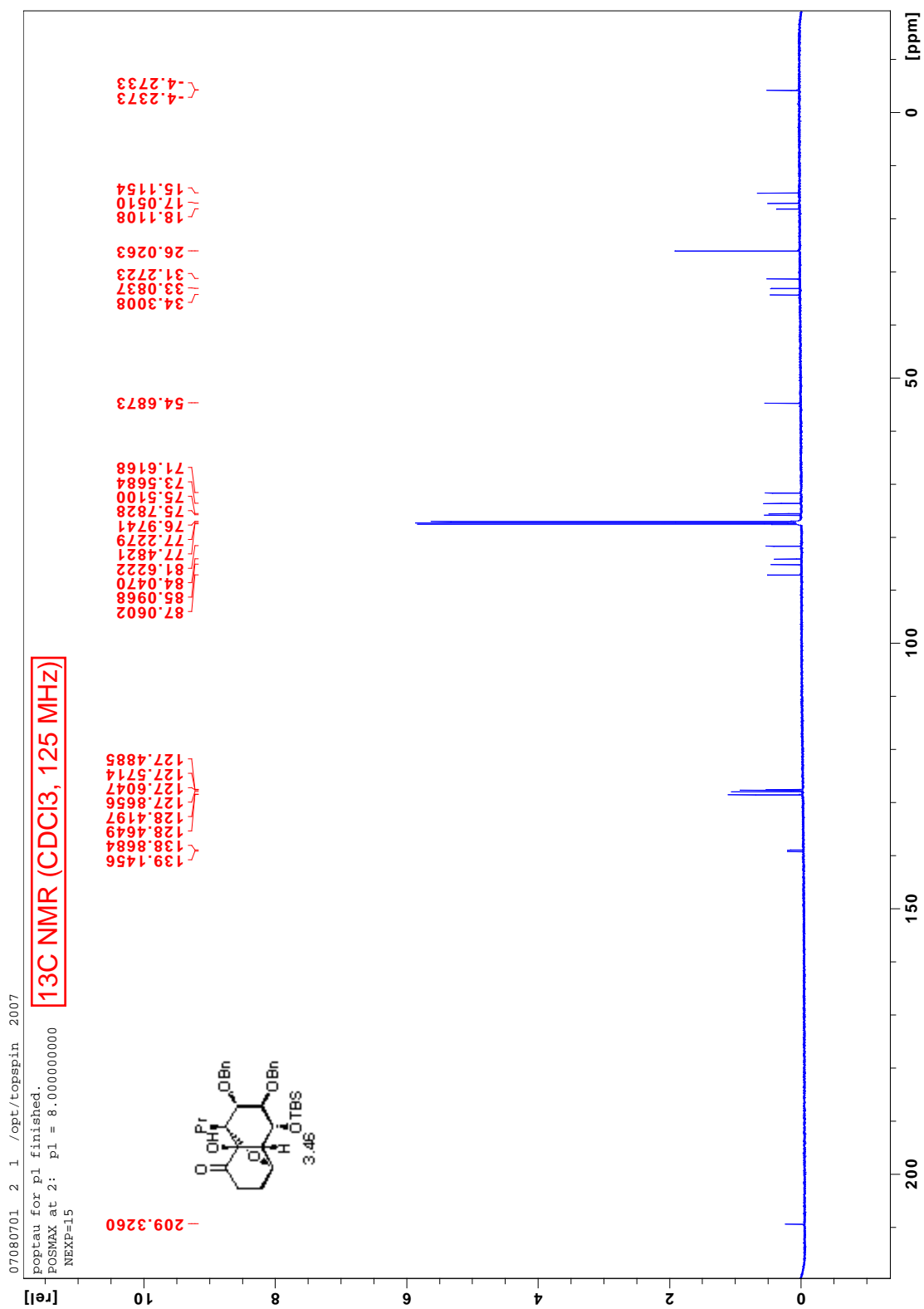


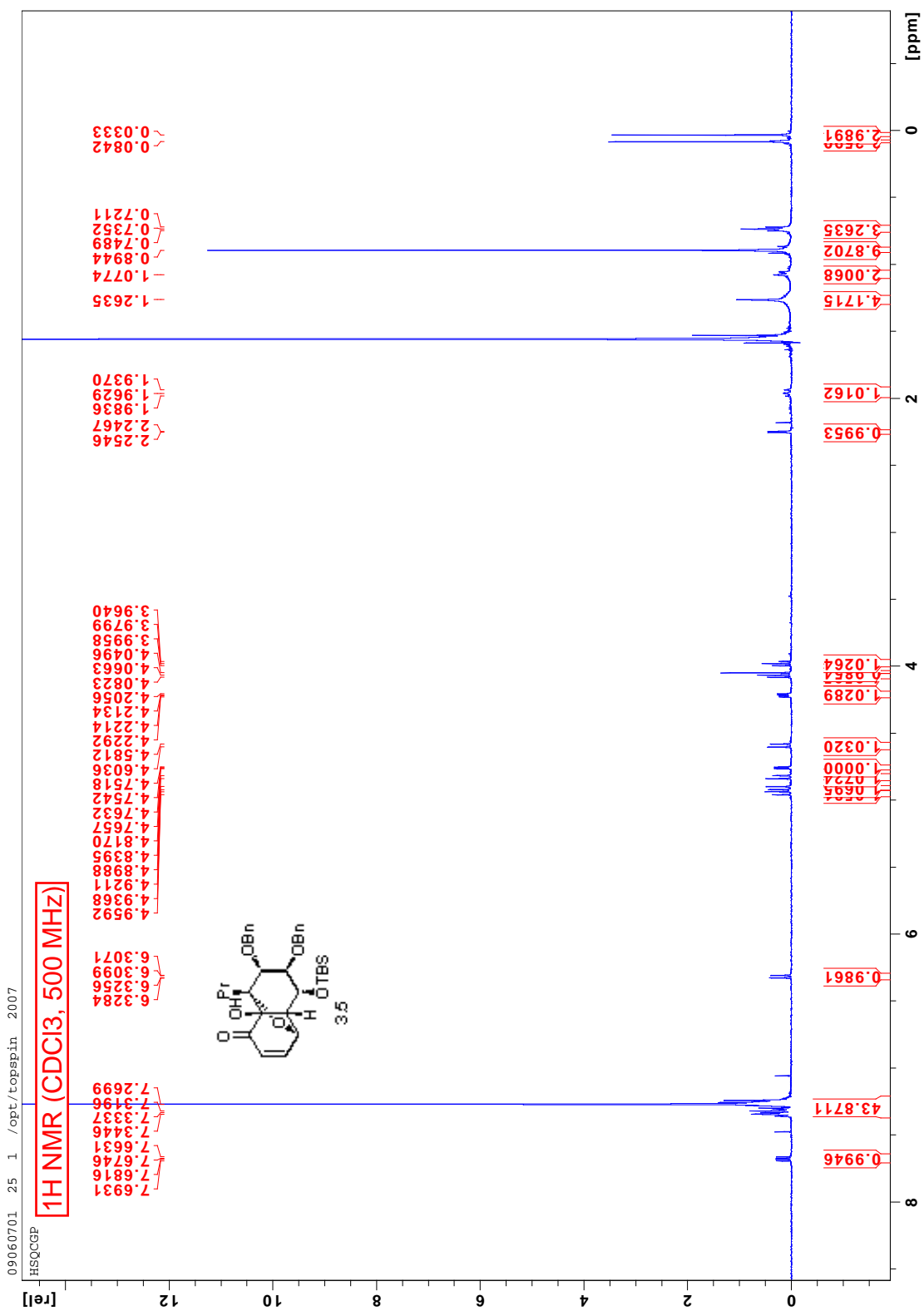


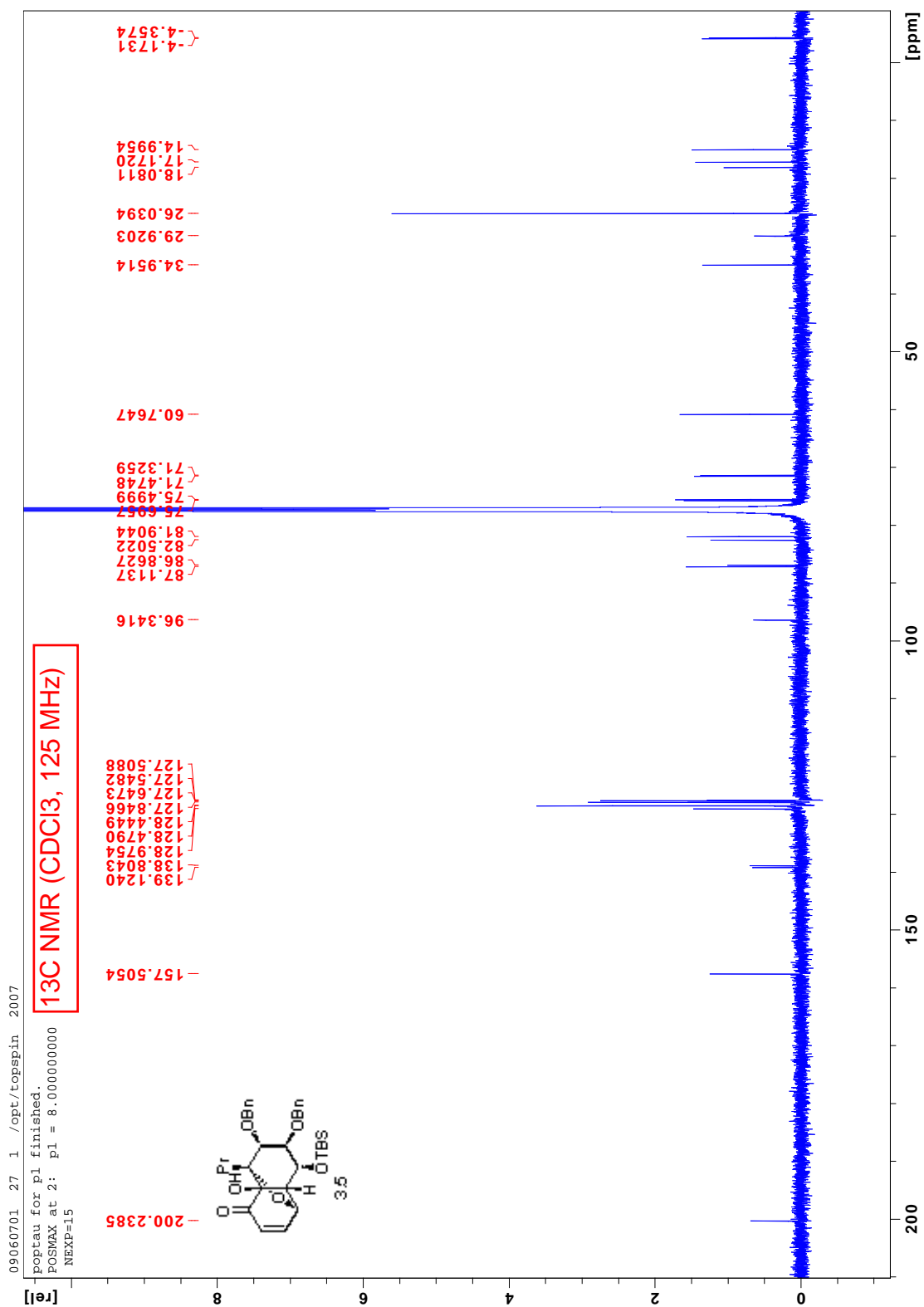


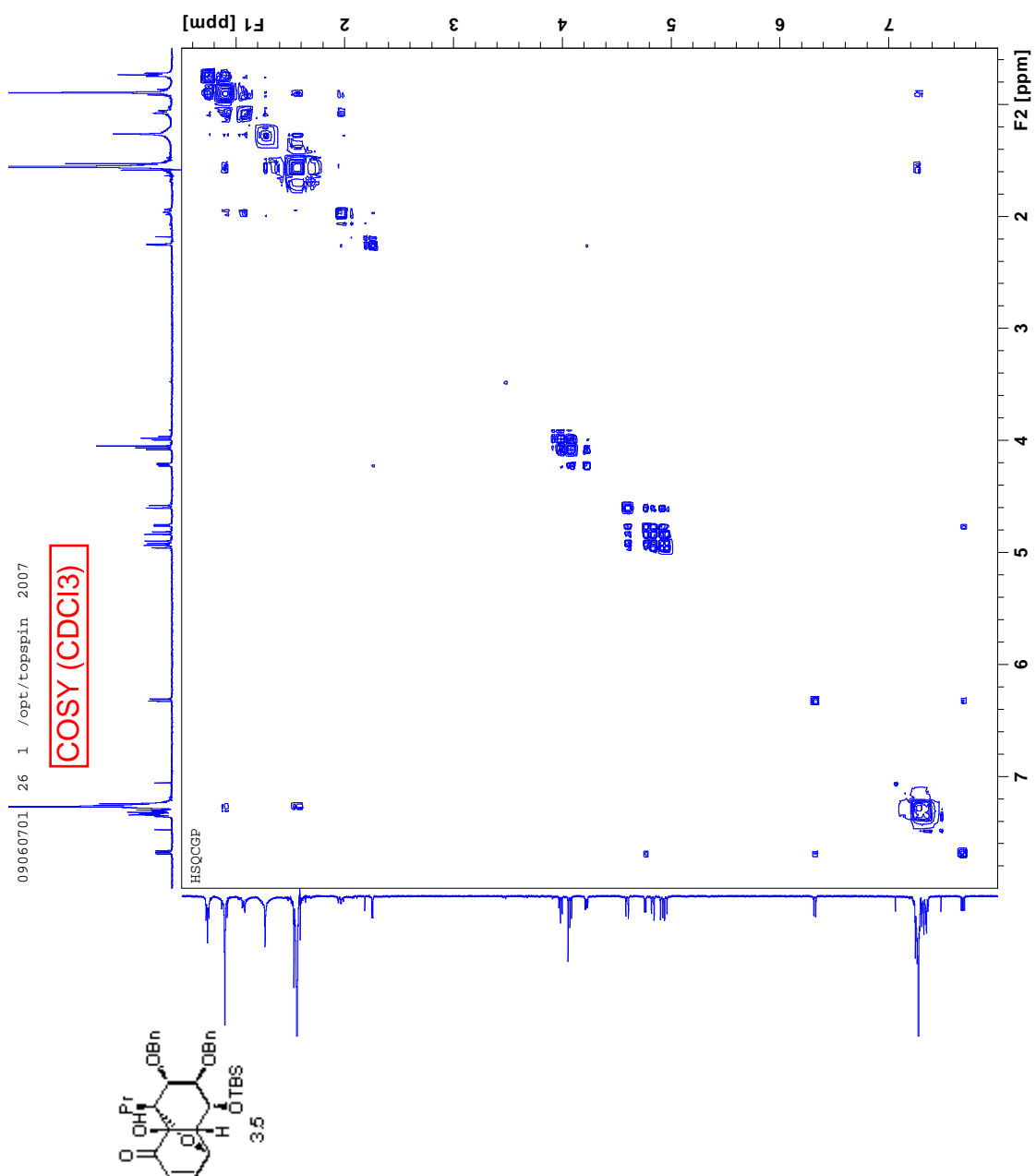


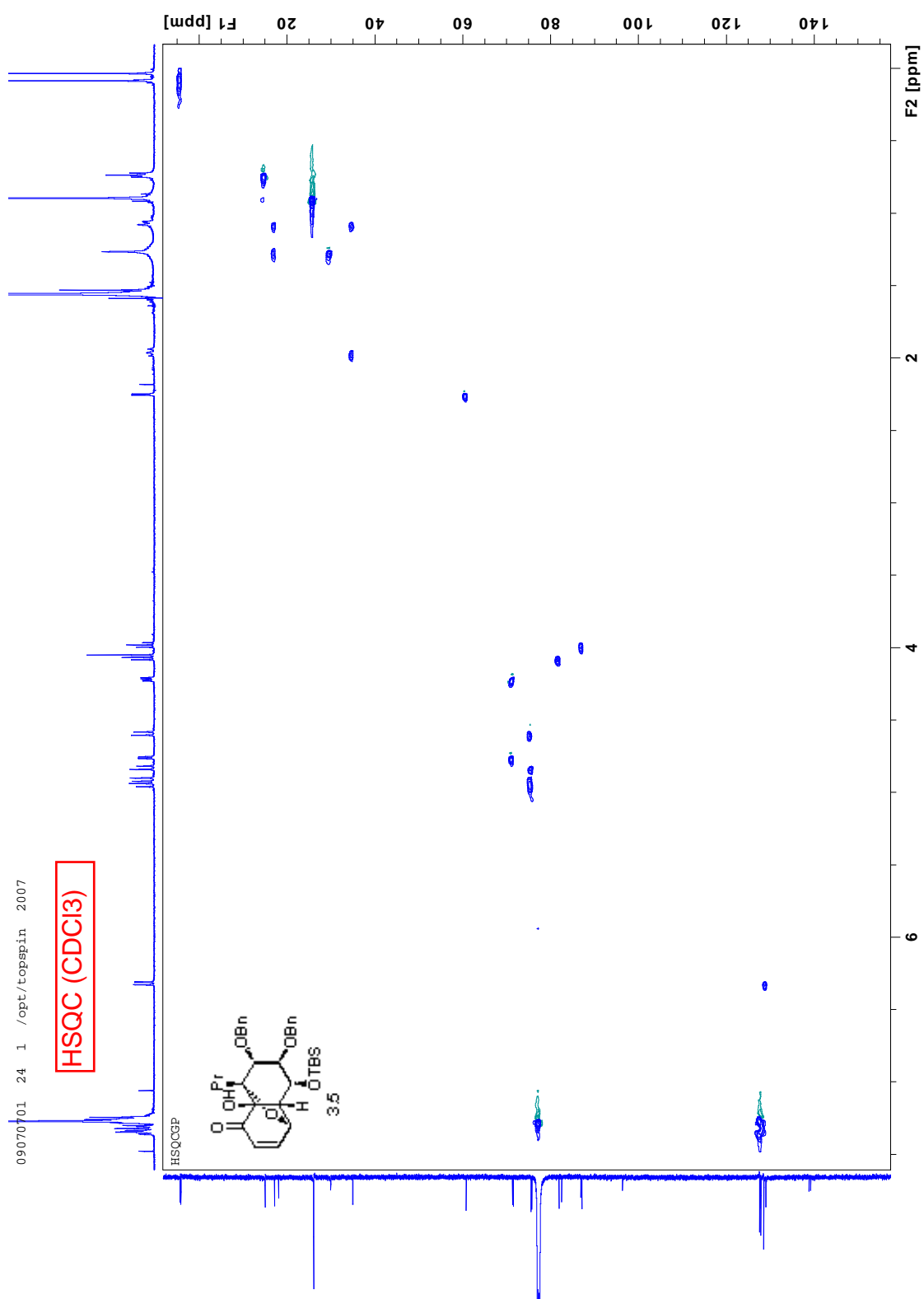


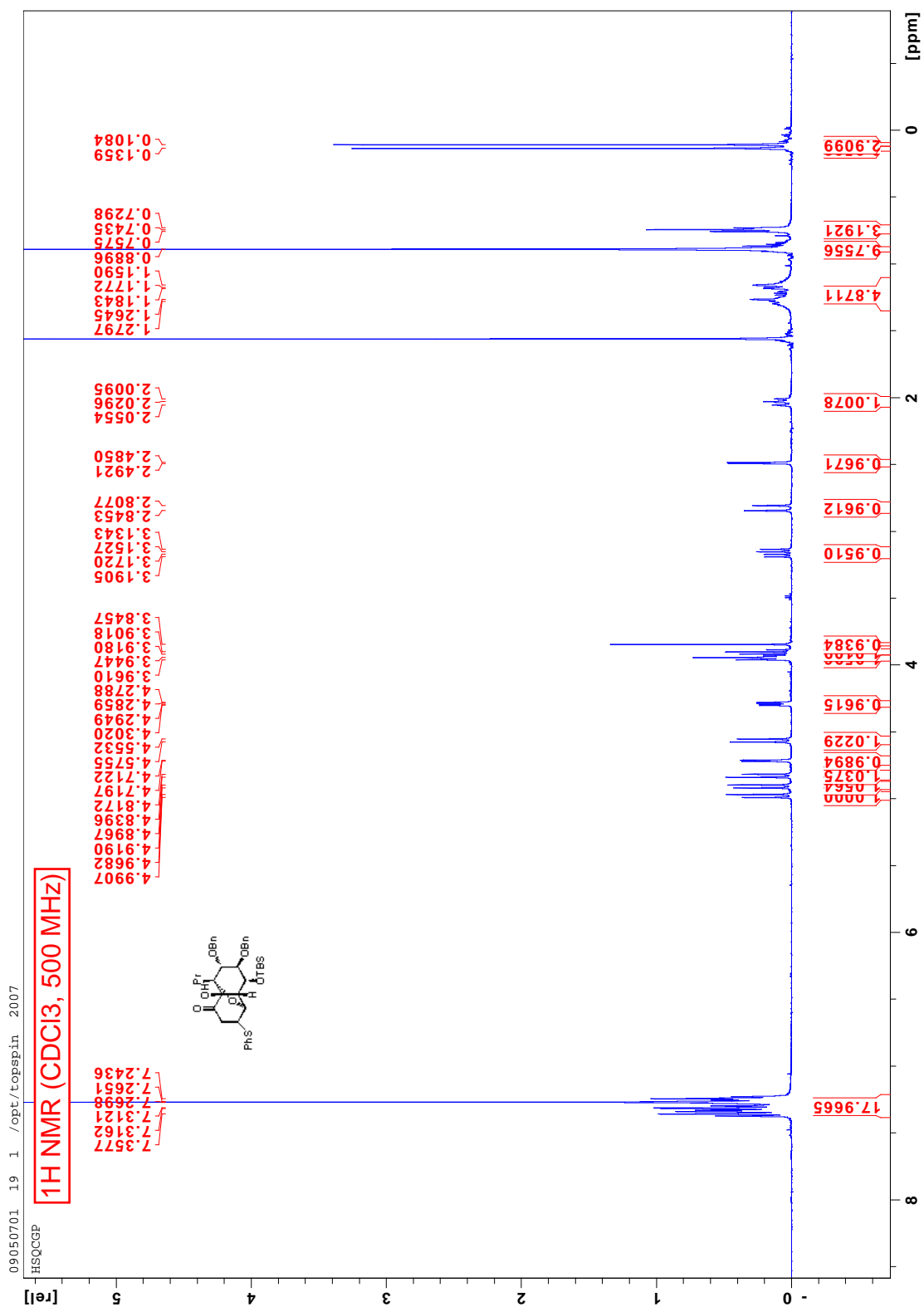


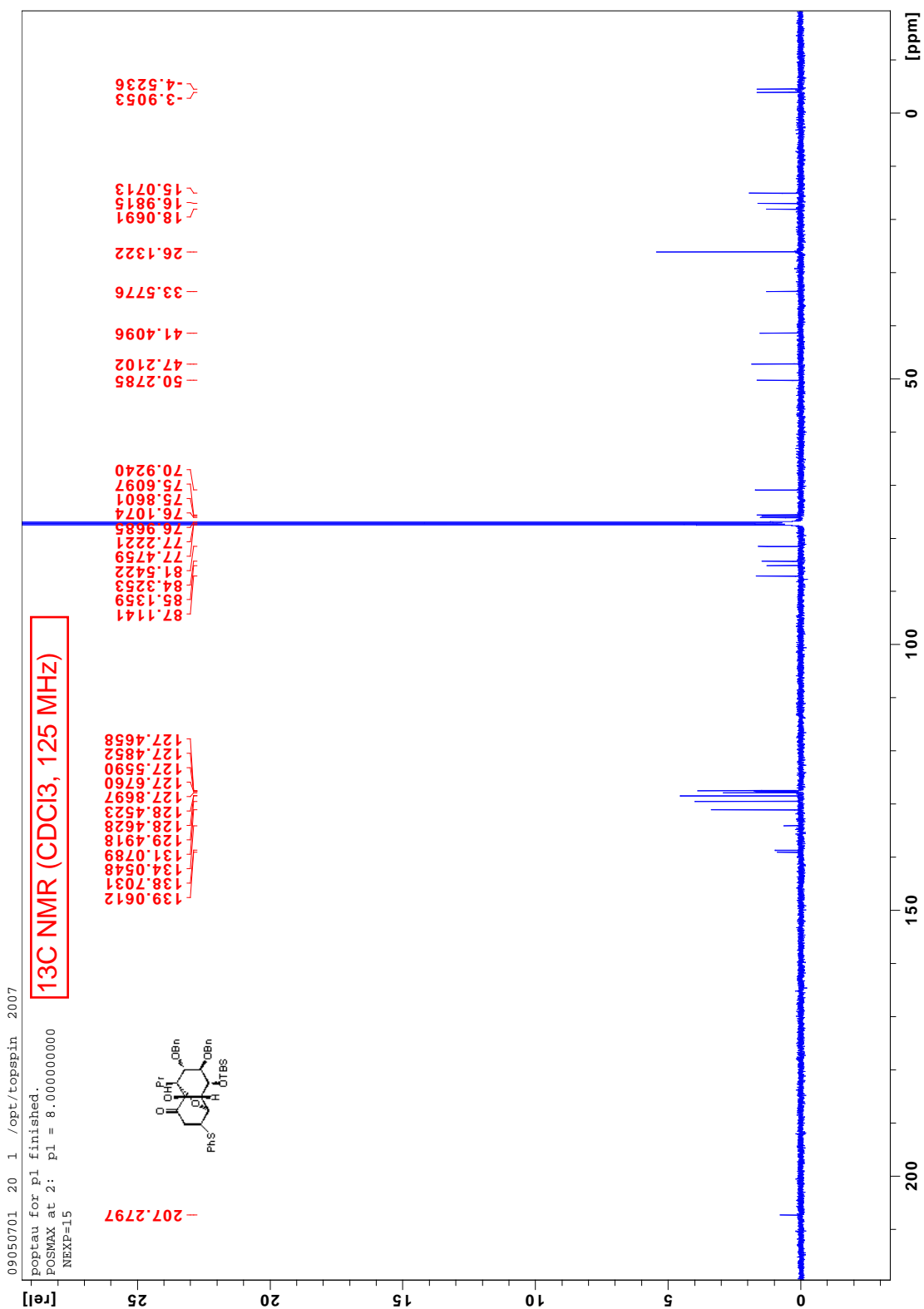


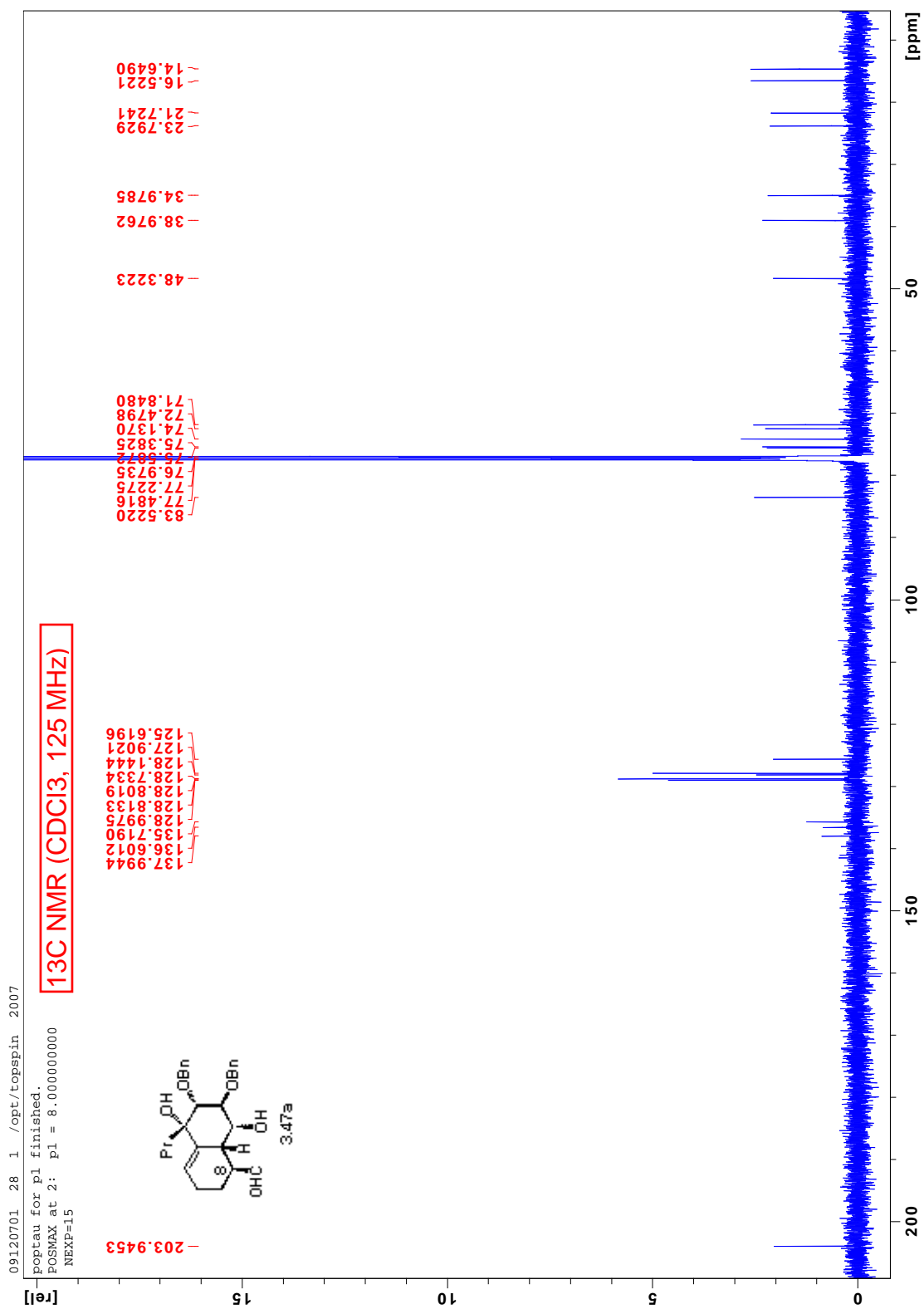


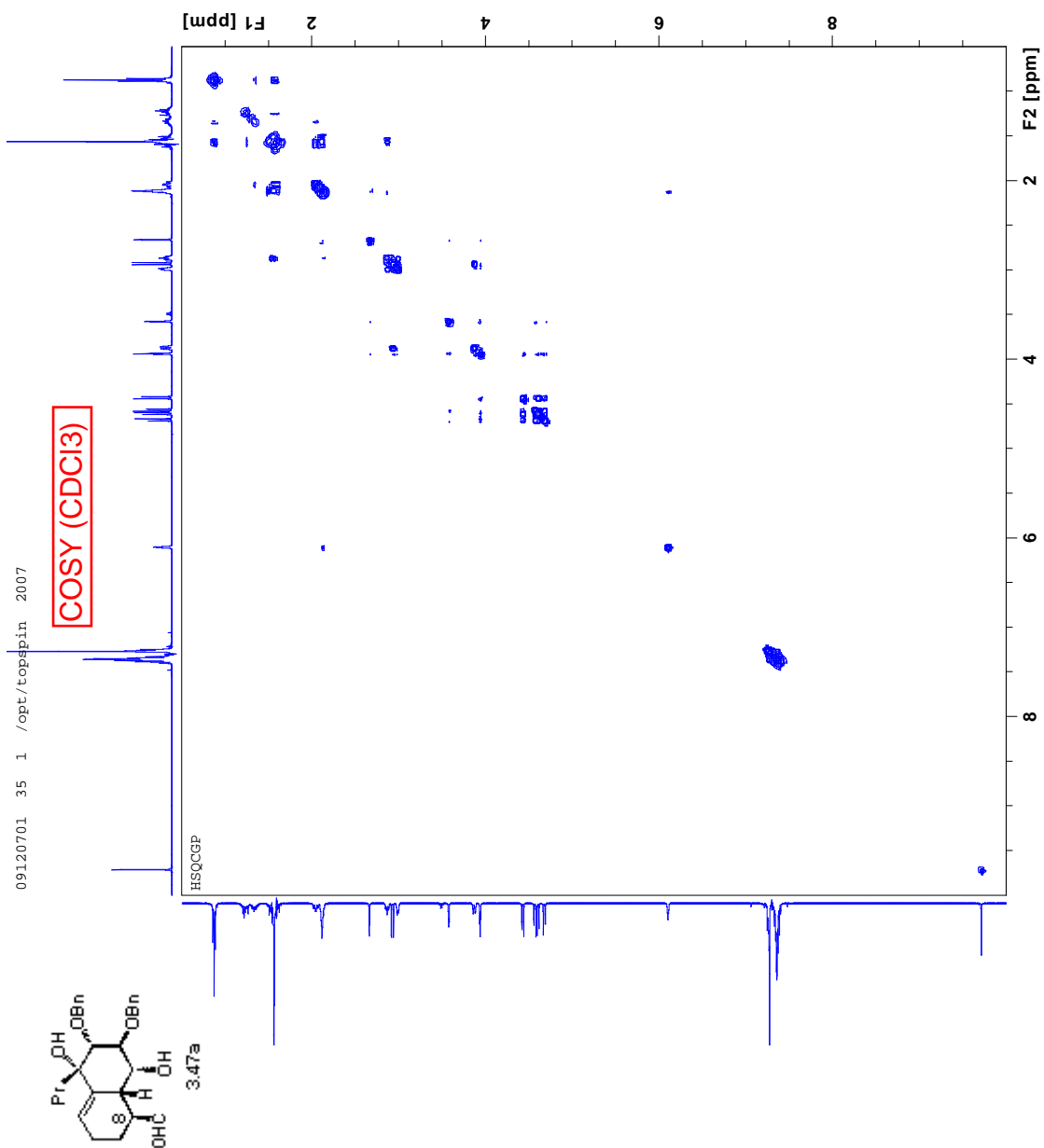


