# Synthesis of the Monomeric Counterpart of Marinomycin A

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#### General

TLC was performed on Merck 60F<sub>254</sub> silica gel plates and visualized either with a UV lamp (254 nm), or by using a solution of *p*-anisaldehyde/sulfuric acid/acetic acid in EtOH followed by heating. Flash chromatography was performed with Merck Geduran Si60 silica gel (40-63 UM). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 298 or on a Bruker TENSOR<sup>TM</sup> 27 (IRFT), wavenumbers are indicated in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 at 400 MHz and data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane as an internal standard, multiplicity (s =  $\frac{1}{2}$ singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintuplet, m = multiplet or overlap of non equivalent resonances), integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 300 at 75 MHz or on a Bruker AVANCE 400 at 100 MHz and data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as an internal indicator (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  77.0 ppm), multiplicity with respect to proton (deduced from DEPT) experiments, s = quaternary C, d = CH,  $t = CH_2$ ,  $q = CH_3$ ). Mass spectra with electronic impact (MS) were recorded from a Hewlett-Packard tandem 5890A GC (12 m capillary column) – 5971 MS (70 eV). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed by the Groupe de Spectrométrie de Masse de l'Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris). All the reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere.

## **I-Experimental Section**

(E)-3-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-oxo-4H-benzo[1,3]dioxin-5-yl)-propenal (6). To a solution of aryl triflate 4<sup>1</sup> (100 mg, 0.307 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and boronic acid 5 (40 mg, 0.398 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (3 mL), within a microwave vial, were successively added K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (97 mg, 0,459 mmol, 1,5 equiv) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (34 mg, 0.031 mmol, 0.1 equiv). The vial was flushed with argon and sealed. After 15 min of stirring at 130 °C in the microwave, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 95/5 to 80/20) furnished  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde 6 (52 mg, 73%) as a yellow solid:  $R_f \approx 0.35$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 80/20); IR (neat) 3072, 2998, 2943, 2815, 2735, 1722, 1678, 1624, 1594, 1577, 1476, 1390, 1380, 1319, 1272, 1204, 1118, 1080, 1046, 1024, 968, 924, 799, 780, 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.65 (d, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz), 7.57 (t, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.34 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.07 (dd, 1H, J = 8.5, 0.8 Hz), 6.62 (dd, 1H, J = 16.0, 7.9 Hz), 1.75 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.1 (d), 160.1 (s), 157.2 (s), 150.3 (d), 138.0 (s), 135.7 (d), 132.0 (d), 122.3 (d), 119.6 (d), 111.5 (s), 106.0 (s), 25.6 (2q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 232 (M<sup>++</sup>, 1), 204 (13), 203 (100), 174 (46), 147 (12), 146 (58), 118 (78), 90 (17), 89 (25), 63 (11).

**5-[(1***E***,3***E***)-Hexa-1,3-dien-5-ynyl]-2,2-dimethylbenzo[1,3]dioxine-4-one (8). To a solution of 3-trimethylsilyl-2-propynyl phosphonium bromide (1.5 g, 3.27 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in THF (45 mL) was added** *n***-BuLi (2 M in THF, 1.49 mL, 2.98 mmol, 1.18 equiv) at -78 °C. After 1 h of stirring in the dark, a solution of aldehyde <b>6** (585 mg, 2.52 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 0 °C and after 1 h of stirring at this temperature, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Arylic triflate **4** was synthesized in two steps from commercially available 2,6-dihydroxybenzoic acid according to: (a) Hadfield, A.; Schweitzer, H.; Trova, M. P.; Green, K. *Synth. Commun.* **1994**, *24*, 1025–1028; (b) Dushin, R. G.; Danishefsky, S. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1992**, *114*, 655–659.

chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2 to 95/5) furnished enyne 7 (480 mg, 58%) as a mixture of diastereoisomers (E/Z = 75/25).

To a solution of 3-trimethylsilyl-2-propynyl phosphonium bromide (147 mg, 0.325 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added sodium bis-trimethylsilylamide (2 M in THF, 160  $\mu$ L, 0.320 mmol, 1.18 equiv) at rt. After 1 h of stirring in the dark, a solution of aldehyde **6** (63 mg, 0.271 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. After 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL) dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2 to 95/5) furnished enyne **7** (58 mg, 65%) as a mixture of diastereoisomers (*E*/*Z* = 82/18).

To a solution of trimethylsilylalkyne 7 (33 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C was added tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (1 M in THF, 120 µL, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After 10 min, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3 mL) and the resulting solution was diluted with ether (3 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2 to 95/5) furnished terminal alkyne 8 (25 mg, 97%) as a yellow oil:  $R_f \approx 0.55$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 80/20); IR (neat) 3312, 2955, 2918, 2846, 2097, 1694, 1552, 1462, 1376, 1181, 1072, 996, 636 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.79 (d, 1H, J = 15.4 Hz), 7.45 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.92 (dd, 1H, J = 15.6, 10.8 Hz), 6.87 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz), 6.77 (dd, 1H, J = 15.4, 11.0 Hz), 5.73 (dd, 1H, J = 15.5, 2.4 Hz), 3.13 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 1.71 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.3 (s), 157.0 (s), 140.8 (s), 135.2 (d), 133.1 (d), 131.6 (d), 121.0 (d), 116.9 (d), 111.8 (d), 110.9 (s), 105.4 (s), 84.5 (s), 82.9 (d), 81.0 (s), 25.6 (2q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 254 (M<sup>+•</sup>, 6), 197 (15), 196 (100), 168 (38), 140 (9), 139 (24), 58 (6); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}O_3 + Na^+ 277.0835$ , found 277.0834.

**5-[(***E***)-3-Hydroxypropenyl]-2,2-dimethylbenzo[1,3]dioxin-4-one (11).** To a flame dried flask containing aryl triflate  $4^1$  (2.0 g, 6.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (113 mg,

0.12 mmol, 0.02 equiv), tri-(2-furyl)phosphine (230 mg, 0.98 mmol, 0.16 equiv) and LiCl (780 mg, 18.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv), was added anhydrous DMF (15 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min before addition of a solution of vinyl stannane 10 (2.77 g, 7.97 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in DMF (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 60 °C, cooled to rt and guenched with a saturated aqueous KF solution (25 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min and the aqueous layer was extracted with 20% EtOAc in hexanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc: 80/20 to 50/50) provided the desired allylic alcohol 11 (1.17 g, 82%) as a light yellow solid. Physical and spectral data matched those previously reported:<sup>2</sup> mp = 98-100 °C;  $R_f = 0.2$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 60/40); IR (neat) 3301, 2954, 2920, 2851, 1720, 1648, 1597, 1573, 1474, 1378, 1316, 1267, 1205, 1079, 1040, 966, 831, 781, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, 1H, J = 15.8 Hz), 7.43 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.85 (d, 1H, J = 8.0Hz), 3.33 (dt, 1H, J = 15.8, 5.6 Hz), 4.36 (br t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.55 (br m, 1H, OH), 1.70 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5 (s), 157.0 (s), 141.8 (s), 135.4 (d), 133.5 (d), 128.6 (d), 121.8 (d), 116.2 (d), 111.0 (s), 105.2 (s), 63.2 (t), 25.7 (2q); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 234 (23), 203 (49), 177 (12), 176 (100), 163 (10), 149 (12), 148 (40), 147 (99), 146 (30), 131 (13), 121 (74), 120 (41), 119 (21), 118 (29), 105 (13), 103 (15), 102 (15), 92 (18), 91 (36), 89 (18), 77 (15), 65 (13), 63 (14); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na<sup>+</sup> 257.0789, found 257.0784.

**5-[(***E***)-3-Bromopropenyl]-2,2-dimethylbenzo[1,3]dioxin-4-one.** To a stirred solution of **11** (1.03 g, 4.40 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) at rt was added phosphorus tribromide (165  $\mu$ L, 1.76 mmol, 0.4 equiv) dropwise. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 1 h, cooled to rt and poured into a cold saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O: 90/10) afforded the title allylic bromide (1.29 g, 99%) as a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wang, X.; Bowman, E. J.; Bowman, B. J.; Porco, J. A. Jr. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2004, 43, 3601–3605.

viscous yellow oil which crystallized upon standing at -20 °C:  $R_f = 0.8$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 60/40); IR (neat) 3066, 2996, 2942, 2863, 1724, 1598, 1576, 1475, 1316, 1270, 1257, 1200, 1043, 965, 925, 801, 776, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.36 (dt, 1H, J = 15.6 and J = 7.9 Hz), 4.19 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 1.71 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2 (s), 156.9 (s), 140.1 (s), 135.3 (d), 132.2 (d), 129.2 (d), 121.7 (d), 117.1 (d), 111.0 (s), 105.4 (s,), 33.0 (t), 25.6 (2q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 298 (M<sup>++ 81</sup>Br, 3), 296 (M<sup>++ 79</sup>Br, 3), 240 (27), 238 (28), 217 (26), 160 (14), 159 (100), 131 (13), 103 (31), 102 (11), 77 (13); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>79</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub> + Na<sup>+</sup> 318.9946, found 318.9943, calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>81</sup>BrO<sub>3</sub> + Na<sup>+</sup> 320.9915, found 320.9921.

[(E)-3-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-oxo-4H-benzo[1,3]dioxin-5-yl)-allyl]-phosphonic acid **diethyl** ester (12). To a stirred solution of 5-[(E)-3-bromopropenyl]-2,2dimethylbenzo[1,3]dioxin-4-one (1.29 g, 4.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous toluene (10 mL) at rt was added triethyl phosphite (10 mL, 61.2 mmol, 14 equiv) dropwise. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 2 h, allowed to cool to rt and directly transferred on top of a silica gel column. Flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc: 80/20 to 0/100) furnished the desired diethylallyl phosphonate 12 (1.49 g, 96%) as a viscous colorless oil which crystallized upon standing (white solid): mp = 94-95 °C;  $R_f = 0.1$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 40/60); IR (neat) 2986, 2941, 2907, 1726, 1643, 1599, 1576, 1475, 1390, 1317, 1251, 1206, 1023, 961, 925, 779, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.59 (dd, 1H, J = 15.7 and  $J_{H-P} = 5.1$  Hz), 7.45 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.17 (m, 1H), 4.15 (m, 4H), 2.85 (ddd, 2H,  $J_{H-P} = 22.0$ , J = 7.6and J = 1.4 Hz), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, 6H, J = 7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 160.3 (s), 156.8 (s), 141.3 (s), 135.3 (d), 132.8 (d,  $J_{C-P} = 15.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 123.4 (d,  $J_{C-P} = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$ ) Hz), 121.6 (d), 116.4 (d), 110.7 (s), 105.3 (s), 62.1 (2t), 32.3 (t,  $J_{C-P} = 137.0$  Hz), 25.6 (2q), 16.5 (2t); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 354 (27), 297 (16), 296 (100), 268 (19), 240 (47), 222 (17), 212 (35), 160 (94), 159 (25), 132 (19), 131 (17), 103 (30), 77 (15); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{23}O_6P + H^+$  355.1311, found 355.1308.

(E)-4-Iodo-3-methylbut-3-en-1-ol. To a stirred solution of zirconocene dichloride (4.15 g, 14.2 mmol, 0.22 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL) at -20 °C was added trimethylaluminum (2 M in hexanes, 100 mL, 200 mmol, 3.1 equiv) dropwise via cannula. After stirring the resulting yellow mixture for 10 min at -20 °C, water (1.8 mL, 100 mmol, 1.55 equiv) was cautiously added dropwise (Caution: exothermic reaction!). After an additional 10 min stirring, commercially available 3-butyn-1-ol 15 (4.9 mL, 64.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pretreated with trimethylaluminum (2 M in hexanes, 10 mL, 20 mmol, 0.31 equiv) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) at 0 °C, was added dropwise via cannula. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and the resulting yellow thick slurry was stirred for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -20 °C and a solution of  $I_2$  (20 g, 77.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous ether (130 mL) was added dropwise via cannula. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and was stirred for an additional 2 h. The reaction mixture was slowly poured into a well-stirred mixture of a saturated aqueous solution of sodium potassium tartrate (500 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (500 mL), and the resulting biphasic mixture was stirred for 2 h. The slurry was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O : 90/10 to 70/30) provided the title compound (10.5 g, 77%) as a light yellow oil. Physical and spectral data match those previously reported:<sup>3</sup>  $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 80/20); IR (neat) 3313, 2936, 2910, 2880, 1616, 1428, 1375, 1271, 1141, 1038, 764, 665 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.01 (br s, 1H), 3.7 (br t, 2H, J = 6.0 Hz), 2.47 (br t, 2H, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.98 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.87 (br s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.4 (s), 76.8 (d), 60.1 (t), 42.4 (t) 23.8 (g); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 212 (47), 182 (8), 181 (16), 127 (8), 85 (100), 67 (31), 57 (19), 55 (36), 54 (23), 53 (36); Elemental analysis calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IO : C, 28.32; H, 4.28. Found : C, 28.56; H, 4.47.

(*E*)-4-iodo-3-methylbut-3-enal (16). To a stirred solution of (*E*)-4-iodo-3-methylbut-3en-1-ol (4.0 g, 18.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (35 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Marshall, J. A.; Eidam, P. Org. Lett. 2004, 6, 445–448.

solution of Dess-Martin periodinane (8.8 g, 20.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (65 mL). The solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred until complete conversion of the starting material by TLC (approximately 1.5 h). The reaction mixture was diluted with  $Et_2O$  (200 mL) and poured into a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (150 mL) containing solid Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (24 g). The resulting slurry was stirred for 10 min until two clear layers separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (200 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude aldehyde **16** (3.9 g, 98%) was obtained as a light yellow oil and was used in the next step without further purification.

(E)-(R)-1-Iodo-2-methylhepta-1,6-dien-4-ol. То stirred solution of a cyclopentadienyl[(4S,trans)-2,2-dimethyl- $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetraphenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5dimethanolato-O,O']titanium chloride (15 g, 24.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) at 0 °C, was added dropwise allylmagnesium chloride (2 M in THF, 10.4 mL, 20.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After 2 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of crude (E)-4-iodo-3-methylbut-3-enal 16 (3.9 g, 18.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL) was added dropwise via cannula. After 4 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by addition of a 45% aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>F solution (100 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt and then filtered over Celite<sup>®</sup>. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (200 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then diluted with pentane (150 mL) and filtered to remove (4S,trans)-2,2dimethyl- $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetraphenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-dimethanol. After removal of pentane under reduced pressure, purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O: 99/1) provided the title enantiopure homoallylic alcohol (4.02 g, 84%, 2 steps) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.2$  (petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O : 80/20);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} - 13.3$  (c 1.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3383, 3074, 2976, 2909, 1640, 1615, 1433, 1377, 1272, 1143, 1053, 994, 915, 764, 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.03 (br s, 1H), 5.83 (m, 1H). 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.13 (m, 1H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.88 (br s, 3H), 1.69 (d, 1H, J = 3.2 Hz, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.7 (s), 134.3 (d), 118.4 (t), 77.5 (d), 68.3 (d), 46.8 (t), 41.6 (t), 24.2 (d); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 252 (1), 237 (M-Me<sup>+</sup>, 1), 211 (5), 183 (16), 182 (100), 167 (4), 107 (28), 83 (28), 71 (35), 55 (83); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>IO + Na<sup>+</sup> 274.9909, found 274.9904.

(*E*)-(*R*)-1-[(1-Iodo-2-methylhepta-1,6-dien-4-yloxy)methyl]-4-methoxybenzene (17). To a solution of (E)-(R)-1-iodo-2-methylhepta-1,6-dien-4-ol (3.3 g, 13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) mL), in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$ (60 successively added were *p*-methoxybenzyltrichloroacetimidate (7.4 g, 26 mmol, 2 equiv) and camphorsulfonic acid (453 mg, 1.95 mmol, 0.15 equiv) at rt. After 12 h of stirring, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 98/2 to 95/5) provided the desired protected alcohol 17 (3.06 g, 63%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.5$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 90/10);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  - 14.6 (c 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3071, 2932, 2907, 2834, 1639, 1612, 1585, 1510, 1462, 1439, 1244, 1172, 1069, 1034, 914, 819, 809 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.87 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 5.96 (br s, 1H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 5.07 (br s, 1H,), 4.50 (d, 1H,  $J_{svst AB} = 11.2$  Hz), 4.39 (d, 1H,  $J_{svst}$ <sub>AB</sub> = 11.2 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dd, 1H, J<sub>syst AB</sub> = 14.1, 7.5 Hz), 3.36 (dd, 1H, J = 14.1, 5.0 Hz), 2.31-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.79 (br s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.2 (s), 145.0 (s), 134.5 (d), 130.5 (s), 129.8 (2d), 117.5 (t), 113.8 (2d), 77.3 (d), 75.9 (d), 70.9 (t), 55.3 (q), 44.1 (t), 38.3 (t), 24.4 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 372 (1), 331 (1), 245 (3), 175 (5), 121 (100), 91 (3), 77 (4); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{21}IO_2 + Na^+$ 395.0484, found 395.0480.

(*S*,*E*)-6-Iodo-3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methylhex-5-enal (18). To a stirred solution of alkene 17 (3.0 g, 8.06 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a *tert*-BuOH/THF/water mixture (5/5/1, 80 mL) at 0 °C, were added *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (1.04 g, 8.86 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and osmium tetroxide (2.5 wt% in *tert*-BuOH, 1.0 mL, 0.08 mmol, 0.01 equiv). After 18 h of stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h. The

aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The obtained crude 1,2-diol was used in the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the obtained 1,2-diol in a MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (2/1, 135 mL) was added sodium periodate in one portion (10.4 g, 48.6 mmol, 6.0 equiv) at rt. The resulting white slurry was stirred for 45 min and was subsequently quenched by addition of water (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 80 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (80 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude aldehyde **18** was used in the next step without further purification.

(4*R*,6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-hept-1-en-4-ol. To a stirred solution of commercially available ethyl (*R*)-(–)-3-hydroxybutyrate 19 (2.5 g, 18.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 mL) was added imidazole (2.58 g, 37.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min, TBSCl (3.4 g, 22.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added in one portion and stirring was carried on for 30 min at 0 °C. The solution was then allowed to warm to rt, and after 20 h of stirring the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding water (20 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* which provided ethyl (*R*)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butyrate (4.3 g, quantitative) as a colorless oil. Physical and spectral data match those previously reported.<sup>4</sup>

To a stirred solution of the previously obtained ethyl (*R*)-3-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyloxy)butyrate (2.5 g, 10.85 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) was added DIBAL-H (1 M in hexanes, 12 mL, 12 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at -78 °C. After stirring for 45 min at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed to -30 °C and methanol (11 mL) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and then poured into a well-stirred saturated aqueous solution of sodium potassium tartrate (100 mL). The resulting biphasic mixture was stirred for 2 h until two clear layers separated. The layers were separated and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Brimble, M. A.; Nairn, M. R.; Park, J. S. O. J. Chem. Soc. Perkin. Trans. 1, 2000, 697–709.

the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude (R)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butyraldehyde was used in the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of cyclopentadienyl[(4*S*,*trans*)-2,2-dimethyl- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ ', $\alpha$ 'tetraphenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-dimethanolato-O,O']titanium chloride (8.6 g, 14.1 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) at 0 °C, was added dropwise allylmagnesium chloride (2 M in THF, 6.0 mL, 11.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After 2 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture cooled to -78°C and solution of (*R*)-3-(*tert*was а butyldimethylsilyloxy)butyraldehyde (10.85 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was added dropwise via cannula. After 2 h at -78 °C, the reaction was guenched by addition of water (60 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at rt and then filtered over Celite. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (150 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then diluted with pentane (50 mL) and filtered to remove (4S, trans)-2,2-dimethyl- $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetraphenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5dimethanol. After removal of pentane under reduced pressure, purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 99/1 to 95/5) provided the desired enantiopure homoallylic alcohol (1.88 g, 71% over two steps) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.2$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 95/5);  $[\alpha]^{20}_D - 17.0$  (c 1.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3447, 2930, 2857, 1641, 1472, 1445, 1376, 1254, 1070, 1002, 913, 834, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$  5.74 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.2, 10.4, 7.1 Hz), 5.03-4.97 (m, 2H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.23 (d, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz, OH), 2.19-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.53 (ddd, 1H, J =14.3, 9.8, 3.8 Hz), 1.43 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.3, 5.5, 2.4 Hz), 1.12 (d, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.80 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.1 (d), 117.2 (t), 67.6 (d), 67.4 (d), 43.8 (t), 42.3 (t), 25.8 (3q), 22.9 (q), 17.9 (s), -4.5 (q), -5.0 (s); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 229 (M-Me<sup>+</sup>, 4), 205 (3), 203 (6), 187 (M-*t*Bu<sup>+</sup>), 159 (40), 145 (19), 119 (100), 115 (11), 101 (17), 95 (40), 75 (84), 73 (33), 59 (11); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{28}O_2Si + Na^+ 267.1756$ , found 267.1751.

(4R.6R)-6-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-triethylsilyloxyhept-1-ene (20). To a stirred solution of (4R,6R)-6-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)heptan-1-en-4-ol (1.39 g, 5.68 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added 4-dimethylaminopyridine (70 mg, 0.57 mmol, 0.1 equiv) at rt. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.58 mL, 11.36 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise. After stirring for 5 min at 0 °C, triethylsilyl chloride (1.43 mL, 8.53 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 2 h. The resulting cloudy mixture was hydrolyzed by addition of water (10 mL) and neutralized by adding a 1 M solution of HCl (2 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt: 99/1) provided the desired protected 1,3-diol **20** (1.93 g, 95%) as a colorless oil:  $Rf \approx 0.9$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 95/5); [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +10.5 (*c* 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2954, 2877, 1641, 1461, 1414, 1375, 1253, 1069, 1003, 913, 834, 772, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.76 (m, 1H), 4.98 (br d, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz), 4.98 (br d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 3.85 (br sext, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.77 (br quint, 1H, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.60 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.8, 7.4, 5.2 Hz), 1.41 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.8, 7.0, 5.2 Hz), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.90 (t, 9H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.54 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.00 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.0 (d), 116.9 (t), 69.6 (d), 66.3 (d), 47.6 (t), 42.6 (t), 25.9 (3g), 24.5 (g), 18.1 (s), 7.0 (3g), 5.3 (3t), -3.8 (q), -4.5 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 343 (M-Et, 1), 301 (M-*t*Bu, 1), 288 (10), 287 (38), 259 (10), 234 (12), 233 (57), 190 (14), 189 (70), 175 (12), 161 (71), 159 (100), 147 (13), 133 (15), 115 (24), 103 (25), 101 (15), 95 (40), 87 (16), 75 (20), 73 (32), 59 (15); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{42}O_2Si_2 + Na^+ 381.2621$ , found 381.2617.

(*R*)-2-[(2*R*,4*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-triethylsilyloxypentyl]-oxirane (22). To a suspension of AD-mix- $\beta$  (4.64 g, 1.4 g/mmol of olefin) in a *tert*-BuOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (1/1, 32 mL) vigorously stirred at 0 °C was added olefin 20 (1.6 g, 3.31 mmol). After 20 h of stirring at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and was then diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over

MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 85/15) furnished 1,2-diol **21** (960 mg, 56%) as a 75/25 inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers.

To a suspension of NaH (60% in oil, 425 mg, 10.63 mmol, 4.2 equiv) in THF (35 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of 1,2-diol 21 (994 mg, 2.53 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (15 mL) dropwise via cannula. After 30 min of stirring at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of tosylimidazole (645 mg, 2.91 mmol, 1.15 equiv) in THF (15 mL) was added to the previous mixture via cannula. The solution was warmed to 0 °C and after 2 h of stirring at this temperature, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished epoxide 22 (780 mg, 83%) as a 75/25 inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers:  $R_f \approx 0.15$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2); IR (neat) 2954, 2878, 1461, 1413, 1375, 1253, 1117, 1071, 1004, 833, 772, 724, 673 cm<sup>-1</sup>; *Major isomer:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.02-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.76 (br dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 4.1 Hz), 2.45 (dd, 1H, J = 5.1, 2.8 Hz), 1.78-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.2 Hz), 0.96 (t, 9H, J = 7.8 Hz), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.61 (q, 6H, J = 8.1 Hz), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.07-0.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  68.1 (d, C<sub>6</sub>), 66.2 (d, C<sub>4</sub>), 49.3 (d, C<sub>2</sub>), 48.0 (t, C<sub>1</sub>), 46.8 (t, C<sub>5</sub>), 40.9 (t, C<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3q, C<sub>10</sub>), 24.5 (q, C<sub>7</sub>), 18.1 (s, C<sub>9</sub>), 6.9 (3q, C<sub>12</sub>), 5.2 (3t, C<sub>11</sub>), -3.8 (q, C<sub>8</sub>), -4.5 (q, C<sub>8</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 345 (M-Et<sup>+</sup>, 1), 317 (M-tBu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 233 (6), 189 (15), 185 (14), 161 (17), 160 (14), 159 (100), 143 (18), 119 (8), 117 (30), 115 (41), 103 (28), 101 (10), 87 (17), 75 (21), 73 (35), 59 (14). *Minor isomer:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.02-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 4.1 Hz), 2.49 (dd, 1H, J= 5.1, 2.7 Hz), 1.78-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.2 Hz), 0.97 (t, 9H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.63 (q, 6H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.07-0.05 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  68.2 (d), 66.3 (d), 49.6 (d), 48.7 (t), 47.5 (t), 41.1 (t), 25.9 (3q), 24.4 (q), 18.1 (s), 6.9 (3q), 5.2 (3t), -3.9 (q), -4.5 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 345 (M-Et<sup>+</sup>, 1), 317 (M- $tBu^+$ , 1), 233 (6), 189 (15), 185 (14), 161 (17), 160 (14), 159 (100), 143 (18), 119 (8), 117 (30), 115 (41), 103 (28), 101 (10), 87 (17), 75 (21), 73 (35), 59 (14); HRMS (ESI) calcd  $C_{19}H_{42}O_3Si_2 + Na^+ 397.2565$ , found 397.2568.

#### (4S,6R,8R)-8-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-hydroxy-6-triethylsilyloxy-1-

trimethylsilylnon-1-yne (23). To a solution of trimethylsilylacetylene (76  $\mu$ L, 0.534 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in THF (2 mL) was added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 207 µL, 0.519 mmol, 3.9 equiv) dropwise at -78 °C. The resulting solution was slowly warmed to 0 °C and stirring was carried on at this temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -78 °C and BF3 ·Et2O (37 µL, 0.292 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added dropwise. After 20 min at -78 °C, a solution of epoxide 22 (50 mg, 0.133 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (2 mL) was added via cannula. After 1 h of stirring at this temperature, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding brine (3 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2 furnished homopropargylic alcohol 23 (49 mg, 77%) as yellow oil, along with its epimer at C4 in a 75/25 ratio in favour of the desired compound 23:  $R_f \approx 0.8$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 90/10); IR (neat) 3460, 2955, 2879, 2857, 2175, 1462, 1414, 1377, 1250, 1064, 1003, 908, 836, 731, 647 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Major *isomer*: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 4.12-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.91-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.30 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.45 (dd, 1H, J = 16.8, 5.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, J = 16.8, 7.0 Hz), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.14 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.97 (t, 9H, J = 8.2 Hz), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.64 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.14 (s, 9H), -0.07 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  103.4 (s), 86.9 (s), 70.7 (d), 69.2 (d), 66.1 (d), 48.5 (t), 42.6 (t), 28.6 (t), 25.8 (3q), 23.8 (q), 18.0 (s), 6.8 (3q), 5.2 (3t), 0.0 (3q), -4.3 (q), -4.6 (q). *Minor isomer* : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.99-3.91 (m, 2H), 3.91-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.71 (br d, 1H, J = 2.1 Hz, OH), 2.46 (dd, 1H, J = 16.7, 5.5 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, J = 16.7, 7.1 Hz), 1.89 (dd, 1H, J = 4.4, 2.7 Hz),1.81 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 6.3 Hz), 1.78-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.96 (t, 9H, J= 7.6 Hz), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.63 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.14 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  103.4 (s), 86.8 (s), 70.7 (d), 69.2 (d), 67.2 (d), 46.6 (t), 40.8 (t), 28.8 (t), 25.8 (3g), 23.8 (g), 18.0 (s), 6.8 (3g), 4.8 (3t), 0.0 (3g), -4.1 (g), -4.5 (g).

(4*S*,6*S*,8*R*)-4,8-Bis-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-6-triethylsilyloxynon-1-yne (24).To a solution of alcohol 23 (27 mg, 0.057 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added imidazole (20 mg, 0.285 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After 5 min, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (18 mg, 0.114 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at rt. The reaction mixture was then hydrolyzed by adding water (2 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1 furnished the fully protected 1,3,5-triol (26 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil.

To a solution of the previously obtained trimethylsilylalkyne (5.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (1 mL) was added potassium carbonate (2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After 12 h of stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O(3 \times 5 \text{ mL})$  and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished terminal alkyne 24 (3.8 mg, 74%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.7$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1);  $[\alpha]^{20}$  +7.8 (c 0.94, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3315, 2953, 2929, 2878, 2857, 1472, 1462, 1377, 1361, 1253, 1085, 1004, 833, 773, 724, 637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.93-3.80 (m, 3H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 1.97 (t, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz), 1.77 (ddd, 1H, J = 12.4, 7.2, 5.0 Hz), 1.69-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.14 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.96 (t, 9H, J = 8.0Hz), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.61 (q, 6H, J = 8.1 Hz), 0.1 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  81.3 (s), 70.1 (d), 68.3 (d), 67.6 (d), 66.0 (d), 48.6 (t), 45.4 (t), 27.8 (t), 25.9 (6q), 24.2 (q), 18.1 (2s), 6.9 (3t), 5.7 (3q), -4.1, -4.2, -4.4, -4.5 (4q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 457 (M-tBu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 325 (7), 285 (12), 233 (33), 189 (26), 183 (21), 161 (17), 160 (91), 159 (100), 147 (8), 133 (18), 119 (15), 115 (17), 103 (11), 75 (14), 73 (45); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{58}O_3Si_3 + Na^+ 537.3586$ , found 537.3581.

*S-tert*-Butyl (3*S*,5*R*)-5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-hydroxyhexanethioate (26). To a solution of the previously obtained aldehyde derived from ester **19** (1.06 g, 5.22 mmol,

1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) at -78 °C was added MeAlCl<sub>2</sub> (1 M in THF, 13.0 mL, 13.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv) dropwise. After 15 min of stirring at this temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to -100 °C (EtOH/N<sub>2lig</sub> bath) and a solution of silvl ketene actetal of tert-butylthioacetate 25 (1.28 g, 6.26 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added dropwise. After 30 min of stirring at -100 °C, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL). The resulting mixture was then poured into water (20 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Analysis of the crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed the presence of two diastereoisomers anti and syn in a 80:20 anti/syn ratio. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2 to 95/5) furnished β-hydroxythioester **26** (1.44 g, 82%) as a 80:20 mixture of diastereoisomers:  $R_f \approx 0.3$ (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 90/10); IR (neat) 3481, 2957, 2928, 2857, 1680, 1472, 1461, 1364, 1254, 1144, 1002, 834, 774, 722, 658 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{34}O_3SSi_2 +$ Na<sup>+</sup> 357.1890, found 357.1893. *Major anti isomer:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.33 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 4.7, 2.5 Hz), 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.52 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 7.8 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 4.7 Hz), 1.66-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.50 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.2, 6.5, 2.6 Hz), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.18 (d, 3H, J = 5.5 Hz), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.5 (s), 66.7 (d), 65.6 (d), 51.8 (t), 48.3 (s), 44.2 (t), 29.8 (3q), 25.8 (3q), 23.2 (q), 18.0 (s), -4.5 (q), -5.0 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 277 (M-*t*Bu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 259 (1), 245 (5), 203 (6), 187 (14), 159 (16), 146 (12), 145 (100), 143 (11), 115 (15), 101 (48), 75 (66), 73 (21), 59 (12), 57 (25), 56 (10). Minor syn isomer:  $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.19-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.52 (br s, OH), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 7.8 Hz), 2.57 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 5.4 Hz), 1.66-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.16 (d, 3H, J = 6.0 Hz), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.4 (s), 68.6 (d), 67.8 (d), 51.4 (t), 48.3 (s), 45.3 (t), 29.8 (3q), 25.8 (3q), 24.2 (q), 17.9 (s), -4.0 (q), -4.8 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 277 (M*t*Bu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 259 (2), 203 (6), 187 (11), 159 (16), 146 (12), 145 (100), 143 (15), 115 (15), 101 (52), 75 (70), 73 (22), 59 (12), 57 (27), 56 (11).

*S-tert*-Butyl (3S,5R)-5-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-triethylsilyloxyhexanethioate (27). To a solution of alcohol 26 (1.34 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) was added 4-dimethylaminopyridine (50 mg, 0,40 mmol, 0,1 equiv) at rt. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (1.12 mL, 8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise. After 5 min of stirring at this temperature, triethylsilyl chloride (905  $\mu$ L, 8.53 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt. The resulting cloudy mixture was then hydrolyzed by adding water (10 mL) and was neutralized by the use of an aqueous solution of HCl 1 M (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished the protected 1,3-diol 27 (1.78 g, 93%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.5$ (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2); IR (neat) 2954, 2928, 2877, 2857, 1683, 1460, 1364, 1253, 1108, 1081, 1002, 834, 773, 739, 725, 664 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.20 (quint<sub>ann</sub>, 1H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.86 (sext<sub>ann</sub>, 1H, J = 6.1 Hz), 2.67-2.55  $(m_{svstAB}, 2H)$ , 1.68 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.8, 6.8, 6.4 Hz), 1.55 (ddd, 1H, J = 11.6, 6.0, 5.7 Hz), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.95 (t, 9H, J = 7.8 Hz), 0.87 (s, 9H, H<sub>9</sub>), 0.60 (q, 6H, J = 7.7 Hz), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.0 (s), 67.4 (d), 66.2 (d), 53.2 (t), 48.2 (t), 48.0 (s), 29.8 (3q), 25.9 (3q), 24.4 (q), 18.1 (s), 6.9 (3q), 5.1 (3t), -3.9 (s), -4.5 (s). *Minor isomer*: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.28-4.20 (m, 1H), 3.86 (sext<sub>app</sub>, 1H, J = 6.1 Hz), 2.65-2.55 (m<sub>systAB</sub>, 2H), 1.69 (ddd, 1H, J = 12.8, 7.0, 5.8 Hz), 1.54 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, 6.8, 5.5 Hz), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.14 (d, 3H, J = 6.0 Hz), 0.95 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.59 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.1 (s), 66.8 (d), 65.6 (d), 52.3 (t), 48.0 (s), 47.6 (t), 29.8 (3q), 25.9 (3q), 24.0 (q), 18.0 (s), 6.9 (3q), 5.1 (3t), -4.3 (s), -4.7 (s).

#### (3S,5R)-5-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-triethylsilyloxyhexanal (28).

- By reduction of thioester 27: To a solution of thioester 27 (1.59 g, 2.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (25 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (1 M in toluene, 2.94 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise. After 30 min of stirring at this temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous saturated solution of Rochelle's salt (25 mL) and

was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL). The resulting biphasic mixture was stirred for 1 h and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) allowed the separation of the two diastereoisomers *anti/syn* and permitted to isolate the *anti* 1,3-dihydroxyaldehyde **28** (618 mg, 70%), along with the corresponding *syn* diastereoisomer (262 mg, 29%):  $R_f \approx 0.5$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (br t, 1H, J = 2.5 Hz), 4.28 (br quint<sub>app</sub>, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.90 (sext<sub>app</sub>, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 2.60 (dd<sub>systAB</sub>, 1H, J = 15.6, 6.3, 2.9 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.16 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.95 (t, 9H, J = 7.9 Hz), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.61 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.06 (br s, 6H).

- By oxidative cleavage of alkene **20**: To a stirred solution of alkene **20** (1.4 g, 3.90 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a 1,4-dioxane/water mixture (3/1, 40 mL) at rt, were successively added 2,6-lutidine (910  $\mu$ L, 7.80 mmol, 2.0 equiv), sodium periodate (3.34 g, 15.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and OsO<sub>4</sub> (2.5 wt% in *tert*-BuOH, 975  $\mu$ L, 0.08 mmol, 0.02 equiv). After 3 h of stirring at rt, the resulting white slurry was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 40 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (40 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude aldehyde **28** was used in the next step without further purification.

(4*S*,6*R*,8*R*)-8-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-6-triethylsilyloxynon-1-en-4-ol. To a stirred solution of cyclopentadienyl[(4*R*,*trans*)-2,2-dimethyl- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ ', $\alpha$ '-tetraphenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-dimethanolato-*O*,*O*']titanium chloride (3.1 g, 5.70 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (60 mL) at 0 °C, was added dropwise allylmagnesium chloride (2 M in THF, 2.15 mL, 4.29 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After 2 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of crude aldehyde **28** (3.90 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added dropwise *via* cannula. After 5 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by addition of water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at rt and then filtered

over Celite. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3) x 80 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (80 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then diluted with pentane (20 mL) and filtered to remove (4R, trans)-2,2-dimethyl- $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetraphenyl-1,3dioxolane-4,5-dimethanol. After removal of pentane under reduced pressure, purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (Toluene/EtOAc: 99/1) provided the desired enantiopure title compound (1.19 g, 75%, 2 steps) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.2$ (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} - 21.5$  (c 1.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3470, 2954, 2930, 2878, 2857, 1642, 1462, 1414, 1377, 1253, 1064, 1003, 834, 773, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.77 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.0, J = 10.2, 7.1 Hz), 5.07-5.01 (m, 2H), 4.03-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.74 (sext<sub>app</sub>, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.45 (d, 1H, J = 1.8 Hz, OH), 2.24-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.79 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, J = 7.7, 6.5 Hz), 1.65-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.4, 4.5, 2.4 Hz), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.91 (t, 9H, J = 8.1 Hz), 0.82(s, 9H), 0.56 (q, 6H, J = 8.1 Hz), 0.00 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.0 (d), 117.3 (t), 69.5 (d), 67.9 (d), 66.4 (d), 46.7 (t), 42.4 (t), 41.5 (t), 25.9 (3q), 24.1 (q), 18.1 (s), 6.9 (3q), 4.9 (3t), -4.1 (q), -4.5 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 373 (M-Et<sup>+</sup>, 4), 345 (M*t*Bu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 241 (7), 233 (21), 213 (35), 199 (38), 189 (31), 173 (33), 159 (100), 145 (25), 119 (51), 115 (39), 103 (43), 75 (55), 155, 73 (48); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{46}O_3Si_2 +$ Na<sup>+</sup> 425.2883, found 425.2887.