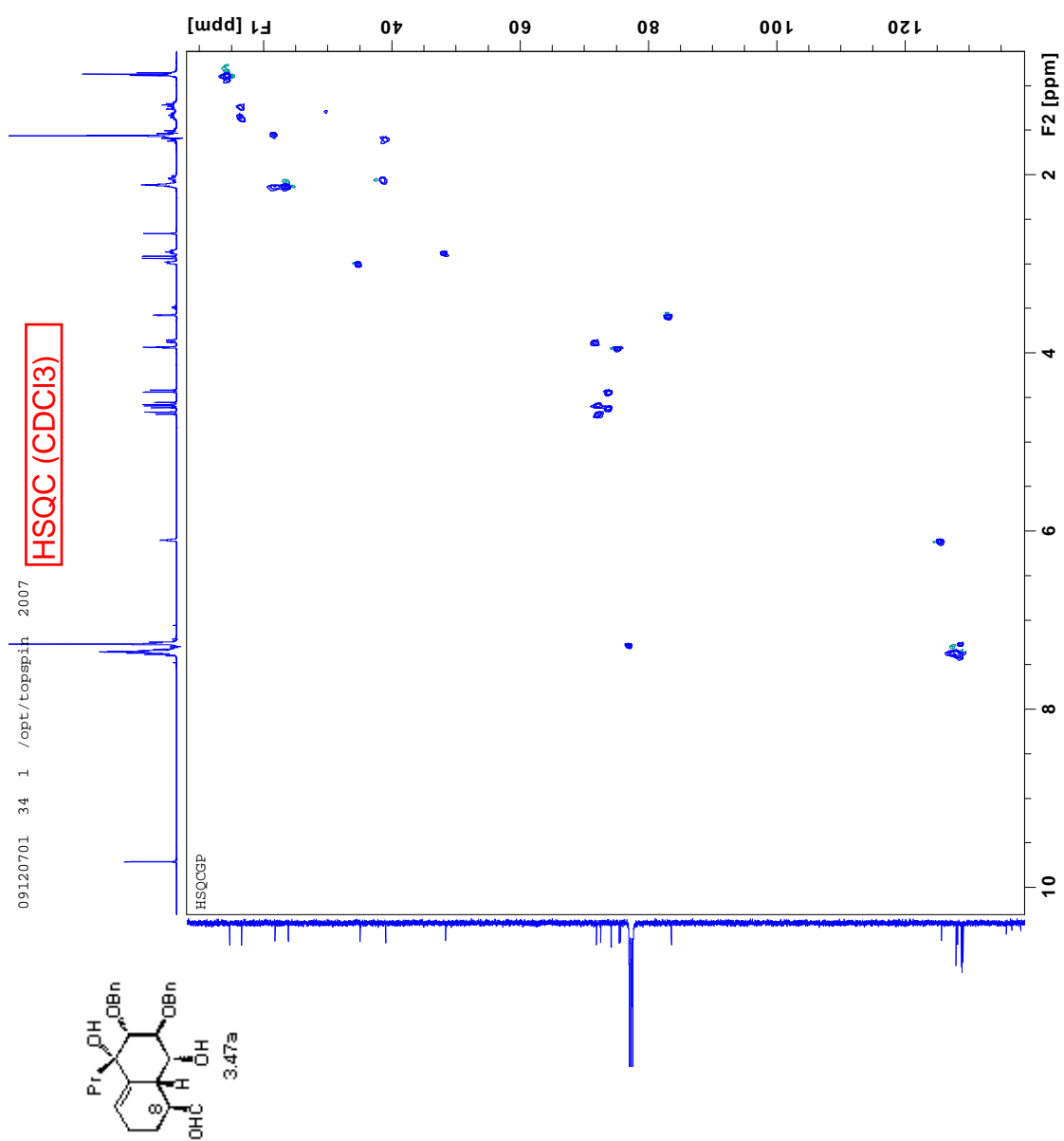


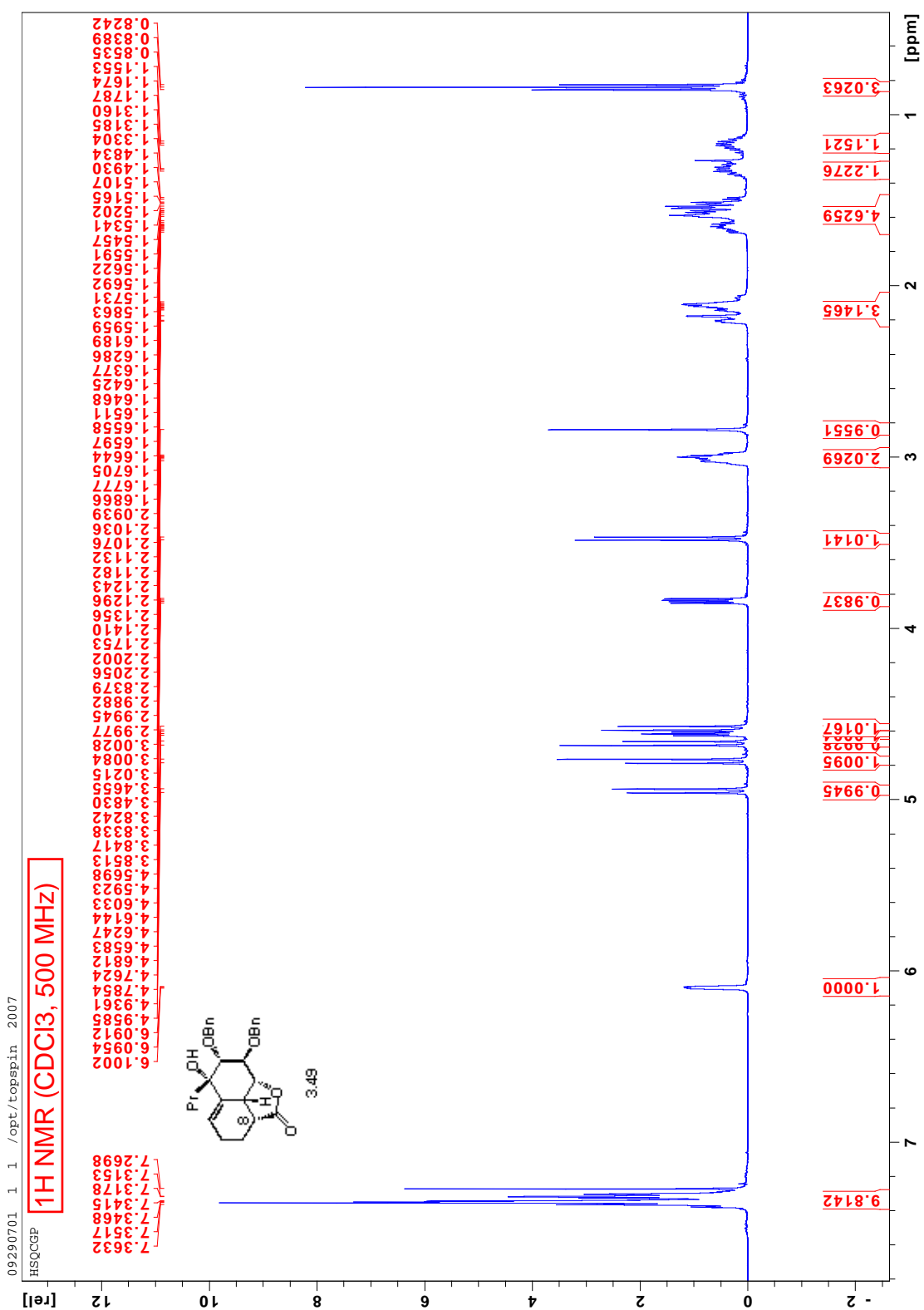




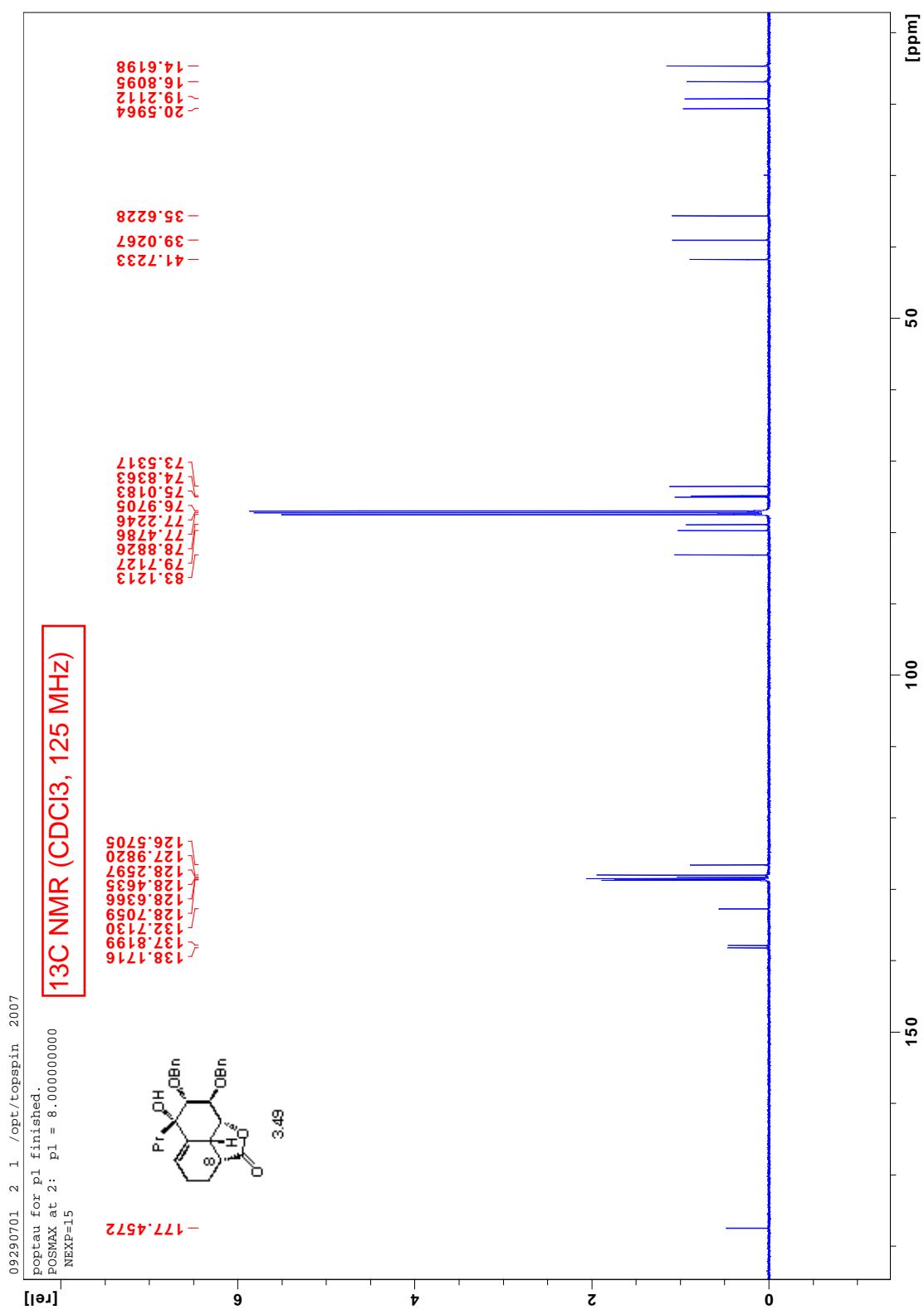


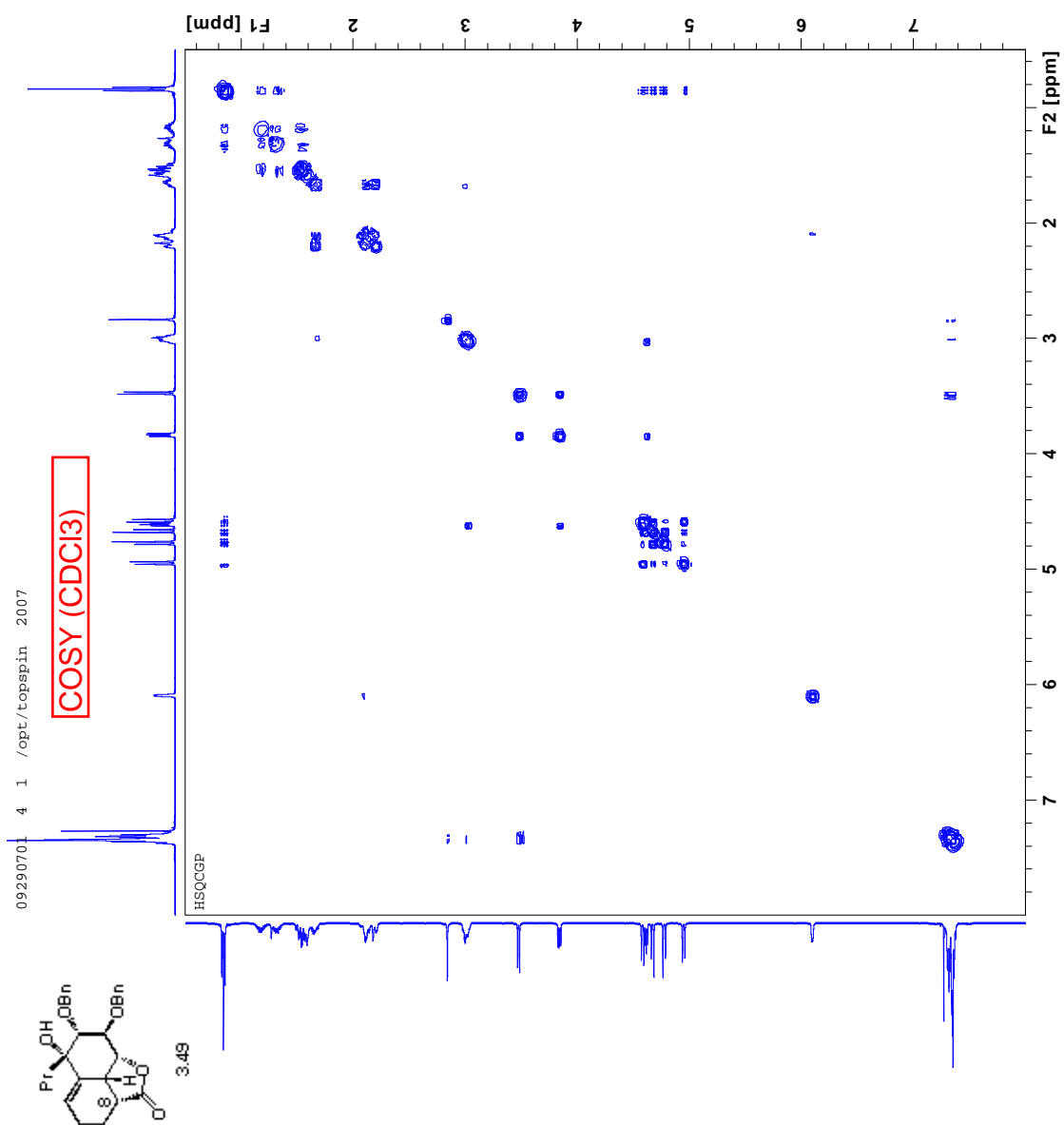


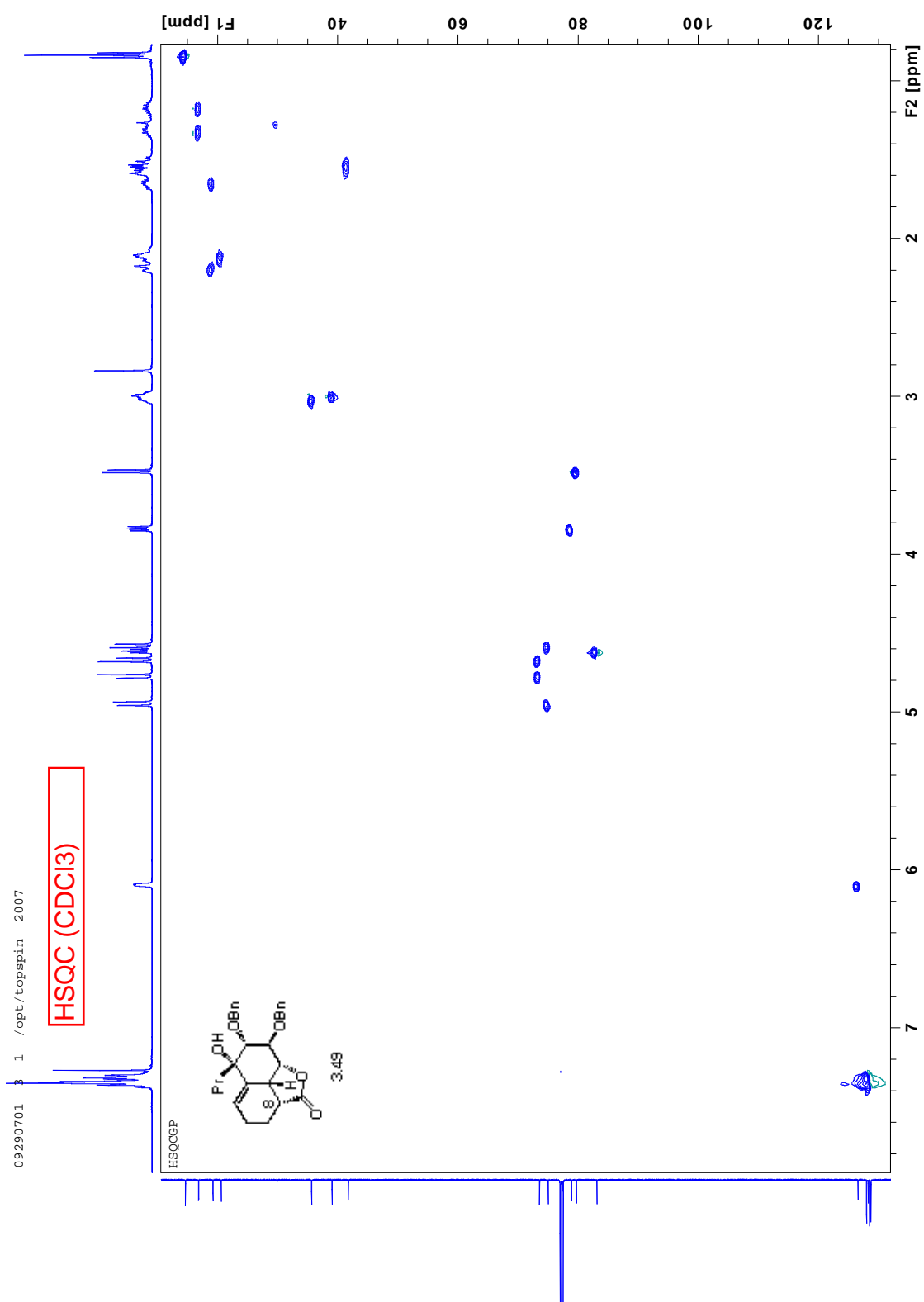


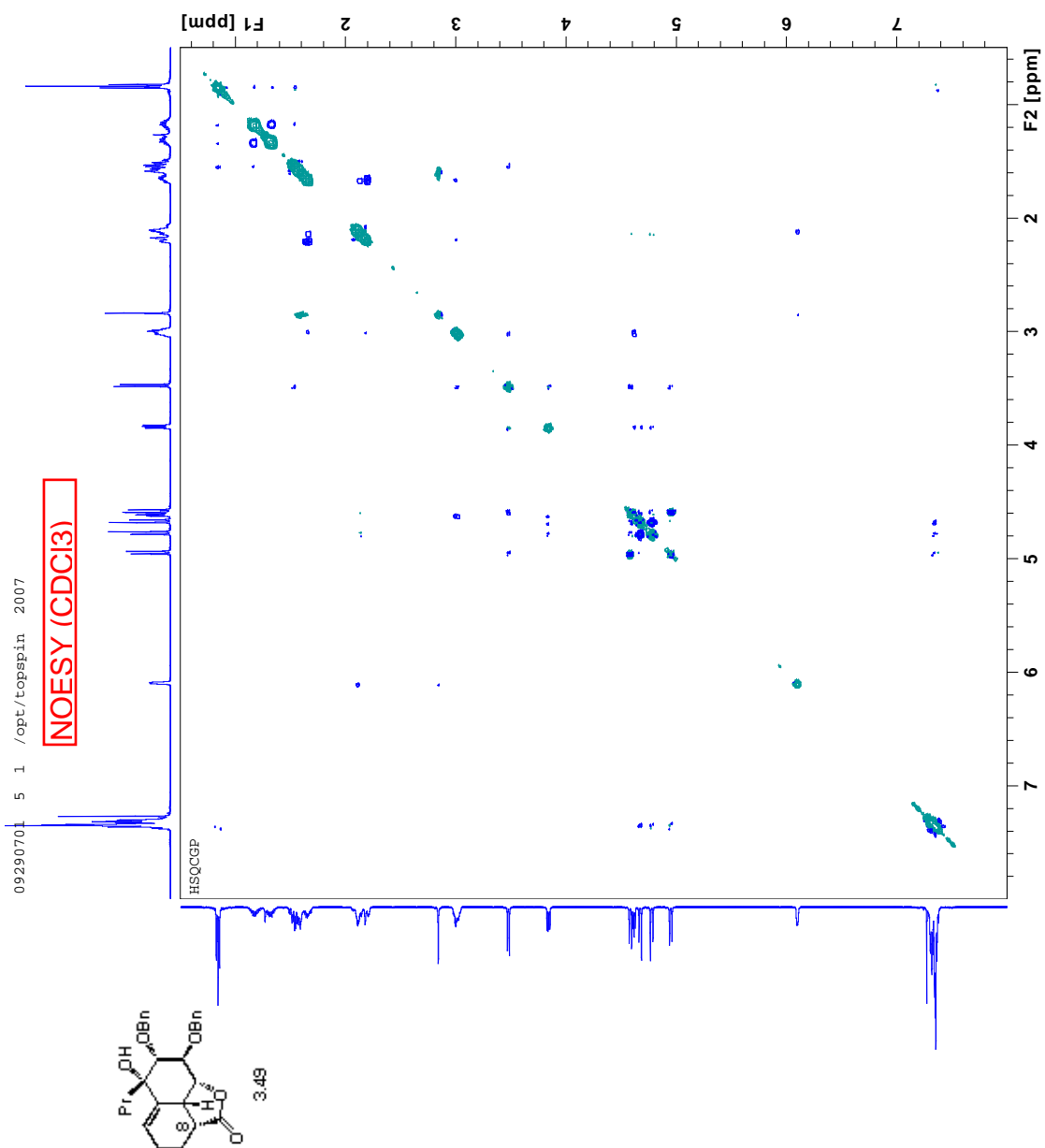


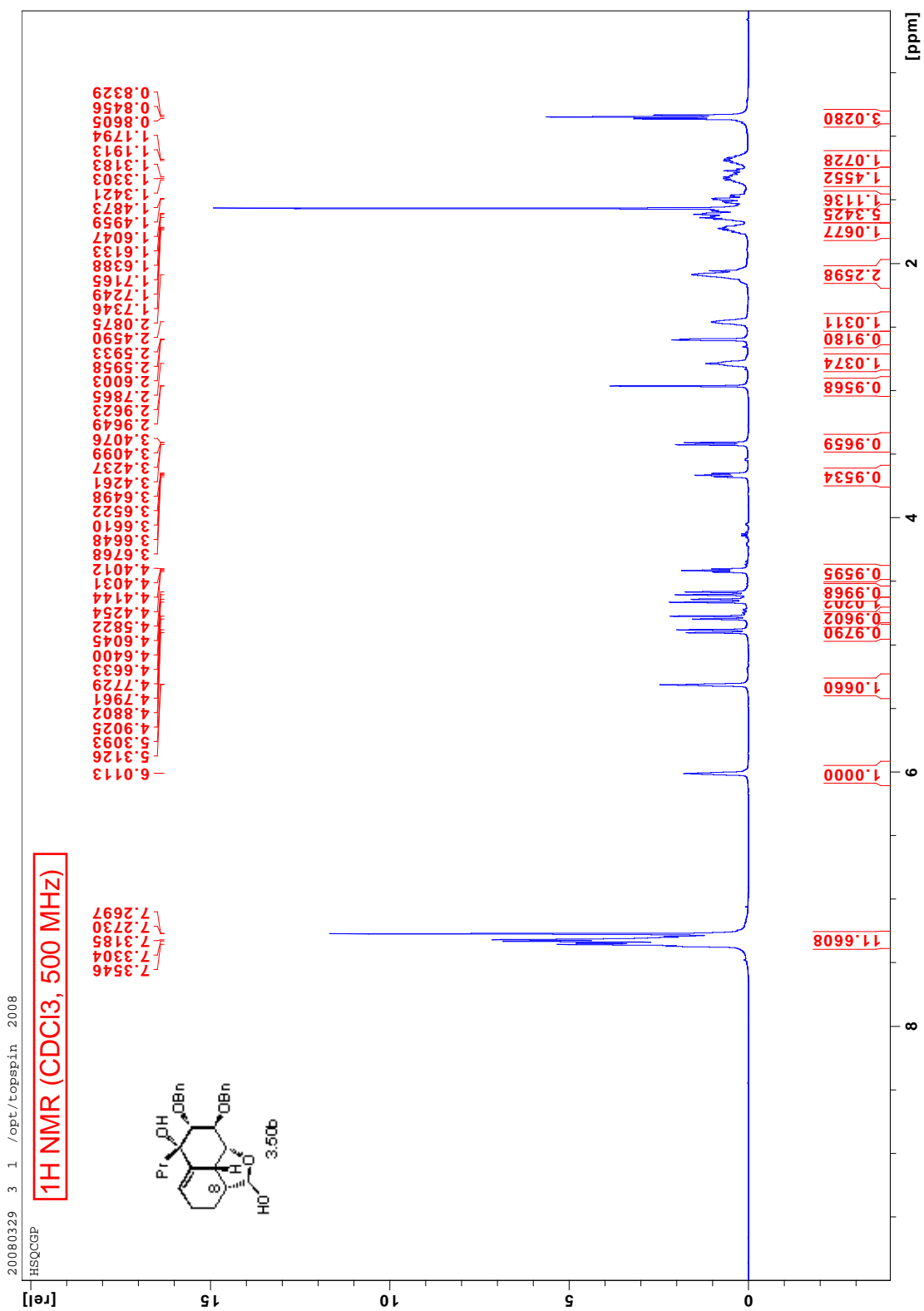
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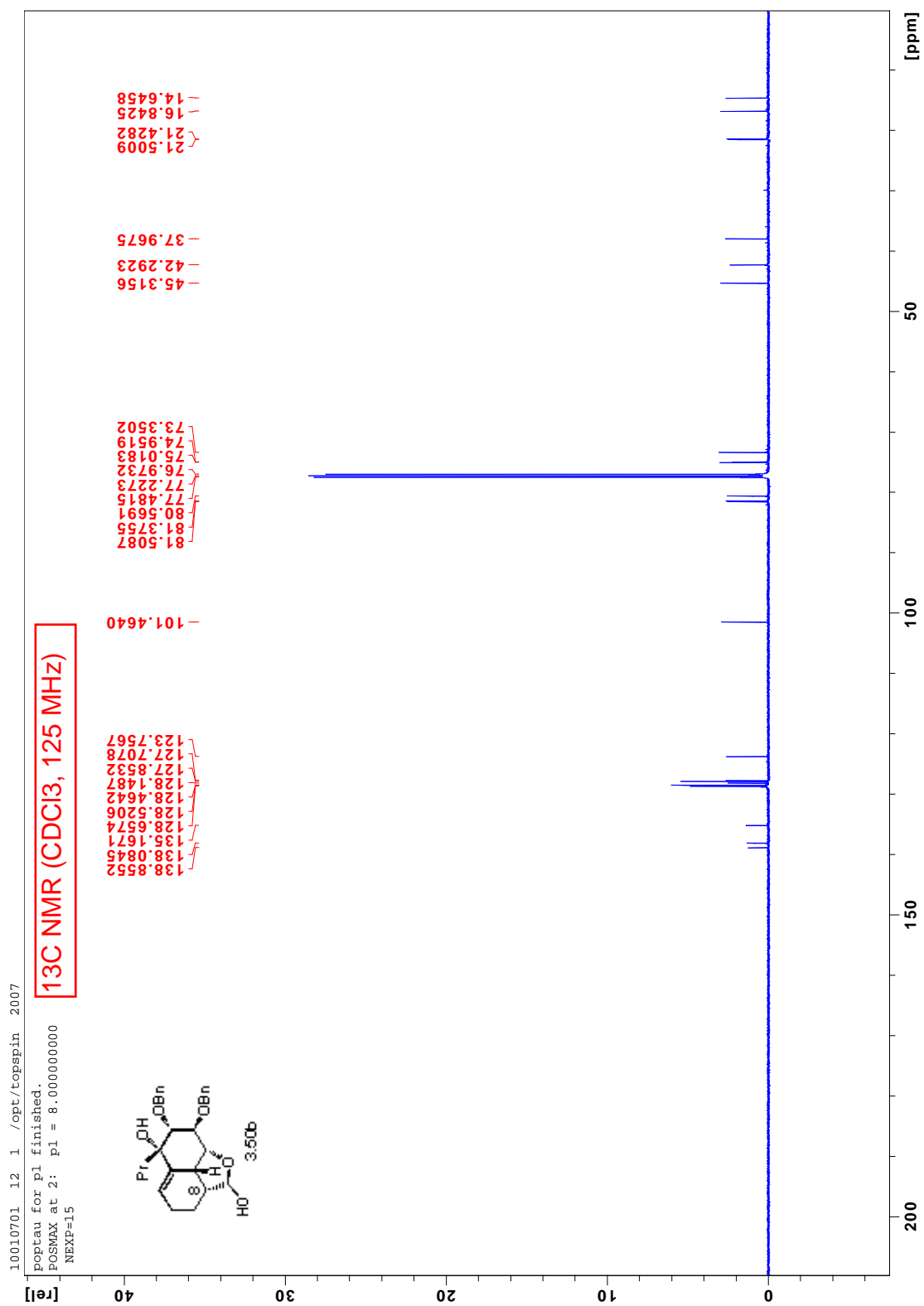


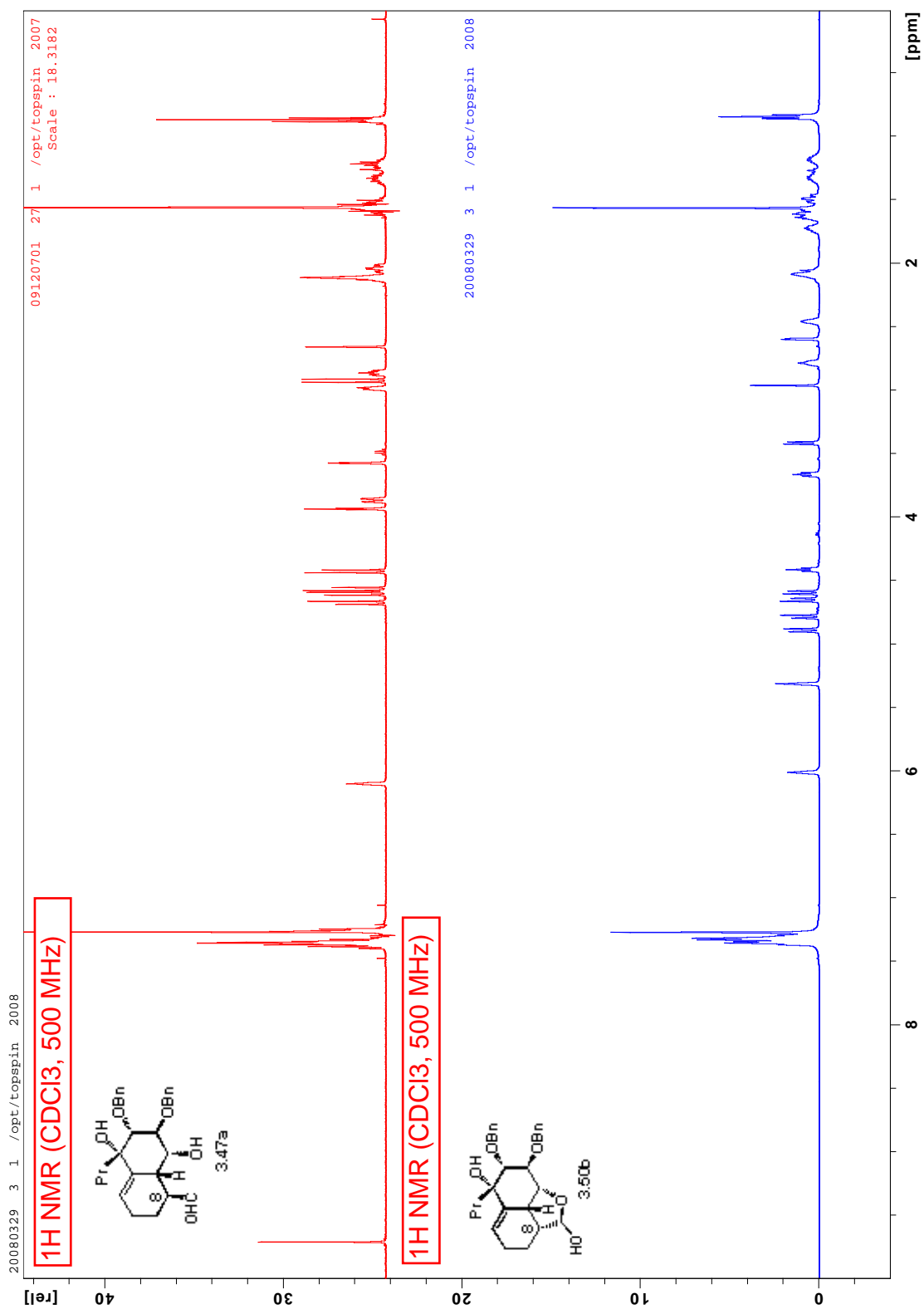


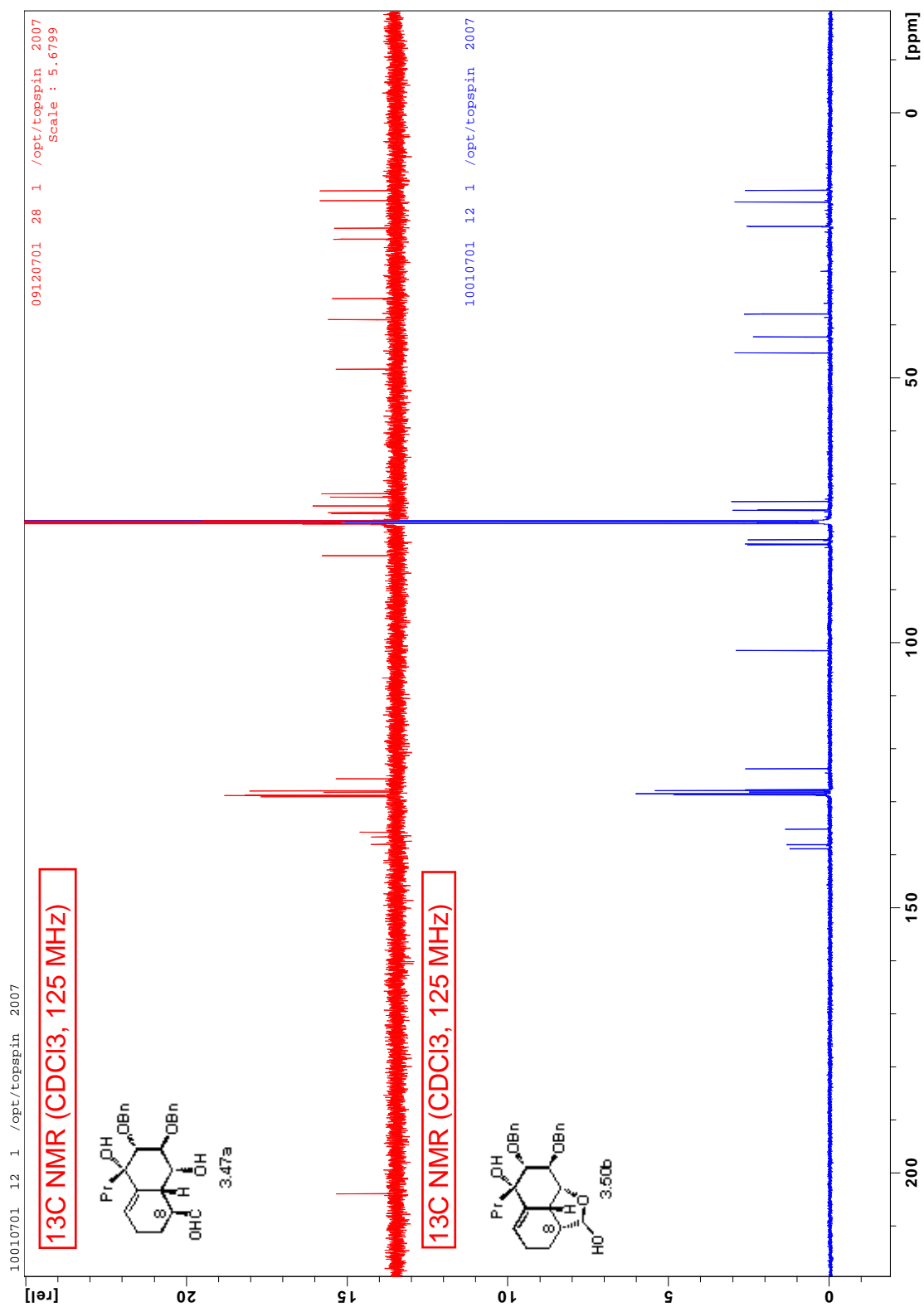


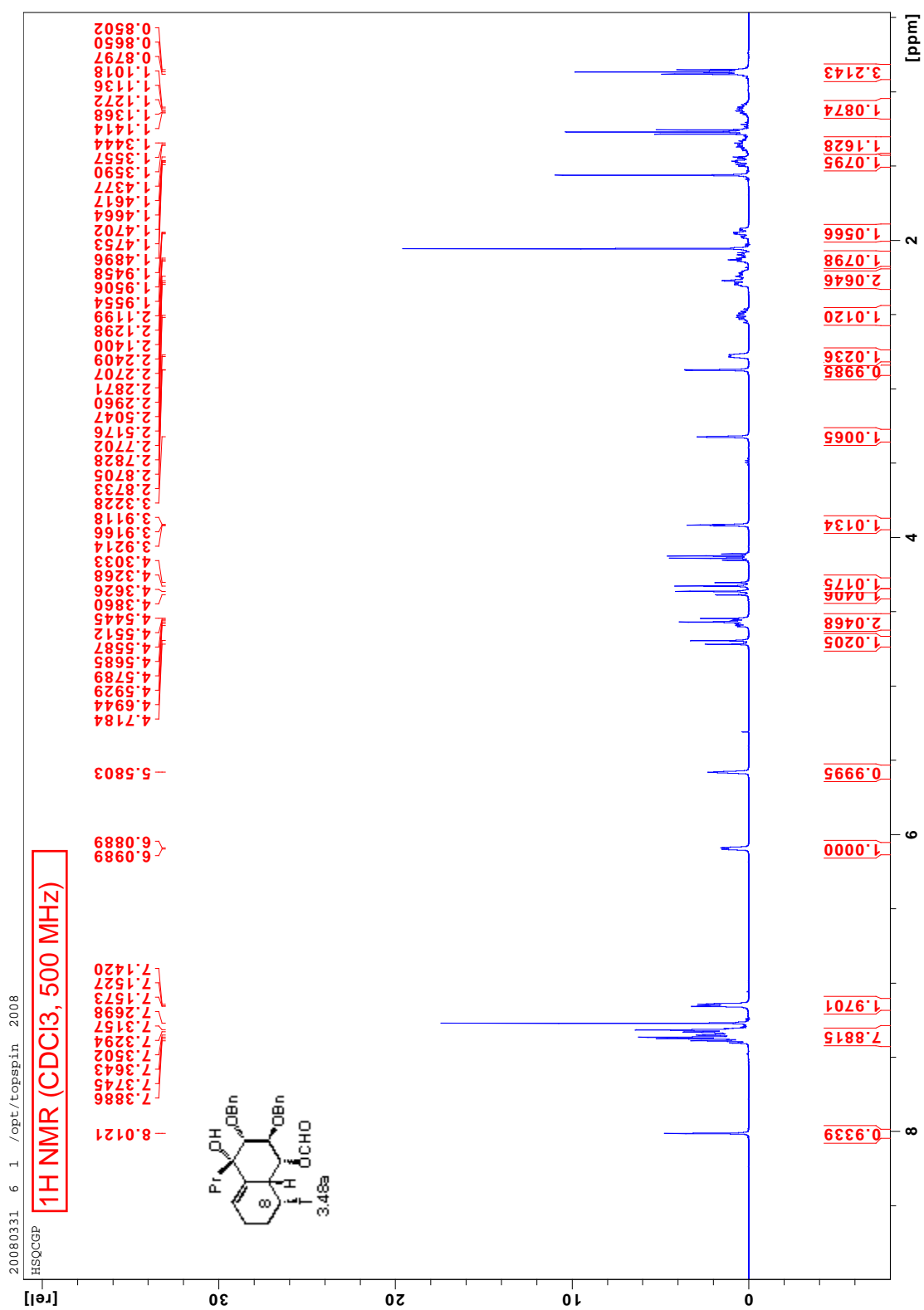


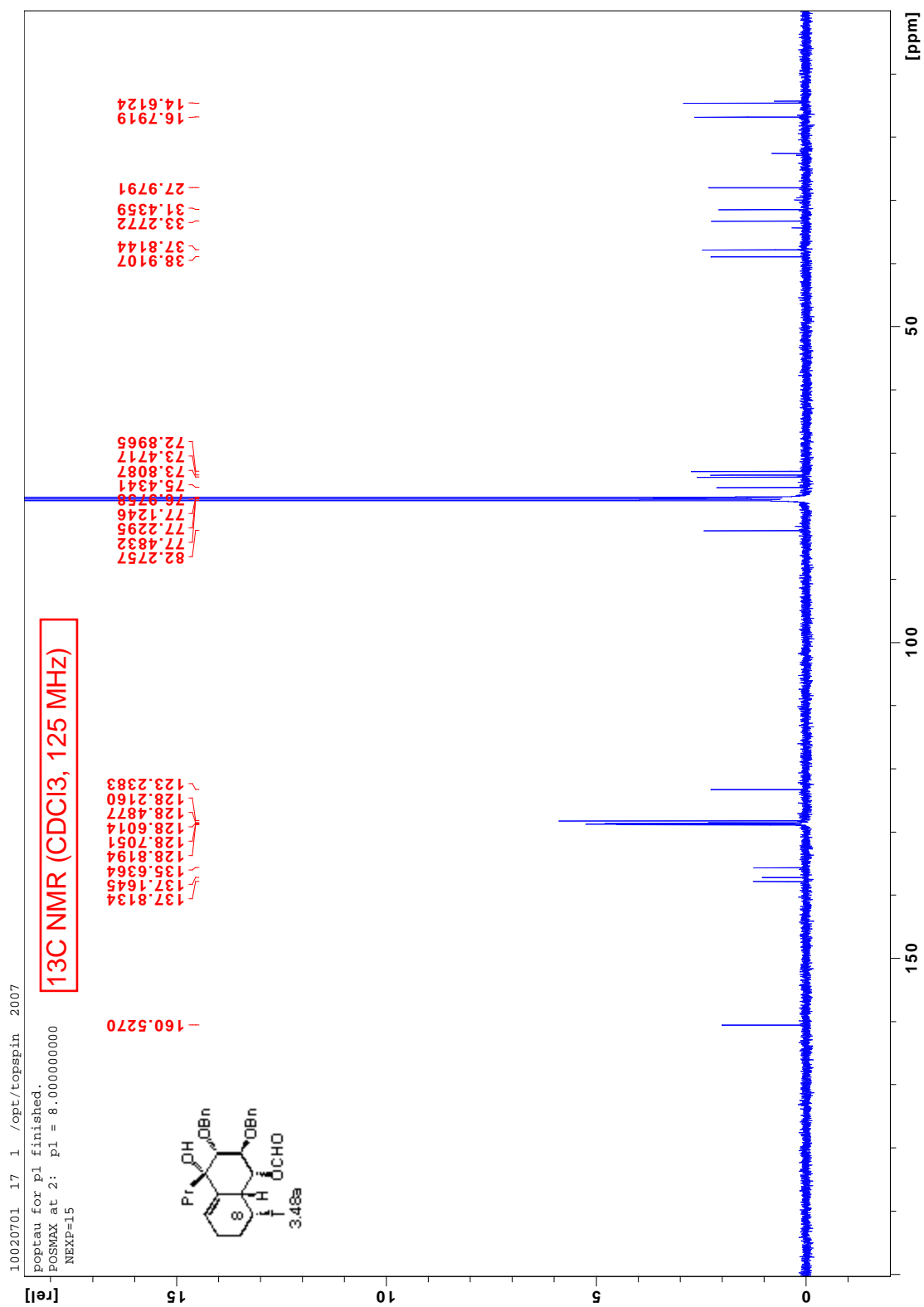


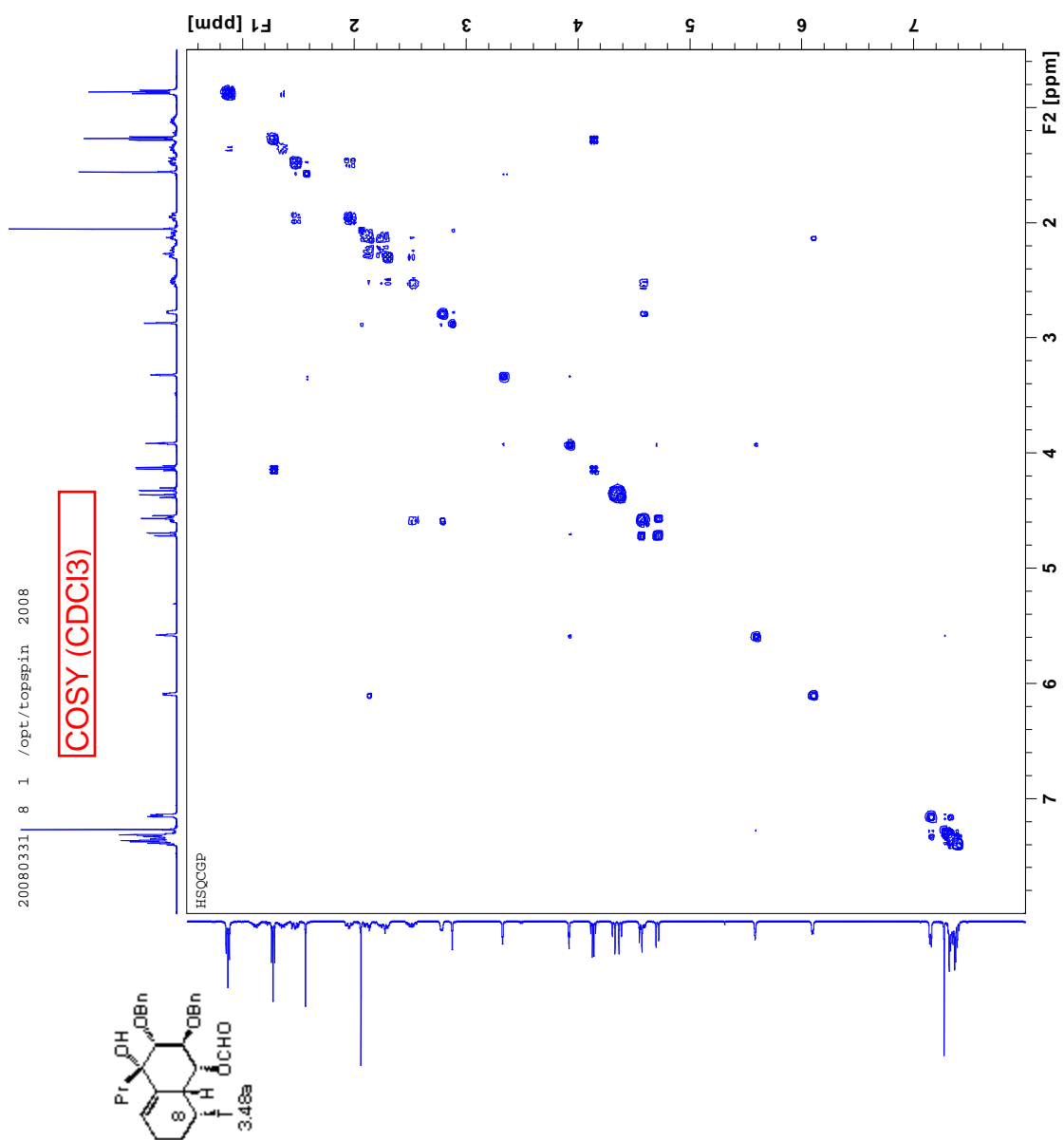


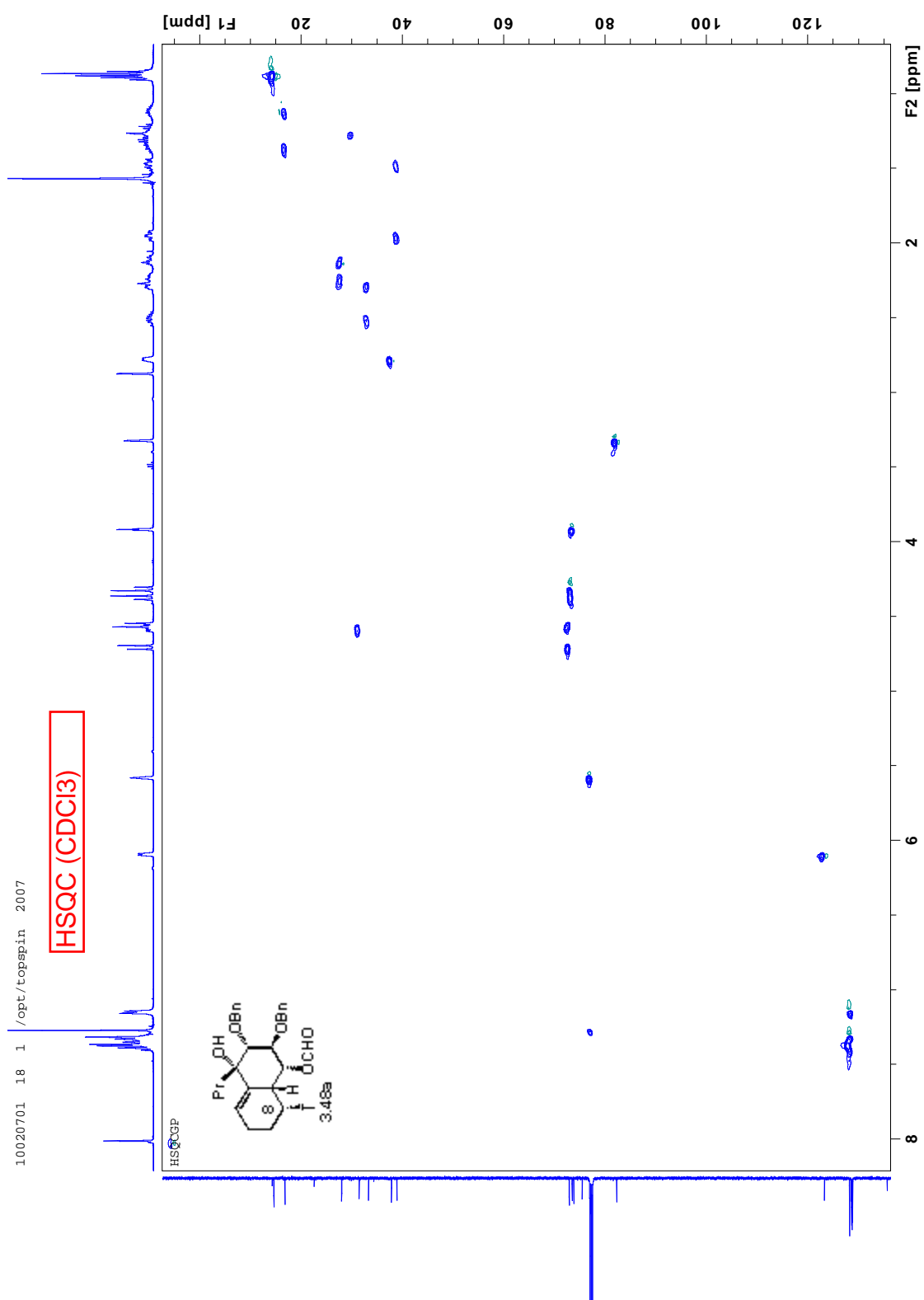


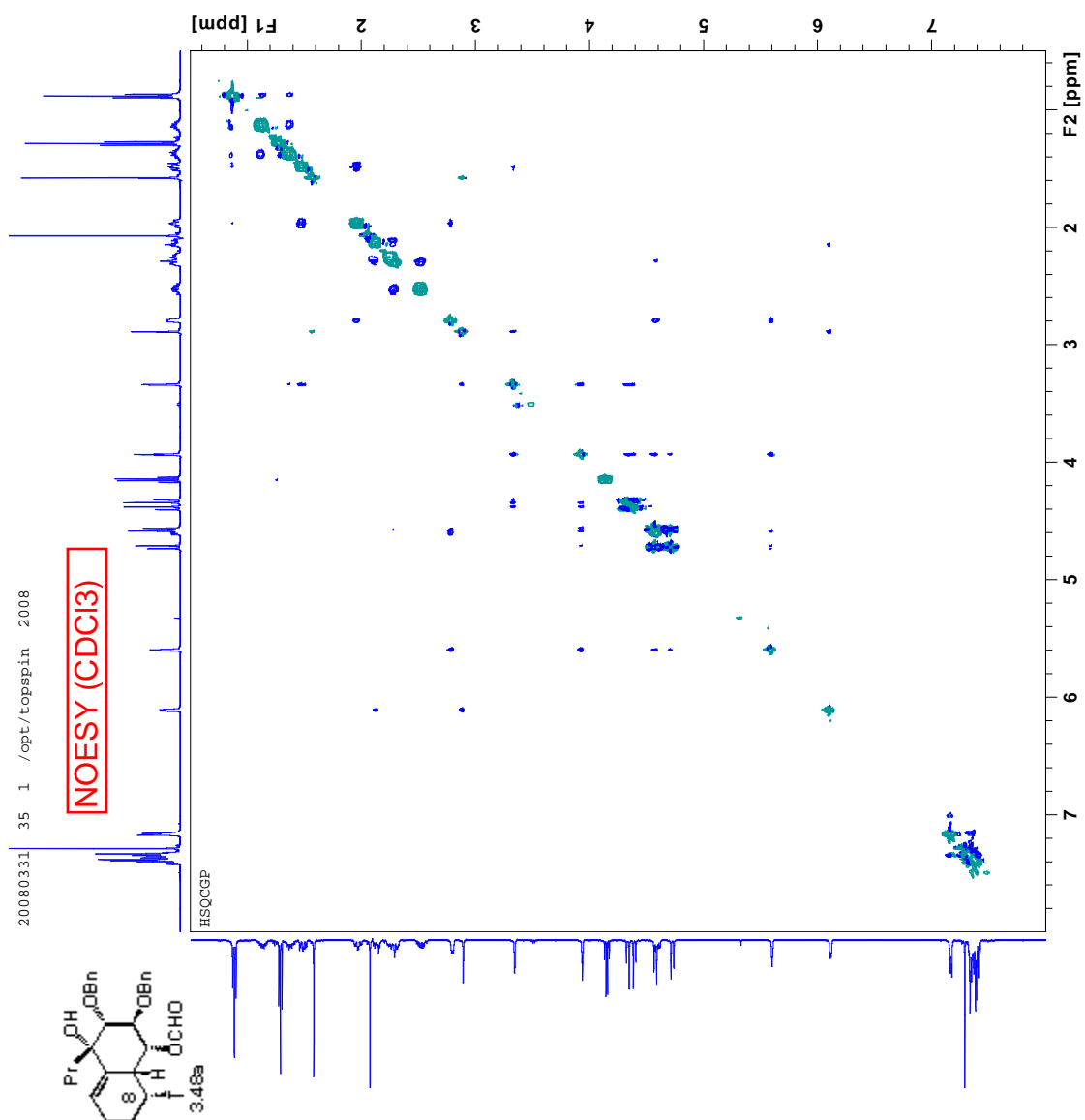


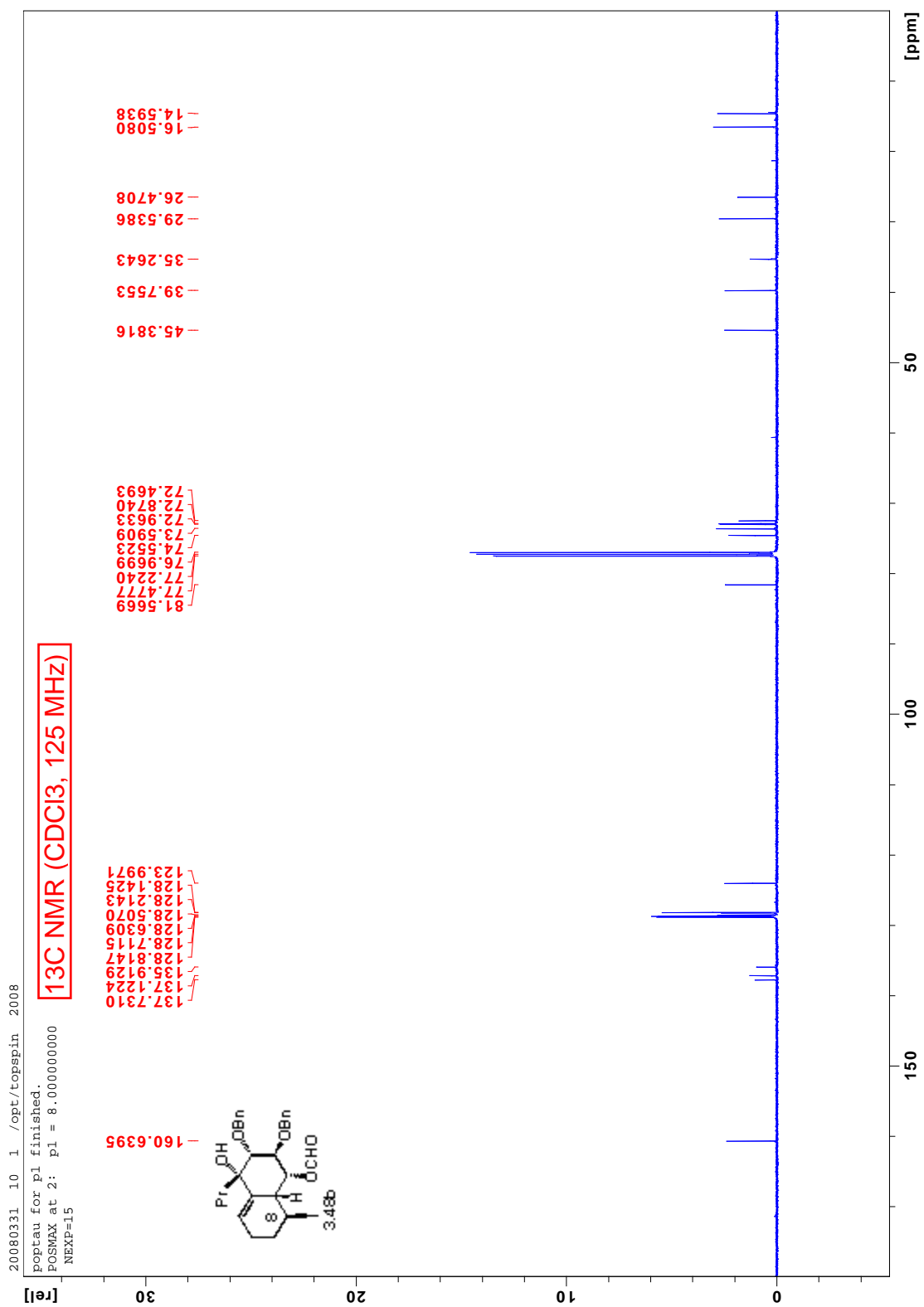


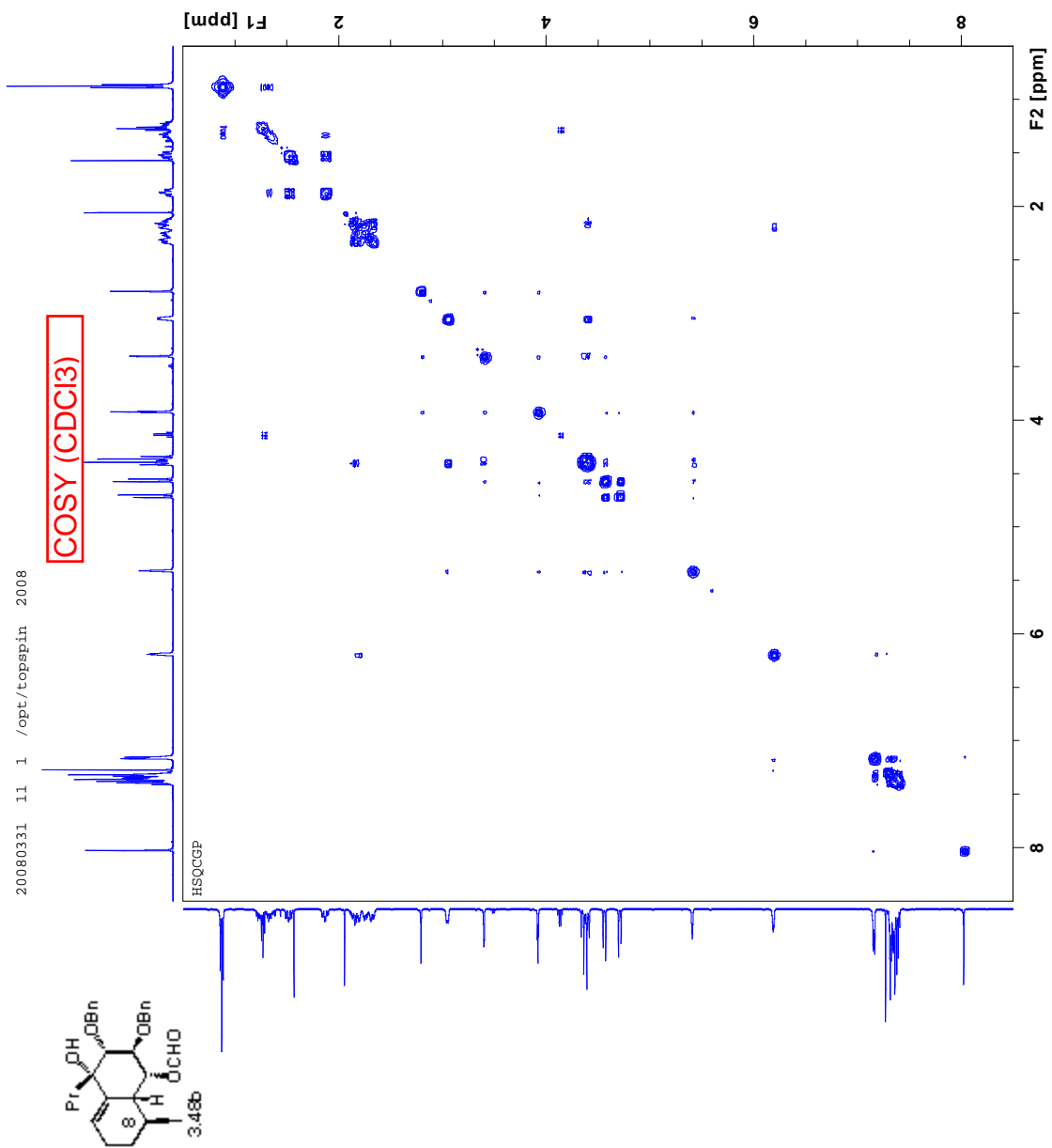


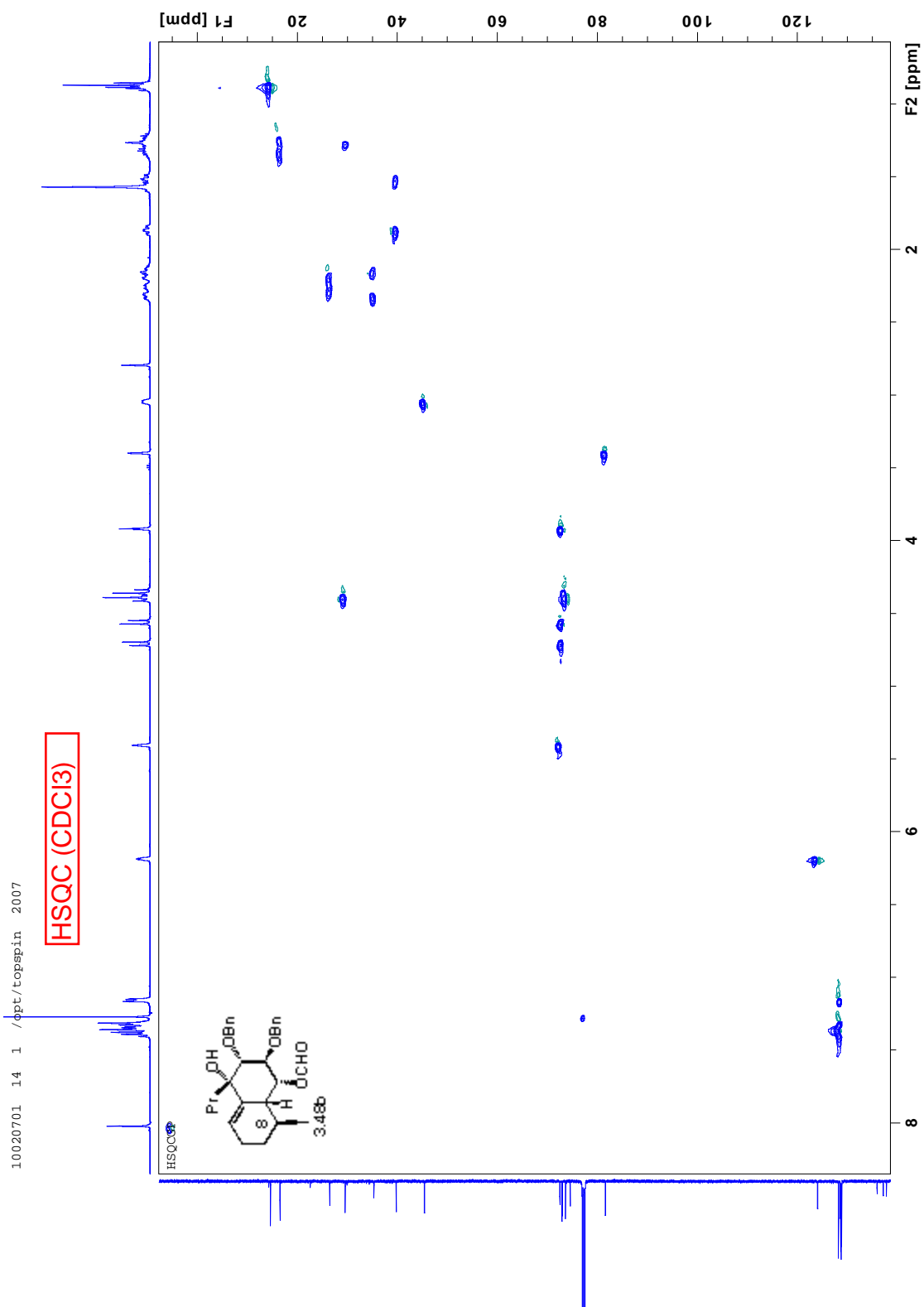


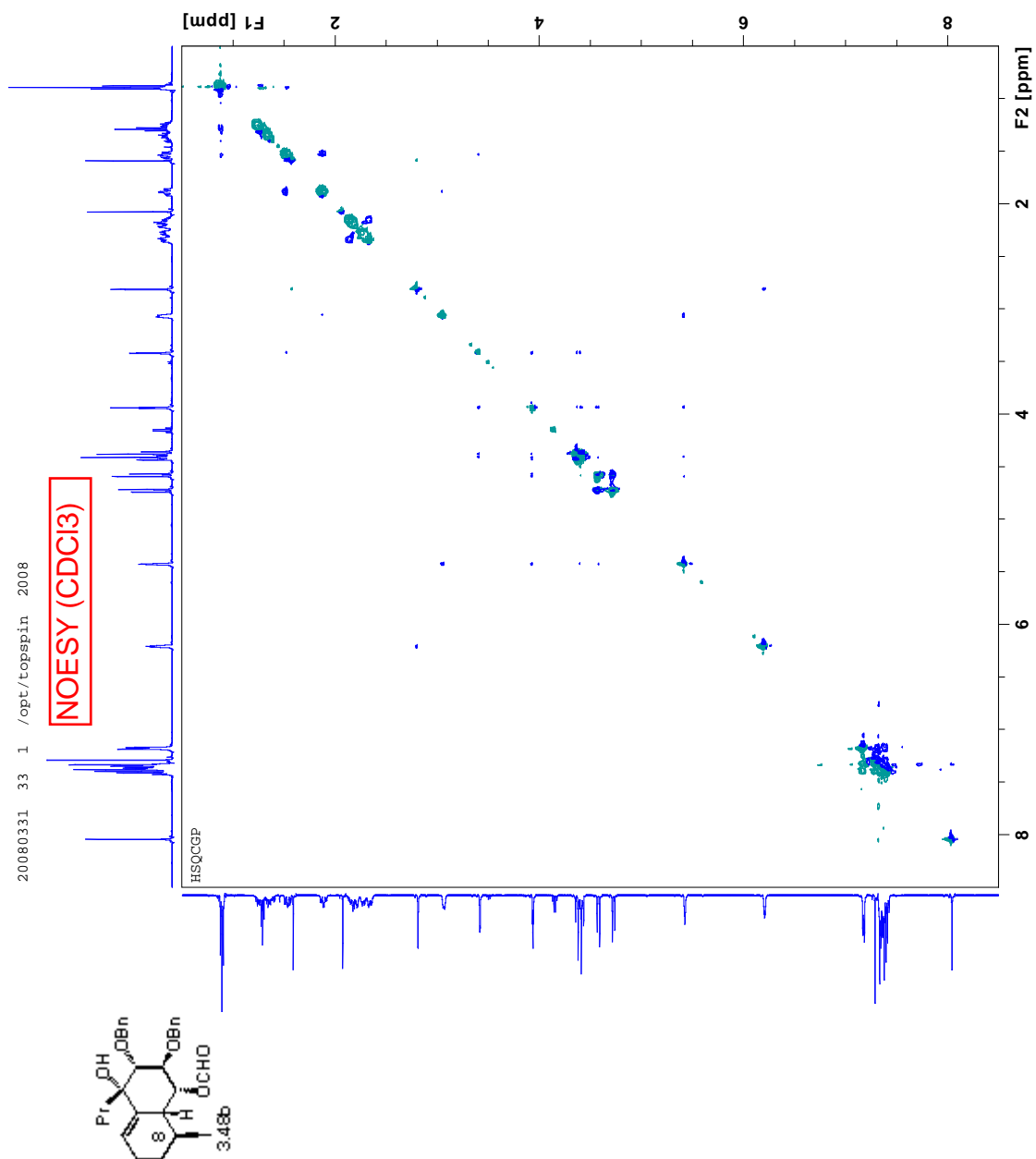