#### (4*S*,6*S*,8*R*)-4,8-Bis-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-6-triethylsilyloxynon-1-en-4-ol (29).

To a stirred solution of alcohol (4*S*,6*R*,8*R*)-8-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-6triethylsilyloxynon-1-en-4-ol (210 mg, 0.519 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL) was added imidazole (177 mg, 2.59 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min, TBSCl (156 mg, 1.04 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 4 h. The reaction was stopped by addition of water (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 15 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt: 99/1) provided the protected triol **29** (234 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.9$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 98/2);  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  - 0.2 (*c* 1.19 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2954, 2929, 2878, 2857, 1641, 1462, 1377, 1253, 1071, 1004, 833, 772, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.02-4.95 (m, 2H), 3.83 (sext, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.79-3.71 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.87 (t, 9H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.82-0.80 (m, 18H), 0.45 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.00, -0.04 (2s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.0 (d), 116.9 (t), 69.4 (s), 67.7 (d), 66.0 (d), 48.5 (t), 45.7 (t), 42.1 (t), 25.8 (6t), 24.4 (q), 18.2 (2s), 6.8 (3q), 6.4 (3t), -2.66 - -4.31 (4q); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%): 459 (M-tBu<sup>+</sup>, 1), 343 (5), 327 (4), 259 (27), 233 (27), 189 (22), 185 (55), 161 (15), 160 (14), 159 (100), 115 (17), 103 (11), 75 (11), 73 (44); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>3</sub> + Na<sup>+</sup> 539.3748, found 539.3737.

#### (4S,6S,8R)-1,1-Dibromo-4,8-bis-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-6-triethylsilyloxynon-1-

**ene.** To a solution of alkene **29** (822 mg, 1.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (3/1, 16 mL) were successively added 2,6-lutidine (370  $\mu$ L, 3.18 mmol, 2.0 equiv), osmium tetroxide (2.5 wt% in 2-methyl-2-propanol, 400  $\mu$ L, 0.032 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and sodium periodate (1.36 g, 6.36 mmol, 4.0 equiv). After 4 h of stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude aldehyde was not purified but directly used in the next step.

To a solution of triphenylphosphine (1.25 g, 4.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv), zinc powder (312 mg, 4.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and pyridine (384  $\mu$ L, 4.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) was added carbon tetrabromide (1.58 g, 4.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv) portionwise at rt. After 30 min of stirring, a solution of the previously obtained crude aldehyde (1.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv) diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was slowly added dropwise *via* syringe. After 15 min of stirring ar rt, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding water (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then diluted in a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane mixture (1/5, 12

mL) and the precipitate of triphenylphosphine oxide was eliminated upon filtration over Celite<sup>®</sup>. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) to give the title *gem*-dibromo olefin (905 mg, 84% over two steps) as a colorless oil:  $R_f \approx 0.8$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +1.8 (*c* 0.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2953, 2928, 2878, 2856, 1624, 1471, 1462, 1413, 1376, 1361, 1253, 1114, 1066, 1004, 833, 772, 724, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4, 6.7 Hz), 3.93-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.80 (quint, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.28-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.50 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 12.5, 7.0, 5.4 Hz), 1.15 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 0.96 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.61 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 0.07 (br s, 6H), 0.06 (br s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.4 (d), 89.9 (s), 68.1 (2d), 67.5 (d), 48.5 (t, C<sub>7</sub>), 46.1 (t), 41.0 (t), 25.9 (6t), 24.4 (q), 18.1, 18.0 (2s), 6.9 (3q), 5.7 (3t), -4.0 (2q), -4.5 (2q); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%): 527 (1), 419 (7), 417 (13), 345 (20), 343 (42), 341 (19), 234 (9), 233 (42), 189 (35), 161 (19), 160 (14), 159 (100), 115 (21), 103 (12), 75 (12), 73 (47).

To a solution of (4S,6S,8R)-1,1-dibromo-4,8-bis-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-6triethylsilyloxynon-1-ene (955 mg, 1.42 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (20 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 1.25 mL, 3.12 mmol, 2.2 equiv) dropwise. After 30 min of stirring at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to -40 °C and stirring was carried on for 30 min. The reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished terminal alkyne **24** (639 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil.

(*E*)-(*S*)-5-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)-8-iodo-7-methylocta-1,7-dien-3-one (32). To a stirred solution of the previously obtained crude aldehyde 18 (8.06 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (90 mL) at -78 °C was added vinylmagnesium chloride (1.6 M in THF, 15 mL, 24.2 mmol, 3.0 equiv) dropwise. After 2 h stirring, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (40 mL). The layers were

separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* affording the crude allylic alcohol as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers which was used in the next step without further purification.

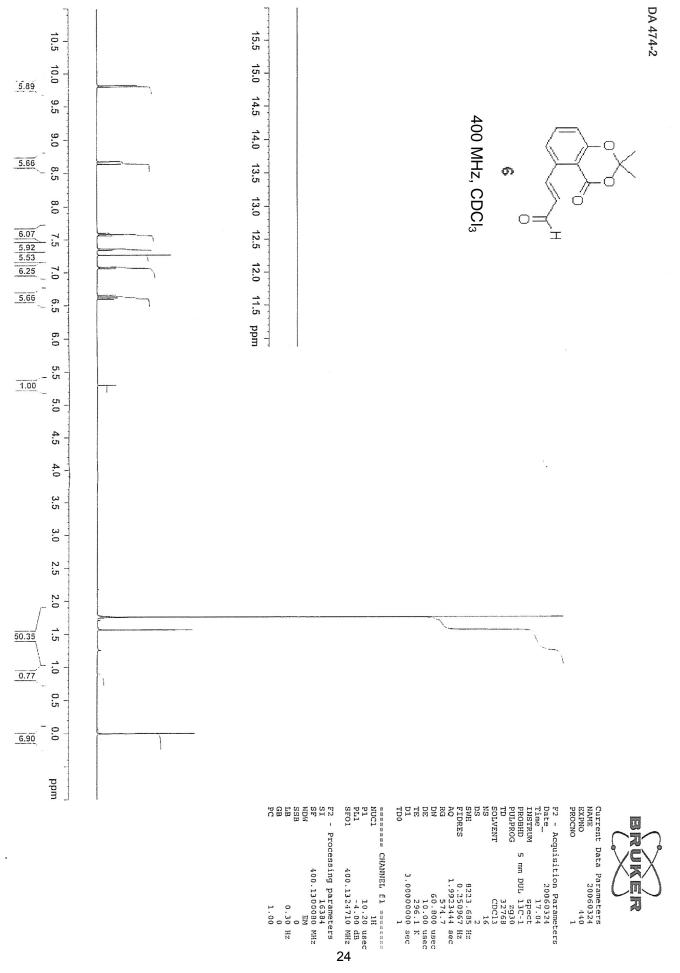
To a stirred solution of the obtained crude allylic alcohol in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (90 mL) were successively added 4Å molecular sieves (5 g) and pyridinium chlorochromate (2.6 g, 12.1 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at rt. The resulting black mixture was stirred for 1 h and a large amount of Et<sub>2</sub>O (500 mL) was added. After stirring for 1 h, the resulting mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 95/5 to 80/20) provided the desired vinyl ketone 32 (1.52 g, 56%, 2 steps) as a colorless oil:  $R_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 70/30);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  + 1.5 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2906, 2835, 1678, 1611, 1511, 1245, 1172, 1066, 1032, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.38 (dd, 1H, J = 17.6, 10.5 Hz), 6.23 (dd, 1H, J = 17.6, 1.0 Hz), 6.01 (br s, 1H), 5.88 (dd, 1H, J = 10.5, 1.0 Hz), 4.48 (d, 1H,  $J_{systAB} = 10.8$  Hz), 4.43 (d, 1H,  $J_{svstAB} = 10.8$  Hz), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.95 (dd, 1H, J = 16.4, 6.9 Hz), 2.63 (dd, 1H, J = 16.4, 5.4 Hz), 2.53 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, 6.9, 1.0 Hz), 2.40 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, 1.0 H 13.7 Hz, 5.5, 1.0 Hz), 1.85 (d, 3H, J = 1.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.9 (s), 159.3 (s), 144.6 (s), 136.9 (d), 130.2 (s), 129.6 (2d), 128.8 (t), 113.8 (2d), 78.0 (d), 73.2 (d), 71.8 (t), 55.3 (q), 44.7 (t), 44.2 (t), 24.4 (q); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{21}O_{3}I + Na^{+}$ 423.0433, found 423.0428.

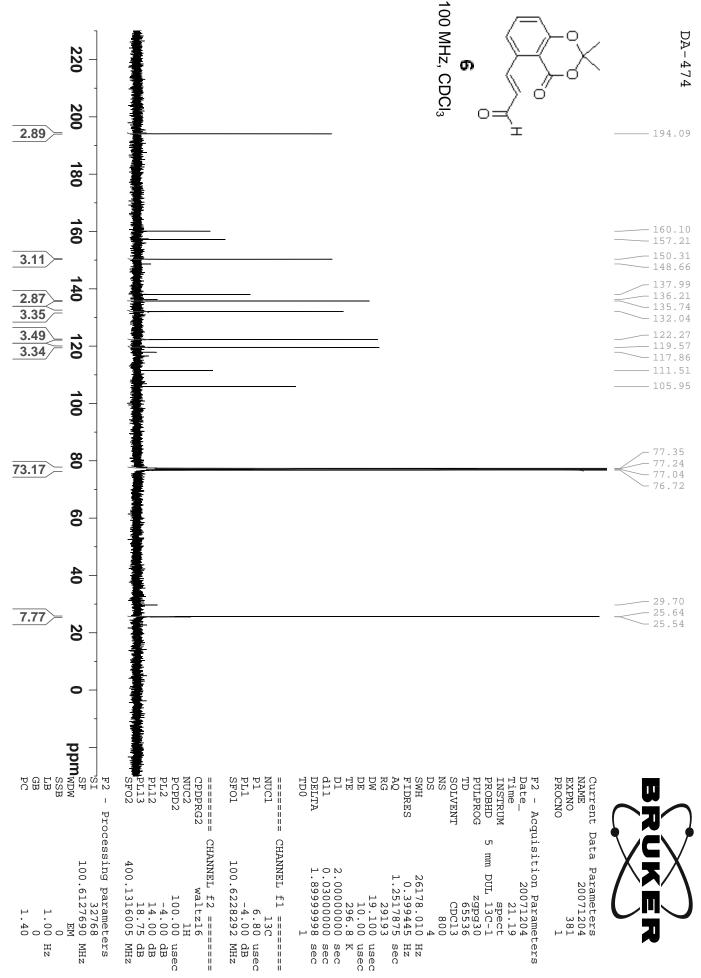
Methyl 2-hydroxy-6-[(1*E*,3*E*,5*E*,7*E*,13*E*)-(10*S*,12*S*,16*S*,18*S*,20*R*)-10,12,16,20tetrakis-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-8-methyl-18-triethylsilyloxyhenicosa-1,3,5,7,13pentaenyl]benzoate (37). To a solution of acetonide 36 (37 mg, 0.0328 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (3 mL) was added sodium methanolate (9 mg, 0.164 mmol, 5.0 equiv). After 1 hour of stirring at 40 °C, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding an aqueous solution of 1M HCl (3 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished phenol **37** (31 mg, 86%) as a yellow wax.  $Rf \approx 0.65$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 90/10); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.09 (s, 1H, OH), 7.35 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz), 7.03 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.88 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz), 6.63 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 10.0 Hz), 6.52-6.39 (m, 3H), 6.21 (dd, 1H, J = 14.8, 10.4 Hz), 5.93 (d, 1H, J = 10.9 Hz), 5.56 (dt, 1H, J = 15.5, 6.7 Hz), 5.42 (dd, 1H, J = 15.4, 6.8 Hz), 4.16 (br q, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 2.29 (br dd, 1H, J = 13.4, 4.8 Hz), 2.24-2.14 (m, 3H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.75-1.45 (m, 5H), 1.13 (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz) 0.95 (t, 9H, J = 7.8 Hz), 0.90-0.86 (m, 36H), 0.60 (q, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 9H), 0.03 (2s, 2x3H), 0.00 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.7 (s), 162.3 (s), 140.9 (s), 137.7 (s), 135.9 (d), 135.0 (d), 134.2 (d), 132.1 (d), 132.0 (d), 131.9 (d), 130.8 (d), 130.5 (d), 128.3 (d), 126.4 (d), 119.1 (d), 116.6 (d), 110.7 (s), 71.0 (d), 69.4 (d), 68.2 (d), 67.7 (d), 66.0 (d), 52.4 (q), 48.6 (t), 48.1 (t), 46.6 (t), 45.6 (t), 40.6 (t), 25.9 (12q), 24.1 (q), 18.1 (4s), 17.8 (q), 7.1 (3q), 5.7 (3t), -3.8, -3.9, -4.0, -4.3, -4.4, -4.5, -4.7 (8q).

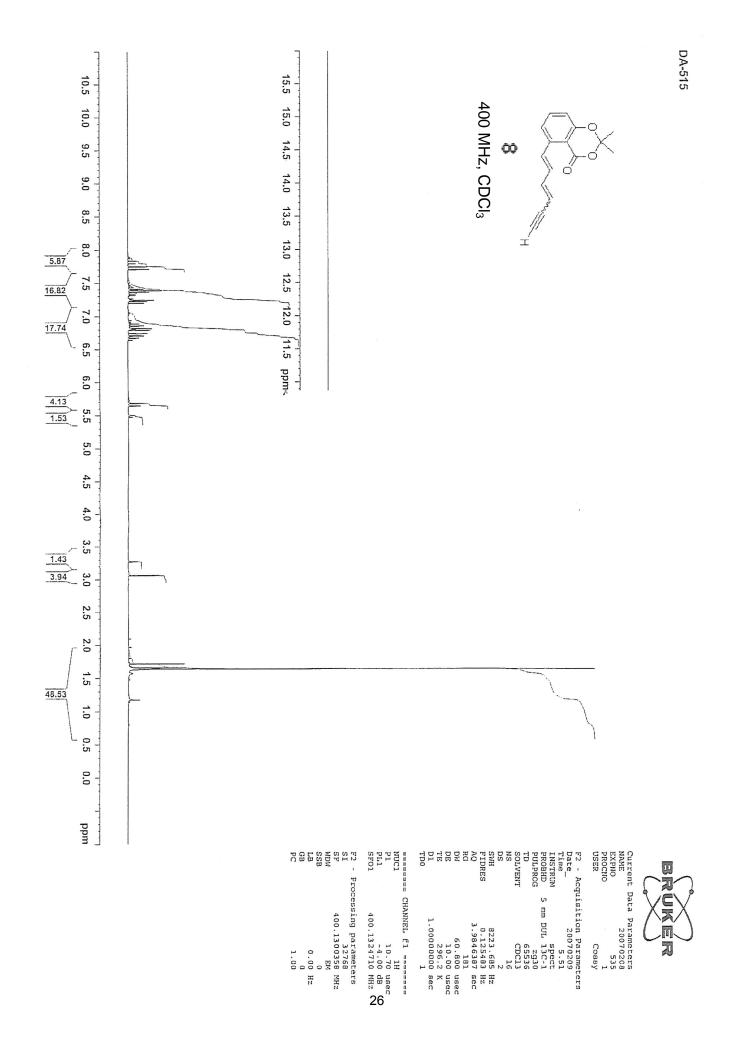
Methyl 2-[(1E,3E,5E,7E,13E)-(10S,12S,16S,18S,20R)-10,12,16,20-tetrakis-(tertbutyldimethylsilyloxy)-8-methyl-18-triethylsilyloxyhenicosa-1,3,5,7,13-pentaenyl]-6triisopropylsilyloxybenzoate (38). To a solution of phenol 37 (31 mg, 0.028 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 0 °C were successively added 2,6-lutidine (195 µL, 1.68 mmol, 60 equiv) and triisopropylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (200 µL, 0.84 mmol, 30 equiv) dropwise. After 1 h of stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 99/1) furnished phenyl silyl ether **38** (37 mg, 100%) as a pale yellow oil.  $Rf \approx 0.6$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc : 95/5);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  - 1.3 (c = 0.61, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2928, 2856, 1731, 1577, 1464, 1378, 1361, 1290, 1252, 1066, 1002, 834, 808, 774, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, 1H, J = 15.4, 10.2 Hz), 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.52-6.28 (m, 4H), 6.19 (dd, 1H, J = 14.6, 10.4 Hz), 5.92 (d, 1H, J = 11.1 Hz), 5.56 (dt, 1H, J = 15.3, 6.7 Hz), 5.42 (br dd, 1H, J = 15.4, 6.7 Hz), 4.16 (br q, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.92-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.28 (br dd, 1H, J = 13.5, 5.3 Hz), 2.24-2.15 (m, 7H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.45 (m, 5H), 1.09 (d, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.07-0.93 (m, 27H), 0.91-0.85 (m, 36H), 0.60 (q, 6H, J = 8.0Hz), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 12H), 0.03 (2s, 2 x 3H), 0.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7 (s), 151.9 (s), 136.6 (s), 135.3 (s), 134.9 (d), 134.2 (d), 131.0 (d), 130.8 (d), 129.8 (d), 129.4 (d), 128.9 (d), 127.3 (d), 126.7 (d), 125.4 (d), 124.5 (d), 124.0 (d), 116.2 (s), 69.9 (d), 68.4 (d), 67.2 (d), 66.7 (d), 65.0 (d), 51.0 (q), 47.6 (t), 47.1 (t), 45.6 (t), 44.5 (t), 39.6 (t), 29.3 (q), 24.9 (12q), 23.1 (q), 17.2-16.5 (6q+4s), 12.8-11.8 (3d), 6.1 (3q), 4.7 (3t), -4.8, -4.9, -5.1, -5.3, -5.39, -5.42, -5.5, -5.7 (8q).