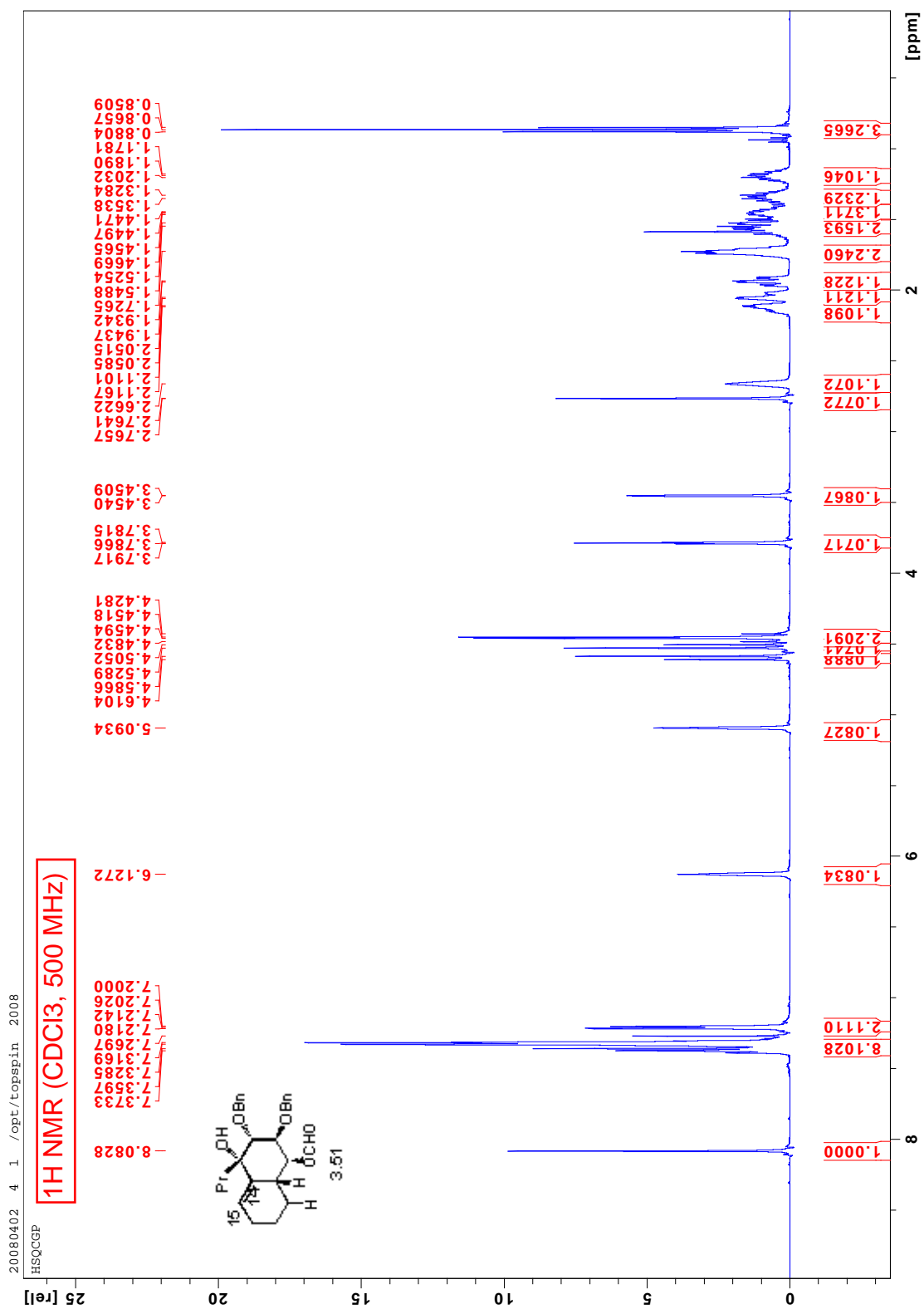


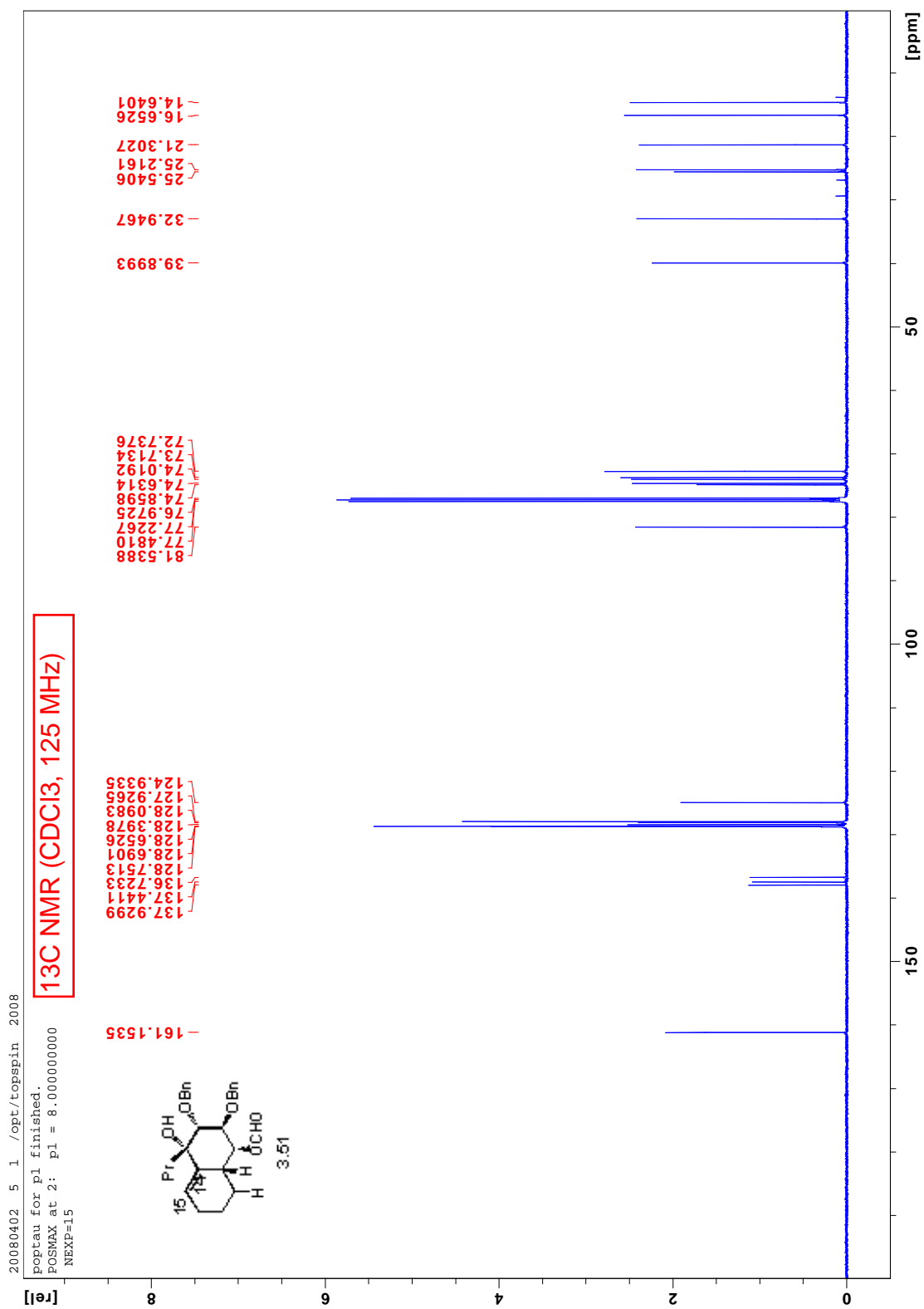


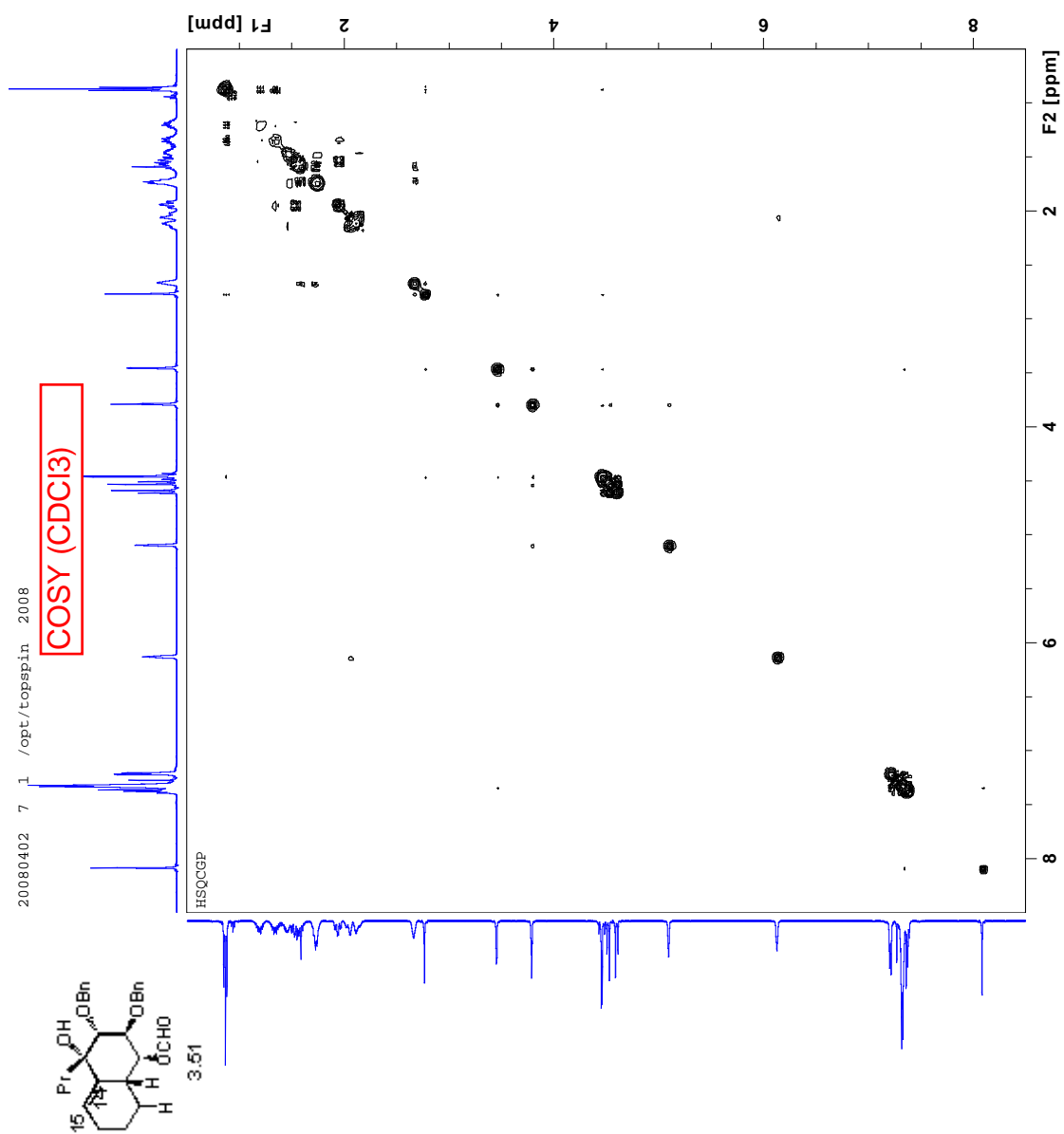


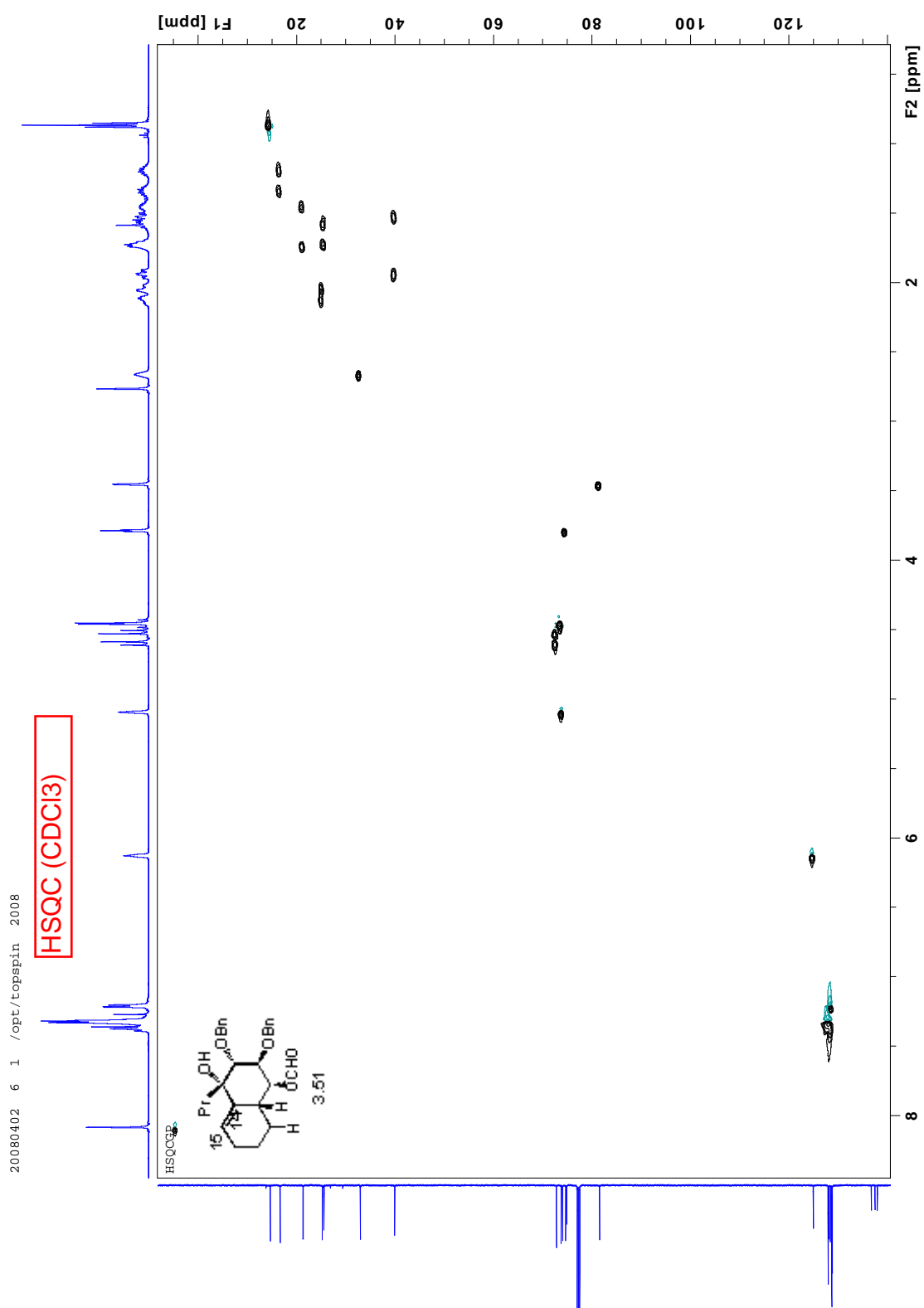


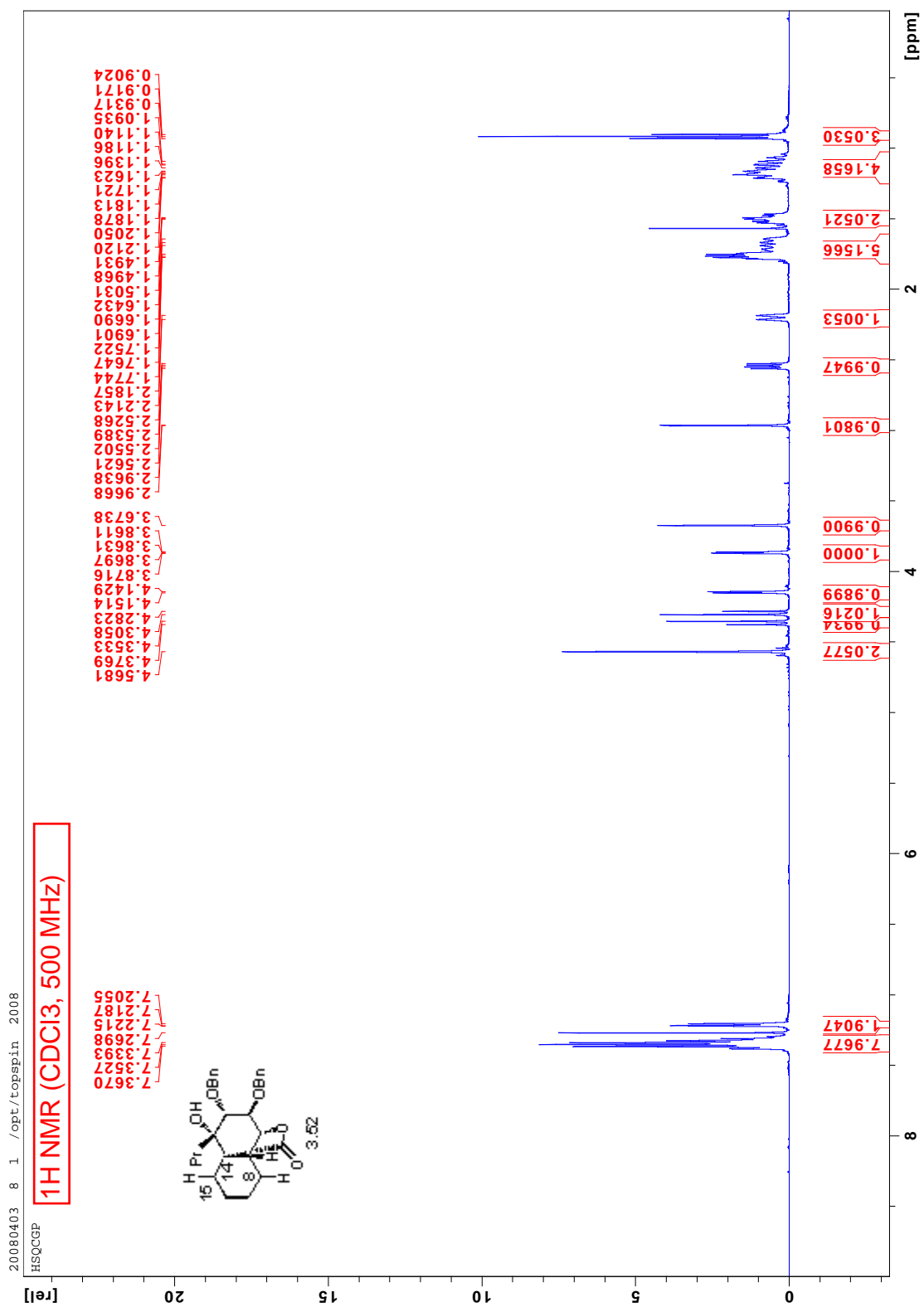


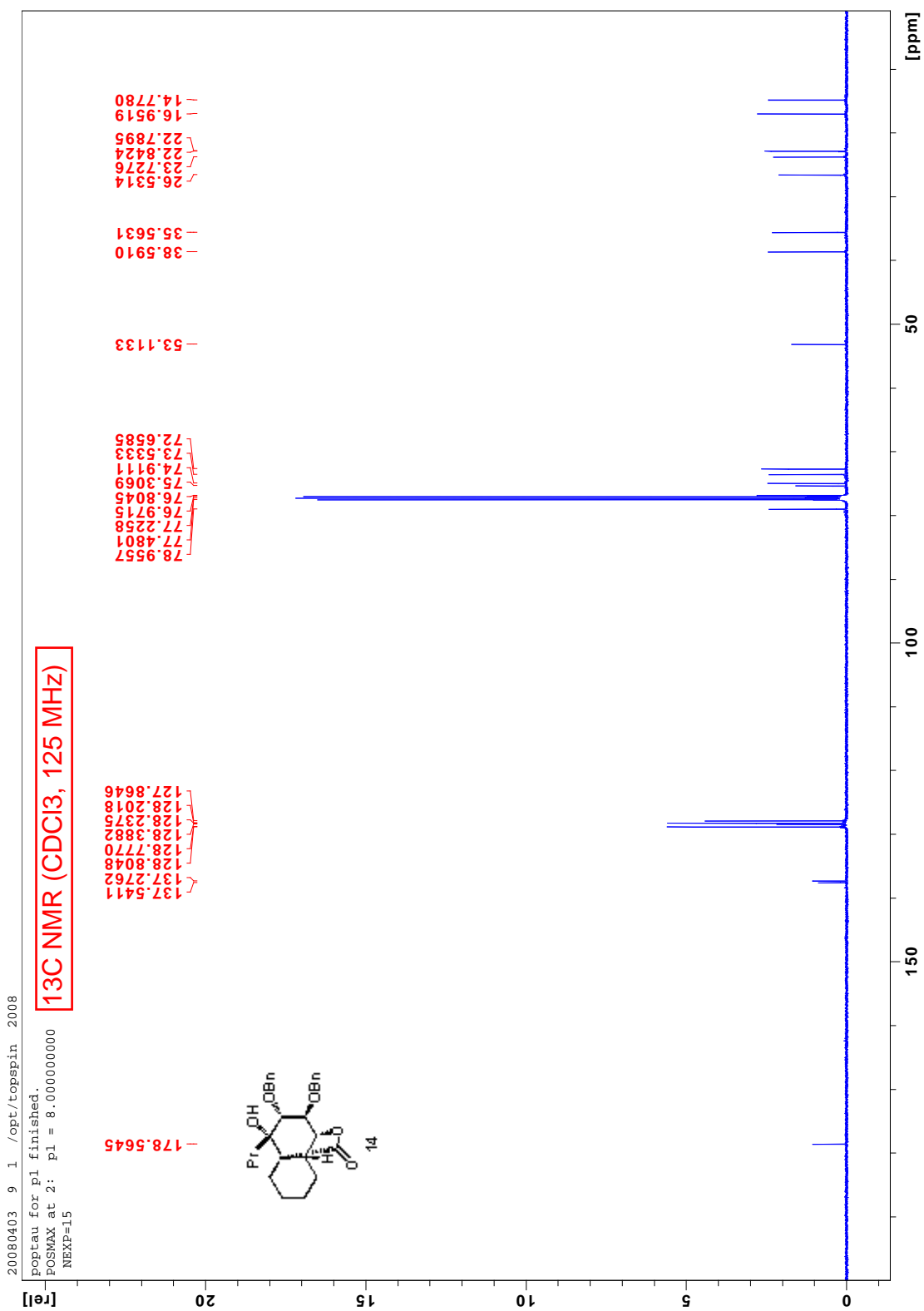


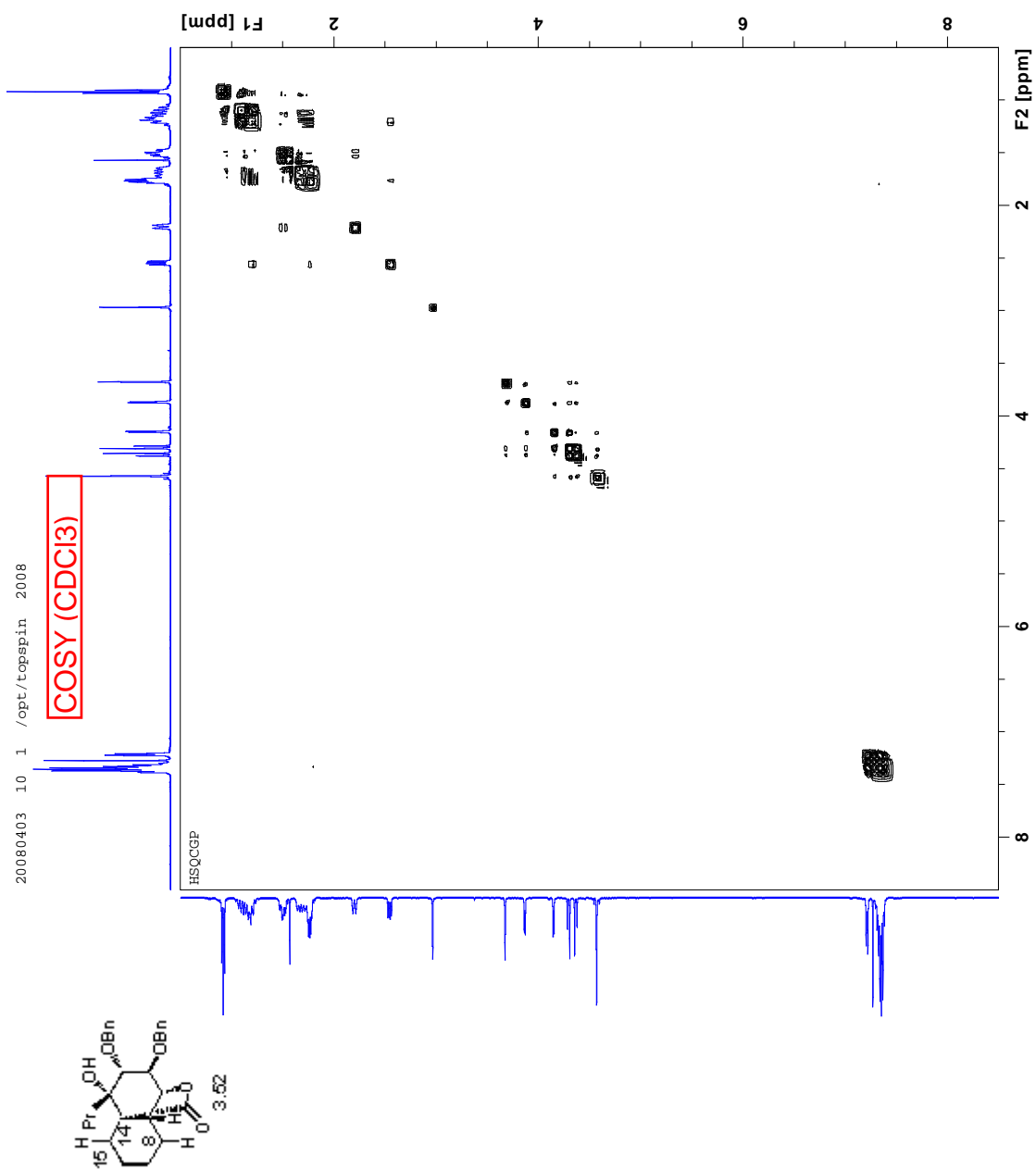


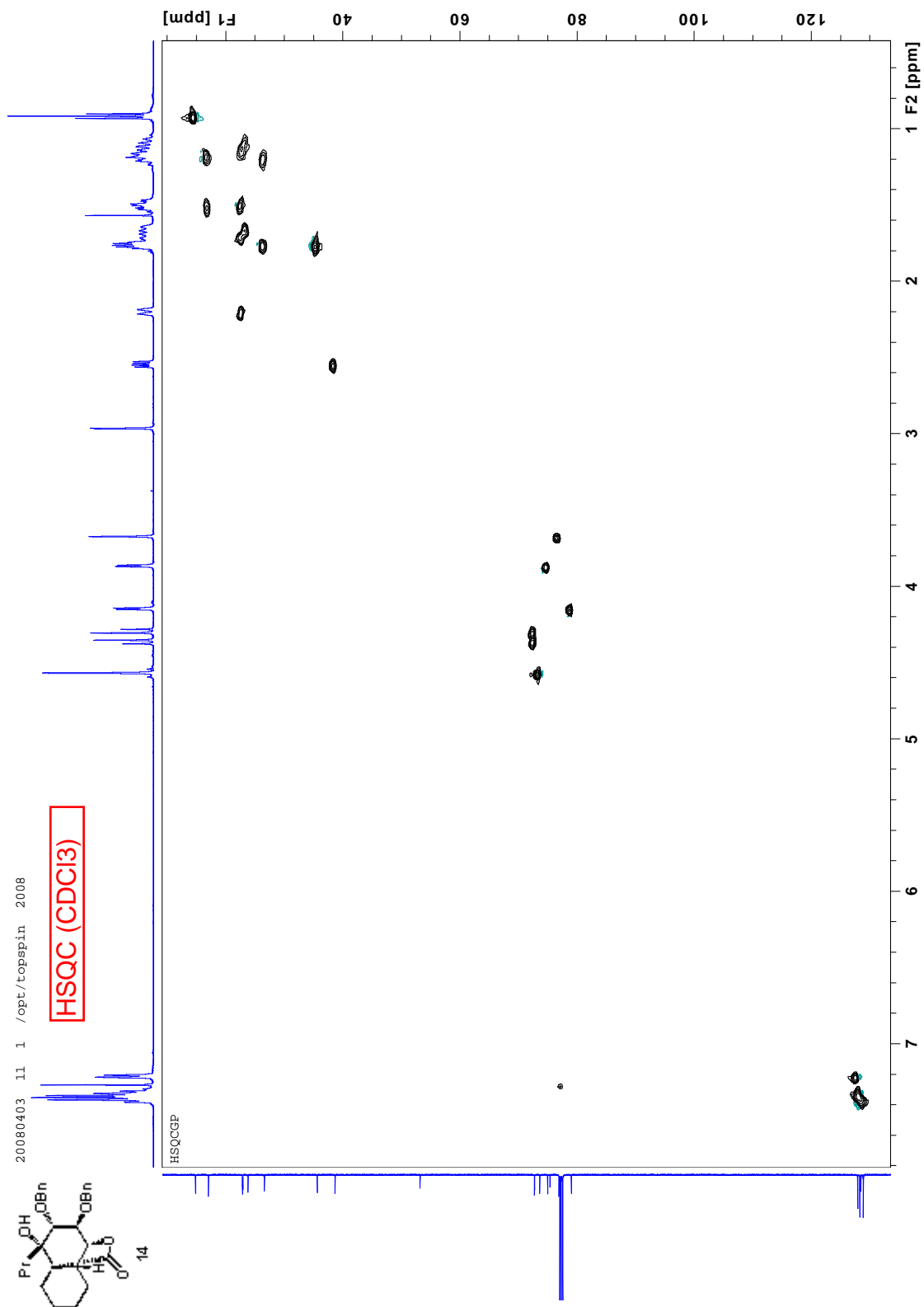


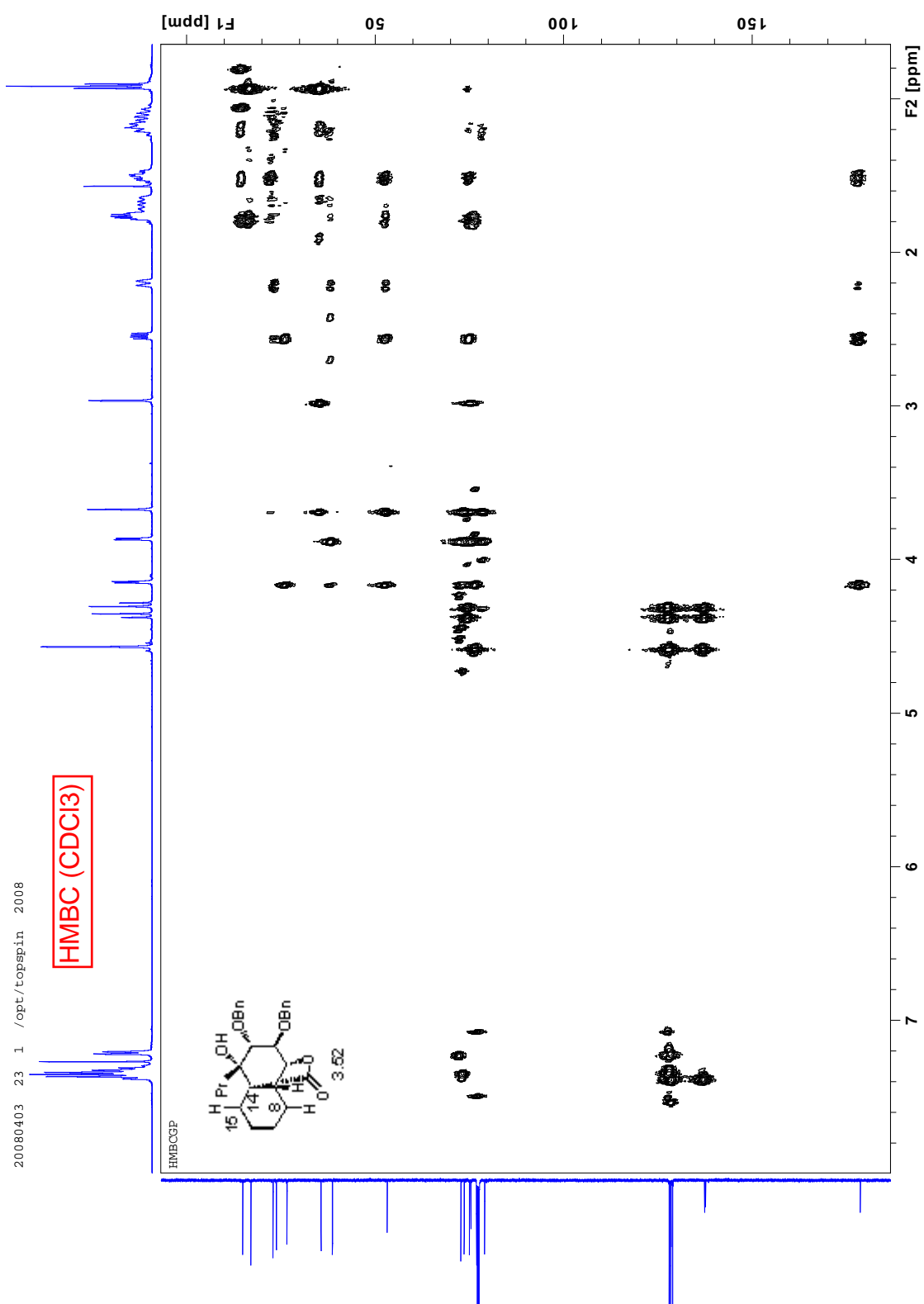


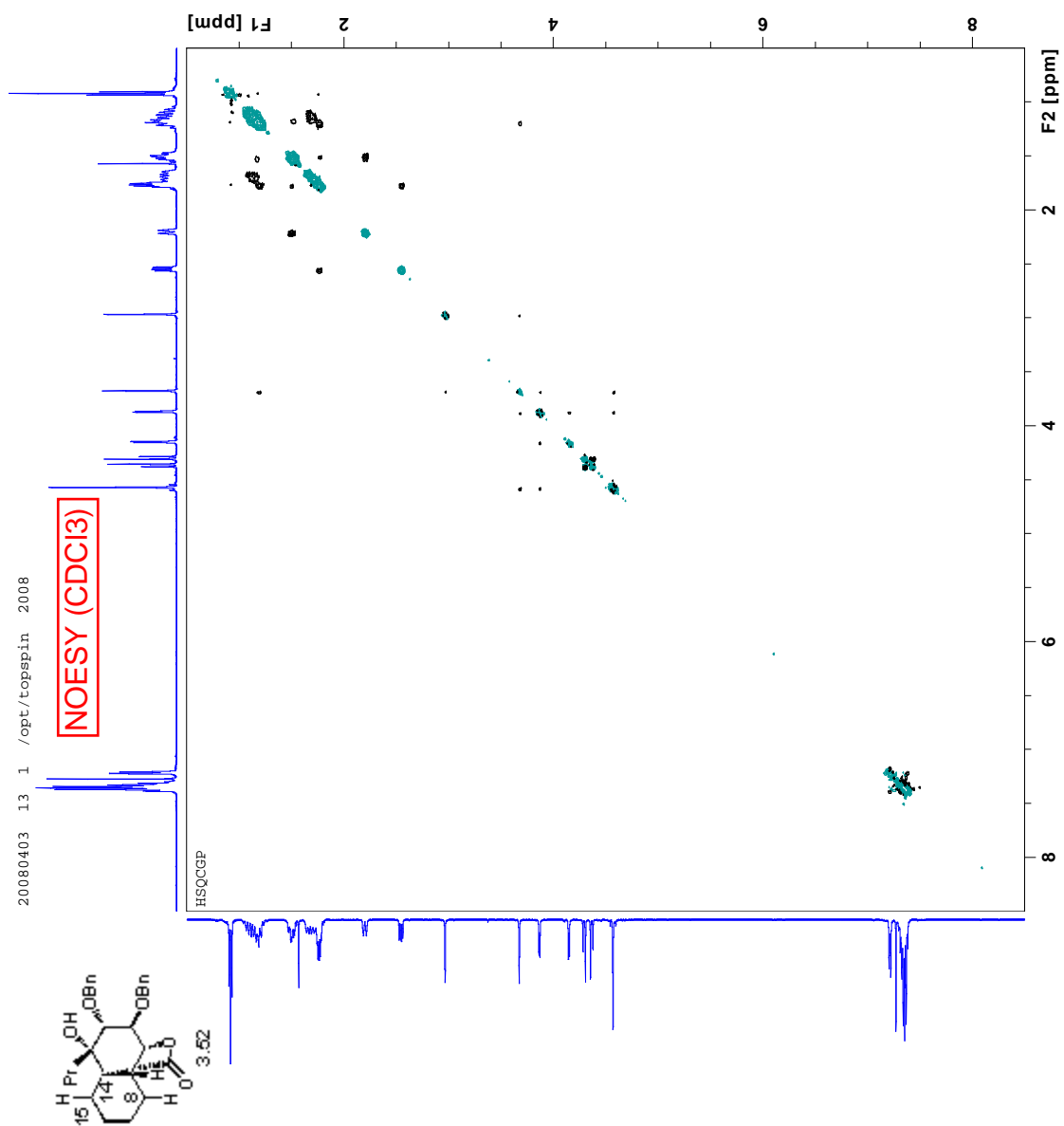


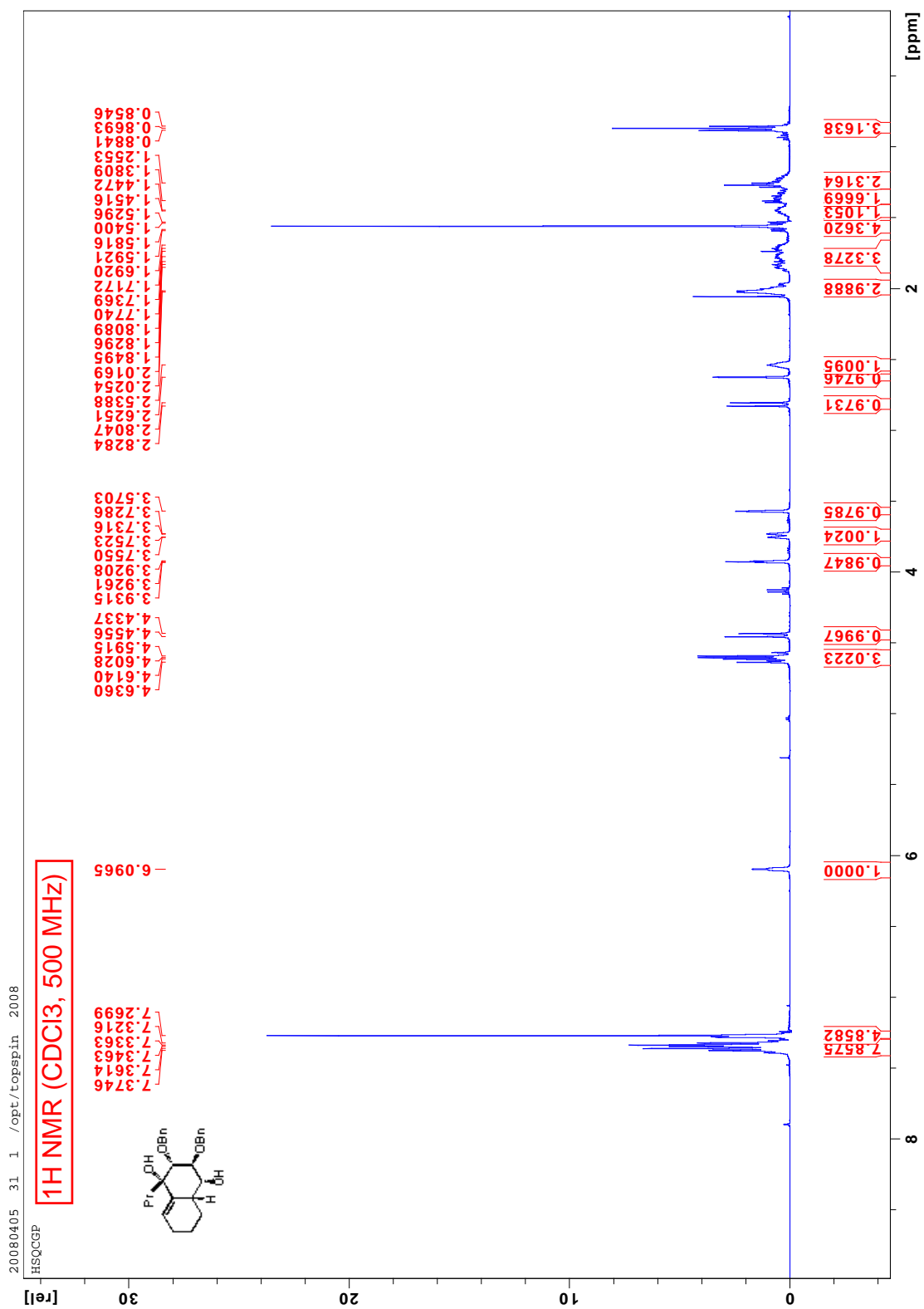