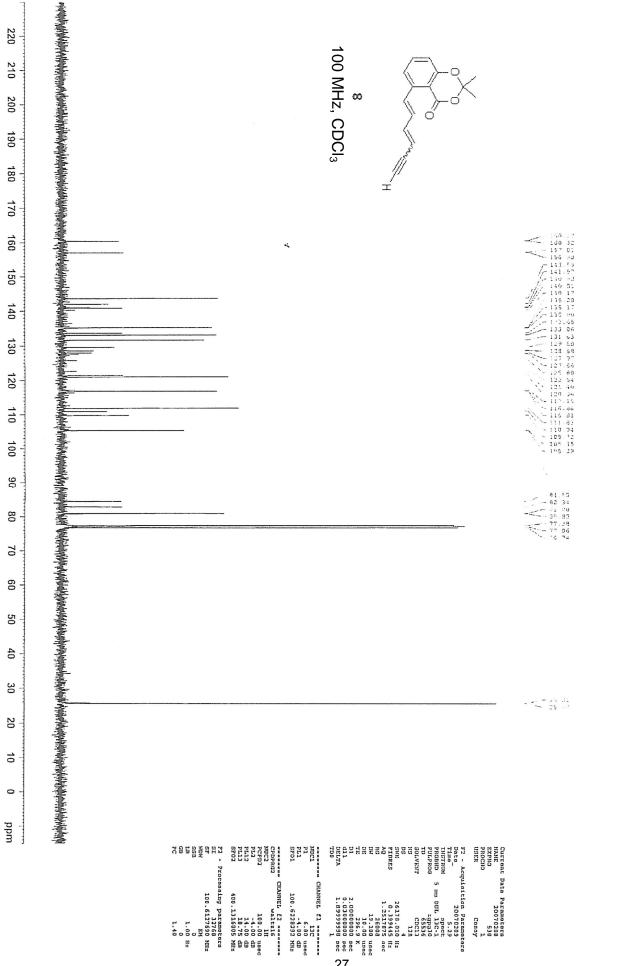
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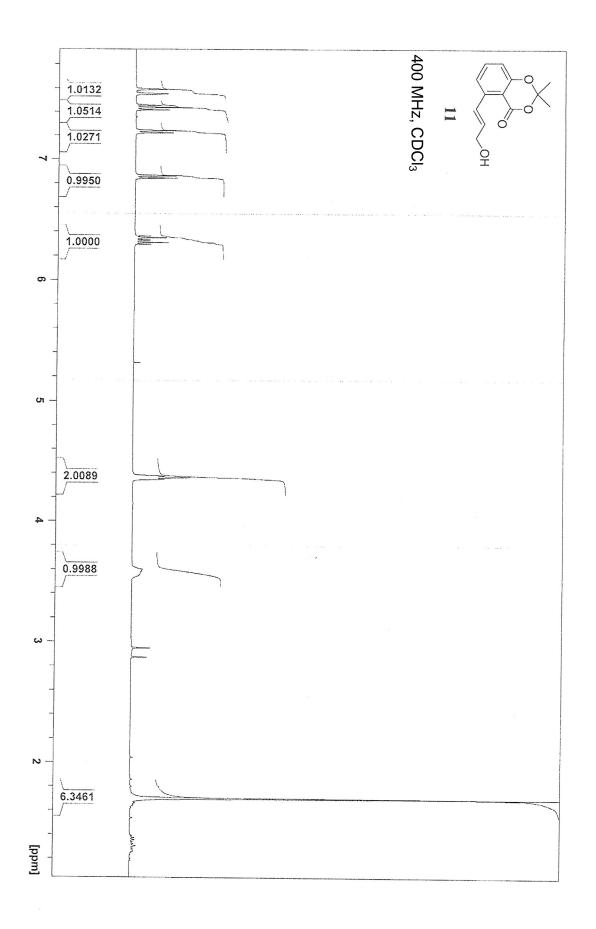




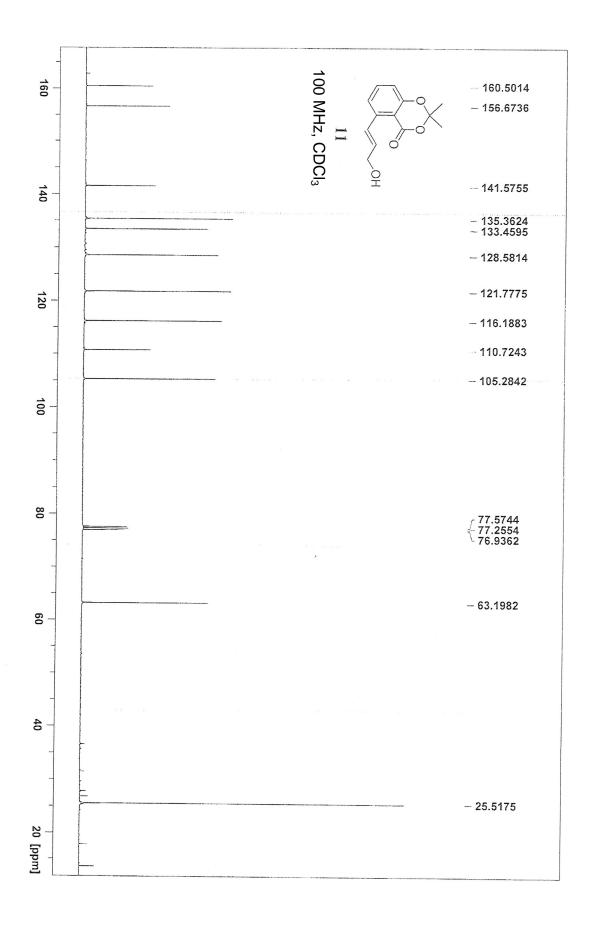


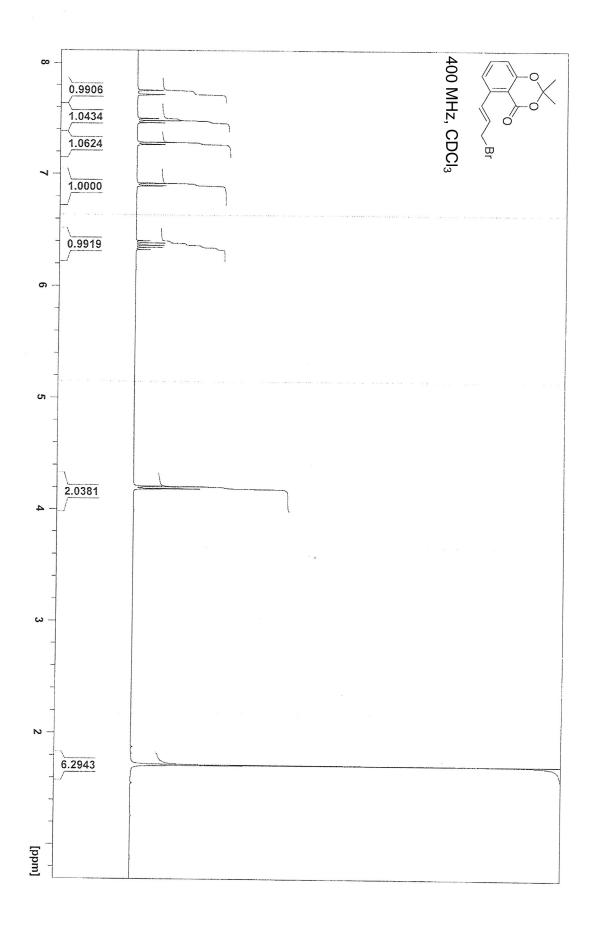


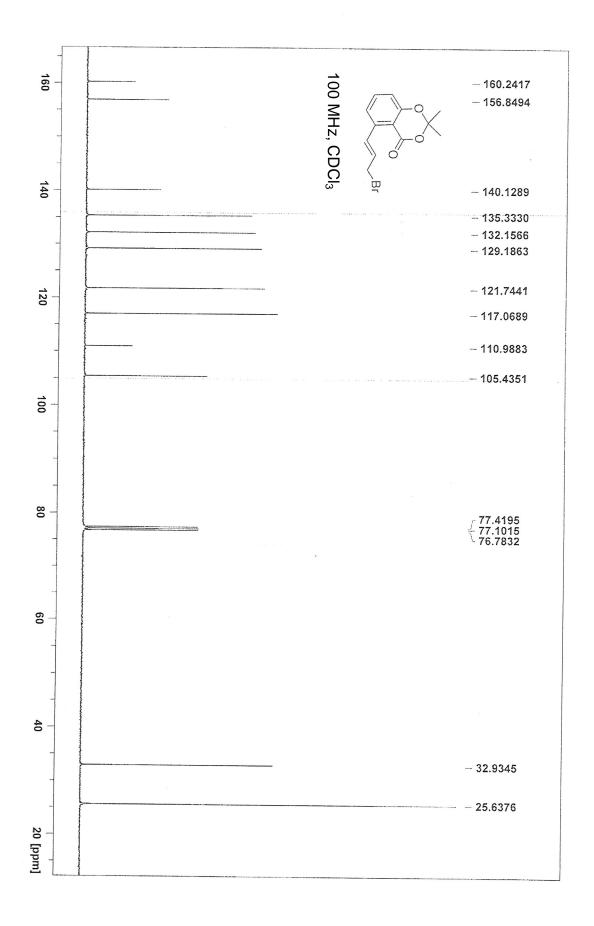
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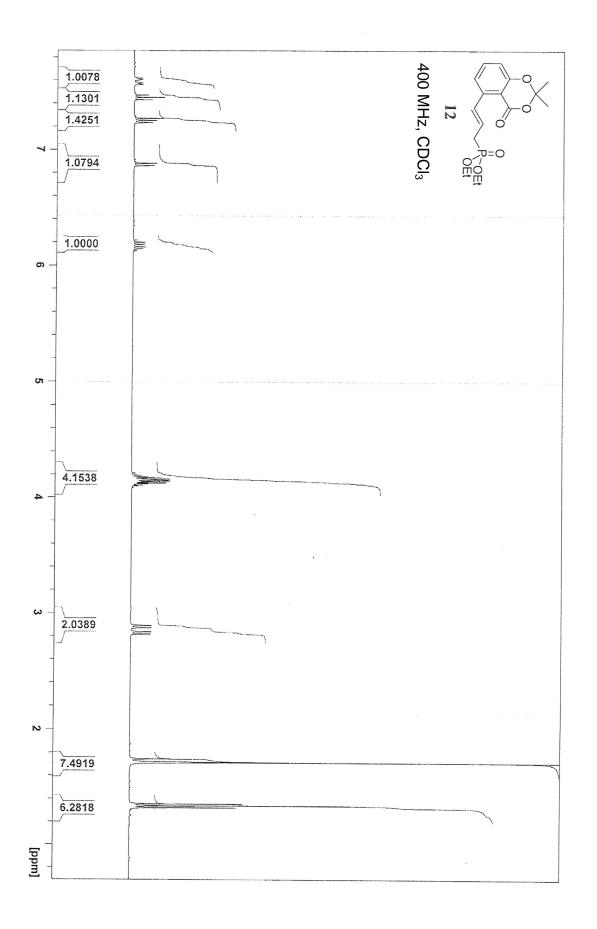


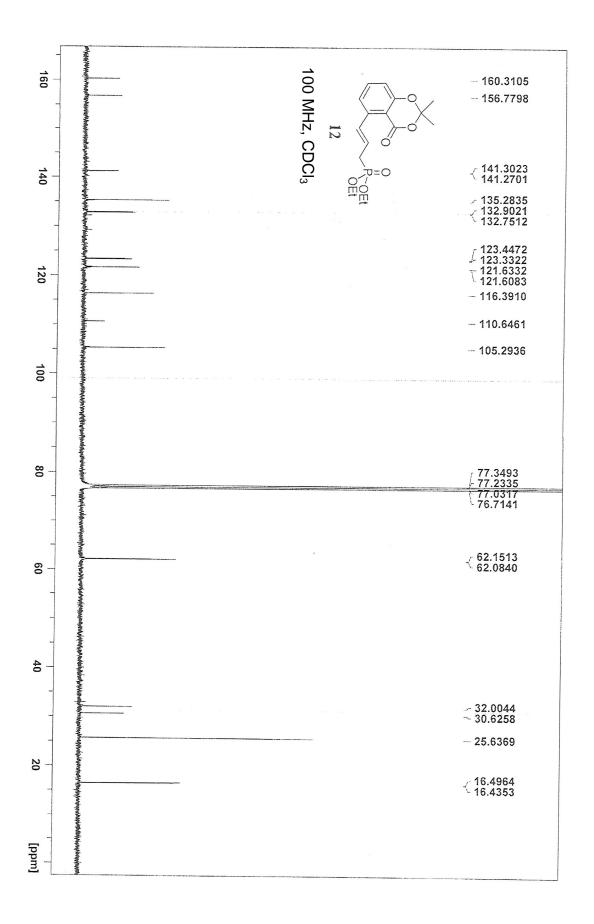
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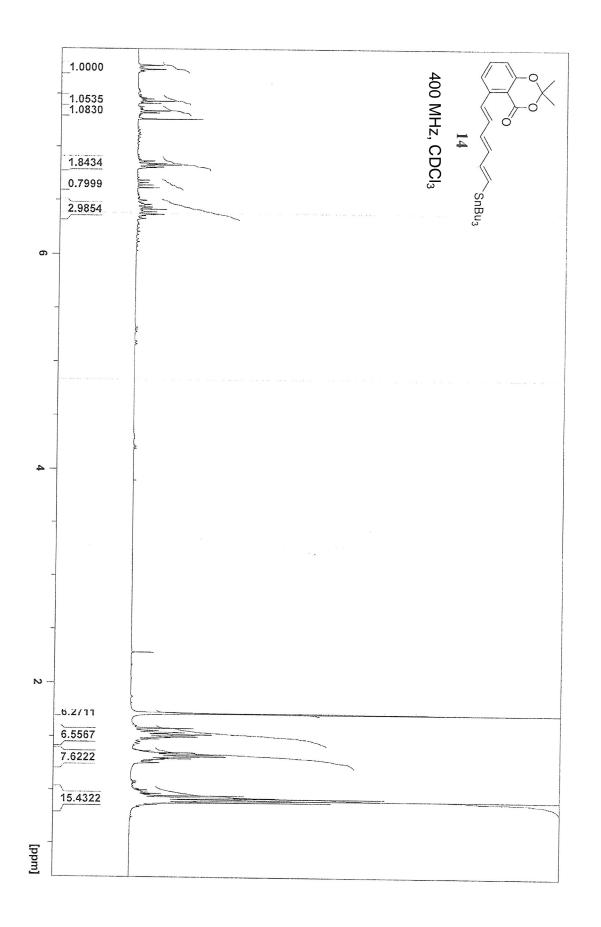