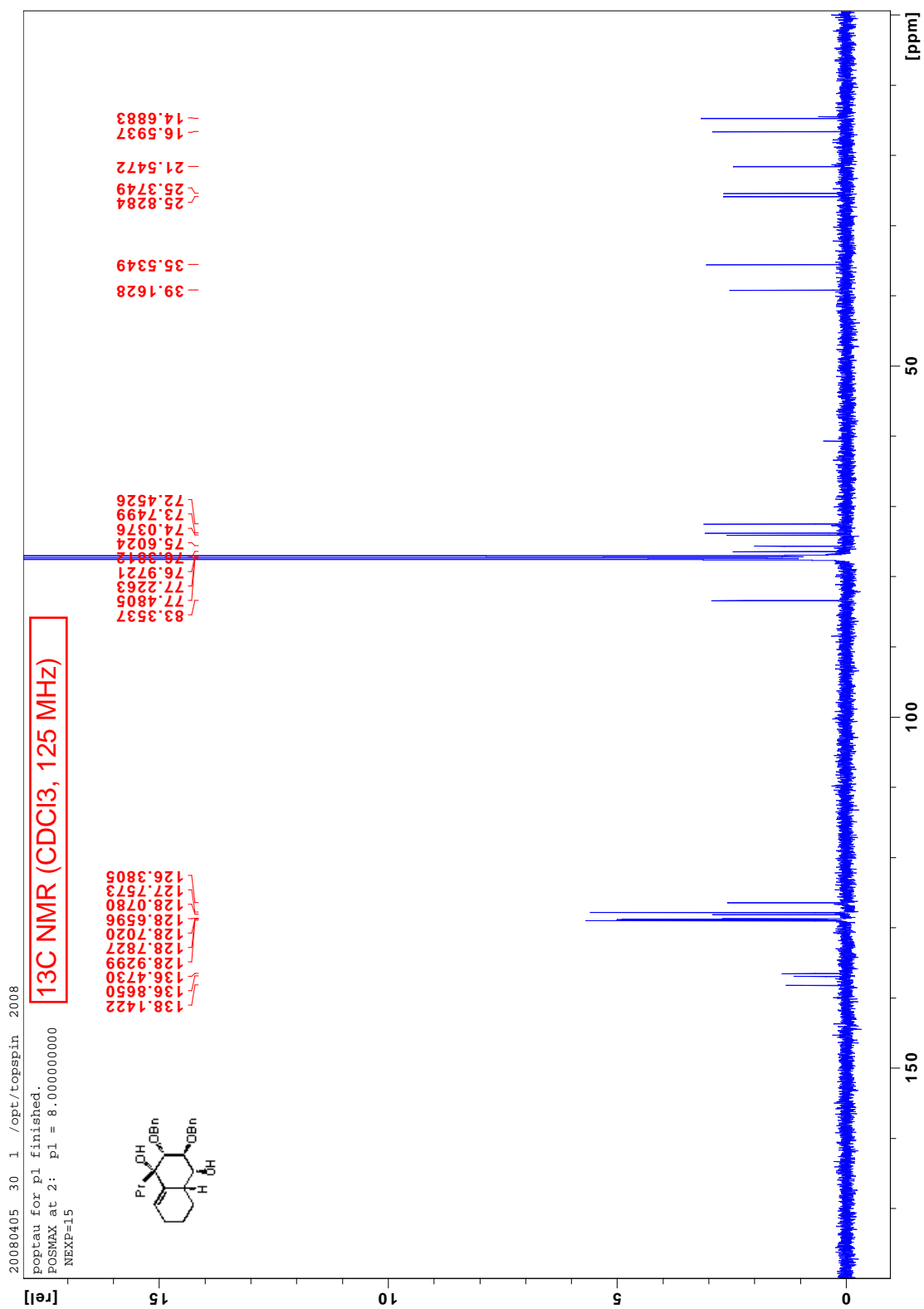


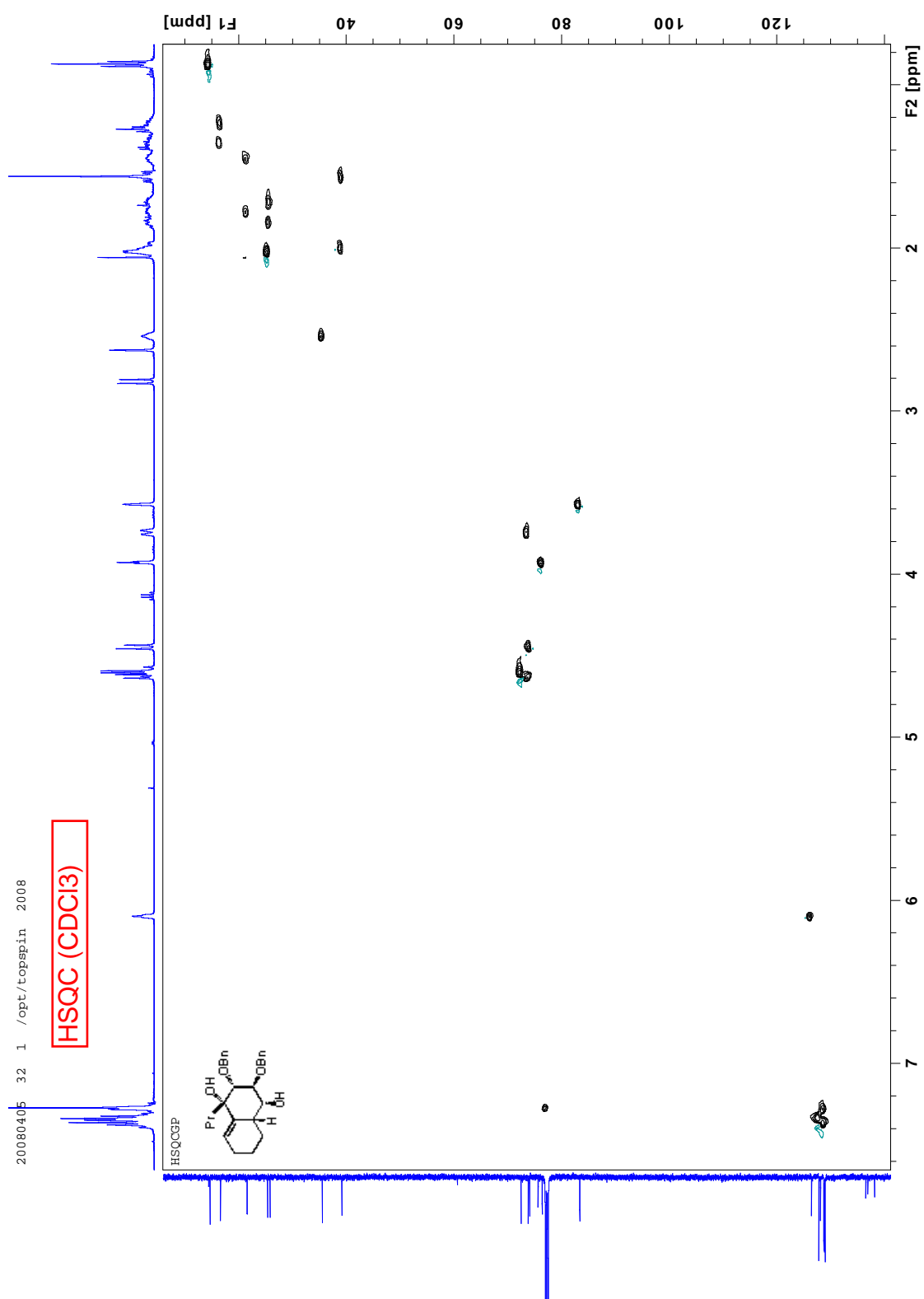


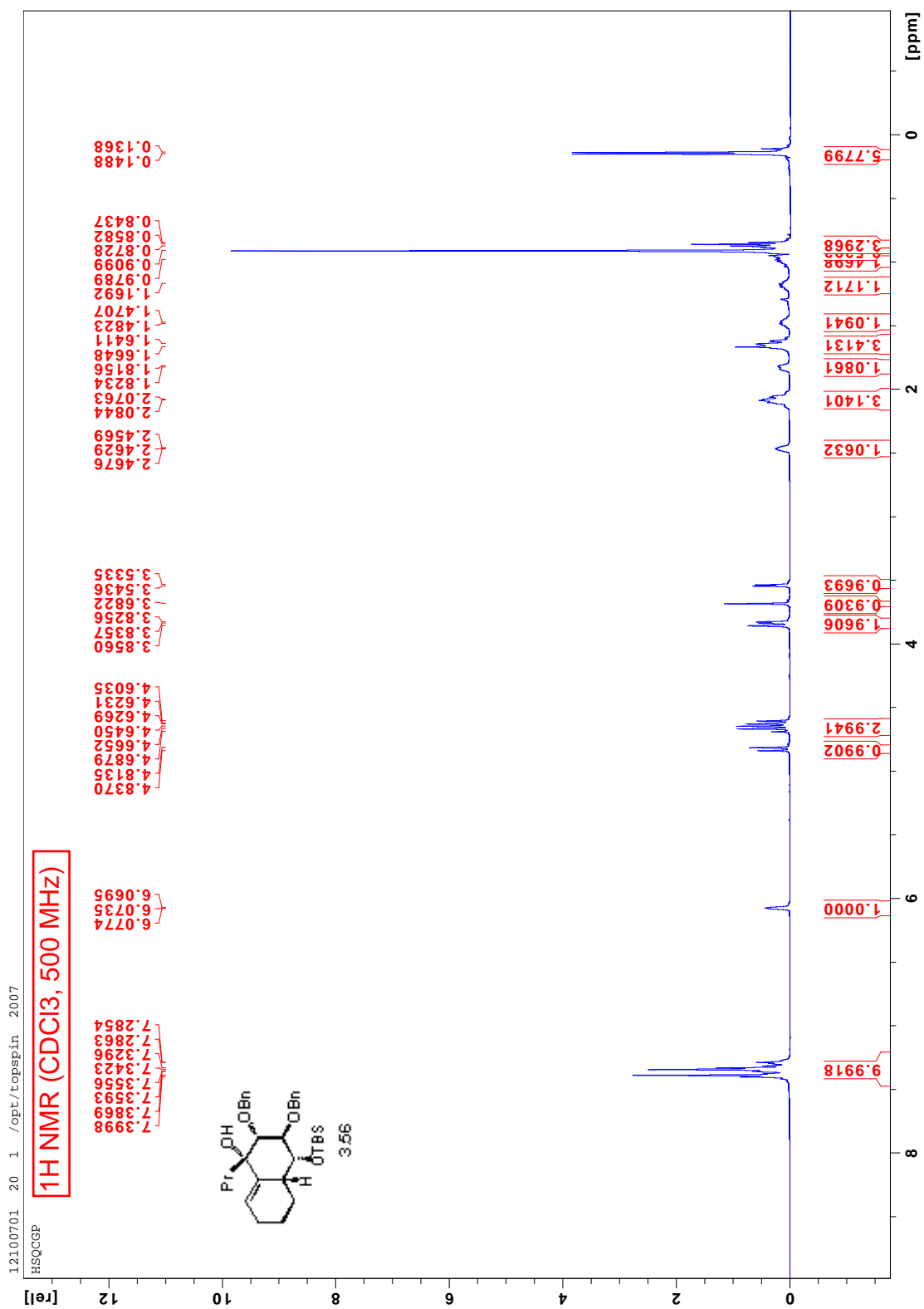


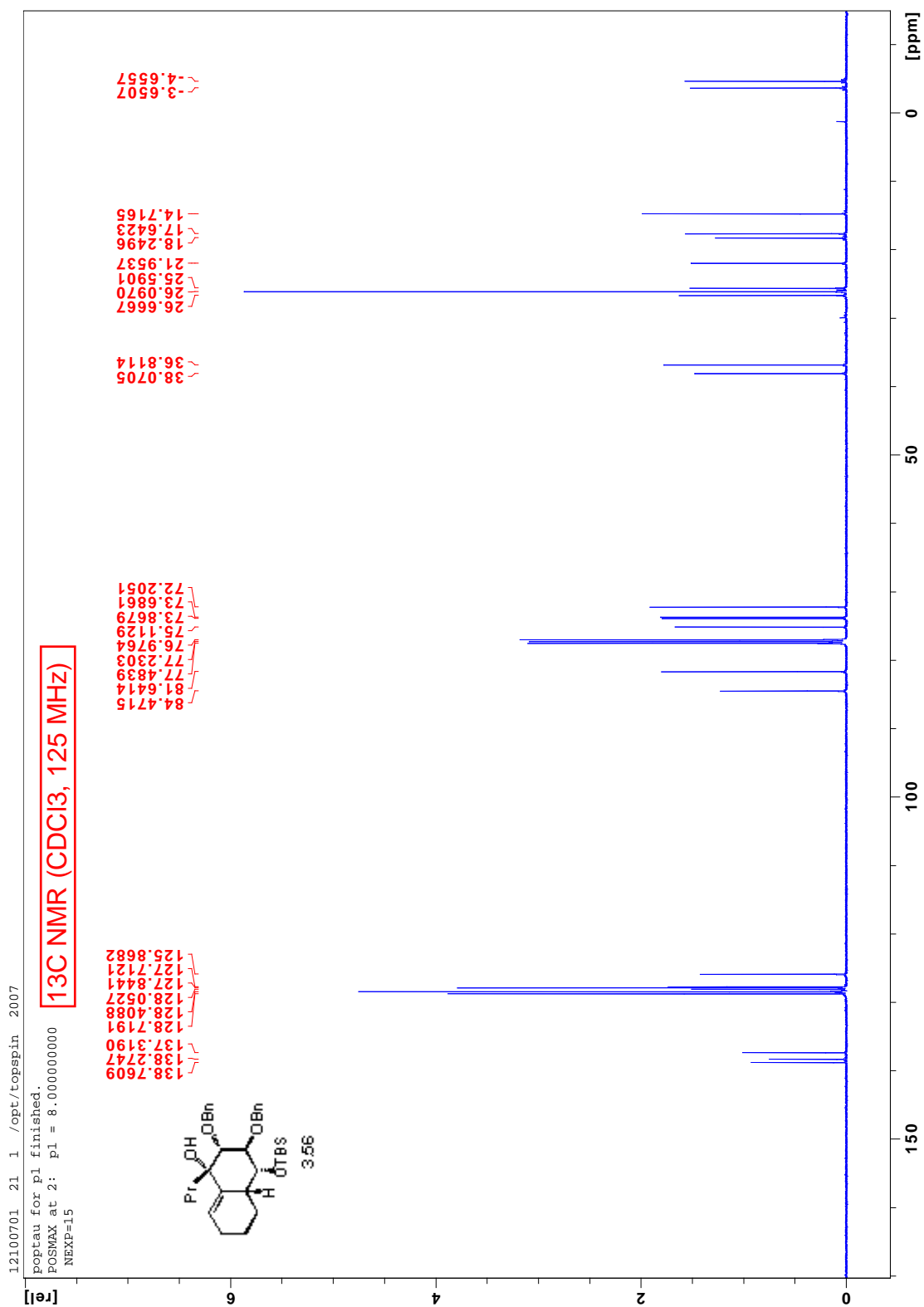


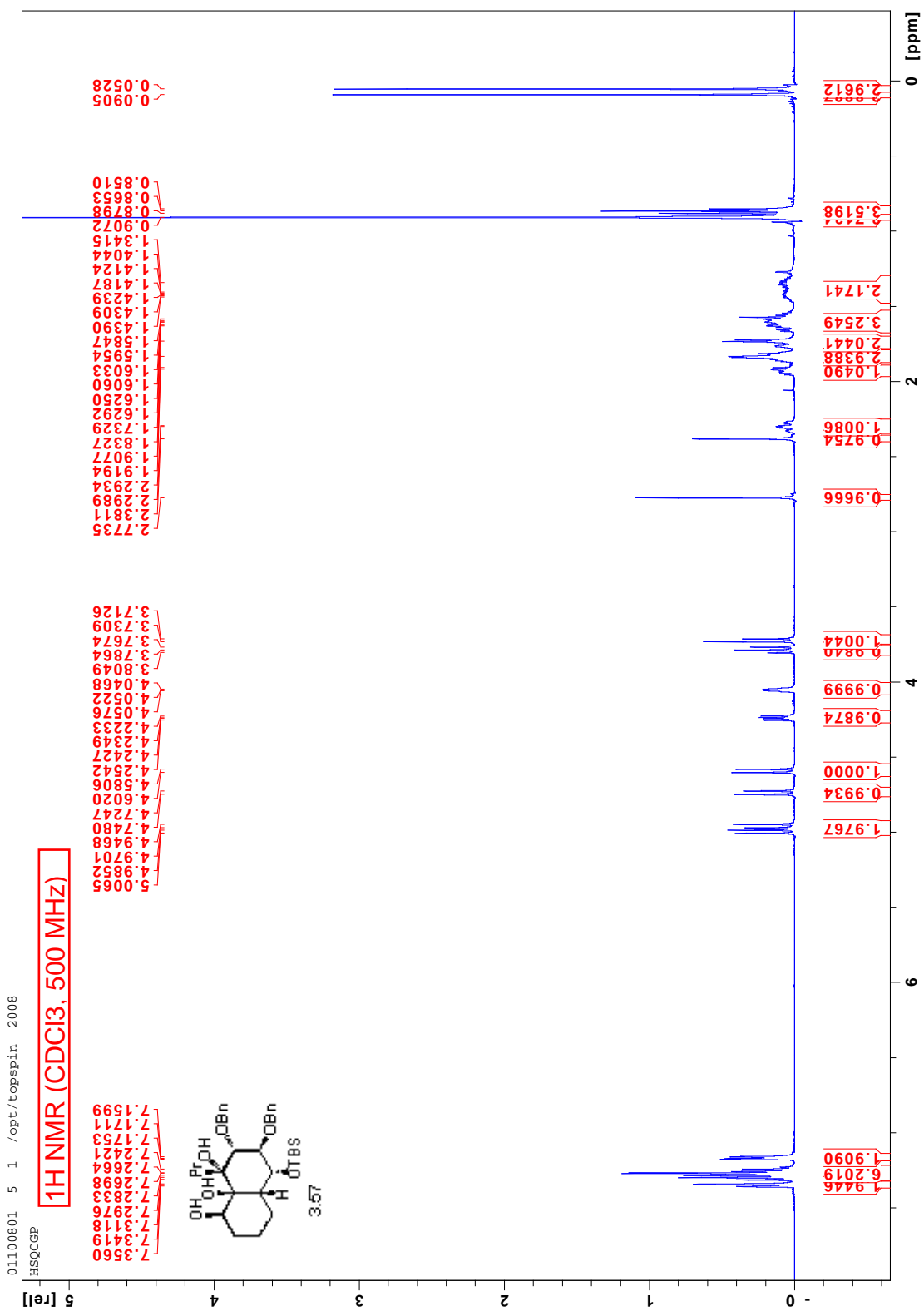


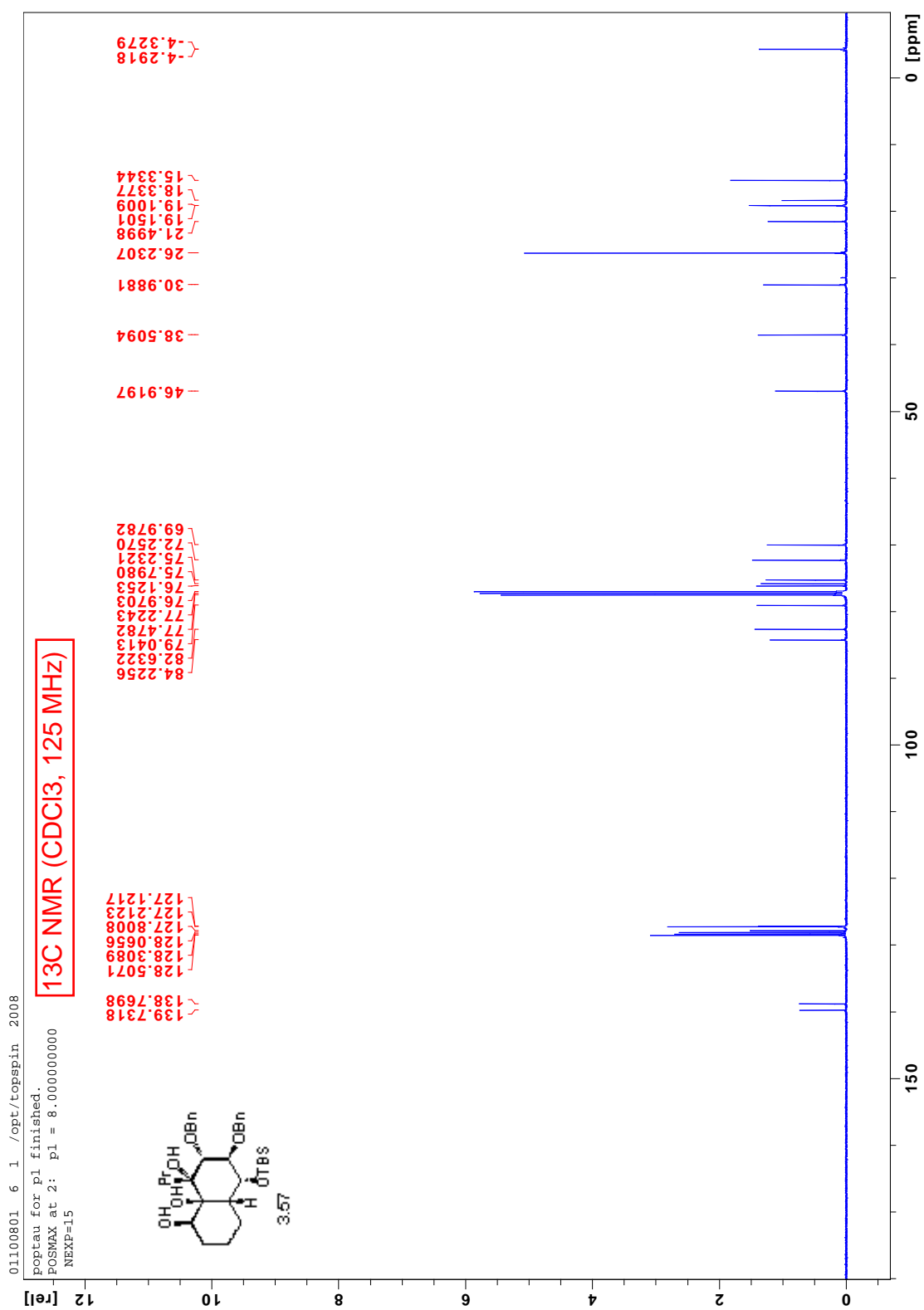


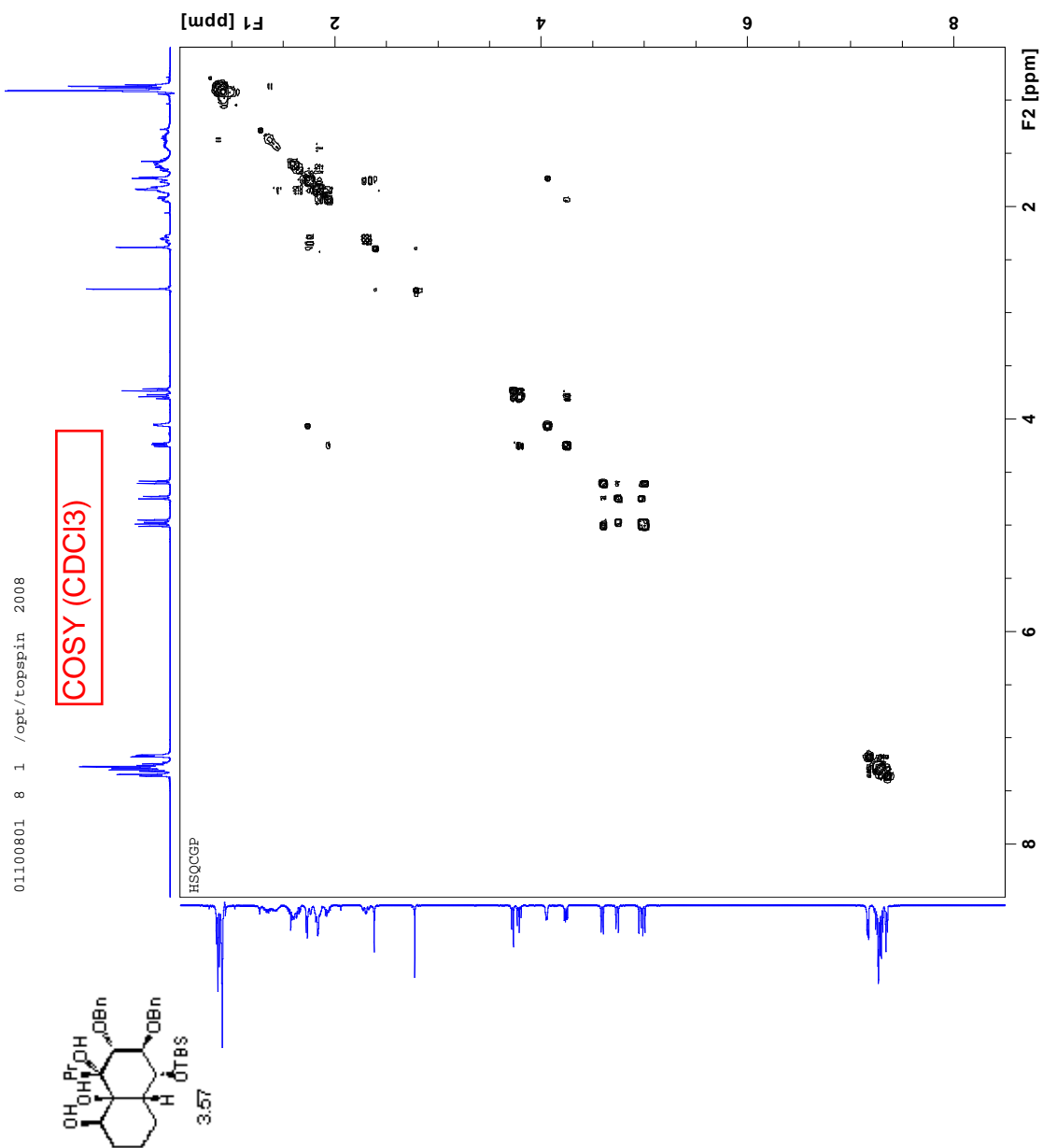


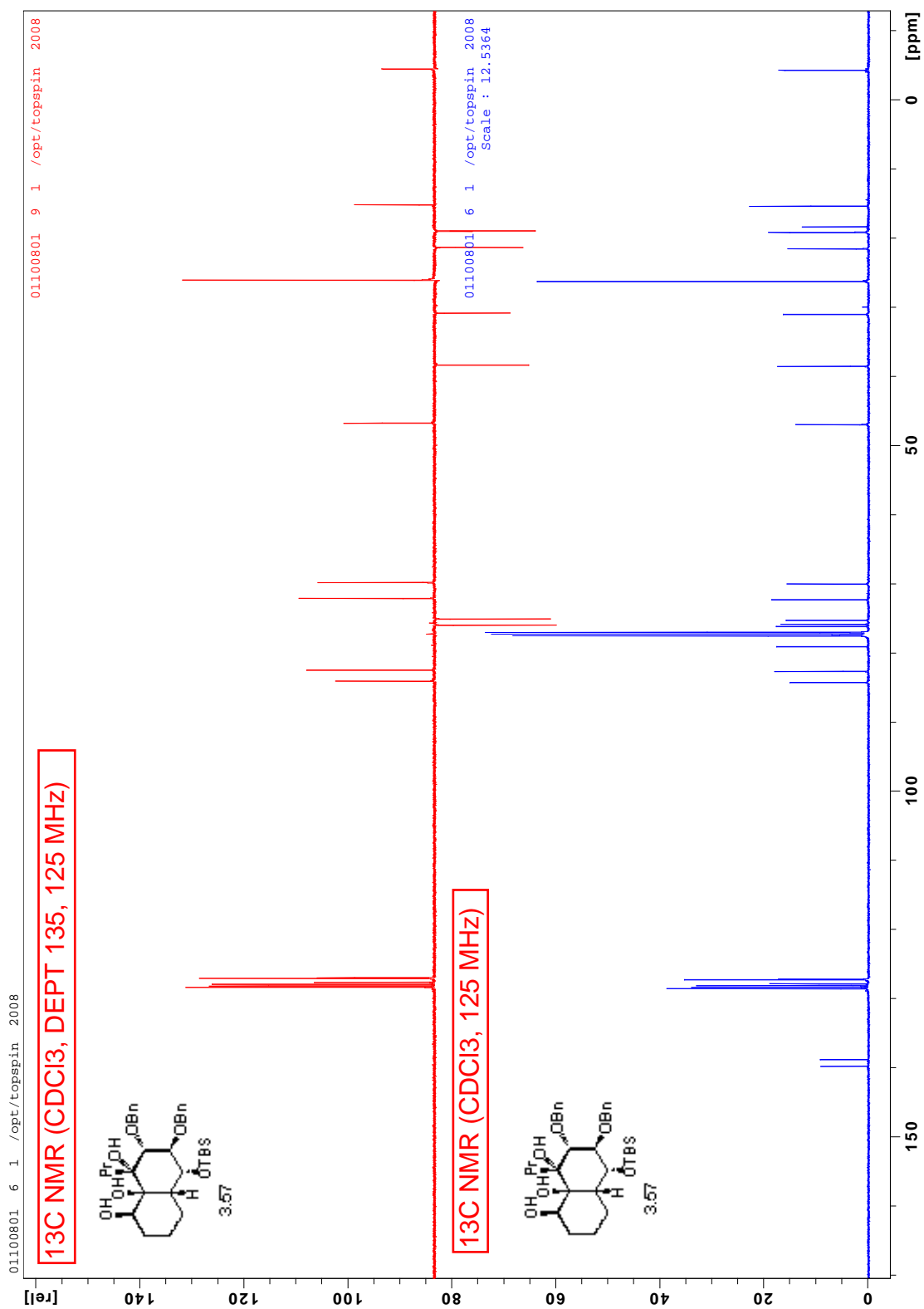


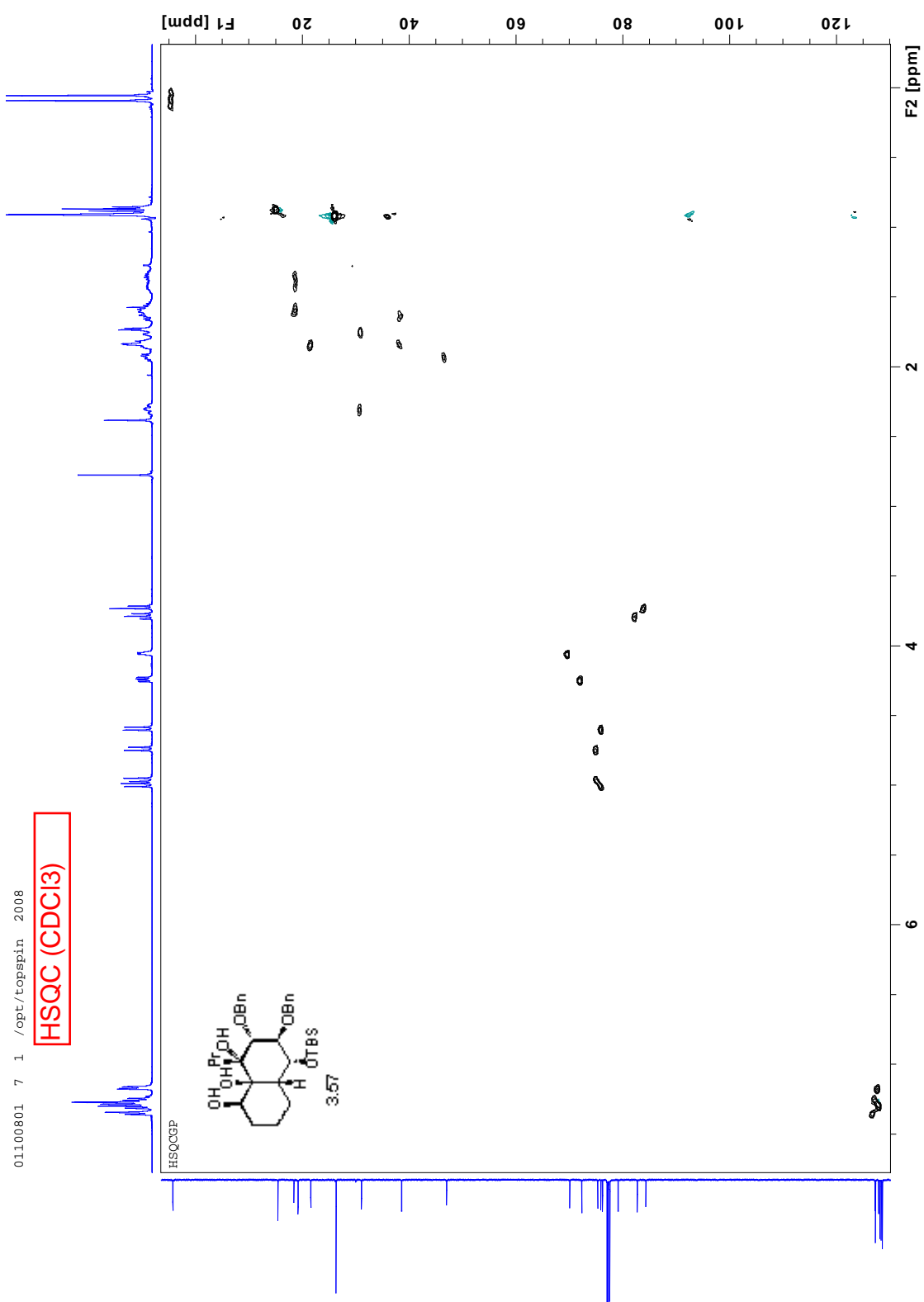


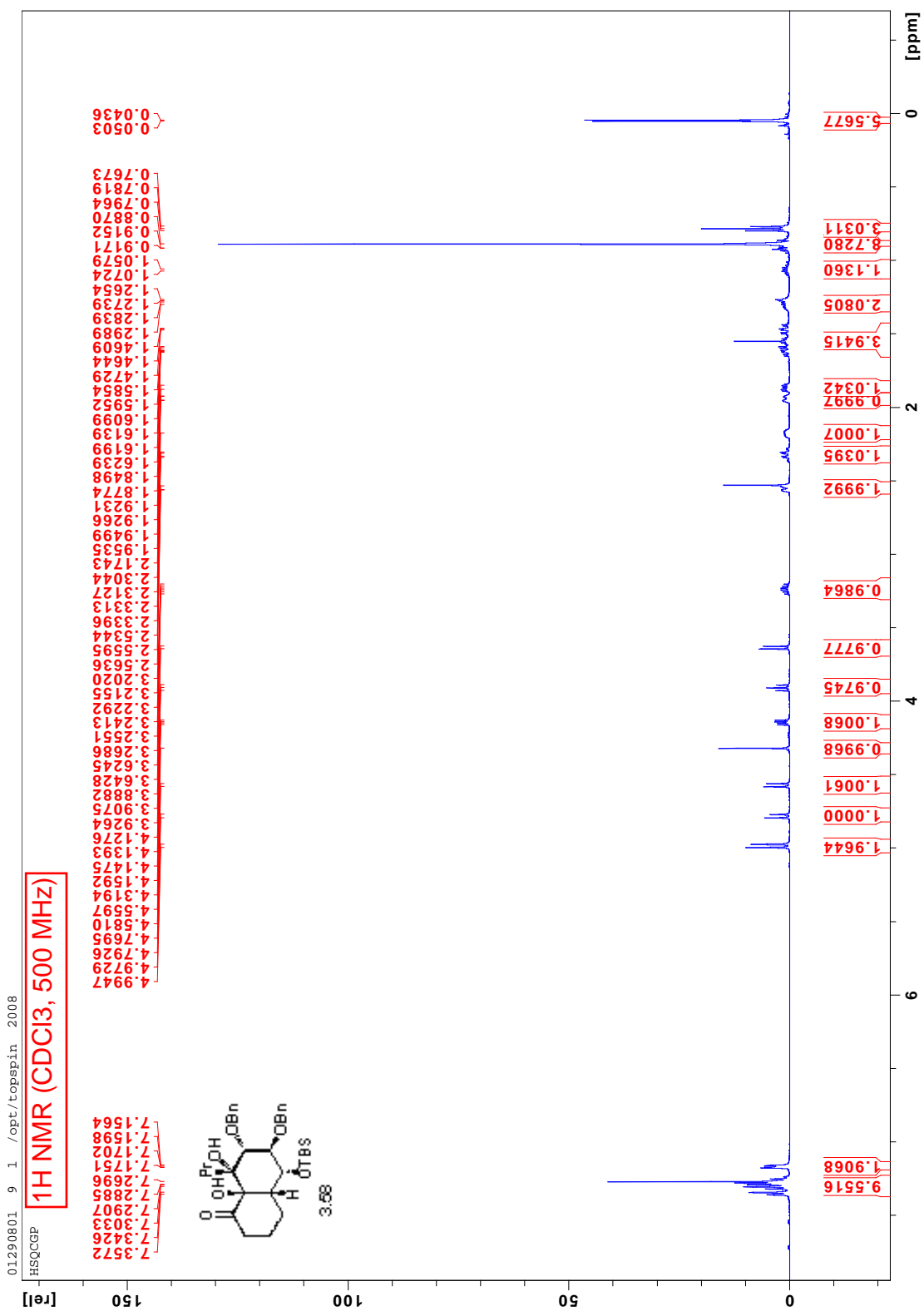


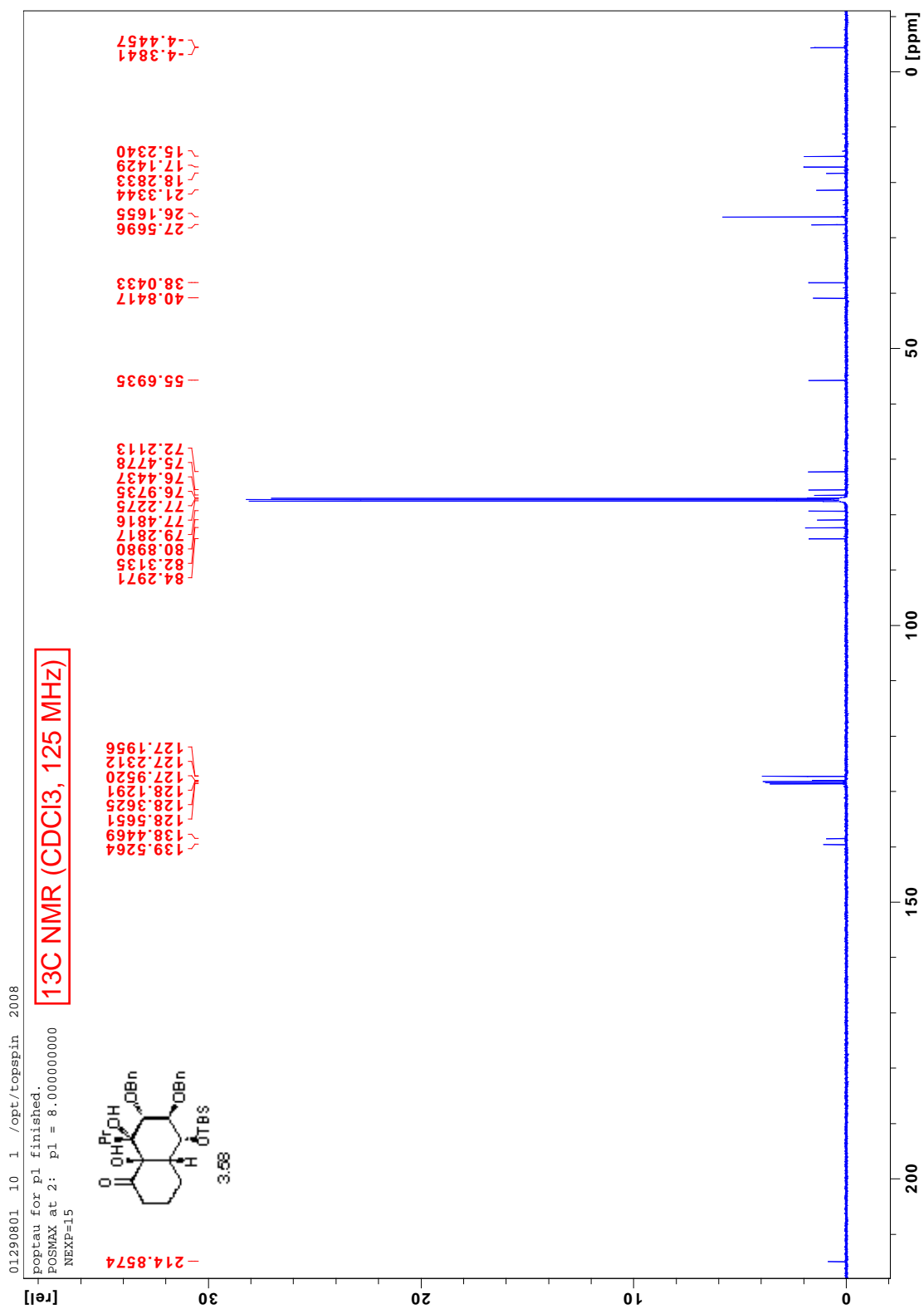


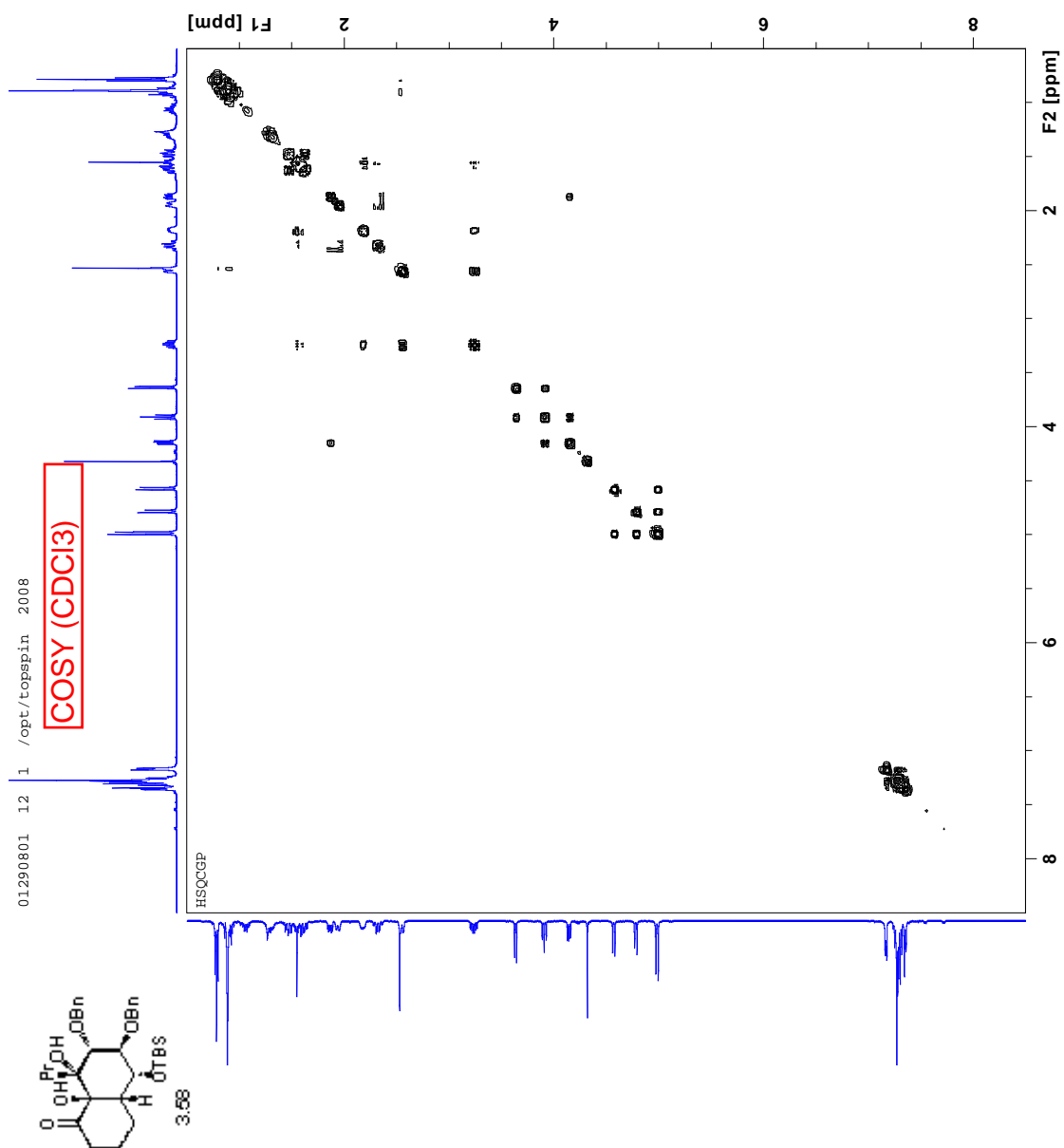


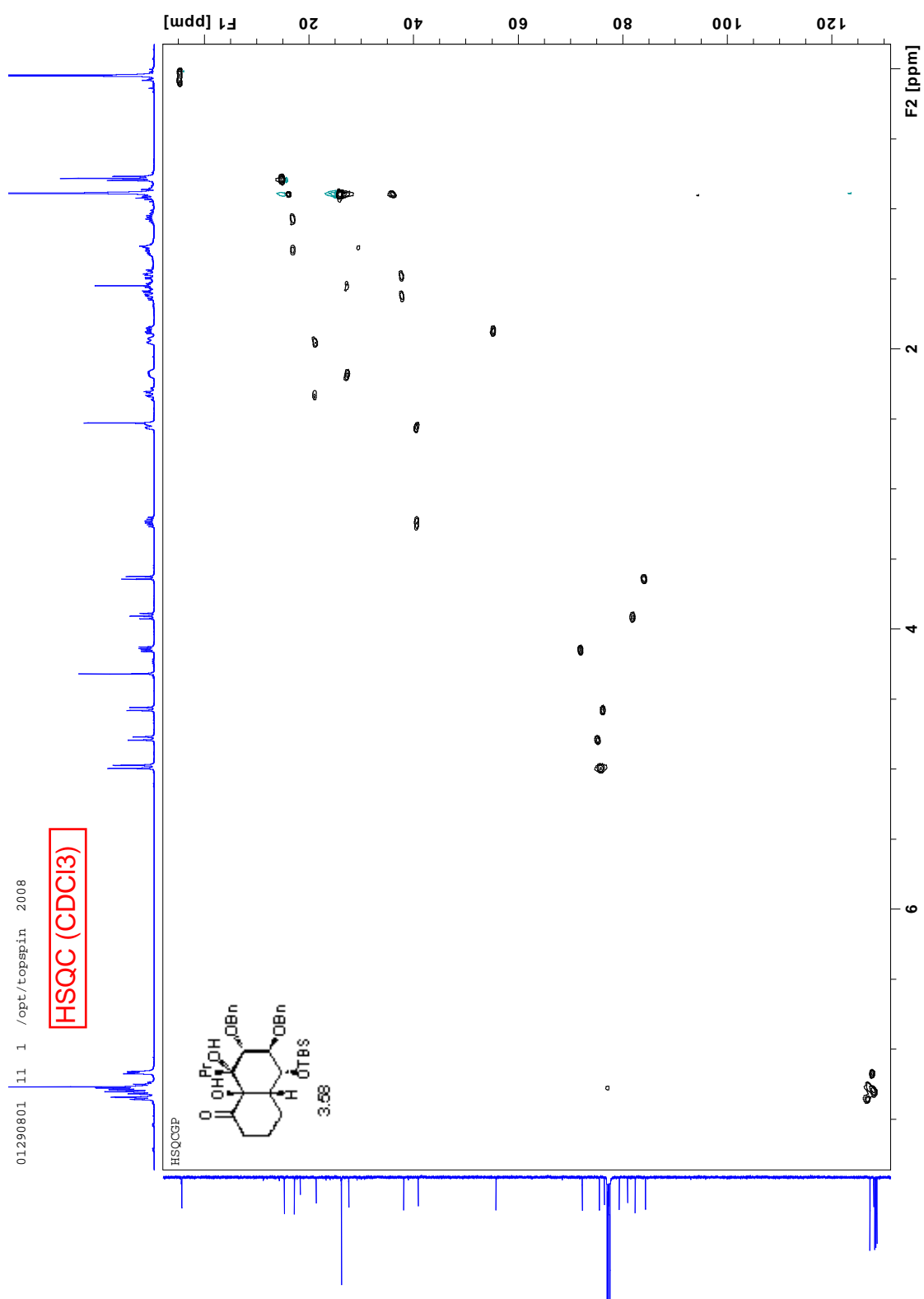


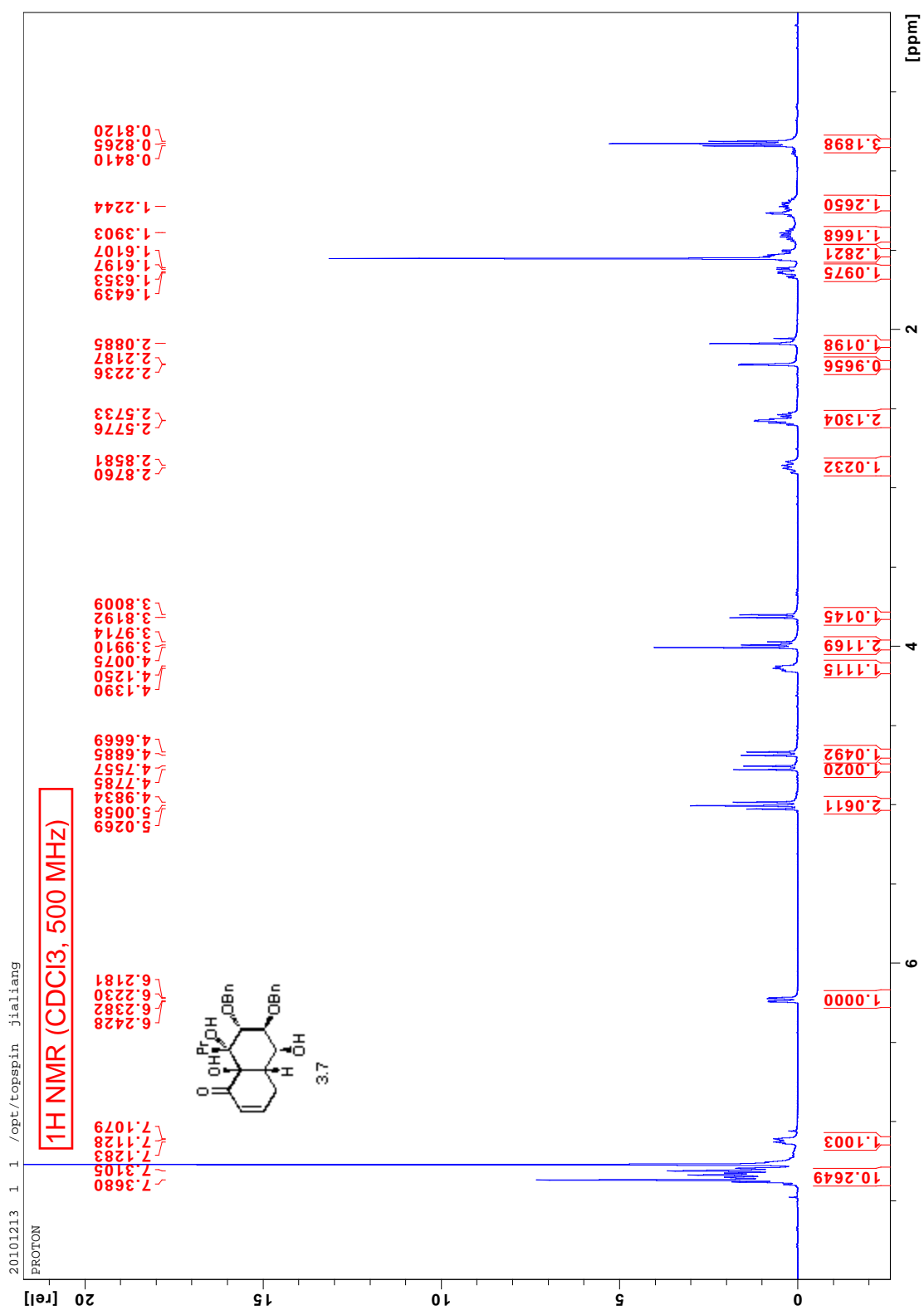


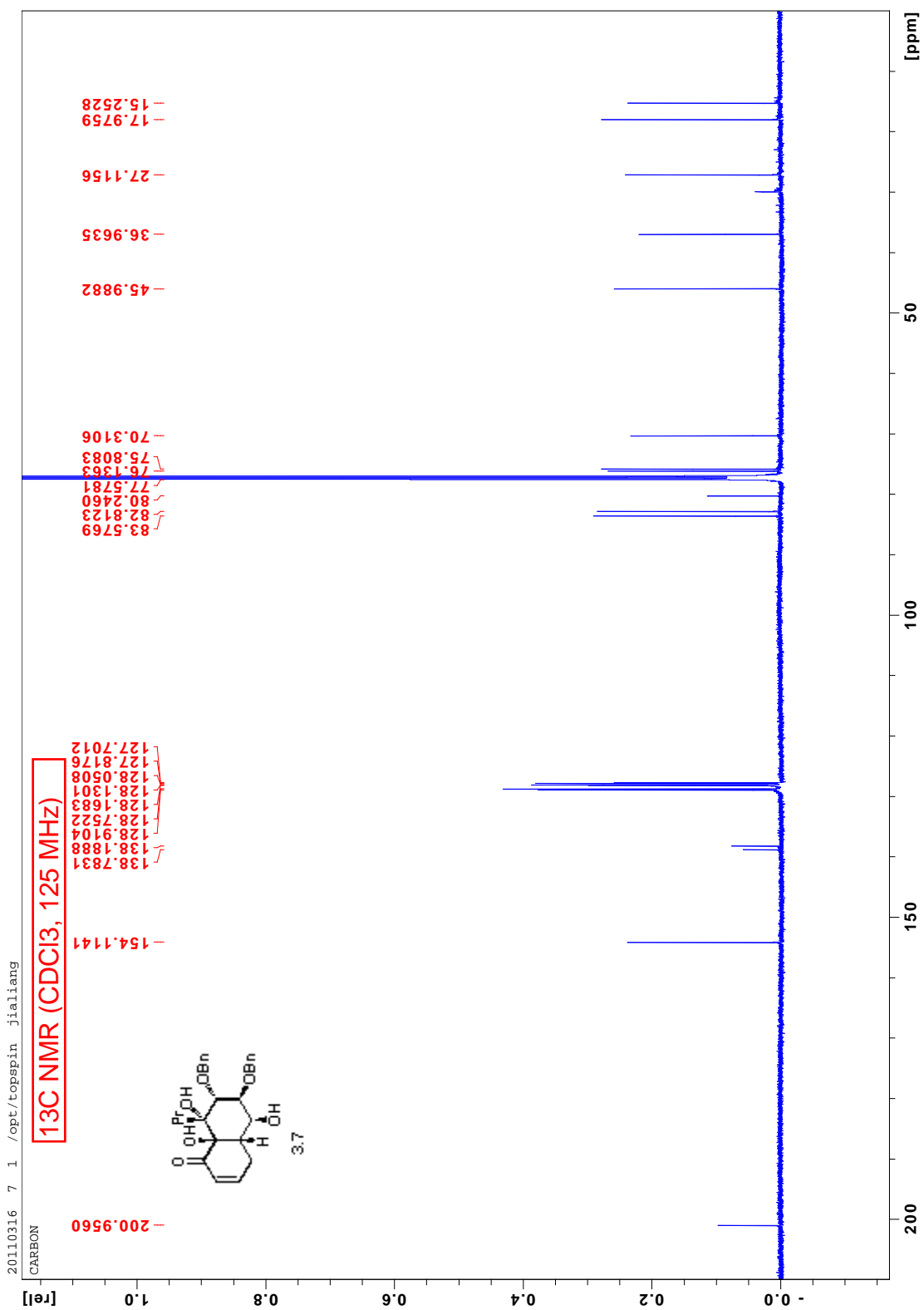


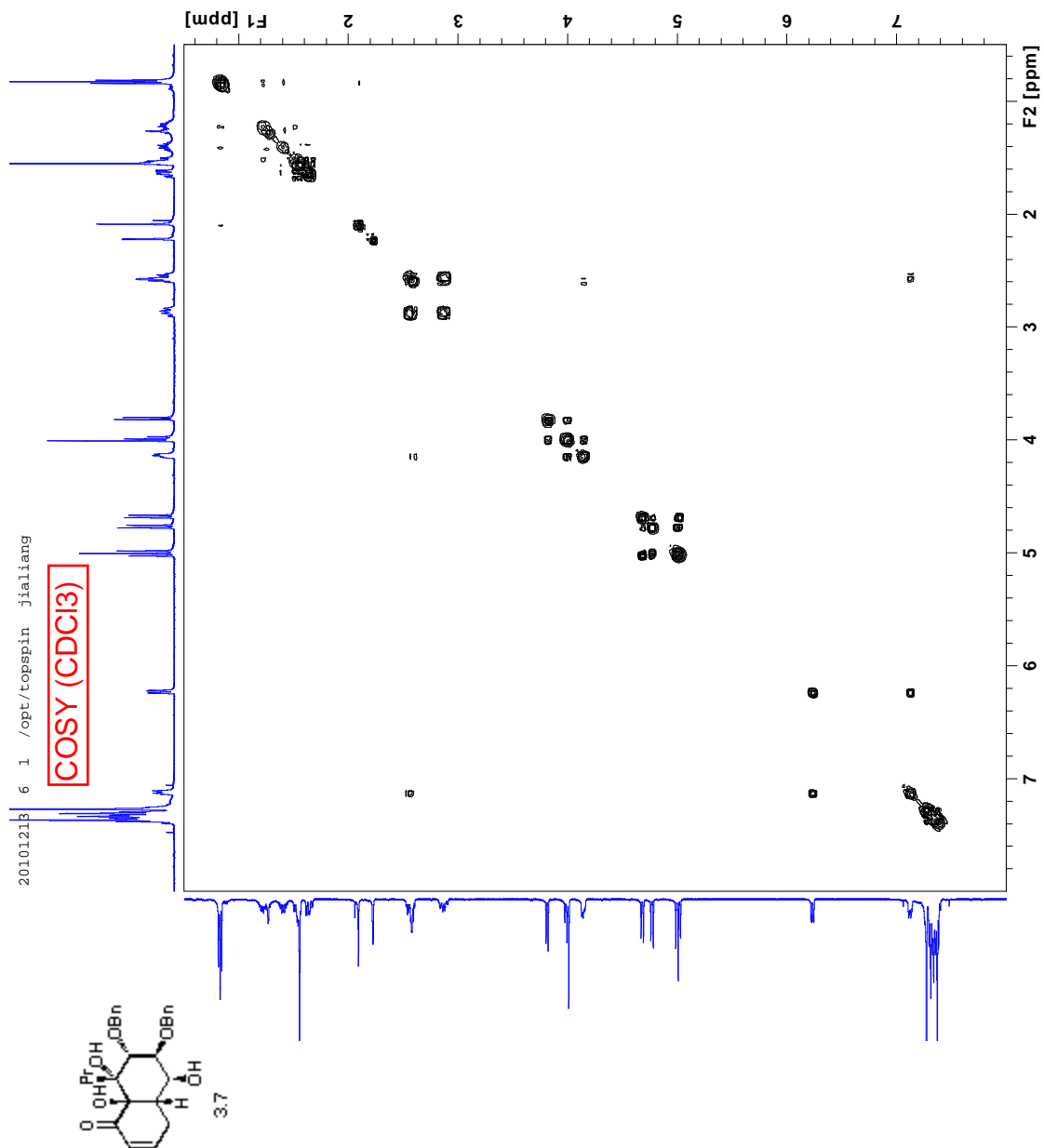


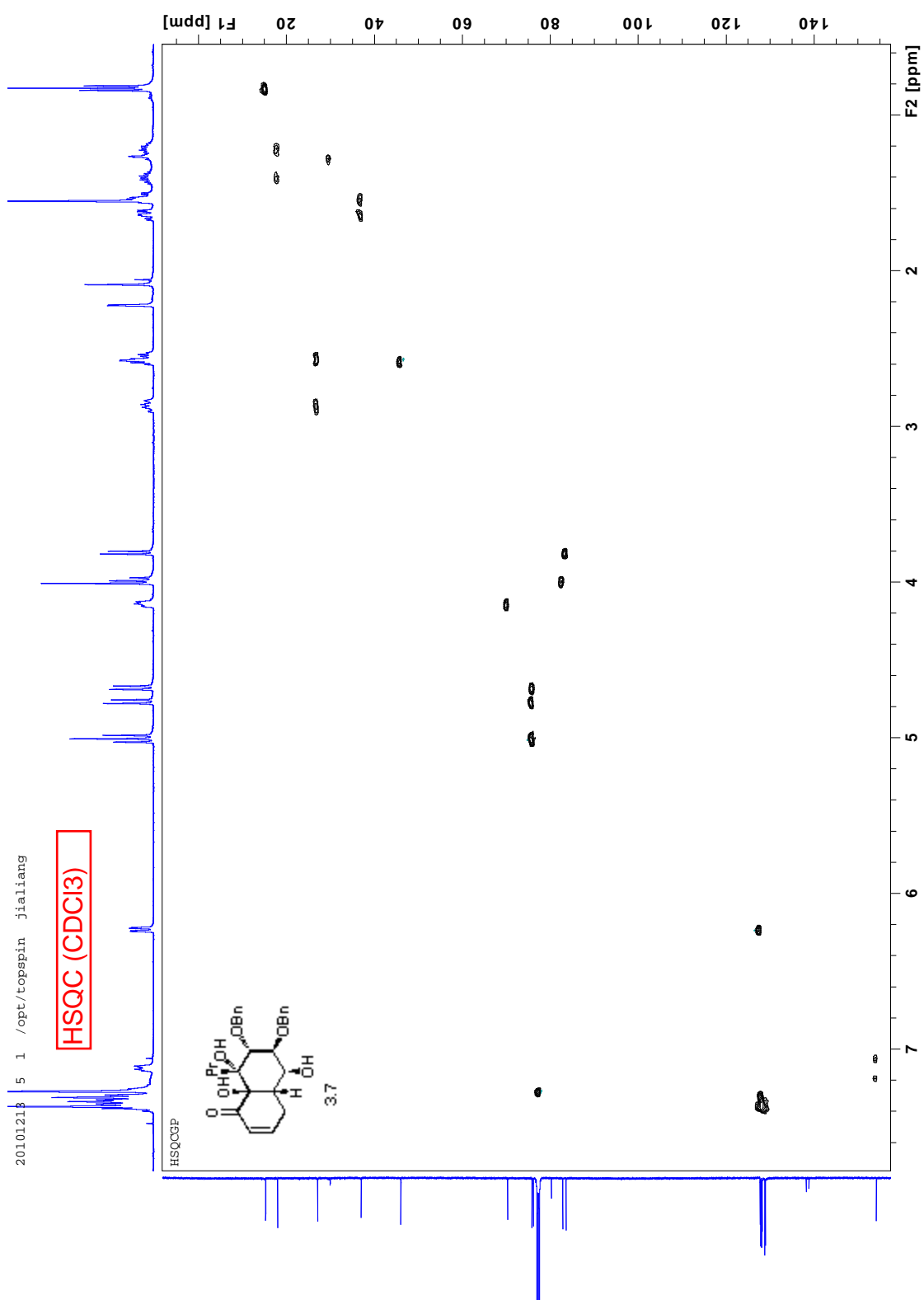


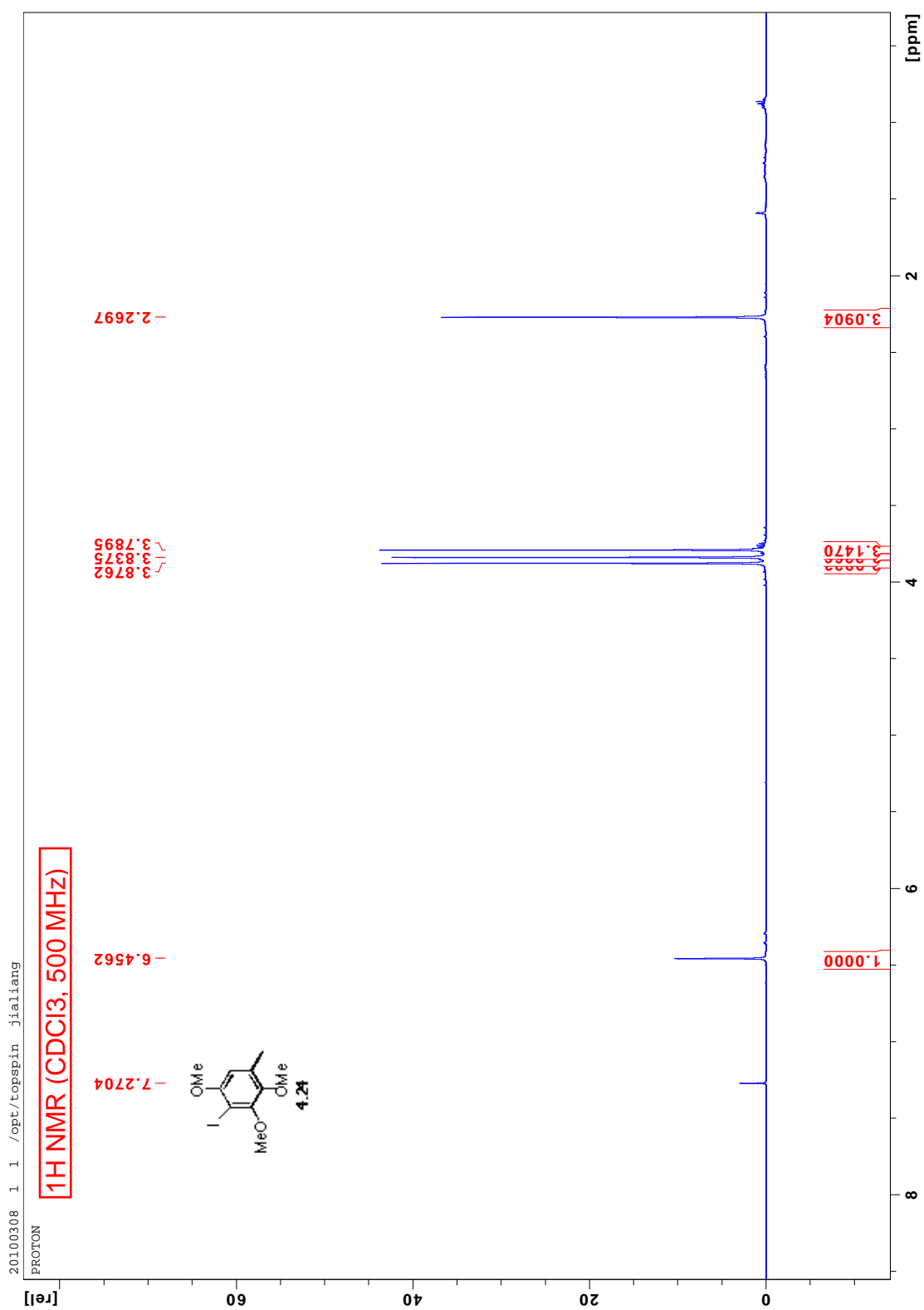


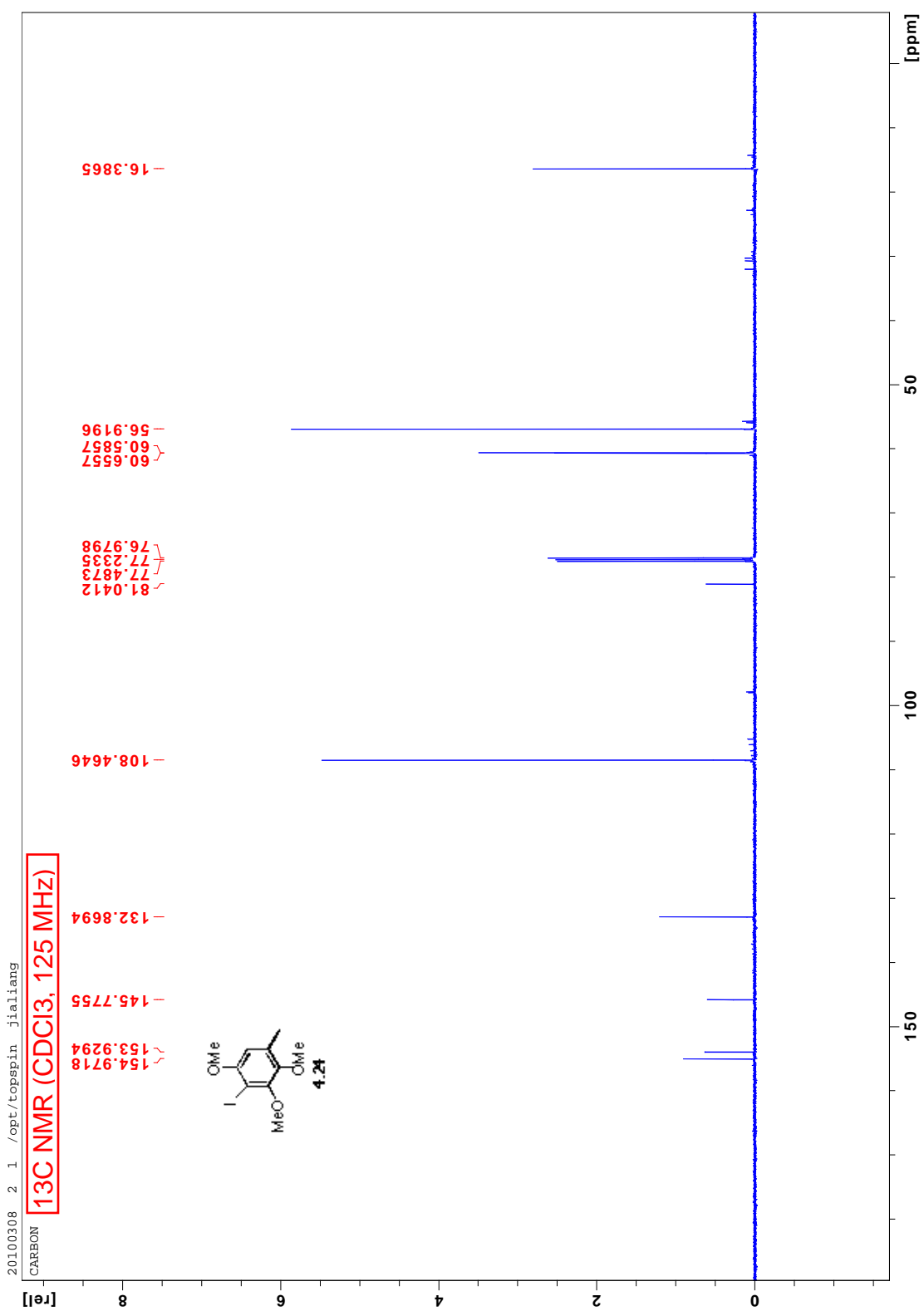


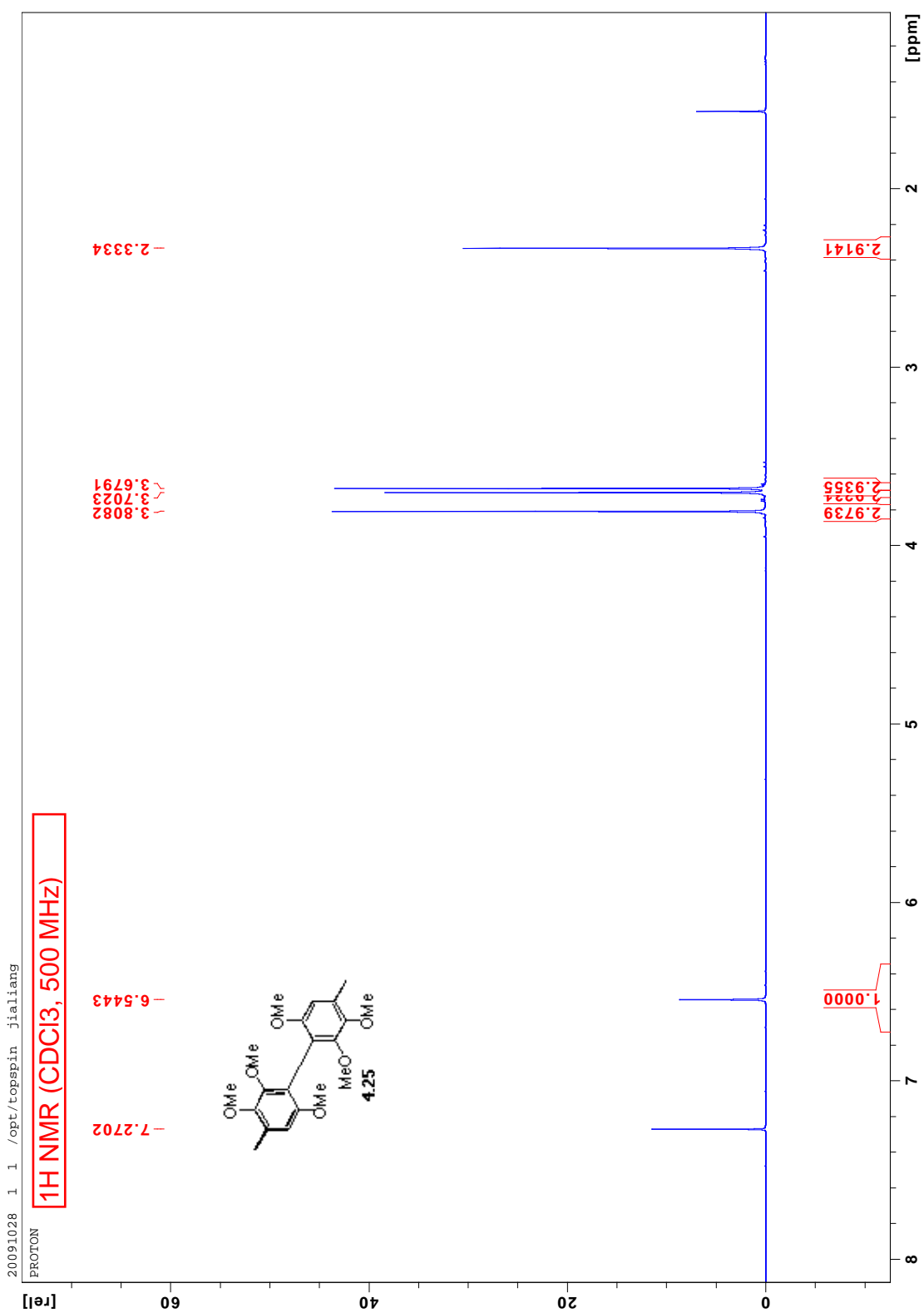


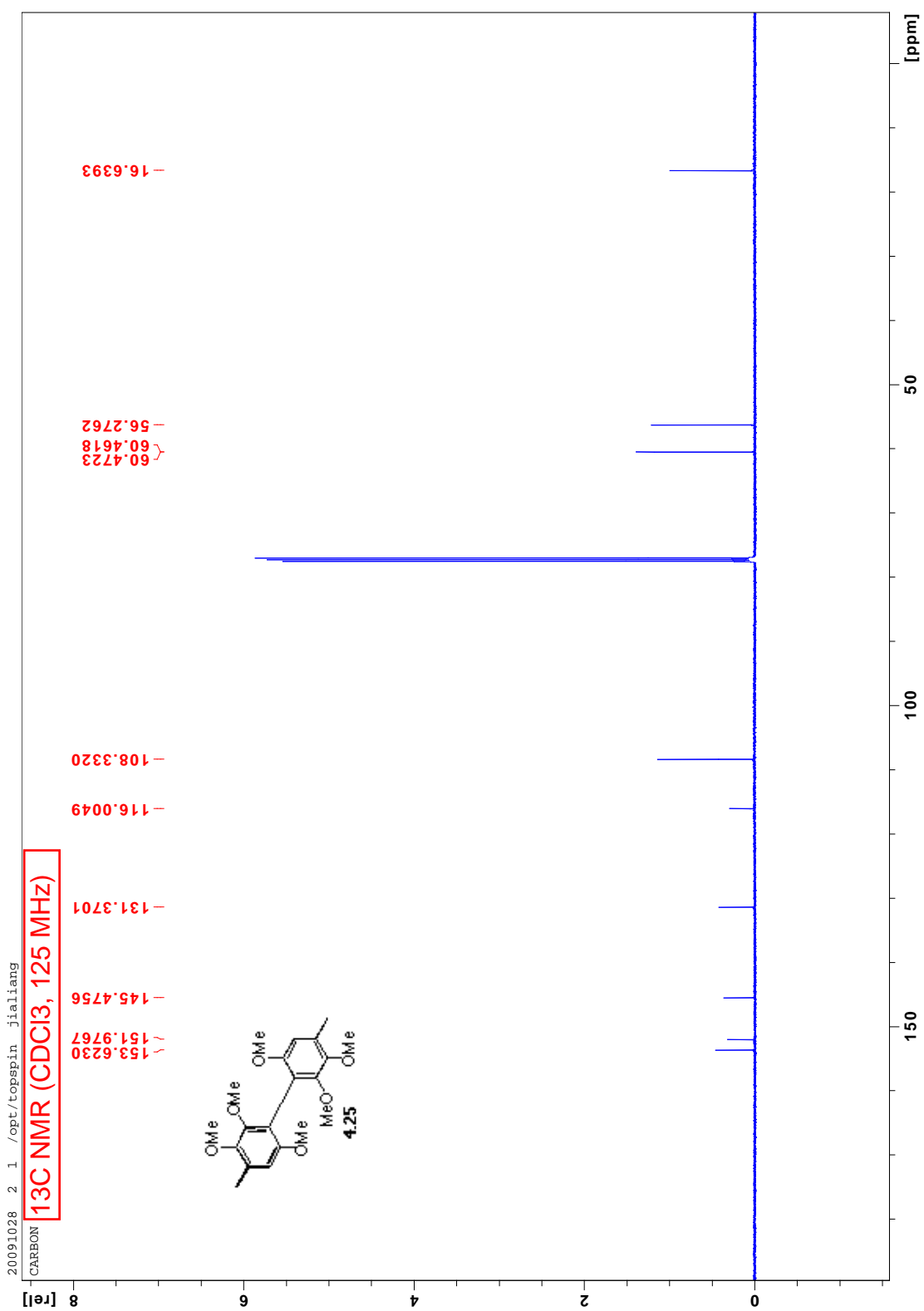


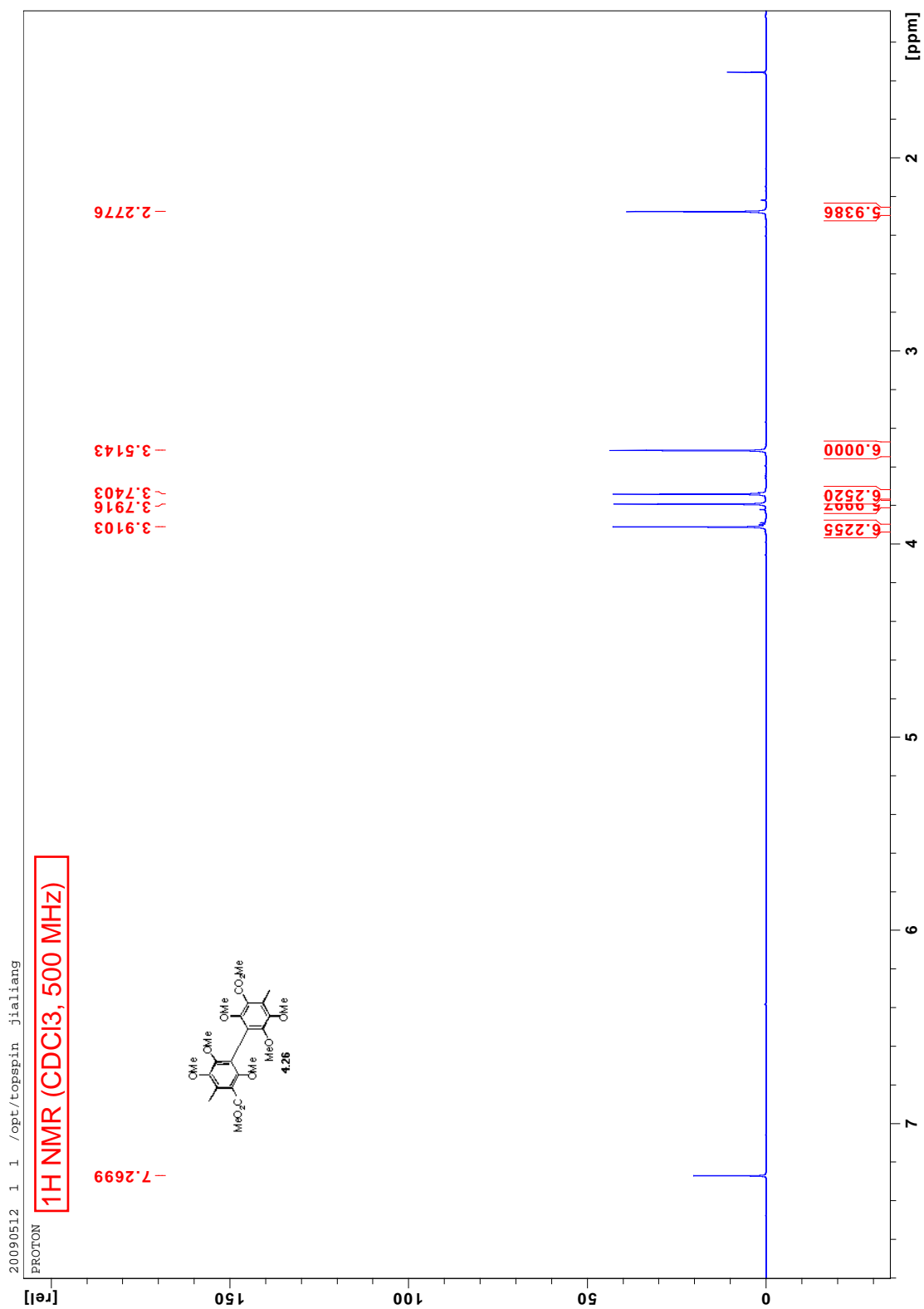


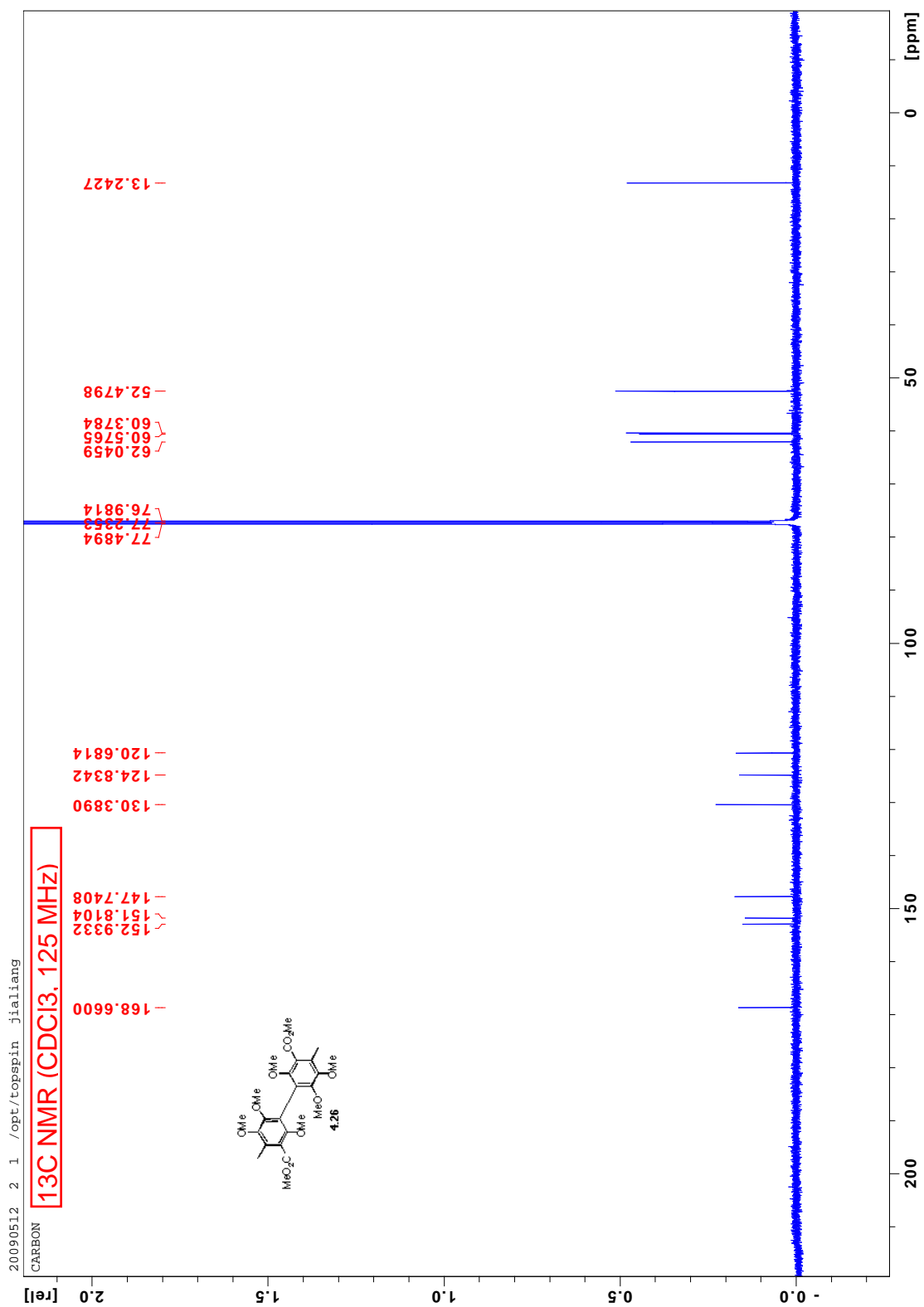