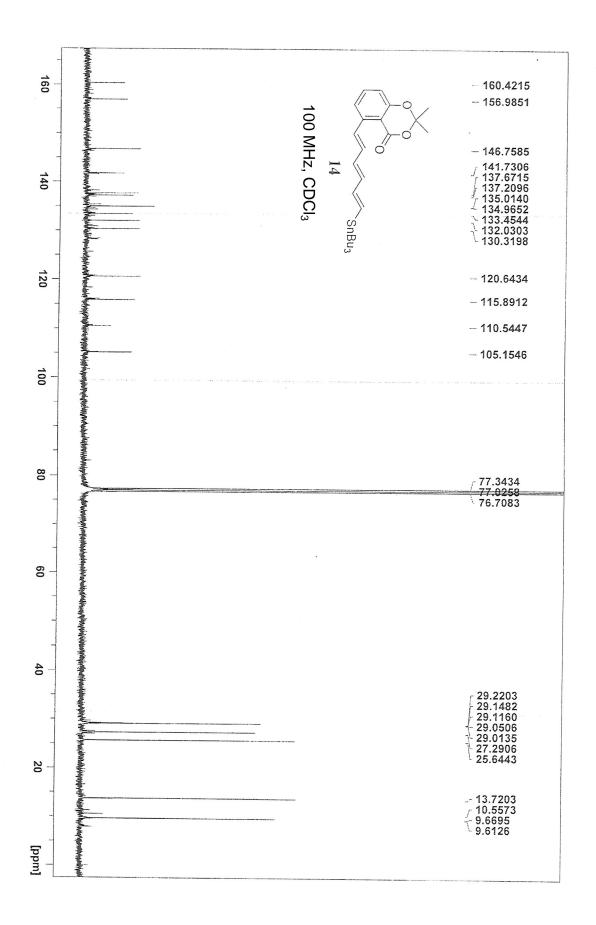


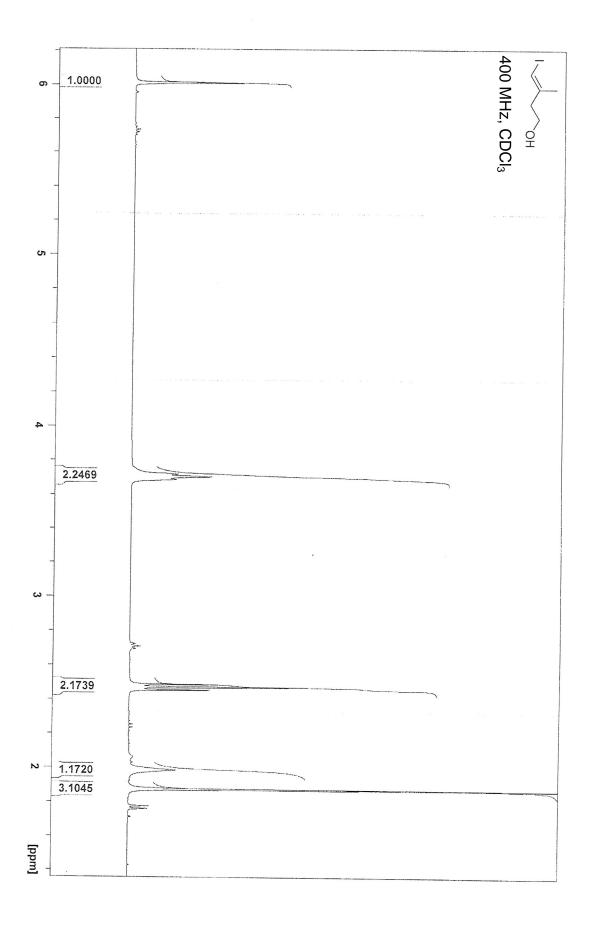


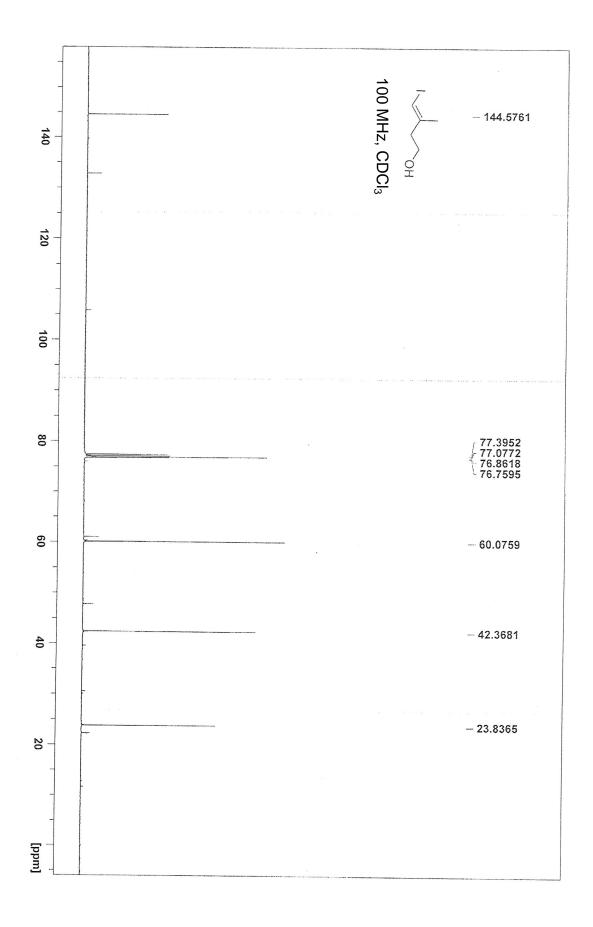


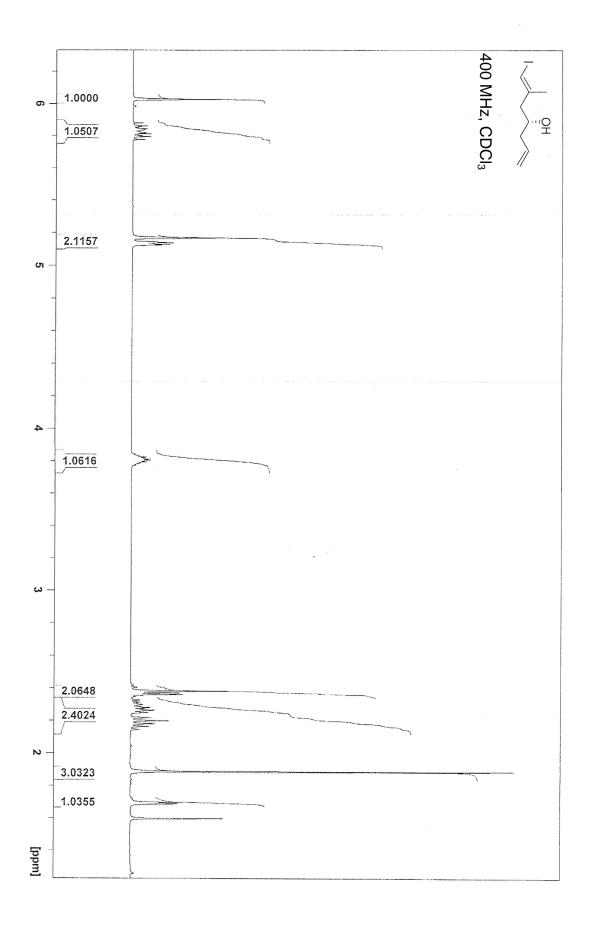


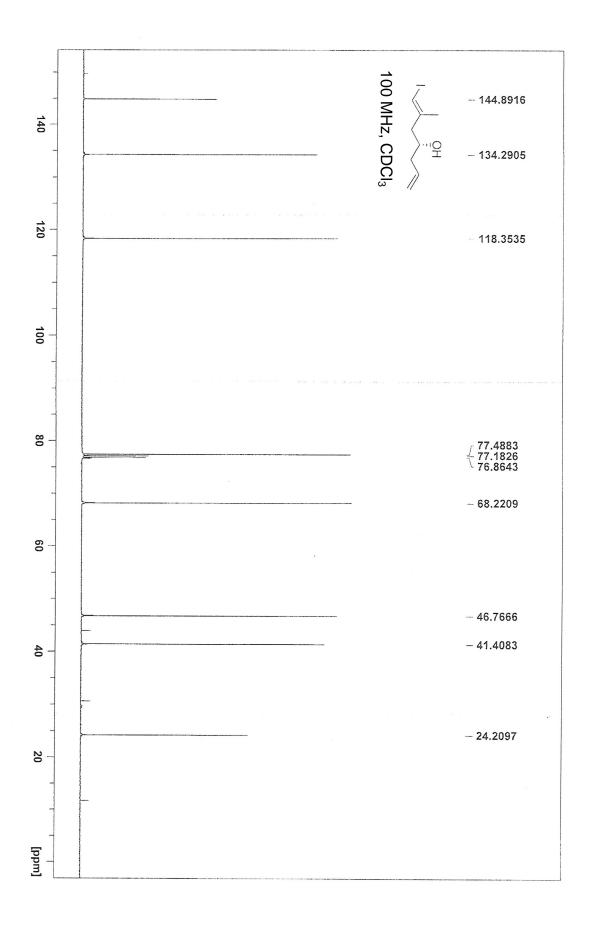


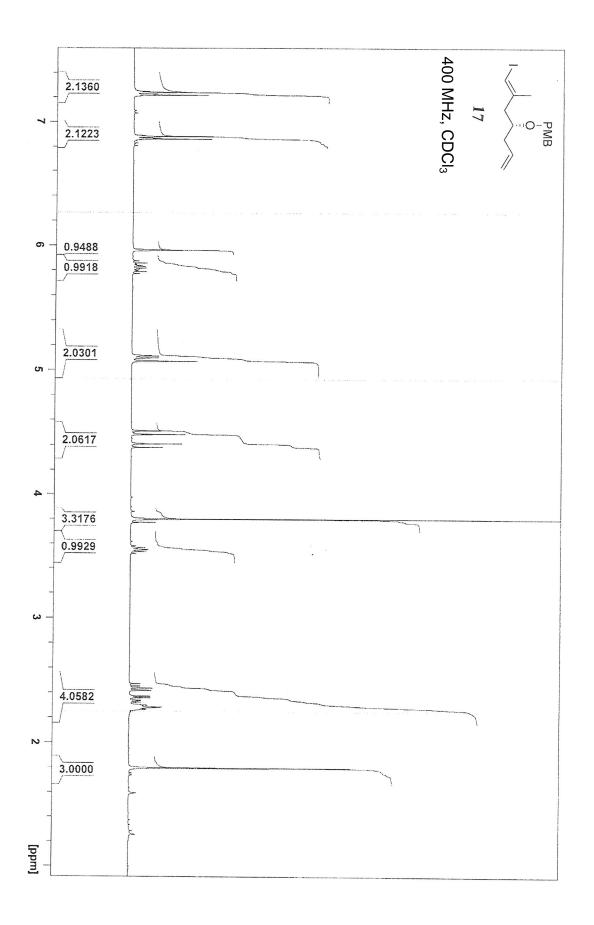


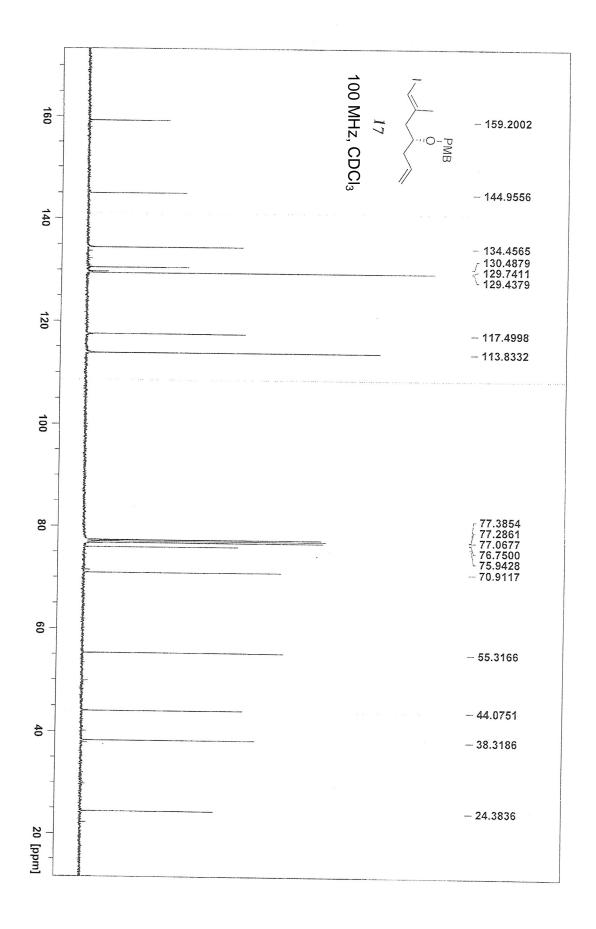


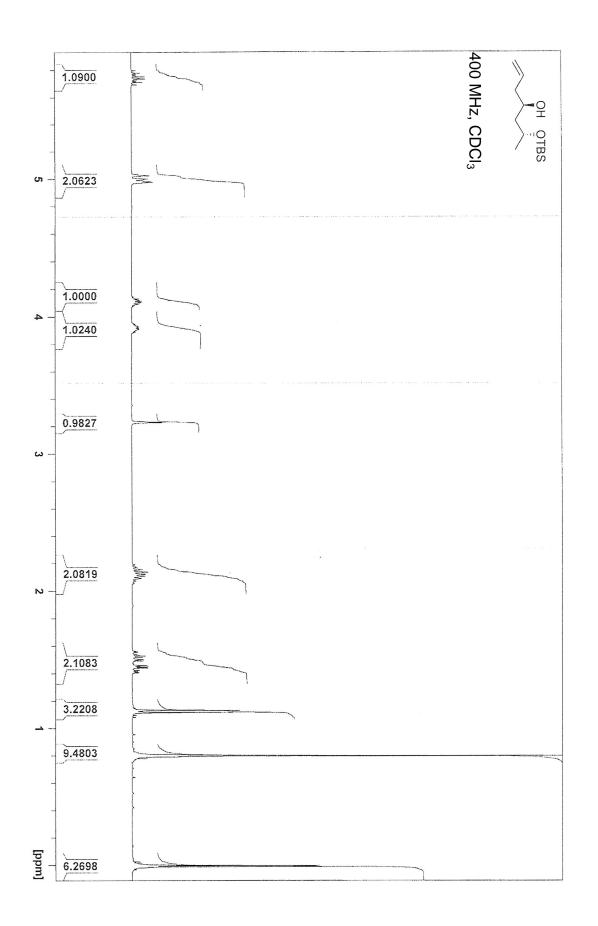


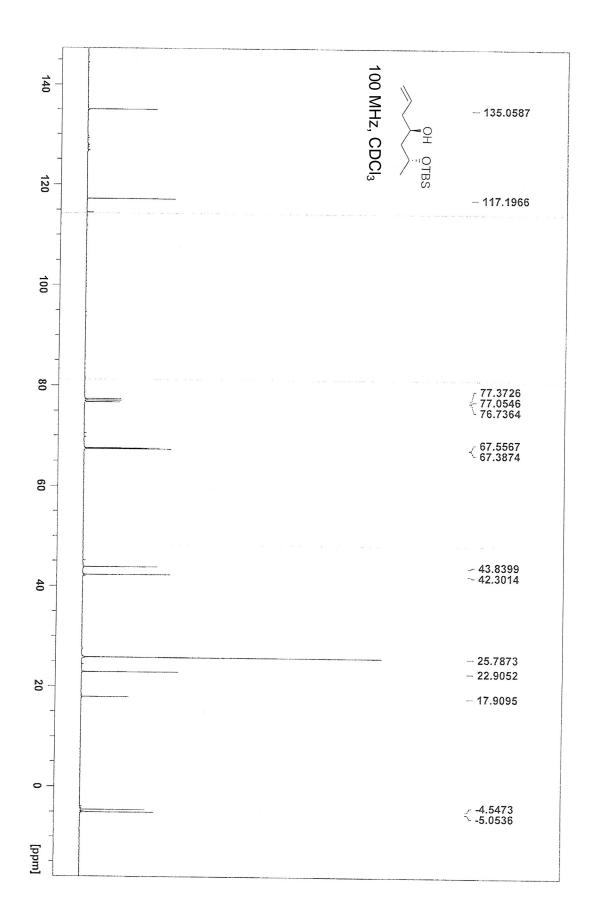


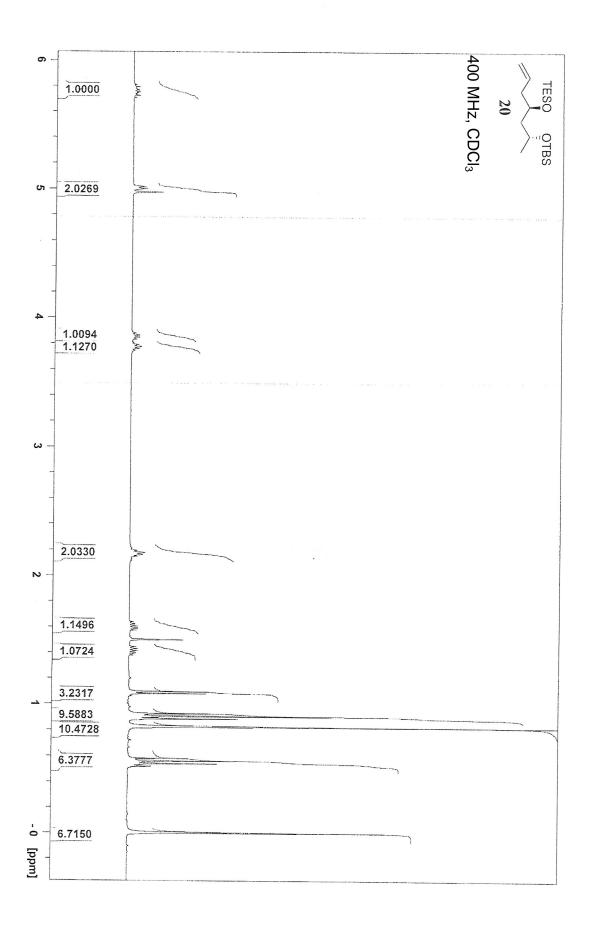


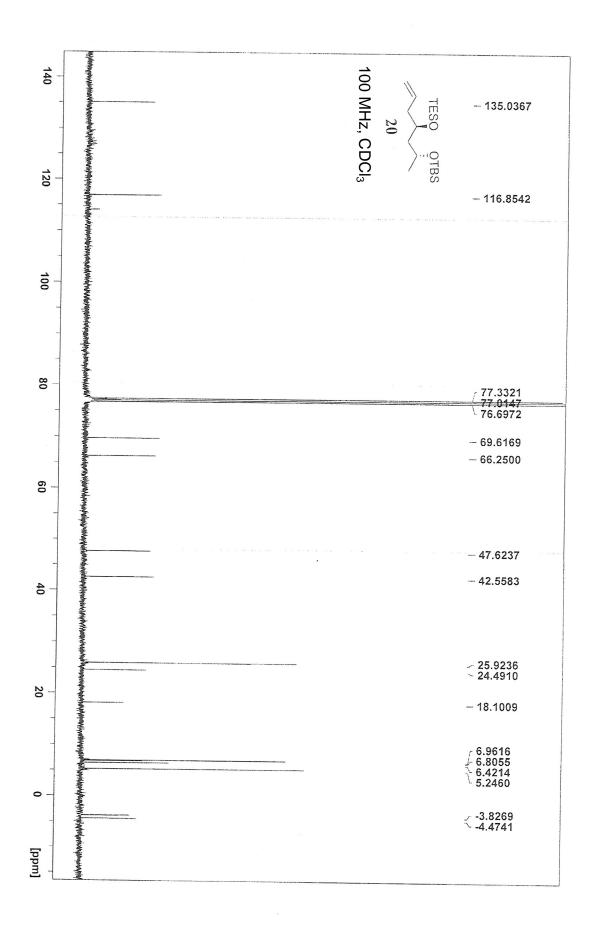


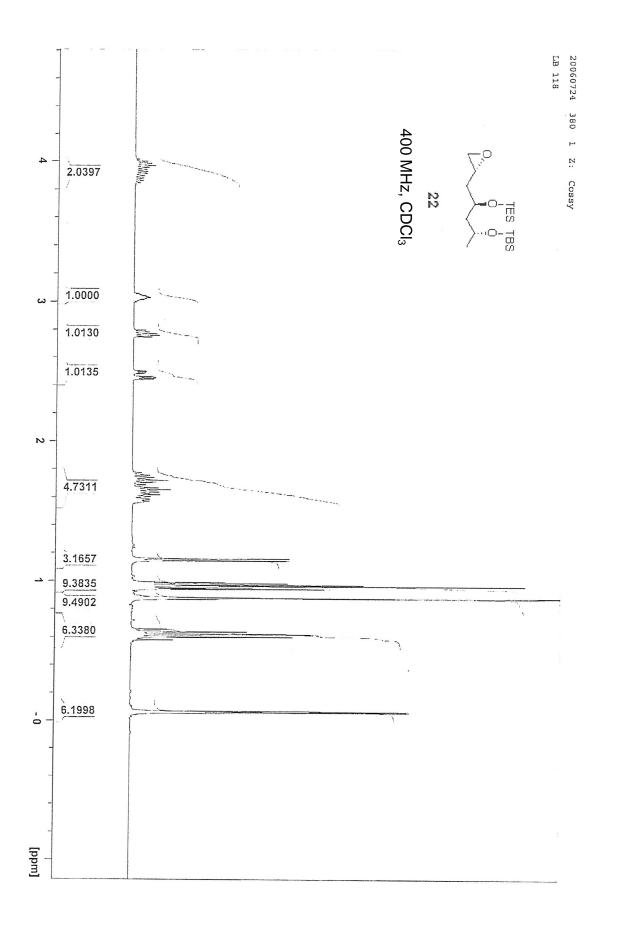


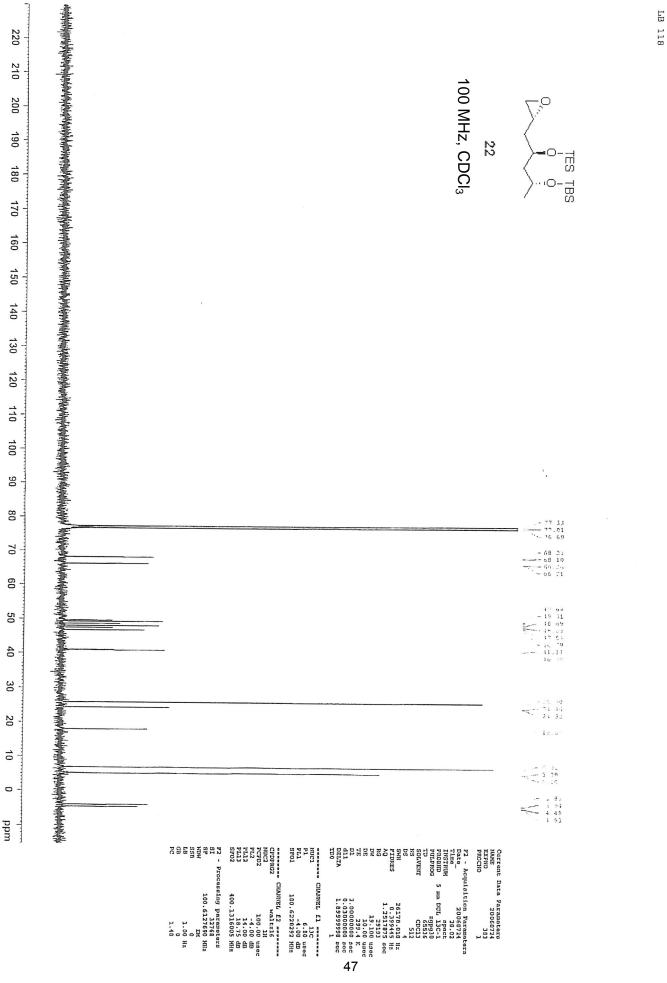


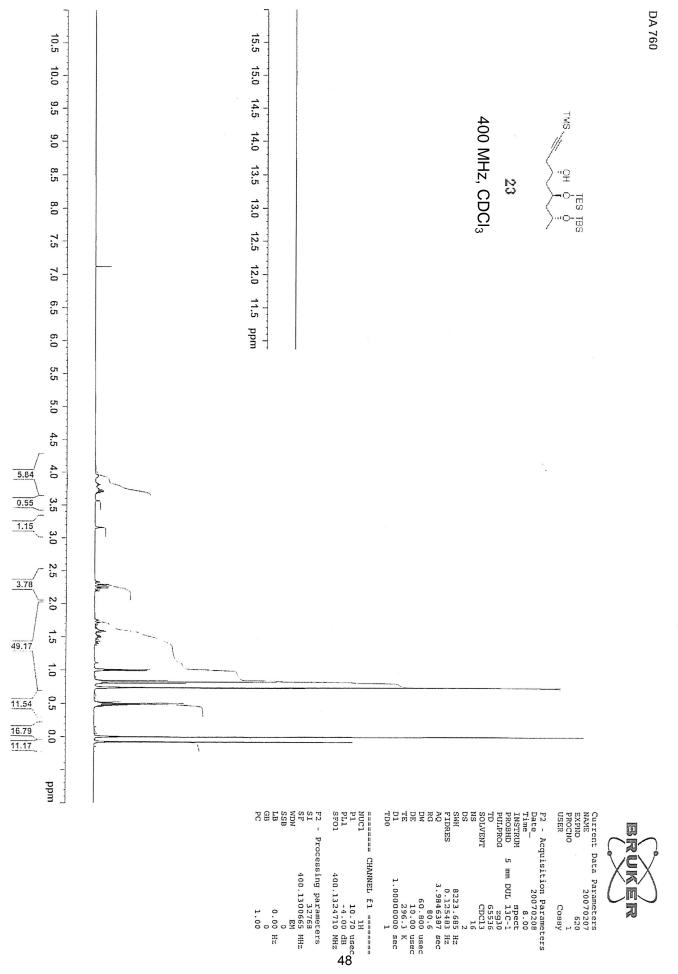


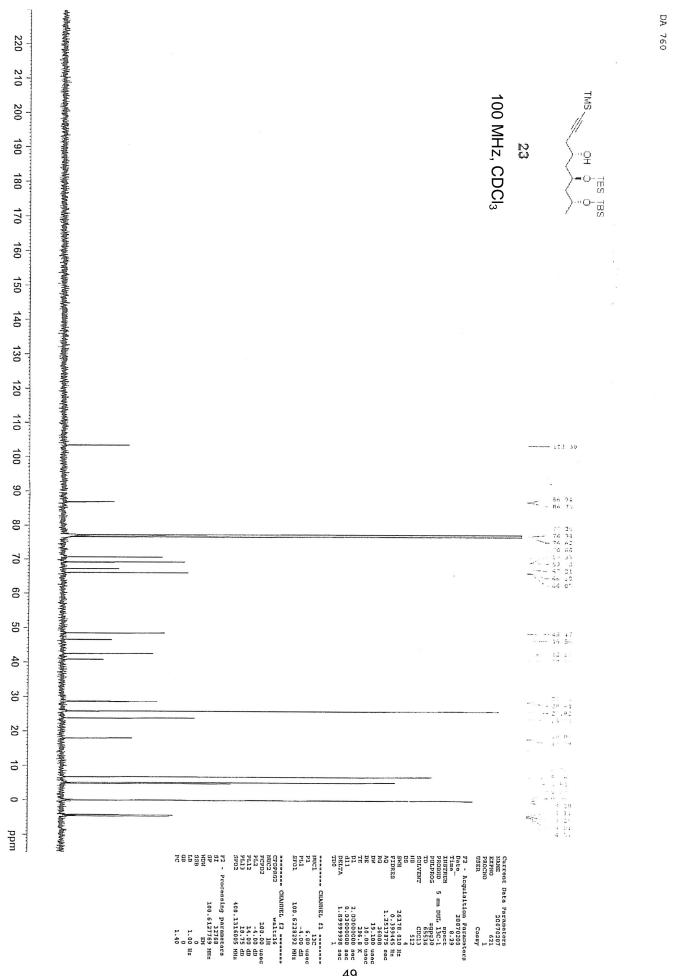


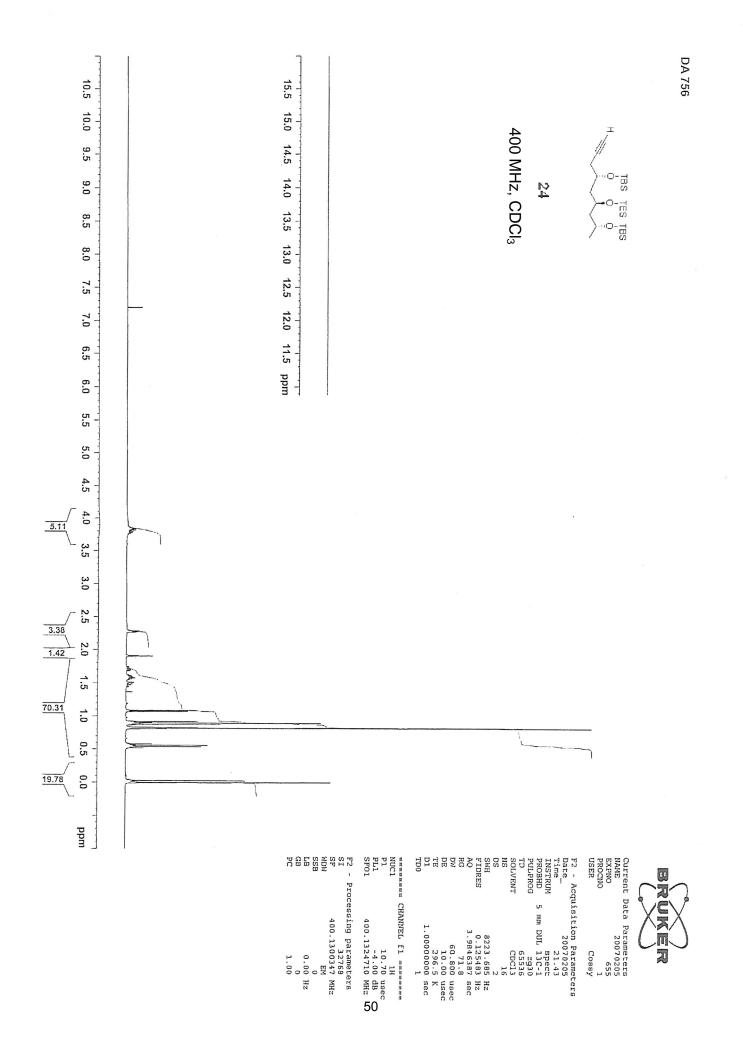


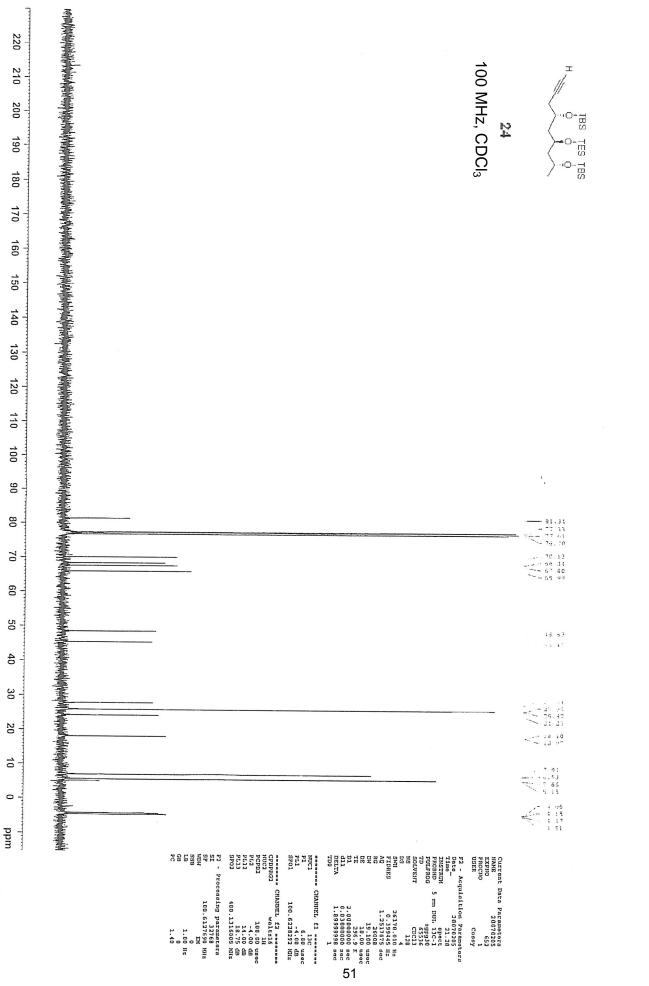




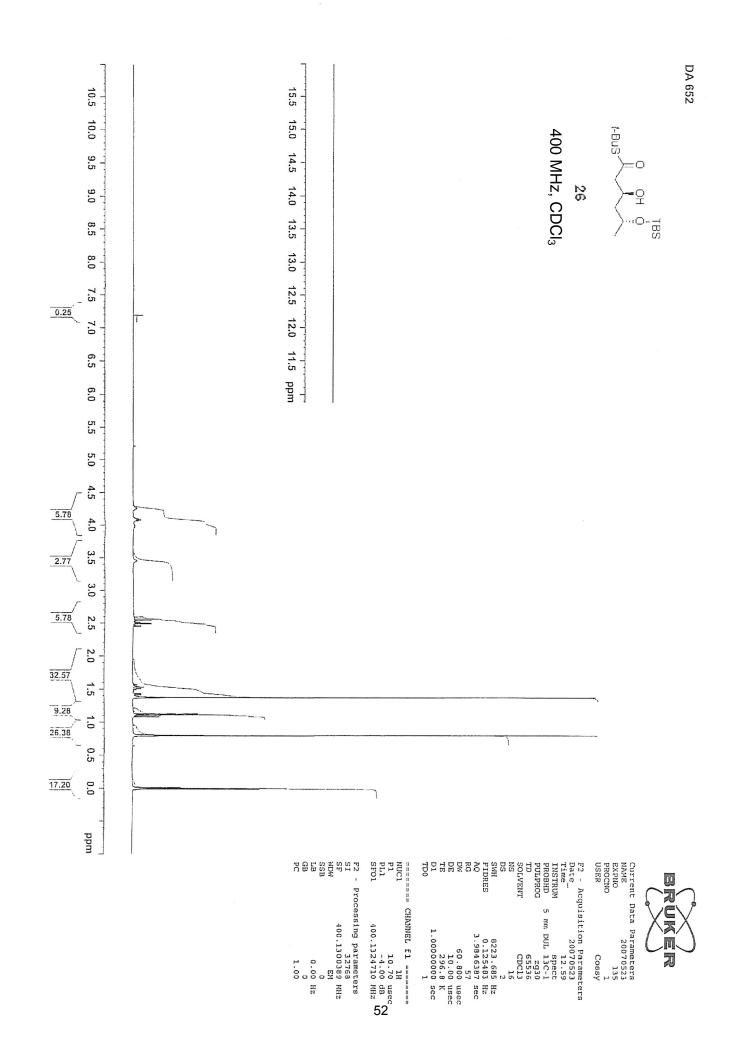


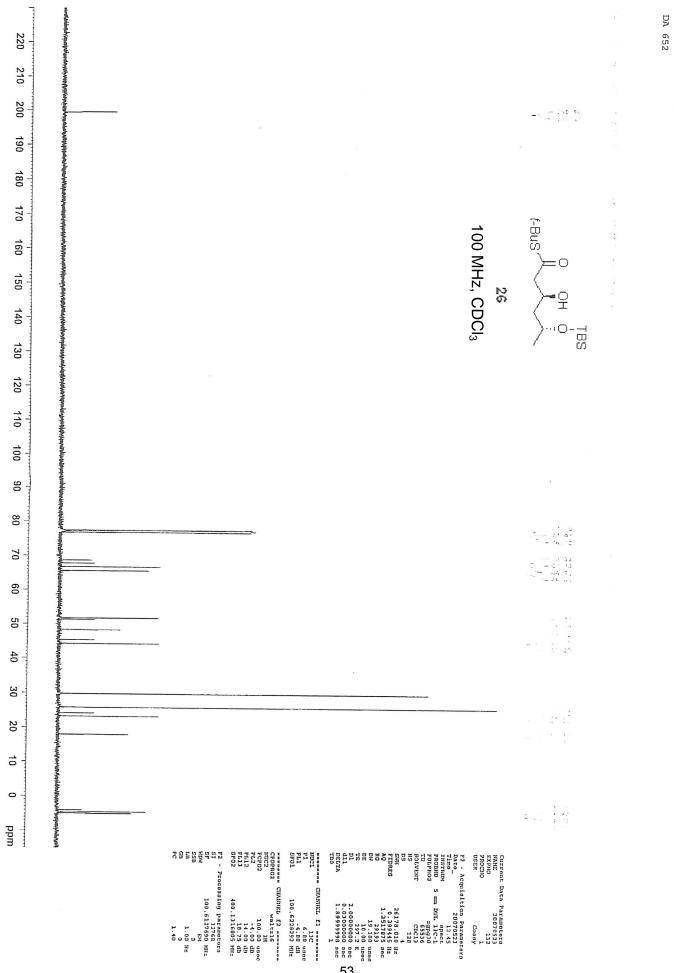


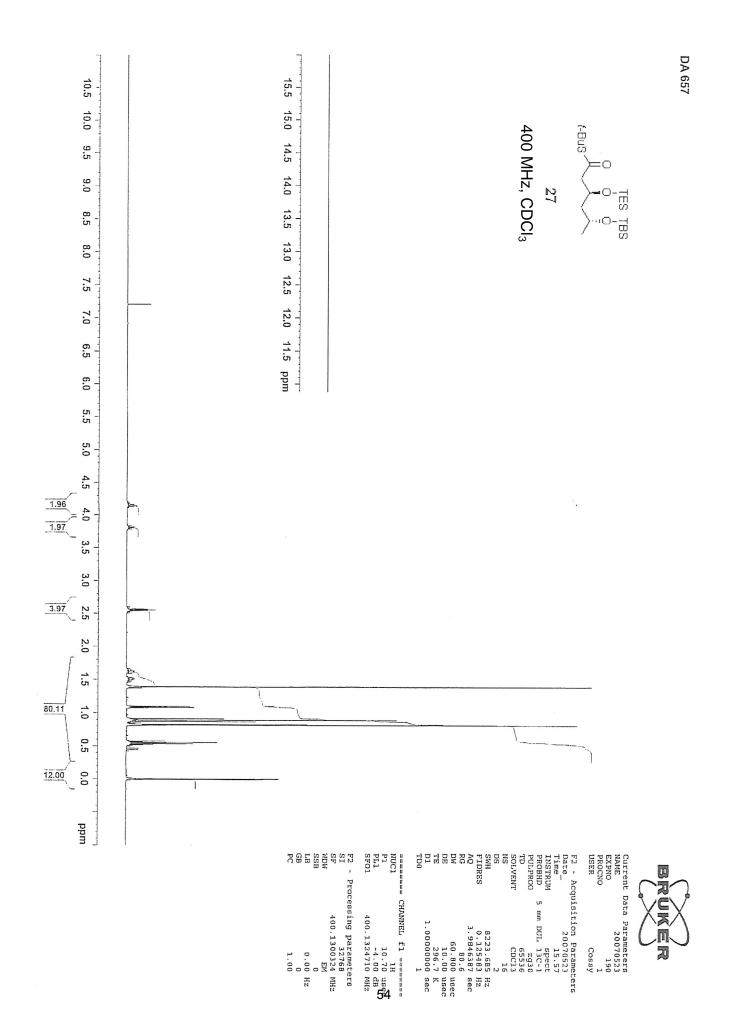


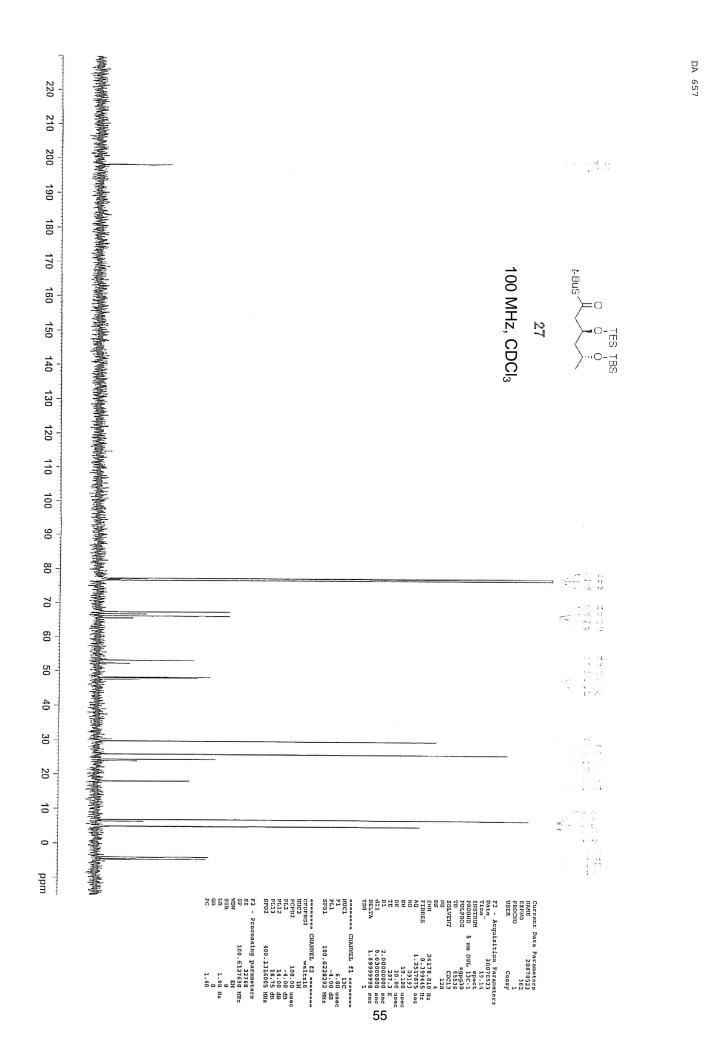


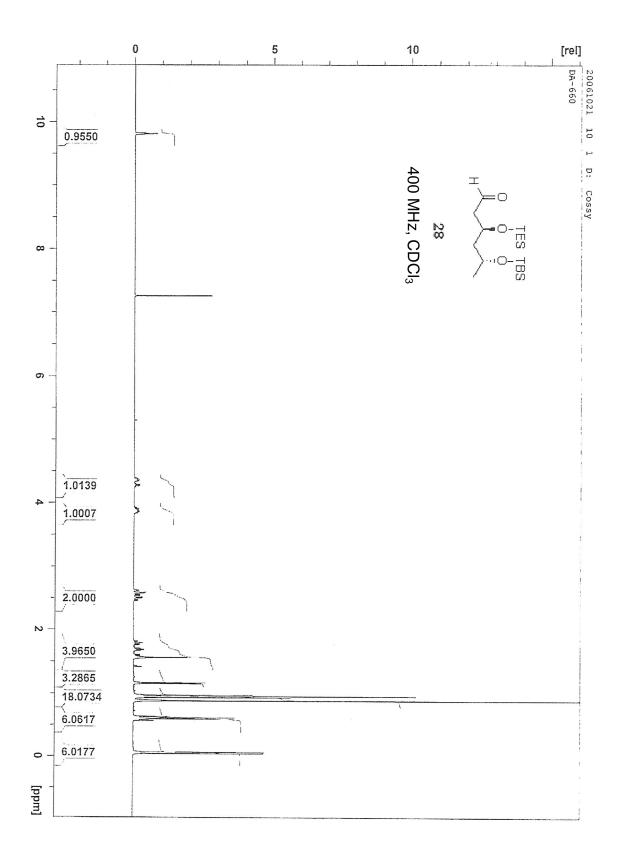
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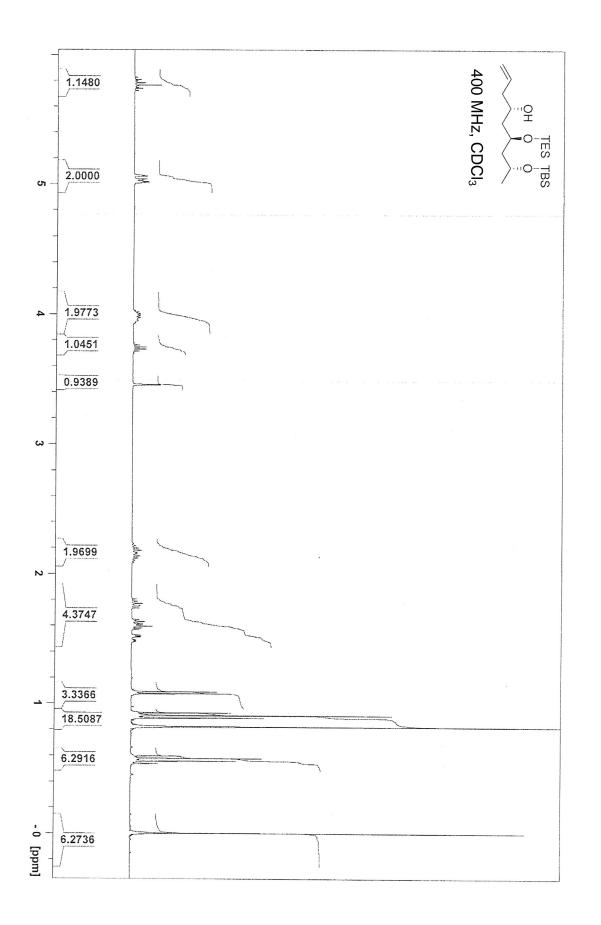