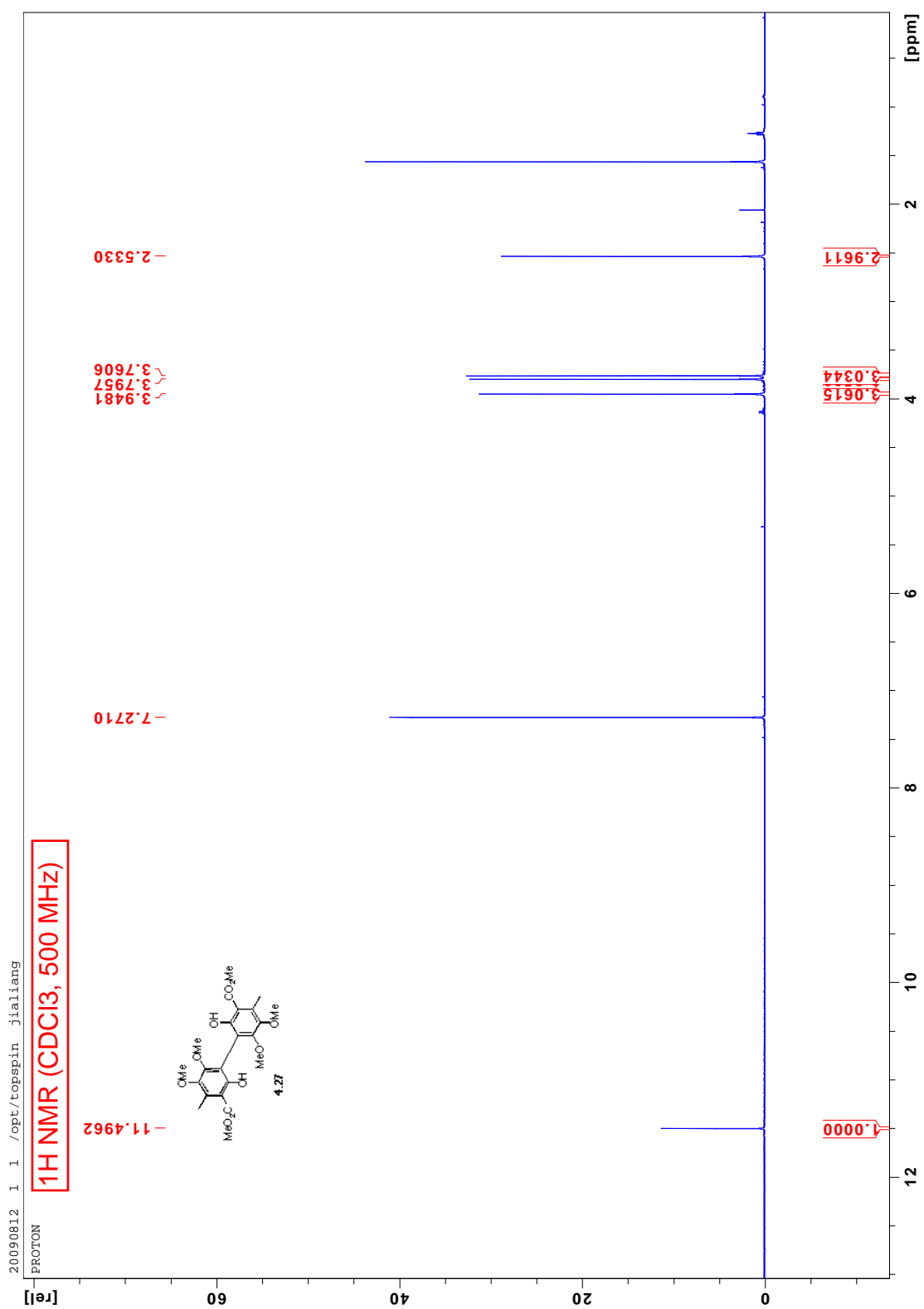


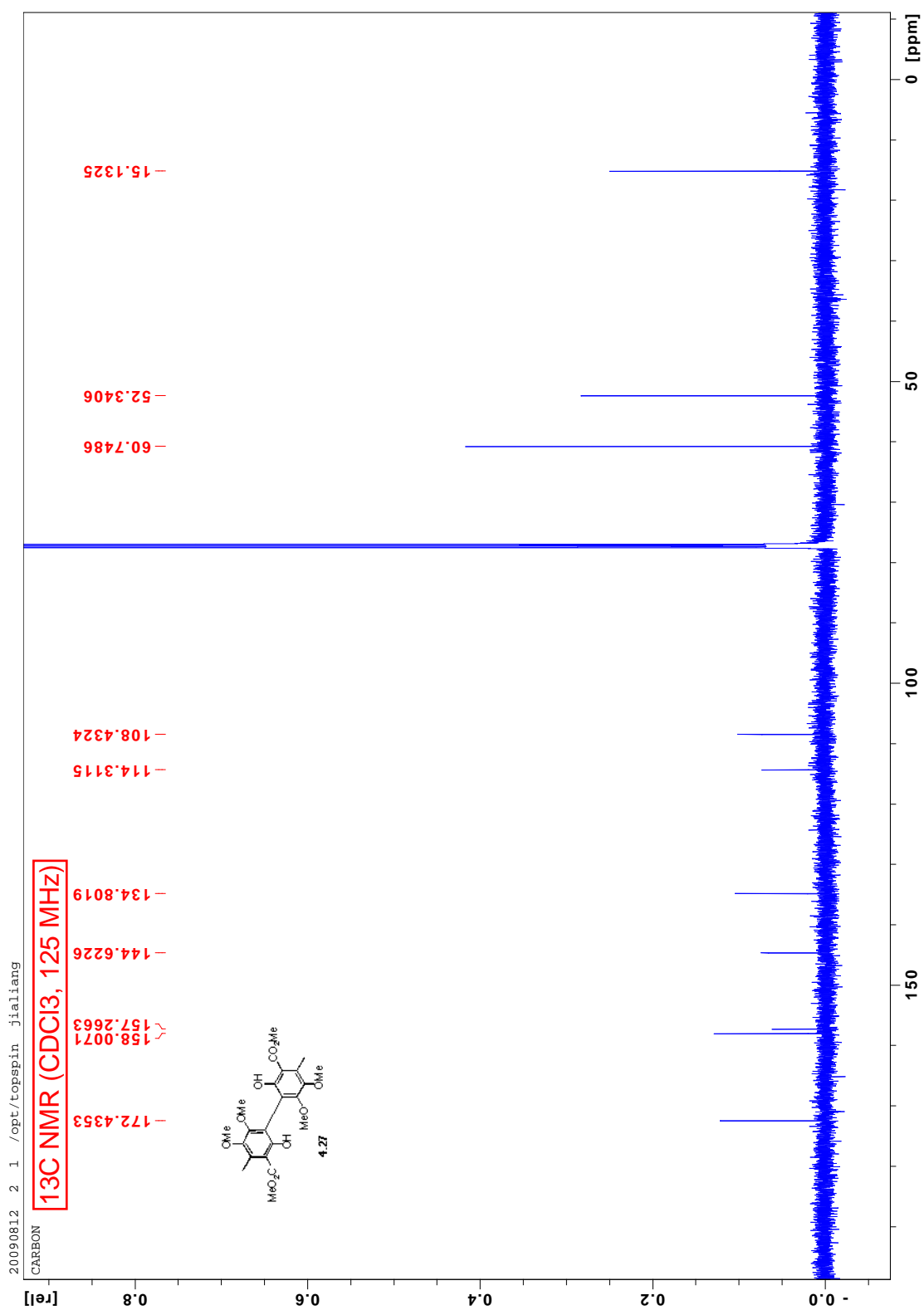


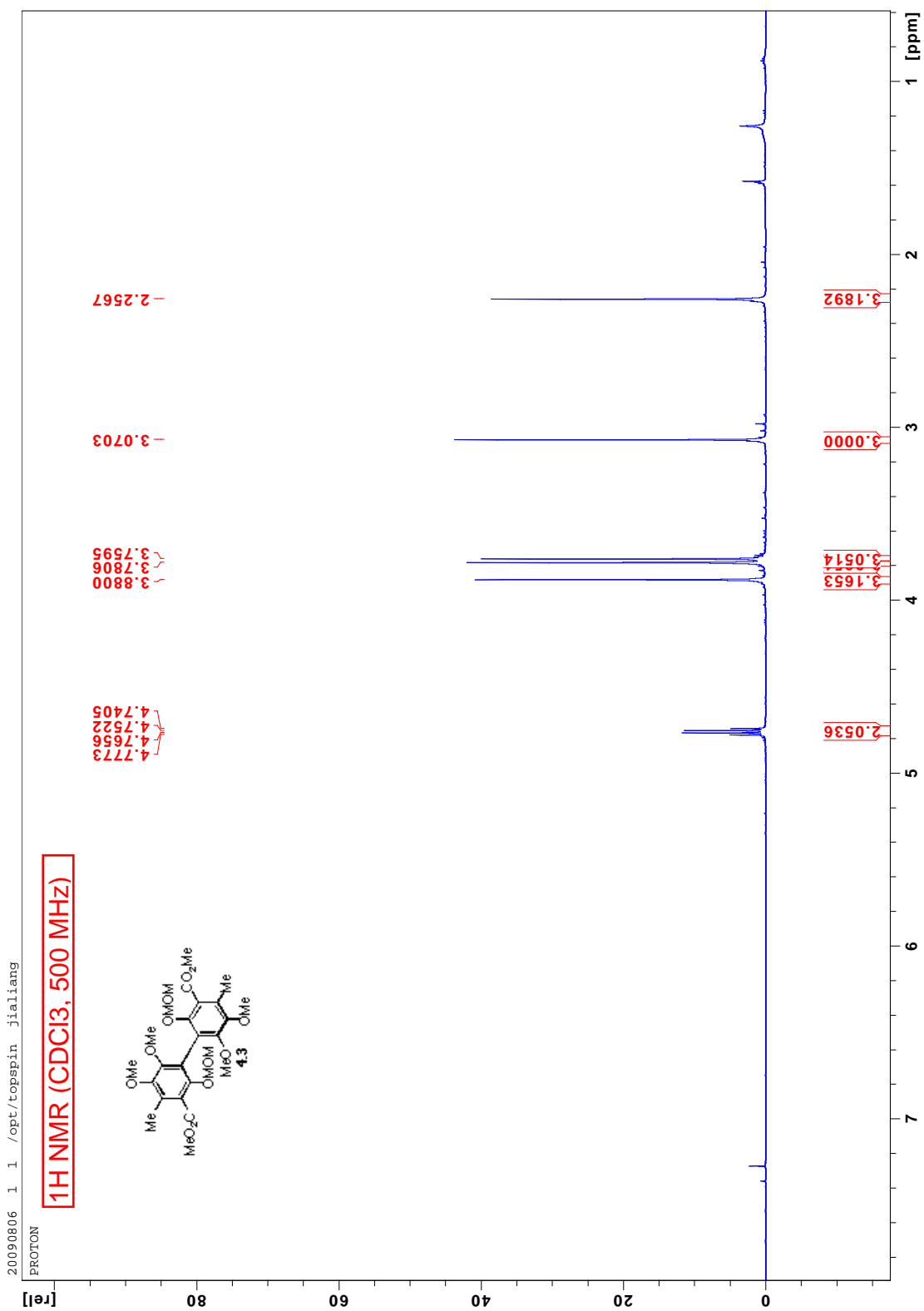


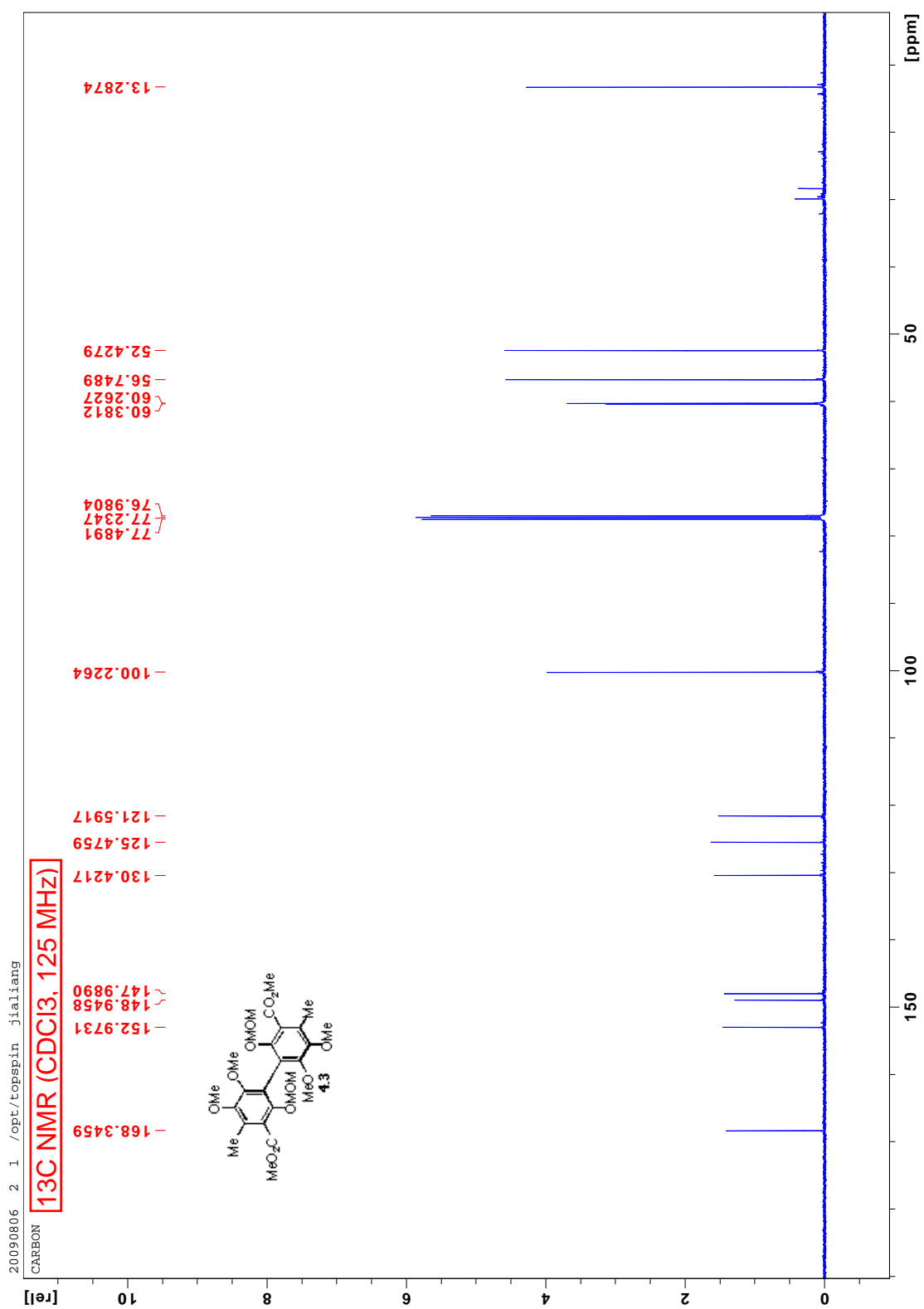


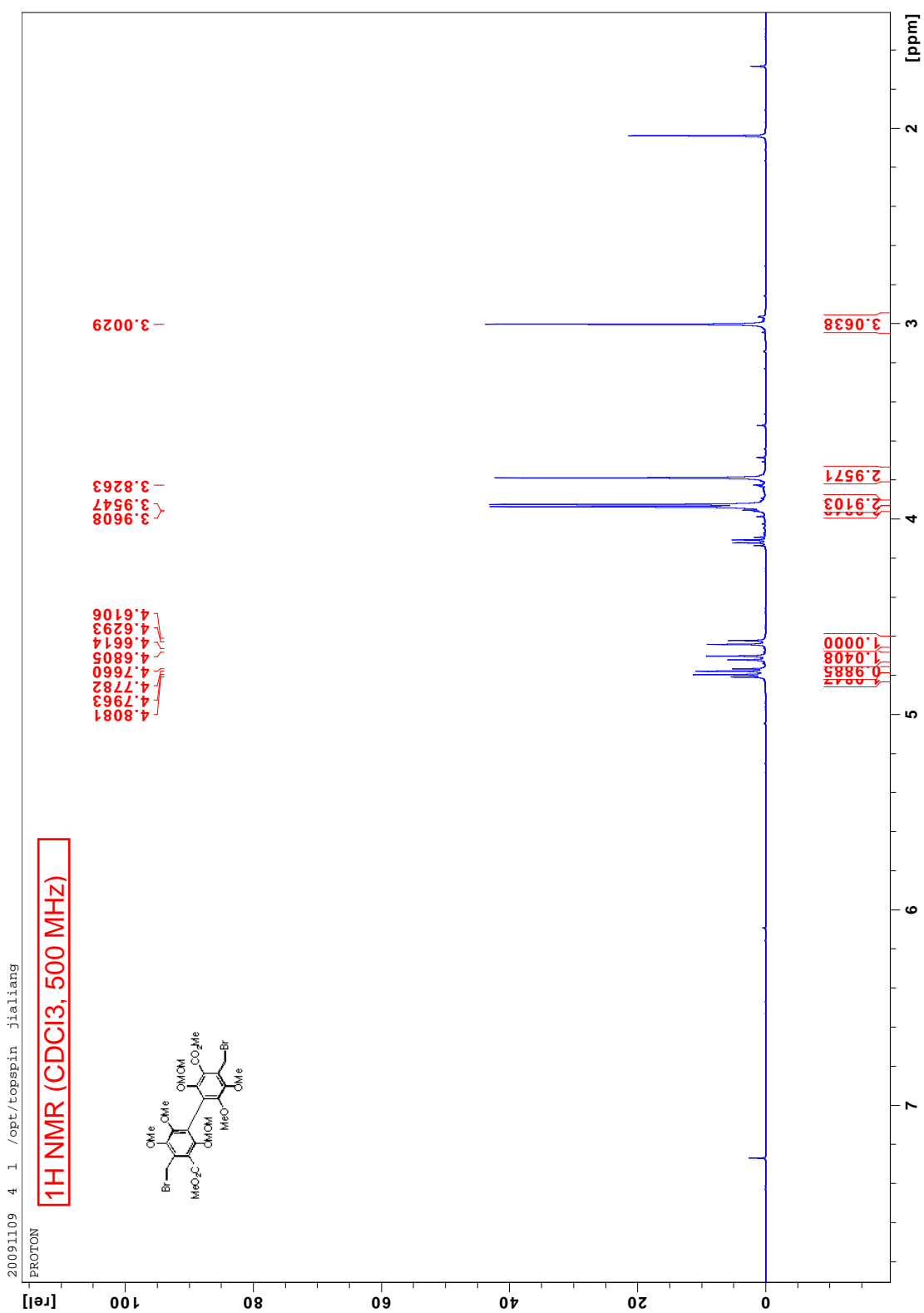


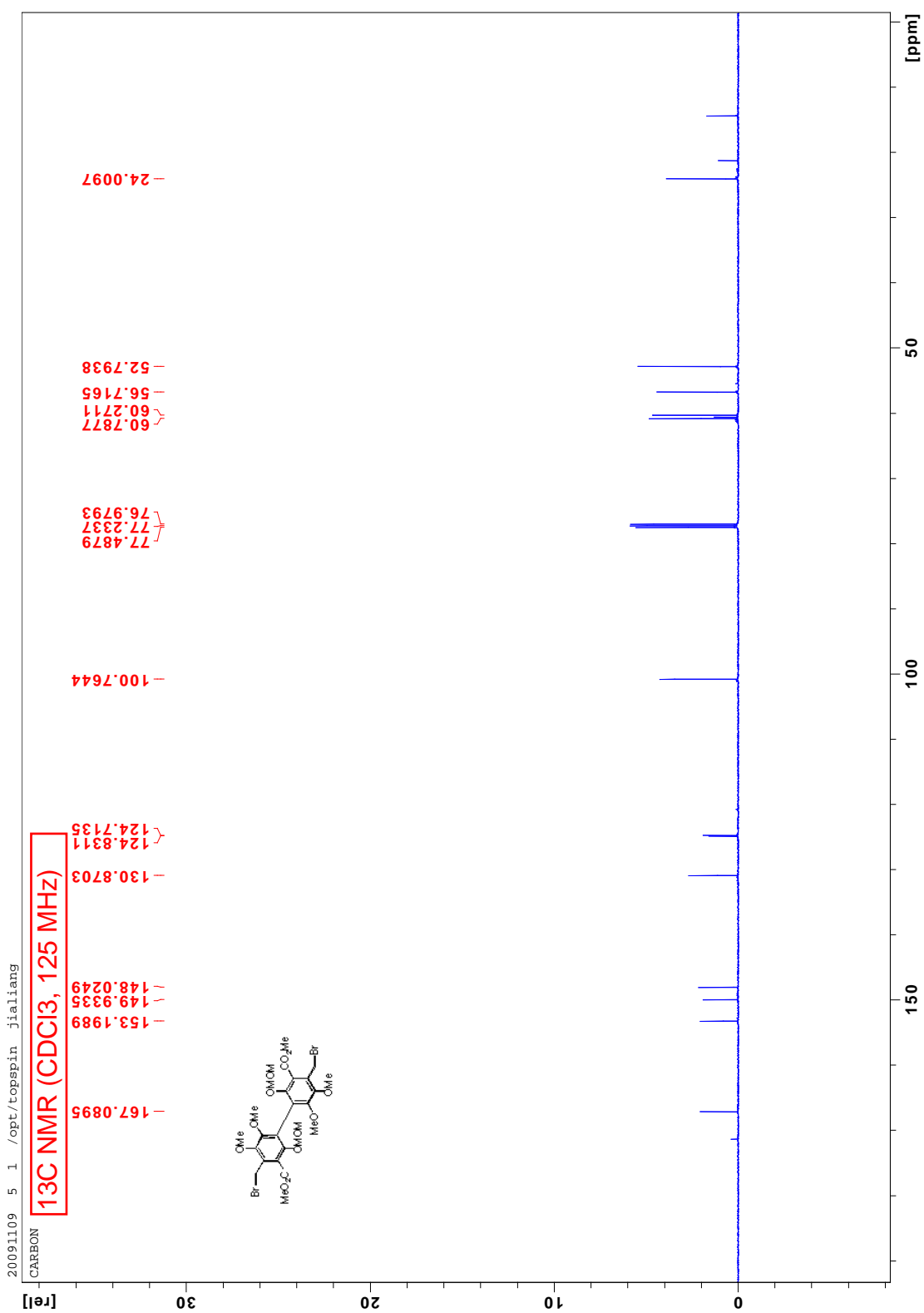


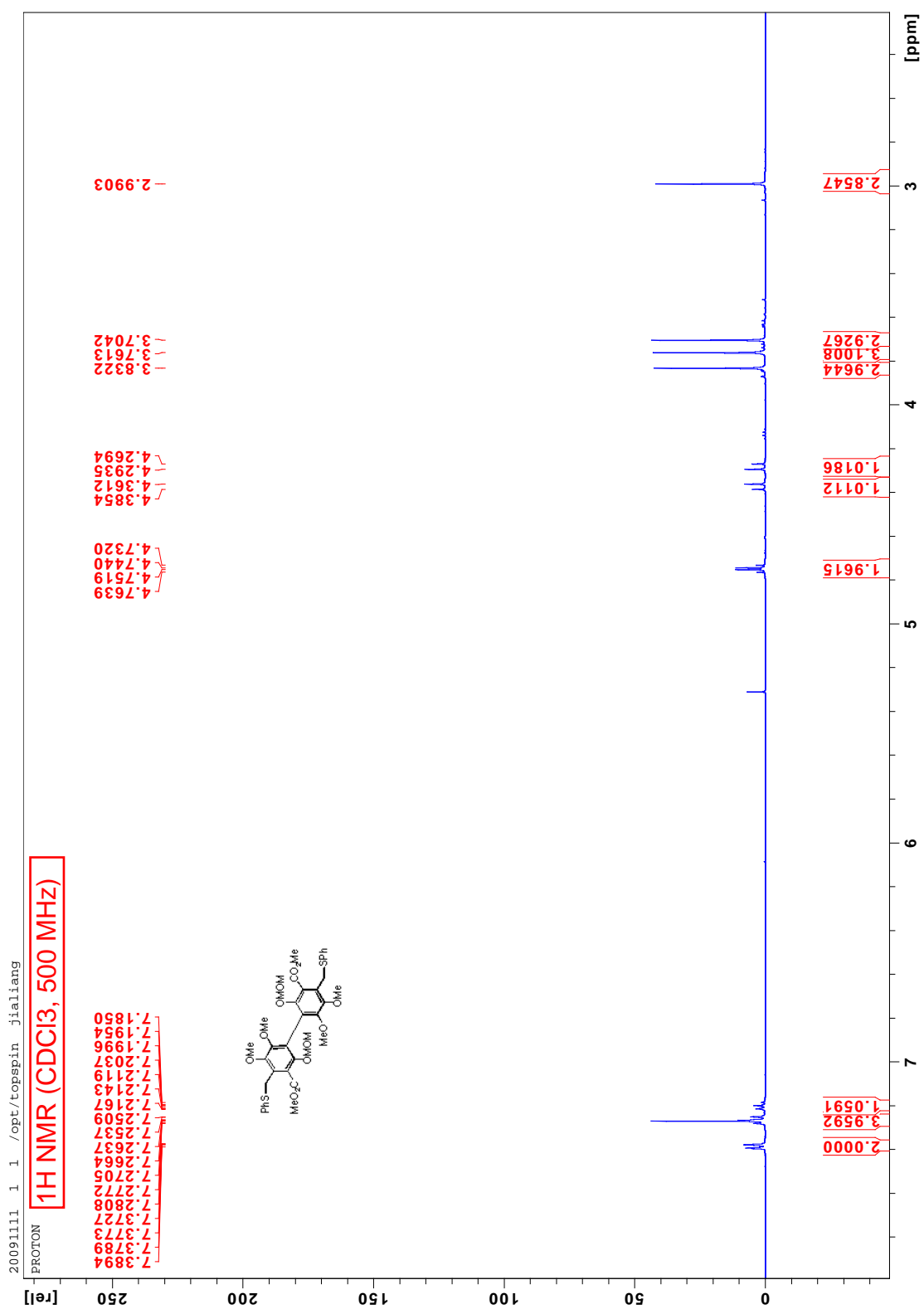


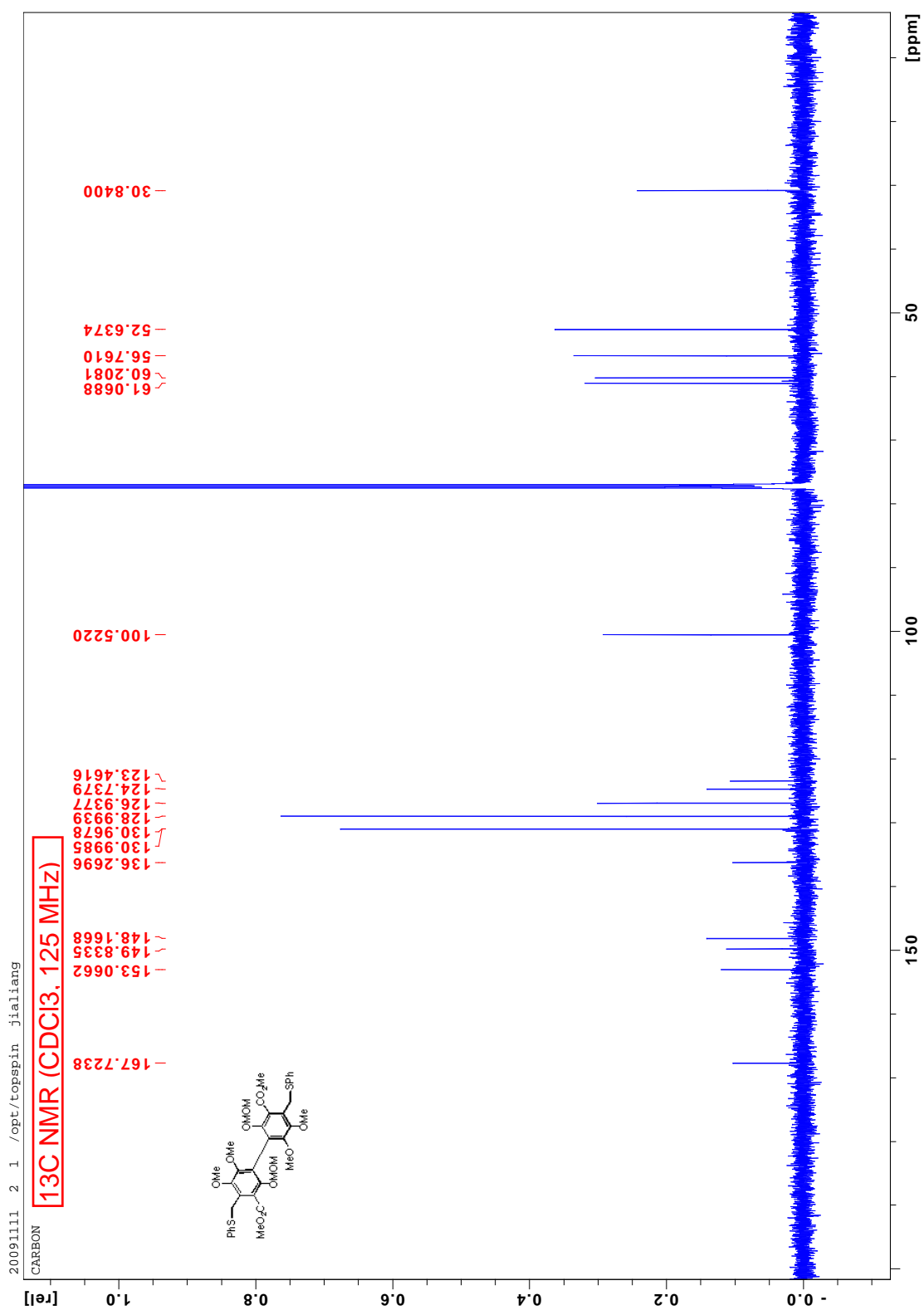


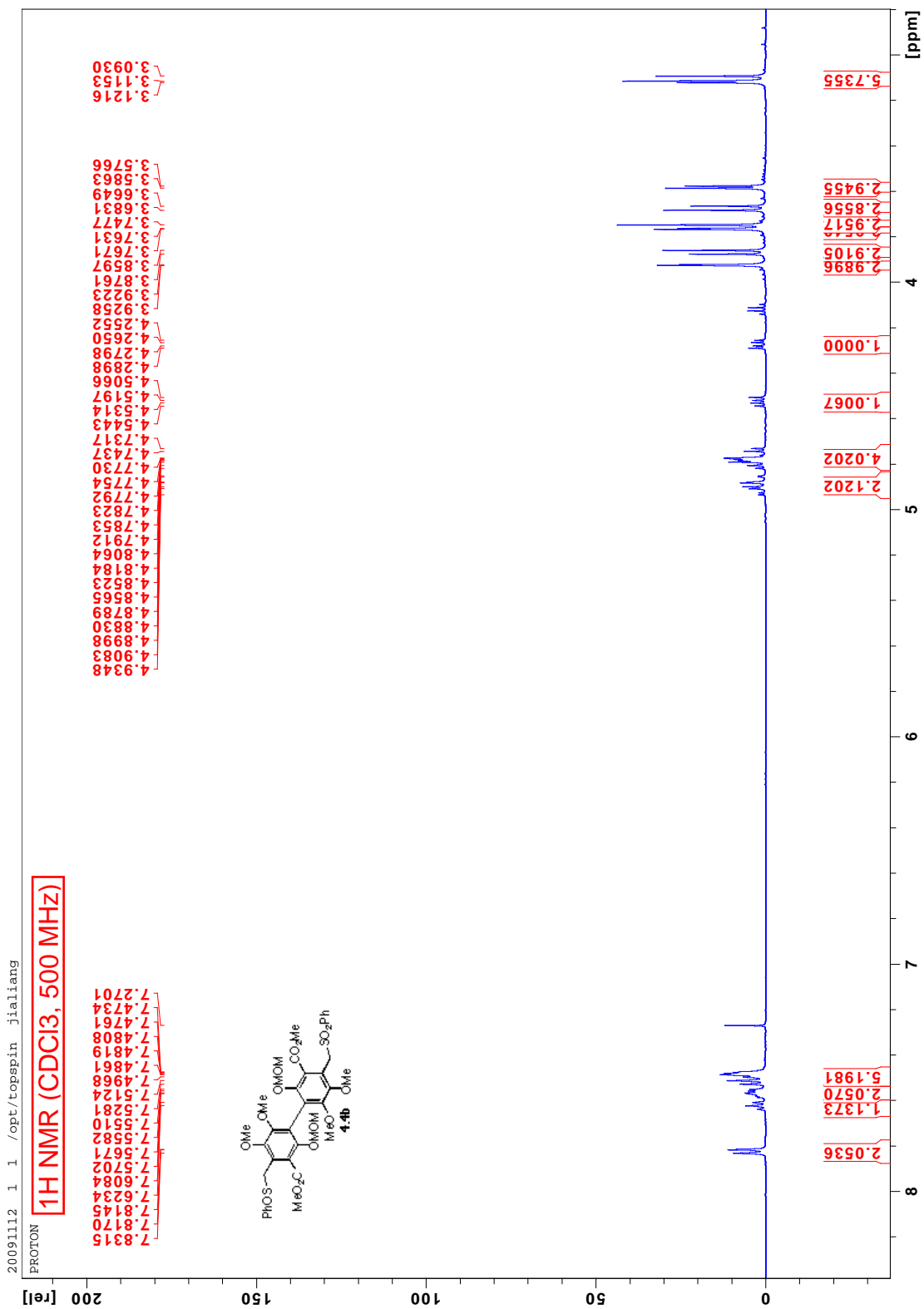


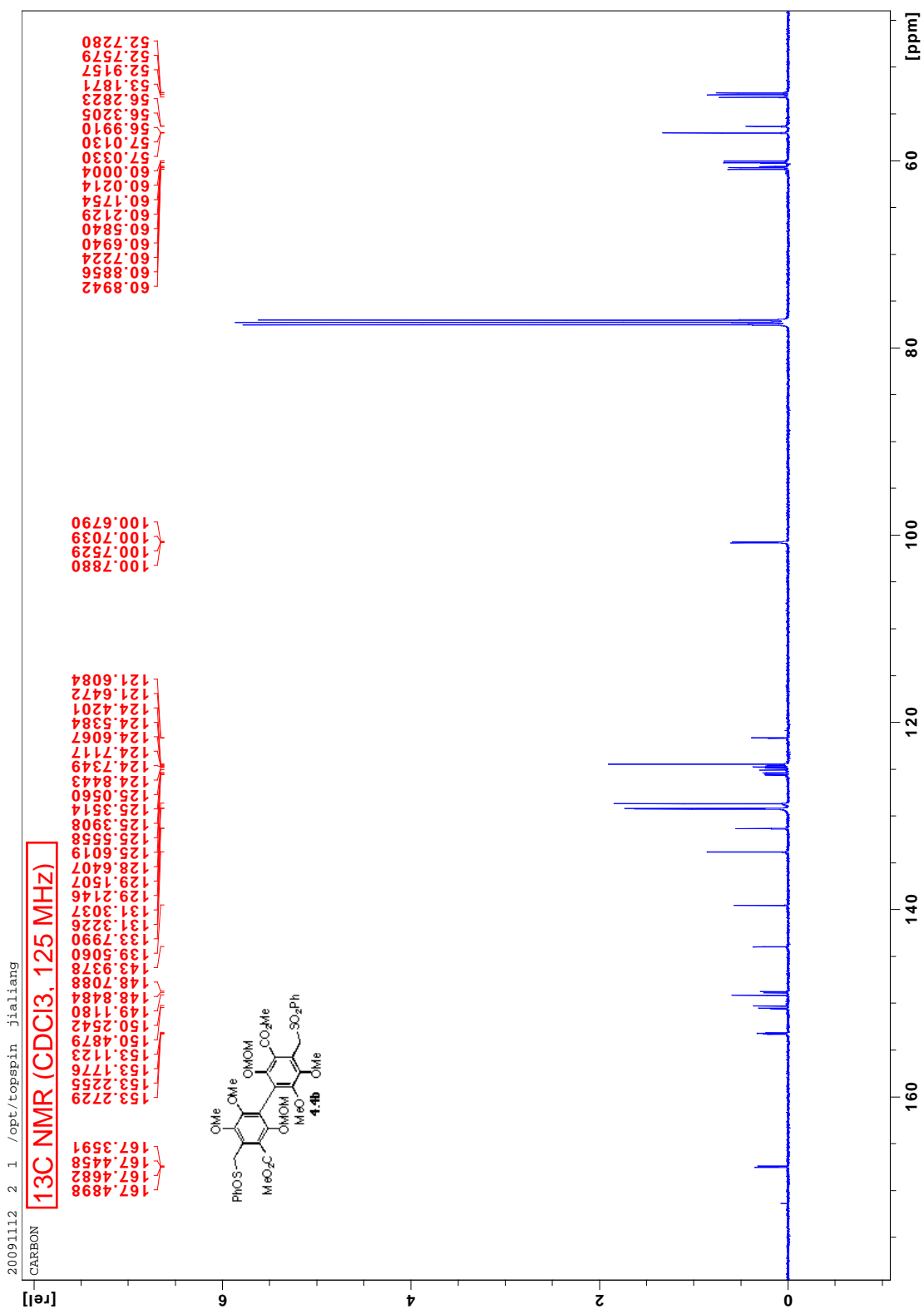


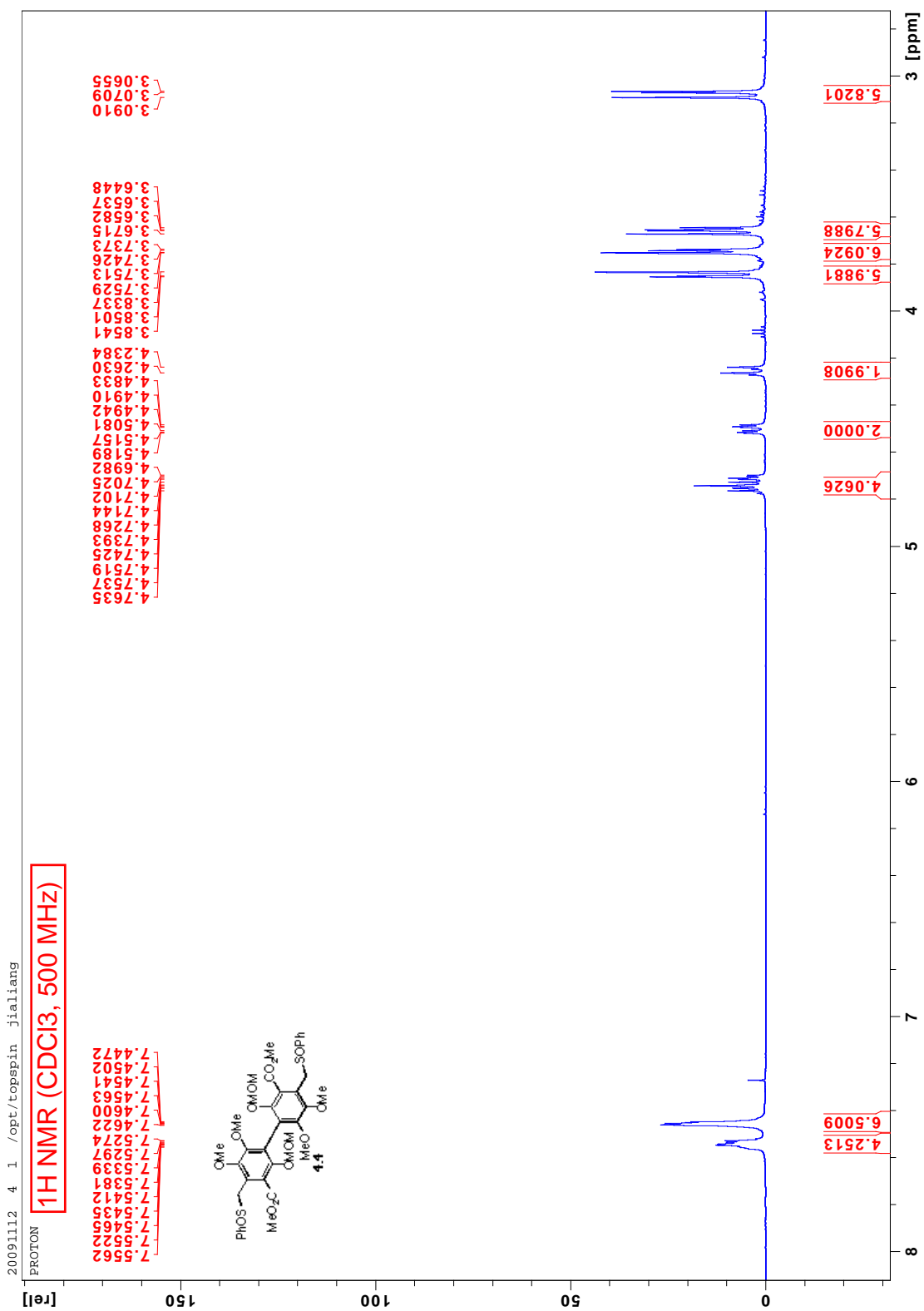