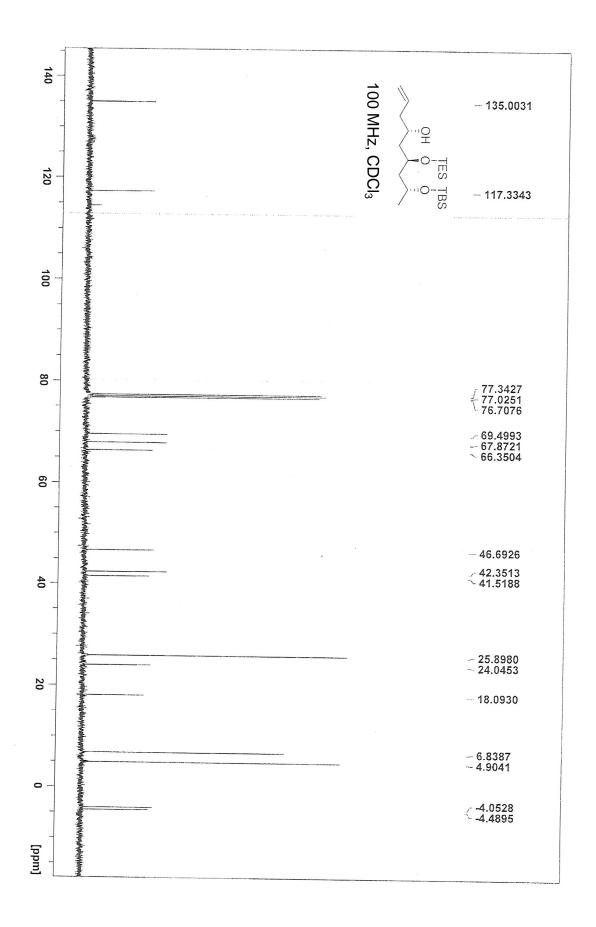


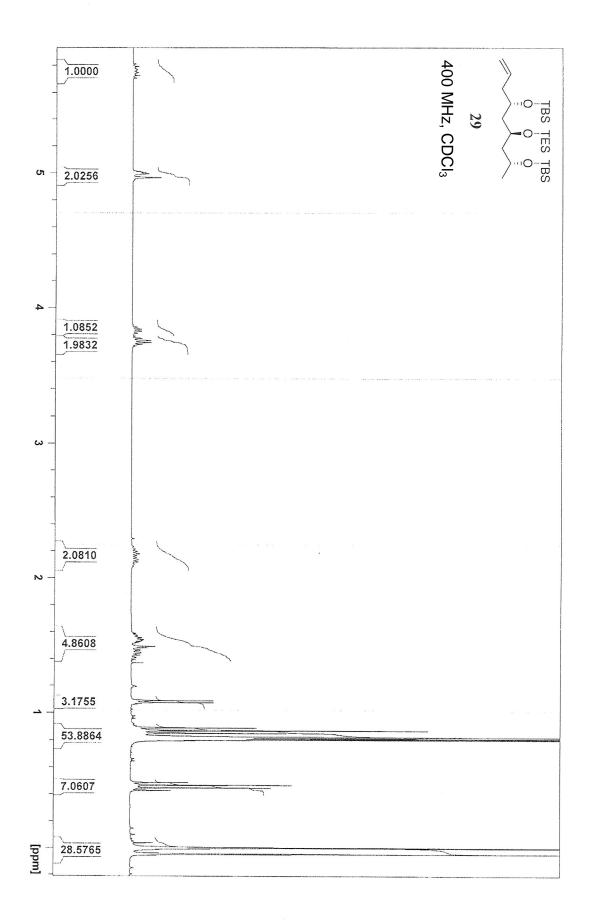


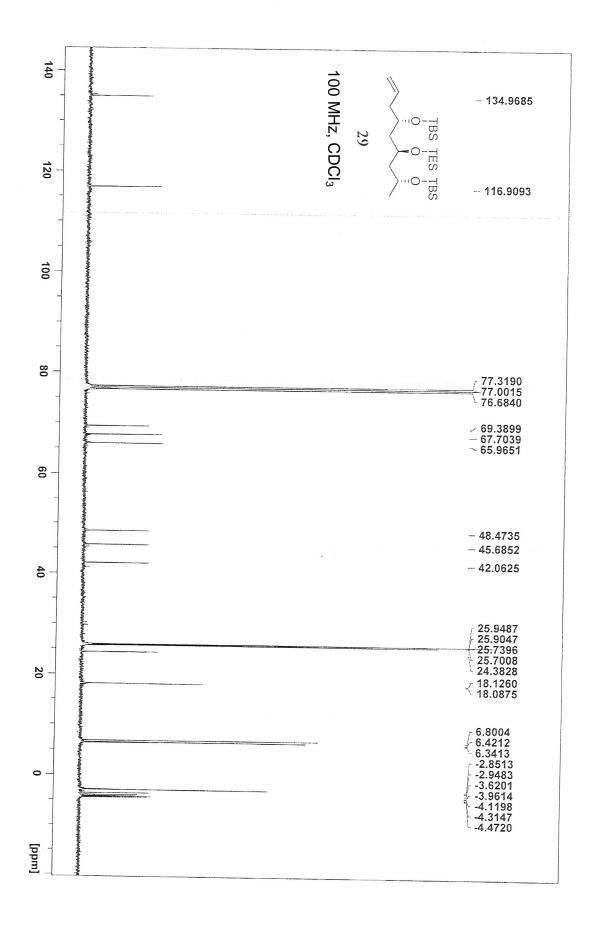


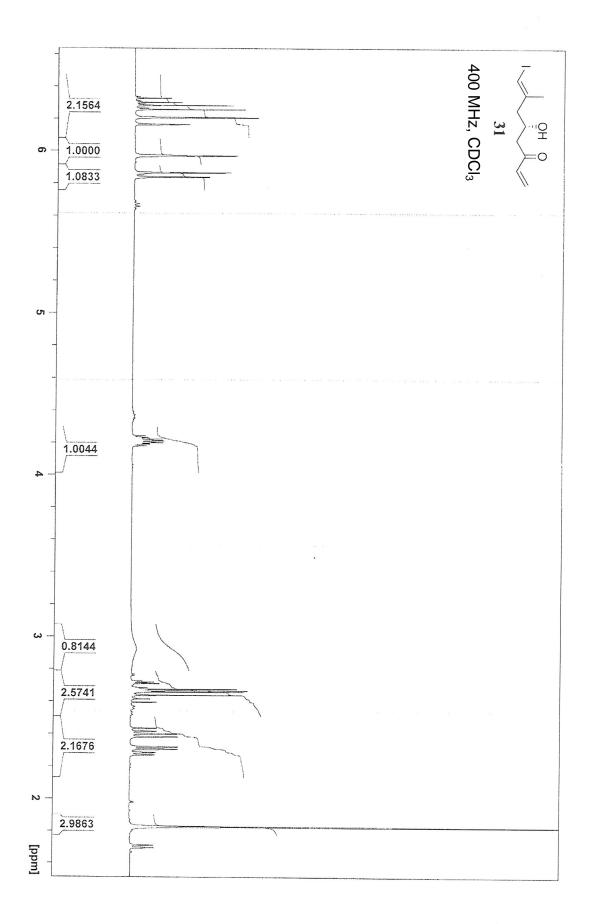


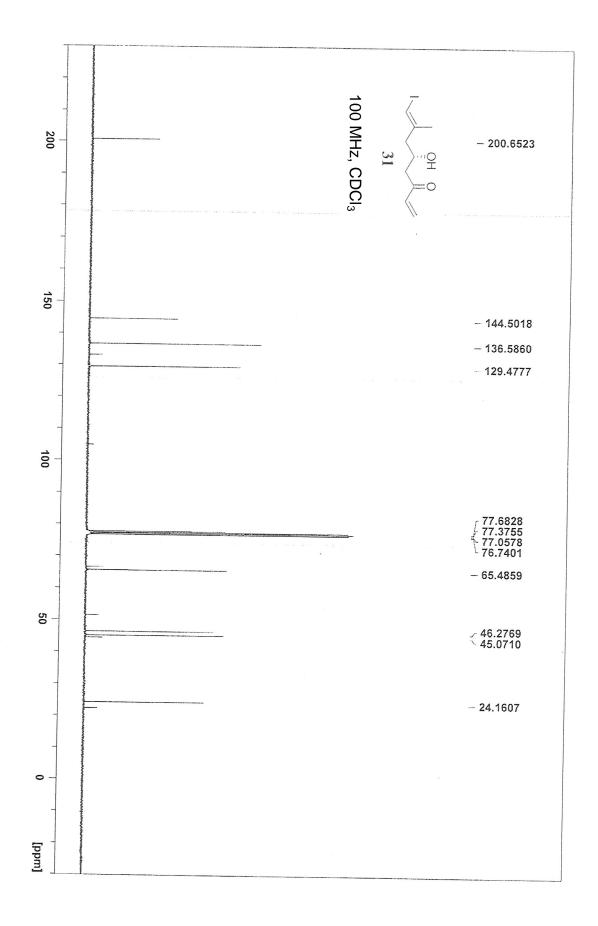


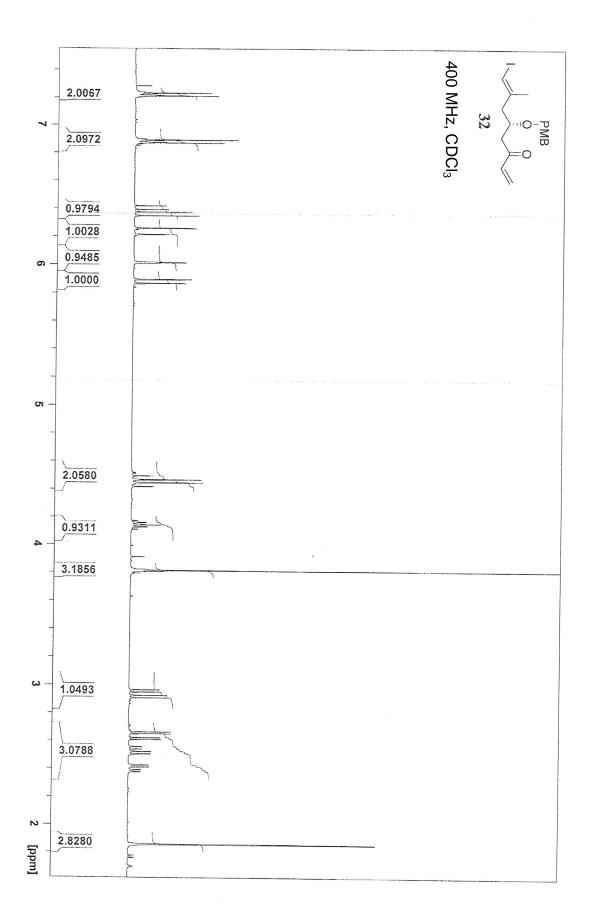


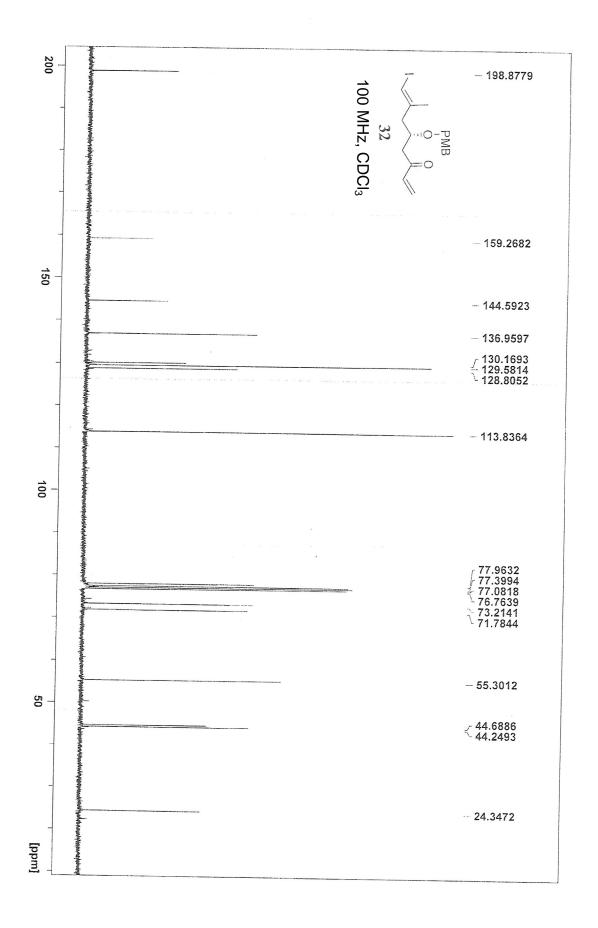


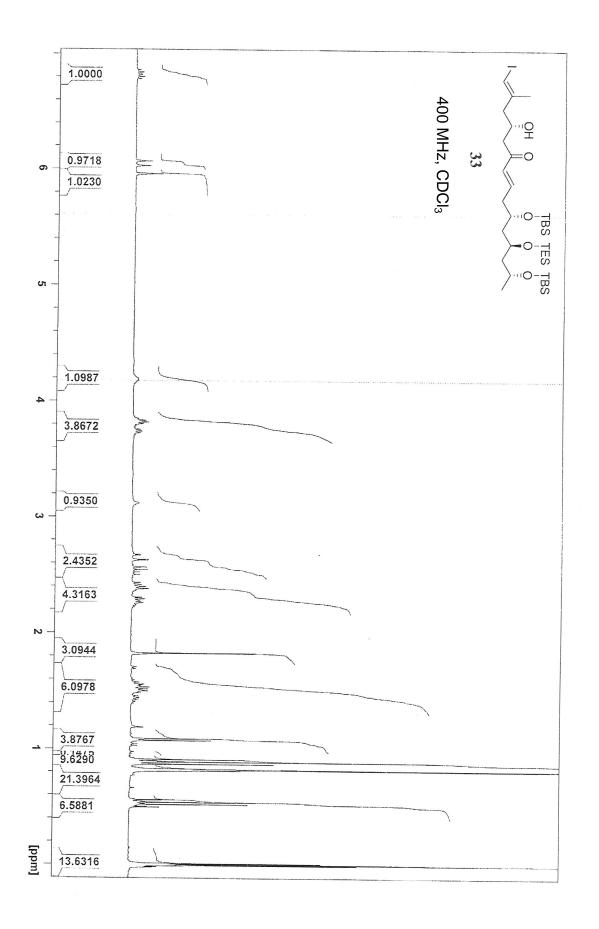


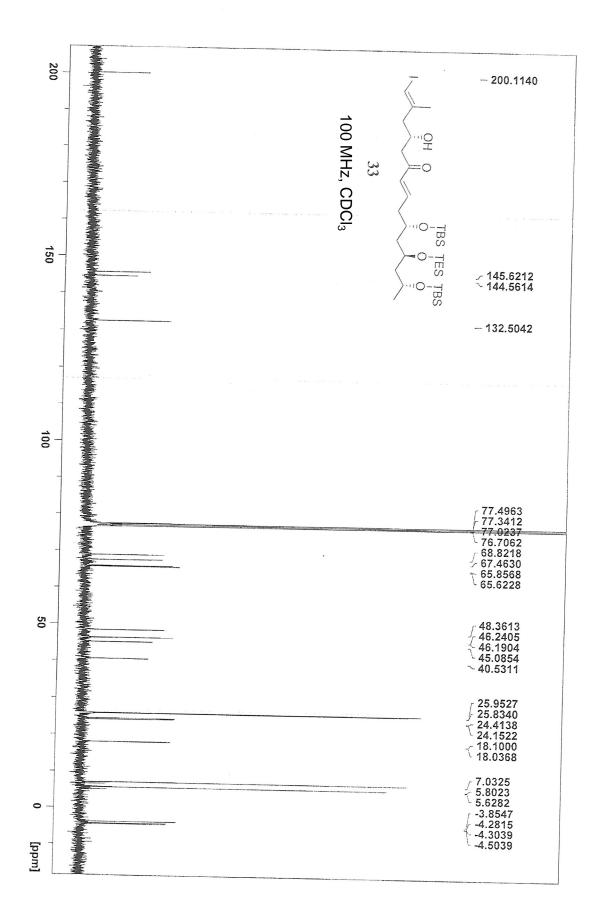


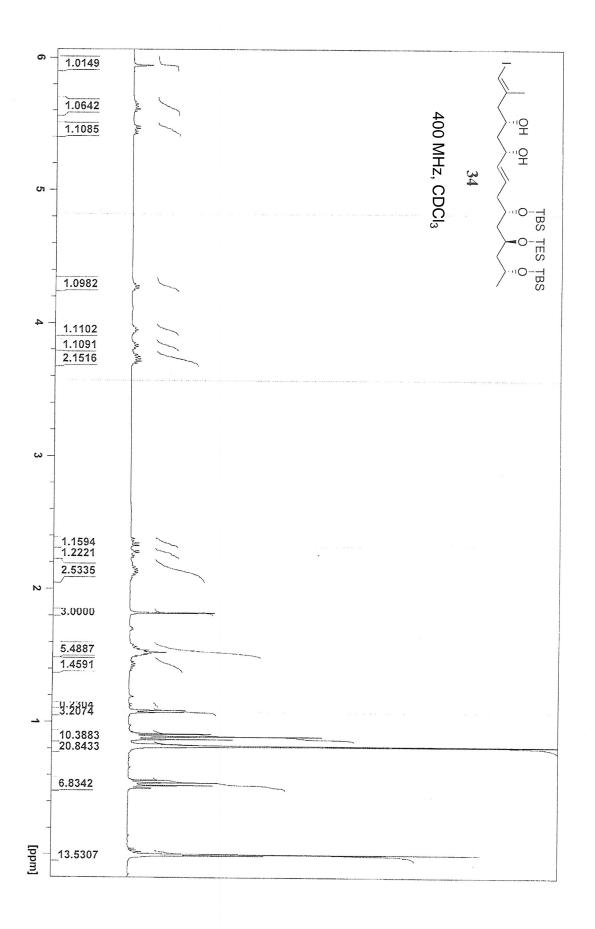


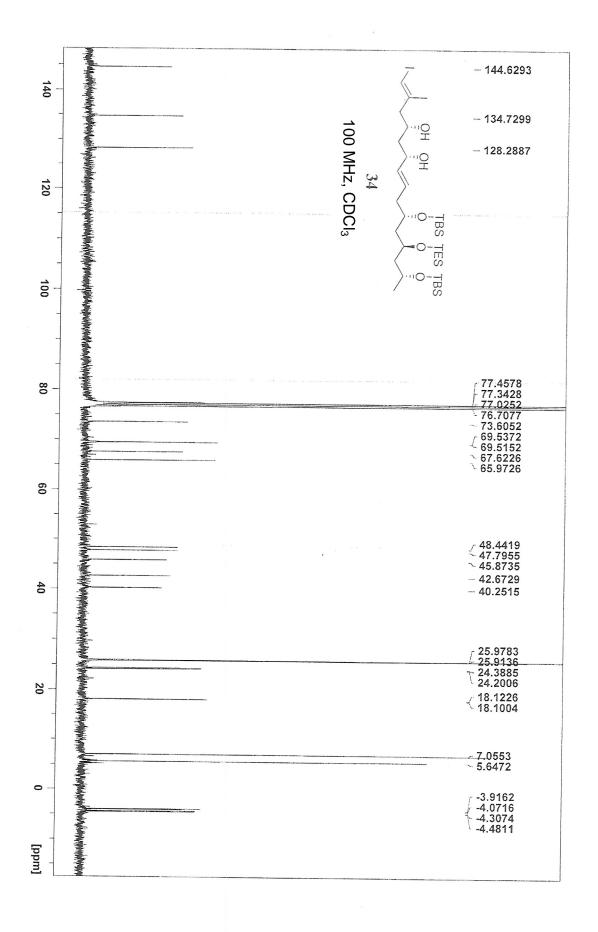


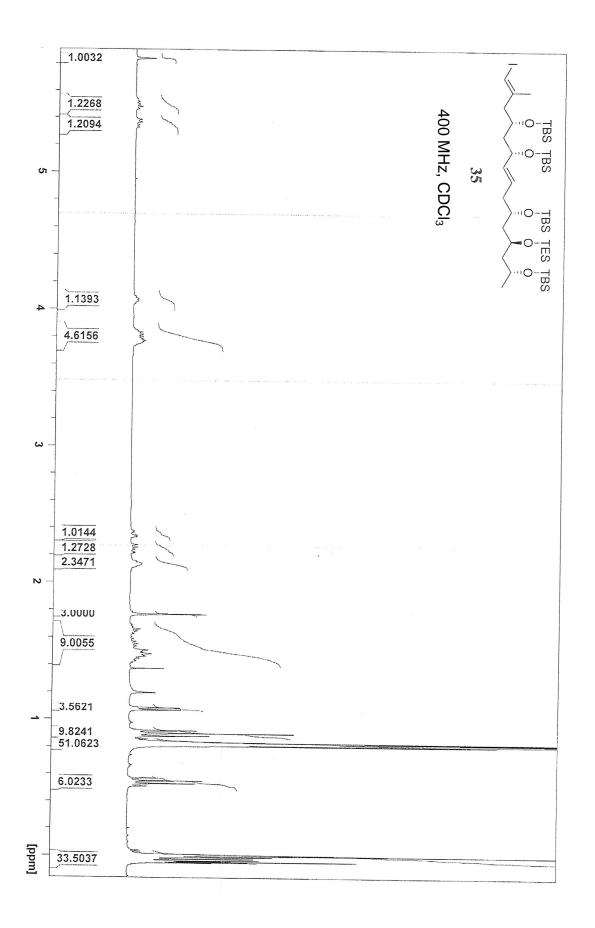


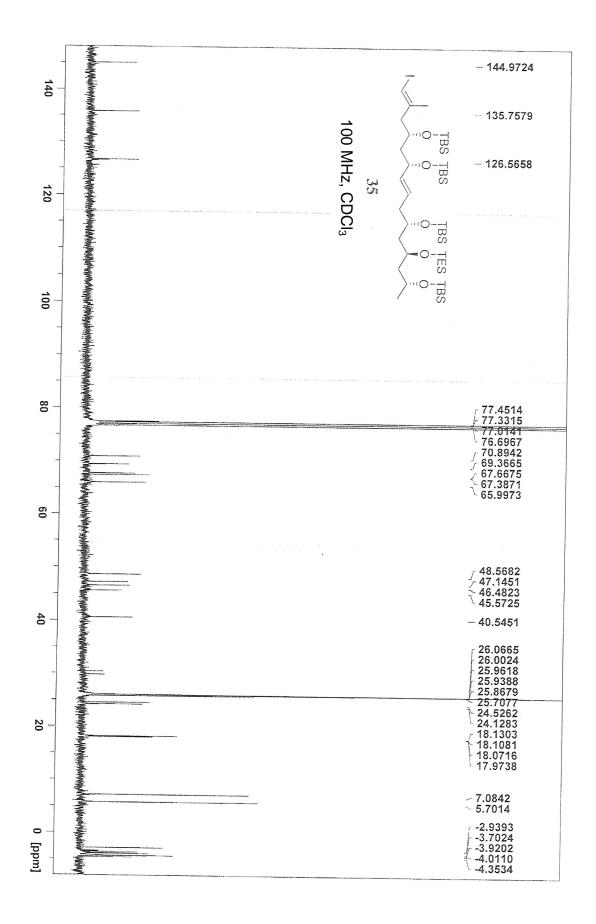


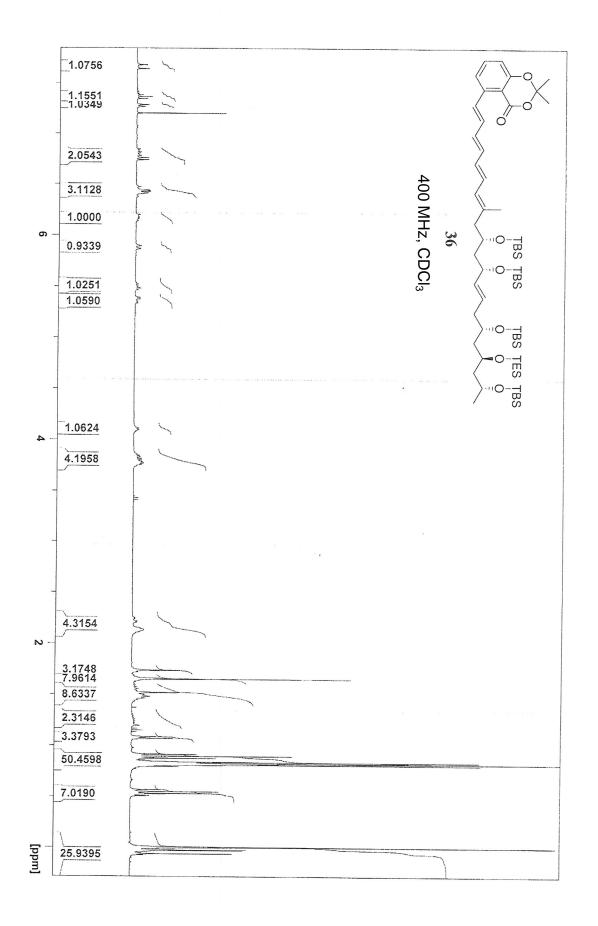


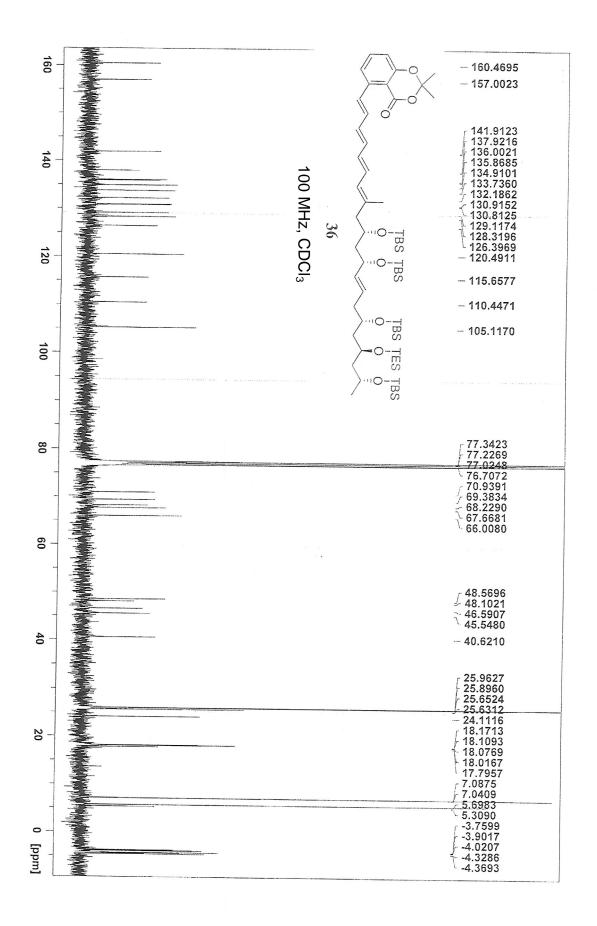


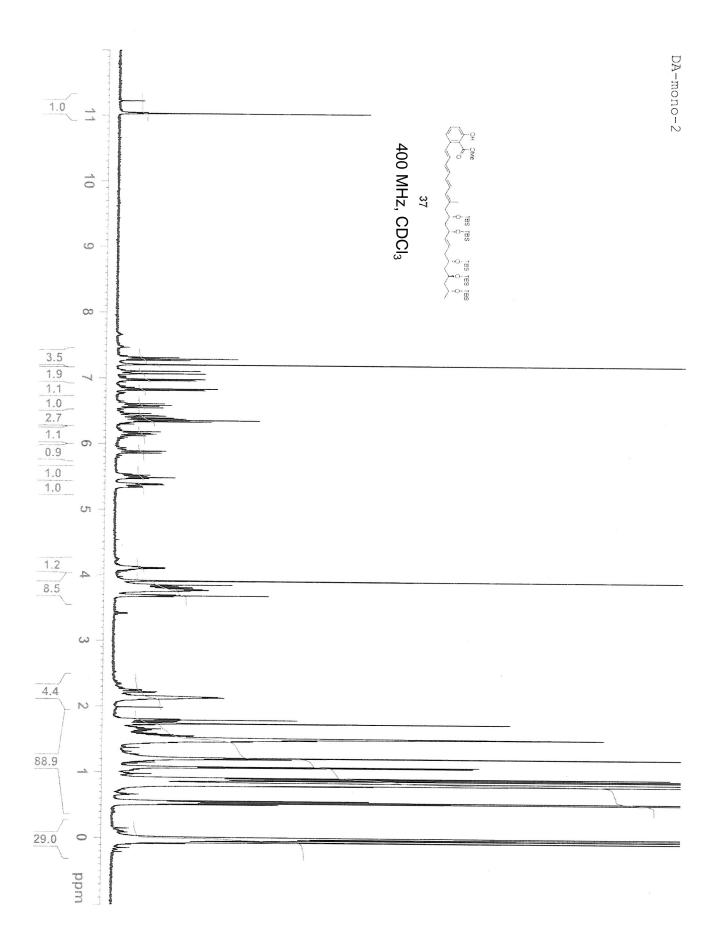


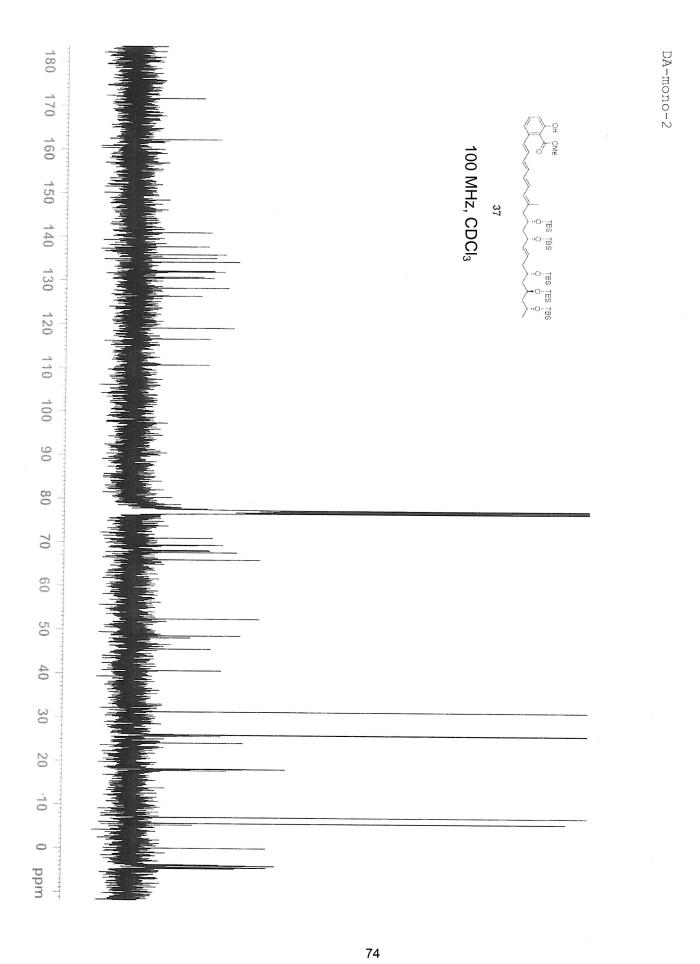


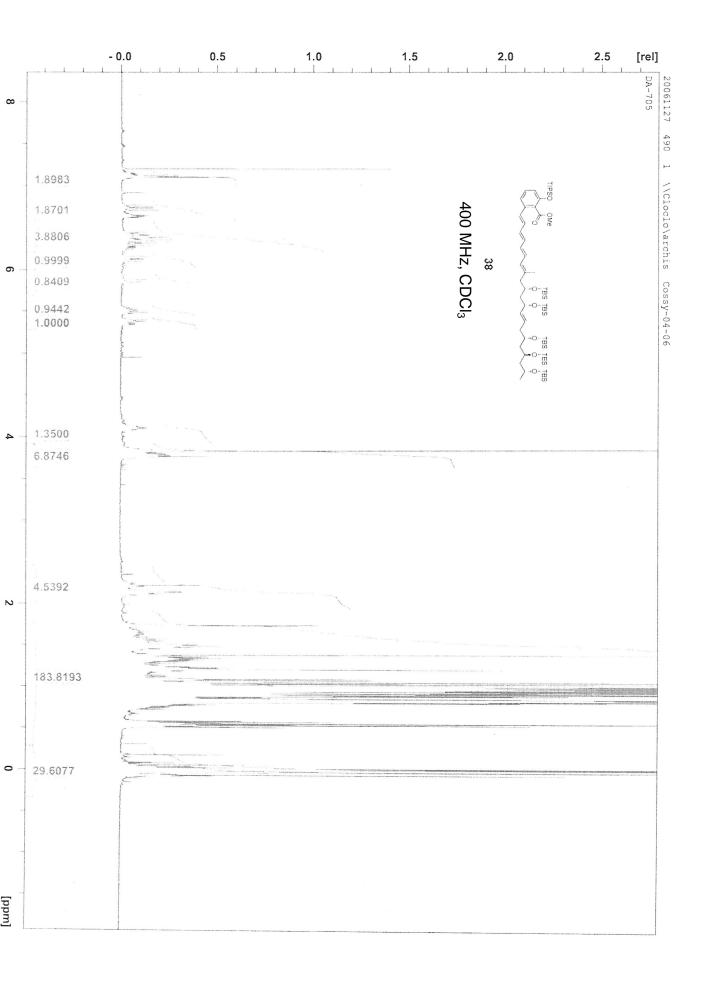


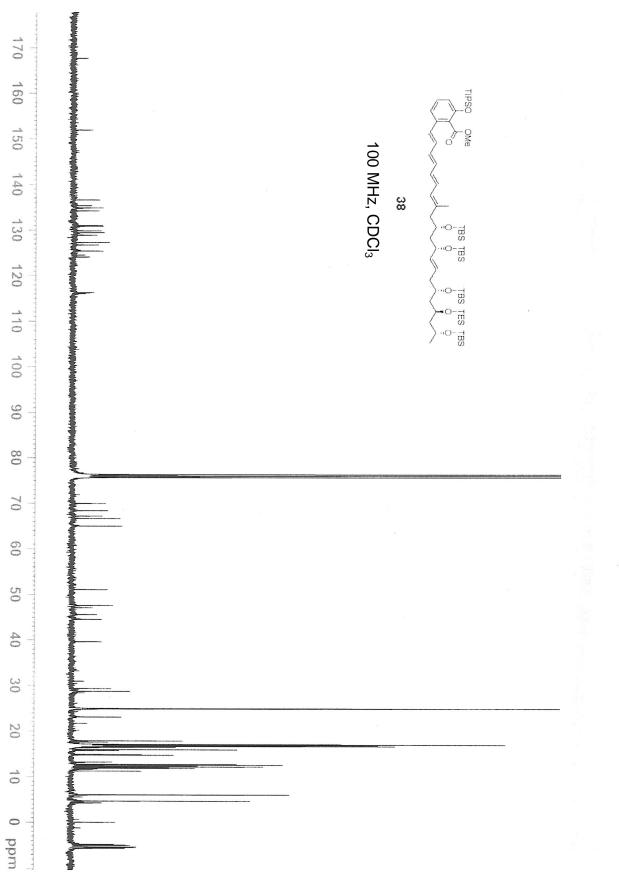












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