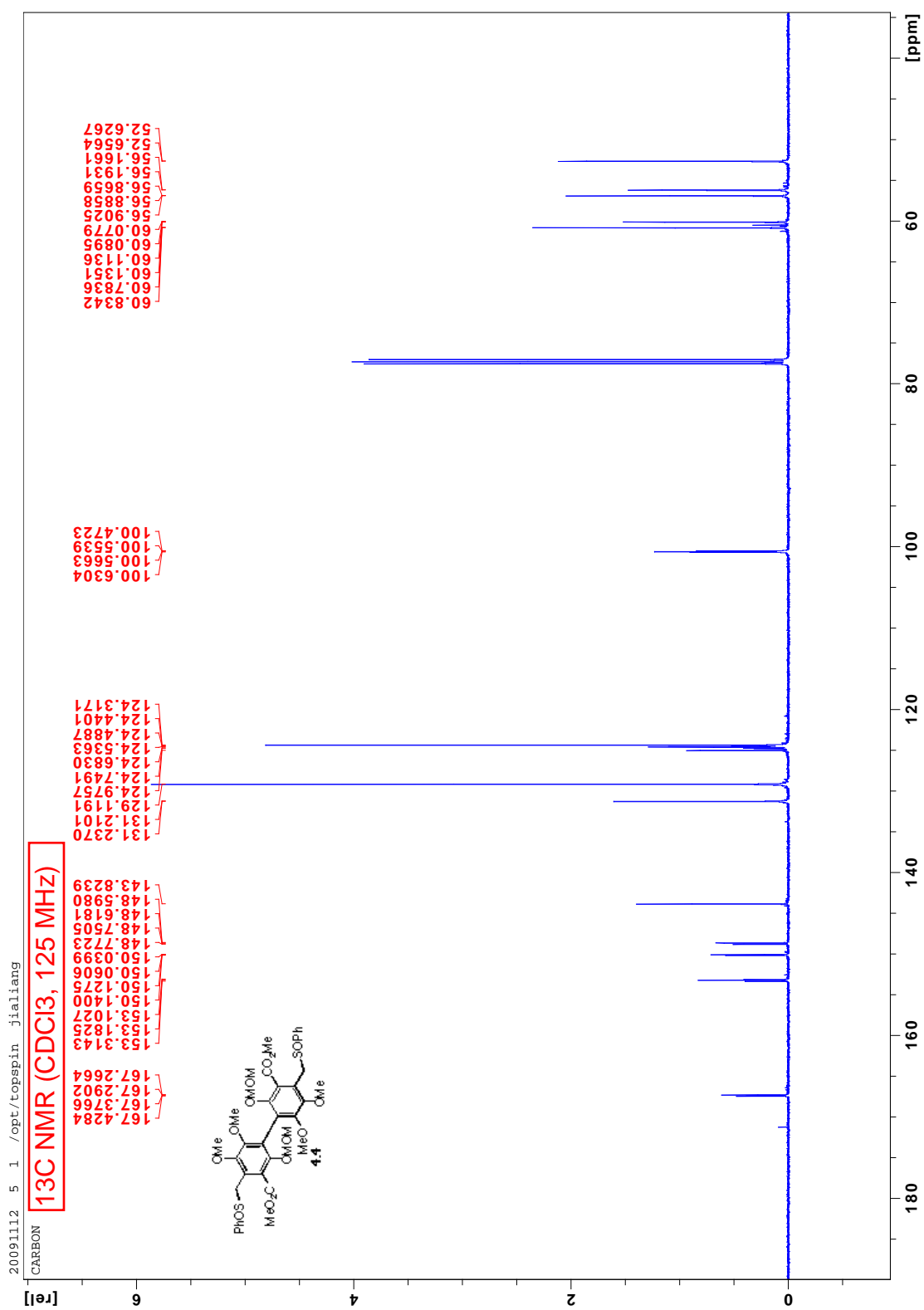


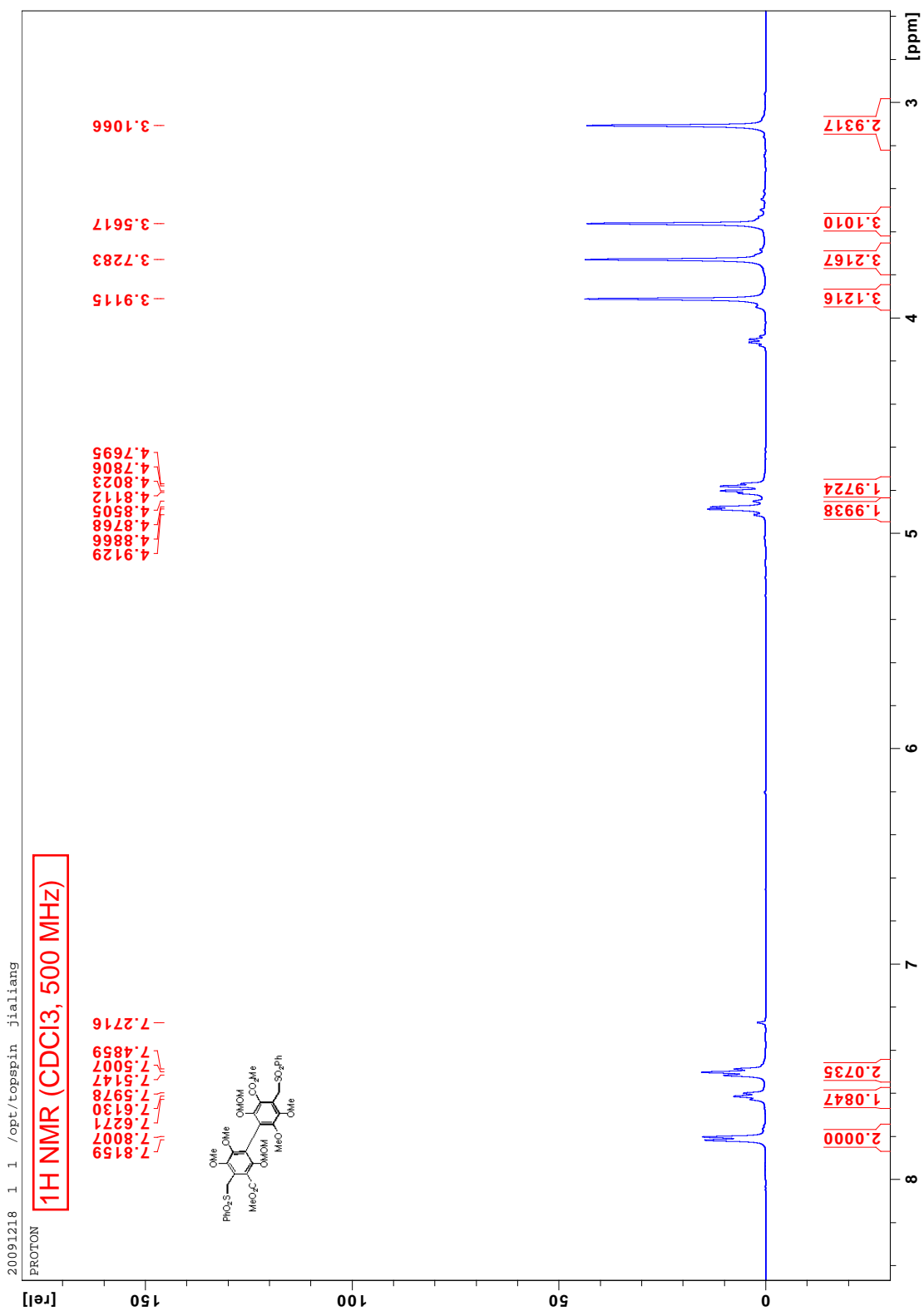


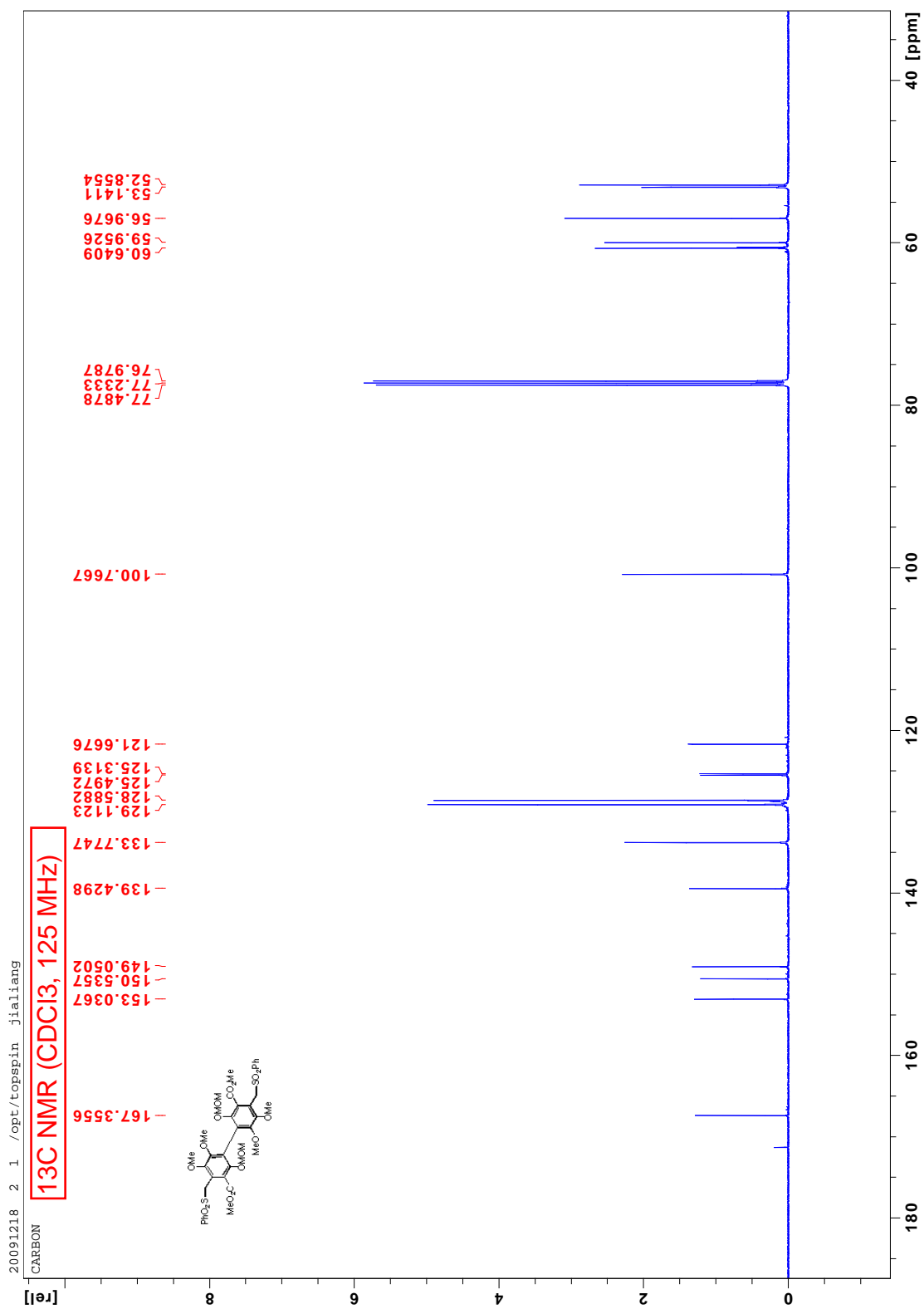


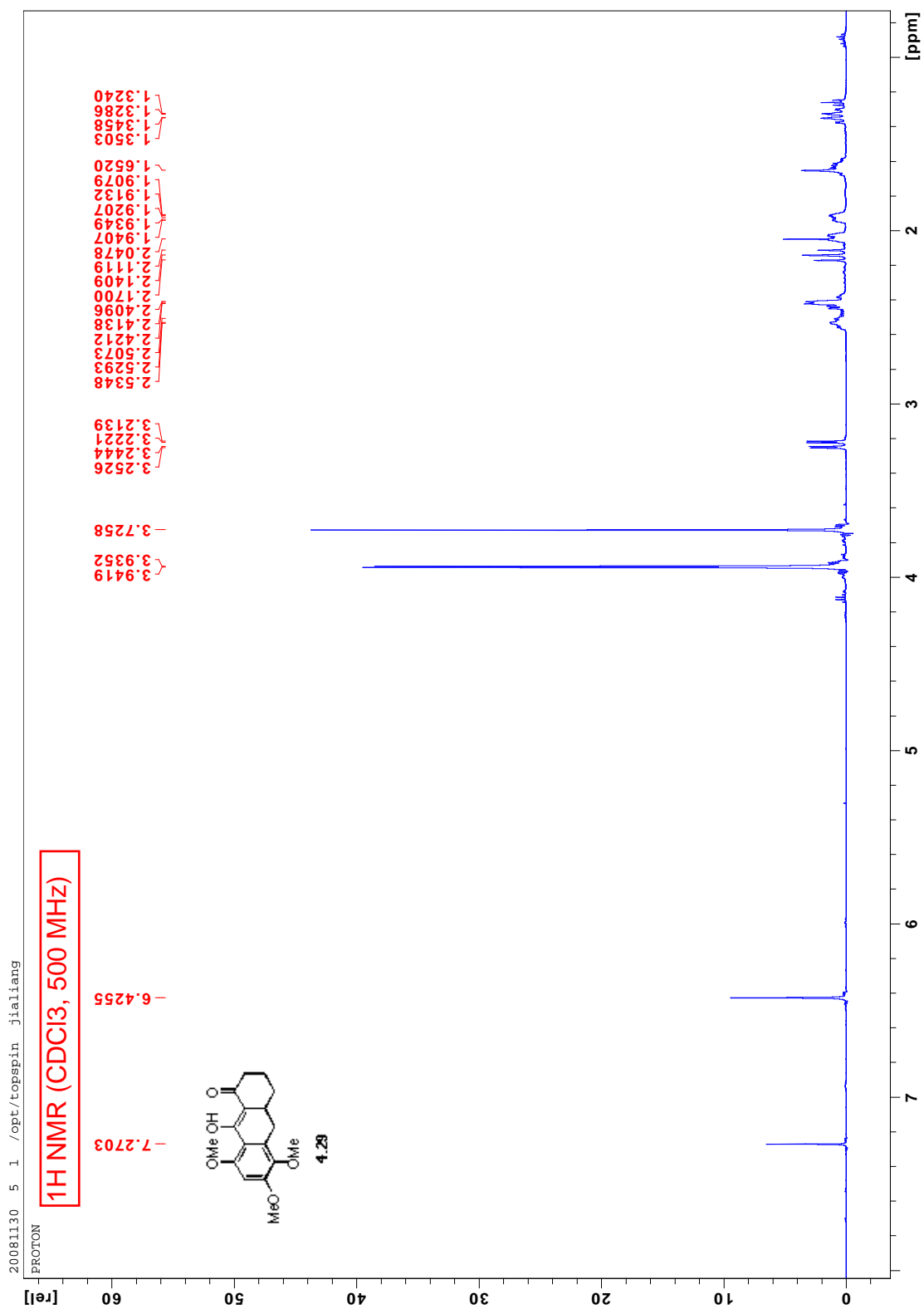


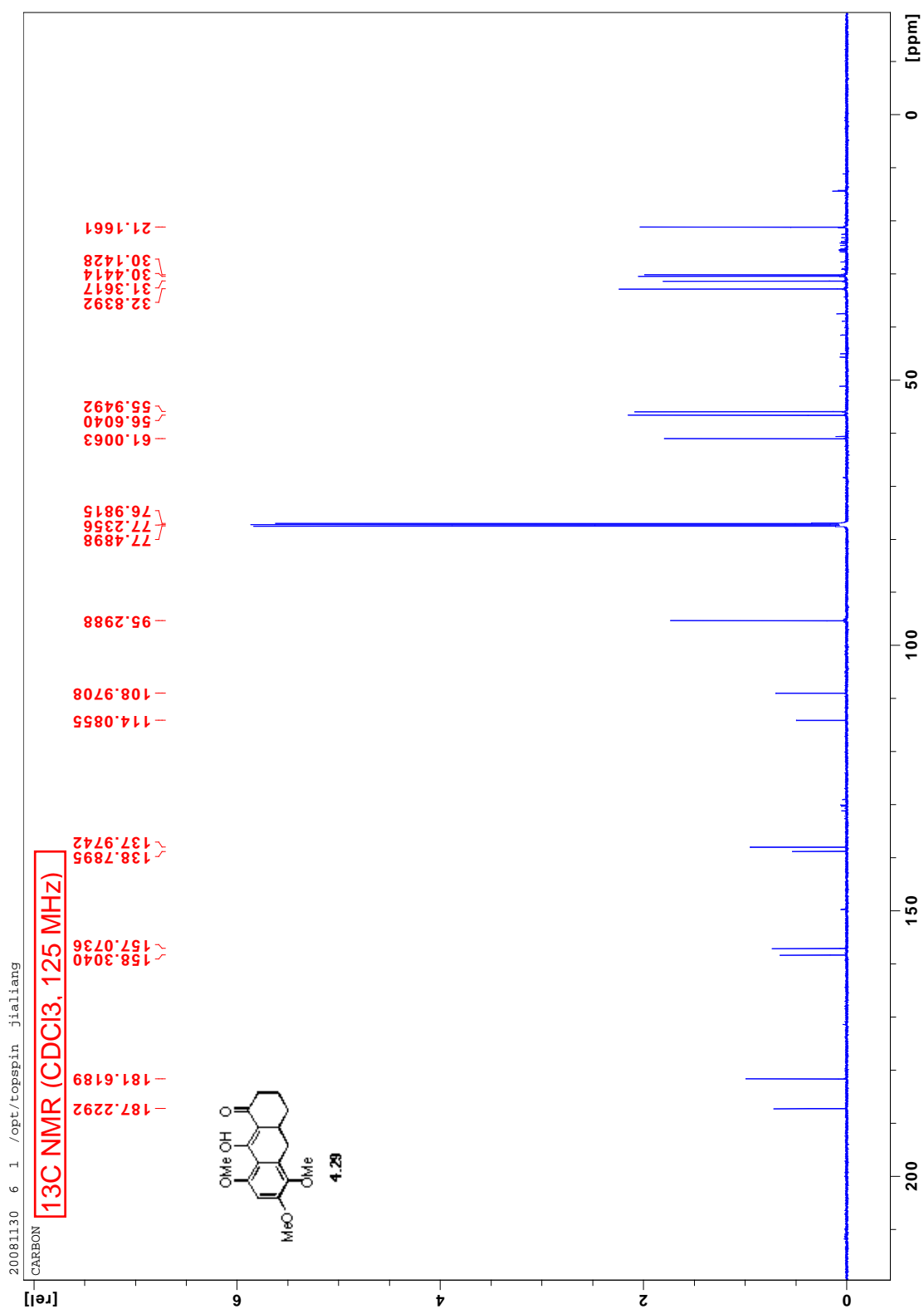


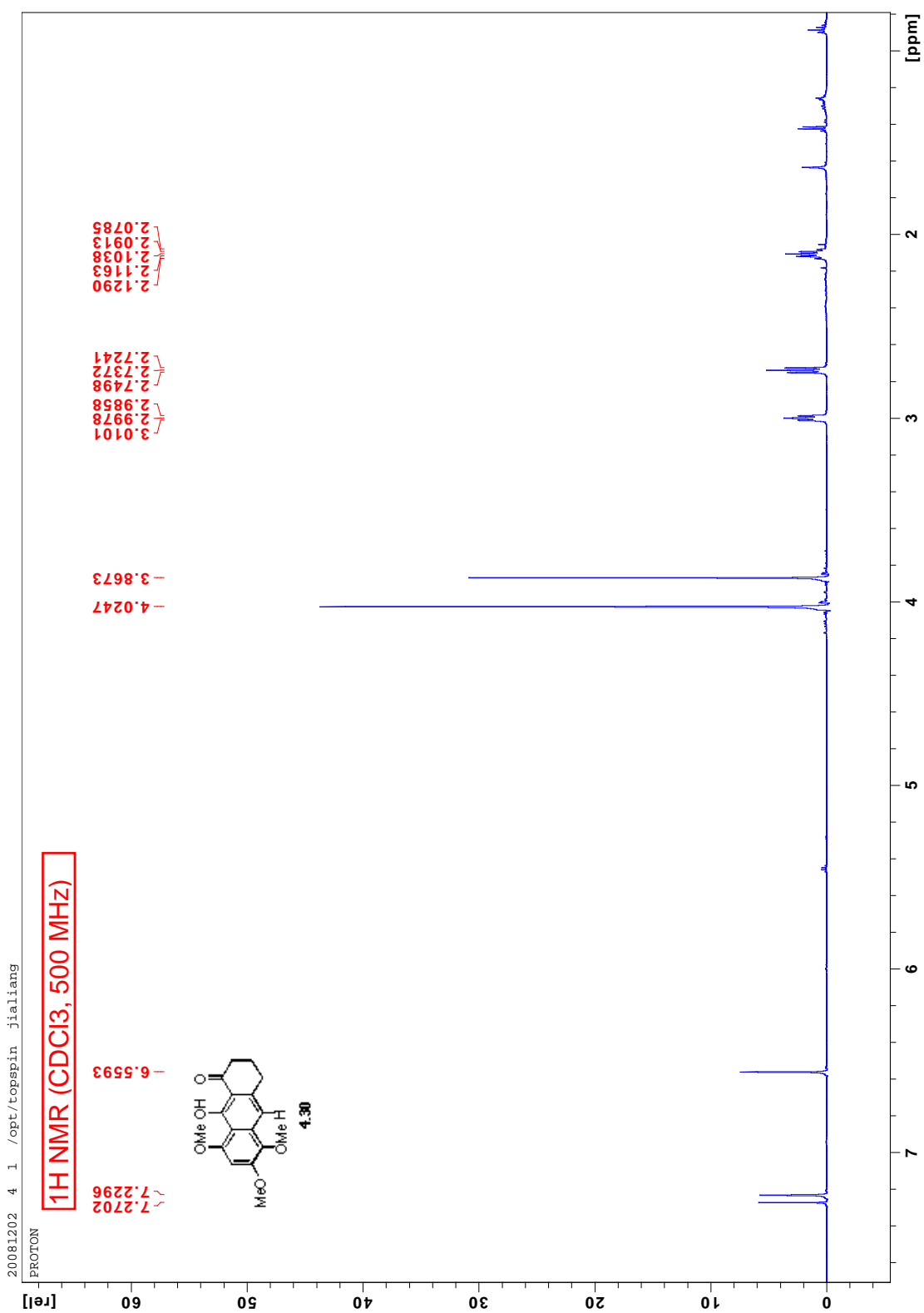


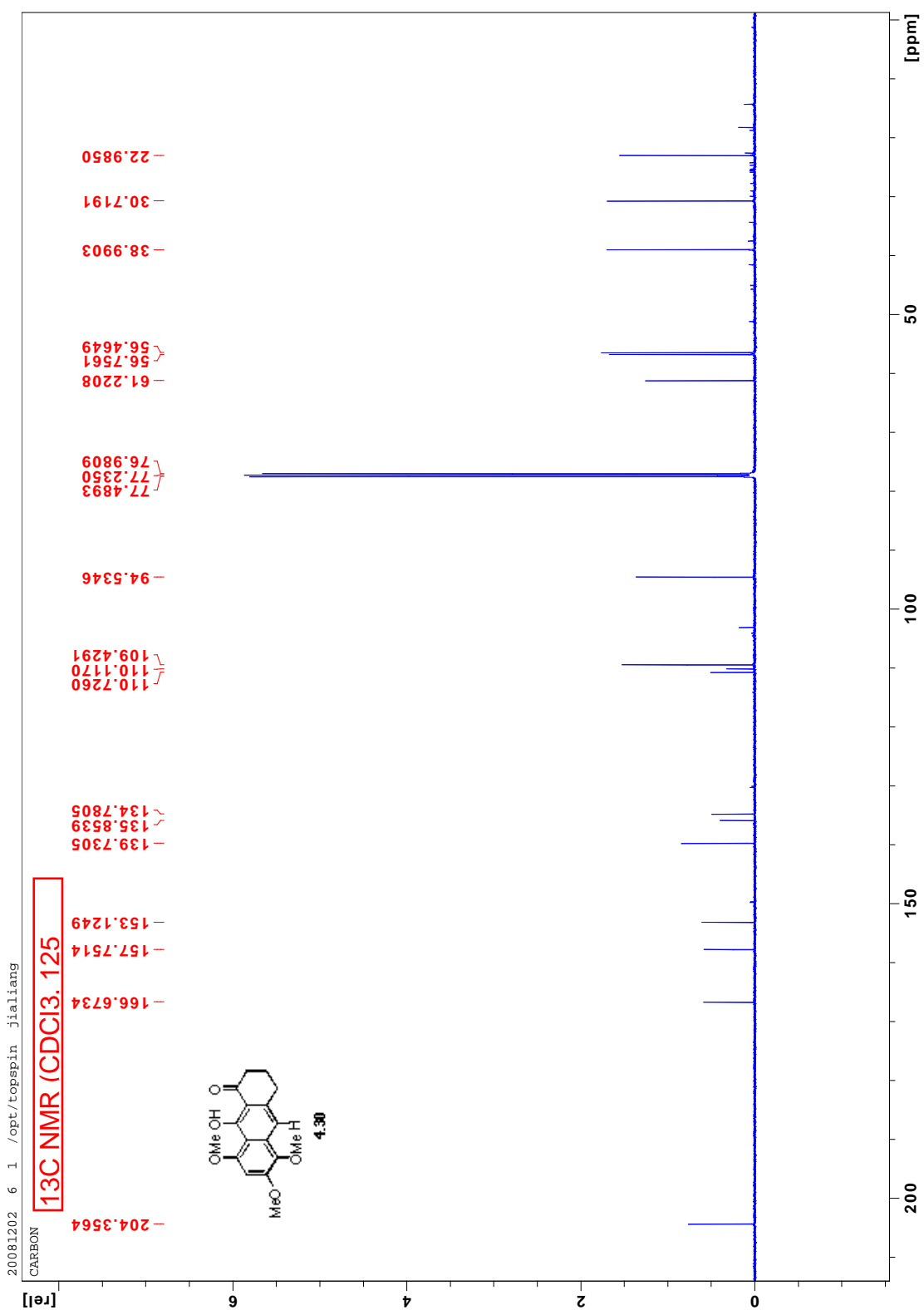


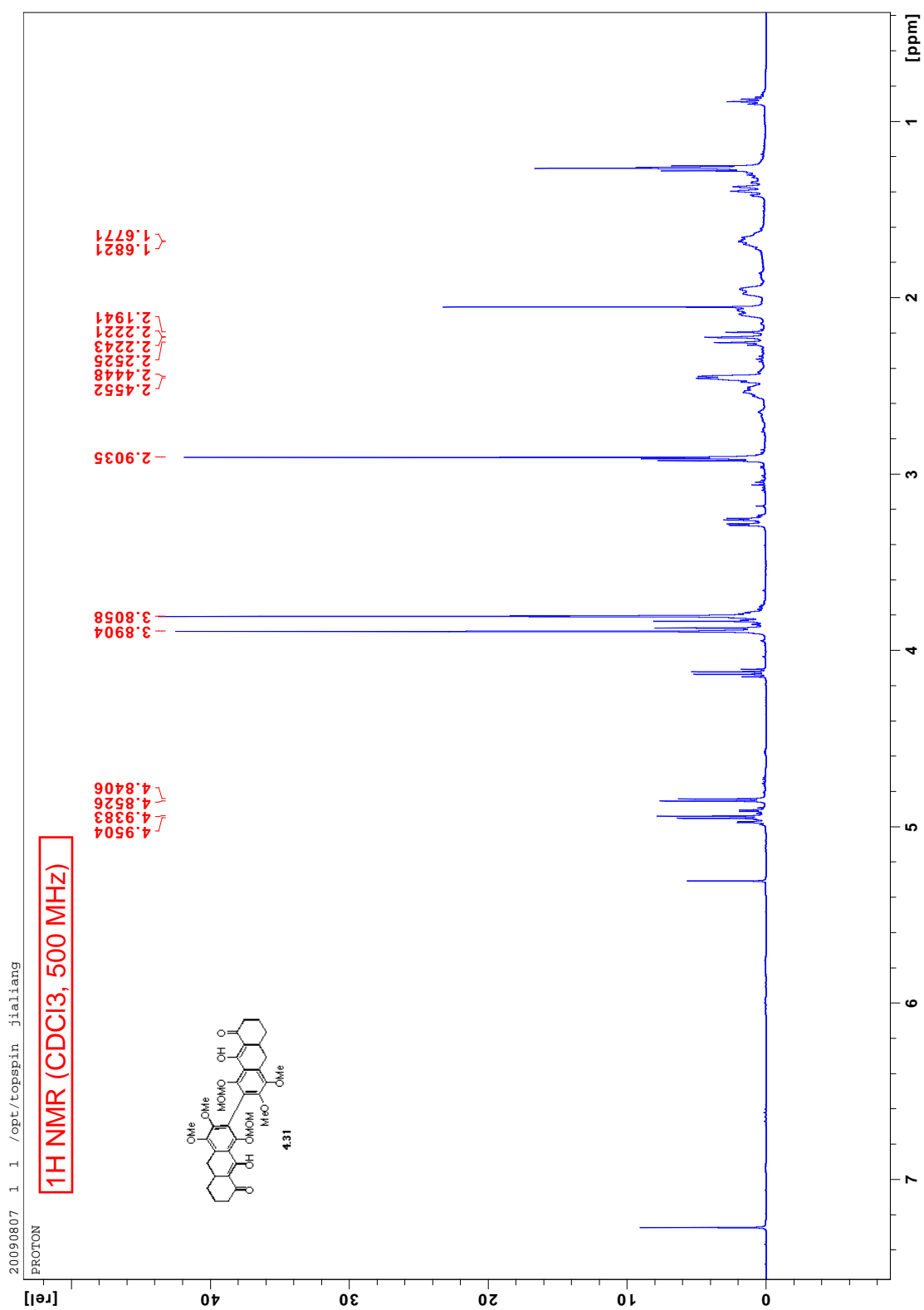


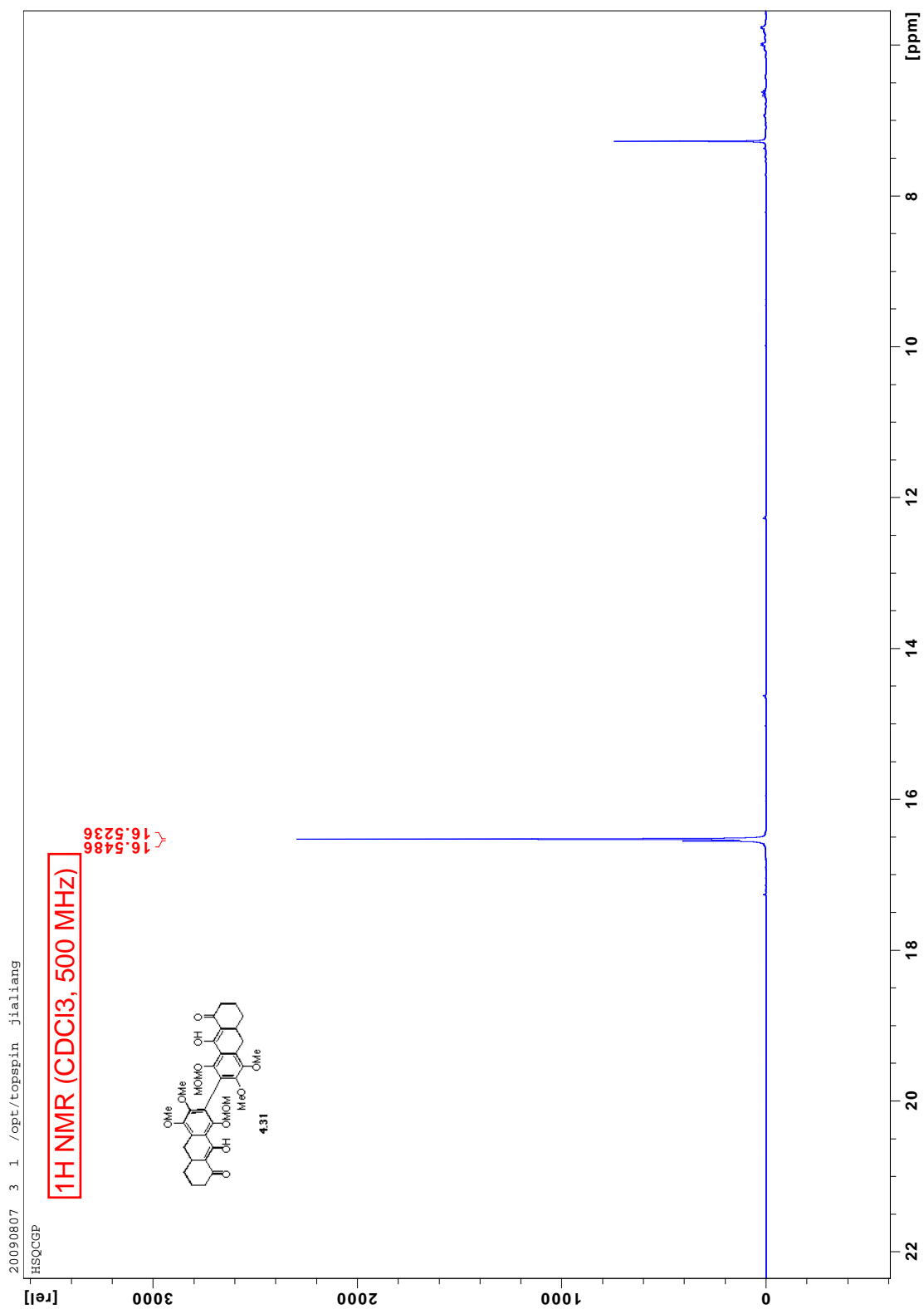


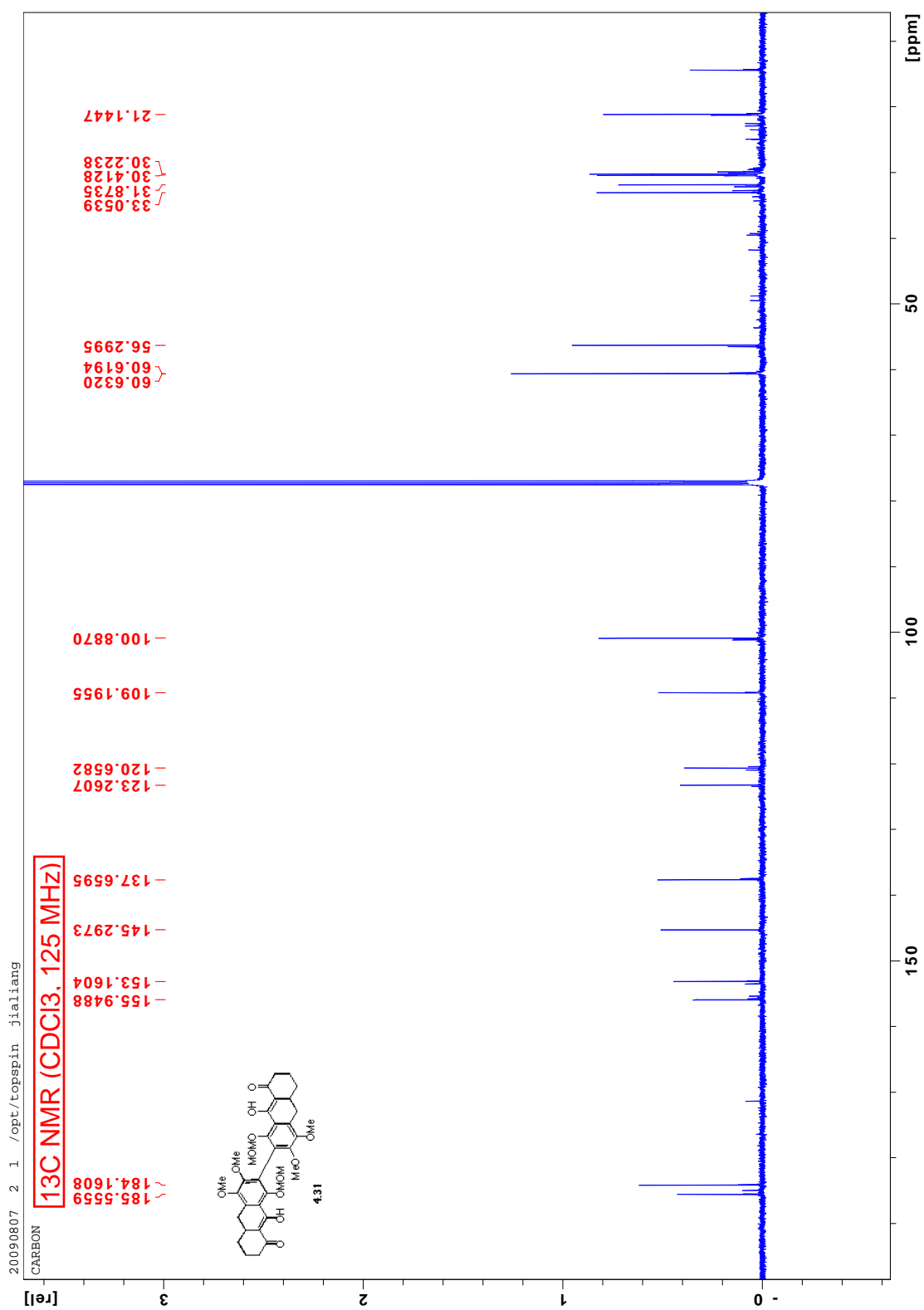












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